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Selma Eubank-Smith

Selma Eubank-Smith of Great Bend died Jan. 28 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. She was born in Otis, the daughter of Henry and Catherine Marie Gorr Goerlitz. She married Roy Eubank Sr. July 16, 1946. He died July 17, 1965. She married John Smith July 11, 1980. He died July 13, 1998. Mrs. Eubank-Smith was a member of St. Mark Lutheran Church of Great Bend, AARP, Ladies Auxiliary of Veterans of Foreign Wars and American Legion Auxiliary. Survivors include three sons, Roy Eubank Jr. of Haysville, Richard Eubank of Great Bend and Larry Smith of Wichita; four daughters, Rita Schroeder, Cynthia Wilson, Linda Jacobs and Roberta Holden, all of Great Bend; one sister, Helen Gearhart of Anchorage, Alaska; 15 grandchildren; and 29 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one grandson, Steven Crone; one granddaughter, Kimberly Johnson; one great-grandson; and two great-great-grandchildren. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Monday at the church, with the Rev. Shannon Vogelesang officiating. Burial will be at Great Bend City Cemetery. Friends may call from noon to 6 p.m. Saturday and from noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, all at Charter Funerals Chapel in Great Bend. Family will receive friends from 4 to 6 p.m. Saturday at the funeral chapel. Memorials are suggested to Selma Eubank-Smith Memorial Fund, in care of the funeral chapel. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 30, 2004

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Helen G. Damon Hoge 1911-2004

Helen G. Damon Hoge, 92, of Great Bend, died Jan. 28 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. She was born Dec. 29, 1911, at Lyons, the daughter of Harry G. and Bertha B. Folck Damon. She married John A. Hoge Oct. 6, 1940, at Great Bend. He died Sept. 16, 1974. A resident of Great Bend since 1946, coming from Lyons, she was a homemaker and an active volunteer in many causes. Mrs. Hoge was a member of First Congregational United Church of Christ in Great Bend, former leader of women's study group for 12 years, fifth and sixth grade Sunday school teacher for nine years and served several terms as secretary and former board member of Women's Fellowship. She was a former Girl Scout leader for 10 years for Troop No. 62 of Great Bend, former editor of Lyons High School newspaper, life member of Kansas Parent Teacher Association and Great Bend PTA, three term president of City Council of PTAs, past president of Morrison PTA and organized PTAs at Lincoln Elementary, Harrison Junior High and Ellinwood Grade School. She was past president, secretary and treasurer of Great Bend Safety Council, co-chair of Great Bend and Hoisington Safety Parade, and award recipient for National Safety Council. She was former chairman of Creative Arts Group, member of General Federation of Women's Clubs, and held all offices from secretary through president of 7th District of Kansas Federation of Kansas Women's Clubs, recipient of Women of the Year award, editor of Courier newspaper for 20 years, former board member of United Fund of Great Bend, first chairman for American Heart Association city-wide drive in Great Bend and honored as one of Barton County's 13 Patriots of Today in 1976. Survivors include one son, Michael A. Hoge of Great Bend; one daughter, Marsha L. McConnaughy of Dodge City; one grandson, Kyle P. McConnaughy of Kearney, Mo.; and three great-grandchildren, Connor McConnaughy, Corey McConnaughy and Kelsey McConnaughy. She was preceded in death by one brother, Ansel "Bud" Damon; and one sister, Thelma Barton. Funeral will be at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at the church, with the Rev. Diana Coberly officiating. Burial will be at Hillcrest Memorial Park in Great Bend. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday and from 9 to 11 a.m. Saturday, all at Bryant Funeral Home of Great Bend. Memorials are suggested to the church or General Federated Women's Club Scholarship Fund for the 7th District of Kansas, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 29, 2004 Paid announcement

Helen E. Kottmann 1919-2004

LYONS — Helen E. Kottmann, 84, died Jan. 27 at Good Samaritan Center in Lyons. She was born Feb. 18, 1919, in Lorraine, the daughter of John F. and Margarete Kaiser Rolfs. She was a 1937 graduate of Lorraine High School and attended the University of Kansas and Kansas State University. She married Louis D. Kottmann June 2, 1940, in Lorraine. A resident of Lyons since 1947, coming from Martinsville, Va., she was a homemaker. Mrs. Kottmann was a member of First Baptist Church, Helping Hands Missionary Circle of Lyons, Kansans for Life and American Baptist Women. Survivors include her husband of the home; one son, Louis Kottmann Jr. and wife Mary of Great Bend; two daughters, Elizabeth "Liz" Miller and husband Bob of Scott City, and Mary Lynn "Lyn" Britton and husband David of Viroqua, Wis.; sister-in-law Violet Rolfs of Lorraine; 11 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one daughter, Margaret A. Dix; one brother, Roland Rolfs; one sister, Gertrude Rolfs; and one granddaughter, Kimberly Kottmann. Funeral will be at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at the church, with the Rev. Gary Karas officiating. Burial will be at Lyons Municipal Cemetery in Lyons. Friends may call from 2 to 7 p.m. Friday at Sillin Funeral Home in Lyons. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 29, 2004 Paid announcement

Geraldine 'Gerri Jo' Wilson Bobbitt 1933-2004

UNCERTAIN, Texas — Geraldine "Gerri Jo" Wilson Bobbitt, 70, died Jan. 26 at her home. She was born March 20, 1933, the daughter of Willard and Doris Wilson of Pawnee Rock. She received her education in Pawnee Rock public schools. She married

Pat Bobbitt Feb. 20, 1950. He died April 17, 2000. A resident of Uncertain, she worked for Mortan Thikol Army Ammunitions Plant for more than 30 years before her retirement. Survivors include four sons, Michael Pat Bobbitt and wife Patsy of Pearl River, La., TonyJo Bobbitt of Uncertain, Nickey Doyle Bobbitt and friend Elemata of Recklaw, Texas, Leslie Wayne Bobbitt and wife Tilly of Killeen, Texas; one daughter, Tallie Evette Leonardos and friend Mac Owens of Uncertain; one half-brother, Lynn Wilson and wife Sharon of Goddard; and one half-sister, Faye Steffen and husband Tom of Sterling. She was preceded in death by her mother, father and one half-sister, Sharon Livengood. Graveside services will be at 1 p.m. Friday at Andrew's Cemetery in Karnack, Texas, with Pat Patrick officiating. Active pallbearers will be Skip Humphreys, Jim Holder, J.R. Procell, Cecil Jones, Mike Fyffe and Benji Crowley. Honorary pallbearers will be all her friends from Caddo Lake. Friends may call from 5 to 7 p.m. today at Sullivan Funeral Home, 100 East Travis St., Marshall, Texas. In lieu of flowers, donations are suggested to Greater Hospice of Texas Inc., at P.O. Box 9725, Longview, TX 75608. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 29, 2004 Paid announcement

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Helen J. Johns 1921-2004

ARVADA, Colo. — Helen J. Johns, 82, died Jan. 10 at Arvada. She was born Aug. 25, 1921, at Ellinwood, the daughter of John A. and Clara Debes. She attended Ellinwood High School. She married George Johns at Hoisington. He died June 5, 1993. Mrs. Johns was a member of North Huron Christian Center in Thornton, Colo. Survivors include seven children; 20 grandchildren; and 33 great-grandchildren. Services were held Jan. 15 at Aurora, Colo. Highland Mortuary in Thornton was in charge of arrangements. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Jan. 28. 2004

Carmen D. Elsen 1950-2004

DENNIS — Carmen D. Elsen, a former resident of the Great Bend and Seward areas, died Jan. 16 at her home in Dennis. She was born May 3, 1950, at Larned, the daughter of Ray and Edna Yingling Henry. She was a 1968 graduate of St. John High School and a graduate of Hutchinson Community College. She was a beautician in Great Bend until she moved to Parsons in 1987 where she worked as a beautician and a day care provider. Survivors include her husband, Ralph of the home; one son, Allen of Dennis; one daughter, Annette "Annie" of the home; and two grandchildren, grandson Devon of Dennis and granddaughter, Anayah of the home; one sister, Carol Ann Dyer of Halstead; and three brothers, Rick Henry of Houma, La., Pete Henry and Terry Henry, both of Great Bend. She was preceded in death by her parents and one brother, Ronald Henry. A memorial Mass will be said at 11 a.m. Saturday at St. Francis Xavier Church in Seward, with Father Rene Guesnier officiating. Cremation has taken place. Memorials are suggested to St. Patrick's Church School in Parsons. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Jan. 28, 2004 paid announcement

Jesse Thomas Basgall 1986-2004

LA CROSSE — Jesse Thomas Basgall, 17, died Jan. 25 at his residence in La Crosse. He was born Feb. 7, 1986, at Great Bend, the son of Thomas Lloyd Smallridge Jr. and Angela Rose Basgall. A lifelong resident of La Crosse, he was a student. Basgall was a member of Harvest Church of La Crosse, class president of his sophomore class, a three-year letterman in football and a member of FFA. Survivors include his parents; two brothers, Ryan Fidelis Basgall and Jack E. Basgall, both of La Crosse. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Friday at St. Michael's Catholic Church in La Crosse, with the Revs. Charles Mazouch and Jeff Goss officiating. Burial will be at La Crosse City Cemetery. Friends may call from 1 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Janousek Funeral Home in La Crosse, with family receiving friends from 5 to 7 p.m. A prayer service will begin at 7 p.m. Memorials are suggested to Jesse Basgall Memorial Fund, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Jan. 28, 2004

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Teri Jo Wright Korf 1963-2004

LARNED — Teri Jo Wright Korf, 41, died Jan. 24 at St. Joseph Memorial Long Term Care in Larned. She was the daughter of Clyde Jr. and Carol Petersen Wright. She married Lyle Korf Nov. 2, 1997, at rural Hanston. They were divorced. A resident of Larned since August 2003, coming from Burdett, she was owner and operator of Reflections Hair Stylist. Korf was a member of Faith Fellowship Church in Hanston, The Fathers House Church of Larned and American Legion Auxiliary of Burdett. Survivors include her father and his wife, Betty, of Larned; one brother, Troy Wright of Macksville; and two step-sisters, Michelle Brown of Larned and Becky Hahn of Belpre. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. today at Morell Funeral Home in Larned with the Revs. Bret Hill and Roger Alford officiating. Burial will be at Larned Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. until service time today at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Heartland Cancer Center in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Jan. 27, 2004

Charles J. Florian 1919-2004

WILSON — Charles J. Florian, 84, died Jan. 24 at Wilson Nursing Center. He was born June 9, 1919, at Lucas, the son of Jarry and Marie Tlamka Florian. He married Vera Eloise Warner June 2, 1936, at Wilson. A resident of Wilson, coming from Lucas, he worked in the communications business and was owner and operator of Florian Hardware, retired from Cashco. Florian was a member of ZCBJ Lodge of Wilson, and Wilson United Methodist Church. Survivors include his wife of the home; three sons, Jerry Florian and Jim F. Florian, both of Wilson and Jeffery A. Florian of Russell; two daughters, Barbara Scheureman of Topeka and Debbie A. Whitmer of Wilson; and two sisters, Sylvia Fcher of Lucas and Alice Dishman of Lexington, Neb. He was preceded

in death by one brother, Frank Posusta; one sister, Mary Cerber; two grandchildren, Danny Whitmer and Michael Whitmer; and one great-grandchild. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the church with the Rev. Kristine Bair officiating. Burial will be at Lincoln City Cemetery. Friends may call from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. today at Foster Mortuary in Wilson and from 9 a.m. until service time Wednesday at the church. Memorials are suggested to the church or Wilson Nursing Home, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Jan. 27, 2004

Wayne T. Conard 1917-2004

TIMKEN — Wayne T. Conard, 86, died Jan. 25 at his residence in rural Timken. He was born Aug. 22, 1917, in rural Rush County, the son of Elmer Alexander and Rosa May Keast Conard. He married Eldora Bortz Nov. 6, 1946, at rural Rush County. A lifelong Rush County resident, he was a farmer and a stockman. Conard was a member of United Methodist Church in La Crosse, Walnut City Lodge No. 215 for 59 years, Rush County Fair Board president for 25 years, an inductee into the Kansas Fair Association Hall of Fame, a 4-H leader, Kansas Poultry Association president, Rush County 4-H poultry judging team coach for over 20 years and a member of Walnut Valley Senior Center. Survivors include his wife of the home; two sons, Terry W. Conard of Timken and Dale E. Conard of Nickerson; one daughter, Christie Bittel of La Crosse; seven grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Arlyn E. Conard and Russell K. Conard. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the church with the Revs. Marilyn Christmore and Mark Conard officiating. Burial will be at La Crosse City Cemetery. Friends may call from 1 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 1 to 1:45 p.m. Wednesday at the church. Memorials are suggested to the church or Walnut Valley Senior Center in Rush Center in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Jan. 27, 2004

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The Rev. Roy Edward 'Ed' Palmer 1948-2004

PARADISE — The Rev. Roy Edward "Ed" Palmer, 55, died Jan. 21 at Fairview University Medical Center in Minneapolis, Minn. He was born May 8, 1948, at Russell, the son of Willard James and Marjorie Belle Keller Palmer. He was a 1966 graduate of Luray High School and completed a business degree for Fort Hays State University in 1970. He married Teresa Rondeau Adair Oct. 21, 1994, in Lyons. A resident of Waldo, Paradise and Chase. He managed the Midway Coop in Osborne for a few years then worked as a commodities dealer and in computer sales for several years. He was pastor of Paradise and Waldo United Methodist churches for the past 18 months. Survivors include his wife of the home; two sons, Jon Palmer of Larned and Michael Palmer of Hays; two stepsons, Erick Adair of Lakeside, Calif., and Jeffery Adair of Mayer, Ariz.; one stepdaughter, Jennifer Trout of Pleasant Hill, Mo.; his mother and stepfather, Marjorie and Bill Green of Waldo; one brother, John Palmer of Luray; one stepsister, Roxie Tate of Houston, Texas; and 10 grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one brother, Jimmie Lee Palmer. Funeral will be at 1 p.m. Monday at Paradise United Methodist church, with the Revs. Carl Ellis and Dan Rondeau officiating. Burial will be at Grand Center Cemetery near Waldo. Friends may call from 2 to 9 p.m. today at Pohlman-Heise Mortuary in Russell and from 11 a.m. to service time Monday at the church. Family will receive friends from 7 to 9 p.m. today at the mortuary. Memorials are suggested to Paradise United Methodist Church, Waldo United Methodist Church or Fairview University Medical Center Adult BMT Accommodations of Minneapolis, Minn., all in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 25, 2004

Helen E. Thompson 1935-2004

BISON — Helen E. Thompson, 68, died Jan. 22 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. She was born Sept. 30, 1935, in Russellville, Ky., the daughter of William and Maude Whitman Hallman. She married G.W. (Waymon) Thompson May 4, 1957, at Russellville. Mrs. Thompson was a Bison resident for two and a half years, moving there from Hugoton, where she had been a resident since 1977, she was a homemaker. Survivors include her husband of the home; three sons, David W. Thompson, Pratt, Daniel L. Thompson, Gillette, Wyo., and Dennis R. Thompson, Corydon, Ind.; one daughter, Deborah K. Brashier, Norman, Okla.; four half brothers, Delmar Whitman, Stevie Rager, Kenny Rager and Barry Pitts, all of Russellville; one sister, Bessie Rose, Auburn, Ky.; two half sisters, Gayle Pursley and Faye West, both of Mobile, Ala.; 13 grandchildren and one great-grandchild. She was preceded in death by one brother, James Hallman, a half sister, Shirley Parker, and two grandchildren. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at the Janousek Funeral Home Chapel in La Crosse with the Rev. Robert Bailey officiating. Burial will be at La Crosse City Cemetery. Friends may call from 2 to 6 p.m. today at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the American Heart Association in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 25, 2004

Herald Robert Carden 1912-2004

GARFIELD — Herald Robert Carden, 91, died Jan. 22 at the Kansas Soldiers' Home, Fort Dodge. He was born Sept. 30, 1912, in Garfield, the son of Robert and Anna E. Nystrom Carden. He married Mary Jean Grandy Feb. 22, 1940. She died July 10, 1995. A lifetime Garfield resident, he was self employed in petroleum delivery, food and rentals. A U.S. Navy veteran of World War II, Carden was a member of the Congregational Church, American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, 40 and 8, Eagles, Lions, Masons, and served as president of the Over 50 Club, all of Garfield. He served as fire department chief, city councilman and mayor. Survivors include: one son, Dennis Carden, Larned; 12 grandchildren and many great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one son, Ronald Carden, one brother Howard Carden, and one sister Pauline. Graveside service with military honors will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Garfield Cemetery, with the Rev. Dick Robbins officiating. There will be no visitation. Beckwith Mortuary Inc. in Larned is in charge of funeral arrangements. Memorials may be sent to the Garfield American Legion, in care of Lowell Shottenkirk, 2035 Starlight Drive, Salina, KS 67401. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 25, 2004

Harry C. Foster 1915-2004

CLAFLIN — Harry C. Foster, 88, died Jan. 24 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. He was born Sept. 8, 1915, in Ellsworth County near Wilson, the son of Ralph and Anna Davidson Foster. He married Helen K. Radenberg April 26, 1939, at Claflin. She died June 22, 2001. A farmer and stockman, he was a lifetime Claflin resident. Foster was a member of the United Methodist Church in Claflin and National Sons of the American Revolution. Survivors include two sons, James A. Foster, Salina, and Jack E. Foster, Leawood; two daughters, Virginia Saylor, Lawrence, and Marilyn Kirk, Evanston, Ill.; six grandchildren, three great-grandchildren; and five step-great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one granddaughter, Karen Elaine Saylor. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at the church, with the Rev. Janet Myers officiating. Burial will be at Claflin Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington, with family receiving friends from 7 to 9 p.m.; and 9:30 a.m. until service time Tuesday at the church. Memorials are suggested to Claflin Ambulance Fund in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 25, 2004

V. Marian Sauer 1921-2004

V. Marian Sauer, 82, died Jan. 23 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. She was born May 20, 1921, at Morland, the daughter of James Floyd and Ida Mabel Christman Ludlow. She married Bernard A. "Ben" Sauer Nov. 8, 1944, at Wichita. He died Oct. 7, 1991. She was a homemaker and had been a resident of Great Bend for 47 years, coming from Wichita. Mrs. Sauer was a member of St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church, St. Rose Altar Society, American Legion Auxiliary and Northwest F.C.E., all of Great Bend. Survivors include two daughters, M. Lynn Wooster and husband Paul, Great Bend, and Katrina A. Sauer, Aurora, Colo.; one grandson, Thomas R. Romme Jr.; two step-grandchildren, Robert P. Wooster and Patricia R.W. Gottschalk and husband Gregg; one great-grandson, Nathan Fishburn; and four step-great-grandchildren: Shane Gottschalk, Shayla Gottschalk, Janelle Wooster and Jayla Wooster. She was preceded in death by two sons, Larry W. Sauer and David G. Sauer, and two sisters, Margaret Brundege and Florence Engstrand. Vigil service will be at 6:30 p.m. Monday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Funeral will be at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday at the church with Father Ted Stoecklein officiating. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday and 9 a.m. to noon Tuesday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church, in care of Bryant Funeral Home, 1425 Patton Road, Great Bend, KS 67530. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 25, 2004 (paid announcement)

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Weston 'Wes' Stambaugh 1931-2004

Weston "Wes" Stambaugh, 72, of Great Bend, died Jan. 21 at his residence. He was born July 2, 1931, at Macksville, the son of Jay K. and Lyala Belle Reazin Stambaugh. He married Peggy A. Christiansen July 19, 1953, at Great Bend. A resident of Great Bend, he was employed by Foley Tractor for 43 years. Stambaugh was a member of American Legion Post 180 of Great Bend and was of the Methodist faith. Survivors include his wife of the home; three sons, Dale Stambaugh of Muskegon, Mich., Jerry Stambaugh of Hoisington and Jay Stambaugh of Great Bend; one daughter, Carol Keyes of Great Bend; five brothers, Monte Stambaugh of Great Bend, Kenny Stambaugh of Enid, Okla., Gary Stambaugh of Woodward, Okla., Alan Stambaugh of Hutchinson and Leo Stambaugh of Georgetown, Colo.; three sisters, Jaynell Matzek of Norton, Nancy Fischer of Fruitland Park, Fla., and Julia Stambaugh of Elk City, Okla.; five grandchildren; and three stepgrandchildren. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Nolan Stambaugh and Doyle Stambaugh. Funeral will be at 1 p.m. Monday at Charter Funeral Chapel in Great Bend, with the Rev. Thomas Reazin officiating. Burial will be at Hillcrest Memorial Cemetery north of Great Bend. Friends may call from noon to 9 p.m. Sunday, with the family receiving friends from 7 to 9 p.m., at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Heartland Cancer Center or Golden Belt Home Health and Hospice, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Jan. 23, 2004

Michael William McQuiston 1948-2004

PAWNEE ROCK — Memorial service for Michael William McQuiston, 55, who died Jan. 20 at his home, will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at The Clubhouse, N. U.S. 281, across from Glass King, with the Rev. Chuck Carpenter officiating. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Jan. 23, 2004

Anna Margaret Hickel 1912-2004

ELLINWOOD — Anna Margaret Hickel, 91, died Jan. 22 at Woodhaven Care Center in Ellinwood. She was born Dec. 19, 1912, at Halstead, the daughter of John P. and Anna Schneider Considine. She was a 1930 graduate of Halstead High School and a 1937 graduate of Emporia Normal School. She married Joe Schaefer June 28, 1945, at Ellinwood. He died June 18, 1948. She married Arthur R. Hickel April 6, 1953, at Ellinwood. He died June 17, 2002. A resident of Ellinwood since 1946, coming from Peabody and Burlington, she was a school teacher in Ellinwood from 1946 to 1953, Burlington from 1942 to 1946 and Walnut Grove one-room school house west of Peabody from 1937 to 1941. She was also co-owner of Ellinwood Packing Plant. Mrs. Hickel was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church, Altar Society and Daughters of Isabella, all of Ellinwood. Survivors include two sons, Michael Hickel of Salina and Dennis Hickel of Great Bend; one daughter, Patricia Blair of Topeka; one sister, Sister Veronica "Jennie Rose" Considine of Wichita; nine grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by three brothers, James Considine, Johnny Considine and Michael Considine; and two sisters, Mary Agnes Considine and Catherine Gottschalk. Altar Society rosary will be at 3 p.m. Sunday and vigil service at 7 p.m. Sunday followed by Daughters of Isabella Rosary, all at Kimple Funeral Home in 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 to 8 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to St. Joseph's School Endowment Fund, Heritage Club of Ellinwood, Kansas State University Cancer Research or American Cancer Society, all in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Jan. 23, 2004

Betty I. Wilson West Janke 1931-2004

LA CROSSE — Betty I. Wilson West Janke, 72, died Jan. 21 at her home. She was born Feb. 3, 1931, at Nekoma, the daughter of Elmer "Pug" and Elva Mendenhall Wilson. She was a 1949 graduate of La Crosse High School. She married Frank T. West April 18, 1952. He died March 29, 1975. She married Harry W. Janke Nov. 25, 1979. He died May 17, 1995. A resident of La Crosse, coming from Ness County and rural Rush Center, she was a homemaker, farmer and worked at Rush County Register of Deeds office from 1976 to 1985. Mrs. Janke was a member of St. Luke's Lutheran Church of Bazine and Lutheran Women's Missionary League and was a volunteer for Rush County Historical Society, Rush County Industrial Development, Walnut Valley Senior Center, Second Chance Thrift Store, Red Cross blood drives and Rush County United Fund drives. Survivors include two daughters, Diane Schaben of La Crosse and Gale West Larue of Quebec City, Canada; one brother, Floyd E. Wilson of Great Bend; and three grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one brother, Robert E. Wilson. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at the church. Burial will be at Nekoma Union Township Cemetery. Friends may call from 3 to 8 p.m. today at Janousek Funeral Home in La Crosse and from 1 to 1:50 p.m. Saturday at the church. In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to Rush County Historical Society or Southwind Hospice, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Jan. 23, 2004

Loren G. Hartman 1931-2004

NEDERLAND, Texas — Loren G. Hartman, 72, died Jan. 20 at his residence. He was born Nov. 10, 1931, at Otis, the son of Abraham and Bertha Kaiser Hartman. A resident of Nederland for 50 years, coming from Otis, he was retired from Unocal as a chemist. Hartman was a member of Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Nederland. He was a U.S. Army veteran, serving in the Korean War. Survivors include his wife, Henrietta, of the home; three sons, Steven Hartman of Port Neches, Texas, Paul Gomez of Nederland and David Gomez of Groves, Texas; three daughters, Lora Laird of Nederland, Julia Butler of Fort Worth, Texas, and Mary Alice Thompson of Vancouver, Wash.; one sister, Ladine Hartman of Otis; 11 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. today at the church, with the Rev. Francis Schroeder officiating. Burial will be at Memory Gardens Cemetery in Nederland. Broussard's in Nederland is in charge of arrangements. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Jan. 23, 2004

Steven R. Schlotthauer 1969-2004

ELLINWOOD — Steven R. Schlotthauer, 34, died Jan. 21 at Ellinwood. He was born Nov. 23, 1969, at Ellinwood, the son of Ronald and Romona Summers Schlotthauer. He was a 1988 graduate of Ellinwood High School. He married Deadra Spring Sept. 24, 1988, at Great Bend. A lifetime resident of Ellinwood, he was co-owner of Schlotthauer Construction and truck driver at Barton County Feeders. Schlotthauer was a member of American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars, both of Ellinwood. He was a U.S. Navy veteran from 1988 to 1991, serving in the Gulf War. Survivors include his wife of the home; one daughter, Mary Justine Schlotthauer of the home; his parents of Ellinwood; and one brother, David Schlotthauer of Ellinwood. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at St. John's Lutheran Church in Ellinwood, with the Rev. Andy Keltner officiating. Burial will be at Lakin-Comanche District Cemetery in Ellinwood. Friends may call from 1 to 8 p.m. today at Kimple Funeral Home in Ellinwood. Memorials are suggested to his daughter's education fund or donors' choice, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Jan. 23, 2004

Erma Claire Goodheart 1932-2004

Erma Claire Goodheart went to be with her Lord and Savior on Jan. 21, 2004, at the age of 71, after complications resulting from an aneurysm. Services will be held at 11 a.m. today at Grace Lutheran Church, 3000 W. Golf Course Road, Midland, Texas. Interment will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park. Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home, 801 Andrews Hwy., Midland, Texas. Erma was born May 1, 1932, to Selmer and Rose Erdahl, in Mobridge, S.D. She married Loy Goodheart on Aug. 15, 1980, in Lovington, N.M. She was preceded in death by her parents and older brothers Phillip and Richard Erdahl. She is survived by husband Loy B. Goodheart of Midland, brother Sydney Erdahl of Selby, S.D., daughter Kari L. Breckon of Cypress, Texas, son Brian E. Smith of Dallas, Texas, and son Craig S. Smith of Midland. Also, stepchildren Jeff Goodheart of Sycamore, Ill., Teresa Goodheart of Dallas, Chris Goodheart of Las Cruces, N.M., and Greg Goodheart of Silver City, N.M. She was the proud grandmother of 15 grandchildren. As a homemaker, she was known for her "outstanding" love for her grandchildren, cats, cooking and everything Norwegian. "Uff Da," she will be greatly missed by all. Memorial contributions may be made to the Grace Lutheran Church Building Fund, 3000 W. Golf Course Road, Midland, Texas, 79701, in her name. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Jan. 23, 2004 Paid announcement

Eunice H. Folds 1919-2004

Eunice H. Folds, 84, of Great Bend, died Jan. 22 at Wesley Medical Center in Wichita. She was born Oct. 23, 1919, in Stafford County, the daughter of Roy and Lina Nicolet Batman. A lifelong resident of Stafford and Barton counties, she was a school teacher in Stafford and Barton counties and a past Barton County superintendent of schools. She was a member of Central Baptist Church and American Association of University Women. Survivors include two sons, Joel K. Folds of Wichita and Paul Folds of Trilby, Fla.; one daughter, Cynthia Collier of Ellinwood; one brother, Oliver Batman of Great Bend; one sister, Phyllis Griffin of Sublette; 10 grandchildren; two stepgrandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and four step-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one sister, Beatrice Lindbera. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Monday at the church, with the Rev. Dr. Gordon E.

Rhodes. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call from noon to 9 p.m. Saturday, from 1 to 9 p.m. Sunday and from 9 a.m. to noon Monday, all at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend, and from 1 p.m. to service time at the church. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Jan. 23, 2004

Max R. Folkerts 1938-2004

TIMKEN — Max R. Folkerts, 65, died Jan. 19 at his residence. He was born Jan. 22, 1938, in Great Bend, the son of Harvey H. and Vera C. Parker Folkerts. A resident of Rush County since 1991, coming from St. Louis, Mo., he was retired from U.S. Coast Guard, serving as an engine man. Folkerts was baptized at Peace Lutheran Church in Albert. He was a veteran of U.S. Coast Guard, serving in the Vietnam War. Survivors include two sons, James Folkerts and Lawrence "Larry" Folkerts; three daughters, Lisa, Lori and Leah; one sister, Sherri Litzenberger of Edmond, Okla.; and several grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Robert L. Folkerts and Bruce Folkerts. Memorial service and burial will be announced at a later date. Memorials are suggested to Central Rush County Emergency Medical Service, in care of Janousek Funeral Home of La Crosse. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Jan. 23, 2004

January 22, 2004

Michael William McQuiston 1948-2004

PAWNEE ROCK — Michael William McQuiston, 55, died Jan. 20 at his home. He was born Feb. 12, 1948, at Sterling, Mich., the son of William James and Mildred Louise Gable McQuiston. A resident of the area since 1968, coming from Big Rapids, Mich., he was a custodian at Larned State Hospital. Survivors include his mother and stepfather, Mildred and John Godin of Great Bend; and four sisters, Jerri Breese and Jolene McQuiston, both of Great Bend, Lois Anderson of Dundee and Connie J. McQuiston of Jackson, Wyo. Funeral services will be announced at a later date. Cremation has taken place and there is no visitation. Inurnment will be at Pawnee Rock Cemetery. Bryant Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Jan. 22, 2004

Dale Eugene McVey 1942-2004

LARNED — Dale Eugene "Mac" McVey, 62, went to be with the Lord on Jan. 16. He retired as Senior Chief Petty Officer after 24 years of service in the U.S. Navy and retired from civil service. Dale was a member of the Fleet Reserve Ocean View Branch 60 of Norfolk, Va. He loved to fish and watch football but most of all he loved his family. Dale was predeceased by his parents, Rex and Marjorie McVey. He is survived by two sons, Christopher McVey and Robert McVey, both of Chesapeake, Va.; three daughters, Kimberly Clark of Simpsonville, S.C., Kelly McVey of Topeka and Karen McVey of Chesapeake; girlfriend, Pamela Schmidt of Norfolk, Va.; three sisters, Betty Jo "Jody" West, Cheryl Ann Lagle and Mary Jane "Janie" Boese, all of Kansas; and three grandchildren, Rebecca Clark, Ricky Dale Clark and Kyle Clark, all of Simpsonville. A memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at Smith and Williams Funeral Home, Norfolk Chapel, Va. Inurnment services will be at 2 p.m. Jan. 28 at Larned Cemetery with military honors. The family will receive friends at 306 17th St., Larned, following graveside services. You may offer condolences at www.smithandwilliamsfuneralhome.com. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Jan. 22, 2004 paid announcement

January 21, 2004

Mary L. Parr Staab 1931-2004

Mary L. Parr Staab, 72, of Great Bend, died Jan. 20 at her residence. She was born Nov. 5, 1931, at Wichita, the daughter of Walter and Velma Fulgroat. She married Don Staab Jan. 1, 1994, in Great Bend. A resident of Great Bend, she worked for Great Bend Tribune, retiring in 1999. Survivors include her husband of Great Bend; four sons, Tim Parr, Randy Parr, Gary Parr and Mike Staab, all of Great Bend; three daughters, Sue Miller of Lakewood, Colo., Cheryl Louderback of Liberal and Kathy Collicott of Great Bend; 17 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one brother, Bob Fulgroat. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Charter Funerals Chapel in Great Bend, with the Rev. Michael Joiner officiating. Burial will be at Great Bend City Cemetery at a later date. Friends may call from 9 to 11 a.m. Friday at the funeral chapel. Memorials are suggested to Larry Jones Feed the Children or Disabled American Veterans, both in care of the funeral chapel. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 21, 2004

January 20, 2004

Sarah R. Elliott 1918-2004

HAYS — Sarah R. Elliott, 85, died Jan. 17 at her home in Hays. She was born Nov. 15, 1918, in rural Barton County, the daughter of George C. and Margaret J. McGovern Elliott. A resident of Hays since 1992, coming from Hutchinson, she was a bookkeeper for a lumber yard in Hutchinson. She was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church of Hays and a former member of St. Theresa's Catholic Church and Altar Society, both of Hutchinson. Survivors include two sisters, Susan Elliott and Rose Ann Rome, both of Hays. She was preceded in death by two brothers, Patrick Elliott and William Elliott. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. today at the church in Hays. Graveside service will be at 1 p.m. today at Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call from 8:30 to 9:45 a.m. today at Hays Memorial Chapel in Hays. Memorials are suggested to Masses in her name, in care of the funeral home.

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Jan. 20, 2004

Carmen D. Elsen 1951-2004

DENNIS — Carmen D. Elsen, 53, died Jan. 16 at her home in Dennis. Survivors include her husband, Ralph, of the home. Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. today at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Parsons, with the Rev. Robert Wachter officiating. Cremation will follow the service. Memorial service will be at a later date at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Great Bend. Forbes-Hoffman Funeral Home of Parsons is in charge of arrangements. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Jan. 20, 2004

Aldine L. Mead 1918-2004

Aldine L. Mead, 85, of Great Bend, died Jan. 18 at Woodhaven Care Center in Ellinwood. She was born April 26, 1918, at Cedar Vale, the daughter of T.F. and Ada E. Niles Randel. She married Elmer O. Mead Sept. 15, 1935, at Cedar Vale. He died June 1975. A resident of Great Bend since 1987, coming from Coffeyville, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Mead was a member of First Christian Church of Coffeyville. Survivors include two sons, Bob Mead of Pawnee Rock and Bill Mead of Great Bend; six grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one son, Gary Mead; two brothers, Claude Randel and John Randel; and three sisters, Madge Foster, Marie Foster and Leola Johnson. Graveside service will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Pawnee Rock Cemetery, with the Rev. Don Paden officiating. Friends may call from 9 a.m. 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 Barton County Relay for Life, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Jan. 20, 2004

O. Wayne Lee 1939-2004

LARNED — O. Wayne Lee, 65, died Jan. 16 at St. Joseph Memorial Hospital in Larned. He was the son of Raymond and Melba Jo Hamilton Lee. He came to Hutchinson in 1969 and was a night reporter for the Hutchinson News. He later moved to Simi Valley, Calif., where he became editor and publisher of the Simi Valley Enterprise. He returned to Hutchinson in 1992 to become the editor and publisher of the Hutchinson News, retiring in 1996. In his retirement he was a free lance writer and novelist. He was a member and church elder of First Presbyterian Church of Hutchinson and attended New Jerusalem Church in Pawnee Rock. His many civic accomplishments included president of Rotary Club, Simi Valley; president of United Way, Ventura County; chairman of Moorpark College Foundation; and was involved with Hutchinson Downtown Development. On Nov. 10, 1961, he married Patricia Ann Cox at Miami, Okla. She survives. Other survivors include two sons, Bradley Wayne Lee of Hutchinson and Gregory Tinsley and wife Teri of West Point, Miss.; one daughter, Christina Long and husband Kevin of Hutchinson; one brother, Jeffrey Scott Lee of Neosho, Mo.; and five grandchildren, Brooks Tinsley, Candace Long-Moore and husband Darnell, Kyle Long, Megan Tinsley and Sara Beth Tinsley. Wayne was a loving husband, father and grandfather. Memorial service will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at New Jerusalem Church in Pawnee Rock with Vivian Bright and Cliff Summers officiating. Memorials are suggested to American Lung Association, in care of Morell Funeral Home in Larned, P.O. Box 124, Larned, KS 67550-0124. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Jan. 20, 2004 paid announcement

Louise Cecelia Klepper 1914-2004

Louise Cecelia Klepper, 89, of Great Bend, died Jan. 18 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. She was born Sept. 25, 1914, the daughter of Alois and Christina Beran Spiringer. She married Ronald Klepper June 10, 1952, at Great Bend. He died May 8, 1971. A resident of Great Bend since 1983, coming from Larned and Garfield, she was a homemaker and worked as a lunch room attendant for Sacred Heart Catholic School in Larned for six years. Mrs. Klepper was a member of St. Patrick Catholic Church and St. Patrick Altar Society, both of Great Bend. Survivors include one daughter, Carol Lang and husband, Mick, of Great Bend; one grandson, Mark Lang of Great Bend; one brother, Roman Spiringer of Evansville, Ind.; and one sister, Ann Hannah of Denver, Colo. She was preceded in death by one son, Donald Klepper; two brothers, Joe Spiringer and Victor Spiringer; and one sister, Frances Esfeld. Altar Society Rosary will be at 4 p.m. today at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend followed by a vigil at 7:30 p.m., also at the funeral home. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at the church, with the Rev. Reginald Urban officiating. Burial will be at Hillcrest Memorial Park Cemetery in Great Bend. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. today at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to American Cancer Society or Holy Family School Endowment, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Jan. 20, 2004 paid announcement

Bennie G. Zordel 1959-2004

PAWNEE ROCK — Bennie G. Zordel, 44, died Jan. 17 in Pawnee Rock. He was born Oct. 27, 1959, at Russell, the son of Donald and Alice McAdoo Zordel. He completed training from Motorcycle Mechanics Institute in Phoenix, Ariz. A resident of Pawnee Rock, coming from Russell, he was a certified Harley Davidson mechanic and was a transmission specialist at Weller Tractor Salvage Inc. in Great Bend for 12 years. Zordel was a member of Sons of the American Legion in Larned and Ride the Iron Motorcycle Club of Russell. Survivors include his life companion, Theresa Zordel-McGonigle of Ashland; three daughters, April Robinson of Ashland, Brandy Zordel of Pawnee Rock and Jessica Wittig of Great Bend; two sisters, Brenda Mader of Topeka and Nora Pace of Russell; and five grandchildren. He was preceded in death by an infant sister, Kitty Zordel. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Otterbein United Methodist Church in Russell. Burial will be at Russell City Cemetery. Friends may call from 1 to 9 p.m. Wednesday and from 8 a.m. to noon Thursday at Pohlman-Heise Mortuary in Russell. Memorials are suggested to Zordel Family Education Fund, in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Jan. 20, 2004

Edward Jacob Bruntz 1919-2004

BAZINE — Edward Jacob Bruntz, 84, died Jan. 17 at Ness County Long Term Care in Ness City. He was born April 2, 1919, at Hastings, Neb., the son of Jacob and Eva Bruntz. He was a graduate of Bazine High School. He married Alice Schlegel Bittner January 1965, at Larned. A longtime resident of Bazine, he was a farmer. Bruntz was a member of St. Luke's Lutheran Church and American Legion, both of Bazine. He was a U.S. Army veteran, serving in World War II. Survivors include his wife of the home; two stepdaughters, Shirla Holmes of Garden City and Barbara Bedwell of Medicine Lodge; three brothers, Ruben Bruntz of Richland Hills, Texas, Sam Bruntz and John Bruntz, both of Bazine; three sisters, Rose Gumescheimer of La Crosse, Viola Daubert of Otis and Dorothy Schoenhals of Perryton, Texas; one stepsister, Dorothy Almquist of La Crosse; eight step grandchildren; and 12 step great-grandchildren. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the church, with the Rev. James Webster officiating. Burial will be at Alexander Cemetery, with military rites by Olin Cole Post of American Legion of Bazine. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. today at Fitzgerald Funeral Home in Ness City and until service time Wednesday at the church. Memorials are suggested to the church or Hospice of the Prairie of Dodge City, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Jan. 20, 2004

Max R. Folkerts 1938-2004

TIMKEN — Max R. Folkerts, 65, died Jan. 19 at his residence. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Janousek Funeral Home in La Crosse. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Jan. 20, 2004

January 18, 2004

Jimmie Don Blevins 1935-2004

KINGMAN, Ariz. — Jimmie Don Blevins, 68, of Kingman, Ariz., lost a short but courageous battle with cancer Jan. 9. He was born on Aug. 29, 1935, in Great Bend and grew up in the town of Chase. After high school graduation, he entered the U.S. Army to become a decorated Korean War veteran. Upon his honorable discharge, Blevins married his wife of 47 years, Stella Marker of Ellinwood. They moved to California and for the next 44 years he provided a wonderful life for his family. In the summer of 2000, Blevins retired from the L.A. County Sheriff's Dept. as a heating and refrigeration technician to Kingman where he was able to pursue his love of woodworking. As a result, the family will enjoy his handicrafts for generations to come. Blevins was also a devout member of the Catholic Church and a member of the Kingman Elk's Lodge. Blevins is survived by his wife Stella of Kingman; his three children, Kevin (Cindi) of St. George, Utah; Diane Barker of Lancaster, Calif.; Doug (Karen) of Lake Ozark, Mo; and his four grandchildren: Laura, Racheal, Jason and Alex. Also surviving are Jim's two brothers: Dave (Linda) of Dallas, Texas, and Ken (Julie) of Sacramento, Calif., and their families. This proud man will be greatly missed by many. No public services are planned yet. In lieu of flowers please make a donation to the American Cancer Society. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Jan. 18, 2004 paid announcement

J. Marion Weathers 1926-2004

J. Marion Weathers, 77, of Great Bend died Jan. 16, at Great Bend Health & Rehabilitation Center. He was born Sept. 13, 1926, at Great Bend, the son of Roscoe and Mable Mae Denbo Weathers. He married Jean Bruce on June 23, 1982, at Great Bend. A lifetime resident of Barton County, he was a retired farmer. Weathers was a member of the Eagles Lodge. Survivors include his wife of the home; one step-son, Bruce Huss, Wichita; one step-daughter, Jill Herold, Denver, Colo.; one brother, James Weathers, Great Bend; and three step-grandchildren. A graveside service will take place at 1:30 p.m., Monday, at Great Bend Cemetery, with the Rev. Don Paden officiating. Friends may call 1 - 9 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. - noon Monday at Bryant Funeral Home. Memorials are suggested to Great Bend Health & Rehabilitation Center, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Jan. 18, 2004

Kathleen M. Krmela 1931-2004

OTIS - Kathleen M. Krmela, 73, died Jan. 2, at Mt. Pleasant, Mich. She was born May 29, 1931, in Detroit, Mich., the daughter of Harold E. and Kathleen Askey Webb. She married Raymond Krmela in September of 1981. He died Oct. 26, 1996. She was an artist under the name K. M. Webb. Survivors include one daughter, Deborah Slemmer, Gladwin, Mich.; her father of Topeka; one brother, Dave M. Webb, Topeka; two granddaughters, one step-granddaughter; and three great-grandchildren. Memorial Service will be at 10:30 a.m., Monday, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Otis, with Rev. Larry Frank, officiating. Burial will be at the Lutheran Cemetery, Otis. There will be no visitation. Memorials are suggested to the family of Kathleen Krmela, in care of the church. Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Jan. 18, 2004

Lawrence J. Wilson 1944-2004

Lawrence J. Wilson, 59, of Great Bend, died Jan. 16 at his residence in Great Bend. He was born Oct. 30, 1944, at Des Moines, Iowa, the son of John Lyle and Rose Marturrello Wilson. He married Mary Malone Nov. 9, 1996, at Alma. A Great Bend resident he was employed in the home improvement field. Wilson was a member of American Bowler Congress and was a U.S Marine veteran having served in the Vietnam war. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Michael Strunk of Ford; three daughters, Dawn Goodnaugh of Minden, Nev., Amanda Strunk of Ford and Amber Strunk of Hays; and two grandchildren. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at First Southern Baptist Church in Great Bend with the Rev. Doyle Smith officiating with military services conducted by Fort Riley Honor Guard at the church. Private burial will be held at a later date at Ford

Cemetery in Ford. Friends may call from noon to 8 p.m. today with the family receiving friends from 6 to 8 p.m. today, all at Charter Funerals in Great Bend. Memorials are suggested to Golden Belt Home and Hospice or American Cancer Society, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune Jan. 18, 2004

George F. Erdtmann 1911-2004

George F. Erdtmann, 92, of Great Bend, died Jan. 15 at Alterra Sterling House in Great Bend. He was born Jan. 19, 1911, at Ellsworth, the son of George Henry and Clara Burmeister Erdtmann. He married Almira Hardenburger June 3, 1934, at Narka. She died Dec. 21, 1986. A resident of Great Bend since 1948, coming from Ellsworth, he was a chief load dispatcher for Centel for 39 years, retiring in 1976. Erdtmann was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church of Great Bend, a past Sunday school superintendent, Lutheran Laymen's League, various church-related boards and served on the Foundation Board of Directors for Clara Barton Hospital in Hoisington for 16 years. He was a member of Lake Barton Golf Club and a Meals on Wheels volunteer. Survivors include one son, G. Richard Erdtmann of Bolivia, N.C.; one daughter, Miriam Strasen of Great Bend; two sisters, Edith Herrin of Wichita and Pauline Polach of Salina; eight grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one brother, William Erdtmann, and one sister, Alma Cochran. Burial will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Great Bend Cemetery followed by services at 11 a.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church in Great Bend with the Revs. James A. Strasen and Robert Kreier officiating. Friends may call from 2 to 9 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday with the family receiving friends until 8 p.m., all at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Memorials are suggested to the church in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune Jan. 18, 2004

January 16, 2004

Bessie M. Strong 1911-2004

Bessie M. Strong, 92, of Great Bend, died Jan. 13 at her residence in Great Bend. She was born Feb. 21, 1911, at Athol. A resident of Great Bend, she was a homemaker. Survivors include one son, Buck Strong of Casa Grande, Ariz.; two daughters, Jean Arment of Dallas, Texas, and Jacque Scheideman of Great Bend; 11 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Simmons Mortuary in Smith Center. Burial will be at Fairview Cemetery in Smith Center. Memorials are suggested to Srader Center, Senior Center or Christian Church, all of Smith Center and in care of the mortuary, 118 W. First St., Smith Center KS 66967. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Jan. 16, 2004

Olive Viola Krug 1912-2004

HOISINGTON — Olive Viola Krug, 91, died Jan. 14 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. She was born Nov. 9, 1912, in Hoisington, the daughter of Philip and Anna Elizabeth Siegfried Krug. A resident of Hoisington, she was a federal government employee for more than 30 years, retiring in 1972. She was a member of Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Hoisington, Civic Club, and Business and Professional Women. Survivors include one brother, Orland Krug of Houston, Texas; and two sisters, LaVera Sullivan of Spanish Fort, Ala., and Catherine Rukan of Ellinwood. She was preceded in death by two brothers, Harold Krug and Robert Krug. Funeral will be at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington, with the Rev. Kelley Taylor-Schaus officiating. Burial will be at Hoisington Cemetery. Friends may call from 1 to 8 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. to service time Saturday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the church, Arthritis Foundation or Kroesch Scholarship Fund, all in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Jan. 16, 2004

Melissa Lou Cool Leiker 1977-2004

CLAFLIN — Melissa Lou Cool Leiker, 27, died Jan. 14 near Great Bend. She was born Jan. 4, 1977, at Great Bend, the daughter of Donald L. and Lillian D. Hershey Cool. She was a 1995 graduate of Claflin High School. She married Paul A. Leiker May 15, 1999, at Great Bend. A longtime Barton County resident, coming from Littleton, Colo., she was a paper carrier for Great Bend Tribune and was formerly employed at the Eagles Lodge kitchen in Great Bend. Survivors include her husband of Great Bend; two daughters, Alexandria Dawn Leiker and Makeyla Elizabeth Leiker, both of the home; her parents of Lakewood, Colo.; one sister, Chrystal Morris of Denver, Colo.; her grandparents, O.O. Cool of Webster Springs, W.Va., and Norrine Hershey of Ellinwood. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at St. John's Lutheran Church in Ellinwood, with the Rev. Andy Keltner officiating. Burial will be at Hilltop Cemetery in Raymond. Friends may call from 1 to 8 p.m. Sunday at Kimple Funeral Home in Ellinwood. Memorials are suggested to the daughters' educational fund, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Jan. 16, 2004

Victor C. Arensdorf 1923-2004

LAKE HAVASU CITY, Ariz. — Victor C. Arensdorf, 80, died Jan. 14 at Lake Havasu City. He was born Jan. 27, 1923, at Ellinwood, the son of Chris and Christena Knipp Arensdorf. He was a 1940 graduate of Ellinwood High School. A resident of Arizona for the past 18 years, he was a store manager for Republic Supply, serving in Ellinwood from 1953 to 1956, and retiring in 1984 after 29 years. Arensdorf was a member of Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church in Lake Havasu City, Veterans of Foreign Wars and American Legion, both of Ellinwood. He was a U.S. Army Air Corps veteran, serving in World War II with a fighter squadron in Saipan/I.E. Shima. Survivors include a companion, Pauline Shaw of Lake Havasu City; and one brother, Richard P. Arensdorf of Oklahoma City, Okla. He was preceded in death by one sister, Yolanda Dulaney. Funeral will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Ellinwood, with the Rev. John Maes officiating. Burial will be at Lakin-Comanche District Cemetery in Ellinwood. Friends may call from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday at Kimple Funeral Home in Ellinwood. Great

Bend (Kan.) Tribune Jan. 16, 2004

Leon C. Schnittker 1934-2004

WICHITA — Leon C. Schnittker, 69, died Jan. 15. He was born May 22, 1934, in Cairo (Cunningham), the son of Joseph and Elsie Schnittker. A resident of Wichita, he retired in 1991 as owner of The Poster Company. Survivors include his wife, Dorothy, of the home; two sons, Scott Gilbert of Wichita and Keith Schnittker of Aiken, S.C.; two daughters, Dea Ann Varner of Kansas City, Mo., and Diana Wilson of Wichita; two brothers, Delmar Schnittker of Grand Lake, Colo., and Howard Schnittker of Kansas City, Mo.; one sister, Jolene Tustin of Great Bend; 10 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one sister, Norma Jean Kramp; and one grandson, Keith Schnittker Jr. Funeral will be at 1 p.m. Monday at Glenn Park Christian Church in Wichita. Friends may call from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Sunday at Downing & Lahey Mortuary West in Wichita. Memorials are suggested to Glenn Park Cancer Support Group, in care of Glenn Park Christian Church, 2757 S. Glenn, Wichita, KS 67217. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Jan. 16, 2004

January 15, 2004

Florence Thelma Miller 1917-2004

BURDETT — Florence Thelma Miller, 86, died Jan. 13 at St. Joseph Memorial Hospital Long Term Care in Larned. She was born Sept. 9, 1917, in rural Burdett, the daughter of Orren and Flora Louise Winkelman Salmans. She married Ray Claude Miller March 12, 1939, at Hanston. He died Sept. 7, 1972. A lifetime resident of the Burdett community, she was a homemaker, worked in the dietary division at Larned State Hospital and was employed by Pawnee County Assessors Office in Larned. Mrs. Miller was a member of Burdett United Methodist Church, United Methodist Women, Burdett Seniors, a charter member of Shiley EHU and served 10 years on the Burdett City Council. Survivors include one sister, Ferne Miller of Burdett; one grandson; two stepgrandsons; two stepgrand-daughters; and one step great-granddaughter. She was preceded in death by one son, Wayne Ray Miller; and one brother, Herbert Salmans. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Friday at the church, with the Rev. Tony Horsley officiating. Burial will be at Browns Grove Cemetery in Burdett. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. today and from 9 to 11 a.m. Friday at Morell Funeral Home in Larned. Memorials are suggested to South Wind Hospice, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Jan. 15, 2004

Vera Volkmann Wahl 1909-2004

LYONS — Vera Volkmann Wahl, 94, died Jan. 14 at Good Samaritan Center in Lyons. She was born Dec. 5, 1909, at Lyons, the daughter of Albert W. and Ida Schmidt Volkmann. She was a 1926 graduate of Lyons High School and a 1930 graduate of Southwestern College at Winfield with a degree in music education. She married Edward Wahl June 26, 1937, at Lyons. He died May 23, 1993. A lifetime resident of Lyons, she was a school teacher, having taught in Dexter and Lyons. Mrs. Wahl was a member of United Methodist Church, United Methodist Women, Order of Eastern Star, all of Lyons, Rice County Retired Teachers and Order of Mound at Southwestern College. Survivors include two sons, David E. Wahl of Green Valley, Ariz., and Dr. Robert W. Wahl of Nashville, Tenn.; two brothers, Harold Volkmann of Wichita and Harley Volkmann of Great Bend; and four grandsons. She was preceded in death by one brother, Roy Volkmann; two sisters, Lillian Volkmann and Alberta Volkmann. Graveside service will be at 3:30 p.m. Saturday at Lyons Municipal Cemetery in Lyons with the Rev. Cindy Watson officiating. Friends may call from 1:30 to 3 p.m. Saturday at Sillin Funeral Home in Lyons. In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to the church, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Jan. 15, 2004

Frank Heinz 1903-2004

ELLINWOOD — Frank Heinz, 100, died Jan. 14 at Ellinwood District Hospital in Ellinwood. He was born Nov. 1, 1903, in rural Ellinwood, the son of Peter and Mary Robl Heinz. A lifetime Ellinwood area resident, he was a retired farmer and truck driver for Wolf Mill in Ellinwood. Heinz was a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church of Ellinwood and life member of Knights of Columbus No. 1187. Survivors include one sister, Margaret Feist of Ellinwood. He was preceded in death by four brothers, Jake Heinz, John Heinz, Pete Heinz and Ed Heinz; and three sisters, Mamie Hammeke, Kathryn Jenisch and Loretta Heinz. Altar Society rosary will be at 3 p.m. today at Kimple Funeral Home in Ellinwood. Vigil will be at 7 p.m. today at the funeral home, followed by Knights of Columbus rosary. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Friday at the church, with the Revs. John Maes and Gerald Hammeke officiating. Burial will be at Sts. Peter and Paul Cemetery, north of Ellinwood. Friends may call from 1 to 8 tonight at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Long-term Care of Ellinwood District Hospital or Heritage Club Roof Fund, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Jan. 15, 2004

Melissa Lou Cool Leiker

CLAFLIN — Melissa Lou Cool Leiker, 27, died Jan. 14 north of Great Bend. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Kimple Funeral Home of Ellinwood. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Jan. 15, 2004

Victor C. Arensdorf

LAKE HAVASU CITY, Ariz. — Victor C. Arensdorf, 80, died Jan. 14. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by

Kimple Funeral Home in Ellinwood. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Jan. 15, 2004

Bessie M. Strong 1911-2004

Bessie M. Strong, 93, of Great Bend, died Jan. 13. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Simmons Mortuary of Smith Center. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Jan. 15, 2004

January 14, 2004

Francis D. Blackburn 1923-2004

ROZEL — Francis D. Blackburn, 81, died Jan. 12 at Great Bend Health and Rehabilitation Center in Great Bend. She was born Jan. 6, 1923, at Larned, the daughter of Herbert A. and Anna Cosgrove Bell. She married Wayne B. Blackburn Dec. 23, 1962, at Larned. He died Feb. 15, 2001. A resident of Pawnee County, she was a homemaker and a retired registered nurse. Mrs. Blackburn was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church and Altar Society, both of Larned. Survivors include several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by one brother, Paul Bell; and three sisters, Mary Dickson, Rose Clark and Anne Bell. Vigil service will be at 7:30 p.m. today at Morell Funeral Home in Larned. Funeral Mass will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at the church, with the Rev. Dennis Reed officiating. Burial will be at Larned Cemetery. Friends may call from noon until 8 p.m. today at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Jan. 15, 2004

Edith Carey Crawford Garey 1903-2004

STAFFORD — Edith Carey Crawford Garey, 100, died Jan. 9 at Hutchinson Hospital. She was born April 11, 1903, at Stafford, the daughter of Harve S. and Bertha C. Carey Crawford. She was a 1921 graduate of Stafford High School. She married Marshall W. Garey Dec. 7, 1921, at Stafford. He died Sept. 14, 1988. A lifetime Stafford County resident, she was a homemaker. She was a member of First United Methodist Church, past church secretary and communion steward, a member and past president of United Methodist Women, past 4-H leader, cub scout den mother, founding president of Stafford County Historical and Genealogical Society, National Huguenot Society, National Society Magna Charta Dames, Daughters of the American Colonists, Sons and Daughters of the Pilgrims, Daughters of Colonial Wars, United States Daughters of 1812, Dames of the 17th Century, North Star Community Club and served as regent of Kanza Chapter, state recording secretary, Southwest District director of Daughters of the American Revolution. Survivors include one daughter, Byrd C. Ford of Stafford; nine grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by four sons, John S. Garey, Marshall W. Garey Jr., James D. Garey and Robert C. Garey; one sister, Loise Reiter; and two grandchildren, Janie and Patrick Garey. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at the church in Stafford, with the Rev. Kasey Crosby officiating. Burial will be at Stafford Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to the church elevator fund or Stafford County Historical and Genealogical Society, in care of Minnis Chapel of Stafford. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Jan. 15, 2004

Katherine Hickel Petz 1914-2004

Katherine Hickel Petz, 89, of Great Bend, died Jan. 13 at Great Bend Health and Rehabilitation Center. She was born Nov. 27, 1914, at Galatia, the daughter of Conrad and Marie Brecht Krom. A resident of Great Bend since 1948, coming from Hoisington, she was a homemaker. Survivors include one son, Gerald Hickel of Great Bend; one daughter, Patricia Green of Great Bend; four grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one son, Gary Lee Hickel; five brothers and four sisters. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend, with the Rev. Shannon Vogelezang officiating. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday and from 9 a.m. to service time Friday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to St. Mark Lutheran Church in Great Bend, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Jan. 15, 2004

Florence Thelma Miller

BURDETT — Florence Thelma Miller, 86, died Jan. 13 at St. Joseph Memorial Long Term Care in Larned. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Morell Funeral Home in Larned. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Jan. 15, 2004

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Oscar I. Beck 1922-2004

LAWRENCE — Oscar Irvin Beck, 81, died Jan. 10 at Brandon Woods Retirement Community in Lawrence. He was born April 30, 1922, in Melvern, the son of Oscar Irvin Sr. and Hazel Goldsmith Beck. He married Pauline Dill on Feb. 1, 1942, in Lawrence. She died Jan. 17, 2002. A resident of Lawrence, coming from Holyrood, he was a retired oil field pumper and a self-employed oil field maintenance operator. Previously he worked for the Union Pacific Railroad, was a postmaster for the Crow Agency Indian Reservation in Montana, worked in the coal mines in Burlingame and owned the Cozy Cafe in Burlingame in the early 1950s. Beck was a member of St. Paul United Church of Christ and American Legion Post No. 200. He was a U.S. Navy veteran, serving during World War II. Survivors include one daughter, JoAnn Seitz of Lawrence; one brother, Russell Beck of Emporia; five sisters, Anita Faulkner and Ione Monroe, both of Osage City. Velma McMillin of Hoisington. Wiona Brown of Lawrence and Irene Sattler

of Newton; four grandchildren; and one great-granddaughter. Memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Lawrence Funeral Chapel. Inurnment will be held later at Holyrood Cemetery in Holyrood. There is no visitation, cremation has taken place. Memorials are suggested to Oscar I. Beck Memorial Fund, in care of the funeral chapel. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Jan. 13, 2004

Howard D. 'Sleepy' Ewert 1925-2004

Howard D. "Sleepy" Ewert, 78, of Great Bend, died Jan. 11 at his home. He was born Feb. 18, 1925, in Newton, the son of Sam and Linda Thimm Ewert. He married Dixie M. Bledsoe May 10, 1947, at Wichita. A resident of Great Bend since 1972, coming from Bristow, Okla., he had worked as office manager for Rains and Williamson. Ewert was a member of American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars. He was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Mike D. Ewert of Lee's Summit, Mo.; one daughter, Linda Heitland of St. Louis, Mo.; one brother, Stan Ewert of McPherson; three grandchildren; and one great-grandson. He was preceded in death by one sister, Marge Bledsoe. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend, with the Rev. Gary Brooks officiating. Graveside service will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at McPherson Cemetery in McPherson. Friends may call from noon to 9 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. to service time Wednesday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to American Cancer Society or First United Methodist Church, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Jan. 13, 2004

Eual E. Douglas 1912-2004

LARNED — Eual E. Douglas, 91, died Jan. 10 at St. Joseph Memorial Hospital in Larned. He was born Sept. 18, 1912, at Cloud Chief, Okla., the son of Joseph F. and Idelger Bratcher Douglas. He married Donna M. Wonssetler Oct. 28, 1933, at Larned. A resident of Larned since 1928, coming from Weatherford, Okla., he was a farmer and carpenter. Douglas attended First Christian Church in Larned. Survivors include his wife of the home; three sons, Larry Douglas of Antelope, Calif., Dennis Douglas of Gas City and Steven Douglas of McAlester, Okla.; one daughter, Donna Kay Maska of Hays; 12 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild. He was preceded in death by six brothers, Jesse Douglas, Charles Douglas, Clyde Douglas, Ted Douglas, Albert Douglas and Joseph Douglas; and one sister, Gladys Scott. Funeral will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Beckwith Mortuary Chapel in Larned, with the Rev. John Grummon officiating. Burial will be at Larned Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. today, and from 9 a.m. to service time Wednesday, all at the mortuary. Memorials are suggested to Golden Belt Home Health and Hospice, in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Jan. 13, 2004

Gerald J. Boos 1941-2004

ELLIS — Gerald J. Boos, 62, died Jan. 9 at Comanche County Hospital in Coldwater. He was born Dec. 30, 1941, in Hays, the son of Paul P. and Irene Leiker Boos. He attended Ellis schools. Boos was a U.S. Army veteran. Survivors include his parents of Ellis; three brothers, Thomas Boos of Great Bend, Dennis Boos of Salina and Mark Boos of Ellis; and four sisters, Amelia "Millie" Winterscheidt of Oakley, Rita Younger of Ellis, Lila Margreiter of Chanute and Barbara Barkley of Lindenhurst, Ill. He was preceded in death by one infant sister, Lucy Boos. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. today at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Ellis. Burial will be at St. Mary's Church cemetery in Ellis. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of Wasinger Funeral Chapel in Ellis. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Jan. 13, 2004

Herlan S. Miller 1902-2004

Herlan S. Miller, 101, of Great Bend, died Jan. 10 at his home in Great Bend, where he was lovingly cared for by his son, Lee. He was born Aug. 21, 1902, in Lane County, Kansas, the son of Marion and Anamillia Hobbs Miller. He married Edith Ester Cavanaugh Nov. 18, 1925. He was a farmer and stockman in Gove County. His passion was breaking horses and raising cattle. After retirement in 1976, they moved to Great Bend where they joined the Senior Citizens Center and Silver and Gold Club, where they made many friends and enjoyed playing cards. They enjoyed 64 wonderful years together until her death in 1990. He was preceded in death by his wife, Edith; one son, Harold; three sisters, Bernice, Vernie and Olive; and his twin brother, Merlan, who died at the age of 98. Survivors include one son, Lee Miller of Great Bend; one daughter-in-law, Dorothy Miller of Great Bend; six grandchildren, Bob Miller of Indianapolis, Ind., Cathy Peacock of Lowell, Ark., Ron Miller of Highland Ranch, Colo., Larry Miller of San Diego, Calif., Pam Finley of Lowell, Ark., and Sandy Mull of Great Bend; nine great-grandchildren, Angelia Peacock of Lowell, Darcy Rakaskas of Wichita, Craig Miller of Wichita, Wes Turnbull of San Ramon, Calif., Carrie Miller of Wichita, Marcus Mull of Great Bend, Brandon Miller of Highland Ranch, Luann Miller and Dustin Miller, both of San Diego; and two great-great-grandchildren, Breann Peacock of Lowell and Audrey Turnbull of San Ramon. He will be missed by his family and friends. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Senior Citizens Center of Great Bend or Golden Belt Hospice, both in care of Charter Funerals of Great Bend. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. today at the funeral home, with the Rev. John Grummon officiating. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Jan. 13, 2004

Arthur R. Jones 1929-2004

BONNER SPRINGS — Arthur R. Jones, age 74, of Bonner Springs and previously of Goodland, passed away Jan 10 at Saint Luke's Hospital of Kansas City, Mo. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday at the Alden-Harrington Funeral Home, with burial to follow in the Bonner Springs Cemetery. Visitation will be from 6 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial contributions to the Bonner Springs Educational Foundation or St. Elizabeth's School in Kansas City, Mo., both in care of Alden-Harrington Funeral Home, 214 Oak St., Bonner Springs, KS 66012; (913) 422-4074. Art was born March 13, 1929, on a farm near Ogallah in Graham County. He was a graduate of Hill City High School and went on to receive a bachelor of science and masters of science degree in education from Fort Hays State University. While at FHSU he was a varsity football letterman. In 2002, Art was inducted into the FHSU Alumni's Half-Century Club. Art was drafted and served two years in

the U.S. Army during the Korean War. His career in education began as an elementary school teacher and principal in Winona and continued as a teacher and elementary school principal in Great Bend. He worked as a banker at Farmer's National Bank in Osborne from 1972 to 1975 and Goodland State Bank (later renamed Bankwest) in Goodland from 1975 until his retirement in 1994, where he continued serving on the Bankwest board of directors until his passing. Art was a longtime member of the Lion's Club and the American Legion. He was a member of the Selective Service Board since 1981. Art's retirement years were spent tending to his garden with his wife Mary and following the activities and events of his five grandchildren. He was an avid fan of the Kansas Jayhawks, Kansas City Chiefs and the Kansas City Royals. He was preceded in death by his father William Jennings Jones; mother Ethel Belle Gordon Jones; sisters Arbutus Persinger, Mary Lofstead, and Maude Staples; and brothers James, Leslie and Lester Jones. Art is survived by his wife of 44 years, Mary Elizabeth Garrison Jones; daughter Arla and partner Kimberley Kreicker of Lawrence; son Michael and wife LeAnn and their sons Shawn and Aaron of Bonner Springs; and son Joel and wife Jane and their daughters Bridget, Kate and Tess of Kansas City, Mo.; brothers Leonard Jones of Arvada, Colo.; Francis Jones of Norton and Darrell Jones of Oberlin; and sister Ada Belle Jones Tomanek of Wakeeney; as well as several nieces and nephews. Alden-Harrington Funeral Home of Bonner Springs was in charge of arrangements. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Jan. 13, 2004

Father Jacob J. 'Jake' Dreher 1917-2004

Father Jacob J. "Jake" Dreher, 86, of Great Bend, died Jan. 11 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. He was born March 17, 1917, at Liebenthal, the son of J. Phillip and Mary Rohr Dreher. He was the youngest of 13 children. He attended grade school at St. Joseph's School in Liebenthal and St. Joseph's Military Academy in Hays for high school and two years of college. He took philosophy and theology studies at Kenrick Seminary in St. Louis, Mo. Father Dreher was ordained by the Most Reverend Christian H. Winkelmann in the chapel of the Immaculate Conception Convent Sept. 18, 1943, in Great Bend. His first assignment was assistant pastor at St. Mary's Cathedral in Wichita on Sept. 27, 1943. After only 13 months, he was given his first pastorate at Mother of God Church in Oswego. On Dec. 16, 1946, he was named pastor of St. Mary of Moline where he served less than two years before being transferred to St. Joseph of Offerle with St. Mary of Hodgeman County as a mission. In 1955, he became pastor of St. Anthony of Fowler where he served for 10 years. During his tenure a new rectory was built and the church was extensively renovated. Much of the furnishings of the latter were the products of his personal skills as a carpenter and a metal craftsman. Father Dreher also served as pastor or administrator of the following parishes: St. Michael of La Crosse; St. Joseph of Scott City; Holy Family of Odin; St. Joseph of Beaver; and St. Catherine of Dubuque. Father Dreher retired in Great Bend on July 2, 1991, and celebrated the 60th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood Sept. 18, 2003. Father Dreher was a craftsman who enjoyed carving and making clocks. His timepieces always included symbolic and ornate carvings. He created more than 125 clocks and sold 68 when he moved from the rectory at Odin. In addition to his parish assignments he served the diocese in the following positions: diocesan building committee, diocesan consulter, diocesan pastoral council, priests, senate and diocesan priest's trust fund. Survivors include one sister, Helen Albert of Mt. Vernon; and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by six brothers, Vincent Dreher, Anton Dreher, Frank Dreher, Lewis Dreher, Rudolph Dreher and Phillip Dreher; and six sisters, Catherine Herrman, Anna Koechner, Sister Mary Phillip, Theresa Dreher, Clara Dreher and Agatha Schuckman. Vigil service will be at 7:30 p.m. today followed by Knights of Columbus Rosary, all at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Great Bend. Funeral Mass will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the church with the Most Rev. Ronald N. Gilmore officiating. Graveside service will be at 3 p.m. Wednesday at St. Joseph's Cemetery in Liebenthal. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. today at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Memorials are suggested to Holy Family School Endowment, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Jan. 13, 2004

Florence L. Melton 1908-2004

Florence L. Melton, 95, of Great Bend, died Jan. 10 at St. Joseph Memorial Hospital in Larned. She was born May 18, 1908, in Topeka, the daughter of John and Freida Galloway. She married Archie C. Melton Aug. 12, 1931, at Topeka. He preceded her in death. A resident of Great Bend for nine years, coming from Abilene, she was a homemaker and had worked at a landscape and greenhouse business in Topeka. Mrs. Melton was a member of Longford United Methodist Church of Longford and Rainbow Club of Abilene. Survivors include one son, Gale G. Melton of Pocatello, Idaho; one daughter, Darlene Bradford of Pawnee Rock; 10 grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death one brother, John Galloway; and one sister, Mildred Galloway. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at the church, with the Rev. Don Paden officiating. Burial will be at Rose Meron Cemetery in Longford. Friends may call from 1 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Minnis Chapel in St. John. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of the funeral chapel. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Jan. 13, 2004

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Thomas A. Anspaugh 1931-2004

HOISINGTON — Thomas A. Anspaugh, 72, died Jan. 9 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. He was born July 12, 1931, in Atlanta, Mo., the son of Evert and Dora Peters Anspach. He married Marleeta Barragan Oct. 2, 1987, at Great Bend. A resident of rural Hoisington since 1988, he retired from the U.S. Army in April 1972 with the rank of E-7 Signal Corps. Anspaugh was a member of the Protestant faith, lifetime member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 7428 in Hoisington and American Legion of Great Bend, OV-1 Mohawk Association, American Wing Museum Association of Minnesota, NAUS, TREA, retired member of Auctioneer Association and Good Sams Club. He was a U.S. Army veteran, serving two tours in Germany and Vietnam and one tour in Korea. Survivors include his wife of the home; two sons, Tom Anspaugh Jr. and Bill Southhall, both of Florida; two stepsons, Jon Barragan of Nashville, Tenn., and Jaimee Barragan of Fountain, Colo.; one stepdaughter, Jan Reece of Colorado Springs, Colo.; and several step grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one brother, Robert Allen Anspach. Memorial service will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington, with the Rev. Don Paden officiating. There is no visitation. cremation has taken place. Memorials are suggested to American Lung Association. in care of

the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Jan. 11, 2004

Lucile Fletcher 1925-2004

BUCKLIN — Lucile Fletcher, 78, died Jan. 8 at Manor of the Plains in Dodge City. She was born Aug. 31, 1925, in Ford County near Bucklin, the daughter of James Thomas "Bud" and Barbara L. Eskew Lane. She was a 1943 graduate of Bucklin High School and a 1971 graduate of Dodge City Community College, receiving a licensed practical nurse certificate. She married Carl W. Fletcher July 19, 1947, in Wichita. He died July 12, 1970. A lifetime resident of Bucklin, she was a homemaker and had worked as a LPN at Trinity and Human Hospital, both in Dodge City. Survivors include two daughters, Carol Swayze of Bucklin and Lois Ball of Great Bend; two brothers, Russell Lane of Bucklin and Elvin Lane of Hutchinson; two sisters, Maxine Cecil of Truth or Consequences, N.M., and Betty Speer of Bucklin; five grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. She was preceded in death by three brothers, Virgil Lane, Sylvan Lane and Lester Lane; and two sisters, Mary Hampe and Alta Harkey. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Minnis Mortuary Chapel in Bucklin, with the Rev. Jeff Hiers officiating. Burial will be at Bucklin Cemetery. Friends may call from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. today at the mortuary. Memorials are suggested to Manor of the Plains, in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Jan. 11, 2004

Victor F. Krmela 1935-2004

KANSAS CITY — Victor F. Krmela, 68, died Jan. 7 at Shawnee Gardens Nursing Center in Shawnee. He was born April 1, 1935, in Barton County, the son of Joseph and Libbie Pechanec Krmela. He was a 1954 graduate of Otis High School in Otis. He attended Conception Seminary from 1955 until his ordination in 1961. A resident of Kansas City for more than 20 years, he was ordained May 27, 1961, as a priest for Dodge City Diocese. He served as an assistant pastor at St. Rose of Lima in Great Bend, Sacred Heart in Pratt, St. John in Hoisington and St. Joseph in Ellinwood. He was pastor at St. Joseph in Greensburg, together with St. George in Bucklin. He was a member of a team ministry that served St. John the Baptist in Spearville, St. Lawrence in Jetmore, St. Anthony in Hanston, Holy Rosary in Burdett, St. Joseph in Offerle, St. Mary in Hodgeman County, and Sts. Peter and Paul in North Kinsley. He also served St. John in Kiowa and Holy Family in Timken as an administrator. In addition to his parish assignments, he served as chaplain at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend, diocesan vocation director, coordinator of diocesan marriage encounter program and assisted the tribunal office. After making the request to discontinue the exercise of priestly ministry May 17, 1979, he was employed by Social Security Administration as a computer printer operator until his death. Krmela was a member of Holy Name Catholic Church in Kansas City. Survivors include one aunt, Leona Krmela in Great Bend. Vigil and rosary will be at 7:30 p.m. today at Janousek Funeral Home in La Crosse. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Timken. Burial will be at 2 p.m. Monday at St. Ann's Cemetery in Olmitz. Friends may call from 4 to 8:30 p.m. today at the funeral home and from 10 to 10:45 a.m. Monday at the church. Memorials are suggested to Cancer Support Group in Kansas City, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Jan. 11, 2004

Herlan S. Miller

Herlan S. Miller, 101, died Jan. 10. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Charter Funeral Home in Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Jan. 11, 2004

Alva L. Hysom 1923-2004

KANOPOLIS — Alva L. Hysom, 80, died Jan. 9 at Ellsworth County Medical Center, Ellsworth. He was born Feb. 11, 1923, in Hutchinson, the son of Bert and Minnie Nelson Hysom. He married Audrey Colvin June 19, 1943, in Hutchinson. A resident of Kanopolis since 1987, coming from Ellinwood, he was a retired United Methodist Church minister. Hysom was a member of the United Methodist Church in Kanopolis. He was a U.S. Army veteran of WW II. Survivors include his wife of the home; two sons, Steve Hysom of El Dorado and Jerry Hysom of Albuquerque, N.M.; two daughters, Sue Utterback of Salina and Sandy Hysom of Wichita; 14 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren. Funeral will be at 2 p.m., Monday, at United Methodist Church, Ellsworth, with Reverend Steve Hysom officiating. A private family burial will take place prior to the service at Kanopolis Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to Kanopolis United Methodist Church, Carneiro United Methodist Church, Ellsworth County Medical Center and Ellsworth County Historical Society, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Jan. 11, 2004

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Robert Lee Rice 1924-2004

Robert Lee Rice, 79, of Great Bend, died Jan. 7 at Fair Acres Manor in Greeley, Colo. He was born Dec. 29, 1924, at Seldan, the son of Charles Burel and Freida Barnett Rice. He married Evelyn F. Bruns July 20, 1946, at Great Bend. A resident of Great Bend since 1940, coming from La Crosse, he was a carrier for U.S. Postal Service. Rice was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church, American Legion Post No. 180 and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 3111, all of Great Bend. He was a veteran of U.S. Army and U.S. Navy, serving in World War II and the Korean War. Survivors include his wife of the home; two daughters, Linda Lee Voss of Williams Bay, Wis., and Kay Thompson of Eaton, Colo.; one brother, Burel Rice of Topeka; one sister, Betty Schmidt of Scott City; and four grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one sister, Odessa Klein. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend, with the Revs. James A. Strasen and Bill Johnson officiating. Burial will be at Hillcrest Memorial Park Cemetery in Great Bend, with military committal rites by U.S. Navy. Friends may call from 9 to 11 a.m. Saturday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the church of the donor's choice, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.)

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Inez M. Heidrick 1912-2004

BELOIT — Inez M. Heidrick, 91, died Jan. 7 at Hilltop Lodge in Beloit. She was born Dec. 14, 1912, at Hanover. She married Edward J. Heidrick. He died in 1998. A resident of Beloit, she was a sales clerk. Survivors include four sons, Chuck Heidrick and Max Heidrick, both of Beloit, Don Heidrick of Anthony and Paul Heidrick of Great Bend; one brother, Dr. Franklin Donovan of Atchison; 11 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. Rosary will be at 7 tonight at McDonald Funeral Home in Beloit. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at St. John's Catholic Church in Beloit. Burial will be at St. John's Cemetery in Beloit. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Heidrick Scholarship Fund, Solomon Valley Hospice or donor's choice, all in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Jan. 9, 2004

Victor F. Krmela 1935-2004

KANSAS CITY — Victor F. Krmela, 68, died Jan. 7 at Shawnee Gardens Nursing Center in Shawnee. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Janousek Funeral Home in La Crosse. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Jan. 9, 2004

January 8, 2004

Lawrence E. 'Mick' Marlett 1921-2004

LARNED — Lawrence E. "Mick" Marlett, 82, died Jan. 6 at Robert J. Dole Veterans Hospital in Wichita. He was born March 30, 1921, at Beeler, the son of James V. and Della K. Salmans Marlett. He married Alma M. Smeltzer Sept. 29, 1940, at Kinsley. A resident of Pawnee County most of his life, he was a retired farmer and agricultural businessman and a former owner of A&W restaurants in Liberal and Great Bend. He was a member of First Christian Church, a charter member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7271, American Legion, past member of Larned Rotary Club, Fort Larned Lions Club and Larned Saddle Club, all of Larned. He was a U.S. Navy veteran, having served in World War II. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Lawrence Vernal Marlett of Pleasant Valley, Mo.; one daughter, Karen M. Hall of Larned; one sister, Margaret Durler of Larned; six grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one son, Raymond Dean Marlett; three brothers, Delmar Marlett, James A. Marlett and John W. Marlett; and one sister, Viola Kirchgassner. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Morell Funeral Home in Larned, with the Rev. Don Paden officiating. Burial will be at Browns Grove Cemetery in Burdett. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday and from 9 a.m. to service time Saturday, both at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the church or Larned Emergency Medical Services, all in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Jan. 8, 2004

Janet Arlene 'Jai' McWilliam 1949-2004

EMPORIA — Janet Arlene "Jai" McWilliam, 54, died at her home Jan. 6. She was born April 6, 1949, at Lamar, Colo., the daughter of Irby "Bud" and Nadine Arnold Hughes. She was a graduate of Great Bend High School. She married Marvin Lee McWilliam May 12, 1990, in Emporia. A resident of Emporia, she was a retired housekeeper and cook at Holiday Inn in Emporia. Survivors include her husband of the home; one stepson, Frederick Allen McWilliam of Dallas, Texas; one stepdaughter, Melinda McWilliam of San Antonio, Texas; her mother of Augusta; and one sister, Joyce "J.D." Metcalf of Augusta. She was preceded in death by one brother, Walter Michael Hughes. Memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Towanda Community Church in Towanda, officiated by family members. Cremation is planned. Roberts-Blue-Barnett Funeral Home in Emporia is in charge of arrangements. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Jan. 8, 2004

Martin Sherman Williams 1940-2004

HANSTON — Martin Sherman Williams, 63, died Jan. 6 at Hodgeman County Long Term Care Center in Jetmore. He was born Feb. 25, 1940, in Cambria, Okla., the son of Floyd Daniel and Osta Velma Sivil Williams. He married Ann Blessing Feb. 23, 1980, in Great Bend. A resident of Hanston, he worked for Phillips Petroleum Company in Great Bend as a gang pusher for many years until his retirement in 2001. Williams was a member of United Methodist Church in Healy. He was a U.S. Marine Corps veteran, serving from 1956 to 1960. He later served in the U.S. Army Reserves from 1974 to 1985. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Darren Williams of Great Bend; one daughter, Lisa Williams of Olathe; his mother of Carlsbad, N.M.; one brother, Curtis Williams of Carlsbad; two sisters, Patty Courter and Carol Curbello, both of Carlsbad; and one grandchild. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Pohlman-Heise Memorial Chapel in Russell, with the Rev. Mitch Reece officiating. Burial with full military honors by U.S. Army from Ft. Riley 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 service time Friday at the mortuary. The family will receive friends from 1 p.m. to service time Friday at the mortuary. Memorials are suggested to Jay Artaz "I Can" Scholarship Fund or Hospice of the Prairie, both in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Jan. 8, 2004

Lela L. Fields 1905-2004

Lela L. Fields, 98, of Great Bend, died Jan. 6 at Leisure Homestead in St. John. She was born March 27, 1905, at Panida, Ind., the daughter of Charles and Oma Nina Lesh. She married Glenn Addison Fields Dec. 24, 1934, at Enid, Okla. He died March 13, 1991. A resident of Great Bend for 30 years, coming from El Dorado, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Fields was a member of First

United Methodist Church, Order of Eastern Star and American Legion Auxiliary. Survivors include one niece, Marilyn Miller of Great Bend; one great-nephew, Sean Miller of Great Bend; one great-niece, Kim Sneath of Great Bend; and two great-great-nephews, Chance DeForest and Tyler DeForest, both of Great Bend. Graveside service will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Great Bend Cemetery, with the Rev. Gary Brooks officiating. Friends may call from noon to 9 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, all at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Memorials are suggested to Leisure Homestead in St. John, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Jan. 8, 2004

Garland B. Goodrick 1920-2004

LARNED — Garland B. Goodrick, 83, died Jan. 6 at Larned Healthcare Center in Larned. He was born Jan. 8, 1920, at Eugene, Mo., the son of Victor Dau and Stella May Graham Goodrick. He married Donna Elizabeth Jensen June 2, 1947, at Kansas City, Mo. She died Jan. 27, 1995. A resident of Larned since 1994, coming from Maud, Texas, he was a farmer and construction worker. Goodrick was a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars in Maud. He was a U.S. Army veteran, serving in World War II. Survivors include four sons, Victor R. Goodrick of Independence, Mo., Benjamin G. Goodrick Jr. of Maud, Nathan A. Goodrick of Pawnee Rock and Myron H. Goodrick of Larned; one daughter, Ellen Mae Gerstner of Maud; one brother, James "Jack" Goodrick of Maud; two sisters, Ilene Maxwell of Lee's Summit, Mo., and Marguerite Tuder of Pittsburg, Mo.; six grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one brother, John Goodrick; and one sister, Pauline Rogers. Funeral will be at 3 p.m. Saturday at Beckwith Mortuary Chapel in Larned, with the Rev. Ryan Webster officiating. Burial will be at Larned Cemetery with military honors. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. today and Friday and from 9 a.m. to service time Saturday, all at the mortuary. Memorials are suggested to Garland B. Goodrick, in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Jan. 8, 2004

John Peter Schmidt 1925-2004

John Peter Schmidt, 78, of Great Bend, died Jan. 7 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. He was born Aug. 23, 1925, at Catherine, the son of Frederick and Margaret Dinkel Schmidt. He married Mary Hertel Nov. 17, 1948, at Hays. A resident of Great Bend since 1952, coming from Hays, he was a mechanic for Kansas Department of Transportation for 35 years, retiring in 1987. Schmidt was a member of St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church, Fraternal Order of Eagles and guest member of Veterans of Foreign Wars. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Rick Schmidt of Shawnee, Okla.; two daughters, Sharon Smythe of Salina and Sheila Schmidt of San Antonio, Texas; three brothers, Leo Clarence Schmidt of Missoula, Mont., Hilary Schmidt and Marcellus Schmidt, both of Hays; four sisters, Ann Schmidt of Plainville, Tina Likiardopolus of Wichita, Marge Schmidt of Hays and Frances Jane Jacobs of Minneapolis, Minn.; eight grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by three brothers, Joe Schmidt, Alexius Schmidt and Fidelis Schmidt; and two sisters, Catherine Quint and Mary Pelzel. Vigil will be at 7 p.m. today at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Funeral Mass will be at noon Friday at the church, with the Rev. Ted Stoecklein officiating. Burial will be at 4 p.m. Friday at St. Catherine Cemetery in Catherine. Friends may call from noon to 9 p.m. today and from 9 to 11 a.m. Friday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Cystinosis Foundation, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Jan. 8, 2004

Levana Belle Blanke 1929-2004

RUSSELL — Levana Belle Blanke, 74, died Jan. 6 at her winter home in Weslaco, Texas. She was born June 6, 1929, in Winfield, the daughter of Truman Miles and Zana Mae Williams Mitchell. She married Clarence Melvin Craven Dec. 29, 1947, in Greeley, Colo. He died Jan. 5, 1973. She married T. Jack Blanke Dec. 6, 1982, in Las Vegas, Nev. He died Oct. 12, 1999. A resident of Russell and Weslaco, coming from Gorham, Texas and Oklahoma, she was a homemaker and owner/operator of T. Jack Trucking Co. for 12 years. Mrs. Blanke was a member of Russell Veterans of Foreign Wars Ladies Auxiliary, Ladies Shrine Auxiliary and Nomad Shrine Camping Group. Survivors include two sons, Kenneth J. Craven of Great Bend and Melvin L. Craven of Hoisington; two daughters, Susan E. Craven and Teri K. Helwer, both of Russell; two brothers, George Mitchell of Marble Falls, Texas, and Robert Mitchell of Joplin, Mo.; one sister, Ida Mae Newton of Edmond, Okla.; 12 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one infant son, Alan Jay Craven; and one brother, Donald E. "Dick" Mitchell. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Pohlman-Heise Memorial Chapel in Russell, with Johnnie Hardie officiating. Burial will be at Prairie Lawn Cemetery in Gorham. Friends may call from 3 to 9 p.m. Friday at the mortuary. Family will receive friends from 7 to 9 p.m. Friday at the mortuary. Memorials are suggested to American Heart Association, in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Jan. 8, 2004

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Fay H. Partington 1910-2004

ALDEN — Fay H. Partington, 93, died Jan. 5 at Sterling Presbyterian Manor. He was born Sept. 13, 1910, at Sterling, the son of William Wilson and Rosa Lanham Partington. He was a 1930 graduate of Sterling High School. He married Ivan E. Long June 15, 1941, at Sterling. She died May 26, 2001. A lifetime Rice County resident, he was a retired farmer. Partington was a member of First United Methodist Church, serving as an usher, Sunday School teacher and on many church committees; served 31 years on Rice County Farm Service Agency committee; Rice County Farm Bureau Board and was a state leader of the year in 1952; Sterling College's Rice County Citizen of the Year in 1983; Rice County Extension Board; served on the Ark Valley Electric Co-op Board; Alden Council on Aging; charter member of Alden Community Pride, serving on the committee for many years; charter member of Alden Booster Club; served 40 years on Valley Township Board as treasurer; and other community organizations. Survivors include one son, Howard Partington of Great Bend and his wife Marie; one daughter, Shirley Fair of Alden and her husband Ed; grandchildren, Ellen Bock of Wichita; Julie Baker of Mission; Sarah Ober of Lawton, Okla.; Kimberly Partlow of Wichita; Randall Partington of Fredonia; three great-granddaughters; and two great-grandsons. He was preceded in death by

three brothers, Clarence Partington, Clyde Partington and Lyle Partington; and one grandson, Charles Norman Fair. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Friday at United Methodist Church in Sterling, with the Rev. Dr. Lee R. Louderback officiating. Burial will be at Sterling Community Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to noon Friday at Sillin Funeral Home in Sterling. Memorials are suggested to Rice County Council on Aging, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Jan. 7, 2004

Joyce Marie Murray 1930-2004

PAWNEE ROCK — Joyce Marie Murray, 73, died Jan. 5 at her home in Pawnee Rock. She was born Sept. 5, 1930, at Willow Lake, S.D., the daughter of Dave H. and Ruth Blogg Peterson. She married Wilbur "Bill" Murray Oct. 14, 1976, at Garden City. He died May 13, 1998. A longtime resident of Pawnee Rock, she was a retired dietary aide at Great Bend Health and Rehabilitation Center in Great Bend and a former employee with Fuller Brush of Great Bend. Mrs. Murray was a member of St. John Lutheran Church in Ellinwood. Survivors include three sons, David Jackson and Terry Jackson, both of Pawnee Rock, and James Jackson of Great Bend; one daughter, Vickie Alsop of Pawnee Rock; nine grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by five brothers and four sisters. Graveside memorial service will be at 3 p.m. Friday at Great Bend Cemetery, with the Rev. Dwight Dozier officiating. Cremation has taken place and there will be no visitation. Memorials are suggested to Great Bend Health and Rehabilitation Center, in care of Morell Funeral Home of Larned. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Jan. 7, 2004

Stephen S. Dlabal Sr. 1920-2004

WILSON — Stephen S. Dlabal Sr., 83, died Jan. 6 at Ellsworth County Medical Center. He was born Sept. 20, 1920, at Wilson, the son of John and Mary Wanasek Dlabal. He married Ida Vlcek Jan. 13, 1942, at Ellsworth. A lifetime resident of the Wilson area, he was a farmer and stockman. Dlabal was a member of St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church in Wilson, charter member and past president of Smokey Hill Electric Co-op, Knights of Columbus and Nocturnal Adoration Society. Survivors include his wife of the home; two sons, Stephen S. Dlabal Jr. and James Dlabal, both of Wilson; one brother, Pete Dlabal of Ellsworth; one sister, Mary Kirk of Ellsworth; and eight grandchildren. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at the church, with the Rev. Jerome Morgan officiating. Burial will be at St. Wenceslaus Cemetery in Wilson. Friends may call from noon to 8 p.m. today at Foster Mortuary in Wilson. Memorials are suggested to Ellsworth County Medical Center, in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Jan. 7, 2004

Lawrence E. 'Mick' Marlett

LARNED — Lawrence E. "Mick" Marlett, 82, died Jan. 6 at Robert J. Dole Veterans Hospital in Wichita. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Morell Funeral Home in Larned. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Jan. 7, 2004

Michael Lee Pryor Jr. 2004-2004

Michael Lee Pryor Jr., infant, of Great Bend, died Jan. 2 at Wesley Medical Center in Wichita. He was born Jan. 2 at Wichita, the son of Michael Lee and Marla Standiferd Pryor. Survivors include his parents of Great Bend; one sister, Hunter Leeann Pryor of the home; his grandparents, Jack and Rosemary Standiferd of Fredonia, Bob and Mary Pryor of Great Bend, and Harlan and Martha Welch of Harrisonville, Mo.; and great-grandparents, Leo and Marilyn Kaiser of Claflin, and Millie Young of Fredonia. Graveside service will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Fredonia City Cemetery, with the Rev. Stephen Baxter officiating. Timmons Funeral Home in Fredonia is in charge of arrangements. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Jan. 7, 2004

Leslie A. Meier 1930-2004

Leslie A. Meier, 73, of Great Bend, died Jan. 5 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. He was born July 7, 1930, at Russell, the son of John George and Katherine Margaret Ehrlich Meier. He married Gladys Moore Straub May 22, 1977, at Great Bend. A resident of Great Bend since 1976, coming from Russell, he worked for the county of Russell until 1976, and Barton County, retiring in 1986. Meier was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Great Bend. He was a U.S. Marine Corps veteran, having served from 1951 to 1953. Survivors include his wife of the home; two stepdaughters, Judy Olson of Great Bend and Janice Lisenby of Foreman, Ark.; two brothers, Harold Meier of Claflin and Paul Meier of Great Bend; three stepgrandchildren; and two stepgreat-granddaughters. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Clarence Meier and Carl Meier; and one sister, Lorena Hoffman. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend, with the Rev. James A. Strasen officiating. Burial will be at St. John Lutheran Cemetery in Russell. Friends may call from 5 to 9 p.m. 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 the church, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Jan. 7, 2004

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Imogene Rasek 1912-2004

Imogene Rasek, 91, of Great Bend, died Jan. 4 at Pleasant View Nursing Home in Inman. She was born April 10, 1912, at Warrensburg, Mo., the daughter of Amos and Ada Brown Taylor. She married Frank C. Rasek July 19, 1936, at LaJunta, Colo. He died Oct. 12, 1957. A resident of Great Bend, she was a teacher for USD 428, teaching fifth grade at Park and Morrison schools and retiring in 1977. She was a member of First Presbyterian Church, past president of Presbyterian Women, past deacon, a member of USD 428 Retired Teachers Association, American Association of University Women, Portia Club, Knife and

Fork Club, and Community Concert Association. Survivors include one daughter, Linda Rasek of Hutchinson; one niece, Jackie Ohlson of Denver, Colo.; and one nephew, Larry Rasek, Greeley, Colo. She was preceded in death by one brother, Lawrence Chester Taylor. Funeral will be at 1:30 p.m. Thursday at the church with the Rev. Hal Staats officiating. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call from 1 to 5 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Wednesday, both at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend, and from 11:30 a.m. to service time Thursday at the church. Memorials are suggested to Alzheimer's Association, the church or Barton County Community College Scholarship Fund, all in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Jan. 6, 2004

Raymond G. Dufford 1917-2004

LARNED — Raymond G. Dufford, 86, died Jan. 3 at Great Bend Health and Rehabilitation Center. He was born March 15, 1917, at Pawnee Rock, the son of Elmer and Waty Dickey Dufford. A lifetime resident of Pawnee and Barton counties, he was a farmer. Survivors include two daughters. Cremation has taken place and no service is planned. Memorials are suggested to Raymond Dufford Memorial, in care of Beckwith Mortuary of Larned. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Jan. 6, 2004

Elsie Vainer 1906-2004

MARION — Elsie Vainer, 97, died Jan. 3 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. She was born Jan. 15, 1906, at Herington. She married Joseph Vainer. He died in 1960. A resident of the Tampa and Pilsen communities most of her life, she was a homemaker. She was a member of Holy Family Parish in Marion County. Survivors include one son, Jim Vainer of Great Bend; one daughter, Virginia Means of Napa, Calif.; three grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. Rosary will be at 7:30 p.m. today at Zeiner Funeral Home in Pilsen. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at St. John Nepomucene Church, Holy Family Parish in Pilsen with the Rev. Paul Oborny officiating. Burial will be at Pilsen Church Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. today at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Center for Basic Cancer Research, Kansas State University, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Jan. 6, 2004

Leslie A. Meier 1930-2004

Leslie A. Meier, 73, of Great Bend, died Jan. 5 at Central Kansas Medical Center. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Jan. 6, 2004

Ora Kenneth Hudson 1918-2004

PAWNEE ROCK — Ora Kenneth Hudson, 85, died Jan. 3 at Wesley Medical Center in Wichita. He was born in rural Greenwood County, the son of Harvey H. and Nille Mae Osborn Hudson. He married Emma Jane Bruce July 22, 1939, at Cottonwood Falls. She died Aug. 2, 2003. A resident of Pawnee Rock since 1996, coming from Hanston, he was a retired self-employed mechanic. He attended Jehovah's Witness Kingdom Hall of Larned. Survivors include one sister, Avis Fern Werner of Rogers, Ark. He was preceded in death by two brothers and two sisters. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Morell Funeral Home in Larned with Butch T. Espinosa officiating. Burial will be at Pawnee Rock Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to American Cancer Society Relay for Life or the church, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Jan. 6, 2004

Dale H. Stinson 1915-2004

ST. LOUIS, Mo. — Dale H. Stinson, 88, died Jan. 2 at St. Louis. He was born June 21, 1915, at Milton, the son of Ralph and Margaret Stinson. He married Naida Sept. 2, 1938, at Topeka. She preceded him in death. A resident of Topeka, coming from Wilson, he was owner and operator of the Wilson World Newspaper until 1954 and Wilson postmaster, retiring in 1980. Survivors include one son, Terry Stinson of Phoenix, Ariz.; one daughter, Jean Naney of St. Louis; one brother, Lee Stinson of Dodge City; three granddaughters; and one great-granddaughter. Memorial service will be at a later date at Wilson Methodist Church with inurnment at Wilson Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to Wilson Methodist Church, P.O. Box 459, Wilson KS 67490. Keiegshauser West Mortuary in St. Louis is in charge of the arrangements. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Jan. 6, 2004

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Barry Lee Pruner 1948-2003

LaMESA, Calif. — Barry Lee Pruner, 55, died Dec. 26 at his home in LaMesa. He was born Dec. 27, 1948, at Stafford, the son of Lee and Rosie Heyen Pruner. He was a 1967 graduate of Ellinwood High School and attended Fort Hays State University. He married Kathy Bills in the early 1970s. She died in the 1980s. He later married Susan L. Clinton Nov. 3, 1984. A resident of San Diego, Calif., since 1970, coming from Ellinwood, he was an engineer for SBC Communications for 30 years. He was a U.S. Navy veteran, having served in the Vietnam War. Survivors include his wife of the home; one stepson, Jeffrey Clinton of San Diego; and one sister, Susan Curtiss of Ellinwood. He was preceded in death by one brother, Jim Pruner. Military graveside service will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Greenwood Memorial Park in San Diego. A local remembrance gathering will be at 4 p.m. Jan. 11 at the home of Joe and Susan Curtiss, 315 E. 1st. Ellinwood. Memorials are suggested to Center for Basic Research at

Kansas State University, in care of Kimple Funeral Home of Ellinwood. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Jan. 4, 2004

Florence 'Flo' Crabtree 1934-2004

Florence "Flo" Crabtree, 69, of Great Bend, died Jan. 1 at her home. She was born May 15, 1934, at North West River, Province, Newfoundland Labrador, Canada, the daughter of Harvey and Sevilla Campbell Goudie. She married J.W. Crabtree Dec. 14, 1957, at St. Louis, Mo. A resident of Great Bend, she was a cashier. Survivors include her husband of the home; one daughter, Audrey Powers; two brothers, Spencer Goudie and Roland Goudie, both of Canada; one sister, Veronica Fudge of Canada; and two grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one brother and two sisters. Funeral will be held at a later date in Canada. Charter Funerals of Great Bend is in charge of arrangements. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Jan. 4, 2004

Foster L. "Cope" Copeland 1913 - 2004

Foster L. "Cope" Copeland, 90 of Great Bend, died Jan. 2. Mr. Copeland was born on August 15, 1913, at Ponca City, Okla, The son of John B. and Lorraine Snider Copeland. He married Joy L. Leake on Jan. 10, 1947 at Opelousas, La. She preceded him in death on Dec. 10, 1998. Copeland was a member of the First Christian Church, the Elks Lodge, Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Sunflower Polka Club, all of Great Bend. He resided in Great Bend for the past 50 years having moved from Larned. Copeland was a Drilling Supervisor for D.R. Lauck. Survivors include one daughter, Billie McVey of Great Bend; one sister, Mary Smith of Ponca City; one grandson, Lee McVey of Great Bend; one nephew, John Gary Smith of Holt, Mich; four nieces, Janell Smith of Highland Ranch, Colo., Marsha Siler, Kathy Juckes, and Lisa Hisey, all of Ponca City; seven great-nieces, four great-nephews, , three great- great-nieces and five great- great-nephews. A funeral service will be held at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday at the church. Burial will be at the Great Bend Cemetery. Memorials may be given to the church or the Great Bend Humane Society, in care of Hays-Christians Funeral Home, P.O. Box 386, Lindsborg, KS 67456. Friends may call from 2 to 7 p.m. Tuesday at the church, 5230 Broadway Ave. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Jan. 4, 2004

Kenneth Lee Harris 1946-2004

HAYS — Kenneth Lee Harris, 57, died Jan. 1 at Hays Medical Center. He was born Dec. 19, 1946, at Claremore, Okla., the son of Burl and Anita Record Harris. He married Diane Harrison Dec. 30, 1966, at Plainville. A resident of Hays, he was a farmer. Harris was a member of First United Methodist Church and Veterans of Foreign Wars, both of Hays, and Masonic Lodge of Plainville. He was a U.S. Army veteran, having served during the Vietnam War. Survivors include his wife of the home; two sons, Greg Harris of Hutchinson and Mitch Harris of Hays; his parents of Plainville; three brothers, Tom Harris and Bob Harris, both of Great Bend, and Gerry Harris of Topeka; three sisters, Jacquie Meitler of Glenwood Springs, Colo., Patty Harris of Wichita and Dorothy Schmidt of Topeka; and four grandchildren. Funeral will be at 1:30 p.m. Monday at the church. Burial will be at Plainville City Cemetery with full military honors by Fort Riley Funeral Honor Guard. Friends may call from 4 to 6 p.m. today at Hays Memorial Chapel. Memorials are suggested to the church in Hays or First Christian Church in Plainville, both in care of Hays Memorial Chapel. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Jan. 4, 2004

Ethel M. Campbell 1906-2004

RUSSELL — Ethel M. Campbell, 97, died Jan. 1 at Wheatland Nursing Center. She was born Feb. 3, 1906, in Rush County, the daughter of Conrad H. and Mayme E. Albright Kaiser. She married Glenn Campbell Dec. 23, 1929, at La Crosse. He died Sept. 26, 1961. A resident of Russell, coming from Great Bend, she was a country school teacher in Rush County, an office manager for Wiley's Department Store, and a hostess and cashier for Suitors Country Restaurant, all of Great Bend. Survivors include one son, Richard "Dick" Campbell of Russell; two brothers, Carl Kaiser of Hutchinson and Delbert Kaiser of Oakland, Calif.; and one granddaughter. She was preceded in death by three brothers. No services will be held at this time. The body will be cremated and a private family burial service will be held at a later date at Hillcrest Memorial Park in Great Bend. Russell Funeral home is in charge of arrangements. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Jan. 4, 2004

Helen L. Green 1917-2004

Helen L. Green, 86, of Great Bend, died Jan. 2 at Hutchinson Hospital. She was born Feb. 24, 1917, at rural Great Bend, the daughter of Benjamine and Minnie Mead McMullen. She was a 1935 graduate of Frankfort High School in Frankfort, Ind. A lifetime area resident, she was office manager for Gibson Discount and secretary at Fuller Brush until her retirement. She was a member of the Protestant faith, women's bowling league and Cheyenne Bottoms Sportsman Club, all of Great Bend. Survivors include one daughter, Judy Christiansen of Great Bend; two sisters, Evelyn Wilson of Dayton, Ohio, and Gladys Woodrow of Great Bend; two stepgrandsons; and five stepgreat-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by four brothers, Cecil McMullen, Jim McMullen, Edward McMullen and Benjamin McMullen; and six sisters, Eileen McIver, Theresa McMullen, Elizabeth Sheen, Pauline Cooper, Dorothy Cole and Josephine Madison. There is no visitation. Cremation has taken place. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Memorials are suggested to Barton County Relay for Life, in care of Bryant Funeral Home of Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Jan. 4, 2004

Blanche A. Soukup 1913 - 2004

WILSON — Blanche A. Soukup, 90, of Wilson, died Jan. 2 at Salina Regional Health Center in Salina. She was born Dec. 1, 1913 at Wilson to Charles and Blanche Lilak Malir. A lifetime resident of the Dorrance/Wilson area she was a homemaker. She married Louis Soukup. He preceded her in death in 1982. Mrs. Soukup was a member of St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church. Altar Society.

and Daughters of Isabella all of Wilson. Survivors include one son Alvin Soukup of Dorrance, one daughter Vera Ehrlich of Wilson, 7 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one son Roy Soukup, and one grandson Alvin Soukup Jr. Vigil will be at 4 p.m. today at the parish. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Monday at the church with the Rev. Jerome Morgan officiating. Burial will be held at St. Wenceslaus Catholic 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 Church Improvement Fund in care of the mortuary. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Jan. 4, 2004

Katharyne D. Eberhart 1919-2004

Katharyne D. Eberhart, 84, homemaker, of Great Bend, passed into the arms of her Lord Jesus Jan. 1 at the Catholic Care Center in Wichita. She was born April 30, 1919, at Pearsonia, Okla., the daughter of Charles L. and Fern G. Schultz Hess. She married Marvin E. Eberhart June 10, 1939, at Ellinwood. He died Nov. 13, 1993. She lived in Wichita the last 4 1/2 years. She was a homemaker and had lived most of her life in Great Bend and was active in Trinity Lutheran Church. Survivors include one son, Max Eberhart and his wife, Nina, of Wichita; one daughter, Marva Eberhart of Kansas City, Mo.; one sister, Margaret Damon of Great Bend; grandchildren, Jason Eberhart and his wife, Tara, of Wichita, Jill Simmons and her husband, David, of Atlanta, Ga., and Vanessa Pollock and her husband, Charlie, of New Jersey; great-grandchildren, Keaton Eberhart, Reece Eberhart and Hudson Pollock; and nephews, Donald Damon and Kenneth Damon, both of Great Bend. Funeral will be at 1:30 p.m. Monday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend, with the Rev. Jeffrey Crane officiating. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call from 1 to 9 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. to service time Monday, all at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to Trinity Lutheran Church of Great Bend, Holy Cross Lutheran Church of Wichita or Catholic Care Center of Wichita, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Jan. 4, 2004

January 2, 2004

Beulah Marie Baines 1917-2003

LARNED — Beulah Marie Baines, 86, died Dec. 29 at St. Joseph Memorial Hospital in Larned. She was born June 19, 1917, at Rose Hill, the daughter of Walter Theodore and Dora Carlana Goodman Rountree. She married Harold Baines Sept. 26, 1960, at Junction City. He died Oct. 4, 1997. A resident of Larned since 1998, she was a homemaker. Survivors include two sons, Frank Wedge of Larned and Jimmie Baines of Manhattan; one granddaughter and three great-grandchildren. Cremation took place and the family will have a memorial service at a later date. Morell Funeral Home in Larned is in charge of arrangements. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Jan. 2, 2004

Eileen R. Morrill 1914-2003

LARNED — Eileen R. Morrill, 89, died Dec. 25 at Larned Healthcare Center in Larned. She was born July 6, 1914, at Wichita, the daughter of John Charles and Gladys Edna Leper Rose. She married Amos Dickerson Dec. 24, 1937, at Fort Worth, Texas. He died July 1973. She married Ernest Albert Morrill Dec. 19, 1974, at Galesburg, Ill. He died Jan. 27, 2002. A resident of Larned since 1998, coming from Texas, she was a retired school teacher and homemaker. Survivors include one son, Edgar Dean Dickerson of Garrison, Iowa; one daughter, Gwenda Thomas of Toddville, Iowa; two brothers; two sisters; six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. Cremation has taken place and there are no services planned. Memorials may be sent to Larned Healthcare Center in care of Morell Funeral Home in Larned. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Jan. 2, 2004

Janet M. Schwartz 1956-2003

WICHITA. — Janet M. Schwartz, 47, died Dec. 31 at Circle of Life Assisted Living Center, Wichita. She was born Feb. 29, 1956 at Hoisington, the daughter of Raymond J. and Eleanor A. Kaiser Schwartz. She grew up in Hoisington and was a 1974 graduate of Hoisington High school. After school, she worked and resided in Wichita. She was a dental assistant. Schwartz was a member of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, Hoisington. Survivors include three brothers, Ronald Schwartz of Kansas City, Mo., Mike Schwartz of Wichita and Alan Schwartz of Pratt, and four sisters, Debbie Tessler of Eugene, Ore., and Brenda Rios, Judy Cooper and Amy Schmidt, all of Wichita. Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Sunday at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home, Hoisington. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Monday at the church with the Rev. Pascal Klein officiating. Burial will be at St. John Cemetery, Hoisington. Friends may call from 1-9 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home. Memorial are suggested to donor's choice. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Jan. 2, 2004

David L. Benintendi 1966-2003

TOPEKA — David L. Benintendi, 37, died Dec. 29 at St. John. He was born Oct. 26, 1966, the son of Harold Ray and Erika Benintendi. He was a 1985 graduate of St. John High School, graduated summa cum laude with an associate of science degree from Pratt Community College in 1987, received a psychology degree in 1990 from University of Kansas, bachelor of social work from KU in 1993, and received a master of social work in 1994 from St. Louis University. He married Kelli Jo Eads May 26, 1996, in Lawrence. A resident of Topeka, coming from St. John, he was a mental health clinician. Survivors include his wife of the home; his mother of Topeka; and one sister, Kathy Bassett of Topeka. Funeral will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at Minnis Chapel in St. John, with Matthew Spurgin officiating. Burial will be at Fairview Park Cemetery in St. John. Memorials are suggested to Topeka Rescue Mission or Headquarters Counseling Center, both in care of the funeral chapel. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Jan. 2, 2004

Justino Delgado Vieyra Sr. 1937-2003

Tino Vieyra Sr., 66, passed away Dec. 29, 2003, at Central Kansas Medical Center, Great Bend, leaving behind his family and friends whom he loved dearly. He was born on June 1, 1937, in Sanford, the son of Pedro and Margaret Delgado Vieyra. Growing up in the Larned area, he attended Sacred Heart Catholic School and Larned High School. Shortly after, he joined the Army. He was a resident of Hutchinson for many years and was a member of Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church in South Hutchinson. In the year 2000, he moved to Great Bend and was a member of St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church. He is survived by one son, Tino Vieyra Jr. of Mobile, Ala.; and six daughters, Terri Wilson of Independence, Mo., Brenda Vieyra of Clarksville, Tenn., Deidre Baker and husband John of Kinsley, Lisa Vieyra Frame of Los Angeles, Calif., Sissy Saindon and husband Joe, and Mary Schridde and husband Brian, all of Great Bend; a companion and caregiver, Donna Goode; grandchildren, April, Andrea, Brandon, Christina, Mersadies, David, Jim, Shayla, Jessica, Jason, Tyler, Taylor, Zachary and Joshua; great-grandchildren, Ashley, Timothy, Kara and Haley; one brother, Genaro "Hank" Vieyra of Stafford; and four sisters, Mary and Inez Vieyra and Antonia Martinez, all of Hutchinson, and Cecilia "Sissy" Guterriez of Wichita. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Pedro Vieyra Jr. and Santos Vieyra. Parish rosary will be at 8 p.m. today and funeral Mass will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, both at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church, South Hutchinson, with Father Ned J. Blick presiding. Burial will follow in Memorial Park Cemetery, Hutchinson. Memorials may be made to Parkinson Disease Foundation, in care of Elliott Mortuary of Hutchinson. Now all we have are memories, but you will always be in our hearts. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Jan. 2, 2004

Anna Bakumenko 1917-2003

KINSLEY — Anna Bakumenko, 86, died Dec. 30 at Edwards County Hospital in Kinsley. She was born Dec. 13, 1917, at Minsk, Russia. She married Alex Bakumenko Nov. 13, 1945, in Germany. He died Jan. 7, 1987. A resident of Kinsley since 1954, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Bakumenko was a member of Kinsley United Methodist Church. Survivors include two sons, Val Bakumenko of Rozel and George Bakumenko of Kinsley; and one grandchild. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. today at McKillip Memorial Chapel in Kinsley, with the Rev. David Bell officiating. Burial will be at Hillside Cemetery in Kinsley. Memorials are suggested to Medicalodge of Kinsley, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Jan. 2, 2004

Irene Knoll 1920-2003

Irene Knoll, 83, of Great Bend, died Dec. 30 at Great Bend Health and Rehabilitation Center in Great Bend. She was born May 27, 1920, at Catherine, the daughter of Edward and Pauline Leiker Meier. She married Martin Knoll Nov. 5, 1938, at Hays. He died Jan. 6, 1996. A resident of Great Bend since 1944, coming from La Crosse, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Knoll was a member of St. Patrick Catholic Church in Great Bend. Survivors include two sons, Donald Knoll and Richard Knoll, both of Great Bend; one daughter, Mary Ellen Kingston of Odessa, Texas; one brother, Joseph Meier of Larned; 12 grandchildren; 29 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two sons, Martin Knoll Jr. and Robert Knoll; two daughters, Rita Decker and Cecilia Ann Schneider; and one brother, Alfred Meier. Funeral will be at 1:30 p.m. today at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend, with the Rev. Ted Stoecklein officiating. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to service time today at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Jan. 2, 2004

Fred L. Smith 1953-2003

BENTONVILLE, Ark. — Fred L. Smith, 50, died Dec. 29 at Northwest Medical Center, Benton County, after an illness. He was born July 15, 1953, in Hotchkiss, Colo., the son of Allen James and Mary Ann Mangan Smith. A resident of Bentonville for five years, he was an operations manager at Star Complex in Jane, Mo., for Wal Mart. Survivors include two sons, Michael Smith of Fayetteville, Ark., and Matthew Riche of Bentonville; one daughter, Andrea Elaine Smith of Bentonville; two brothers, Carl Smith of Houston, Texas, and Ed Smith of Bixby, Okla.; one sister, Tish McCluskey of Great Bend; one half-sister, Geneva Smith of Gunnison, Colo.; his grandmother, Iris Mangan of Hutchinson; and one granddaughter. He was preceded in death by one half-sister, Kathy Smith. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. today at First Baptist Church in Anderson, Mo., with the Rev. Pat Jeffers officiating. Burial will be at Jane Cemetery in Jane, Mo. Friends may call from 1 p.m. to service time today at the church. In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to American Cancer Society, in care of Ozark Funeral Home in Anderson. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Jan. 2, 2004

February 29, 2004

Kathleen V. Yeager 1911-2004

LARNED — Kathleen V. Yeager, 92, died Feb. 26 at St. Joseph Memorial Hospital in Larned. She was born July 15, 1911, at Macksville, the daughter of John and Ella Bryan McMorran. She was a graduate of the University of Kansas. She married Robert Reed Yeager Sept. 28, 1933, at Sedgwick. A longtime resident of Larned, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Yeager was a member of First Presbyterian Church, Presbyterian Women and PEO, all of Larned. Survivors include Her husband of the home, one son, Richard Allen of Portland, Ore.; one daughter, Ann Stanton of Larned; one sister, Helen Adams of Larned; six grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one brother, Don McMorran. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Monday at the church with the Rev. Jim Hawthorne officiating. Burial will be at Larned Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Sunday at Morell Funeral Home in Larned. Memorials are suggested to the church in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Morell Funeral Home P.O. Box 124 Larned, KS 67550 620-285-2177 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 29, 2004

Eynour 'Eva' Keller 1935-2004

Eynour "Eva" Keller, 68, of Great Bend, died Feb. 23 at Great Bend. She was born June 1, 1935, at Eastland, Texas, the daughter of Charles W. "Pappy" and Jenovia Catlin James. She was a resident of Great Bend. Survivors include her father of Great Bend. Memorial service will be at 10 a.m. Monday in the dining room area, 12th Floor, of Great Bend High Rise, 1101 Kansas, Great Bend, with the Rev. Dwight Dozier officiating. Funeral arrangements provided by Charter Funerals 2115 Washington Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-6161 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 29, 2004

Gilbert J. Sander 1927-2004

Gilbert J. Sander, 76, of Great Bend, died Feb. 26 at Via Christi Regional Medical Center, St. Francis Campus in Wichita. He was born Nov. 19, 1927, the son of Joseph J. and Adeline Meis Sander. As a young boy, his mother taught him to polka and he loved both dancing the polka and polka music. He married Joyce M. Burkhart June 25, 1947, in Hays. She died Nov. 27, 1990. He married Crystal Lietner Taylor May 12, 1995, in Great Bend. A resident of Great Bend since 1968, coming from Hoisington, he was an oil field pumper for Lasmo Energy of Great Bend. Sander was a faithful member of St. Patrick Catholic Church, a lifetime member of Great Bend American Legion and Eagles Lodge and a lifetime member of Hoisington Veterans of Foreign Wars. His hobby was cooking German food and fishing. He served as a seaman in the U.S. Navy. Survivors include his wife of the home; six daughters, Sharon M. Fox of St. Louis, Mo., Becky S. Wornkey and Shirley A. Tomlin, both of Great Bend, Debbie K. Shank of Hays, Patty L. Michael of Otis and Connie J. Sander of Denver, Colo.; one daughter-in-law, Marcia K. Sander of Irving, Texas; two stepsons, Larry Taylor of Lenora and Tracy Taylor of Kansas City; two brothers, Wilmer Sander of Great Bend and Frank Sander of Jacksonville, Ark.; two sisters, Arla Johnson of Lewisberg, W.Va., and Wanita "Sandy" Basgall of Great Bend; 13 grandchildren; four stepgrandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one son, Jim Sander; two brothers, Melvin and Alvin Sander; two sisters, Leona Vonfeldt and Cecelia Dreiling; and one grandson, Darren Wornkey. Vigil service will be at 7 tonight at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Funeral Mass will be at 10 a.m. Monday at the church, with the Revs. Ted Stoecklein and Dermot Tighe 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 Hoisington VFW, in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Bryant Funeral Home* 1425 Patton Road Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-3525 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 29, 2004

Joyce A. Loreg 1936-2004

Joyce A. Loreg, 67, of Great Bend, died Feb. 26 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. She was born Oct. 13, 1936, at Zurich, the daughter of William and Victoria DesMarteau Benoit. She married Melvin D. Loreg Nov. 26, 1955, at Phillipsburg. A resident of Great Bend, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Loreg was a member of St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church in Great Bend. Survivors include her husband of the home; two sons, Clifford L. Loreg of Great Bend and Melvin "Junior" Loreg of Wichita; one daughter, Jeanette Sanders of Great Bend; one sister, Edna Bedard of Thornton, Colo.; and 6 grandchildren and 2 step grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two brothers, Ted Benoit and Henry Benoit; and one sister, Shirley Miller. Altar Society rosary will be at 4 p.m. Monday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Vigil will be at 7 p.m. Monday at the funeral home. Funeral Mass will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at the church, with the Rev. Ted Stoecklein officiating. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call from 1 to 9 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Bryant Funeral Home 1425 Patton Road Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-3525 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 29, 2004

Richard Lee Steffen 1931-2004

Richard Lee Steffen, 72, of Great Bend, died Feb. 26 at Great Bend. He was born June 27, 1931, at Great Bend, the son of Dr. M.O. and Irene E. Thacker Steffen. A resident of Great Bend since 1984, coming from New Orleans, La., he was a chemical engineer for Dowell. Survivors include three sons. Richard R. Steffen of Kansas Citv. Mo.. Doug Steffen of Lees Summit. Mo..

and Stuart Steffen of Olathe; one brother, Thomas M. Steffen of Sterling; one sister, Marcene Olson of Wichita; and seven grandchildren. Funeral will be at 1:30 p.m. Monday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend, with the Rev. Dr. Gordon Rhodes officiating. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call from 1 to 9 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. to service time Monday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to St. Jude's Children's Hospital, in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Bryant Funeral Home 1425 Patton Road Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-3525 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 29, 2004

Richard B. Howlier 1941-2004

HOISINGTON — Richard B. Howlier, 62, Hoisington, died Feb. 27, 2004, at St. Joseph Hospital's Long Term Care Unit in Larned. He was born Sept. 25, 1941, at St. Rose Hospital, Great Bend, the son of Fred and Amelia Bitter Howlier. Richard attended Hope Inc., Sunflower Diversified Services and later Rosewood Services, all of Great Bend. He was a lifetime resident of Hoisington and a member of Concordia Lutheran Church in Hoisington. Survivors include one sister, Charlotte, and brother-in-law Dan Simpson, Hoisington; one brother, Fred J., and sister-in-law Virginia Howlier, Chandler, Ariz.; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by one sister, Darlene Hinkle. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington, with the Rev. Garry Dassow officiating. Burial will be at Hoisington Cemetery. Friends may call from 11 a.m. until 9 p.m. Monday, with prayer service at 7 p.m. Monday, and Tuesday from 9 a.m. until service time, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the Richard Howlier Memorial Fund in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home* 415 N. Main Street Hoisington, KS 67544 620-653-4165 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 29, 2004

February 27, 2004

Burt 'Sonny' Kiewert 1932-2004

LARNED — Burt "Sonny" Kiewert, 71, died Feb. 23, at his home in Larned. He was born May 5, 1932, at Chicago, Ill., the son of Henry and Bertha Wratil Kiewert. He married LaDonna M. Hedges March 25, 1983, at Larned. A resident of Larned since 1990, coming from Pawnee Rock, he was a retired truck driver and school bus driver for USD 495. Kiewert was a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars, a lifetime member of VFW National Home and American Legion, all of Pawnee Rock, AMVET, DAV and was a 32nd degree Mason and Shriner of Great Bend. He was a U.S. Air Force veteran, having served in the Korean War. Survivors include his wife of the home; three sons, Donald Kiewert of LaGrange, N.C., Michael Kiewert of Goldboro, N.C., and Kenneth Kiewert of Dudley, N.C.; one daughter, Nicki Roof of Pawnee Rock; one stepdaughter, Kathy Tester of Sparks, Nev.; and eight grandchildren. Memorial graveside service with military honors will be at 2 p.m. today at Larned Cemetery with the Rev. Johnny Augmon officiating. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. today at Beckwith Mortuary in Larned. Memorials are suggested to Golden Belt Hospice, Relay for Life or the donor's choice, all in care of Beckwith Mortuary of Larned. Funeral arrangements provided by Beckwith Funeral Home P.O. Box 447 Larned, KS 67550 620-285-2121 Great Bend (Kan) Tribune Feb. 27, 2004

Harold J. Cheney 1921-2004

HOISINGTON — Harold J. Cheney, 82, died Feb. 25 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. He was born July 9, 1921, at Dundee, the son of James Wesley and Rosa Lena Myers Cheney. He married Hilda E. Schneider Siegfried April 20, 1941, at Larned. A lifetime resident of Hoisington, he was a driller for more than 40 years, retiring in 1984. Cheney was a member of Emmanuel Lutheran Church of Hoisington and AHSGR of Russell. He was a U.S. Army veteran, serving during World War II. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Bob Cheney of Little River; one daughter, Jan Carroll of Hoisington; three brothers, Kenneth Cheney and Jerry Cheney, both of Wichita, and Cecil Cheney of Hoisington; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Eugene Cheney and Raymond Cheney. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at the church, with the Rev. Ronald B. MacLennan officiating. Burial will be at Hoisington Cemetery. Friends may call from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. today at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home and from 9:30 a.m. to service time Saturday at the church. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home P.O. Box 146 415 North Main Hoisington, KS 67544 620-653-4165 Great Bend (kan.) Tribune Feb. 27, 2004

Glenora E. Roberts 1938-2004

SALEM, Ore. — Glenora E. Roberts, 66, died Feb. 17 from a cancer-related illness. Her family held her close during her passing. She was born Jan. 31, 1938, in Lyons. She attended Stafford High School. She married Robert L. Roberts March 28, 1955, in Tucumcari, N.M. He preceded her in death. Her life was her family and she will be greatly missed. She loved to fish and enjoyed writing short stories. Several of her outdoor articles were published. She loved her profession as a real estate agent and retired in 1991. She was a member of Presbyterian Church in Stafford and Chase. She loved her family, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Survivors include her father, Chet Morris of Stafford; sister, Marletta Anspaugh of Hoisington; son/daughter-in-law, Larry and Debbie Roberts of Dallas, Ore.; daughter/son-in-law, Vicki and Jim Brister of Salem, Ore.; son/daughter-in-law, Dale and Sheila Roberts of Keizer, Ore.; sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Helen and Charles Montgomery of Kirkland, Wash.; grandchildren, Melissa and Eddie Roberts of Dallas, Cory, Joe and Josh Brister of Salem and Carly and Courtney Roberts of Keizer; great-grandchildren, McKyla, Jaden and Kailey. Memorial services were held Feb. 23 at City View Funeral Home in Salem. Memorials are suggested to First Baptist Church or Presbyterian Church of Chase, both in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by City View Funeral Home* 701 1st St. Kirkland, WA 98033 503-636-8652 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 27, 2004

Natalie 'Dollie' Strecker 1908-2004

RUSSELL — Natalie "Dollie" Strecker, 95, died Feb. 25 at Cheyenne Meadows Living Center in Hoisington. She was born Nov. 15, 1908, in Barton County, the daughter of Fred and Anna Herdt Schneider. She married Luther B. Strecker Nov. 20, 1927, at Milberger. He died Feb. 6, 1995. A resident of Russell since 1946, coming from a farm in the Bender Hill area, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Strecker was a member of St. John Lutheran Church of Russell, Extension Homemakers Unit of Milberger, and Russell County Farm Bureau. Survivors include one son, Dennis Strecker of Great Bend; one daughter, Norma Jurgensen of Wichita; one sister, Viola Schwein of Russell; seven grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and six great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by four brothers, Ferdinand Schneider, Alvin Schneider, Victor Schneider and Harold Schneider. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at the church, with the Rev. Henry Hartman officiating. Burial will be at St. John Lutheran Cemetery in Russell. Friends may call from 1 to 9 p.m. today at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington and from 11 a.m. to service time Saturday at the church. Memorials are suggested to St. John Lutheran Church Organ Fund, in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home P.O. Box 146 415 North Main Hoisington, KS 67544 620-653-4165 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 27, 2004

Kathleen V. Yeager

LARNED — Kathleen V. Yeager, 92, died Feb. 26 at St. Joseph Memorial Hospital in Larned. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Morell Funeral Home in Larned. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 27, 2004

ADDITION

Darren Wornkey, 24, who died Feb. 21 in Great Bend, is also survived by a half-brother, Shawn Michael Wornkey of Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.

February 26, 2004

Nyla Fae Dinsmoor 1925-2004

WICHITA — Nyla Fae Dinsmoor, 79, died Feb. 23 at Wichita. She was born Jan. 29, 1925, in Lucas, the daughter of Walter O. and Blanch B. Barr Nichols. She was a retired payroll supervisor for Gates Learjet. Survivors include daughters and sons-in-law, Bobbie Harris of Wichita, Jo and Mike Twidwell of Shell Knob, Mo., Debbie and John Krasowski of Colorado Springs, Colo.; one brother, Loren Nichols of Hutchinson; one sister, Theo Bear of Great Bend; and grandchildren, Julie and Greg Krasowski of Colorado Springs. She was preceded in death in 1976 by her husband, Donald Dean. Funeral will be at 4 p.m. today at West Heights United Methodist Church in Wichita. Memorials are suggested to the church and St. Paul's United Methodist Church youth program, both in care of Resthaven Mortuary, 11800 W. Highway 54, Wichita, KS 67209. Funeral arrangements provided by Resthaven Mortuary* 11800 W. Highway 54 Wichita, KS 67209 316-722-2100 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 26, 2004

Burt 'Sonny' Kiewert 1932-2004

LARNED — Burt "Sonny" Kiewert, 71, died Feb. 23 at his home in Larned. Graveside service will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Larned Cemetery with the Rev. Johnny Augmon officiating. Beckwith Mortuary of Larned is in charge of arrangements. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Feb. 26, 2004

Harold J. Cheney 1921-2004

HOISINGTON — Harold J. Cheney, 82, died Feb. 25 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Feb. 26, 2004

Mark A. Harmony 1957-2004

LYONS — Mark A. Harmony, 46, died Feb. 21 at Great Bend. He was born Oct. 8, 1957, at Great Bend, the son of Karl and Virginia Nuss Harmony. He married Vicki A. Lindenfelser Aug. 29, 1989, at Phoenix, Ariz. A resident of Lyons since 2002, coming from Great Bend where he had lived most his life, he was a general contractor for Harmony Specialty Equipment Co. in Lyons. Harmony was a member of Faith Bible Church in Lyons. Survivors include his wife of the home; four sons, Justin Doucet of Spokane, Wash., Brandon A. Harmony, Jared A. Harmony and Elijah A. Harmony, all of the home; two daughters, Brianna Doucet of Spokane and Elisabeth A. Harmony of the home; his parents of Great Bend; one brother, David Harmony of Hutchinson; and four sisters, Pam Smith of Buhler, Glenna Achatz and Brenda Friess, both of Great Bend, and Susanne Radke of Lyons. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at First Southern Baptist Church in Great Bend, with the Revs. Curtis Fitzgerald and Doyle Smith officiating. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Family will receive friends from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to Mark Harmony Children's Fund, in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Bryant Funeral Home 1425 Patton Road Great Bend, KS 67565 620-793-3525 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 26, 2004

Chiemi Krankenberg 1931-2004

HUDSON — Chiemi Krankenberg, 72, died Feb. 25 at Menorah Medical Center in Leawood. She was born Sept. 13, 1931, at Kure, Japan, the daughter of Isamu and Himeno Ishimaru. She married Gene Krankenberg Sept. 26, 1955, in Japan. A longtime resident of Hudson, moving to Leawood six months ago, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Krankenberg was a member of Trinity United Church of Christ. Survivors include her husband of the home; two sons, Robert Krankenberg of Wichita and George Krankenberg of Hudson; one daughter, Amy Highfill of Overland Park; one brother; two sisters; and eight grandchildren. She was preceded in death by four siblings and one grandson. Memorial service will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at the church in Hudson, with the Rev. Wade Russell officiating. Inurnment will be at Trinity Cemetery in Hudson. The family will receive friends from 7 to 9 p.m. Friday at Minnis Chapel Inc. of St. John. In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to Chiemi Krankenberg Memorial Fund, 6314 West 150th St., Overland Park, KS 66223. Memorial gifts will be distributed to United Church of Christ Ministries. Funeral arrangements provided by Minnis Chapel P.O. Box 34 St. John, KS 67576 620-549-3556 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 26, 2004

February 25, 2004

Ora W. Gustin 1910-2004

HOISINGTON — Ora W. Gustin, 93, died Feb. 23 at Hutchinson Hospital. He was born Aug. 9, 1910, at Barton County, the son of William and Lena Hester Gustin. He married Verna V. Muth Nov. 25, 1942, at Otis. She died Feb. 22, 2003. A lifetime resident of Galatia and Hoisington, he was a farmer and a bulk truck driver for Phillips 66 and Galatia Co-op. Gustin was a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church of Galatia, Veterans of Foreign Wars of Otis and former president and director of Galatia Co-op. He was a U.S. Army veteran, having served in World War II. Survivors include one daughter, Kay Steinert of Hoisington; four grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one daughter, Cindy Gustin; four sisters, Irene and Lily Gustin, Margaret Oliverius and Carrie Schlegel. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at the church with the Rev. Shannon Tiller Vogelesang officiating. Burial will be at Fairview Cemetery in Galatia. 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 Thursday at the church. Memorials are suggested to the church or Kans for Kids, both in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home 415 N Main. St. Hoisington, KS 67544 620-653-4165 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 25, 2004

Geraldine 'Gerry' M. Westfall 1936-2004

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. — Gerry Westfall, 67, died Feb. 22 in Colorado Springs. She was born Aug. 20, 1936, in Great Bend, the daughter of John L. and Isabell Birzer. A resident of Colorado Springs since 1972, she was employed by Colorado Spring Health Partners. She was a devout member of Divine Redeemer Catholic Church. She is survived by her loving and caring husband of 46 years, Kermit, and children, Kevin Westfall, Brenda Crossland and husband Bob, Cheryl Neama and husband George, Kayla Smith and husband James; eight grandchildren; one great-granddaughter; one brother, Lawrence Birzer; and two sisters, Ursuline Penka and Marguerite Birzer. Public viewing will be from 4 to 8 p.m. today at Swan-Law Funeral Home, 501 N. Cascade Ave., Colorado Springs. A rosary will be at 6 p.m. Funeral will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday at Divine Redeemer Catholic Church on the corner of Logan and Yampa Streets. Burial will follow at Evergreen Cemetery located at 1005 S. Hancock Ave., Colorado Springs. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions can be made to The Multiple Sclerosis Society or The American Cancer Society, both in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Swan-Law Funeral Home* 501 N. Cascade Ave. Colorado Springs, Colo. 719-471-9900 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 25, 2004

Mark A. Harmony

LYONS — Mark A. Harmony, 46, died Feb. 21. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Bryant Funeral Home of Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 25, 2004

February 24, 2004

Richard Joseph 'Joe' Cronin 1912-2004

Richard Joseph "Joe" Cronin, 91, of Great Bend, died Feb. 23 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. He was born Dec. 2, 1912, in Houston, Texas, the son of Joseph and Lula Gordon Cronin. He was a graduate of Kansas State University. He married Verdine Brown Dec. 26, 1937. She died Feb. 23, 1985. He married Vivian Johnson May 31, 1990, in Great Bend. A resident of Great Bend, he was an engineer for Philips Petroleum for Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas. Cronin was a member of First Presbyterian Church, Masonic Lodge No. 15 and York Rite, all of Great Bend, and Sunflower Shrine Club of Salina. Survivors include his wife of the home; one daughter, Alice Finney of Edmond, Okla.; two brothers, Jerry Cronin of Perry, Okla., and Jim Cronin of Pasadena, Calif.; one sister, Mary Laverty of Moorpark, Calif.; two grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one brother, Walter Cronin. Funeral will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday at the church, with the Rev. Hal Staats officiating and services conducted by Masonic Lodge. Burial will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at Girard City Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. today at Charter Funerals Chapel in Great Bend, with family receiving friends from 7 to 8 p.m. today. Memorials are suggested to the church or Masonic Lodge No. 15, both in care of the funeral chapel. Funeral arrangements provided by Charter Funerals 2115 Washington Great Bend, KS 67530 620-293-6161 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 24, 2004

Dana Marie Gilbert Knappenberger 1961-2004

ST. JOHN — Dana Marie Gilbert Knappenberger, 43, died Feb. 22 at Stafford District Hospital. She was born Jan. 13, 1961, at Lawrence, the daughter of Verlin and Suzanne Sandusky Gilbert. She was a 1979 graduate of Lawrence High School and received her bachelor of science degree from the University of Kansas in 1983. She married Don J. Knappenberger Nov. 22, 1992, at Lawrence. A resident of St. John for 12 years, coming from Lawrence, she was a mathematics teacher at USD 350 St. John Junior and Senior High School and had previously taught school at Sunset Elementary School in Lawrence. She was a member of First United Methodist Church, a Sunday school teacher, church youth ministry coordinator, United Methodist Women, Parent Teachers Organization, Hesperian Club, a 4-H leader, Ida Long Goodman Library Board and a coach for youth soccer, basketball and t-ball, all of St. John. Survivors include her husband of the home; one son, Tyler Hammond of St. John; one daughter, Kaylea Knappenberger of St. John; her parents of Lawrence; one brother, Darren Gilbert of Lawrence; and one sister, Sharna Miller of Lawrence. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the church, with the Rev. Robbie Fall officiating. Burial will be at Fairview Park Cemetery in St. John. Friends may sign the book from 1 to 8 p.m. today at Minnis Chapel in St. John. The casket will be closed. Memorials are suggested to the church, USD 350 Educational Foundation or Ida Long Goodman Library, all in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Minnis Chapel P.O. Box 34 St. John, KS 67576 1-620-348-2285 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 24, 2004

Roy L Lindsey 1936-2004

Roy L. Lindsey, 67, of Great Bend, died Feb. 22 at Kansas Heart Hospital in Wichita. He was born July 26, 1936, at Jefferson City, Mo., the son of Roy Elmer and Marie Hodgen Lindsey. He married Rose Ann Hoadley Oct. 9, 1954, at Great Bend. She died April 17, 2001. He was a resident of Great Bend since 1947. Lindsey was a member of First United Baptist Church and Eagles, both of Great Bend. Survivors include his companion, Joyce Tauscher of Great Bend; one son, Roy Leon Lindsey Jr. of Leavenworth; four daughters, Nina Dove and Donona Howard, both of Cottonwood, Ariz., Teresa Seachris of Great Bend and Sharon Bieberle of Larned; three sisters, Joyce Koons of Lindsborg, Sue Snider of Denison, Texas, and Sandy Monroe of Great Bend; 13 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one sister, Joan Johnson. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend, with the Rev. Dr. Doyle Smith officiating. Burial will be at Golden Belt Cemetery in Great Bend. Friends may call from 5 to 9 p.m. today, from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Wednesday and from 9 a.m. to service time Thursday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Golden Belt Home Health and Hospice, in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Bryant Funeral Home 1425 Patton Rd. Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-3525 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 24, 2004

Darren Robert Wornkey 1979-2004

Darren Robert Wornkey, 24, of Great Bend, died Feb. 21 at Great Bend. He was born Nov. 20, 1979, at Great Bend, the son of Steven Ray Sr. and Rebecca "Becky" Sue Sander Wornkey. A lifetime resident of Great Bend, he was formerly employed by the Holiday Inn of Great Bend. Survivors include one son, Nicholas Ray Wornkey of Great Bend; one daughter, Heaven Marie Wornkey of Great Bend; his parents of Great Bend; grandfather, Gilbert J. Sander of Great Bend; and three brothers, Steven Ray Wornkey Jr., Alan Lee Wornkey and Chad Dale Wornkey, all of Great Bend. He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Roy and Maxine Wornkey; his grandmother, Joyce M. Sander; and one uncle, Jim Sander. Funeral will be at 2 p.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 noon to 9 p.m. Wednesday and from 9 a.m. to service time Thursday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the family of Darren Robert Wornkey, in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Bryant Funeral Home* 1425 Patton Rd. Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-3525 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 24, 2004

Eva Keller 1936-2004

Eva J. Keller, 68, of Great Bend, died Feb. 23. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Charter Funerals of Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Feb. 24, 2004

Ora W. Gustin 1910-2004

HOISINGTON — Ora W. Gustin, 93, died Feb. 23 at Hutchinson Hospital. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Feb. 24, 2004

Marty J. Lampe 1963-2004

JETMORE — Marty J. Lampe, 40, died Feb. 22 at his home. He was born June 18, 1963, at Wichita, the son of Quentin "Bud" and Eunice Pitts Lampe. He married Kris Litzenberger July 19, 1984, in Jetmore. A lifetime resident of Jetmore, he worked for the city of Jetmore. Lampe was a member of United Methodist Church and Sons of American Legion, both of Jetmore. Survivors include his wife of the home; two daughters, Kelsey Lampe and Kyra Lampe, both of the home; his mother of Jetmore; two brothers, Delane Lampe and John McKivergan, both of Jetmore; and two sisters, Tavanna Pesicka of Otis and Janice Smith of Salina. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday 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 at Beckwith Funeral Home in Jetmore. Memorials are suggested to Lampe Children Educational Fund, in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Beckwith Funeral Home 122 W. Bramley Jetmore, KS 67854 620-357-8331 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 24, 2004

February 22, 2004

John P. Harrington Sr. 1914-2004

FRANKFORT — John P. Harrington Sr., 89, died Feb. 19 at Community Memorial Health Care in Marysville. He was born April 17, 1914, on a farm N.E. of Blaine, the son of Phil and Ellen Cummings Harrington. He graduated from Blaine High School in 1932. He married Ellen G. McCoy Dec. 3, 1936. A resident of Frankfort, he was a timekeeper on several WPA projects in Marshall County from 1936 to 1940, was an employee at the supply depot in Topeka in the 1940s and was the Standard Oil agent in Frankfort for 31 years. Harrington was a member of Annunciation Catholic Church and Knights of Columbus of Lillis. He was loyal to his family, his religion and his Irish heritage. He was a lifelong Democrat. Survivors include his wife of the home; five sons, Harold Harrington and David Harrington, both of Kansas City, Phil Harrington and Charlie Harrington, both of Frankfort and Dennis Harrington of Cornwall, England; four daughters, Kathleen Borck and Susan Colglazier, both of Larned, Peggy Harrington of Topeka and Rita Harrington of Seattle, Wash.; one brother, Louis Harrington of Blaine; 16 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by three sisters, Irene, Regina and Helen; one brother, Richard Harrington; a granddaughter, Tami Borck; and a son-in-law, John Colglazier. Rosary will be at 7 p.m. today at the church. The funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at the church with the Rev. Bill Bruning officiating. Burial will be at Mt. Calvary Cemetery in Frankfort. Friends may call from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. today at Padden Funeral Chapel in Frankfort and one hour prior to service time Monday at the church. Memorials are suggested to the church. Funeral arrangements provided by Padden Funeral Chapel* 101 E. 3rd Frankfort, KS 66427 785-562-3021 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 22, 2004

Geneva G. Jones 1920-2004

DODGE CITY — Geneva G. Jones, 83, died Feb. 18 at Western Plains Medical Complex in Dodge City. She was born Sept. 9, 1920, at Great Bend, the daughter of Walter J. and Gracie M. Speck Gregg. She graduated from Great Bend High School and received her registered nursing degree from Halstead Hospital and Hartzler Clinic in Halstead. She married Earl K. Harman in June of 1946. She later married Laurin W. Jones Sept. 9, 1978, in Dodge City. He preceded her in death June 13, 1999. A longtime Dodge City resident, she was a RN at Trinity Hospital and later Dodge City Regional Hospital. She was a member of First United Methodist Church and Tri Phi Sunday School Class, was an altar steward for over 30 years, was on the church Board of Trustees, United Methodist Women, Kansas State Nurses Association, Florence Nightengale Retired Nurses, Past president of Parent Teachers Association of Northwest Elementary School of Dodge City, Dodge City Women's Chamber of Commerce and a volunteer for the Red Cross Blood Drives. Survivors include one son, Earl L. "Beanie" Harman of Dodge City; two daughters, the Rev. Georgia Gay Harris of Chicago, Ill, and Mari A. Wright of Salisbury, N.C.; one sister, Rosa May Denney of Bella Vista, Ark.; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Monday at the church with Dr. Michael F. Gardner and the Revs. Dick Robbins and Georgia Gay Harris officiating. Burial will be at Greencrest Cemetery in Dodge City. Friends may call from noon to 6 p.m. today at Swaim Funeral Home in Dodge City. Memorials are suggested to the church or Alzheimer's Association in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Swaim Funeral Home 1901 6th Ave. Dodge City, KS 67801 620-227-2136 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 22, 2004

Ivee Nicole Murphy 2003-2004

LARNED — Ivee Nicole Murphy, 4 months, died Feb. 20 at St. Joseph Memorial Hospital in Larned. She was born Sept. 27, 2003, at Great Bend, the daughter of Marcus D. and Kimberley Edwards Murphy. Survivors include her parents of Larned; one brother, Evan of the home; one sister, Asia of the home; grandparents, Fred Murphy and Sandra Edwards, both of Larned, Karen Love of Colorado Springs, Colo., and Kenneth Edwards of Pawnee Rock; great-grandparents, Lawrence and Lillie Edwards of Wichita and Barbara Buckingham of Oxford, England; and great-great grandmother, Anna Bell Brewer of Larned. Funeral will be at 3 p.m. Tuesday at Morell Funeral Home in Larned with the Rev. William Harden officiating. Burial will be at Larned Cemetery. Friends may call from noon to 8 p.m. Monday and from 9 a.m. until service time Tuesday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Ivee Nicole Murphy fund in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Morell Funeral Home P.O. Box 124 Larned, KS 67550 620-285-2177 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 22, 2004

Anna Antonia Kraus 1937-2004

LARNED — Anna Antonia Kraus, 67, died Feb. 20 at her home in Larned. She was born Jan. 7, 1937, in rural Dodge City, Hodgeman County, the daughter of Adolph Gustav and Antonia Wilhelmenia Brazda Rabenseifner. She was a 1954 graduate of Larned High School. A longtime resident of Larned, she was a retired licensed mental health technician at Larned State Hospital. She was a member of the Lutheran faith and Eagles Lodge of Great Bend. Survivors include one son, Will Keller of Larned; three daughters, Kathryn White Gevara, Coletta White Mogbo and Lurene Keller, all of Garden City; one brother, Edward Rabenseifner of St. John; one sister, Elizabeth Fleske of Larned; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one grandson, Jaja Mogbo. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Morell Funeral Home in Larned with the Rev. Don Paden officiating. Burial will be at Belpre Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. today and 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday, both at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to American Heart Association in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Morell Funeral Home P.O. Box 124 Larned, KS 67550 620-285-2177 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 22, 2004

Margaret Lillian Marlett Durler 1928-2004

LARNED — Margaret Lillian Marlett Durler. 76. a resident of Larned since June 2002 and a former resident of Great Bend. died

Feb. 21 at Larned Health Care Center. She was born Feb. 2, 1928, on the Salmans Homestead in Hodgeman County. The youngest of six children of Della Kolita Salmans Marlett and James Vurnel Marlett, she spent her early childhood on the Salmans Farm outside of Burdett until the family moved to Larned where she attended school, graduating from Larned High School in 1946. During her teen years, she worked at Lynch Drug Store. She married John Jacob Durler Jr. Jan. 9, 1947, at the old Sacred Heart Church in Larned. They lived in Larned until the fall of 1957 when they moved to Great Bend. During the 1960's Margaret was employed by the Pastry Shop in Great Bend. Margaret also served as den mother and spent many hours working for the Girl Scouts as well as St. Rose Altar Society. Margaret was preceded in death by her husband, John on Dec. 31, 1994, and by her brothers, James Alton Marlett and his wife Emma Hagerman Marlett, L.E. "Mick" Marlett, Delmar Allen Marlett, John William Marlett and his wife Betty Brack Marlett; her sister, Viola Mae Marlett Kirchgassner and her husband William Kirchgassner; and one grandchild, Sharen Jo Durler. Immediate family survivors include R. Steven and Janice Durler, Stanley J. and Lee Durler of Larned; S. Michael and Debra Durler of Great Bend, Sharen Durler Pflughoeft of Eufaula, Okla.; three grandchildren, Angela Durler (Kenneth) Jensen of Clute, Texas, Jamie Durler of Manhattan and Jodie Durler of Leavenworth; four step-grandchildren, John Cole of Branson, Mo., Travis Bradford of Topeka, Tina Pflughoeft (Keith) Firgens of Dallas, Texas, Lisa Pflughoeft (Todd) Goetz of Wichita; three great-grandchildren, Nathan and Mathew Jensen of Clute and MaKayla Cole of Branson; and one maternal aunt, Dencie Rakes (Leonard "Sam") Salmans of Ness City. Surviving in-laws include Alma Smeltzer "Mick" Marlett of Larned, Mary Ann Jacobson of Greeley, Colo., Ed Higgins of Denver, Teresa and Chuck Williamson of Albuquerque, N.M., Susie (Quintin) Penka of Alamogordo, N.M., and Nathan and Al Penka of Eau Claire, Wis. A celebration of life memorial and rosary will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday at Beckwith Mortuary in Larned. Funeral mass will be at Sacred Heart Catholic Church at 10:30 a.m. Thursday with the Rev. Dennis Reed officiating. Burial will be at Larned Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m to 8 p.m. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, all at the funeral home. A memorial in care of the funeral home has been established at Larned Health Care Center for the continued care and comfort of residents. The family wishes to express its appreciation and thanks to the staff and administration of Larned Health Care for the diligent and loving care of their mother over this past year and a half. Funeral arrangements provided by Beckwith Mortuary Chapel* P.O. Box 477 Larned, KS 67550 620-285-2121 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 22, 2004

Hazel 'Toots' Lucille Fisher 1922-2004

LARNED — Hazel "Toots" Lucille Fisher, 82, died Feb. 21 at Leisure Homestead in St. John. She was born Jan. 11, 1922, in rural Belpre the daughter of James and Minnie Liles Tranbarger. She married Keith Fisher Nov. 21, 1937, at Fellsburg. A lifetime resident of Larned, she was a homemaker. She was a member of Macksville Christian Church and Christian Womens Fellowship, both of Macksville. Survivors include six grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two sons, Ronald Bruce Fisher and Galen Fisher; and one brother, Donald Tranbarger. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the church with the Rev. Carey Haner officiating. Burial will be at Farmington Cemetery in Macksville. Friends may call from 1 to 3 p.m. Monday at Minnis Chapel in St. John and from 5 to 8 p.m. Monday at Minnis Chapel in Macksville. Memorials are suggested to the church in care of the funeral chapel. Funeral arrangements provided by Minnis Chapel* 205 N. Main St. Macksville, KS 67557 620-348-2285 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 22, 2004

G.O. 'Gib' Hauser 1911-2004

G.O. "Gib" Hauser, 92, of Great Bend, died Feb. 18 at Central Kansas Medical Center of Great Bend. He was born May 28, 1911, at Ellinwood, the son of Ernest and Anna Lebbin Hauser. He married Lillian Klusener. He married Fern Harman Sept. 26, 1936. She died Dec. 22, 1997. A resident of Great Bend since 1936, living in Barton County most of his life, he was a salesman for Home Improvements. Hauser was a member of First Christian Church and Elks Lodge, both of Great Bend, and Pro Rodeo Hall of Fame of Colorado Springs, Colo. Survivors include two daughters, Elmaleda McMinn of Emporia and Wanda Komarek of Great Bend; one brother, Floyd Hauser of Great Bend; one sister, Evelyn Davis of Wichita; seven grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; and 11 great-great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one brother, Vernon Hauser; one sister, Dorothy Hancock; and one grandson, Jim McMinn. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. today at the church with the Rev. William F. Johnson officiating. Burial will be at Lakin-Comanche District Cemetery in Ellinwood. Memorials are suggested to the church in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Bryant Funeral Home 1425 Patton Rd. Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-3525 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 22, 2004

Glenora E. Roberts 1938-2004

SALEM, Ore. — Glenora E. Roberts, 66, formerly of Stafford and Chase, died Feb. 17. Memorial service will be at 3 p.m. Monday at City View Funeral Home in Salem with interment following. Memorials are suggested to First Baptist Church, 701 1st St., Kirkland, WA, 98033, or the Presbyterian Church in Chase. City View Funeral Home in Salem is in charge of arrangements. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune Feb. 22, 2004

Edith Helen Burnett 1904-2004

LARNED — Edith Helen Burnett, 99, died Feb. 19 at her home in Larned. She was born Sept. 7, 1904, in Larned, the daughter of Frederick Deming and Edith May Shallenberger Lowrey. She married Donald E. Burnett Feb. 14, 1932, at Larned. He died Aug. 5, 2002. A lifetime Larned resident, she was a homemaker. She was a member of First Presbyterian Church, PEO, Larned Music Club and Larned Country Club, all of Larned. Survivors include one son, Donald L. Burnett and his wife Deanne of Larned; four grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one son, Frederick; and three brothers, Fred Lowrey, Ralph Lowrey and George Lowrey. Graveside service will be at 1:30 p.m. Monday at Larned Cemetery with the Rev. Jim Hawthorne officiating. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. today and until service time Monday, all at Beckwith Mortuary Chapel in Larned. Memorials are suggested to the church, Emergency Medical Service or EldlerCare Inc., all in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Beckwith Mortuary Chapel* P.O. Box 477 Larned. KS 67550 620-285-2121

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 22, 2004

Esther L. Delaney 1908-2004

JETMORE — Esther L. Delaney, 95, died Feb. 20 at Hodgeman County Health Center Long Term Care in Jetmore. She was born Aug. 11, 1908, in Campus, the daughter of George and Katie Schneider Eichman. She married Harvey Delaney II May 26, 1928, at WaKeeney. He died Jan. 29, 1965. A longtime resident of Ness City, she was a homemaker. She was a member of United Methodist Church, Rosedale Club, Rebekah's and Leisure Years Center, all of Ness City. Survivors include two sons, Jack Delaney and his wife Norma and Howard "Mutt" Delaney and his wife Barbara, all of Burdett; two daughters, Faye Brown and her husband Dwight of Ransom and Joann Rohr and her husband Melvin of Ness City; one sister, Alma Gross of Ness City; seven grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two sisters, Katherine Roskoph and Elsie Schneider. Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Fitzgerald Funeral Home in Ness City with the Rev. Sue Talbot officiating. Burial will be at Ness City Cemetery. Friends may call from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. until service time Monday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Hodgeman County Long Term Care of Jetmore or the church in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Fitzgerald Funeral Home* 2074 N. Pennsylvania Ness City, KS 67560 785-798-3243 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb.22, 2004

February 20, 2004

The Rev. Charles Edward Reed 1938-2004

MONROE, La. — The Rev. Charles Edward Reed, 66, died Feb. 17 at St. Francis Medical Center. He was the son of the Rev. Clarence and Eunice Reed. He was founder and chief executive officer of Lamb Broadcasting for 17 years. He was a minister for 50 years, ordained for more than 46 years with Assemblies of God Church. Survivors include his wife, Lela Reed of Monroe; two sons, Bradley Charles Reed of Baton Rouge, La., and the Rev. Michael Todd Reed of West Monroe, La.; and two grandchildren. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at House of Prayer International in Monroe with Dr. Richard Roberts and the Rev. Ronald Brown officiating. Burial will be at Mulhearn Memorial Park Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to Lamb Broadcasting, KMCT TV 39, P.O. Box 1345, Monroe, LA 71210. Mulhearn Funeral Home of Monroe is in charge of arrangements. Funeral arrangements provided by Mulhearn Funeral Home P.O. Box 1345 Monroe, LA 71210 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 20, 2004

Clint W. Stewart 1970-2004

LARNED — Clint W. Stewart, 33, died Feb. 17 at Haven. He was born July 12, 1970, at Larned, the son of David and Phyllis Spreier Stewart. He was a 1989 graduate of Larned High School. He married Stacy McDonald. A resident of Larned, he was an airport security TSA at Wichita Airport. Survivors include his wife of the home; one daughter, Caley of Haven; one son, Caleb of Haven; his father of Larned; his mother of Sacramento, Calif.; stepfather, Michael Romo of Sacramento; one brother, Dallas of Sacramento; three sisters, Sandra Feldman of Great Bend, Jennifer Umiker of Sacramento and Nancy Kazmaier of Guam; one half-sister, Carrie Romo of Sacramento; and one stepbrother, Michael Romo Jr. of Sacramento. He was preceded in death by one half-sister, Pamela Romo. Memorial service will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at First Southern Baptist Church in Larned with the Rev. Ron Day officiating. Inurnment will be at Larned Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. today at Beckwith Mortuary Chapel in Larned. Memorials are suggested to Stewart Children Fund, in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Beckwith Mortuary Chapel P.O. Box 477 Larned, KS 67550 620-285-2121 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 20, 2004

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Addition

Virginia C. Stanley Jarmer, 83, of Great Bend, who died Feb. 16, was also preceded in death by one step-great-grandson Brian

Miller.

Darryl Willis 'Pete' Lange 1937 - 2004

HOLLAND, Texas — Darryl Willis "Pete" Lange, 66, died Feb. 11 at his home in Holland. He was born July 12, 1937, at Ellinwood, the son of Willis and Marie Seibel Lange. He was a 1955 graduate of Ellinwood High School, attended Emporia State University and graduated from Wichita Business College. He married Doris Mendoza June 17, 1966, at Holland. A resident of Holland for 39 years, coming from Ellinwood, he was a warehouse manager for Friend Tire Company. Lange was a member of United Methodist Church in Holland. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, David Lange of Austin, Texas; and two sisters, Deloris Parks of Round Rock, Texas, and Donna Hatcher of Ellinwood. He was preceded in death by one son, Terry Lange; and one brother, Bernard Lange. Funeral services were held Feb. 13 in Bartlett, Texas. Memorials are suggested to Ellinwood Public School and Library Foundation, in care of Kimple Funeral Home in Ellinwood. Funeral arrangements provided by Kimple Funeral Home P.O. Box 246 Ellinwood, KS 67526 620-564-2300 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 19, 2004

Donna L. Schlenz 1938-2004

Donna L. Schlenz, 66, of Great Bend, died Feb. 16 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. She was born Feb. 26, 1938, in Missouri, the daughter of Vincent and Roberta Atkinson Dicus. She married Robert Schlenz Sept. 21, 1953, in Clayton, N.M. He died Feb. 27, 1993. A resident of Great Bend since 1999, coming from Iuka and Preston, she was a homemaker. Survivors include two sons, John Schlenz of Midvale, Ohio, and Chris Schlenz of Hannibal, Mo.; one daughter, Rashell Alsop of Ellinwood; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one son, David Schlenz; and one sister, Pat Snyder. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. today at Larrison Mortuary in Pratt, with the Rev. Doyle Smith officiating. Burial will be at Haynesville Cemetery in Preston. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to service time at the mortuary. Memorials are suggested to Kansas Foundation for the Blind or American Diabetes, both in care of the mortuary. Funeral arrangements provided by Larrison Mortuary LTD 300 Country Club Road Pratt, KS 67124 620-672-6436 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 19, 2004

Robert 'Bob' G. Oberle 1947-2004

MISSION — Robert "Bob" G. Oberle, 56, passed away Feb. 16 at University of Kansas Medical Center of lymphoma. Born in Dodge City on March 28, 1947, to Edna and George Oberle, he married Linda Kay Stout, his high school sweetheart, on July 25, 1965. They were married 38 years. Bob was a member and a deacon of Nall Avenue Baptist Church in Prairie Village, active in the Mission Springs Garden Club as well as the "Moanen-Bones" domino group. He and Linda Kay had "Bob the Handyman Service" in the Kansas City-area. Bob is survived by his loving wife, Linda Kay; son Dr. Tony L. Oberle and his wife Dr. Suzanne and their children Shashanna, Drew and Joseph of New Iberia, La.; daughter Sandi Kay Contreras, husband Hector, and daughters Celsie, Chrystina and Cassandra of Maywood, Neb. Also surviving are his mother Edna of Great Bend; sister Marlene Schwartz and her husband Leo of Houston, Texas; brother Larry Oberle and his wife Sharon of Ellinwood; and many nieces and nephews. Bob was preceded in death by his father, George, on Nov. 4, 1998. Visitation will be from 7 to 9 p.m. today at Nall Avenue Baptist church, 5401 W. 67th St., Prairie Village, KS 66208. Life celebration services will follow at 10:30 a.m. Friday morning at Nall Avenue Baptist Church, with the Rev. Bob Clark officiating. Graveside service will take place at 10 a.m. Saturday at Great Bend Cemetery, with the Rev. Doyle Smith officiating, followed by visitation with the family at First Southern Baptist Church fellowship hall in Great Bend. Memorials are suggested to Benevolence Fund at Nall Avenue Baptist Church. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 19, 2004

John K. Hunter Sr. 1919-2004

LARNED — John K. Hunter Sr., 84, died Feb. 18 at St. Joseph Memorial Hospital Long Term Care in Larned. He was born Sept. 22, 1919, at Scottsville, the son of Carl B. and Gladys M. Hillan Hunter. He married Ruby Louise Stewart Aug. 23, 1948, at Oklahoma City, Okla. A resident of Larned since July 1966, coming from Beloit, he was a retired sales manager for Doerr International Dealership of Larned. Hunter was of the Christian faith, and member of Veterans of Foreign Wars and American Legion, both of Larned. He was a U.S. Army veteran, serving in World War II. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, John Hunter Jr. of Larned; one stepson, Jim Hunter of Salina; four daughters, Sandra Phillips of Garfield, Patricia Dizmang of Curtis, Neb., Joan Donovan of Larned and Judy Smith of Topeka; two sisters, Charlotte Mooney of Salina and Floy Johnson of Jamestown; 20 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one sister, C. Geneva Pracht. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at Morell Funeral Home 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. Saturday and Sunday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to St. Joseph Long Term Care or Relay for Life, both in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Morell Funeral Home 1021 Broadway Larned, KS 76550 620-285-2177 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 19, 2004

February 18, 2004

Virginia C. Stanley Jarmer 1920-2004

Virginia C. Stanley Jarmer, 83, of Great Bend, died Feb. 16 at Via Christi Regional Medical Center, St. Francis Campus in Wichita. She was born Oct. 22, 1920, at St. Marks, the daughter of Matthias J. and Frances Marie Schneider Simon. She married Leo Hoffman July 1970 in Fowler. He died Nov. 21, 1975. She married John Hoffman Oct. 22, 1976, at Great Bend. He died Feb. 14, 1977. She married Joe Z. Stanley May 16, 1981, at Great Bend. He died May 18, 1988. She married John F. Jarmer May 30, 1992, at Great Bend. He died July 17, 1994. A resident of Great Bend since 1976, coming from Fowler, she was a retired licensed

practical nurse and hospital dietary specialist for Sisters of St. Joseph in Wichita. She was an associate of Dominican Sisters in Great Bend and a former member of Sisters of St. Joseph of Wichita. Mrs. Jarmer was a member of St. Patrick Catholic Church, Daughters of Isabella, Altar Society, American Legion Auxiliary and past president of Ladies Auxiliary FOE, all of Great Bend. She had also been a teacher in the Reach Program for more than 12 years and was a volunteer for Fort Hays State University Senior Companion Program. She was also a "Grand Friend" to Blake Stanley and Kaitlee Spray at Holy Family School. Survivors include two stepsons, Bill J. Stanley of Great Bend and Robert Hoffman of Cheyenne Wells; three stepdaughters, Agnes Hoffman Birzer of Offerle, LaVerne Hoffman Leis and Ferna Hoffman Beckerman, both of Fowler; two brothers, Wilbur J. Schneider of Enid, Okla., and Robert E. Schneider of Goddard; two sisters, Kathleen Ann Marshall of Wichita and Lila Jean Pederson of Haysville; 12 stepgrandchildren; 20 step great-grandchildren; 28 nieces and nephews; 70 great-nieces and nephews; 24 great-great-nieces and nephews; and one godson, Danny Schneider. She was preceded in death by one stepson, Harold Hoffman; three stepdaughters, Dorothy Hoffman Herring, Delores Herrman and JoAnn Thomas; two brothers, Marvin Schneider and Homer Schneider; and one sister, Norma Schneider. Altar Society rosary will be at 4 p.m. Thursday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Vigil and Daughters of Isabella rosary will be at 7:30 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Friday at the church, with Father Reginald Urban officiating. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call from 5 to 9 tonight and from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Holy Family School Endowment Fund or American Cancer Society, both in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Bryant Funeral Home * 1425 Patton Road Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-3525 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 18, 2004

May Elizabeth Wing 1918-2004

WINFIELD — May Elizabeth Wing, 85, died Feb. 16 at Cumbernauld Village in Winfield. She was born Nov. 1, 1918, on a farm near Hoisington, the daughter of Ralph G. and Nella Maude Campbell Smith. She was a 1936 graduate of Great Bend High School. She married J. "Clyde" Wing Feb. 15, 1937, in Great Bend. He died June 28, 1983. A resident of Winfield, coming from Great Bend, Medicine Lodge, Hillsboro and Eureka, she worked at Graves Drug Store in Great Bend and was co-owner and operator of pharmacies in Medicine Lodge, Hillsboro and Eureka. Mrs. Wing was a member of First Presbyterian Church in Winfield, AARP and a volunteer for William Newton Hospital Auxiliary for 10 years. Survivors include one brother, Ralph "Bud" Smith of Elliott's Bay, Md.; and one sister, Margaret Button of Great Bend. She was preceded in death by one son, Jerry Ralph Wing; and one sister, Rosalind Almquist. Funeral will be at 3 p.m. Thursday at Miles Funeral Service in Winfield. Burial will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call from 5 to 9 p.m. today at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to William Newton Hospital Auxiliary, in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Miles Funeral Service 4001 E. Ninth St. Winfield, KS 67156 620-221-1111 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 18, 2004

Jennie L. Shireman 1912-2003

TULSA, Okla. — Jennie L. Shireman, 91, died Dec. 29, 2003, at Tulsa. She was born June 14, 1912, at Barton County, the daughter of David and Nora Kluesner Thorne. She married William M. Shireman Sept. 23, 1929, at Pretty Prairie. He preceded her in death. Survivors include three brothers, Marvin Thorne of Mesa, Ariz., Alfred Thorne of Hoisington and August Thorne of Wichita; three sisters, Evadean Seyfert of Clafin, Gladys Cary of Lakewood, Colo., and Norma Jean Thornburg of Union City, Calif.; four grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one daughter, Lois Miller; and one sister, Pearl Spruill. Inurnment will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Hoisington Cemetery, with the Rev. Wayne Flanders officiating. Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington is in charge of arrangements. Funeral arrangements provided by Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home 415 N. Main St. Hoisington, KS 67544 620-653-4165 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 18, 2004

Marion B. Hare 1907-2004

HUTCHINSON — Marion B. Hare, 96, died Feb. 16 at Thorne Care Center, Wesley Towers. He was born Dec. 4, 1907, at Fort Dodge, Iowa, the son of Clabe and Dorothea Johnson Hare. He was a 1928 graduate of Fort Dodge High School and graduated from School of Engineering in Milwaukee, Wis. He married R. Lenore Conard June 3, 1948, in Salina. A resident of Hutchinson since 1960, coming from a farm in Rush County, he was a machinist with C&W Machine Shop in Great Bend, and a stockman and farmer in Rush County. He was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church. He was a veteran of U.S. Army Air Corps, serving in England, France and Germany during World War II. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Gerald D. Hare of Youngstown, Ariz.; two daughters, Patricia Leiker of Salina and Sharon Henneke of Centerville, Ind.; six grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one sister, Dorothy Sanders. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Elliott Chapel in Hutchinson, with the Rev. Nick Warner officiating. Burial will be at Memorial Park Cemetery, with military graveside service conducted by Fort Riley Honor Guard. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. today at the mortuary. Memorials are suggested to the church or Wesley Towers, both in care of the mortuary. Funeral arrangements provided by Elliott Mortuary 1219 N. Main Hutchinson, KS 67501 620-663-3327 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 18, 2004

Lorena E. Shover 1916-2004

QUINTER — Lorena E. Shover, 88, died Feb. 16 at Hays Medical Center in Hays. She was born Feb. 16, 1916, in rural Ness County, the daughter of Rupert E. and Maggie Jane Corfman Bray. She was a 1935 graduate of Beeler High School. She married Gaylon W. Davis Sept. 18, 1937, at Wichita. He died May 24, 1964. She married Kelsey J. Shover August 1971, at Liberal. He died July 8, 1990. A resident of Quinter, she was a homemaker and a domestic housekeeper, retiring in 1972. Survivors include one son, Rex E. Davis of Garden City; one daughter, Rita Weber of Grainfield; one brother, William J. Bray of Great Bend; five grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and six step great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one brother, Wylie R. Bray; and one grandson, Mitch Weber. Funeral will be at 9:30 a.m. Thursday at Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church at Studley, with Dr. LeRoy Herder officiating. Burial will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Lane County Cemetery in Dighton. Family will receive friends from 8 to 8 p.m. today at Schmitt Funeral Home in Quinter. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of the funeral home. Funeral

arrangements provided by Schmitt Funeral Home 901 S. Main Quinter, KS 67752 785-743-6751 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 18, 2004

Daniel L. Dennis 1913-2004

BURDEN — Daniel L. Dennis, 90, died Feb. 14 at Harry Hynes Memorial Hospice - The Vyne, in Wichita. He was born Nov. 14, 1913, at Purcell, Okla., the son of Dan and Mary Olive Deville Dennis. He married Gladys Loraine Graham April 3, 1918, in Shidler, Okla. A resident of Burden, coming from Illinois, Oklahoma and Kansas, he was employed by Texaco, retiring in 1978 after 41 years of service. Dennis was a member of the Masonic Lodge of Weleetka, Okla. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Daniel Joe Dennis of Burden; three daughters, Frances Jaurene Lauppe of Burden, Jacqueline Kay Myers of Great Bend and Pamela Sue Dennis of Mount Hope; one brother, Joe Dennis of Raton, N.M.; three sisters, Mary Moyer of Garland, Texas, Thelma Himelic of Omaha, Neb., and Fleta Martin of Franklin, Mich.; 10 grandchildren; and 18 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two sisters, Frances Matthews and Johnnie Johnson. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Miles Funeral Home in Winfield. Burial will be at Burden Cemetery in Burden. Friends may call from 5 to 9 p.m. today at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Harry Hynes Memorial Hospice or Burden Baptist Church, both in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Miles Funeral Service 4001 E. Ninth St. Winfield, KS 67156 620-221-1111 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 18, 2004

February 17, 2004

Edward C. Miller 1919-2004

Edward C. Miller, 84, of Great Bend, died Feb. 15 at Great Bend Health and Rehabilitation Center. He was born June 7, 1919, at Albert, the son of Conrad and Anna Riens Miller. He married Lenora Ellen Schultz Sept. 26, 1945, in Albert. A resident of Great Bend since 1992, coming from Albert, he was a farmer and a stockman. He was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church, Elks Lodge, both of Great Bend, American Legion and a life member of Veterans of Foreign Wars. He was a U.S. Army veteran, having served with the 186th Field Artillery Battalion and V Corps Artillery during World War II. He landed on Omaha Beach on D-Day and was involved in the Battle of the Bulge. He received the Bronze Star, Bronze Arrowhead and five battle stars. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Leland Edward Miller of Great Bend; one daughter, Lela Jean Howerton of Lyons; four brothers, Louis Miller of Bloomington, Ill., Eilt Miller of Great Bend, Carl Miller of Ellinwood and John Miller of Albert; four grandchildren; and one great-granddaughter. Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at the church with the Rev. James A. Strasen officiating. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. today with the family receiving friends from 7 to 8 p.m., all at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Memorials are suggested to the church or Great Bend Senior Center, all in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Bryant Funeral Home 1425 Patton Rd. Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-3525 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 17, 2004

Kellan Thomas Soukup 2004-2004

Kellan Thomas Soukup, infant, was stillborn Feb. 13 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. He was the son of Richard T. and Nicole "Nikki" R. Roberts Soukup of Great Bend. Survivors include the parents of the home; two sisters, Addie Soukup and Sydney Soukup, both of the home; grandparents, Ken and Diana Roberts of Great Bend and Ernest and Patricia Soukup of Wilson; great-grandparents, Ann Cole, Don Schamaun and Lila Bowman, all of Great Bend, Calvin Roberts of Woodward, Okla., and Mary Soukup of Wilson. He was preceded in death by step grandparents, Jack K. Cole and Delma Roberts; grandparents, Adeline and Leonard Soukup; and great-grandfather, Edward Soukup. A private family service is scheduled with the Rev. Ken Hathaway officiating. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to Soukup Children's Education Fund in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Bryant Funeral Home 1425 Patton Rd. Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-3525 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb 17, 2004

Hazel Jean Krekel 1936-2004

MANHATTAN — Hazel Jean Krekel, 67, of Manhattan, died peacefully on Saturday afternoon, Feb. 14, at Meadowlark Hills Honstead House in Manhattan. She had been battling a malignant brain tumor that was diagnosed Aug. 15, 2003. She was born April 3, 1936, in Agnos, Ark., the daughter of John Henry and Virginia Frances Mills Smith. She was the youngest of seven children. Mrs. Krekel was a life-long member of the Church of Christ and for the last 30 years worshiped with the Dickens Avenue Congregation in Manhattan. Her passion for her faith was shown not only through her church life by being involved in many benevolent activities through the past several years, but also in her daily life. She was a spiritual mentor and a wonderful Christian example to many people with whom she came in contact with throughout her life. She found great enjoyment in helping others and was a faithful friend to many. Hazel had four children of her own but many more "adopted children" too numerous to name. Hazel was also a loving and dedicated homemaker and mother to her children and grandchildren. Later in life after her children were grown she worked for J.C. Penney for eight years until retiring in 1999. Hazel was united in marriage to Robert Wesley Krekel on Oct. 1, 1955, in Kansas City, Mo. They were married for 48 years and he still lives in their home in Manhattan. Other survivors include: one son, David Krekel and his wife Y-Vonna of Buhler; and three daughters: Judy Wendland and her husband Mark of Topeka, Mary Blake and her husband Marco of Kansas City, Mo; and Debbie Kuhlman and her husband James of Great Bend; her brother: William Clifton Smith of Shawnee Mission; and eleven grandchildren; Katherine Anne Krekel, Benjamin David Krekel, Clarissa Jean Krekel, Christian Taylor Wendland, Jarrett Thomas Wendland, Marissa Lynne Blake, Eric Bradley Blake, Jaime Michelle Kuhlman, Jacob Wesley Kuhlman, Jessica Lyn Kuhlman and Justin Donald Kuhlman. Mrs. Krekel was preceded in death by five sisters; Mary Bell Smith, Annie Bell Smith, Orbee Lee Smith, Nova Earline Smith and Eletha Fuleen Taylor and by one grandchild: Daniel Lee Krekel. Friends may call anytime beginning this afternoon and all day

Wednesday with the family receiving friends from 6 to 9 p.m. Wednesday at Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home, 1616 Poyntz Avenue, Manhattan. Memorial services will be held 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 19, at the Manhattan Church of Christ, 2510 Dickens Avenue. Mrs. Krekel has chosen to be cremated. In lieu of flowers, a memorial has been established for the Maude Carpenter Children's Home in Wichita or to a charity of the donor's choice in Hazel Krekel's name. Contributions may be left in care of the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home, 1616 Poyntz Avenue, Manhattan, KS 66502, or the Manhattan Church of Christ, 2510 Dickens Avenue, Manhattan, KS 66502. Funeral arrangements provided by Yorgensen-Meleon-Londeen Funeral Home 1616 Poyntz Ave. Manhattan, KS 665020 785-539-7481 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 17, 2004

Murial C. Thomas 1923-2004

ROWLETT, Texas — Murial Thomas, 81, died Jan. 16. She was born June 4, 1923, the daughter of Elmer and Marie Walter of Ellinwood. Survivors include one daughter, Bonnie Loxterman of Rowlett; one sister, Cozette Deen of Safford, Ariz; five grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild. She was preceded in death by her husband, Warren; two infant daughters, Sharon Thomas and Sandra Thomas; one brother, Bud Walter; and one sister, Elaine Oberle. Restland Funeral Home in Dallas, Texas, was in charge of arrangements. Funeral arrangements provided by Restland Funeral Home Greenville Ave. Dallas, Texas 972-238-7111 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 17, 2004

February 15, 2004

Remi J. McAfee 1926-2004

HAYS — Remi J. McAfee, 77, died Feb. 12 at St. John's of Hays Nursing Home. He was born Sept. 6, 1926, at Elmdale, the son of Troy W. and Marie VanHole McAfee. He attended St. Joseph Military Academy and was drafted from there his junior year. He married Rosaline Weikert May 19, 1995. She died March 16, 1998. A resident of Hays, he was a former oil field worker, truck driver and had worked in carry out at Dillons from 1995 until 2003. McAfee was a member of Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church, Veterans of Foreign Wars and Knights of Columbus Council 6984. He served his country in World War II and retired from the Kansas Army National Guard. Survivors include five stepdaughters, MaryAnn Shorman and her husband, Gary, of Hays, Teresa Leiker and her husband, Dave, of Great Bend, Margaret Dirks of Great Bend, Diane Weikert of Overland Park, and Jean Basgall and her husband, Keith, of Hays; three brothers, Pete McAfee of Hays, Troy McAfee Jr. of Derby and Millard McAfee of San Angelo, Texas; two sisters, Mary Ann Eakins of Colwich and Diane McAfee of Hays; grandchildren, Matthew, Rachel and Austin Budke; Michael and Matt Shorman; Nicole and Jessica Leiker; Makenna Dirks; and Kylie and Landon Basgall. Parish vigil service will be at 6 p.m. today and a Knights of Columbus 6984 rosary at 6:15 p.m. today, both at Hays Memorial Chapel Funeral Home in Hays. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Monday at the church. Burial with military honors by the VFW of Hays will be at St. Joseph Cemetery in Hays. Friends may call from 4 to 7 p.m. today and from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Monday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the church or Cancer Council of Ellis County in his name and memory, both in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by *Hays Memorial Chapel Funeral Home 20th and Pine Hays, KS 67601 (785) 628-1009 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 15, 2004

Mary Loretta Ryersee 1912-2004

BAZINE — Mary Loretta Ryersee, 91, died Feb. 12. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Bazine United Methodist Church, with the Revs. Deb Harvey and Kathyne Bannister will officiate. Burial will be at Bazine Cemetery in Bazine. Fitzgerald Funeral Home in Ness City is in charge of arrangements Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 15, 2004

Dolores "Dee" Pace 1930-2004

Dolores "Dee" Pace, 73, died Feb. 14 at her home. She was born March 25, 1930 at Gorham, the daughter of Albert and Catherine Brungardt Weigel. A 44 year resident of Great Bend, coming from Lyons, she was a cake decorator. Pace was a member of St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church and Altar Society both in Great Bend, the Cake Decorating Association and the Society of Cake Decorators. Survivors include one son, G. Allen Pace of Houston, Texas; two daughters, Lu Ann Pace of Great Bend and Cindy Ellis of Colby; one brother, Elmer Weigel, of Houston, Texas; two sisters, Noreen Moiser Budig of Woodward, Okla. and Arlene Yarmer of Albuquerque, N.M.; and three grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one brother, Francis Weigel; four sisters, Alberta Quint, Viola Cramer, Helen Windholz and Leona Weigel. Altar Society rosary will be at 4 p.m. Monday, at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend and a vigil service at 7:30 p.m. Monday at the funeral home. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at the church, with Rev. Ted Stoecklein officiating. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Golden Belt Home Health and Hospice in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Bryant Funeral Home 1425 Patton Road Great Bend, KS 67530 (620) 793-3525 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 15, 2004

February 13, 2004

Mary L. Broadnax 1906-2004

HOISINGTON — Mary L. Broadnax, 97, died Feb. 11 at Cheyenne Meadows Living Center in Hoisington. She was born Feb. 12, 1906, at Magham, La., the daughter of Willie and Rosa Carol Cowell Cotton. She married Walter Broadnax May 9, 1967, at Star City, Ark. A resident of Hoisington, coming from Star City, she was a homemaker. She was a member of First Christian Church of Hoisington and a former member of First Baptist Church also of Hoisington. Survivors include two sons, Walter Broadnax of

Atlanta, Ga., and William L. Broadnax of Tipton, Mo.; and six grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one daughter, Delois Broadnax. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Satur-day at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington, with the Revs. Paula Bell and Don Fisher officiating. Burial will be at Hoisington Cemetery. Friends may call from 1 to 8 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. until service time Saturday, all at the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home 415 N. Main Hoisington, KS 67544 620-653-4165 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 13, 2004

February 12, 2004

Larry L. Bales 1940-2004

BISON — Larry L. Bales, 64, died Feb. 9 at Wesley Medical Center in Wichita. He was born Jan. 28, 1940, in Spencer, Iowa, the son of Henry H. and Florice Cole Bales. He married Carol J. Fox Sept. 1, 1960, at Anchorage, Ky. A longtime resident of Rush County, coming from Yates Center, he was a farmer and stockman. Bales was a member of Seventh Day Adventist Church of La Crosse, Seventh Day Adventist church elder for many years, and a member of Mid State Farmers Co-op. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Kevin Bales of Bison; three daughters, Debra Hovorka of Holcomb, Denyse Chubb of Tustin, Calif., and Cindy Ladd of Fairbanks, Alaska; one brother, Erving Bales of Sturgeon, Mo.; two sisters, Bonnie Carter of La Selva Beach, Calif., and Sherita Wren of El Dorado; and nine grandchildren. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Janousek Funeral Home chapel in La Crosse, with the Rev. Ed Jumper officiating. Burial will be at Shaffer Seventh Day Adventist Cemetery in Bison. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 1:50 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Enterprise Academy, Hays Seventh Day Adventist School or American Diabetes Association, all in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Janousek Funeral Home 719 Pine La Crosse, KS 67548 (785) 222-2517 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 12, 2004

February 11, 2004

Ernest Fredrick 'Ernie' Strecker 1913-2004

PARADISE — Ernest Fredrick "Ernie" Strecker, age 90 of Osborne and formerly a longtime Paradise area resident, died early Sunday, Feb. 8, at Parkview Care Center in Osborne. He was born Aug. 5, 1913, at Paradise, the son of Henry and Minnie Stielow-Strecker. On April 24, 1936, he was united in marriage to Eva Mae Weller at Russell. They shared over 67 years of married life together. He grew up in the Paradise area and graduated from Paradise Rural High School in 1931. After his graduation he was at home on the family farm, homesteaded by Ernest's grandfather Fredrick Stielow. Here, Ernest built a successful farm and ranch operation. He was involved with numerous agricultural committees and civic organizations. He lived in the Paradise community for 78 years, later moving to Russell and then to care facilities in Hesston and Osborne, where he resided in Parkview Care Center since April 2003. He was a member of Paradise United Methodist Church, the Masonic Lodge in Natoma and later the Russell Masonic Lodge, Waldo Lions Club and was very active in civic organizations. He volunteered as baseball coach for summer baseball and was a fixture for many years as timekeeper for Paradise High School basketball games. Ernie enjoyed his children and grandchildren, hunting, fishing and sports, particularly Kansas City Athletics/Royal baseball. Ernest is survived by his wife, Eva of Parkview Care Center in Osborne; two daughters, Wanda Kay Augustine and her husband, Harold, of Great Bend, and Mary Anderson of Osborne; two sons, Albert Strecker and his wife, Janice, of Hutchinson, and Glenn Strecker and his wife, Rhonda, of Olathe; 11 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; one stepgrandchild; and two step great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Herman and Carl Strecker; and his sister, Marie Reich. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday at Paradise United Methodist Church with the Rev. Elsie Crickard officiating. Interment will follow in Mt. Herman Cemetery near Paradise. Visitation will be held from noon to 9 p.m. today at Pohlman-Heise Mortuary in Russell and from noon until the service on Thursday at the church. Memorial contributions may be made to Paradise United Methodist Church and may be sent in care of Pohlman-Heise Mortuary, 610 N. Maple St., Russell, KS 67665. Funeral arrangements provided by Pohlman-Heise Mortuary* 610 North Maple St. Russell, KS 67665 (786) 483-2212 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 11, 2004

Frances Marie Starbuck 1923-2004

Frances Marie Starbuck, 80, of Great Bend, died Feb. 9 at Great Bend. She was born Oct. 21, 1923, at Jennings, the daughter of Leo and Esther Hanson Bendon. She married Paul Edwin Starbuck July 14, 1946, at Salina. He died Jan. 18, 2002. She was a resident of Great Bend since 1946, coming from Salina. She was a 1941 graduate of Decatur County High School in Oberlin. Frances was a bookkeeper and had worked for Junction City Transit Lines, and in Great Bend for Parrish Motor Company, Hanna Oil Company and Hoffman Oil Company. She was a member of First United Methodist Church, UR Welcome Sunday school class, Golden Sheaf Chapter 226 Order of the Eastern Star, American Legion Post 180 Auxiliary, Veteran of Foreign Wars Post 3111 Auxiliary, Reserve Officers Association League, Kiwaniqueens, a leader of Girl Scout Troop 81, den mother of Cub Scout Pack 117, member of Northwest EHU and a volunteer for the American Red Cross Bloodmobile. She was a Barton coordinator of the President Ford Committee -1976, a delegate to the Republican First Congressional District and State Convention in 1976 and had worked on numerous Bob Dole election campaigns. She was preceded in death by one brother, Leo T. Bendon and two sisters, Glee Jorn and Lila Jean Bendon. Survivors include one son, Mike and Rhonda Starbuck of Hebron, Neb.; one daughter, Pamela and Ian Patrick of Nederland, Colo.; three sisters, Cecil Hess of Oberlin, Helen Riepl of Cimarron, and Mary Lou Olson of Herndon; two grandchildren, Andy and Trish Starbuck of Colby, and Audrey Starbuck of Lincoln, Neb.; and one great-grandson, Drew Michael Starbuck of Colby. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at the church with the Rev. Gary Brooks officiating. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call from noon to 9 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday, both at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend, and from 9 a.m. to service time Friday at the church. Memorials are suggested to the church, Great Bend Public Library or Golden Belt Home Health and Hospice. all in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by

Bryant Funeral Home* 1425 Patton Rd. Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-3525 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 11, 2004

Michael Bolander 1955-2004

BAKERSFIELD, Calif. — Service for Michael Bolander, 48, who died Jan. 28 will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Kimple Funeral Chapel in Ellinwood, with the Rev. Roy Savage officiating. Burial will be at Lakin Comanche District Cemetery in Ellinwood. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to service time Saturday at the funeral home. Kimple Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 11, 2004

Larry L. Bales 1940-2004

BISON — Larry L. Bales, 64, died Feb. 9 at Wesley Medical Center in Wichita. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Janousek Funeral Home in La Crosse. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 11, 2004

Constance Eve LeMay McGill 1934-2004

BARTLESVILLE, Okla. — Constance "Connie" Eve LeMay McGill, 69, of Dewey, Okla., and formerly from Great Bend, passed into peace at the Heritage Villa Nursing Home in Bartlesville, Okla., Feb. 8. Cremation will be under the direction of Stumpff Funeral Home in Bartlesville with a memorial gathering at a later date. Connie was born Nov. 22, 1934, to Eldon Leander and Danelda Mae Harper LeMay in Superior, Neb. She graduated from high school in Great Bend and married Marion Dean McGill Feb. 13, 1954, in Great Bend. She worked for Bell Telephone Company in Great Bend and held several part-time jobs while raising four children and creating a lifetime of memories for them. Connie is survived by her husband, Marion Dean "Mac" McGill of the home; four children: Debbie Kay Neece with husband Steve and grandchildren Lea Andra and Chad Alan Gavellas of Bartlesville; Denise Lea Myrick and grandchildren Kimberly Ann Graham with husband Sean and Joshua David Harvey with Amy Butterworth of Columbus, Kans.; Dean Ray McGill of Dewey and grandchildren Clinton Dean Lawrence of Phoenix, Ariz., and Cody Ray Hair of Birmingham, Ohio; David Lynn McGill with wife Shellie and grandchildren Megan Ashley, Madison Lynn and Mackenzie Renee of Bartlesville; one sister, Karen Kay Copeland of Bartlesville; several nephews, great-nephews and a great-niece. Funeral arrangements provided by Stumpff Funeral Home 1600 SE Washington Blvd. Bartlesville, OK 74006 (918) 333-4300 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 11, 2004

February 10, 2004

Leona Miner 1909-2004

Leona Miner, 94, of Great Bend, died Feb. 7 at Cherry Village Nursing Home in Great Bend. She was born March 5, 1909, the daughter of Park and Anna Blackler Goodno. A Great Bend resident since 1943, coming from Topeka, she was a homemaker. She was a member of First Congregational United Church of Christ of Great Bend. Survivors include one son, Ed Cavanaugh and wife, Sarah, of Houston, Texas; one grandson, Lamont Cavanaugh and wife, Kristina, of Tulsa, Okla.; and one granddaughter, Cynthia Bishop and husband, Steve, of Tulsa. She was preceded in death by one sister, Viola Bilka. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend, with the Rev. Diana Coberly officiating. Burial will be at Prairie Home Cemetery in Topeka. Friends may call from noon to 9 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. to service time Wednesday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the church in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Bryant Funeral Home* 1425 Patton Rd. Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-3525 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 04, 2004

Mary Ann Zamrzla 1908-2004

WILSON — Mary Ann Zamrzla, 95, died Feb. 7 at Hoisington. She was born Jan. 9, 1908, at Ellsworth, the daughter of Frank and Josephine Dolchek Charvat. She married James E. Zamrzla Oct. 19, 1937, at Wilson. He died Dec. 26, 1996. A lifetime resident of the Wilson area, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Zamrzla was a member of St. Wenceslaus Church and St. Wenceslaus Altar Society, both of Wilson. Survivors include three sons, James L. Zamrzla of Russell, Gene E. Zamrzla and John R. Zamrzla, both of Wilson; one daughter, Mary Ann Princ of Wilson; one brother, Leo Charvat of Independence; 10 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by seven brothers and one sister. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. today at the church, with the Rev. Jerome Morgan officiating. Burial will be at St. Wenceslaus Cemetery in Wilson. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of Foster Mortuary in Wilson. Funeral arrangements provided by Foster Mortuary Inc. 610 24th St. Wilson, KS 67490-0205 785-658-2345 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 10, 2004

Daylon Rankin 1923-2004

ALBERT — Daylon Rankin, 81, died Feb. 7 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. He was born Jan. 4, 1923, at Albert, the son of August and Mary Schmidt Rankin. He married Janet Behrens Aug. 6, 1947, at Peace Lutheran Church in Albert. A lifetime area resident, he was a farmer and a stockman. Rankin was a member of Peace Lutheran Church in Albert. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Randy Rankin and wife, Mary, of Castle Rock, Colo.; one daughter, Pam Becker of Topeka; one stepbrother, Rodney Quincy of Wichita; and three grandchildren, Laura Rankin, Colby Rankin and Ashton Becker. He was preceded in death by five stepbrothers. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. today 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 to 11 a.m. today at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Memorials are suggested to Davlon Rankin Memorial Scholarship. in care of Peace Lutheran Church.

Funeral arrangements provided by Bryant Funeral Home* 1425 Patton Rd. Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-3525 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 04, 2004

Lou Ella Mullis Grubb 1915-2004

HOISINGTON — Lou Ella Mullis Grubb, 88, died Feb. 7 at Wheatland Nursing Center in Russell. She was born Dec. 12, 1915, at Brownington, Mo., the daughter of John Edward and Phoebe Ella Sisco Mullis. A Hoisington resident since 1940, she was co-owner and operator of a beauty salon and co-owner of the former Isle of Capri Restaurant, both of Hoisington. She was a member of First Christian Church in Hoisington. Survivors include two brothers, Willis D. Mullis of Chelsia, Okla., and Nelson Mullis of Rudy, Ark.; and one sister, Ola Mae Youtsey of Dorrance. She was preceded in death by three brothers, Oglesby James "OJ" Mullis, John Malcom "Moon" Mullis and George Henry Mullis; and two infant sisters, Mary Lee Mullis and Helen Mullis. Funeral will be at 1 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 from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. today, with the family receiving friends from 6 to 8 p.m., and from 9 a.m. to service time Wednesday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home 415 N. Main St. Hoisington, KS 67544 620-653-4165 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 10, 2004

Leonard Sittner 1917-2004

HUDSON — Leonard Sittner, 86, died Feb. 8 at Great Bend Health and Rehabilitation Center. He was born July 30, 1917, at rural Hudson, the son of Max F.A. and Helen L. Rickher Sittner. He married Yvonne Widener June 20, 1939, at Ellinwood. A lifetime resident of the Hudson area, he was a farmer, and an insurance agent and adjuster for Farmer's Mutual Insurance Company. Sittner was a member of Peace United Church of Christ and held many offices within the church, including treasurer. Survivors include his wife of the home; one daughter, Diana K. McLeod of Wichita; nephew and caregiver, Gary Fischer and wife, Elaine, of Hudson; and one grandson, Derek Triplett and his wife, Mollie. He was preceded in death by one brother, August Sittner; and five sisters, Amelia Lubinus, Helen Fischer, Lydia Spangenberg, Anna Schrepele and an infant. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at the church, with Wade Russell officiating. Burial will be at Peace Church Cemetery. Friends may call from 1 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Minnis Chapel in Stafford. Family will greet friends from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral chapel. Friends may also view from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Thursday at the church. The casket will be closed after 11:30 a.m. Memorials are suggested to the church or Golden Belt Hospice, both in care of the chapel. Funeral arrangements provided by Minnis Chapel* 125 N. Main Stafford, KS 67578 620-234-5261 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 04, 2004

February 8, 2004

Ella W. Dunegan 1918-2004

Ella W. Dunegan, 85, of Great Bend died Feb. 6 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. She was born May 25, 1918 at Las Animas, Colo., the daughter of Chester and Venus Phillips Boone. She married Charles Young on Aug. 22, 1936 at Sedan. He died Jan. 14, 1965. She married Patrick Dunegan on Sept. 1, 1967 at Great Bend. He died Feb. 5, 1973. A resident of Great Bend since 1956, coming here from Peru, Kan., she was a secretary for USD 428 for 25 years, retiring in 1981. Dunegan was a member of First United Methodist Church of Great Bend. Survivors include one son, Ronald C. Young, of Russell; two step-sons, Patrick Dunegan, of Kimball, Neb., and John Dunegan, of Cheyenne, Wyo.; one brother, Clyde Boone, of Fort Morgan, Colo.; two sisters, Doree Swearengin Kelly, and Page Dinges, both of Mesa, Ariz.; nine grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild. She was preceded in death by two brothers, Jack Boone and Don Boone, and one sister, Esther Boone. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at Bryant Funeral Home with the Rev. Gary Brooks officiating. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday and from 9 a.m. to service time Tuesday at the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Bryant Funeral Home 1425 Patton Rd. Great Bend, Kan. 67530 620-793-3525 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 8, 2004

Edward Warren 'Ed' Green 1951-2004

Edward Warren "Ed" Green, 52, of Great Bend, died of natural causes Feb. 5 at Great Bend. He was born Oct. 5, 1951, in Larned, the son of Berton J. and Charlotte R. Green. He was a 1970 graduate of Kinsley High School, attended St. John schools, Barton County Community College and Fort Hays State University. A resident of Great Bend since 1973, he was a retired law enforcement officer, working at Barton County Sheriff's Office for 20 years and Great Bend Police Department for five years. Green was a past member of Kansas Sheriff's Association and Kansas Peace Officers' Association. Survivors include his mother of St. John; one brother, Bruce Green of Great Bend; and one sister, Cynthia May of Sterling, Colo. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Minnis Chapel in St. John, with the Rev. Dick Ogle officiating. Burial will be at Fairview Park Cemetery in St. John. Friends may call from 1 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral chapel. Memorials are suggested to American Diabetes Association, in care of the funeral chapel. Funeral arrangements provided by Minnis Chapel Inc. 526 E. 4th St. John, KS 67576 (620) 549-3556 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 8, 2004

Charles David Murdie 1913-2004

GARFIELD — Charles David Murdie, 90, died Feb. 5 at his home. He was born Aug. 13, 1913, at Eskridge, the son of John and Carrie Doty Murdie. He married Lillie Elizabeth Blöse Nov. 1, 1935, in Garfield. A longtime resident of Garfield, he was a retired employee of Garfield Cooperative. Murdie was a member of United Methodist Church of Garfield. Past fire chief for 10 years and

Garfield city councilman for one term. Survivors include his wife of the home; two sons, Virgil Lee Murdie of Lake Shore, Mich., and Kenneth LaRoy "Skip" Murdie of Garfield; two daughters, Virginia Mae Moore and Linda Louise Blakley, both of Stillwell; one half-sister, Effie Varney of Topeka; seven grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one brother, Leon Murdie. Graveside service will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Garfield Cemetery, with the Rev. Ken Walker officiating. Friends may call from noon to 8 p.m. today at Morell Funeral Home in Larned. Memorials are suggested to Alzheimer's and Related Disorders Association, in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Morell Funeral Home P.O. Box 124 Larned, KS 67550-0124 (620) 285-2177 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 8, 2004

Donald W. Jensen 1924-2004

ELLINWOOD — Donald W. Jensen, 79, died Feb. 7 at Hutchinson. He was born Aug. 23, 1924 at Cedar Rapids, Iowa, the son of Thorwald R. and Marguerite Doherty Jensen. An Independent Insurance agent and owner of Jensen Associates in Ellinwood, he was a resident of Ellinwood since 1952, having moved there from Cedar Rapids, Iowa. He married Jean Bowker on April 18, 1946 at Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Jensen was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church of Ellinwood; Professional Insurance Agents of Kansas; Independent Insurance Agents of Barton County; past president of Ellinwood School Board; state school board association; Lions Club; the Barton County Crime Stoppers board; United Way board; 1989 Rotary Citizen of the Year; Peoples State Bank Board of Directors, Ellinwood; American Legion and VFW, both of Ellinwood; Boy Scouts coordinator; and Grove Park Golf Club, Ellinwood. He was a World War II Army veteran, serving in the 82nd Airborne 508th Parachute Infantry, serving in the Normandy Invasion, Battle of the Bulge, Operation Market Garden, and was a member of the Eisenhower Honor Guard. Survivors include his wife, of the home; three sons, Jeffrey S. Jensen, of Great Bend, Jon J. Jensen, of Topeka, and Josh A. Jensen, of San Diego, Calif.; two daughters, Kristin Weis, of Richardson, Texas, and Kathryn L. Jensen, of Hays; one sister, Marilyn R. Jensen, of Denver, Colo.; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one daughter, Karen Ann Ireland, and by one brother, James R. Jensen. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the church with the Rev. Andy Keltner officiating. Burial will be at Lakin-Comanche District Cemetery in Ellinwood. Friends may call from 5-8 p.m. Monday and from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Kimple Funeral Home in Ellinwood. Memorials are suggested to the church, the school library foundation or Hospice House of Reno County, in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Kimple Funeral Home 113 North Main Ellinwood, Kan. 67526 620-564-2300 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 8, 2004

Lee Ray Dixon 1934-2004

Lee Ray Dixon, 69, of Great Bend, died Feb. 5 at Great Bend. He was born Nov. 29, 1934, at Pawnee Rock, the son of Fredrick Earl and Gladys Friend Dixon. He married Lois Marie Smith Nov. 14, 1953, in Great Bend. She died Aug. 5, 1997. A lifetime resident of Great Bend, he was owner and operator of Dixon Rentals. Dixon was a member of Eagles Lodge and guest member of American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars, all of Great Bend. Survivors include one son, Nathan Dixon of the home; one daughter, Glenda Short of Great Bend; one brother, Gerald Dixon of Great Bend; three sisters, Frances Miller of Walnut Grove, Calif., Phyllis Becker of Great Bend and Mary Beth Golson of Duncan, Okla.; two grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. He was preceded in death by one daughter, Debra Sue Dixon; and 10 brothers and sisters. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend, with the Rev. Terry J. Ferris officiating. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call from 2 to 9 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Hays Medical Center Dreiling-Schmidt Cancer Center, in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Bryant Funeral Home 1425 Patton Road Great Bend, KS 67530 (620) 793-3525 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 8, 2004

Opal Berger 1917-2004

JETMORE — Opal Berger, 86, died Feb. 6 at Via Christi Medical Center-St. Francis Campus in Wichita. She was born March 21, 1917 in Pawnee County, the daughter of David and Katherine Schuldies Spreier. She married Chet M. Berger on Oct. 15, 1941 at Burdett. He died Sept. 22, 1980. A lifetime area resident, she was a homemaker. Berger was a member of the United Presbyterian Church, Jetmore, and was affiliated with the Jetmore Senior Center. Survivors include one son, Larry Berger, of Jetmore; and one sister, Dorothy Constant, of Larned. She was preceded in death by two brothers, Frank Spreier and Fred Spreier Jr., and four sisters, Laura Wiedemann, Marjorie Gorier, Esther Spreier and Viola Balman. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at the church with the Rev. Brad Hansen officiating. Burial will be at Fairmount Cemetery in Jetmore. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. today and Monday at Beckwith Funeral Home, in Jetmore. Memorials are suggested to Jetmore High School Athletics in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Beckwith Funeral Home P.O. Box 663 Jetmore, Kan. 67854 620-357-8331 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 8, 2004

February 6, 2004

Roy Dee Winkelman 1948-2004

ELLINWOOD — Roy Dee Winkelman, 55, died Feb. 5 at his home. He was born Nov. 14, 1948, at Lyons, the son of LaVerne W. and Marguerite Schurz Winkelman. A resident of Ellinwood for the past six months, coming from Wichita and Chase, he was a production supervisor for Cessna at Wichita and relief gauger for Kaw Pipeline at Chase. Winkelman was a member of Community Presbyterian Church of Chase. He was a veteran of U.S. Army Reserves, serving during the Vietnam War. Survivors include two sons, Jeff Winkelman of Chase and Lonnie Winkelman of Lyons; one daughter, Michelle Winkelman of Kansas City, Mo.; one brother, Terry Winkelman of Ellinwood; two sisters, Mary Sue Mulvaney of Tulsa, Okla., and Debby Boyce of Medicine Lodge; and two grandchildren. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at St. John's Lutheran Church of Ellinwood, with the Rev. Andy Keltner officiating. Burial will be at Springdale Cemetery in Chase. Friends may call from 1 to 8 p.m. Sunday at Kimple Funeral Home of Ellinwood. Memorials are suggested to Roy Winkelman Memorial Fund in care of the funeral home. Funeral

arrangements provided by Kimple Funeral Home 113 North Main Ellinwood, KS 67526 (620) 564-2300 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 6, 2004

Delton H. Evers 1938-2004

Delton H. Evers, 65, of Great Bend, died Feb. 4 at Central Kansas Medical Center at Great Bend. He was born Feb. 9, 1938, at Great Bend, the son of Harley Ray and Ruth Elizabeth Alefs Evers. He married Jean Nieves June 4, 1988, at Wichita. A resident of Great Bend most of his life, he was co-owner and custom fabricator for J & D Inc. and was involved in farming. He was a member of First Christian Church and Elks Lodge, both of Great Bend, American Legion of Larned, past president of Great Bend Jaycees and a Boy Scouts of America volunteer. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Robert H. Evers of Great Bend; two stepsons, Dean Weir of Dallas, Texas, and Steve Weir of Valley Center; three daughters, Kathy Evers and Kala Linenberger, both of Great Bend, and Karla Degner of Hutchinson; one stepdaughter, Brenda Chandler of Valley Center; his father of Great Bend; one brother, David Evers of Great Bend; one sister, Delores Piper of Missouri City, Texas; 20 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. today at the church, with the Rev. William F. Johnson officiating. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery in Great Bend. Friends may call from 9:30 a.m. until service time today at the church. Memorials are suggested to American Diabetes Association, in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Bryant Funeral Home 1425 Patton Rd. Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-3525 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 6, 2004

Lee Ray Dixon 1934-2004

Lee Ray Dixon, 69, of Great Bend, died Feb. 5 at his residence. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Bryant Funeral Home of Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 6, 2004

Charles David Murdie 1913-2004

GARFIELD — Charles David Murdie, 90, died Feb. 5 at his home. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Morell Funeral Home of Larned. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 6, 2004

February 5, 2004

Pearl Bickel 1902-2004

JETMORE — Pearl Bickel, 102, died Feb. 3 at Hodgeman County Long Term Care Center in Jetmore. She was born June 16, 1902, in Valley Township north of Jetmore, the daughter of Ulysses G. and Idora Sevier Bickel. She was a lifetime area resident. She was a member of First Baptist Church of Jetmore. Survivors include nieces and nephews; and two sister-in-laws, Ella Mae Bickel and May Bickel, both of Fort Collins, Colo. She was preceded in death by two sisters, Estella Corey and Mabel Bainer; and six brothers, George, Arch, Noble, Ben, Virgil, Lloyd. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Fairmount Cemetery in Jetmore with the Rev. Mark Durham officiating. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. today and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday at Beckwith Funeral Home in Jetmore. Memorials are suggested to Hodgeman County Long Term Care Center in Jetmore in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Beckwith Funeral Home P.O. Box 663 Jetmore, KS 67854 785-357-8331 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb.5, 2004

Martina T. Schreiber 1921-2004

Martina T. Schreiber, 82, of Great Bend, died Feb. 4 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. She was born Feb. 7, 1921, at Ellis, the daughter of Alex Florian and Theresa Dreher Weininmeier. She married Charles Schreiber May 29, 1939, at Hutchinson. He died Aug. 8, 1991. A resident of Great Bend since 1981, coming from Colorado, she was a sales clerk for a department store. She was a member of St. Patrick Catholic Church and St. Patrick Altar Society, both of Great Bend. Survivors include one son, Ron C. Schreiber of Arvada, Colo.; three sisters, Cecilia Heaton and Mary Allman, both of Lee's Summit, Mo., and Bertha Willard of Leavenworth; and three grandchildren. St. Patrick Altar Society Rosary will be at 4 p.m. Sunday at Charter Funerals Chapel in Great Bend. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Monday at the church with the Rev. Reginald A. Urban officiating. Burial will be at Great Bend City Cemetery. There is no visitation. Persons may sign the register from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. today and Friday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to ElderCare of Great Bend in charge of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Charter Funerals 2115 Washington Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-6161 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Feb. 5, 2003

Aline Koelsch 1921-2004

ELLINWOOD — Aline Koelsch, 83, died Feb. 3 at Ellinwood District Hospital. She was born Jan. 9, 1921, at Wewoka, Okla., the daughter of Oliver and Stella Streeter Baxter. She married Philip H. Koelsch Jan. 17, 1947, at Ellinwood. He died Dec. 30, 2002. A resident of Ellinwood, she was a bookkeeper for Magnolia Oil, Thompson Construction, Manning Drilling, Easter Pipeline and S & H Feeders and she prepared income tax returns. She was a member of Immanuel United Church of Christ and Duplicate Bridge Club. Survivors include one son, Henry O. Koelsch of Long Beach, Calif.; one daughter, Barbara Blubaugh of Medford, Okla.; one brother, Jim Baxter of Nickerson; and four grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two brothers, Tom Baxter and Jack Baxter. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Friday 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 at Kimple Funeral Home in Ellinwood.

Memorials are suggested to the church in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Kimple Funeral Home 113 N. Main Ellinwood, KS 67526 620-564-2300 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 5, 2004

Delton H. Evers 1938-2004

Delton H. Evers, 65, of Great Bend, died Feb. 4 at Central Kansas Medical Center at Great Bend. She was born Feb. 9, 1938, at Great Bend, the son of Harley Ray and Ruth Elizabeth Alefs Evers. He married Jean Nieves June 4, 1988, at Wichita. A resident of Great Bend most of his life, he was co-owner and custom fabricator for J & D Inc. and was involved in farming. He was a member of First Christian Church and Elks Lodge, both of Great Bend; American Legion of Larned, past president of Great Bend Jaycees and a Boy Scout of America volunteer. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Robert H. Evers of Great Bend; two step-sons, Dean Weir of Dallas, Texas, and Steve Weir of Valley Center; three daughters, Kathy Evers and Kala Linenberger, both of Great Bend, and Karla Degner of Hutchinson; one step-daughter, Brenda Chandler of Valley Center; his father Harley Evers of Great Bend; one brother, David Evers of Great Bend; one sister, Delores Piper of Missouri City, Texas; 20 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. 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 Cemetery in Great Bend. Friends may call from noon to 9 p.m. today at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend and from 9:30 a.m. until service time Friday at the church. Memorials are suggested to American Diabetes Association in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Bryant Funeral Home 1425 Patton Rd. Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-3525 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 5, 2004

February 4, 2004

David Wayne 'Rattler' Gillett 1947-2004

LARNED — David Wayne "Rattler" Gillett, 56, died Feb. 2 at Via Christi Regional Medical Center, St. Francis Campus, Wichita, as the result of an ice-related accident at Pawnee Rock. He was born Sept. 1, 1947, at Larned, the son of Chester Earl and Olga Rose Lueck Gillett. He married Dianna Fae Otte May 30, 1998, in rural Galva. She died Feb. 2, 2002. A lifetime resident of Larned, he was a truck driver for Ward Feed Yard since Aug. 27, 1979, and was also known as "Rattler" (CB Handle.) He was of the Christian faith and a member of Sons of the American Legion of Larned. Survivors include three sons, Gary Wayne of Belpre, Brian Wayne of Larned and Eric Lee of Manhattan; his mother, Olga Gillett of Larned; and one grandson. He was preceded in death by his father and one son, Steven Wayne Gillett. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Morell Funeral Home in Larned with Pastor Ronald D. Day officiating. Burial will be at Larned Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, both at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Steven W. Gillett Memorial Golf Scholarship Fund, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Feb. 4, 2004 Morell Funeral Home* P.O. Box 124 Larned, KS 67550-0124 (620) 285-2177

Pauline E. Wildgen 1908-2004

LARNED — Pauline E. Wildgen, 96, died Feb. 3 at her home in Larned. She was born June 3, 1907, at Larned, the daughter of Ray Getty and Dollie R. Bach Yeager. She belonged to Sacred Heart Catholic Church and Altar Society, Fort Larned Historical Society and Prairie Arts Unlimited, all of Larned, and past member of Gray Ladies at St. Joseph Memorial Hospital for 20 years, the Friday Bridge Club and Larned Country Club. On March 5, 1935, she married Maurice A. Wildgen at Larned. He died July 23, 1979. Survivors include two daughters, Susanne Haymaker and husband Robert of Larned, and Paula Beth Brown and husband Robert of Ellicott City, Md.; three grandsons, Joseph, Roger and Thomas Haymaker; and one granddaughter, Kathleen Johnson. She was preceded in death by a daughter, Maureen Marie Outcalt; four sisters, Josephine A. Carter, Isabel B. Vinson, Dolores A. Miller and Clara M. Yeager. Vigil service will be at 7:30 p.m. Thursday at Morell Funeral Home in Larned. Funeral Mass will be at 2:30 p.m. Friday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Larned with Father Dennis Reed officiating. Friends may call from noon to 8 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday, all at the funeral home. Burial will be at Larned Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to Sacred Heart Church, ElderCare or the donor's choice, all in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Feb. 4, 2004 Morell Funeral Home* P.O. Box 124 Larned, KS 67550 (620) 285-2177

Richard LeRoy Stevenson Jr. 1955-2004

HOISINGTON — Richard LeRoy Stevenson Jr., 48, died Feb. 2 at his residence. He was born April 3, 1955, at Hoisington, the son of Richard L. Sr. and Donna L. Keeslar Stevenson. He married Karolyn Bohn Feb. 22, 1974, at Hoisington. A lifetime resident of Hoisington, he was a tool pusher. Stevenson was a member of Faith of Church and Crossroad Church, both of Hoisington. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Chris Stevenson of Hoisington; one daughter, Rachel Stevenson of Hoisington; his mother of Hoisington; one brother, Robert L. Stevenson of Hoisington; and two sisters, Barbara L. Taylor of Hoisington and Dorothy L. Stevenson of Tucson, Ariz. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington, with the Revs. Mike Strosnider and Albert Hatten officiating. Burial will be at Hoisington Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday and from 9 a.m. to service time Friday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Kans for Kids, in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home P.O. Box 145 Hoisington, KS 67544 (620) 543-4165 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 4, 2004

February 3, 2004

Hazel H. Grossardt 1919-2004

OLATHE — Due to adverse weather conditions, memorial services for Hazel H. Grossardt, 85, who died Jan. 28, are rescheduled for 11 a.m. today at North Cross United Methodist Church, 1321 N.E. Vivion Rd., Kansas City, Mo. The family will receive friends from 10 to 11 a.m. at the church. Graveside service will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Claflin City Cemetery in Claflin. Memorial Chapel Funeral Home in Olathe is in charge of arrangements. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Feb. 3, 2004 Memorial Chapel Funeral Home 14275 S. Blackbob Road Olathe, KS 66062 (913) 768-6777

Doris May Honomichl 1918-2004

LARNED — Doris May Honomichl, 85, died Feb. 1 at St. Joseph Memorial Hospital Long Term Care in Larned. She was born April 27, 1918, in Lucas, the daughter of James and Edna Perry Rezabek. She married Edwin A. Honomichl May 31, 1940, at Beloit. He died Oct. 31, 1981. A resident of Larned since 1967, coming from Lincoln, she was a dietary aide at Larned State Hospital, a nurses' aide at Hammond Holiday Home and a care provider for people in their homes. She was a member of United Methodist Church and American Legion Auxiliary, both of Larned, and ZCBJ of Timken. Survivors include two sons, Erwin "Ernie" Honomichl and Eugene Honomichl, both of Larned; two daughters, Marlene Chlumsky and Ramona Flaherty, both of Larned; one brother, Edward Rezabek of Athol, S.D.; six grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and one step great-grandchild. She was preceded in death by two brothers, James Rezabek and John Rezabek; four sisters, Agnes Brozek, Helen Brozek, Alta Davis and Francis Thacker; and one grandchild. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at the church, with the Rev. Charles Grant officiating. Burial will be at 3 p.m. Thursday at Lucas Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. today and Wednesday, all at Beckwith Mortuary Chapel in Larned, and from 9 a.m. to service time Thursday at the church. Memorials are suggested to American Heart Association or St. Joseph Memorial Hospital Long Term Care, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Feb. 3, 2004 Beckwith Mortuary Chapel 916 Main Street P.O. Box 477 Larned, KS 67550 (620) 285-2121

David W. Gillett 1948-2004

LARNED — David W. Gillett, 56, died Feb. 2 at Via Christi Regional Medical Center, St. Francis Campus, in Wichita. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Morell Funeral Home in Larned. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Feb. 3, 2004

Warren D. Schmidt 1921-2004

CHASE — Warren D. Schmidt, 82, died Feb. 2 at Good Samaritan Center in Lyons. He was born June 27, 1921, at Pioneer Township in rural Chase, the son of Henry and Alma Ott Schmidt. He was a 1941 graduate of Chase High School. He married Rosemary Evans May 22, 1947, at Bushton. A lifetime Rice County resident, he was a farmer and a maintenance man for Pioneer Township. Schmidt was a member of Salem United Methodist Church, administrative council of Salem UMC and pastor parish relations board of Salem UMC, all of Bushton; and American Legion and Veteran of Foreign Wars, both of Lyons. He was a U.S. Army veteran, having served in World War II and receiving a Purple Heart. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Michael Schmidt of Hutchinson; one daughter, Linda Cesar of West Plains, Mo.; one sister, Faye Lukens of Sand Point, Idaho; one granddaughter; and two great-grandsons. He was preceded in death by one daughter, Karen Denise Schmidt; one brother, Gene Schmidt; and one sister, Genevive Geist. Memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Friday at the church, with the Rev. Vernon Maelzer officiating. Burial will be at Salem United Methodist Church Cemetery in Bushton with full military honors by Ft. Riley Honor Guard. Cremation has taken place. Friends may sign the register book from 2 to 5 p.m. Thursday at Sillin Funeral Home in Lyons. Memorials are suggested to Relay for Life and Hospice Care of Kansas, both in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Feb. 3, 2004 Sillin Funeral Home 214 W. South Ave. Lyons, KS 67554 (620) 257-2211

Alice Coogan Watson 1944-2004

SANTA FE, N.M. — Alice Coogan, 59, died Jan. 28 at her home in Santa Fe following a lengthy illness. The dire diagnosis of untreatable cancer was made last May. Born March 27, 1944, in Sao Paulo, Brazil, to Helen Townsley and James Alan Coogan, she grew up in Caracas, Venezuela, attended schools in Caracas, Great Bend, Ethel Walker Preparatory School in Stamford, Conn., and was graduated from Stanford University in Stanford, Calif. She married Lyall Watson, a companion for 12 years, June 21, 2003, in Santa Fe. The couple made their home in Santa Fe in recent years and maintain a home in Ireland. Survivors include her husband of the home; one brother, Alan D. Coogan of Portland, Ore.; one niece, Alexis Coogan, living in Spain; Uncle Russell Townsley of Russell; and several cousins. Her parents James Alan and Helen Coogan, a brother James Coogan and uncle Bill Townsley preceded her in death. After completing studies at Stanford, she was assistant director of Stanford Alumni Travel Association. In following years she organized and directed tours throughout the world and was a freelance travel director. In later years she made her home in San Francisco and South Carolina in the United States and in several countries including Colombia, Chile, South Africa and Ireland. Mrs. Coogan was associated with Episcopal Church. Watson is a marine biologist and author of several books. Alice requested to be cremated, to have a small family ceremony and her ashes scattered by her husband and brother in one of her favorite coral reefs. Memorial donations may be made to PMS Hospice Center, 1400 Chama Ave., Santa Fe, NM 87505. Santa Fe Funeral Options of Santa Fe, N.M., was in charge of arrangements. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Feb. 3, 2004 Santa Fe Funeral Options* 417 E. Rodeo Rd. Santa Fe, NM 87505 (505) 898-7032

February 1, 2004

Hazel Grossardt 1918-2004

OLATHE — Mrs. Hazel Grossardt, 85, passed away at her Olathe home on Jan. 28. Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. today at

North Cross United Methodist Church, 1321 N.E. Vivion Rd., Kansas City, Mo. Burial will be at Claflin Cemetery at a later date. She was born in Crosses, Ark., on July 1, 1918, the daughter of Ernest and Maggie Butler. She and Martin L. Grossardt were married Nov. 14, 1945, in Claflin. He preceded her in death in 1980. Surviving are two sons, Gerald Grossardt and wife, Cheryl, of Bakersfield, Calif., and Jon Grossardt and wife, Sheri, of Winona, Minn.; two daughters, Linda Danko and husband, Mike, of Olathe and Debbie Grossardt of Kansas City, Mo.; seven grandchildren, Patrick and his wife Crystal, Steven, and Kristin Danko, and Nicholas, Anne and Andrew Grossardt, and Tracy Grauer. Also surviving are two sisters, Opal Weaver of Great Bend and Jewel Schlicht of Prairie Village. She was also preceded in death by one brother, Garland Butler. Hazel was employed by the Hutchinson school district for a number of years as a baker, retiring in 1983. She was a member of North Cross United Methodist Church, Kansas City, Mo. She was an avid reader and also enjoyed crossword puzzles and painting. Memorial contributions are suggested to American Heart Association, 6800 W. 93rd St., Overland Park, KS 66212, or to the American Cancer Society, 6700 Antioch Road, Suite 100, Merriam, KS 66204. Arrangements are under the direction of Memorial Chapel Funeral Home, 14275 S. Blackbob Rd., Olathe, KS. * Funeral arrangements provided by Memorial Chapel Funeral Home 14275 S. Blackbob Road Olathe, KS 66062 (913) 768-6777 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 1, 2004

Michael Duane Bolander 1955-2004

BAKERSFIELD, Calif. — Michael Duane Bolander, 48, died Jan. 28 at his home. He was born May 19, 1955, at Hominy, Okla., the son of Charles J. Bolander and Carolyn M. McMullen Crouse. He attended Ellinwood schools. A resident of Bakersfield for several years, coming from Ellinwood, he was a floor hand on a pulling unit for Kincaid Well Service and Jet Well, both of Ellinwood. Bolander was a member of Calvary Baptist Church of Ellinwood. Survivors include his mother of Radium; one brother, John Ray Bolander of Osage, Okla.; three half-brothers, Tom Myers of Olmitz, Doug Myers of Dodge City and Dick Myers of Ellinwood; and two half-sisters, Debbie Borger of Jetmore and Carolyn Clark of Ellinwood. The body has been cremated. The family will announce services at a later date. Burial will be at Lakin-Comanche District Cemetery in Ellinwood. Memorials are suggested to Ellinwood Public Education and Library Foundation or American Lung Association of Kansas, both in care of Kimple Funeral Home of Ellinwood. Funeral arrangements provided by Kimple Inc. Funeral Home 113 N. Main Ellinwood, KS 67526 (620) 564-2300 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 1, 2004

Alice Coogan Watson 1944-2004

SANTA FE, N.M. — Alice Coogan Watson, 59, died Jan. 28 at her home in Santa Fe. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 1, 2004

March 31, 2004

Correction

Memorial committal services for Larry Curtis, who died Jan. 1, 2001, and Susan Curtis, who died March 28, will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Peace Church Cemetery in Hudson with the Rev. Al Hatten officiating. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 31, 2004

March 30, 2004

Mildred Caroline Strecker McFall Neeley 1922-2004

HOISINGTON — Mildred Caroline Strecker McFall Neeley, 81, died March 27 at Central Kansas Medical Center. She was born Oct. 22, 1922 at Russell, the daughter of Henry C. and Caroline O. 'Keil' Strecker. She was a 1940 graduate of Hoisington High School and attended Fort Hays State University. A resident of Hoisington, coming from Denver, Colo., she taught school at District 66 in Galatia for two years, worked at the Air Force Base in Great Bend, was a nurses aid at St. Rose Hospital, worked in the civil service in Colorado and later became a telephone operator for Mountain Bell and Oregon Teleco until her retirement in 1987. She was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church of Great Bend. Survivors include three sons, Mark G. McFall of Riverside, Calif., Miles McFall of Seattle, Wash., and Nathanael J. Neeley of Tyler, Texas; one brother, Paul H. Strecker of Galatia; one granddaughter; and one great-granddaughter; and two stepgrandsons. She was preceded by an infant sister, Esther Irene Strecker. Memorial service will be at 11 a.m. today at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Galatia with the Rev. James A. Strasen officiating. Burial will be at Fairview Cemetery in Galatia. There is no visitation. Memorials are suggested to Trinity Lutheran Church in care of Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. Funeral arrangements provided by Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home 415 N. Main Hoisington, KS 67544 620-653-4165 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 30, 2004

Susan G. Curtis 1932-2004

Susan G. Curtis, 71, of Great Bend, died March 28 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. She was born May 6, 1932, at Howard County, the daughter of McKean and Ruth Lord Carter. She married Larry Curtis April 23, 1955, at Tucumcari, N.M. He died Jan. 1, 2001. A resident of Great Bend for 42 years, coming from Stafford she was a homemaker. Survivors include two sons, Steven Curtis of Great Bend and David Curtis of Port Arthur, Texas; one brother, Bill Carter of Hays; and four grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one brother, William Carter and one daughter, Peggy Fischer. Memorial service and inurnment will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Peace Church Cemetery in Hudson with the Rev. Al Hatten officiating. Memorials are suggested to Susan G. Curtis Memorial Fund in care of Charter Funerals in Great Bend. Funeral arrangements provided by Charter Funerals 2115 Washington Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-6161 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 30, 2004

Robert Jackson Bennett 1922-2004

MOLINE — Robert Jackson Bennett, passed away on Wednesday, March 24, at the Elk Manor Nursing Home in Moline. He was 81 years of age and a long time resident of the Moline community. Bob, as he was known, was born on Aug. 8, 1922, at Pleasant View, Tenn., to Willy Ed and Pauline Mae Sanders Bennett. He attended school in Tennessee until entering the United States Navy Jan. 19, 1942, and served in the Pacific theatre during World War II. On June 26, 1944, he married Isabelle Arlene Ward at Ardmore, Okla., and to this union was born one son and three daughters. After being discharged from the Navy in 1947, Bob began working as an auto body mechanic for the Gardner Body Shop at Moline. In 1962, he became a partner in the Bennett-Gardner Body Shop and later became the sole owner of the business. Bob retired from the Bennett Body Shop in the mid-1980's. He was a long time member of the Moline United Methodist Church and is a 50 year member of the American Legion Ferguson-Spease Post 388, Hope Masonic Lodge 155 and Ladonia Chapter 243 Order of the Eastern Star. He is survived by his wife, Isabelle; one son, Robert Jr. of Howard; daughters, Sherry Kill of Moline and Rebecca Thetford of Great Bend; one brother, Wesley of Mount Hope; one sister, Alma Jones of Ashland City, Tenn.; eight grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his daughter, Gloria; two great-grandchildren; his parents; one brother and one sister. Memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Moline United Methodist Church with the Revs. Gary Parsons and Gary Boles officiating. Cremation has taken place. Military and Masonic graveside services will be at Moline Cemetery in Moline. Memorials have been established with the Elk Manor Nursing Home and the Center for Basic Cancer Research at Kansas State University. Contributions may be left with Zimmerman Funeral Home of Howard. Funeral arrangements provided by Zimmerman Funeral Home* P.O. Box 1233 Howard, KS 67349 620-374-2381 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 30, 2004

March 28, 2004

Marie Margaret Appel 1914-2004

Marie Margaret Appel, 89, of Great Bend, died March 25 at Woodhaven Care Center in Ellinwood. She was born March 26, 1914.

in Pawnee County, the daughter of Herman and Sena Folkerts Behrens. She married David Appel May 10, 1933, at Albert. He died April 27, 1971. A resident of Great Bend since 1972, coming from Pawnee Rock, she worked for Montgomery-Ward for 20 years and was a real estate agent for Keller Real Estate for 20 years, retiring in 1991. Mrs. Appel was a member of Peace Lutheran Church in Albert. Survivors include one son, Don C. Appel of Great Bend; one sister, Janet Rankin of Great Bend; three grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one brother, Roy Behrens; and two sisters, Fern Schultz and Edna Appel. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at the church, with the Rev. Jack D. Russell officiating. Burial will be at Peace Lutheran Cemetery in Albert. Friends may call from 1 to 9 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Memorials are suggested to the church or Woodhaven Care Center, both in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Bryant Funeral Home 1425 Patton Road Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-3525 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 28, 2004

Homer Ray Dirks 1933-2004

PAWNEE ROCK — Homer Ray Dirks, 70, died March 25 at his home. He was born Sept. 10, 1933, at rural Dundee, the son of Harvey and Ella Schultz Dirks. He married Patricia "Pat" Ann Hoffman Oct. 19, 1957, at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church in Great Bend. A lifetime Barton and Pawnee County resident, he was the owner of Dirks Dirt Construction and was a farmer and stockman. Dirks was a member of Peace Lutheran Church of rural Albert, where he served as Sunday school superintendent, Sunday school secretary/treasurer, all church council positions including president. He was also on the board of directors at Pawnee Rock Farmer's Grain Fuel and Livestock Co. He was baptized May 25, 1947, at Berthel Mennonite Church, rural Pawnee Rock, and was confirmed Aug. 12, 1962, at Peace Lutheran Church, Albert. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Dale Dean Dirks of Albert; two daughters, Darla Rae Clarke and husband Clint of Great Bend, and Danine Fay Martinez of Pagosa Springs, Colo.; his mother Ella Dirks of Great Bend; one sister, Beverly Ann Prescott and husband Keith of Larned; six grandchildren, Ashley Dirks, Taree Dougherty and husband Stacy, Abby Dirks, Kyle Clarke, Jenna Clarke and Conner Martinez and many nieces and nephews. Prayer service will be at 7 p.m. today at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Monday at the church, with the Rev. Jack D. Russell officiating. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call from 1 to 9 p.m. today, with family receiving friends from 7:30 to 9 p.m. today, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Bryant Funeral Home* 1425 Patton Road Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-3525 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 28, 2004

Otilia Kreutzer Dater 1929-2004

GARDEN CITY — Otilia Kreutzer Dater, 99, died March 25 at Terrace Garden Care Center in Garden City. She was born April 1, 1904, at Liebenthal, the daughter of Joe and Anna Werth Kreutzer. She married August Dater April 30, 1929, at Antonino. He died Feb. 5, 1980. A resident of Garden City since 1939, coming from Antonino, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Dater was a member of St. Mary Catholic Church and charter member of Daughters of Isabella, both of Garden City. Survivors include two sons, Silverius "Silver" Dater of Lenexa and Edwin Dater of Oklahoma City, Okla.; three daughters, Sister Mary Ellen Dater of Great Bend, Rose Ann Lawrence of Silver Springs, Md., and Leona Dater Powell of Spokane, Wash.; two sisters, Clementine Brungardt of Wichita and Ludwina Horning of Garden City; 20 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two daughters, Esther Dater and Theresa Taylor; two brothers, Fred Kreutzer and Isadore Kreutzer; and five sisters, Marie Kreutzer, Verna Johnson, Sister Clementine Kreutzer, Lenora Sauer and Rosa Kreutzer; one granddaughter; and one great-granddaughter. Daughters of Isabella rosary will be at 4 p.m. today at Garnand Funeral Home in Garden City. Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. today at the funeral home. Funeral Mass will be at 10 a.m. Monday at the church, with the Rev. James E. Baker officiating. Burial will be at Valley View Cemetery in Garden City. Friends can call from noon to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Heartland Farms Ministries, in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Garnand Funeral Home Garden City, KS 67846 620-276-3219 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 28, 2004

Benjamin H. Sooby 1924 -2004

LINCOLN, Neb. — Benjamin H. Sooby Jr., died March 26 at Bryan Memorial Hospital East in Lincoln, Neb. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Beckwith Mortuary of Larned. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune March 28, 2004

Henry P. 'Hank' Rupp 1926-2004

HAYS — Henry P. "Hank" Rupp, 78, died March 27 at Hays Good Samaritan Center. He was born Jan. 28, 1926, at Ellis County, the son of Andrew and Adelaide Rupp. He married Sally Brungardt Feb. 5, 1982, at Hays. He was a truck pusher for 4-Way Trucking and R.C. Williams. Rupp was a member of Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Hays. He was a U.S. Navy veteran, having served in World War II. Survivors include his wife of the home, three daughters, Jessica Rupp of the home; Katrina McCormick of Springfield, Mo., and Jackie Johnson of Kansas City; two brothers, Mike Rupp and Marvin Rupp, both of Hays; one sister, Blanche VonLintel of Hays; and four grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one son, Brad Rupp; and two brothers, Fred Rupp and infant Harlow Rupp. Parish vigil will be at 7 p.m. Monday at Brock's North Hill Chapel in Hays. Funeral will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday at the church. Burial will be at St. Joseph's Cemetery in Hays with graveside military honors by Hays Veterans of Foreign Wars. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Monday and from 10 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral chapel. Memorials are suggested to the donor's choice. Funeral arrangements provided by Brock's North Hill Chapel P. O. Box 86 Hays, KS 67601 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 28, 2004

Georgia J. Squires 1915-2004

CLAFLIN — Georgia J. Squires, 89, died March 24 at Liberty Terrace Care Center in Liberty, Mo. She was born March 3, 1915, at Holyrood, the daughter of Joseph and Marie Stejskal Dressler. She married Don Squires Jan. 16, 1941, at Great Bend. He died Jan. 16, 1964. A lifetime resident of Claflin, she was a homemaker and worked in the Claflin Schools lunch program. Mrs. Squires was a member of United Methodist Church of Claflin and a lifetime member of Order of the Eastern Star of Holyrood Chapter 420. Survivors include one son, Joe Buehler and wife, Darlene of Kansas City, Mo.; eight grandchildren; and eighteen great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one son, Harlan D. Buehler; an infant son, Marlin Buehler; one brother, Ernest Dressler; and two sisters, Lena Eggers and Agnes Jordon. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington with the Rev. Janet Myers officiating. Burial will be at Claflin Cemetery followed by Order of Eastern Star Service. Friends may call from 1 to 9 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. to service time Monday at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to Claflin Ambulance Fund in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home* 415 N. Main St. Hoisington, KS 67544 620-653-4165 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 28, 2004

Janice Manley 1950-2004

HOISINGTON — Janice Manley, 53, died March 26 at Clara Barton Hospital in Hoisington. She was born July 15, 1950, at Hoisington, the daughter of Leslie J. and Victoria E. Moore Miller. She married Gail Manley March 16, 1968, at Hoisington. A lifetime resident of Hoisington, she was a sales associate for J.C. Penney in Great Bend. Survivors include her husband of the home; two sons, Sean D. Manley of Ellinwood and Nathan B. Manley of Hoisington; one daughter, Christina I. Manley of Hoisington; her mother Victoria Miller of Hoisington; four brothers, Curtis D. Miller of Pagosa Springs, Colo., Denny J. Miller of Hoisington, Warren D. Miller of Derby and Steven C. Miller of Blue Springs, Mo.; four sisters, Martha A. McCarty of Ellinwood; Claudine F. Vanley of Napa Valley, Calif., Sharron L. Lane and Bobbie Shannon, both of Salina; and six grandchildren, Audrie R. Davis, Troy D. Davis Jr., Alec F. Manley, Victoria M. Manley, Laurene E. Manley and Dominic B. Manley. She was preceded in death by on brother, Leslie Roger Miller. Remembrance service will be at 7:30 p.m. today at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Monday at House of Faith Church in Hoisington with the Rev. Albert Hattan officiating. Burial will be at Hoisington Cemetery. Friends may call from 1 to 9 p.m. today, from 9 a.m. to noon Monday at the funeral home and from 1 p.m. until service time Monday at the church. Memorials are suggested to the church in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home* 415 N. Main St. Hoisington, KS 67544 620-653-4165 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 28, 2004

March 26, 2004

Homer Ray Dirks 1933-2004

PAWNEE ROCK — Homer Ray Dirks, 70, died March 25 at his residence in rural Pawnee Rock. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Bryant Funeral Home of Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 26, 2004

Georgia J. Squires 1915-2004

CLAFLIN — Georgia J. Squires, 89, died March 24 at Liberty Terrace Care Center in Liberty, Mo. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 26, 2004

Irene Green 1928-2004

WOODWARD, Okla. — Irene Green, 76, died March 22 at Advance Care Hospital in Oklahoma City, Okla. She was born Feb. 15, 1928, at Beaver, the daughter of Joseph and Mary Demel Courange. She married Carl Clark Green May 12, 1945, at Great Bend. He preceded her in death. A resident of Woodward since 1968, she was a homemaker. Survivors include one son, Kenneth Green of Norman, Okla.; five brothers, Clarence Courange of Laverne, Okla., Joe Courange of Canadian, Texas, Irvin Courange of Traer, Jim Courange of Hoisington and Eugene Courange of Pratt; seven sisters, Mary Ann Ash of Canadian, Theresa Hall of Kansas City, Victoria Hubbard of Vernal, Utah, Kay Munoz, Helen Klein, Norma Seyfert and Joann Torrez, all of Hoisington; and two grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two brothers, Vick Courange and Paul Courange; and one sister, Marge Cooper. Graveside service was held Thursday at Elmwood Cemetery in Woodward, with the Rev. Wesley Peterman officiating. Johnson's Good Samaritan Funeral Service of Woodward was in charge of arrangements. Funeral arrangements provided by Johnson's Good Samaritan Funeral Service 1024 22nd St. Woodward, Okla. 73802 580-256-6097 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 26, 2004

Monica Sue Seib 1963-2004

NESS CITY — Monica Sue Seib, 40, died March 23 at M.D. Anderson Cancer Hospital in Houston, Texas. She was born April 22, 1963, in Ness City, the daughter of Jerry and Shirley Swatzell Schuler. She married Myron Seib May 12, 1984, in Ness City. A resident of Ness City, she was a program technician for U.S. Department of Agriculture. Mrs. Seib was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Altar Society and Ness City Booster Club, all of Ness City. Survivors include her husband of the home; three daughters, Danielle Seib, Ashleigh Seib and Allison Seib, all of the home; her parents of Ness City; one sister, Cheryl Lunsford of Hays; and her grandmother, Susie Curtis of Ness City. Parish vigil will be at 7 p.m. today at the church. Funeral Mass will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at the church, with the Revs. Gregory LeBlanc and Joseph Barr officiating. Burial will be at Sacred Heart Catholic Cemetery in Ness City. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. today at Fitzgerald Funeral Home in Ness City. The casket will remain closed. Memorials are suggested to Monica Seib Scholarship Fund to be used at Ness City High School, in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Fitzgerald Funeral Home Inc. 207 N. Pennsylvania P.O. Box 96 Ness City, KS

67560 785-798-3243 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 26, 2004

March 25, 2004

Helen L. Green 1917-2004

Memorial service for Helen Green, 86, of Great Bend, who died Jan. 2 at Hutchinson Hospital, will be Saturday at CPI Hospitality Center on Kansas Avenue, south of 24th Street on the east side. There is no visitation. Memorials are suggested to Central Kansas Medical Center Heartland Cancer Center in care of Bryant Funeral Home, 1425 Patton Rd., Great Bend, KS 67530. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 25, 2004

Helen Weathers 1915-2004

Helen Weathers, 88, of Great Bend, died March 21 at Great Bend Health and Rehabilitation Center in Great Bend. She was born Nov. 6, 1915, at Hoisington, the daughter of Wesley and Mary Ryan Christopher. She married Elmo Weathers in 1934. He died in February 1984. A resident of Great Bend for 70 years, coming from Hoisington, she was a homemaker. Survivors include one son, Wesley A. Weathers of Topeka; two brothers, William Christopher of Eureka, Mo., and Gary Christopher of Palisade, Colo.; one daughter-in-law, Patricia E. Riley of Topeka; three grandchildren, Marci Weathers and Brady Costelow, both of Auburn, Wash., and Catherine Weathers of Lawrence; one great-grandson, Lucas Stoltman of Auburn; many nieces and nephews, including a special niece, Nancy Lindberg of Topeka. She was preceded in death by five brothers, Vernon Christopher, Glen Christopher, Eugene Christopher, Lyle Christopher and Darrell Christopher. Funeral service will be at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday 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 service time Tuesday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Great Bend Health and Rehabilitation in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Bryant Funeral Home* 1425 Patton Rd. Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-3525 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 25, 2004

Monique Zoller 1957-2004

DENVER, Colo. — Monique Zoller, 46, died March 9 at Las Vegas, Nev. She was born May 6, 1957, in Denver, the daughter of Marianne Gear Zoller and the late Henry E. Zoller III. Survivors include her mother; three brothers, Henry E. Zoller IV of Highlands Ranch, Colo., Jeffrey R. Zoller of Hoisington and Todd A. Zoller of Centennial, Colo.; and one sister, Michelle Z. Nocera of Long Beach, Calif. Graveside services were conducted March 24 at Fairmount Cemetery in Denver. Memorials are suggested to Dumb Friends League, 2080 S. Quebec St., Denver, CO 80231. Funeral arrangements provided by Fairmount Mortuary Denver, CO 80247 303-339-0692 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 25, 2004

March 24, 2004

James E. 'Jim' Miller 1939-2004

LYONS — James E. "Jim" Miller, 64, died March 22 at Lyons District Hospital in Lyons. He was born Nov. 3, 1939, at Lyons, the son of James L. and Frances M. Wheeler Miller. He was a 1957 graduate of Chase High School. He married Norma A. Robl Nov. 30, 1957, at Chase. A resident of Lyons since 1959, coming from Chase, he was a 23-year operator maintenance technician for Northern Natural Gas of Lyons and Rice County fire chief for 28 years. Miller was a member of St. Paul Catholic Church, a former church committee member, Lyons Chamber of Commerce Distinguished Citizen of the Year in 1985, State Fire Fighters Association and a 36-year member of Lyons Fire Department. Survivors include his wife of the home, four sons, Rick Miller of Lyons, David Miller of Houston, Texas, Mike Miller of Salina and Jeff Miller of Hutchinson; one daughter, Diane Moor of Lyons; one brother, Jerry Miller of Abilene; and 13 grandchildren. Rosary will be at 7 p.m. Sunday at the church in Lyons. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Monday at the church, with the Rev. Thomas Leland officiating. Burial will be at Lyons Municipal Cemetery with honors by Hutchinson Fire Department Honor Guard. Friends may call from 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday at Sillin Funeral Home in Lyons and from 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday at the church. Memorials are suggested to the church, Bell and Star Fund or Lyons Fire Department Scholarship Fund, all in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Sillin Funeral Home 214 West Ave. South Lyons, KS 67554 620-257-2211 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 24, 2004

March 23, 2004

Beatrice E. 'Bea' Stansel 1919-2004

HUTCHINSON — Beatrice E. "Bea" Stansel, 85, died March 20 at Hutchinson Hospital. She was born Feb. 19, 1919, at Pawnee Rock, the daughter of Alfred Smith and Mabel Naomi Morris Gross. She was a 1936 graduate of Pawnee Rock High School and a graduate of Kansas City Business College. She married F. Harrison Stansel Sept. 6, 1942, in Pawnee Rock. A resident of Hutchinson since 1940, she was a homemaker and 28-year employee of Kansas State Fair. Mrs. Stansel was a member of First United Methodist Church, Wesley Weds Sunday School Class, Polyphonic Music Club, Phi Beta Psi Sorority, American Legion Auxiliary, Hutchinson Symphony and Serendipity Camping Club. Survivors include her husband of the home; one son, Lynn Stansel of Hutchinson; one brother, Ken Mendenhall of Mesa, Ariz.; and two grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one son, Wayne Alan Stansel; and one foster sister, Mabel Deckert. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Elliott Mortuary in Hutchinson, with the Rev. Robert B. Brooks officiating. Burial will be at Fairlawn Cemetery in Hutchinson. Friends may call from 9

a.m. to 9 p.m. today and Wednesday at the mortuary. Memorials are suggested to Phi Beta Psi Sorority cancer research fund, in care of the mortuary. Funeral arrangements provided by Elliott Mortuary 1219 North Main Hutchinson, KS 67501 620-663-3327 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 23, 2004

Joan Young

WICHITA — Joan Young, 85, died March 19. She was a homemaker. She was a member of First Methodist Church and PEO Chapter HR, both of Great Bend, Veterans of Foreign Wars Ladies Auxiliary, Women of the Moose of Hutchinson, Polka Lovers Klub of America in Wichita and Noble's Lady of Isis Temple of Salina. Survivors include two sons, Dennis Young of Kansas City, Mo., and Roger D. Young of Atlanta, Ga.; one daughter, Celinda D. Graham of Wichita; one brother, Bill Smith of Hutchinson; eight grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at East Heights United Methodist Church in Wichita. Graveside service will be at 3 p.m. Wednesday at Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call from 7 to 8 p.m. today at Downing & Lahey Mortuary East in Wichita. In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to Shriner's Crippled Children's Hospital, c/o Midian Temple, 130 N. Topeka, Wichita, KS 67202. Funeral arrangements provided by Downing & Lahey Mortuary 6555 East Central Wichita, KS 67206 316-682-4553 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 23, 2004

Lloyd V. Brown 1936-2004

NEWTON — Lloyd V. Brown, 67, died March 21 at his residence in Newton. He was born Oct. 7, 1936, in Great Bend, the son of Lawrence and Anna Sofia Drehle Brown. He married Martha M. Mische Feb. 11, 1956, in Yates Center. She died April 22, 1991. He married JoAnn Gerritzen Oct. 12, 1996, in Newton. A resident of Newton, he was a manufacturing engineer for Hesston Corp., Bunting Magnetics and UNIFLO. Brown attended St. Mary's Catholic Church and Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church, was a member of Elks Lodge, the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars and Varmit Callers Association. Survivors include his wife of the home; three daughters, Carol Ann Rizo of Wichita, Patsy Jean Dilts of Hesston and Mary Elizabeth Schmidt of Bedford, Texas; two sisters, Leveta Abboud of Wichita and Carol Brown of Carson City, Nev.; and six grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one brother, Larry Brown. Rosary will be at 7 p.m. today at Petersen Funeral Home in Newton. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Newton, with the Rev. John Hotze officiating. Burial will be at St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Newton. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. today at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to St. Mary's Catholic Church Building Fund or Our Lady of Guadalupe Golden Jubilee Fund, both in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Petersen Funeral Home Inc. 215 N. Main Newton, KS 67114 316-283-2525 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 23, 2004

Margaret Juergensen Stanton 1910-2004

COLUMBUS — Margaret Juergensen Stanton, 93, died March 22 at Freeman Hospital in Joplin, Mo., after an illness. She was born Nov. 22, 1910, on the family farm in Cherokee County, the daughter of Andrew P. and Sophie Kueffner Juergensen. She was a 1929 graduate of Columbus High School and Kansas State Teachers College in Pittsburg. She married Elmer "Dick" Stanton in 1946, in Joplin. He died in 1954. A resident of rural Columbus, she was a retired school teacher working in Rural Empire in Galena, Great Bend, Clay Center, Joplin and rural schools in Cherokee County. Mrs. Stanton was a member of St. Johns Lutheran Church in Pittsburg. Survivors include one son, Gary Stanton of rural Columbus. Graveside service will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Edgmand Cemetery in rural Columbus, with the Rev. Carol Willadsen officiating. Family requests friends meet at the cemetery. Memorials are suggested to the church or Columbus Community Foundation, in care of Simpson Funeral Home in Columbus. Funeral arrangements provided by Simpson Funeral Home 323 S. Kansas Columbus, KS 66725 620-429-4200 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 23, 2004

Vernon Kerbs 1921-2004

BEAVER — Vernon Kerbs, 82, died March 21 at Kiowa County Memorial Hospital. He was born April 19, 1921, at Tampa, the son of Henry and Nathalie Klein Kerbs. He married Ruby Hammers in 1944, at Wellington. She died in 1973. He married Beverly Jane Hutson March 26, 1977, at Ellsworth. A resident of Beaver since 1976, coming from Wellington, he was a maintenance supervisor working in Tripoli, Libya, for Whitco Libya for four years, then returned to the United States and continued his work in the oilfield. Kerbs was a member of Masonic Lodge in Wellington and Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Hoisington. Survivors include his wife of the home; two stepsons, Greg Hutson of Nacogdoches, Texas, and Noel Hutson of San Jose, Calif.; three stepdaughters, Juanita Borrell of Delphos, Linda Hopkins of Beaver and Bobbie Hamilton of Austin, Texas; and four stepgrandchildren. He was preceded in death by one brother, Lawrence Kerbs; one sister, Evelyn Little; and one stepgranddaughter, Jenna Scott. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington, with the Rev. James A. Strasen officiating. Burial will be at 3 p.m. Wednesday at Prairie Lawn Cemetery in Wellington with Masonic burial rites. There will be no visitation, cremation has taken place. Memorials are suggested to Claflin Ambulance Fund or Beaver Fire Department Fund, both in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home 415 North Main P.O. Box 146 Hoisington, KS 67544 620-653-4165 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 23, 2004

Enid Lourine Dahle 1916-2004

Enid Lourine Dahle, 87, of Great Bend, died March 21 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. She was born Nov. 29, 1916, the daughter of Edd and Zella Truex Fisher. She married Budge Dahle. He died in 1976. A resident of Great Bend for two years, coming from Hesperia, Calif., she was an inspector for Hughes Aircraft, retiring in 1976. Mrs. Dahle was a member of River of Life Foursquare Church in Great Bend. Survivors include four cousins, Wilma Jean Truex, Delores Rusco and Verdean LeRoy, all of Great Bend. and Doreen Powell of Honolulu, Hawaii. She was preceded in death by one brother, Ed Fisher. Memorial

service will be at 6:30 p.m. today at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend, with the Rev. David LeRoy officiating. Burial will be at Woodlawn Cemetery in Santa Monica, Calif. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. today at the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Bryant Funeral Home 1425 Patton Road Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-3525 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 23, 2004

Sue Boye 1932-2004

DENVER, Colo. — Sue Boye, 71, died March 19 at her daughter's home in Arvada, Colo. She was born March 26, 1932, at Great Bend, the daughter of Earl and Ella Frevert Snyder. She was a graduate of Holyrood schools and was a 1954 graduate of Bethany College in Lindsborg. A resident of Denver, she was a house mom at sororities in Colorado for several years, was a real estate agent and taught music. She was a member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Denver. Survivors include one son, J.D. Boye of Aurora, Colo.; one daughter, Tammy Derloshon of Arvada; and four grandchildren. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Holyrood. Burial will be at St. Peter's Lutheran Cemetery in Holyrood. Friends may call from 11 a.m. to service time Wednesday at the church. Memorials are suggested to Bethany College Music Dept., 421 North 1st St., Lindsborg, KS 67456; Bethlehem Lutheran School for Music Dept., 2100 Wadsworth Blvd., Lakewood, CO 80214; or Children's Christian Concern Society, 1000 SW 10th St., Topeka, KS 66604, or all in care of Mickey-Leopold Funeral Home in Hoxie. Funeral arrangements provided by Mickey-Leopold Funeral Home P.O. Box 235 Hoxie, KS 67740 785-675-3057 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 23, 2004

Edna Meta Jenisch 1916-2004

ELLINWOOD — Edna Meta Jenisch, 87, died March 20 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. She was born June 28, 1916, in Ellinwood, the daughter of Carl H. and Emelia Mellies Schmidt. She was a graduate of Ellinwood High School. She married Edward A. Jenisch Aug. 9, 1935. He died May 21, 1995. A lifetime resident of Ellinwood, she was a secretary at Ellinwood High School for more than 20 years. Mrs. Jenisch was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church and Altar Society, both of Ellinwood. Survivors include one daughter, Alma "Pinky" Lloyd of Ellinwood; two sisters, Maxine Riemann of Great Bend and Carol Scheufler of Ellinwood; four grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one son, Robert Jenisch; her stepmother, Alice Schmidt; one brother, Gerald Schmidt; and three sisters, Anita Holden, Elnora Schmidt and Lathayne Schmidt. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. today at the church, with the Rev. John Maes officiating. Burial will be at Lakin-Comanche District Cemetery in Ellinwood. Memorials are suggested to the church, St. Joseph's Catholic School Endowment or donor's choice, all in care of Kimple Funeral Home in Ellinwood. Funeral arrangements provided by Kimple Funeral Home 113 North Main Ellinwood, KS 67526 620-564-2300 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 23, 2004

Dorothy V. Koelsch 1915-2004

ST. JOHN — Dorothy V. Koelsch, 89, died March 19 at Leisure Homestead in St. John. She was born Feb. 25, 1915, in St. John, the daughter of Elmer and Margaret Carrier. She was a 1933 graduate of St. John High School. She married Joe Koelsch. He preceded her in death. A resident of St. John, she was a homemaker, legal secretary for two Stafford County attorneys, clerk and bank teller for First National Bank of St. John and owner of Koelsch Department Store from 1964 to 1978. Mrs. Koelsch was a member of First United Methodist Church, Order of Eastern Star, United Methodist Women, Hesperian Club, past president of Harmony Music & Study Club, Victory Extension Homemakers Unit, Henry Rohr Chapter 204 OES, all of St. John, and served on St. John hospital and library boards. Survivors include one son, Richard Scroggin of Hutchinson; and two grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two brothers, Lawrence Carrier and Victor Carrier; and two sisters, Marian Fulton and Veva Sidman. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Minnis Chapel Inc. in St. John, 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. Wednesday at the funeral chapel. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of the funeral chapel. Funeral arrangements provided by Minnis Chapel Inc. P.O. Box 34 St. John, KS 67576 620-549-3556 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 23, 2004

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Laura Renae Taylor 1960-2004

RUSSELL — Laura Renae Taylor, 43, died March 18 at Russell Regional Hospital. She was born Sept. 4, 1960, at Fort Morgan, Colo., the daughter of John W. and Alice Lorraine Wilson Clapp. She grew up in Fort Morgan and attended public schools there, graduating from Fort Morgan High School in 1978. She later completed vo-tech training in mechanics and also attended business school. She resided in Fort Morgan for many years before moving to Great Bend in 1990. She moved to the rural Russell area in 1994, where she resided until her death. She worked at the Rush County Nursing Home as a certified nurses' aide for a few years, then worked as a waitress at the Pizza Hut in Great Bend for several years. She enjoyed raising baby calves and bottle feeding them. She also loved the outdoors and enjoyed wheat harvests, but especially loved caring for and spending time with her grandchildren. She is survived by her companion, Dennis Boxberger of Otis; one daughter, Jodie Dirreen of Great Bend; one brother, Eldon Hartley of Denver, Colo.; two sisters, Evelyn Ardd of Greeley, Colo., and Roberta Carter of Hutchinson; three grandchildren, Alexandra Dirreen, Gina Dirreen and Lauren Dirreen, all of Great Bend; and a number of nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents. Graveside services and inurnment of her cremains are scheduled for 1 p.m. Monday at Fairview Cemetery in Galatia. Pohlman-Heise Mortuary of Russell is in charge of arrangements. Funeral arrangements provided by Pohlman-Heise Mortuary* 610 N. Maple St. Russell, KS 67665 785-483-2212 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 21, 2004

Christine Breedon 1927-2004

Christine Breeden, 76, of Great Bend, died March 18 at Prairie Sunset Home in Pretty Prairie. She was born July 17, 1927, in Grandview, Ind., the daughter of Jesse and Anna Bennett Gilliland. She married Kenneth W. Breeden July 17, 1947, at Great Bend. He died Dec. 30, 1987. A resident of Great Bend, she worked as a clerk at the former Sweetbriar Clothing store, was co-owner of Village Square Dress Shop and worked in the Barton County Treasurer's office, retiring in 1987. Mrs. Breeden was a member of First United Methodist Church, Elks Ladies Auxiliary and HDU. Survivors include two sons, Kenneth W. Breeden Jr. of Wichita and Kevin L. Breeden of Evergreen, Colo.; two brothers, Don Gilliland of Lakewood, Colo., and Tom Gilliland of Denver, Colo.; three sisters, Ruth Case of Seattle, Wash., Norma Miller of Albert and Peggy Aldrine of Dallas, Texas; and one grandson, Josh Breeden of New York, N.Y. She was preceded in death by two brothers, Jim Gilliland and John Gilliland; and one sister, Louise Kerr. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at the church, with the Rev. Gary Brooks 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. The family will receive friends from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. today at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Huntington's Disease Society of America, 158 W. 29th St., 7th Floor, New York, NY 10001-5300, the church of Great Bend or Prairie Sunset Home of Pretty Prairie. Funeral arrangements provided by Bryant Funeral Home* 1425 Patton Road Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-3525 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 21, 2004

Chester 'Chet' Dale Lenz Jr. 1956-2004

SALINA — Chester "Chet" Dale Lenz Jr., 47, died March 14 at Salina. He was born Nov. 5, 1945, in Great Bend, the son of Chester Dale and Henrietta Elizabeth Peters Lenz. He was a graduate of Phillipsburg High School and from Cloud County Community College with an associates degree in sociology. A resident of Salina, he was self-employed as a contractor/remodeler at Tradesman Company in Salina. Survivors include two daughters, Hannah M. Lenz and Kristina A. Lenz, both of Salina; his father; four sisters, Janice D. Weiershaeuser of Gross-Gerau, Germany, Pamela E. Burns of Honolulu, Hawaii, Annie Lenz of Wichita and Jane M. Stewart of Spokane, Wash.; and special friend, Patricia Champ of Salina. Memorial service was Friday at Carlson-Ford-Geisendorf Funeral Home in Salina. Inurnment will be at a later date. Memorials are suggested to Chester Dale Lenz Jr. Memorial Fund, in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Carlson-Ford-Geisendorf Funeral Home and Crematory 500 S. Ohio Salina, KS 67401 785-823-3456 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 21, 2004

Dorothy V. Koelsch

ST. JOHN — Dorothy V. Koelsch, 89, died March 19 at Leisure Homestead in St. John. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Minnis Chapel in St. John. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 21, 2004

Eilt A. Miller 1923-2004

ALBERT — Eilt A. Miller, 81, died March 19 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. He was born Jan. 14, 1923, at Albert, the son of Conrad and Anna Rients Miller. He married Reita Yarmer April 24, 1946, at St. John. She died Jan. 9, 1972. He married Marian Tuzicka McNemee Feb. 10, 1979, at Albert. A lifetime area resident, he was a farmer and stockman. Miller was a member of Peace Lutheran Church of Albert, a past board member of Clara Barton Hospital and was active in other community and church activities. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Stephen Miller of Des Moines, Iowa; two daughters, Coleen Nuss of Great Bend and Shelly DeWald of Otis; one stepson, Mark McNemee of McLouth; two stepdaughters, Carol Olson of Olivia, Minn., and Karen Lambert of Gillette, Wyo.; three brothers, Louis Miller of Bloomington, Ill., Carl Miller of Ellinwood and John Miller of Albert; four grandchildren; seven stepgrandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one stepson, Robert McNemee; three brothers, Abbe Miller, Edward Miller and Martin Miller; and one sister, Tena Marshall. Prayer service will be at 7 p.m. today at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Funeral will be at 2:30 p.m. Monday at the church, with the Rev. Ethan Feistner officiating. Burial will be at Peace Lutheran Cemetery in Albert. Friends may call from 1 to 9 p.m. today at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the church or Alzheimer's Foundation, both in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Bryant Funeral Home 1425 Patton Road Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-3525 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 21, 2004

Pete Scheck 1917-2004

Pete Scheck, 86, of Great Bend, died March 19 at Hays Medical Center in Hays. He was born May 7, 1917, at Victoria, the son of Joseph P. and Magdalene Windholz Scheck. He married Evelyn Scheck Nov. 21, 1938, at Walker. A resident of Great Bend since 1941, coming from Hays and Victoria, he worked at the Buick Garage in Great Bend, was a foreman of Charlie Humes Construction, was a mechanic at Folley's Caterpillar and retired from Farley Machine Shop in 1981. Scheck was a member of St. Patrick Catholic Church, Knights of Columbus and Eagles, all of Great Bend. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Larry Dean Scheck of San Diego, Calif.; two daughters, Gloria A. McCormick of Hays and Betty Jane Brown of Great Bend; three brothers, Edwin Scheck and Melvin Scheck, both of Russell, and Linus Scheck of Macksville; four sisters, Mary Weigel, Katie Scheck and Magdalena Moeder, all of Victoria, and Rubina Dinkel of Colby; five grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and two stepgrandchildren. He was preceded in death by three brothers, Gilbert Scheck, Seraphine Scheck and Victor Scheck; and two sisters, Bertha Denning and Leona Scheck. Vigil will be at 7:30 p.m. Monday, with Knights of Columbus rosary at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at the church, with the Revs. Reginald Urban and Gerald A. Hammeke officiating. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Holy Family School Endowment Fund or Alzheimer's Association, both in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Bryant Funeral Home 1425 Patton Road Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-3525 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 21, 2004

March 19, 2004

Ruby Tucker 1920-2004

JOHNSON — Ruby Tucker, 84, died March 16 at Park View Assisted Living Residence in Ulysses. She was born Jan. 22, 1920, at Great Bend, the daughter of Otto and Elsie Ludwig Oser. She was a 1938 graduate of Great Bend High School and attended Emporia State Teachers College in Emporia for two years. She married Herman Lawrence "H.L." Tucker Jr. May 4, 1944, at Great Bend. A resident of Johnson, she was a school teacher and homemaker. Mrs. Tucker was a member of First United Methodist Church, Come Join Us Sunday school class, United Methodist Women and Cosmos Club, all of Johnson. Survivors include her husband of the home; one son, Tom Tucker and wife, Dawn, of Johnson; two daughters, Karen Farrell and husband, Mike, of Newton, and Nancy Nicholas and husband, Wendell, of Johnson; three sisters, Frieda Miller and Margaret Wilkens, both of Ellsworth, and Marian Brown and husband, John, of Baker City, Ore.; eight grandchildren, Kyle and Kris Farrell, Dr. Becky Nicholas and Niki Nicholas, Tiffany Moeller and husband Mike, Scott, Rochelle and Heath Tucker; and three great-grandchildren, Kayla and Tyler Hook and Lynne Moeller. She was preceded in death by one infant daughter, Constance Jean Tucker; and one sister, Ruth Ek. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at the church, with the Rev. Glenn Fogo officiating. Burial will be at Stanton County Cemetery in Johnson. Friends may call from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. today at Garnand Funeral Home in Johnson. Memorials are suggested to the church, Kansas Alzheimer's Association, or Stanton County Long Term Care Unit, all in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Garnand Funeral Home* 605 W. North Ave. Johnson, KS 67855 620-492-2153 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 19, 2004

Lou Connor Komarek 1911-2004

SALINA — Mary Lou Connor Komarek, 62, died March 17 at Salina Regional Medical Center in Salina. She was born Oct. 14, 1941, at Hoisington, the daughter of Robert and Aurelia Schugart Connor. A resident of Salina, coming from Omaha, Neb., and Hays, she was an office manager and general manager of Holiday Inn Express of Salina and formerly Hampton Inn of Omaha. Survivors include one son, Shane Komarek of Salina; two daughters, Linda Komarek of Salina and Sue Morris of Logan; two brothers, Robert Connor of Banning, Calif., and John Connor of Great Bend; four sisters, Margaret Ehrlich and Jean Flagor, both of Hoisington, Loretta Ulrey of Larned and Barbara Lehning of Logan; and seven grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one brother, Jim Connor. Memorial service will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington, with the Rev. David Flagor officiating. Inurnment will be at St. John Catholic Church Cemetery in Hoisington. There will be no visitation. Memorials are suggested to Salina Red Cross, in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home 415 North Main P.O. Box 146 Hoisington, KS 67544 620-653-4165 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 19, 2004
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March 18, 2004

Geneva M. Ney 1925-2004

OLPE — Geneva M. Ney, 78, died March 10 in Sun City West, Ariz. She was born March 27, 1925, in Olpe, the daughter of William P. and Katherine Haag Miller. She married Richard M. Ney Sept. 16, 1944, in Olpe. A resident of Sun City West, coming from Olpe, Wichita and Kent, Wash., she was a homemaker and worked at the Boeing plant in Wichita during World War II. Mrs. Ney was a member of St. Clare of Assisi Catholic Church in Surprise, Ariz. Survivors include her husband of the home; one son, Michael R. Ney of Covington, Wash.; one daughter, Michelle R. Stasco of Seattle, Wash.; two brothers, William P. Miller of Emporia and Frank Miller of Van Buren, Ark.; three sisters, Helen Bowman of Emporia, Wilma M. Gerleman of Salina and Kathryn Hickel of Sun City West; and three grandchildren. She was preceded in death by three brothers, Berthold Miller, Christian Miller and Leonard Miller; and four sisters, infant Clara Miller, Bernadine Wiederholdt, Ilene Burns and Louise Miller. Funeral Mass was Tuesday at St. Joseph Catholic Church at Olpe. Burial was at St. Joseph Cemetery at Olpe. Memorials are suggested to St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery Endowment Fund, in care of Roberts-Blue-Barnett Funeral Home of Emporia. Funeral arrangements provided by Roberts-Blue-Barnett Funeral Home P.O. Box 175 Emporia, KS 66801 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 18, 2004

Mary Lou Connor Komarek 1941-2004

SALINA — Mary Lou Connor Komarek, 62, died March 17 at Salina Regional Medical Center in Salina. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 18, 2004

Addition

LIBERAL — Additional survivors of Ruth I. Onions, who died March 16, are three grandchildren, Julie Foster of Hutchinson, Kurt Williams of Hoisington and Karl Williams of Salina. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 18, 2004

Catherine Ann Rugan 1925-2004

ELLINWOOD — Catherine Ann Rugan, 78, died March 17 at her home in Ellinwood. She was born Oct. 25, 1925, at Hoisington, the daughter of Philip and Anna Elizabeth Siegfried Krug. She was a 1943 graduate of Hoisington High School. She married Warren A. Rugan March 25, 1951, at Hoisington. A lifetime resident of Barton County, she was a farm wife. Mrs. Rugan was a member of St. John Lutheran Church. Lutheran Women's Missionary League. Garden Club and Sunshine Club. all of Ellinwood.

Survivors include her husband of the home; three sons, Kurt A. Rugan and Walter P. Rugan, both of Ellinwood, and W. Gene Rugan of Lyons; one daughter, Sharon Theimer of Winfield; one brother, Orland Krug of Houston, Texas; one sister, LaVera Sullivan of Spanish Fort, Ala.; and 10 grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two brothers, Robert Krug and Harold Krug; and one sister, Olive Krug. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at the church, with the Rev. Andy Keltner officiating. Burial will be at Lakin-Comanche District Cemetery in Ellinwood. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday at Kimple Funeral Home in Ellinwood. Memorials are suggested to LWML or Ellinwood Garden Club, both in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Kimple Funeral Home Inc. 113 North Main Ellinwood, KS 67526 620-564-2300 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 18, 2004

Margaret Lou Donley 1923-2004

Margaret Lou Donley, 81, of Great Bend, died March 15 at Cheyenne Meadows Living Center in Hoisington. She was born Jan. 9, 1923, at Topeka, the daughter of Edmond Leroy and Marjorie Anderson Caskey. She married Kenneth Delpha Donley Dec. 19, 1950, at Kansas City, Mo. He died in 1983. A longtime resident of Great Bend, coming from Macksville, she was a retired manager of C.O. Mammels Grocery in Macksville. Mrs. Donley was baptized Episcopalian and a member of American Legion Auxiliary in Great Bend and Macksville, and Alpha Pi Sorority at Washburn University in Topeka. Survivors include one son, Eddie Paul Donley of Mesa, Ariz.; three daughters, Carol Sue Burns of Texas, Linda Lou Echlos of Alabama and Bonnie Bradley of Lewisville, Texas; seven grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren. Graveside service will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Farmington Cemetery in Macksville, with the Rev. Larry Sadowski officiating. Friends may call from 3 to 9 p.m. today, with family receiving friends from 7 to 8 p.m. today and from 9 to 9:30 a.m. Friday, all at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. Memorials are suggested to Arthritis Foundation, in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home 415 North Main P.O. Box 145 Hoisington, KS 67544 620-653-4165 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 18, 2004

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Cecil Boman 1915-2004

LARNED — Cecil Boman, 88, died March 15 at his residence in Larned. He was born Nov. 29, 1915, at Zenith, the son of Shelva and Alta Marie Wheatley Boman. He married Dorothy Lee Wallace July 25, 1948, at Harrison, Ark. She died March 13, 2003. A resident of Larned since 1966, coming from Lamar, Mo., he worked in road construction for Broce and Smith. Boman was of the Protestant faith. Survivors include four sons, Darrell Baucker of Arma, Danny Boman, Duane Boman and Glen Boman, all of Larned; two daughters, Barbara Edwards of Pawnee Rock and Margie Gonzalez of Great Bend; one brother, Charles Boman of Lamar; 12 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Chet Boman and Clifford Boman. Funeral 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 1 p.m. Friday at Howell Cemetery in Milford, Mo. with the Rev. Cliff Hazard officiating. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. until Thursday, all at the funeral home. The family will receive visitors from 7 to 9 p.m. today at the American Legion of Larned. Memorials are suggested to Alzheimer's Association in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Bryant Funeral Home 1425 Patton Rd. Great Bend, KS 67530 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 17, 2004

Verna Milta Schneider 1921-2004

OSAGE BEACH, Mo., — Verna Milta Schneider, daughter of John and Mary Brack, was born April 4, 1921, in Otis. She departed this life Saturday, March 13, at Osage Beach Health Care Center in Osage Beach, Mo., at the age of 82 years, 11 months and nine days. On May 7, 1939, she was united in marriage to Alex Schneider, and to this union two daughters and one son were born. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Alex in April of 1987, two brothers and one sister. Verna is survived by two daughters, Peggy Koehn of Gravois Mills, Mo., and Alexis Nichols and her husband, Terry, of Lake Havasu, Ariz.; one son, Steve Schneider and his wife, Jeanne, of Kingwood, Texas; five grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandson; a sister, Martha Margheim of Hoisington; several nieces and nephews; as well as a host of other relatives and friends. She was born and raised in the Otis area. After she and Alex were married, they made their home in the Otis community and lovingly raised their children. Throughout the years, Verna was a devoted and hardworking homemaker to her family. Verna was a longtime active member of the Otis Trinity Lutheran Church, where she enjoyed singing in the choir, and was active in the Eunice Circle ladies group. In her spare time, she liked sewing, playing cards, dancing and bowling. Her family was very important to her and she especially enjoyed her grandchildren. Verna was a loving mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, great-great-grandmother, sister, aunt and was a caring neighbor and friend. We celebrate her life and her accomplishments and will cherish the wonderful memories she created for us. Funeral services for Mrs. Verna M. Schneider are at 2 p.m. Friday, March 19, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Otis with the Rev. Bruce Adamson officiating. Burial will follow in the Otis Lutheran Cemetery. Keith Brack, Eudale Brack, Kenneth Brack, Roger Brack, Harry Schneider, Bob DeWald, Doran Margheim and Larry Don Schneider will serve as pallbearers. Visitation is Friday at noon until time of service in the church. Arrangements are under the personal care and direction of the Allee-Holman-Howe Funeral Home of Camdenton, Mo. Funeral arrangements provided by Allee-Holman-Howe Funeral Home* 101 Clint Camdenton, Mo. 65020 1-573-346-2265 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 17, 2004

Ruth I. Onions 1914-2004

LIBERAL — Ruth I. Onions died March 16 at Southwest Medical Center in Liberal. She was born Sept. 23, 1914, at Comanche, Texas, the daughter of Joe Willis and Hattie B. Owen Carter. She has been a resident of Liberal since 1946, moving from Dublin, Texas. She was a bookkeeper for Pittman Elevator, Pennington Electric and Circle K Auto Shop. She was a member of First

Presbyterian Church, Liberal Pancake Campers Club and Prestige Club. She enjoyed square dancing with her husband Bill until about 10 years ago and then enjoyed traveling in their recreational vehicle. On Jan. 16, 1932, she married Merle Williams. She later married Charles Harris in 1956. He preceded her in death in May 1971. On Sept. 16, 1973, she married John W. "Bill" Onions in Liberal. He survives. Other survivors include one son, Ken Williams and wife Nancy of Great Bend; two step-sons, Mike Onions and wife Cindy of Durango, Colo., and Dick Onions and his wife Barbara of Lubbock, Texas; two step-daughters, Jetta Headrick and husband Marvin of Turpin, Okla., and Michelle Tombs and husband Michael of Lubbock, Texas; three grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; 11 step-grandchildren; and six step-great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one brother, George Carter, and one sister, Willie Mae Sanders. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Friday at First Presbyterian Church of Liberal with the Rev. Steve Saville officiating. Burial will be at Liberal Cemetery. Calling time will be from 5 to 9 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday at Kitch-Brenneman Funeral Home in Liberal. Memorials are suggested to Liberal Good Samaritan Center in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Kitch-Brenneman Funeral Home* 1212 W. 2nd St. Liberal, Ks 67901 620-624-5647 Great Bend (Kan) Tribune March 17, 2004

Margaret Lou Donley 1923-2004

Margaret Lou Donley, 81, died March 15 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, March 17, 2004

March 16, 2004

Theresa Henrietta Armbruster 1915-2004

ELLIS — Theresa Henrietta Schaus Armbruster, 88, died March 13 at Albert. She was born May 29, 1915, at rural Ellis, the daughter of Joseph Aust and Barbara Fries Schaus. She married John Armbruster Jr. May 14, 1936, at Ellis. He died Aug. 26, 1984. A resident of Ellis County most of her life, she was a school teacher and Sunday School teacher, a cook at Cottonwood Grove School and Good Samaritan Home, and a homemaker. Mrs. Armbruster was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church of Ellis and a member of the St. John's ladies organization. Survivors include three sons, John J. Armbruster and his wife, Diane, of Albert, Greg Armbruster and his wife, René of Topeka, and Stan Armbruster and his wife, Patti of Leawood; one daughter, Barbara Reece and her husband, Clyde of Burdett; eight grandchildren; two stepgrandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two sisters, Marlene Wasinger and Margaret King. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. today at the church with the Revs. Mitch Reece and Tim Rahn officiating. Burial will be at Mt. Hope Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to the church or Ellis Good Samaritan Home, both in care of Wasinger Funeral Chapel of Ellis. Funeral arrangements provided by Wasinger Funeral Chapel P.O. Box 54* Ellis, KS 67637 785-726-4400 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 16, 2004

Ray Bill Engleman 1926-2004

WICHITA — Ray Bill Engleman, 77, died March 12. He was born Aug. 11, 1926, in Great Bend, the son of Everest and Alice Roberson Engleman. He married Gladys Marie Ringering. A resident of Wichita since 1980, coming from Great Bend, he was a retired construction worker and a farmer. Engleman was of the Protestant faith. Survivors include his wife of the home; two sons, Randall Engleman of Lake City, Fla., and Dana Engleman of Manhattan; one daughter, Rhonda Tiedman of Washington, D.C.; one brother, Jim Engleman of Great Bend; seven grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. A private family service was conducted. All Faiths Funeral Services in Wichita was in charge of arrangements. Funeral arrangements provided by All Faiths Funeral Services 3717 W. Central Wichita, KS 67203 316-945-1122 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 16, 2004

William Charles Pike 1938-2004

ALBERT — William Charles Pike, 65, died March 14. He is survived by a daughter, Lisa B. Russell and son-in-law, the Rev. Jack B. Russell. Funeral services will be held at Lotz Funeral Home in Vinton, Va. In lieu of memorials, it is suggested to practice a random act of kindness. Funeral arrangements provided by Bryant Funeral Home 1425 Patton Rd. Great Bend, KS 67530 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 16, 2004

Cecil D. Boman 1915-2004

LARNED — Cecil D. Boman, 88, died March 14 at his residence. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 16, 2004

March 14, 2004

N. Aline Austin Schmitt 1918-2004

N. Aline Austin Schmitt, 85, died March 12 at her residence in Great Bend. She was born Aug. 4, 1918 at Cottonwood Falls, the daughter of Fred J. and Nora Ward Austin. She married Verne G. Schmitt on June 20, 1942 at Glendale, Calif. He died Aug. 21, 1999. She worked at McDonnell-Douglas Aircraft Company in Long Beach, Calif. from 1942-1946, she returned to Kansas where she taught for 25 years in Pawnee Rock and Great Bend High Schools and at Barton County Community College. After retiring from teaching she worked at Turner and Boisseau Law Firm for 10 years. She was a Great Bend resident since 1953. comina

from Pawnee Rock. Mrs. Schmitt received her Bachelor of Science in business education and Life Teaching Certificate from Emporia State Teachers College and her Master's Degree from Fort Hays State University. She was a member of First United Methodist Church, the Spiritual Life Sunday School Personal Association, Birthday Club, AARP, a life member of the American Legion Auxiliary having served as unit president and Seventh District president, all of Great Bend, and of Chapeau of 8/40 Reno Salon 197, Hutchinson. She volunteered for RSVP, Interfaith and the church. Survivors include two sons, Verne Lynn Schmitt of Hays, and Robert Wayne Schmitt of Mission; one brother, Fred Austin Jr., of Topeka; nine grandchildren; and six great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one brother, Charles Austin; and one sister, Lorene Scott. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the church with Rev. Gary Brooks officiating. Burial will be at Pawnee Rock Cemetery. Friends may call from 5-9 p.m. and the family will receive friends from 6-8 p.m. Monday, and from 9 a.m. to noon Tuesday at Bryant Funeral Home. Memorials are suggested to Barton County Humane Society, or the church, or Order of the Eastern Star. Funeral arrangements provided by Bryant Funeral Home 1425 Patton Road Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-3525 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 14, 2004

Garman L. Breitenbach 1932-2004

BELPRE — Garman L. Breitenbach, 71, died March 12 at his residence in rural Belpre. He was born June 27, 1932 at Belpre, the son of Frank L. and Elva Fisher Breitenbach. He married Patsy Ruth Wilson June 12, 1954 at Hutchinson. She died July 11, 2001. A lifetime resident of rural Belpre, he was a retired farmer. Breitenbach was of the Christian faith and was a U.S. Army veteran. Survivors include three sons, Marjain Breitenbach, of Kansas City, Kan., Michael Breitenbach, of Shawnee Mission, and Charles Breitenbach, of Basehor; two daughters, Cheryl Hulseley, of Hutchinson, and Gayle Berrios, of Kansas City, Mo.; one sister, Ellen Jones, of Cary, Ill.; 11 grandchildren; and one great grandchild. He was preceded in death by one grandson, Matthew Hulseley. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at First United Methodist Church, Larned, with Rev. Bill Stapelton officiating. Friends may call from noon until 8 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. until 8 p.m. Monday at Morell Funeral Home in Larned. Burial will be at Belpre Cemetery. Memorials may be sent to Southwind Hospice of Pratt, in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Morell Funeral Home P.O. Box 124 Larned, Ks 67550 620-285-2177 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 14, 2004

Dorothy C. Mueller 1923-2004

Dorothy C. Mueller, 80, died March 13 at Central Kansas Medical Center. She was born Sept. 18, 1923, at St. Leo, the daughter of A. J. and Elizabeth Schommer Schwager. She married Wendell Mueller, July 24, 1959, at Great Bend. He died Nov. 20, 1987. A resident of Great Bend most of her life, she worked for Greens, Gunns and Howards clothing stores. Mrs. Mueller was a member of St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church. Survivors include one sister, Vernelia Williams, of Great Bend; one sister-in-law, Luella Schwager, of Great Bend; and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by three brothers, Sylvester Schwager, George Schwager and Gerald Schwager. Vigil service will be at 7:30 p.m. today at Bryant Funeral Home. Funeral will be at 1:30 p.m. Monday at the church with Rev. Ted Stoecklein officiating. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call from 1-9 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. to noon Monday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Holy Family School Endowment Fund. Funeral arrangements provided by Bryant Funeral Home* 1425 Patton Road Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-3525 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 14, 2004

A. L. (Linc) Branson 1920-2004

LYONS — A. L. (Linc) Branson, 83, died March 12, at Hutchinson. He was born Sept. 3, 1920, at Burden, the son of De and Alice Young Branson. He married Arleen Wesseler of Bushton on July 31, 1947 at Lyons. A long time Lyons resident, he was owner and operator of Branson Truck Line, Inc. in Lyons for 25 years and worked for City Service Gas and Graves/ANR Freight. Branson was a member of Lyons United Methodist Church, serving on several committees; a 50 year member of Queen Esther Chapter 32 Order of the Eastern Star; of Royal Lodge 192; of Isis Temple; of Scottish Rite; York Rite; International Association Legions of Honor, all of Salina; of York Rite of Ellsworth; Veterans of Foreign Wars; served on the Kansas Board of American Trucking Association; was a member of Kansas Motor Carriers Association; served on the board of directors of Chase State Bank; of Lyons Chamber of Commerce; and was mayor of Lyons, 1973-1974. He served in the Merchant Marines during World War II. Survivors include his wife, of the home; one son, Donald and Carol Branson, of Prairie Village; three daughters, LaVonda Branson, of Kansas City, Kan., Gaila and Daryle Nielsen, of Ellinwood, and Nancy and J. Morgan Lester, of Melbourne, Fla.; one brother, Robert "Bob" and Benji Branson, of Abita Springs, La.; one sister, Mary Alice Garrison, of Lincoln; eight grandchildren, Deborah and Neal Nerich, of Decator, Ill., Steven Branson, of Prairie Village, Shawn and Cheryl Nielsen, of Ellinwood, Shelly and Matt Ward, of Kansas City, Mo., Andrew Coryer, of Lake Isabella, Calif., Melissa Coryer, of Dunedin, New Zealand, August Lester, of Melbourne, Fla., and Noelle and Piper Lester, of Boise, Idaho; three great grandchildren, Shane Odell, of Decator, Ill., Neysa Nerich, of Decator, Ill., and Micah Ward, of Kansas City, Mo.; and one great-great grandchild, Chance Odell, of Decator, Ill. He was preceded in death by two sons, Terry Dee Branson and Billy Joe Branson, and by one daughter, Pamela Sue Branson. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the church with Rev. Cindy Watson officiating. The body was donated to KU Medical Center for education and research. Memorials are suggested to the Lyons United Methodist Church building fund or to the World War II Veterans Memorial in care of Jack Janssen. Funeral arrangements provided by Kimple Funeral Home* 113 N. Main St. Ellinwood, KS 67526 620-564-2300 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 14, 2004

March 12, 2004

Emeline Brunsell 1919-2004

LINDSBORG — Emeline Brunsell, 84, died March 9. She was born May 20, 1919, in rural Lindsay, the daughter of P. Emil and Ellen Bengston Rosander. She married James William Brunsell Sept. 20, 1937, at Hutchinson. He died March 3, 1988. A lifetime resident of Lindsay, she was a homemaker and a farmer's wife. Survivors include one son, Keith Brunsell of Lindsay; one

daughter, Jane Brunzell of Lindsborg; one sister, Frances Bruns of Great Bend; three grandchildren; and one great-granddaughter. She was preceded in death by one brother, Ralph Sjostrom; and two sisters, Helen Rosander Bailey and Annette Sjostrom Danielson. Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. today at Bethany Lutheran Church in Lindsborg. Burial will be at Smoky Hill Cemetery in Lindsborg. Memorials are suggested to the church or Lindsborg Playground Project, in care of Hays-Christians Funeral Home of Lindsborg. Funeral arrangements provided by Hays-Christians Funeral Home 103 N. Washington St. Lindsborg, KS 67546-0386 785-227-2400 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 12, 2004

Martha Elizabeth Earegood 1926-2004

LARNED — Martha Elizabeth Earegood, 78, died March 9 at Larned Healthcare Center in Larned. She was born Jan. 8, 1926, at Clinton, Mo., the daughter of William McKinley and Beatrice Edde Jenkins. A resident of Larned since 1951, she was a retired licensed mental health technician at Larned State Hospital. She was a member of the Christian faith. Survivors include four sons, Dean of Larned, Donald of Great Bend, David of Camdenton, Mo., and Gerald of Elk Grove, Calif.; 10 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one sister, Jo Sullivan; and one grandson, Christopher Earegood. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at Morell Funeral Home in Larned with the Rev. Charles Grant officiating. Burial will be at Larned Cemetery. Friends may call from noon to 8 p.m. today, Saturday and Sunday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Larned Healthcare Center or American Heart Association, both in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Morell Funeral Home P.O. Box 124 Larned, Ks 67550 620-285-2177 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 12, 2004

Nina V. Helsel 1918-2004

PRATT — Nina V. Helsel, 85, died March 10 at Pratt Regional Medical Center. She was born July 8, 1918, at Douglas, the daughter of Orley Lee and Daisy Daniels Brown. She married Don E. Helsel April 6, 1942, at Cherokee, Okla. He died in August 1987. She was a retired employee of Dillons. Mrs. Helsel was a member of Free Methodist Church of Pratt. Survivors include two stepsons, Dale Helsel of Great Bend and Darrel Helsel of Pratt; two stepdaughters, Fontella Cook of Pratt and Twiella Daugherty of Fortuna, Calif.; 11 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; and nine great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a daughter, Virginia Visser. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Larrison Mortuary in Pratt with the Rev. Harold Wilcox officiating. Burial will be at luka Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. today at the mortuary. Memorials are suggested to the church or Pratt Regional Medical Center Gifts and Requests, both in care of the mortuary. Funeral arrangements provided by Larrison Funeral Home Inc. 300 Country Club Road Pratt, KS 67124-3149 620-672-6436 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 12, 2004

Lois Frances Kohler 1919-2004

SAN DIEGO, Calif. — Lois Frances Kohler, 84, died March 7 at Scripps Mercy Hospital in San Diego, Calif. She was born April 30, 1919, at Ellinwood, the daughter of Fred and Frances Demel Kohler. She was a 1936 graduate of Ellinwood High School and later graduated from Kansas State Teachers College at Emporia. A longtime resident of San Diego, coming from Inman, Hutchinson and Ellinwood, she was a teacher at Inman High School for two years, secretary to the director of ground school operations from Consolidated Vultee Aircraft Company in Hutchinson Naval Air Station and an employee of city of San Diego in various departments for 46 years. The last eight years she was executive secretary to the director of Park and Recreation Department, until her retirement in 1993. Survivors include one sister, Norma Louise Kohler of San Diego. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Kimple Funeral Chapel in Ellinwood with the Rev. Larry Young officiating. Burial will be at Lakin-Commanche District Cemetery in Ellinwood. Friends may call from 3 to 8 p.m. Monday and from 9 a.m. until service time Tuesday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Ellinwood Public Education and Library Foundation, in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Kimple Funeral Home 113 N. Main St. Ellinwood, KS 67526 620-564-2300 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 12, 2004

Lawrence Dean Cooley

CUNNINGHAM — Lawrence Dean Cooley, 82, died March 10. A resident of Cunningham, he was a retired oil field production worker. Survivors include his wife, Etta Mae Cooley of the home; three daughters, Rogene Jarmer of Cunningham, Marleen Fairchild of Kingman and LaDean Bailey of Great Bend; two sisters, Mary Fry of Hutchinson and Eugenia Wise of Derby; 10 grandchildren; and 22 great-grandchildren. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at First Christian Church in Cunningham. Funeral arrangements provided by Livingston Funeral Home 1830 N. Main Kingman, KS 67068 620-532-3322 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 12, 2004

March 11, 2004

Martha Elizabeth Earegood 1926-2004

LARNED — Martha Elizabeth Earegood, 78, died March 9 at Larned Healthcare Center in Larned. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Morell Funeral Home in Larned. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 11, 2004

Bernard J. Krier 1922-2004

CLAFILIN — Bernard J. Krier. 81. died March 10 at Woodhaven Care Center in Ellinwood. He was born July 13. 1922. in rural

Barton County, the son of William and Clara Hoffman Krier. He married Marilyn Straub Sept. 28, 1948, at St. Peter and Paul Church, north of Ellinwood. She died Dec. 16, 1989. A lifetime resident of Claflin, he was a retired farmer and stockman. Krier was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Knights of Columbus Council No. 1500 and lifetime member of Ralph B. Praeger Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 8668, all of Claflin. He was also a member of St. Patrick Catholic Church of Great Bend and Kansas Farm Management Association. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II in the 11th Armored Division and served in the Battle of the Bulge. Survivors include Roger Krier of Great Bend, Bryan Krier of Wichita, Kirby Krier and Perry Krier, both of Claflin; two sisters, Margaret Zecha of Great Bend and Catherine Seyfert of Hunter; and 15 grandchildren. Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. today, followed by a Knights of Columbus rosary, both at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. Funeral will be at 9 a.m. Friday at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Claflin, with the Revs. John J. Maes and James Roth officiating. Burial will be at Claflin Cemetery, with military graveside rites. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. today at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Claflin Ambulance Service, in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home 415 North Main P.O. Box 146 Hoisington, KS 67544 620-653-4165 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 11, 2004

Virginia Gene McBee 1914-2004

LARNED — Virginia Gene McBee, 89, died March 9 at Via Christi Regional Medical Center, St. Francis Campus in Wichita. She was born July 10, 1914, at Parsons, the daughter of Fred and Irma "Alice" Beever. She married Cecil F. McBee Dec. 7, 1935, at Dodge City. He died July 14, 1994. A resident of St. John since February 2002, coming from Englewood, Colo., and Larned, she was a retired registered nurse, working at Larned State Hospital and Gleason Hospital, both of Larned, and St. Anthony Hospital of Dodge City. Mrs. McBee was a member of First Baptist Church of Englewood. Survivors include one son, Erin Ross McBee of Larned; two daughters, Allison Gross of St. John and Cecilia Green of Chicago, Ill.; one sister, Anna Rose Younger of Scottsville, Ky.; six grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild. She was preceded in death by one sister, Vivian McCoy. Funeral will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at Morell Funeral Home in Larned, with the Rev. Loyd Gross officiating. Burial will be at Fowler Cemetery in Fowler. Friends may call from noon to 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to donor's choice, in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Morell Funeral Home 1021 Broadway P.O. Box 124 Larned, KS 67550 620-285-2177 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 11, 2004

March 10, 2004

Bernice Kirkpatrick 1914-2004

APPLETON, Wis. — Bernice Kirkpatrick, 89, died March 7 at Peabody Manor in Appleton. She was born Nov. 12, 1914, at Pawnee Rock, the daughter of Axel and Mae Nelson Hanson. She married Earl R. Kirkpatrick June 18, 1938, at Larned. He died June 20, 1980. A resident of Appleton for the past 63 years, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Kirkpatrick was a member of the Christian faith, an Appleton Medical Center Auxiliary volunteer, Fox Valley Homemakers Association and Thompson Community Center in Appleton. Survivors include two daughters, Karen Fadner of Stevens Point, Wis., and Betty Barker of Appleton; one brother, Amil Hanson of Great Bend; one sister, Frieda Still of Great Bend; five grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one brother, Glen Hanson. Graveside service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Larned Cemetery with the Rev. Charles Grant officiating. Friends may call from 9 to 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Morell Funeral Home in Larned. Memorials are suggested to American Diabetes Association or the donor's choice, both in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Morell Funeral Home P.O. Box 124 Larned, KS 67550 620-285-2177 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 10, 2004

Dale Francis Meyer 1926-2004

BELPRE — Dale Francis Meyer, 78, died March 9 at his home in Belpre. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Morell Funeral Home in Larned. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 10, 2004

Virginia Gene McBee 1926-2004

LARNED — Virginia Gene McBee, 89, died March 9 at Via Christi Regional Medical Center, St. Francis Campus in Wichita. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Morell Funeral Home in Larned. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 10, 2004

March 9, 2004

Mikiala Kahiliwaokolani Martinez 1984-2004

Mikiala "Miki" Kahiliwaokolani Martinez, 19, of Great Bend, died Feb. 21 in rural Great Bend. She was born July 26, 1984, at Honolulu, Hawaii, the daughter of James R. and Alleda J. Lewis Martinez. A resident of Great Bend since 1987, coming from Honolulu, she was a homemaker. Survivors include one son, Nicholas Ray Wornkey of Great Bend; one daughter, Heaven Marie Wornkey of Great Bend; her father of Great Bend; her mother, Alleda J. Hoilien of Great Bend; her stepfather, Alan Hoilien of Great Bend; one brother, Kimo Martinez of Great Bend; one stepbrother, Curtis Hoilien of Great Bend; four sisters, Jewel Juarez, Maylene Fernandez-Lewis and Lehua Martinez, all of Great Bend, and Shawnte Morris of Honolulu; one stepsister, Rosenna Hoilien of Red Oak, Iowa; her grandfather, Edmund Martinez of Great Bend; and her great-grandmother, Francis Cilek of Hutchinson. Memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Bryant Funeral Home of Great Bend, with the Rev. Don Paden officiating. There will be no visitation. Memorials are suggested to Miki Martinez Children's Education Fund in care of the funeral

home. Funeral arrangements provided by Bryant Funeral Home 1425 Patton Road Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-3525 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 9, 2004

Louise K. Rebein 1907-2004

Louise K. Rebein, 96, died March 8 at Cedar Lake Village. She was born Aug. 8, 1907, in Rice County, the daughter of Frank and Katherine Oberle. She was a resident of Ellinwood for 70 years and Great Bend for 21 years. Survivors include one son, Robert Rebein of Scottsville, Va.; one daughter, Phyllis Bartels of Olathe; eight grandchildren; and 23 great-grandchildren. A memorial Mass will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Prince of Peace Catholic Church in Olathe. Inurnment will be at 1 p.m. Friday at Hillcrest Memorial Park in Great Bend. Memorials are suggested to St. Patrick's School Endowment Fund of Great Bend or St. Joseph's School Endowment Fund of Ellinwood, both in care of Memorial Chapel Funeral Home of Olathe. Funeral arrangements provided by Memorial Chapel Funeral Home 143rd and Blackbob Rd. Olathe, KS 66063 913-768-6777 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 9, 2004

Warren R. Clark 1928-2004

PRATT — Warren R. Clark, 75, died March 7 at Wesley Hospital in Wichita. He was born March 24, 1928, in Pratt, the son of Albert and Bessie Webster Clark. He married Lida J. Lambert April 23, 1947, at Stafford. She died June 11, 1994. He married Thelma Richardson Durr Sept. 30, 1994, in Miami, Okla. A resident of Pratt since 1994, coming from Great Bend, he was a retired route salesman for Stickney Distributing. Clark was a U.S. Navy veteran, having served in World War II. Survivors include his wife of the home; two sons, Allan Dean Clark of Desoto and Michael Dee Clark of Great Bend; one daughter, Debra Kay Pedigo of Port Allen, La.; one stepson, Billy E. Hamm of Shawnee; one stepdaughter, Walinda J. Hamm of Federal Heights, Colo.; one brother, Benny Clark of Desoto; five grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one son, David Clark. Graveside service will be at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday at Greenlawn Cemetery in Pratt, with the Rev. Karen Lemon officiating. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, all at Larrison Mortuary in Pratt. Memorials are suggested to South Wind Hospice, in care of the mortuary. Funeral arrangements provided by Larrison Mortuary LTD 300 Country Club Road Pratt, KS 67124 620-672-6436 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 9, 2004

Cleat Walters 1919-2004

Cleat Walters, 85, of Great Bend, died March 6 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. He was born Feb. 16, 1919, at Wichita Falls, Texas, the son of Hugh T. and Virginia Mary Cavaniss Walters. He was a graduate of Great Bend High School. He married Virginia Marie Evans Jan. 24, 1939, at Great Bend. A resident of Great Bend since 1936, coming from Henrietta, Okla., he worked in the oil fields rig building and unit setting and worked with Lindholm Construction and Windsor Door until retiring in 1985. Walters was a member of First Southern Baptist Church of Great Bend, Apache Chapter of Kansas Anthropology Society and Kansas State Historical Society. Survivors include his wife of the home; two sons, Cleat Walters Jr. of Reidsville, N.C., and Donald L. Walters of Monterey, Calif.; two daughters, Carol Ann Vieyra of Littleton, Colo., and Diana Marie Walters of Pueblo, Colo.; two sisters, Betty Clark Keenan of Great Bend and Margaret Redmon of Richardson, Texas; nine grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by three brothers, Hugh Walters Jr., Warren G. Walters and Donald L. Walters. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Bryant Funeral Home of Great Bend, with the Rev. Dr. Doyle Smith officiating. A private family burial will follow at a later date. Friends may call from noon to 9 p.m. today, from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Wednesday and from 9 a.m. to service time Thursday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the church or Barton County Historical Society, both in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Bryant Funeral Home 1425 Patton Road Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-3525 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 9, 2004

Bernice Kirkpatrick 1915-2004

APPLETON, Wis. — Bernice Kirkpatrick, 89, died March 7 at Peabody Manor in Appleton. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Morell Funeral Home in Larned. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 9, 2004

Virginia L. Mazouch 1921-2004

Virginia L. Mazouch, 83, of Great Bend, died March 7 at Great Bend. She was born Feb. 4, 1921, at Great Bend, the daughter of Rudolph and Angela Mauler Kuhlman. She married John C. Mazouch Sept. 5, 1945, at Olmitz. He died Jan. 9, 1990. A resident of Great Bend since 1985, coming from Timken, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Mazouch was a member of St. Patrick Catholic Church, St. Patrick Altar Society and Daughters of Isabella. Survivors include four sons, Father Charles Mazouch of La Crosse, Eugene and Mary Ann Mazouch, and Dennis and Susan Mazouch, all of Great Bend, and Marion and Kerry Mazouch of Randolph; two brothers, Charles and Cathy Kuhlman of Trumbull, Neb., and Don and Loretta Kuhlman of Olmitz; 10 grandchildren, Chris Mazouch, Michael Mazouch, Greg Mazouch, Stephen Mazouch, Matthew Mazouch, Nicholas Mazouch, Sara Mazouch, Laura Mazouch, Amanda Mazouch and Kristina Mazouch. She was preceded in death by three brothers, Henry Kuhlman, Marion Kuhlman and Paul Kuhlman. 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, followed by a D of I rosary, all at the funeral home. Funeral Mass will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the church, with the Most Rev. Ronald Gilmore officiating. Celebrant will be Father Charles Mazouch with other concelebrating priests. Burial will be at 3 p.m. Wednesday at Holy Cross Cemetery in Timken. 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, St. Patrick Catholic Church, both of Great Bend, and St. Michael Catholic Church in La Crosse, all in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Bryant Funeral Home* 1425 Patton Road Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-3525 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 9, 2004

Russell L. Jimison 1924-2004

WICHITA — Russell L. Jimison, 79, died March 6 at Select Specialty Hospital in Wichita. He was born Nov. 17, 1924, in Stafford, the son of William Marion and Minnie Pearl Haworth Jimison. He was a graduate of Stafford High School. A resident of Wichita since 1980, coming from Great Bend, he was a farmer in the Great Bend area and was a retired custodian for USD 259 Wichita schools. Jimison was a U.S. Navy veteran, having served in World War II. Survivors include one brother, Lysle Jimison of Winfield; and four sisters, Dortha Sanford, Lorraine Ripley and Marjorie Tribue, all of Wichita, and Wanda Gere of Garden City. He was preceded in death by three brothers, Horace Jimison, Bob Jimison and Howard Jimison. Graveside service will be at 11:30 a.m. today at Stafford Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 to 11 a.m. today at Minnis Chapel in Stafford. Memorials are suggested to American Heart Association, in care of the funeral chapel. Funeral arrangements provided by Minnis Chapel 125 N. Main Stafford, KS 67578 620-234-5261 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 9, 2004

David Carroll Showalter 1934-2004

David Carroll Showalter, 70, of Great Bend, died March 6 at his home. He was born Feb. 25, 1934, in Sabetha, the son of Carroll and Velma Brougher Showalter. He married Betty Bisterfeldt May 13, 1986. A resident of Great Bend, he was a field mechanic for Martin Tractor in Concordia for 15 years and shop manager for Foley Tractor for 11 years. Showalter was a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3111 and First United Methodist Church, both of Great Bend. He was a veteran of the Korean War. His hobbies included woodworking, gardening, hunting and fishing. Survivors include his wife of the home; one daughter, Tanya Mossburgh of Palmer, Alaska; one stepdaughter, Sherri Ryan of Hays; his mother of Topeka; two brothers, Fred Showalter of Atlanta, Ga., and John Showalter of Wichita; one sister, Yvonne Fadely of Topeka; two grandchildren, Cheriee Mossburgh of Anchorage, Alaska, and Luke Mossburgh of Greeley, Colo.; three stepgrandchildren, Amy and Blaine Brown, and Tammy and Braden Werner, all of Plainville, and Will Ryan of Hays; and seven step-great-grandchildren, Brandon, Bo and D.J. Brown, Maverick, Cole, Brooke and Bailey Werner, all of Plainville. He was preceded in death by one son, Randy Showalter; and one brother, Charles Showalter. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Charter Funerals Chapel in Great Bend, with the Rev. Gary Brooks of First United Methodist Church of Great Bend officiating. Burial will be at 3 p.m. Wednesday at Pleasant Hill Cemetery in Concordia. Graveside service will be officiated by the Rev. Timothy Harlan of First United Methodist Church of Concordia. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. today, with family receiving friends from 7 to 8 p.m. today, all at the funeral chapel. In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to Golden Belt Home Health and Hospice or Heartland Cancer Center, both in care of the funeral chapel. Funeral arrangements provided by Charter Funerals* 2115 Washington Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-6161 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 9, 2004

Otto Barbee 1911-2004

Otto Barbee, 92, died March 7. He was born April 4, 1911, in Adair County, Okla., the son of John and Permelia Vanzandt-Barbee. He was a 1929 graduate of Westville, Okla., high school and a 1931 graduate of Arkansas City Junior College. He married Gladys Doughty Nov. 17, 1936. She died in 1990. He retired from Northern Natural Gas in Great Bend as area manager in 1974. Survivors include one son, Rick Barbee of Wichita. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Lawrence Barbee and Roy Barbee; and two sisters, Grace and Edith. Burial will be at Forest Park Cemetery in Shreveport, La. Funeral arrangements provided by All Faiths Funeral Services 3717 W. Central Wichita, KS 67203 316-945-1122 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 9, 2004

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Mikiala 'Miki' Kahiliewaokolani Martinez

Mikiala 'Miki' Kahiliewaokolani Martinez, 19, of Great Bend, died Feb. 21. Memorial Service will be at 2 p.m. March 11 at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune March 7, 2004

Ruth Marie Rupp 1928-2004

NESS CITY— Ruth Marie Rupp, 75, died March 5 at Via Christi Medical Center, St. Francis Campus in Wichita. She was born July 26, 1928 on a farm near Ness City, the daughter of Joseph and Lena Zimmerman Rebel. She married Toney Rupp Aug. 20, 1946, at Ness City. A resident of Ness City, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Rupp was a member of Sacred Heart Church, Altar Society, and American Legion Post #142 Auxiliary all of Ness City. Survivors include her husband of the home; three sons, Perry Rupp, Todd Rupp, and Toney Rupp Jr., all of Ness City; one daughter, Patty Rohr of Great Bend; three brothers, Gilbert Rebel and Ralph Rebel both of Ness City, and Jerry Rebel of Lincoln, Neb.; two sisters, Josie Basgall of La Crosse, and Vera Munsch of Ness City; nine grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two brothers, Alvin Rebel and Izzy Rebel; three sisters, Margaret Huelke, Martina Betz, and Jeanette Girard; and one grandson, Mitch Rohr. Vigil will be at 7 p.m. Monday at the church. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at the church, with the Rev. Gregory LeBlanc officiating. Burial will be at Sacred Heart Cemetery. Friends may call from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday at Fitzgerald Funeral Home and from 5 p.m. until vigil service on Monday at the church. Memorials are suggested to Sacred Heart School in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Fitzgerald Funeral Home, Inc. 207 N. Pennsylvania Ness City, Kansas 67560 785-798-3243 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 7, 2004

Darrell Maddy 1933-2004

LARNED — Darrell Maddy, 70, died March 4 at St. Joseph Memorial Hospital in Larned. He was born Nov. 9, 1933, at Stockton, the son of William and Norma Copper Maddy. He married Linda Lee Jennings Dec. 28, 1971. A resident of Larned, coming from Hays, he was a retired supply storekeeper for Larned State Hospital. Maddy was a member of Pawnee County 4-H, Kansas Open Barrel Racing Association, National Barrel Racing Association, Kansas Western Horseman Association, Great Bend Saddle Club and attended United Methodist Church in Larned. Survivors include his wife of the home; two daughters, Karen Clemons of Gooding, Idaho and Kayla Maddy of Rozel; two brothers, Terrance Maddy of Ft. Worth, Texas, and Marrell Maddy of Lincoln, Neb.; one sister Gloria Sanborn of Lincoln; one grandchild and two step-grandchildren. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Beckwith Mortuary Chapel in Larned, with 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 the chapel. Memorials are suggested to Darrell Maddy Memorial Fund in care of the mortuary. Funeral arrangements provided by Beckwith Mortuary Chapel 916 Main Larned, Kansas 67550 620-285-2121 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 7, 2004

David Carroll Showalter 1934-2004

David Carroll Showalter, 70, of Great Bend died March 6. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Charter Funerals in Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune March 7, 2004

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Jerry Lee McCullough 1937-2004

OTTAWA — Jerry Lee McCullough, 67, died March 2 at St. Luke's Hospital in Kansas City, Mo. He was born Jan. 5, 1937, at Paola, the son of the late Floyd McCullough and Alice Fulks McCullough. He was raised in Ottawa. After college, he moved to Great Bend, where he lived until moving back to Ottawa in 1984. Jerry graduated from Ottawa High School. He also received his bachelor of arts degree from Kansas State Teachers College at Emporia. Jerry was a junior high school speech, debate, and forensics teacher for USD 428 of Great Bend, retiring in 1984. He is survived by his mother, Alice E. Fulks McCullough of Ottawa; one niece, Connie McCullough of Overland Park; one nephew, Kurt McCullough of Kansas City; one great-niece, Courtney Cross of Overland Park; and two great-nephews, Cole Cross of Overland Park and Kyle McCullough of Kansas City. He was preceded in death by his father, Floyd Raymond McCullough, and one brother, Raymond "Toby" McCullough. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Dengel and Son Mortuary with the Rev. Clyde Greisen officiating. McCullough will lie in state after 5 p.m. at the funeral home until service time Saturday. Burial will be at Highland Cemetery in Ottawa. The family suggests memorials to the Ottawa Library, in care of Dengel & Son Mortuary, 235 S. Hickory, Ottawa, KS 66067. Funeral arrangements provided by Dengel & Son Mortuary* 235 S. Hickory St. Ottawa, KS 66067 785-243-2323 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 5, 2004

Orthella 'Betty' Boyer 1928-2004

Orthella "Betty" Boyer, 76, of Great Bend, died March 3 at Great Bend Health and Rehabilitation Center. She was born Jan. 29, 1928, at Larned, the daughter of Troy D. and Verna Sufficool Means. She married Robert Boyer Sept. 3, 1947, at Great Bend. A resident of Great Bend, she was a waitress. Survivors include her husband of the home; two daughters, Linda Lee Scharz of Grove, Okla., and Debra Fletcher of Great Bend; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one brother, Paul Means. A private family service will be held at a later date. Inurnment will be at Great Bend City Cemetery at a later date. Memorials are suggested to Great Bend Health and Rehabilitation Center of Great Bend, in care of Charter Funerals of Great Bend. Funeral arrangements provided by Charter Funerals 2115 Washington Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-6161 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 5, 2004

Perry Dunn 1908-2004

HOISINGTON — Perry Dunn, 96, died March 3 at Clara Barton Hospital in Hoisington. He was born Jan. 4, 1908, at Hoisington, the son of Charles E. and Mary Ann Monroe Dum. He was a 1927 graduate of Hoisington High School and attended Oklahoma University and Fort Hays State University. He married Martha Strong June 24, 1934, at Pratt. She died Nov. 21, 1993. A lifetime resident of Hoisington, he was a retired conductor of Missouri Pacific Railroad and an original member of the Kansas Highway Patrol, opening the first office in Great Bend in 1936. Dunn was a member of First United Methodist Church and a 70-year plus member of Masonic Lodge 331 AF&AM, both of Hoisington; former member of Hoisington Lions Club and Elks Lodge of Great Bend; and was a founding member and former president of Hoisington Gun Club. He was an avid outdoorsman, hunting and fishing well into his 80s. Survivors include one daughter, Martha O'Rourke Simpson and husband Larry of Toms River, N.J.; and two grandchildren, Martha "Matty" O'Rourke of Toms River and Brian O'Rourke of Oakland, Calif. She was preceded in death by two brothers, Ray Dunn and Bill Dunn; and one sister, Viletta Klemp. Graveside service with Masonic Rites will be at 1:30 p.m. Monday at Hoisington Cemetery, with the Rev. Wayne Flanders officiating. Friends may call from 1 to 8 p.m. Sunday and from 9 a.m. until service time Monday, all at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. Memorials are suggested to Clara Barton Foundation or the church, both in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home* 415 N. Mann P.O. Box 146 Hoisington, KS 67544 620-653-4165 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 5, 2004

Walter D. Wilson 1925-2004

WICHITA — Walter D. Wilson, 78, died Feb. 22. He was born Dec. 19, 1925, in Caney, Okla., the son of Herbert and Elva

Sullivan Wilson. A resident of Wichita, formerly of Great Bend, he was retired owner of Bewal Inc. Survivors include his wife, Madeline, of the home; four sons and daughters-in-law, Ronald and Karen Wilson of Dallas, Texas, Richard and Linda Wilson of Haysville, Craig and Peggy Wilson of Fort Worth, Texas, and James Wilson of Wichita; two sisters, Dorothea Reed of Crown Point, Ind., and Marva Lea Moore of Brazoria, Texas; nine grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. Services were held Feb. 25 at Central Avenue United Methodist Church in Wichita. Burial was at Sunnyside Cemetery in Caney. Memorials are suggested to the church, 4920 West Central, Wichita, KS 67212. Funeral arrangements provided by Downing & Lahey Mortuary* 6555 East Central Wichita, KS 67206-1997 316-682-4553 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 5, 2004

Herman Joe Anderson 1927-2004

ALBERT — Herman Joe Anderson, 76, died March 2 at Hutchinson Hospital. He was born Aug. 29, 1927, at Albert, the son of Joseph W. and Rosa M. Dirks Anderson. He married Billie Jo Thackeray Dec. 27, 1963, at Great Bend. She died Nov. 13, 1989. A resident of Albert, he worked for Natural Gas Pipeline for 30 years until his retirement, and was a lifetime farmer. Anderson was a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars and a past volunteer for the Albert Fire Department. He was a U.S. Army veteran, having served in the Korean War and earning the Korean Medal Bronze Service Star, the Combat Infantry Badge, Army of Occupation Medal (Japan) and the Purple Heart Medal. Survivors include one daughter, Donna Marie Zorn of Great Bend; one stepdaughter, Deborah K. Wedd of Radium; one sister, Lavonne Quinn of Wichita; three grandchildren, Gabriel Zorn, Matthew Zorn and Donald Wedd; and three great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Gene Anderson and Lavern Anderson. Funeral service will be at 1 p.m. today at Charter Funerals Chapel in Great Bend with the Rev. John Wiker officiating. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery with military honors conducted by Fort Riley Honor Guard. Memorials are suggested to the Albert Volunteer Fire Department, in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Charter Funerals Chapel* 2115 Washington St. Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-6161 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 5, 2004

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Herman Joe Anderson 1927-2004

ALBERT — Herman Joe Anderson, 76, died March 2 at Hutchinson Hospital. He was born Aug. 29, 1927, at Albert, the son of Joseph W. and Rose M. Dirks Anderson. He married Billie Jo Thackeray Dec. 27, 1963, at Great Bend. She died Nov. 13, 1989. A resident of Albert, he worked for Natural Gas Pipeline for 30 years until his retirement, and was a lifetime farmer. Anderson was a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars and a past volunteer for the Albert Fire Department. He was a U.S. Army veteran, having served in the Korean War and earning the Korean Medal Bronze Service Star, the Combat Infantry Badge, Army of Occupation Medal (Japan) and the Purple Heart Medal. Survivors include one daughter, Marie Zorn of Great Bend; one stepdaughter, Deborah K. Wedd of Radium; one sister, Lavonne Quinn of Wichita; three grandchildren, Gabriel Zorn, Matthew Zorn and Donald Wedd; and three great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Gene Anderson and Lavern Anderson. Funeral service will be at 1 p.m. Friday at Charter Funerals Chapel in Great Bend with the Rev. John Wiker officiating. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery with military honors conducted by Fort Riley Honor Guard. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. today, with family receiving friends from 7 to 8 p.m., all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the Albert Volunteer Fire Department, in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Charter Funerals Chapel* 2115 Washington St. Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-6161 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 4, 2004

Perry Dunn 1908-2004

HOISINGTON — Perry Dunn, 96, died March 3 at Clara Barton Hospital in Hoisington. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune March 4, 2004

Donald H. Donecker 1934-2004

CLAFLIN — Donald H. Donecker, 69, died March 2 at Via Christi Regional Medical Center, St. Francis Campus in Wichita. He was born Aug. 3, 1934, at McCracken, the son of Harry Carl and Goldie Belleville Donecker. He married Carolyn Drews Oct. 14, 1956, at Claflin. A resident of Claflin since 1976, coming from Great Bend, he was a plant manager at Rice Engineering, retiring in 1992. Donecker was a member of Zion Lutheran Church of Claflin. Survivors include his wife of the home; two sons, Kevin Donecker and Craig Donecker, both of Claflin; one daughter, Cherlyn Maier of Claflin; one brother, Lewis "Hap" Donecker of Great Bend; one sister, Ruth Dubb of Security, Colo.; nine grandchildren, Jonathan, Jeffery, Ashlee, Aaron, Aimee, Rebecca, Andrew, Julie and Matthew; and one great-grandchild, Philip. He was preceded in death by two brothers, James Donecker and Dale Donecker; and one sister, Ruby Bumgardner. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at the church, with the Rev. John Sharp officiating. Burial will be at Claflin Cemetery. Friends may call from 1 to 8 p.m. today, from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, both at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington, and from 9:30 a.m. until service time Saturday at the church. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home* 415 North Main P.O. Box 146 Hoisington, KS 67544 620-653-4165 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 4, 2004

Orthella 'Betty' Mae Boyer 1928-2004

Orthella "Betty" Mae Boyer, 76, of Great Bend, died March 3. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Charter Funerals of Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune March 4, 2004

Colleen May Mills 1927-2004

GARDEN CITY — Colleen May Mills, 76, died Feb. 29 at Via Christi Regional Medical Center, St. Joseph Campus in Wichita. She was born Sept. 15, 1927, at Ingalls, the daughter of Ray E. and Marietta M. Henderson Glaze. She married Calvin A. Mills Sept. 23, 1943, at Lakin. He died Oct. 14, 2001, at Garden City. A lifetime resident of Garden City, she worked for USD 457 food service of Garfield for more than 20 years, at Jennie Wilson and Victor Ornelas Elementary Schools. She was a member of Church of the Brethren of Garden City. Survivors include three sons, William E. and Diane Mills of Arvada, Colo., Ronald L. and Rita Mills of Friend and David L. and Mica Mills of Gastonia, N. C.; two daughters, Connie J. and Joe McMillen of Great Bend and Janell L. Mills of Sioux Falls, S.D.; one sister, Myrna Grimes of Garden City; 10 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Friday at the church with the Rev. Martin Gauby officiating. Burial will be at Valley View Cemetery in Garden City. Friends may call from 1 to 8 p.m. today at Price and Sons Funeral Home in Garden City, with the family receiving friends from 6 to 8 p.m. today. Memorials are suggested to the church or St. Francis Burn Center, both in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Price and Sons Funeral Home* 620 N. Main Garden City, KS 67846 620-276-2364 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 4, 2004

Ena L. Nelson Rodie 1916-2004

LA CROSSE — Ena L. Nelson Rodie, 87, died March 1 at Rush County Memorial Hospital in La Crosse. She was born July 13, 1916, in Pawnee County, the daughter of John Franklin and Effie Luella Ida May Conard Nelson. She was a 1936 graduate of La Crosse High School. She married Clifford E. Renner Nov. 26, 1936. He died May 10, 1967. She married Lloyd R. Rodie Jan. 2, 1973, at United Methodist Church in La Crosse. A lifelong resident of Pawnee, Barton and Rush counties, she was a homemaker and worked in retail, banking and medical offices before her retirement. Mrs. Rodie was a member and active in United Methodist Church of La Crosse as well as a variety of business and community organizations. Survivors include her husband of the home; two sons, Melvin R. Renner and wife Virgie of Rio Verde, Ariz., and Marvin L. Renner and wife Cindy of Firth, Neb.; two daughters, Sylvia J. Hawk and husband Richard of Leawood, and Sheila K. Wawrzaszek and husband Joseph of Wichita; one stepson, Gary Rodie and wife Sharon of Troupe, Texas; one brother, John Nelson of Dallas, Texas; one sister, Barbara Miller of Beloit; 10 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; three brothers, Glenn Nelson, Bert Nelson and Paul Nelson; and six sisters, Clio Parry, Faye McConaughy, Beulah Bailey, Mary Jane Brown, Ruby Eaton and Isis Walker. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday 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. today at Janousek Funeral Home in La Crosse, with the family receiving friends from 6 to 7 p.m. today, and from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m. Friday at the church. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Janousek Funeral Home* 719 Pine La Crosse, KS 67548 785-222-2517 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 4, 2004

Anna Maye Sherman 1922-2004

LARNED — Anna Maye Sherman, 82, died March 3 at St. Joseph Memorial Hospital in Larned. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Beckwith Mortuary in Larned. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune March 4, 2004

Beulah Bell Wallace 1909-2004

WINFIELD — Beulah Bell Wallace, 94, died March 1 at her home in Winfield. She was born April 27, 1909, in rural Nodaway, Mo., the daughter of Wayne Walter and Mary Lavian Bare Davidson. She graduated from Guilford High School in 1927. She married Merlin Earl Wallace Sept. 16, 1938, at Emporia. He died in May 1974. A resident of Winfield and formerly from Great Bend, she was a former treasury clerk for Barton County Courthouse. Mrs. Wallace was a member of Great Bend United Methodist Church and Calvary Chapel of Arkansas City, and a former president of Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary. Survivors include one daughter, Sharon Kay Arnold of Winfield; three grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two brothers, Virgil Davidson and Elvet Davidson; and one grandson, Joel Michael Arnold. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Miles Funeral Service in Winfield. Graveside service will be at 3 p.m. Saturday at Hillcrest Memorial Park Cemetery of Great Bend. Friends may call from noon to 9 p.m. Friday at the funeral home, with the family receiving guests from 7 to 8 p.m. Friday. Memorials are suggested to Harry Hynes Memorial Hospice or Calvary Chapel of Arkansas City, all in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Miles Funeral Service 4001 E. 9th St. Winfield, KS 67156 620-221-1111 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 4, 2004

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Kathryn Lucile Nichols 1922-2004

ST. JOHN — Kathryn Lucile Nichols, 81, died Feb. 28 at her residence in St. John. She was born March 8, 1922, at Robinson, Ill., the daughter of Roy and Alta Tipton. She married Ralph Nichols. He preceded her in death. A resident of St. John since 1960, she was a nurses aide. She was a member of First Baptist Church and Rebekah Lodge, both of St. John. Survivors include two daughters, Shirley Richardson of Fowler, Colo., and Pat Gould of Hutchinson; one brother, Charles Tipton of Andover; five grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by three brothers, Howard Tipton, Robert Tipton and Wilbur Tipton; and one sister, Clarice Tipton. Funeral will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at Minnis Chapel in St. John with the Rev. Mike Irvin officiating. Burial will be at Fairview Park Cemetery in St. John. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to noon Thursday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to American Heart Association, care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Minnis Chapel 526 E. 4th St. St. John, KS 67576 620-549-3556 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 3, 2004

Evelyn Christine Harton 1921-2004

PITTSBURG — Evelyn Christine Harton, 82, died March 1 at Mt. Carmel Regional Medical Center. She was born Sept. 16, 1921, at Bache, Okla., the daughter of Harlan F. and Sallie Roden Brown. She was a 1939 graduate of Haileyville High School. She married Kenneth Ray Harton March 10, 1951, at McAlester, Okla. He died Dec. 8, 1999. A resident of Pittsburg, she was a homemaker most of her life and worked for Central Supply at Allen County Hospital and the Allen County Courthouse. She was a member of the Methodist Church, Heart and Hand Extension Club, Informative Study Club, AARP No. 2814 and Democratic Women. Survivors include one son, Kenneth Earl Harton of Great Bend; four daughters, Billie Sue Brown of Overland Park, Rita Garnett of Oklahoma City, Okla., Amber Spencer and Sherri Beckman, both of Pittsburg; 10 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by three brothers, Elton Brown, Charles Brown and Fred Brown. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Brenner Mortuary Inc. in Pittsburg with the Rev. Thomas Sims officiating. Burial will be at Garden of Memories Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to SEK Humane Society or the Kathleen Sebelius Committee, both in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Brenner Mortuary 114 E. 4th Street Pittsburg, KS 66762 620-231-5600 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 3, 2004

Herman Joe Anderson 1928-2004

ALBERT — Herman Joe Anderson, 76, died March 2. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Charter Funerals of Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune March 3, 2004

March 2, 2004

Gilbert J. Sander 1927-2004

Gilbert J. Sander, 76, of Great Bend, died Feb. 26 at Via Christi Regional Medical Center, St. Francis Campus in Wichita. He was born Nov. 19, 1927, the son of Joseph J. and Adeline Meis Sander. As a young boy, his mother taught him to polka and he loved both dancing the polka and polka music. He married Joyce M. Burkhart June 25, 1947, in Hays. She died Nov. 27, 1990. He married Crystal Lietner Taylor May 12, 1995, in Great Bend. A resident of Great Bend since 1968, coming from Hoisington, he was an oil field pumper for Lasmo Energy of Great Bend. Sander was a faithful member of St. Patrick Catholic Church, a lifetime member of Great Bend American Legion and Eagles Lodge and a lifetime member of Hoisington Veterans of Foreign Wars. His hobby was cooking German food and fishing. He served as a seaman in the U.S. Navy. Survivors include his wife of the home; six daughters, Sharon M. Fox of St. Louis, Mo., Becky S. Wornkey and Shirley A. Tomlin, both of Great Bend, Debbie K. Shank of Hays, Patty L. Michael of Otis and Connie J. Sander of Denver, Colo.; one daughter-in-law, Marcia K. Sander of Irving, Texas; two stepsons, Larry Taylor of Lenora and Tracy Taylor of Kansas City; two brothers, Wilmer Sander of Great Bend and Frank Sander of Jacksonville, Ark.; two sisters, Arla Johnson of Lewisberg, W.Va., and Wanita "Sandy" Basgall of Great Bend; 13 grandchildren; four stepgrandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one son, Jim Sander; two brothers, Melvin and Alvin Sander; two sisters, Leona Vonfeldt and Cecelia Dreiling; and one grandson, Darren Wornkey. Funeral Mass was Monday at the church, with the Revs. Ted Stoecklein and Dermot Tighe officiating. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to Hoisington VFW, in care of the Bryant Funeral Home of Great Bend. Funeral arrangements provided by Bryant Funeral Home* 1425 Patton Road Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-3525 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 29, 2004

Kathryn Lucile Nichols 1923-2004

ST. JOHN — Kathryn Lucile Nelson, 81, died Feb. 27 at her home in St. John. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Minnis Chapel in St. John. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune March 2, 2004

Herman W. VanArsdale 1925-2004

WICHITA — Herman W. VanArsdale, 79, of Wichita, died Feb. 28 at Wesley Medical Center in Wichita. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at First Baptist Church of Wichita. Graveside service will be at 3 p.m. Wednesday at Geneseo Cemetery. Carson-Wall Funeral Home in Parsons is in charge of arrangements. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune March 2, 2004

Joyce A. Loreg 1936-2004

Joyce A. Loreg, 67, of Great Bend, died Feb. 26 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. She was born Oct. 13, 1936, at Zurich, the daughter of William and Victoria DesMarteau Benoit. She married Melvin D. Loreg Nov. 26, 1955, at Phillipsburg. A resident of Great Bend, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Loreg was a member of St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church in Great Bend. Survivors include her husband of the home; two sons, Clifford L. Loreg of Great Bend and Melvin "Junior" Loreg of Wichita; one daughter, Jeanette Sanders of Great Bend; one sister, Edna Bedard of Thornton, Colo.; and eight grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two brothers, Ted Benoit and Henry Benoit; and one sister, Shirley Miller. Funeral Mass will be at 10 a.m. today at the church, with the Rev. Ted Stoecklein officiating. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of Brvant Funeral Home of Great Bend. Funeral arrangements provided by Brvant Funeral Home 1425 Patton

Road Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-3525 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 29, 2004

Jeanette K. Haak 1933-2004

DENVER, Colo. — Jeanette K. Haak, 70, passed away Feb. 29 at Denver. She was born Oct. 15, 1933, at Ellinwood, the daughter of Joe and Kathryn Jenisch. She was a homemaker, telephone operator and bookkeeper. Her hobbies included sewing, word puzzles and traveling. She was a resident of Ellinwood and Great Bend prior to moving to Denver in 1968. She married Clarence Haak on May 1, 1954, in Ellinwood. He survives. Other survivors include one sister, Luetta Jenisch of Great Bend; two brothers, Dan Jenisch of Billings, Mo., and Richard Jenisch of Sublette; and eight nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by one brother, Wally Jenisch. Private memorial services will be held at a later date. Memorials may be sent to American Cancer Society, 2255 S. Oneida, Denver, Colo. 80224-2590. Funeral arrangements provided by Fairmount Mortuary* 430 South Quebec St. Denver, Colo. 80247-1050 303-399-0692 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 2, 2004

Isidore 'Issie' John Rohr 1916-2004

GARFIELD — Isidore "Issie" John Rohr, 88, died March 1 at St. Joseph Memorial Long Term Care, Larned. He was born Jan. 15, 1916, in Munjor, the son of John P. and Anna Marie Riedel Rohr. He married Volda Pelzel in 1938 in Hays. He married Clarabel Irion Price May 29, 1989. A resident of rural Garfield, he worked in the body shop and ran the tow truck for the Chevrolet garage for more than 40 years, and was an appraiser for Federated Insurance Company until his retirement in 1988. Rohr was a life member of St. Francis of Assisi Church of Munjor and past president of Eagles Lodge of Hays. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Steven Rohr of St. Charles, Mo.; one daughter, Janice Berkley of Snoqualmie, Wash.; two stepsons, Kenneth Price of Garfield and Lester Lee Price of Shanghai, China; three stepdaughters, Kay Roberts of Bellevue, Neb., Carole Tudor of Afton, Okla., and Kathy Spillman of Miami, Okla.; three brothers, Alex Rohr of San Diego, Calif., Eugene Rohr and Julius Rohr, both of Hays; one sister, Marcella Ruder of Prairie Village; six grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; nine stepgrandchildren; and five step great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one brother, Ignatius Rohr; and two sisters, Bernitia Engle and Abina Befort. A celebration of life service will be at 7 p.m. today at Morell Funeral Home of Larned, with the Revs. Dennis Reed and Ken Walker officiating. Vigil will be at 6 p.m. Wednesday at Brock's North Hill Chapel in Hays. Funeral Mass will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at St. Nicholas Myra Catholic Church of Hays, with the Rev. William J. Surmeier officiating. Burial will be at St. Francis Cemetery in Munjor. Friends may call from noon to 8 p.m. today at Morell Funeral Home of Larned and from noon to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Brock's North Hill Chapel in Hays. Memorials are suggested to St. Joseph Memorial Long Term Care in Larned, American Lung Association or for Masses, all in care of the funeral homes. Funeral arrangements provided by Morell Funeral Home 1021 Broadway P.O. Box 124 Larned, KS 67550 620-285-2177 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 2, 2004

Patricia A. Shields 1943-2004

ELLINWOOD — Patricia A. Shields, 60, died Feb. 29 at Ellinwood District Hospital in Ellinwood. She was born Dec. 7, 1943, in Great Bend, the daughter of Arnold and Frances Hertach Reichuber. She married George Shields July 6, 1968, in Bushton. A 35-year resident of Ellinwood, coming from Fullerton, Calif., and Bushton, she was a sales clerk for Bogers Gallery of Gifts. Mrs. Shields was a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church and Altar Society, both of Ellinwood. Survivors include her husband of the home; one son, Mark Shields of Shawnee; one daughter, Stacy Singleton of Grand View, Mo.; her mother of Ellinwood; and three brothers, Arnold Reichuber Jr. of Goddard, Gerald Reichuber and Leon Reichuber, both of Ellinwood. Altar Society rosary will be at 3 p.m. today at Kimpel Funeral Home of Ellinwood. Vigil will be at 7 p.m. today at the funeral home. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the church, with the Rev. John Maes officiating. Burial will be at Holy Name Cemetery in Bushton. Friends may call from 1 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to St. Joseph's School Endowment Fund or Kansas State University Center for Basic Cancer Research, all in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Kimpel Funeral Home 113 North Main Ellinwood, KS 67526 620-564-2300 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 2, 2004

Francis J. Giebler 1917-2004

RUSSELL — Francis J. Giebler, 86, died Feb. 27 at Salina Regional Medical Center in Salina. He was born Oct. 1, 1917, in Catherine, the son of Kilian and Ann Koerner Giebler. He married Blandine Sander Nov. 11, 1946, in Walker. A resident of Russell, he worked for Deines Bros. Furniture Store and was owner of Francis J. Giebler Sales and Repair. Giebler was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church of Russell and American Legion Post 99. Survivors include his wife of the home; three sons, Gene Giebler and Michael Giebler, both of Littleton, Colo., and Galen Giebler of Hermosa Beach, Calif.; two daughters, Edna Giebler of Russell and Bonnie Ivy of Anchorage, Alaska; six sisters, Felicitas Zimmerman and Dorothy Staab, both of Victoria, Ginny Beyer and Mary Ann Linenberger, both of Hays, Rose Cobb of Chico, Calif., and Betty Cain of Escondido, Calif.; and six grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Ray Giebler and Kilian Giebler; and two sisters, Germaine Spies and infant Felicitas Giebler. Vigil will be at 6:30 p.m. today at Pohlman-Heise Memorial Chapel in Russell. Funeral Mass will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the church, with the Revs. Charles Steier and James Grennan officiating. Burial will be at St. Mary's Cemetery in Russell. Friends may call from 1 to 5:30 p.m. today at the mortuary. Family will receive friends following the vigil tonight at the mortuary. Memorials are suggested to Rebecca A. Morrison House of Salina or Masses, both in care of the mortuary. Funeral arrangements provided by Pohlman-Heise Mortuary 610 North Maple St. Russell, KS 67665 785-483-2212 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 2, 2004

Dorothy Evelyn Batchman 1918-2004

Dorothy Evelyn Batchman, 85, of Great Bend, died Feb. 25 at Reno, Nev. She was born April 5, 1918, in Great Bend, the daughter of Earl and Ella Mav Schneider Bardwell. She married Jake T. Batchman Dec. 14, 1938, at Marion. He died May 21,

1998. A resident of Great Bend for most of her life, living in Mesa, Ariz., and Reno since 2000, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Batchman was a member of First United Methodist Church of Great Bend. Survivors include one son, Ted Batchman and wife Nancy of Reno; one sister, Shirley Tomlinson of Fort Collins, Colo.; three grandchildren, Teddie Federici of Seattle, Wash., Timothy Batchman of Atchinson and Tracey Speed of Austin, Texas; and three great-grandchildren, Noah Federici of Seattle, Alex Speed of Austin and Andrew Speed of Austin. Funeral will be at 3 p.m. Friday at Bryant Funeral Home of Great Bend, with the Rev. Gary Brooks officiating. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday and from 9 a.m. to service time Friday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to youth group at First United Methodist Church of Great Bend, in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Bryant Funeral Home* 1425 Patton Road Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-3525 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 2, 2004

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Floyd Junior Hopkins 1934-2004

An additional survivor for Floyd Junior Hopkins, 69, of Great Bend, who died April 25, is one stepson, Robert Kelly of Dodge City. He is also survived by 15 grandchildren. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune April 30, 2004

Virgil Amerine 1903-2004

Virgil Amerine, 100, of Great Bend, died April 28 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. He was born Sept. 12, 1903, at Great Bend, the son of George Pearl and Minnie Woestman Amerine. He married Lucille Newkirk in 1926 at Great Bend. She died in 1981. A lifetime resident of Great Bend, he was a farmer. Amerine was a member of Eagle's Lodge. Survivors include one son, Wayne V. Amerine of San Antonio, Texas; one daughter, Nadine Christiansen of Hoisington; eight grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and eight great-great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one daughter, Betty Ballhorst; and two brothers, Ernest Amerine and Wendell Amerine. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend, with the Rev. Dennis Wallace 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 Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Memorials are suggested to Kansas Wildlife Federation, in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Bryant Funeral Home 1425 Patton Rd. Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-3525 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune April 30, 2004

Helen Walters 1925-2004

Helen Walters, 78, of Great Bend, died April 29 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. She was born Oct. 2, 1925, at Wilsey, the daughter of John E. and Vesta Brundage Read. She married Warren Walters May 9, 1958, at Great Bend. He died Feb. 8, 1980. A resident of Great Bend since 1945, coming from Council Grove, she was a homemaker. She was a member of Central Baptist Church of Great Bend. Survivors include three sons, Michael Stevenson of Wilson, Patrick Stevenson and Larry Stevenson, both of Great Bend; 12 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one brother, Johnnye Read. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend, with the Rev. Dr. Gordon Jones officiating. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call from 1 to 9 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, and from 9 a.m. to service time Monday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the church or American Heart Association, both in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Bryant Funeral Home 1425 Patton Rd. Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-3525 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune April 30, 2004

Justin Wyatt Haselhorst 2004-2004

Justin Wyatt Haselhorst, 2 hours, died April 27 at Wesley Medical Center in Wichita. He was born April 27, 2004, at Wichita, the son of Eric and Christina Arasmith Haselhorst. Survivors include his parents of Great Bend; one brother, Matthew Joseph Haselhorst of the home; one sister, Allison Rose Haselhorst of the home; his grandparents, Daniel and Beverly Haselhorst of Great Bend, David Arasmith, and Dennis and Nancy Bachman, all of Topeka; and great-grandparents, Cecelia Steffan of Great Bend, Agedia Haselhorst of Gorham, Isabelle Savelius of Topeka, and Neil and Donna Arasmith of Phillipsburg. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. today at St. Patrick Catholic Church of Great Bend, with the Rev. Reginald A. Urban officiating. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery. There will be no visitation. Memorials are suggested to Holy Family School Endowment Fund in memory of Justin Wyatt Haselhorst, in care of Bryant Funeral Home of Great Bend. Funeral arrangements provided by Bryant Funeral Home 1425 Patton Road Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-3525 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 30, 2004

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Virginia M. Dangerfield McClanahan 1915-2004

NEWTON — Virginia M. Dangerfield McClanahan, 88, died April 26 at Kansas Christian Home in Newton. She was born July 10, 1915, at Wichita, the daughter of George Ross and Rosalie Brown Frye. They preceded her in death. Growing up, Virginia attended grade school, high school and two years at Baker University in Baldwin City. She was employed as a homemaker and was a bookkeeper for Seymore Foods and Kansas Livestock Association. She married Major L. Dangerfield at Topeka. He preceded her in death in 1960. Later she met and married Walter O. McClanahan in Topeka. He preceded her in death in 1979. Virginia was a past member of Ives Chapel at Baldwin City. She was an accomplished organist and pianist and served in these capacities at Central Park Christian Church in Topeka, and First Christian Church and Kansas Christian Home, both of Newton. She was a member, officer and pianist for Order of the Eastern Star No. 462 and Social Order of Beauceant Assembly No. 42, both of Topeka. When she retired to the Kansas Christian Home, she volunteered for many positions, including being their organist and pianist. Survivors include one son, Major L. Dangerfield of Dumas, Texas; two daughters, Carol Scheuerman of Great Bend and Joyce Lonasdorf of Dodge City; three granddaughters. Diana Lee of Great Bend. Laura Askins of Sacramento.

Calif., and Monica Longsdorf of New York City, N.Y.; and two great-grandchildren of Sacramento. She was preceded in death by her husbands Major L. Dangerfield and Walter O. McClanahan; her father, George Ross Frye; her mother, Rosalie Frye; and two grandsons. Graveside service will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 1, at Mt. Hope Cemetery in Topeka with the Rev. James West of Kansas Christian Home in Newton. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, all at Broadway Colonial Funeral Home in Newton. Memorials are suggested to Fellowship of John at Kansas Christian Home in Newton. Funeral arrangements provided by Broadway Colonial Funeral Home* 120 E. Broadway Newton, KS 67114 620-283-4343 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune April 29, 2004

Virgil Amerine 1903-2004

Virgil Amerine, 100, of Great Bend, died April 28 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune April 29, 2004

Wanda Louise Richards 1930-2004

GREENSBURG — Wanda Louise Richards, 74, died April 27 at Hospice House of Pratt. She was born Feb. 17, 1930, at Liberal, the daughter of John Orville and Ina Park Bookless. She was a 1948 graduate of Glen Elder High School. She married Donald Richards April 7, 1951, at Scandia. A resident of Greensburg, coming from Liberal, she was a bookkeeper at Greensburg State Bank, retiring after 20 years, and was a church secretary for a number of years. She was a member of First United Methodist Church, past president of United Methodist Women and FYI, all of Greensburg. Survivors include her husband of the home; three sons, Douglas Richards of Kinsley, Dennis Richards of Oberlin and Mark Richards of Wichita; one daughter, Marcia Kelly of Greensburg; two brothers, John C. Bookless of Williamsburg, Va., and Lawrence R. Bookless of Wichita; one sister, Marilyn Gantz of Silver Spring, Md.; 12 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a granddaughter, Rachelle Kelly. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at the church, with the Rev. Gene McIntosh officiating. Burial will be at Fairview Cemetery in Greensburg. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday at Fleener Funeral Home in Greensburg. Memorials are suggested to First United Methodist Church Facility Improvement Fund and South Wind Hospice, both in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Fleener Funeral Home P.O. Box 763 Greensburg, KS 67054 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune April 29, 2004

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Margaret Mary Cox 1912-2004

Margaret Mary Cox, 91, of Great Bend, died April 24 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. She was born Oct. 19, 1912, at Otis, the daughter of Anton J. Sr. and Emelia Haberman Schenk. She married Richard Gerald Cox May 29, 1950, at Great Bend. He died Aug. 22, 2001. A resident of Great Bend since 1942, coming from Otis, she was a homemaker, worked at Sears and was a waitress. She was a member of St. Patrick Catholic Church and St. Patrick Altar Society, both of Great Bend. Survivors include one brother, Ben F. Schenk of Great Bend; and two sisters, Stephanie Cain and Fridolina Schenk, both of Great Bend. She was preceded in death by two brothers, Anton J. Schenk Jr. and Leonard J. Schenk; and two sisters, Albina Schenk and an infant sister. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. today at the church in Great Bend, with the Rev. Ted Stoecklein officiating. Burial will be at St. Ann's Cemetery in Olmitz. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Funeral arrangements provided by Bryant Funeral Home 1425 Patton Road Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-3525 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune April 27, 2004

Floyd Junior Hopkins 1934-2004

Floyd Junior Hopkins, 69, of Great Bend, died April 25 at his home. He was born Aug. 24, 1934, at Garden City, the son of Floyd Earl and Inez Craten Green Hopkins. He married Carol E. Wilson Hoffman Nov. 19, 1978, at Ellinwood. A resident of Great Bend, coming from Ellinwood, he was owner of Hopkins Plumbing and a former employee of M&F Plumbing of Great Bend. He was a member of St. John Lutheran Church of Ellinwood. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Anthony Hopkins of Ellinwood; two daughters, Laura Kaiser of Claflin and Sheila Munoz of Wichita; two brothers, William J. Hopkins of Walnut Grove, Mo., and Loren L. Hopkins of Ellsworth; one sister, Shirley Stinemetz of Garden City; 14 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. He was preceded by two brothers, Robert Earl Hopkins and Tommy E. Hopkins; and one sister, Jean Geary. Funeral will be at 4 p.m. Thursday at the church, with the Rev. Andy Keltner officiating. Burial will be at Lakin-Comanche District Cemetery in Ellinwood. Friends may call from noon to 9 p.m. today, from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Wednesday and from 9 a.m. to noon Thursday, all at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend, and from 2:30 p.m. to service time Thursday at the church. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Bryant Funeral Home 1425 Patton Rd. Great Bend, KS 67530620-793-3525 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune April 27, 2004

Stephen L. Pejsha 1946-2004

WILSON — Stephen L. Pejsha, 58, died April 25 at his home in Wilson. He was born Feb. 21, 1946, at Lincoln County, the son of Otes and Vera Herbel Pejsha. A resident of Wilson since 1995, coming from Lincoln County, he was a heavy equipment operator in Lincoln County. Pejsha was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Wilson. Survivors include his mother of Wilson; two brothers, Gary Pejsha of Nevada, Iowa, and Robbin Pejsha of Salina; and one sister, Shelly Sebesta of Wilson. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at the church with the Rev. James Wagner officiating. Burial will be at Wilson City Cemetery. 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 Wednesday at the church.

Memorials are suggested to Midland Hotel in Wilson, in care of the mortuary. Funeral arrangements provided by Foster Mortuary 610 24th St. Wilson, KS 67490 785-658-2345 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune April 27, 2004

Alvin Otis Batchman 1909-2004

Alvin Otis Batchman, beloved father, grandfather and great-grandfather, died Sunday, April 25, at Ellinwood District Hospital in Ellinwood, at the age of 94. Alvin was the son of Jacob E. Batchman and Alvena Schrepel Batchman and was born May 4, 1909, at his parents' home stead in Comanche Township in Barton County, delivered by midwife, Grandma Riley. He attended Barton County District School No. 58, Sunny Hill, graduating from the eighth grade. He began his career as a family farmer helping his father and four brothers, raising wheat, corn and maize. Alvin lived on his family homestead for most of his life, and delighted in growing everything from flowers to his favorite, watermelons. He served on the school board of Sunny Hill School from 1939 to 1946 and was a 50-year member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, where he cooked for many special dinners. Alvin had been an active member of the adult Sunday school class at his church for most of his life. Alvin was a multi-talented person who worked as a machinery assemblyman and a carpenter in the winter and helped to build several homes in rural Barton County. When he began farming, he used horses to pull implements and was so proud of the first tractor and pull corn-picker that he was able to buy. Alvin married his sweetheart, Neva Grace Stone, at the Ellinwood Immanuel Church of Christ on May 4, 1932, where he was a lifelong member. To this happy union three children were born, Marlene Ann Rose Neuforth, Darrell Otis Batchman, and a stillborn son, Richard in 1942. Alvin was preceded in death by his beloved wife Neva, who died on Jan. 26, 2000. They celebrated every wedding anniversary for 67 years and Alvin's birthday by hosting a family dinner for all of their family and extended family. Alvin was also preceded in death by his parents, his four brothers, William, Jake, Earl and Chester, and two sons-in-law, Arthur Rose in 1957, and Harold Neuforth in 1995. He is survived by his sister, Lorraine Stedman "Babe" of Gilchrist, Ore.; his daughter, Marlene; his son and daughter-in-law, Darrell and Audrey Geil Batchman; his three grandsons and wives, David and Janel Rose, Richard and Debbie Batchman, and Alan and Regina Rose. His life was graced by seven great-grandchildren whom he loved and cherished, Nathan and Marisa Rose, Christopher, Bryce and Eric Batchman, and Bradley and Kayla Rose. Throughout the years, Alvin raised many different kinds of crops, but more than anything he enjoyed growing watermelons. He and his family planted eight or nine acres of melons every May and harvested truckloads of melons in August and September. He sold melons at the farm and sometimes at local farmers' markets and truly enjoyed meeting people who came to purchase from him. His talent and skill with growing melons led him to friendships with people from all over central and western Kansas. In his later years his apple orchard was a source of joy. He loved having neighbors and family come to pick apples in the fall. Grandpa loved celebrations, but none more than the Fourth of July. He bought fireworks for all the grandsons and great-grandchildren and invited them all to his home for a barbecue to celebrate the harvest and shoot fireworks to celebrate Independence Day. Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Immanuel United Church of Christ in Ellinwood with the Rev. Larry Young officiating. Casket bearers will be his seven great-grandchildren and honorary pallbearers are neighbor, Harlie Parish, friends Chuck Frydendall, P. Dale Wagner and Edwin A. Pahls of Cawker City. Visitation at the funeral home will be from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. today with the family receiving friends from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Interment will be at Lakin-Comanche District Cemetery. Memorials are designated to Immanuel United Church of Christ or Ellinwood District Hospital in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Bryant Funeral Home* 1425 Patton Road Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-3525 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune April 27, 2004

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Edwin J. Ohnmacht 1922-2004

Mr. Edwin J. Ohnmacht passed away on April 23. Mr. Ohnmacht was born on June 8, 1922, to Gus and Anna (Kober) Ohnmacht and was raised on the family farm near Olmitz. He graduated from Otis High School in 1941. Mr. Ohnmacht served in World War II. He survived three campaigns in the South Pacific. On Oct. 24, 1951, he married Edna Mae Joynes in Omaha, Neb. Mr. Ohnmacht retired from the Iowa Department of Transportation in 1983. Mr. and Mrs. Ohnmacht retired to Cherokee Village, Ark., where they enjoyed fishing, listening to baseball games and having their children and grandchildren visit. Mrs. Ohnmacht survives. Their children are Thomas Ohnmacht of Larned, Mrs. Colleen Kelley of Rolla, Mo., Mrs. Barbara Cook of Buffalo, Mo., Mrs. Connie Howerly of Phoenix, Ariz., and the late John Ohnmacht. He had 13 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. Cards of condolence may be sent to Mrs. Ohnmacht c/o 12111 Shawnee Hills, Rolla, MO 65401. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 25, 2004*

Elmer L. Karst 1926-2004

RUSSELL — Elmer L. Karst, 77, died Tuesday, April 20 at Hays Medical Center in Hays. He was born Aug. 9, 1926, in Milberger, the son of William F. and Lydia Templing Karst. He was baptized in the Lutheran Church and grew up in the Milberger area, attending rural schools there. After receiving his education, he worked on the family farm and at the age of 16 he began working in the oilfields. On June 21, 1947, he was united in marriage to Viola Ruth Engling in Russell. They shared over 56 years of married life together. He began working for Rapid Well Service Company of Russell in 1952, then later purchased the company in 1965. He and his family owned and operated Rapid Well Service until his death. He resided in the Russell area all his life. He is survived by his wife, Viola Karst of the home; two sons, Stephen Karst and Kirk Karst both of Russell; one brother, Donald Karst of Russell; two sisters, Alvina Templeton of Russell and Ruth Miller of Hoisington; three grandchildren, Kari Karst, Kevin Karst and Stephanie Hogan all of Russell; and two great-grandchildren, Dylan and Kaycie Hogan both of Russell. Elmer was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Clarence and Herbert Karst. Mr. Karst was cremated and private family inurement services will be held at a later date. Memorial contributions are suggested to the Kansas Heart Association in care of Pohlman-Heise Mortuary, 610 N. Maple St., Russell, KS 67665 Funeral arrangements provided by Pohlman-Heise Mortuary* 610 North Maple St. Russell, KS 67665 785-483-2212 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 25, 2004

Leo R. Galliard 1914-2004

LEE'S SUMMIT, Mo. — Leo R. Galliard, 89, died April 22 at John Knox Village Nursing Home, Lee's Summit. He was born Aug. 13, 1914, in Larned, the son of Adam and Margaret Janssen Galliard. He married Janet A. Robinson April 26, 1971, in Miami, Okla. A former resident of Larned, moving to Lee's Summit nine years ago from Wichita, he was a farmer. Galliard was a member of Presbyterian Church in Larned. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Verl Galliard of Larned; three daughters, Merilee Hook of Wichita, Linda Converse of Garfield and Gay Sauer of Lawrence; one stepson, Dick Fiscus of Lee's Summit; two stepdaughters, Judy Ruckle of Lee's Summit and Sharon Read of Rogers, Ark.; 17 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Glenn Galliard and Fred Galliard; and two sisters, Elsie Bird and Edna Unruh. Funeral will be at 1 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 at the mortuary. Memorials are suggested to Welcome Inn Senior Center or Larned EMS, both in care of the mortuary. Funeral arrangements provided by Beckwith Mortuary P.O. Box 477 Larned, KS 67550 (620) 285-2121 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 25, 2004

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Ethel C. Thielen 1912-2004

DORRANCE — Ethel C. Thielen, 92, died April 20 at Hays Medical Center in Hays. She was born Jan. 28, 1912, in Russell County, the daughter of Patrick and Sylvia Fink Coady. She married George H. Thielen May 12, 1936, in Russell County. A lifetime resident of Dorrance, she was a homemaker and teacher. Mrs. Thielen was a member of St. Joseph's Church in Dorrance. Survivors include her husband of the home; two sons, Neal Thielen of Boulder, Colo., and Joseph Thielen of Dorrance; one daughter, Joan Kaufman of Topeka; three sisters, Ruth Ruff of Cairo, Ga., Julia Mermis of Gorham and Betty Newton of Anthony; one brother, Richard Coady of Eugene, Ore.; 10 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren. Vigil service will be at 7:30 p.m. today at Foster Mortuary in Wilson. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at the church, with the Rev. Frank Coady officiating. Burial will be at St. Joseph's Cemetery in Dorrance. Friends may call from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. today at the mortuary. Memorials are suggested to St. Joseph's Cemetery Fund or Wilson Senior Center, both in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Foster Mortuary Inc. 610 24th St. Wilson, KS 67490 785-658-2345 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 23, 2004

Frank A. Jenisch 1920-2004

CLAFLIN — Frank A. Jenisch, 84, died April 21 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. He was born Jan. 12, 1920, on a farm in rural Claflin, the son of Joseph and Frances Tinkel Jenisch. He married Alice M. Bieberle June 17, 1947, at Holy Name Catholic Church in Bushton. A lifelong resident of rural Claflin, he was a farmer and a stockman. Jenisch was a member of Holy Family Catholic Church and Knights of Columbus No. 2630, both of Odin. Survivors include his wife of the home; three daughters, Lois and husband Jerry Steiner of Claflin, Marilyn and husband Bill Brandt, and Carol and husband Tim Samsel, all of Wichita; four sisters, Anna Boor of Odin, Hilda Ille of Great Bend, Mary Wondra and Eleanor Ille, both of Claflin; seven grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by three brothers, Albert Jenisch, Joseph Jenisch and Arthur Jenisch; three sisters, Gertrude Gerritzen, Olivia Debes and Frances Zorn; and one grandson, Thomas Joseph Samsel. 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 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Holy Family Catholic Church in Odin 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. today at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Holy Family Catholic Church or Claflin Ambulance Fund, both in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by *Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home 415 N. Main St. Hoisington, KS 67544 620-653-4165 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 23, 2004

Lois J. Sohm 1934-2004

OTIS — Lois J. Sohm, 69, died April 22 at her home in Otis. She was born Nov. 7, 1934, at Kinsley, the daughter of Orville and Evelyn Feldman Winkler. She married Lowell Sohm Nov. 26, 1955, at Kinsley. He survives. A longtime resident of Otis, coming from Kinsley, she was a homemaker and owned and operated Lois' Upholstery and Lois' Quilt Shop, was a retired employee of Magnus Archery Company retiring in 1977, a quilting instructor at Barton County Community College and a retired registered nurse at Central Kansas Medical Center. She was a member of United Methodist Church of Otis, a charter member and past president of Central Kansas Thread Benders Quilt Guild and a retired Otis Emergency Medical Technician. Survivors include her husband of the home; two sons, Steven Sohm and his companion Evy Andre, and Mike Sohm, all of Otis; three daughters, Ronda Ranker and her husband David of Hays, Susan Sohm and her companion Ron Mohr, and Diane and Kent Rexwinkle, all of Great Bend; her mother, Eva Winkler of Kansas City, Mo.; one sister, Joann Wilkinson of Kansas City, Mo.; grandchildren and great-grandchildren, Jason Sohm and Kim Rodie, Jamie and Jason Vsetecka, Dylan and Sierra Vsetecka, Matthew Ranker and Rebecca Lynn Smith, Amy Ranker, Hayley Ranker, Dustin and Alisha Rexwinkle, Skylar Rexwinkle, Jessica Schmidtberger, Tyler Tomlinson, Tysten Tomlinson, Kyle Schmidtberger and MaKenna Berry. She was preceded in death by her father, Orville Winkler; one brother, Ronnie Winkler; and a great-grandson, Connor Rexwinkle. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington with the Rev. Marilyn Christmore officiating. The casket will remain closed. Burial will be at Methodist Cemetery in Otis. Friends may call from 1 to 7 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. to service time Saturday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by *Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home 415 N. Main St. Hoisington, KS 67544 620-653-4165 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 23, 2004

Katie McMillan 1908-2004

Katie McMillan, 95, of Great Bend, died April 21 at Cheyenne Meadows Living Center in Hoisington. She was born June 13, 1908, at Kutar, Russia, the daughter of Jacob and Mollie Eckes Reifschneider. She married Sid McMillan Sept. 5, 1940, at McPherson. He died in January 1959. A lifetime resident of Barton and Rush counties, she worked in the meat department at Farmer's Market, Mammals and Safeway, retiring in 1960. She was a member of Central Baptist Church, American Legion Auxiliary and Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary, all of Great Bend. Survivors include two brothers, Harold Reifschneider and LeRoy Reifschneider, both of La Crosse; and two sisters, Esther Murray of La Crosse and Helen Appel of Rush Center. She was preceded in death by two brothers, Henry Reifschneider and Edward Reifschneider; and three sisters, Marie Reifschneider, Mollie Bott and Ida Crotinger. Funeral will be at 9:30 a.m. Saturday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend, with the Rev. Dr. Gordon Rhodes officiating. Graveside service will be at 4:30 p.m. Saturday at Hallett Cemetery in Hallett, Okla. Friends may call from noon to 9 p.m. today, with the family receiving friends from 7 to 8:30 p.m. today, and from 9 a.m. to service time Saturday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Bryant Funeral Home 1425 Patton Rd. Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-3525 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 23, 2004

Frances H. McDonald 1917-2004

TULSA, Okla. — Frances H. McDonald, 87, died April 21 at Southcrest Hospital in Tulsa. She was born March 13, 1917, in McPherson, the daughter of David E. and Agnes Sjorgren Freeburg. She married Leslie "Owen" McDonald June 2, 1940, in Pawnee Rock. A resident of Great Bend since 1952, she worked as a telephone operator and was also employed at Dupree Meat Locker and retired as a seamstress at Freeburg Draperies. She lived in Broken Arrow, Okla., for the past five years. She attended First Church of the Nazarene in Great Bend. Survivors include a son, Leslie O. McDonald Jr. and wife Margo of Riverside, Calif.; two daughters, Karen Hiebert and husband David of Broken Arrow and Vicki Unruh and husband Lanny of Ness City; one sister, Mildred Myers and husband Leslie of Pasadena, Texas; brother-in-law, J.E. "Earl" McDonald of Dallas, Texas; sisters-in-law, Teresa Ellwood, of Norfolk, Neb., and Laura Freeburg of Great Bend; seven grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; two step-grandchildren; and one step-great-grandchild. Frances was preceded in death by her husband Owen; and three brothers, John, Milton and LaVerne. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 24, at Charter Funerals Chapel in Great Bend, with the Rev. Robert Castile, First Church of the Nazarene, officiating. Interment will be at Fairview Park Cemetery, St. John. Family will receive friends from 6 to 8 p.m. today at Charter Funerals Chapel. Funeral arrangements provided by *Charter Funerals 2115 Washington St. Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-6161 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 23, 2004

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Marie M. Sander 1907-2004

RUSSELL — Marie M. Sander, 97, died April 19 at Russell Regional Medical Center. She was born Feb. 1, 1907, at Catharine, the daughter of Paul and Paulina Wintholz Meis. She married Edgar Anthony Sander in 1931 in Walker. He died May 2, 1999. A resident of Russell, formerly of Lenora, she was a homemaker and a farm wife. She was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Russell. Survivors include one son, Edgar A. Sander of Spencer, Okla.; one brother, Edmund Meis of Hays; three sisters, Ida Brungardt, Edna Hammerschmidt and Bernita Weigel, all of Hays; and two grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one son, Gerald Joseph Sander. Rosary will be at 7 p.m. Thursday at Pohlman-Heise Mortuary in Russell. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Friday at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Russell with the Rev. Charles Steier officiating. Burial will be at St. Ann's Cemetery in Walker. Friends may call from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday at the mortuary. Funeral arrangements provided by Pohlman-Heise Mortuary 610 N. Maple St. Russell, KS 67665 785-483-2212 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 22, 2004

Zelda A. Becker 1913-2004

DOWNS — Zelda A. Becker, 91, died April 21. She was born Feb. 28, 1913, at Claflin. She married Walter Becker. She was a bookkeeper and housewife. Survivors include three sons, Herman Becker of Osborne, Ralph Becker of Downs and Donald Becker of Hays; nine grandchildren; nine stepgrandchildren; and three stepgreat-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by three sons, Roy Becker, Alfred Leo Becker and Gilbert Becker. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Downs United Methodist Church. Burial will be at 2:30 p.m. at St. Paul Cemetery in Holyrood. Friends may call from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Sunday at Domoney Funeral Home in Downs. Memorials are suggested to Downs Senior Center or Downs United Methodist Church, both in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Domoney Funeral Home 817 Morgan Ave., P.O. Box 127 Downs, KS 67437 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 22, 2004

Viola Lorraine Osborne 1916-2004

FLUSH — Viola Lorraine Osborne, 88, died April 19 at Westy Community Care Center in Westmoreland. She was born April 4, 1916, at Cleburne, the daughter of Ernest and Nellie Shelhi Johnson. She was a graduate of Hoisington High School. She married Grover D. Osborne April 9, 1937, at St. John. He died April 21, 1994. A resident of Flush, formerly of Lynwood, Calif., and Palmdale, Calif., she worked for Douglas Aircraft during World War II as a "Rosey the Riveter," owner and operator of a yardage store, a seamstress and homemaker. She was a member of University Christian Church in Manhattan and American Legion Auxiliary of Olsburg. Survivors include one son, Verlyn "Vern" Osborne of St. George; one daughter, Janet Lucas of Oak Grove, Mo.; seven grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one sister, Erma Hogue; and two grandchildren. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at the church with the Rev. David Papa officiating. Burial will be at Spring Creek Cemetery in rural Fostoria. Friends may call beginning at 2 p.m. Friday at Campanella-Evans Mortuary in Wamego. The family will receive friends from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Friday. Memorials are suggested to Viola Osborne Memorial Fund, in care of Kufahl Funeral Home 307 Center St. Wheaton, KS 66551. Funeral arrangements provided by Campanella-Evans Mortuary 612

E. Highway 24, P.O. Box 232 Wamego, KS 66547 785-456-9811 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 22, 2004

Jeanamarie Schuster

WICHITA — Jeanamarie Schuster, 47, died April 21. She was a retired State of Kansas SRS employee. Survivors include her husband, Dave Schuster of the home; her father, Gene DuBois of Satanta; her grandmother, Thelma DuBois of Great Bend; and one brother, Craig DuBois of Wichita. She was preceded in death by her mother, Dolores Parmele. Memorial service will be at noon Saturday at Broadway Mortuary in Wichita. Memorials are suggested to American Diabetes Association, in care of the mortuary. Funeral arrangements provided by Broadway Mortuary 1147 S. Broadway Wichita, KS 67211 316-262-3435 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 21, 2004

Stella Hirsch 1904-2004

ELLINWOOD — Stella Hirsch, 100, died April 21 at Ellinwood Long Term Care in Ellinwood. She was born April 2, 1904, near Marshall, Oklahoma Territory, the daughter of Daniel David and Stella Estes Dyche. She married Charles Hirsch June 26, 1943, in St. Louis, Mo. He died March 30, 1979. A resident of Ellinwood since 1947, coming from Manhattan, she was a legal secretary and homemaker. She was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church, Altar Society, Daughters of Isabella, charter member of Ellinwood Historical Society and Heritage Club, all of Ellinwood. She was also a member of Riley County Historical Society and Oklahoma Twin Territories. Survivors include two daughters, Mary Jo Cunningham of Ellinwood and Kathleen Hildebrand of Hutchinson; and one grandchild. She was preceded in death by five brothers, Mose, Dan, Ed, Larkin and Joe; and five sisters, Florence, Agnes, Cora, Baby M and one stillborn. Altar Society Rosary will be at 3 p.m., followed by a Daughters of Isabella rosary and vigil service at 7 p.m., all today at Kimple Funeral Home in Ellinwood. Funeral will be at 3:30 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 1 to 8 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Ellinwood Community Historical Society, in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Kimple Funeral Home 113 North Main Ellinwood, KS 67526 620-564-2300 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 22, 2004

Frances H. McDonald 1917-2004

BROKEN ARROW, Okla. — Frances H. McDonald, 87, of Broken Arrow, formerly of Great Bend, died April 21. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Charter Funerals of Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 22, 2004

Addition

Helen Lucille Williams of Boulder, Colo., who died March 27, was a former resident of Great Bend and a 1941 graduate of Great Bend High School.

Ruth C. Hardy 1927-2004

Ruth C. Hardy, 77, of Great Bend, died April 18 at Central Kansas Medical Center. She was born Jan. 2, 1927, at Herington, the daughter of Edward and Latonia Hudson Hawkins. She was a 1945 graduate of Great Bend High School. She married Thomas J. Hardy in 1945 in Great Bend. He died September 1990. A resident of Great Bend, she was a psychiatric aide at Larned State Hospital, retiring in 1992. She was a member of Myers Chapel AME and Eastern Star, both of Great Bend. Survivors include two daughters, Marva J. Alexander of Topeka and Marilyn J. Malbrough and husband Larry Malbrough of Great Bend; one sister, Sarah Williams of Detroit, Mich.; four grandchildren, Jamie T. Malbrough of Columbia, S.C., Alaina R. Alexander of Culver City, Calif., Alonda R. Alexander of Topeka and Justin K. Malbrough of Salina; two great-grandchildren, Jordan Malbrough and Alissa Malbrough, both of Columbia, S.C.; caretaker niece, Billie Perry-Robinson of Great Bend; and a host of other nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents and two sisters, Mary F. Ramsey and Peggy M. Green. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Myers Chapel AME Church with the Rev. Johnny Augmon of St. John CME Church of Hutchinson officiating, the Rev. LeRoy Keith reading scripture, the Rev. Victor Williams leading prayer and Lianna Shorté reading the obituary. Interment will be at Hillcrest Memorial Park in Great Bend. Friends may call from noon to 9 p.m. Thursday with family receiving friends from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Charter Funerals Chapel in Great Bend. Memorials are suggested to Myers AME Church of Great Bend, in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Charters Funeral Chapel* 2115 Washington Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-6161 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 22, 2004

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Helen Lucille Williams 1922-2004

BOULDER, Colo. — Helen Lucille Williams, 81, died March 27 in Boulder. She was born Nov. 22, 1922, in Springfield, Mo., the daughter of Ross J. and Helen E. Buck Thompson. She married James L. Williams March 25, 1944, in El Paso, Texas. A resident of Boulder since 1976, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Williams was a member of First Presbyterian Church in Boulder, Church Mariner's group, and a member of Hypathia of Boulder. Survivors include her husband of the home; one son, David L. Williams of Ribeirao Preto, Brazil; three daughters, Linda Wittekind of Boulder, Nancy Rafeedie of Louisville and Beth Walker of Severna Park, Md.; 10 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. A private graveside service will be today at Mountain View Memorial Park in Boulder. A memorial service will be at 11 a.m. today at the church with the Revs. Peter Barnes and John Hess officiating.

Memorials are suggested to the church or Hospice Care of Boulder and Broomfield Counties, both in care of M.P. Murphy and Associates in Lafayette, Colo. Funeral arrangements provided by M.P. Murphy and Associates 2594 Trail Ridge Drive East Suite A Lafayette, CO 80026 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 21, 2004

Crystal McCarty Toot

Crystal McCarty Toot passed away on April 19 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. Crystal was born in Great Bend and was a proud life-long resident. Her parents were Charles Edward and Josie Ann Tucker McCarty. She was preceded in death by her parents, her sister, Verda Nelson, and her dear husband, Jack Toot. Crystal and Jack took great pride in their three daughters, all of whom survive. They are Chris Collier of Great Bend, Georgann Ville of Lawrence and Kay Keener of Arnolds Park, Iowa. Crystal is also survived by her brother, James McCarty of Hutchinson; four grandchildren; six great-grandchildren and many other devoted family members and friends. Crystal was a retired employee of Southwestern Bell Telephone and a member of SBC Telephone Pioneers. She was a lifetime member of Eastern Star No. 92, and a member of American Legion and Veterans of Foreign War Auxiliaries. Crystal was passionate about her community and she proved that time and again by her service to the city and the people of Great Bend. She was tireless in her commitment to making life in Great Bend, better for everyone put particularly for the people who lived in her beloved 4th Ward. She served that ward for over 10 years as a city council member. She was determined to make sure that the 4th Ward was never overlooked, or underestimated. Crystal's many accomplishments included: one of the founders of Great Bend Humane Society; honored for 25 years for continuous service by the American Humane Society; president of Riley Elementary Parent Teachers Association; Roosevelt PTA; vice-president and president of Kansas PTA; a lifetime member of National PTA; selected to represent Kansas PTA in Japan as part of the Japanese-U.S. Friendship Commission; first woman in Kansas to receive the Kansas State High School Activities Governor's Award for outstanding contributions to secondary education; a Girl Scout leader and trainer for 28 years; recipient of the Thanks Badge from National Association of Girl Scouts; served 12 years as an elected member of USD 428 Board of Education; and she helped organize and chaired volunteer reading programs for Riley Elementary first graders. Crystal Toot's spirit, energy and sense of humor will be missed every day that passes without her. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday at First Christian Church in Great Bend with the Rev. William F. Johnson officiating. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call from noon to 9 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. to noon Thursday, all at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Family will receive friends from 10 a.m. to noon Thursday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Great Bend Zoological Society to support and improve Brit Spagh Zoo in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Bryant Funeral Home* 1425 Patton Rd. Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-3525 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 21, 2004

Ruth C. Hardy 1927-2004

Ruth C. Hardy, 77, of Great Bend, died April 18 at Central Kansas Medical Center. She was born Jan. 2, 1927, at Herington, the daughter of Edward and Latonia Hudson Hawkins. She was a 1945 graduate of Great Bend High School. She married Thomas J. Hardy in 1945 in Great Bend. He died September 1990. A resident of Great Bend, she was a psychiatric aide at Larned State Hospital, retiring in 1992. She was a member of Myers Chapel AME and Eastern Star, both of Great Bend. Survivors include two daughters, Marva J. Alexander of Topeka and Marilyn J. Malbrough and husband Larry Malbrough of Great Bend; one sister, Sarah Williams of Detroit, Mich.; four grandchildren, Jamie T. Malbrough of Columbia, S.C., Alaina R. Alexander of Culver City, Calif., Alonda R. Alexander of Topeka and Justin K. Malbrough of Salina; two great-grandchildren, Jordan Malbrough and Malissa Malbrough, both of Columbia, S.C.; caretaker niece, Billie Perry-Robinson of Great Bend; and a host of other nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents and two sisters, Mary F. Ramsey and Peggy M. Green. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Friday at the church with the Rev. Johnny Augmon officiating of St. John CME Church of Hutchinson, the Rev. LeRoy Keith reading scripture, the Rev. Victor Williams leading prayer and Lianna Shorté reading the obituary. Interment will be at Hillcrest Memorial Park in Great Bend. Friends may call from noon to 9 p.m. Thursday with family receiving friends from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Charter Funerals Chapel in Great Bend. Memorials are suggested to Myers AME Church of Great Bend, in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Charters Funeral Chapel* 2115 Washington Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-6161 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 21, 2004

Guadalupe Aide Lujan 1968-2004

Guadalupe Aide Lujan, 35, of Great Bend, died April 19 at her home. She was born May 12, 1968, at Chihuahua, Chihuahua, Mexico, the daughter of Isidro and Irma Renteria Rodriguez. She married Socorro Lujan March 27, 1989, at Praxedis, Chihuahua, Mexico. A resident of Great Bend for 18 1/2 years, coming from Mexico, she was a homemaker. She was a member of Iglesia Bautista Genezaret. Survivors include her husband of the home; three sons, Jose Lujan, Daniel Lujan and Erick Lujan, all of the home; one daughter, Sahyra Lujan of the home; three brothers, Martin Rodriguez, Raul Rodriguez and Aaron Rodriguez, all of Great Bend; and two sisters, Irma Galvan and Mayra Contreras, both of Great Bend. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend with the Rev. Arturo Ferrel officiating. Burial will be at Hillcrest Memorial Park in Great Bend. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Wednesday and from 9 a.m. to service time Thursday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the family, in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Bryant Funeral Home 1425 Patton Rd. Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-3525 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 21, 2004

April 20, 2004

Seraphin Staab 1916-2004

STAFFORD — Seraphin Staab, 87, died April 18 at Stafford District Hospital. He was born Nov. 26, 1916, at Catherine, the son of .Jacob and Amelia Walters Staab. He married Isabelle Marie Schmeidler Sept. 16, 1940 in rural Ellis County. A resident of

Stafford since 1942, coming from Hays, he worked for major pipeline companies including Standard Oil, Service Pipe Line, Skelly, Getty and he retired from Texaco. Staab was a longtime member of St. John the Apostle Catholic Church in St. John, past grand knight of Knights of Columbus, Fourth Degree member of Father Kapaun Assembly Knights of Columbus, served on the board of Leisure Homestead Nursing Home and was a member of Stafford County Country Club. Survivors include his wife of the home; two sons, Jerry Staab of Rose Hill and Dean Staab of Pratt; one daughter, Diana Pistole of Oklahoma City, Okla.; two sisters, Eugenia Lewis and Lucille Parker, both of Hays; seven grandchildren; two stepgrandchildren; four great-grandchildren; four stepgreat-grandchildren; and one foster daughter, Sandra Thorp. He was preceded in death by two sons, Lawrence Staab and an infant; four brothers; and five sisters. Vigil service and Knights of Columbus rosary will be at 7 p.m. today at Minnis Chapel in Stafford. Funeral Mass will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the church, with the Rev. Rene Guesnier officiating. Burial will be at Stafford Cemetery. Friends may call from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. today at the funeral chapel. Memorials are suggested to Make A Wish foundation or Knights of Columbus, Council 13019, both in care of the funeral chapel. Funeral arrangements provided by Minnis Chapel 125 N. Main Stafford, KS 67578 620-234-5261 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 20, 2004

Ruth C. Hardy

Ruth C. Hardy, 77, of Great Bend, died April 18. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Charter Funerals of Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 20, 2004

Mary R.H. Schroeder 1949-2004

HUTCHINSON — Mary R.H. Schroeder, 54, died April 16 at Hospice House in Hutchinson. She was born June 3, 1949, at La Crosse, the daughter of Lee Roy and Mary D. Skelton Brothers. A resident of Hutchinson since 1984, coming from Great Bend, she was a former manager of Chelsea's Restaurant in Hutchinson. Survivors include two sons, Steve Schroeder of Great Bend and Lee Allen Schroeder of Chadsworth, Ga.; one daughter, April Manheim of Hutchinson; one brother, Jimmy Brothers of Little Big Horn, Mont.; and one sister, Shirley Jones of Topeka. She was preceded in death by one sister, Debbie Brothers. Memorial service was Monday at Heritage Funeral Home Chapel in Hutchinson, with the Rev. Anita Crane officiating. Memorials are suggested to Mary Schroeder Memorial Fund, in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Heritage Funeral Home 528 N. Main Hutchinson, KS 67501 620-662-6720 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 20, 2004

Reuben R. Steinert 1918-2004

RUSSELL — Reuben R. Steinert, 86, died April 19 at Hays Medical Center in Hays. He was born Feb. 19, 1918, west of Milberger, the son of George K. and Mary K. Kraft Steinert. He married Edna Mae Templing Nov. 22, 1941, in Milberger. She died June 11, 1977. He married Lucille Steponick Aug. 17, 1979, at Russell. A resident of Russell since 1979, coming from rural Milberger, he was a farmer and stockman. Steinert was a member of St. John Lutheran Church in Russell, former member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Milberger, Lincoln Township, Galatia Co-op Board and Russell County Fair Board. He was a U.S. Army veteran, serving in World War II. Survivors include his wife of the home; two sons, Duane Steinert of Olmitz and Kenneth Steinert of Belleville, Ill.; one daughter, Betty Ann Watkins of Garden City; one stepson, Alfred Steponick of Salina; three stepdaughters, Alaine Radke of Milberger, Cleo Mounday of Valley Center and Marilyn Weidner of Pueblo, Colo.; four sisters, Rosie Boxberger, Virginia Boxberger and Edna Tittel, all of Russell, and Mabeline Karst of Great Bend; seven grandchildren; seven stepgrandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren. Prayer service will be at 7:30 p.m. today at Pohlman-Heise Mortuary in Russell. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at the church in Russell, with the Rev. Henry J. Hartman officiating. Burial will be at Milberger Cemetery. Friends may call from noon to 9 p.m. today at the mortuary. Family will receive friends following the prayer service today at the mortuary. Memorials are suggested to the church or Russell Senior Center, both in care of the mortuary. Funeral arrangements provided by Pohlman-Heise Mortuary 610 North Maple Street Russell, KS 67665 785-483-2212 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 20, 2004

Darrel R. Krallman 1950-2004

NEWTON — Darrel R. Krallman, 53, died April 16 at Via Christi Regional Medical Center, St. Francis Campus in Wichita. He was born Dec. 16, 1950, at Great Bend, the son of Leroy and Maxine Long Krallman. He married Marian Bailey Stinchcomb May 29, 1982, at Salina. A resident of Newton since 1986, he was a machinist and tool and die maker for J.I. Case in Wichita. Krallman was a member of First United Methodist Church of Great Bend and Ducks Unlimited. Survivors include his wife of the home; two stepsons, David Stinchcomb of Drummond, Okla., and Jonathon Stinchcomb of Newton; his parents of Great Bend; one brother, David Krallman of Great Bend; and seven stepgrandchildren. Memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Friday at the church, with the Rev. Gary Brooks officiating. Cremation has taken place. There will be no burial. Family will receive friends from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Kaufman Funeral Home in Halstead. Memorials are suggested to Kansas Wildlife & Parks Wild Trust, in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Kaufman Funeral Home 418 Chestnut Halstead, KS 67056 316-835-2233 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 20, 2004

April 18, 2004

Mollie M. Berryman 1907-2004

NORTH NEWTON — Mollie M. Berryman, 96, died April 15 at Kidron Bethel Village in North Newton. She was born Sept. 13, 1907, in Dycusburg, Ky., the daughter of Daniel S. and Bell Bennett Hill. She married William G. Berryman September 1929, in Burbank, Okla. He died March 10, 1986. A resident of North Newton. she was a homemaker. Mrs. Berrvman was a member of

New Horizon Church. Survivors include one son, Bill Berryman of Great Bend; two daughters, Betty Leverly of Grand Junction, Colo., and Mary Ann Steele of Goddard; grandchildren; great-grandchildren; and great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by three brothers, one sister, and two great-grandchildren. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Restlawn Gardens of Memory of Newton, with Chaplain Amanda Rempel officiating. Burial will be at Restlawn Gardens of Memory. Friends may call from 1 to 9 p.m. today at Broadway Colonial Funeral Home in Newton, with family receiving friends from 2 to 3 p.m. today. Memorials are suggested to Hospice Care of Kansas, in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Broadway Colonial Funeral Home 120 E. Broadway Newton, KS 67114 316-283-4344 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 18, 2004

Jeanne Pauline Guesnier 1924-2004

Jeanne Pauline Guesnier, 79, of Great Bend, died peacefully on Friday, April 16, at her home in Great Bend. She had been courageously battling a cancer that was diagnosed April 2003. She was born Oct. 28, 1924, in Topeka, the daughter of August and Mary Johns. She was the youngest of six children. Mrs. Guesnier was a life-long member of the Catholic Church and for the last 51 years worshiped with St. Patrick Catholic Parish in Great Bend. Her passion for her faith was shown not only through her church, but also in her daily life. She was a Christian example to many people throughout her service to St. Patrick Altar Society, Daughters of Isabella and the Perpetual Adoration Society. She found great joy in her children and grandchildren. For 10 years she served as a school crossing guard at St. Patrick Grade School. Later in life, after her husband passed away, she worked outside the home until retiring in 1988. Jeanne was united in marriage to John Franklin Guesnier on Oct. 15, 1945, in Topeka. They were married for 31 years until he died in 1976. Her surviving children include: four sons and four daughters: Gary Guesnier and his wife, Marjorie of Westminster, Colo.; Bernie Guesnier and his wife Kim, of Great Bend; Ramona Marrs and her husband Donnie, of Salina; Rebecca Izzard and her husband Randy, of The Woodlands, Texas; Gerard "Moe" Guesnier and his wife Deborah, of Highlands Ranch, Colo.; Larry Guesnier and his wife Patty, of Parker, Colo.; Georgia Foes and her husband David, of Derby; and Darah Klima and her husband Kelly, of Derby; nine grandsons; 11 granddaughters; and two great-grandchildren. Survivors include two brothers, Robert N. Johns of Topeka and Raymond F. Johns of Oskaloosa; and one sister, Helen Johns of Topeka. Jeanne's youngest son, John Guesnier Jr. preceded her in death in 1979. Also, two sisters, Patricia Garvert and Rita Johns, preceded Mrs. Guesnier in death. Friends may call from 1 to 9 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. to noon on Monday, all at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. The family will receive friends from 6 to 9 p.m. Sunday. Vigil service and Daughters of Isabella rosary will begin at 5 p.m. today at the funeral home. Memorial services will be held at 1:30 p.m. Monday, April 19, at St. Patrick Catholic Church, Great Bend. Mrs. Guesnier has chosen to be buried in Great Bend Cemetery next to her husband and son. Memorials are suggested to Golden Belt Home Health and Hospice or Holy Family School Endowment Fund, both in care of the funeral home, or gifts to St. Lawrence Seminary, Mt. Calvary, Wis., in Jeanne Guesnier's name. Memorial contributions may be left in care of Bryant Funeral Home, 1425 Patton Road, Great Bend, KS 67530. Funeral arrangements provided by Bryant Funeral Home* 1425 Patton Road Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-3525 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 18, 2004

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Patricia Kay Brannin 1939-2004

AURORA, Colo. — Patricia Kay Brannin, 65, died April 13 at Hospice of Metro Denver in Aurora. She was born Feb. 21, 1939, the daughter of Charles D. and Ruth Ely Harris. She was a 1957 graduate of Great Bend High School. She was a resident of Aurora since 1968, coming from Great Bend. She was a member of Queen of Peace Catholic Church in Aurora. Survivors include two brothers, Ted Brannin of Olathe and Jerry Harris of Scottsdale, Ariz. Funeral Mass will be at 10 a.m. Monday at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church in Great Bend, with the Rev. Ted Stoecklein 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 the church in Aurora or Multiple Sclerosis Foundation, both in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Bryant Funeral Home 1425 Patton Road Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-3525 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 16, 2004

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Sharie Richardson 1938-2004

Sharie Richardson, 66, of Great Bend, died April 12 at Via Christi Regional Medical Center, St. Francis Campus in Wichita. She was born Feb. 20, 1938, at Winfield, the daughter of Willis A. and Elsie Thompson Rowe. She married Jack Richardson March 7, 1957, in Winfield. A resident of Great Bend since 1969, coming from Winfield, she was a homemaker. Survivors include her husband of the home; one son, David Richardson and his wife Carla of Woodward, Okla.; one daughter, Vicki Richardson of Great Bend; two brothers and wives, Bill and Pat Rowe of Great Bend, and Ron and Helen Rowe of Park City; two sisters, Thelma Buckman and her husband George of Winfield, and Helen Doubrava of Garden City; one sister-in-law, Dorothy Rowe of Winfield; one grandchild, Joshua Richardson of Woodward, Okla.; three stepgrandchildren, Brandon Williams and Kevin Williams, both of Texas, and PeggySue Williams of Woodward; and three step great-grandchildren, Adrian Williams, Dayson Williams and Denton Williams, all of Texas. She was preceded in death by two brothers, Earl and Merle Rowe, two brothers-in-law, Joe Doubrava and Floyd Bolby; and one sister, Lorene Bolby. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend, with the Rev. Don Paden 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 1 p.m. Thursday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to National Kidney Foundation of Kansas and Western Missouri, in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Bryant Funeral Home* 1425 Patton Rd. Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-3525 Great Bend (Kan) Tribune April 14, 2004

William 'Bill' T. Fuqua 1916-2004

KEARNEY, Mo. — William "Bill" T. Fuqua, 87, died April 11 at his residence. He was born Aug. 8, 1916, at Macksville, the son of William A. and Lennie Fuqua. He was a 1934 graduate of Macksville High School. A resident of Kearney for two years, coming from Great Bend, he was a carpenter, salesman for Mobro Corporation and worked for Davis Paint Company. He was a member of First Christian Church of Great Bend, Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion, USS Helm Association and Elks. He was a U.S. Navy veteran, having served in World War II on the USS Helm. Survivors include two daughters, Dianne Richards of Great Bend and Nancy Beaty of Kearney; four brothers, Bob Fuqua of Seward, Ivan Fuqua of Leavenworth, Clarence Fuqua of San Antonio, Texas, and Bruce Fuqua of Winfield; one sister, Rose Marie Hager of St. John; seven grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. He was preceded in death by his wife, Margaret Emma Fuqua, one daughter, Linda Lee Fuqua, and one brother, Calvin Fuqua. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at the church with the Rev. William Johnson officiating. Burial will be at Xavier Cemetery in Seward. Friends may call from 1 to 8 p.m. today at Minnis Chapel in St. John. Memorials are suggested to Brit Spough Park and Zoo in Great Bend, in care of the funeral chapel. Funeral arrangements provided by Minnis Chapel P.O. Box 34 St. John, KS 67576 620-549-3556 Great Bend (Kan) Tribune April 14, 2004

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Jerome Frank Haberman 1912-2004

Jerome Frank Haberman, 91, of Great Bend, died April 11 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. He was born June 23, 1912, in Barton County, the son of Henry and Anna Gleisner Haberman. He married Dixie Morrison Jan. 12, 1960, in Great Bend. A resident of Great Bend, coming from Pawnee Rock, he was a foreman at Bureau of Mines Helium Activity in Otis, retiring in 1975. Haberman was a member of St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church in Great Bend and the American Legion in Stafford. He served as a private first class in the U.S. Army, serving in World War II. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Darin Haberman and wife Cheri of Great Bend; one brother, Benedict Haberman of Wichita; three grandchildren, Ashley Ellis, Matthew Haberman and Ryan Haberman, all of Great Bend; and one great-grandchild, Marcus Ellis of Great Bend. He was preceded in death by one infant son, Jerry Curt Haberman; three brothers, Carl Haberman, Alphons Haberman and Raymond Haberman; and one sister, Isabell LePore. Vigil 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 Father Reginald Urban officiating. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery. Friends can call from 5 to 9 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Shriners Hospital for Children, in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Bryant Funeral Home* 1425 Patton Road Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-3525 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 13, 2004

E. Leon Marvin 1918-2004

LA CROSSE — E. Leon Marvin, 85, died April 10 at Rush County Memorial Hospital in La Crosse. He was born Oct. 22, 1918, in Nyberg, Colo., the son of Charles H. and Della M. Hendrix Marvin. He was a 1937 graduate of McCracken High School in McCracken. He married Laurene E. Friess Dec. 6, 1947, in Wichita. A 43-year resident of La Crosse, coming from Ransom, he was a depot agent and telegrapher for Missouri Pacific Railroad before his retirement. He was a member of United Methodist Church in La Crosse, Veterans of Foreign Wars life member, Military Order of Cootie life member, American Legion, Walnut Valley Lodge 215 and Boy Scouts scout master. He served in World War II as a member of the U.S. Army. He was awarded the Good Conduct Medal, American Defense Service Ribbon, EAME Theater Ribbon, four Bronze Service Stars, World War II Victory ribbon and American Theater ribbon. He participated in battles and campaigns in Ardennes Rhineland, northern France, central Europe and the Battle of the Bulge. Survivors include his wife of the home; five sons, Gerald Marvin of La Crosse, Dennis Marvin of Concordia, Gayle Marvin and his wife Cecilia of South Berwick, Me., Merle Marvin and his wife Deanna of Holdrege, Neb., and Verle Marvin and his wife Diana of La Crosse; two daughters, Nancy Donnell of Saginaw, Texas, and Susan Sharp and her husband Gerry of Marysville; two sisters, Louise Burnham of Fremont, Neb., and Helen Yost of La Crosse; 17 grandchildren; and 18 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Janousek Funeral Home Chapel in La Crosse, with the Revs. Marilyn Christmore and Gerry Sharp officiating. Burial will be at La Crosse City Cemetery in La Crosse. Friends may call from 1 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home. The family will receive friends from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. today. A prayer service will be held at 7:30 p.m. today at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Rush County Memorial Hospital Long Term Care, American Cancer Society or American Heart Association, all in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Janousek Funeral Home* 719 Pine P.O. Box 550 La Crosse, KS 67548 785-222-2517 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 13, 2004

Jeanine Dikeman 1954-2004

LARNED — Jeanine Dikeman, 49, died April 11 at Wesley Medical Center in Wichita. She was born April 27, 1954, in Lyons, the daughter of Charles Earl and Helen Ruth Larson Miller. She married D. Gene Dikeman II on Feb. 19, 1977, in Lyons. She was a 1976 graduate of Kansas State University with a dietetics degree. A resident of Larned since 1981, coming from Beatrice, Neb., she was a real estate agent for Reep Real Estate in Larned. She was a member of First United Methodist Church, United Methodist Women, PEO, Parent Teachers Association, Picture Lady, all of Larned, Alpha Delta Pi Sorority of Manhattan and a volunteer for many organizations. Survivors include her husband of the home; four daughters, Angela Ruth Dikeman, Charlotte Lee Dikeman, both of Topeka, Meredith Ann Dikeman of Newport Beach, Calif., and Catherine McNaught Dikeman of Manhattan; and one sister, Lucinda Kay Miller of Garden City. Memorial service will be at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday at the church, with the Rev. Katharine Hart officiating. Private family inurnment will be held at 4 p.m. Wednesday at Lutheran Cemetery in Marquette. Friends may sign the register book from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. today and from 9 to 10 a.m. Wednesday, all at Beckwith Mortuary Chapel in Larned. Memorials are suggested to Jeanine Dikeman Memorial Fund, in care of the mortuary. Funeral arrangements provided by Beckwith Mortuary Inc. P.O. Box 477 Larned, KS 67550 620-285-2121 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 13, 2004

Brandon Michael McPherson 1987-2004

WEATHERBY LAKE, Mo. — Brandon Michael McPherson, age 16 and 10 months, of Weatherby Lake, Mo., passed away Saturday, April 10. Visitation and Celebration of Life will be held at St. Therese Catholic Church, 7207 NW, Highway 9, Kansas City, Mo., at 6 p.m. today. The Boy Scout Mi-co-say Ceremony will be at 7 p.m. Funeral Mass will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday at St. Therese Catholic Church. Burial will be at Mt. Moriah Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family suggested donations to Park Hill Education Foundation or Boy Scout Troop 395 Scholarship Fund in Brandon's memory. Brandon was born May 31, 1987, in North Kansas City, Mo. The son of Brit and Denise McPherson, Brandon's passion for life and depth of character is best expressed by one of his favorite quotations: "I don't think there's anything worse than being ordinary." Brandon was anything but ordinary; he excelled in sports, school, scouting and civic leadership. Family and friends were a central part of his life. He lived life to its fullest and wanted to give more than he received. Brandon enjoyed SPCAA soccer, Wings WMSL soccer and was the team captain of the Park Hill tennis team. He embraced school for academics, the opportunity for leadership and his wit and charm brought many a smile. He was active in Park Hill High School Debate, Tarkus, Junior Assembly, National Honor Society, Character Council and was the vice president of the junior class. He recently donated 15 inches of his hair to Locks for Love. He was a life scout in Boy Scout Troop 395, earned the Arrow of Light from Cub Scout Pack 441, den chief in Cub Scout Pack 444 and a Hardway Warrior in the tribe of Mi-co-say with a tribal name of Blue Bull Shark. Brandon was a member of St. Therese Catholic parish. He is survived by his parents, Brit and Denise McPherson of Weatherby Lake; his brother and nephew, David and Parker McPherson of Tucson, Ariz.; his sister, Courtney McPherson of Fort Worth, Texas; his grandparents, Brock and Barbara McPherson of Great Bend; and Rosemary Moore of Dickinson, Texas; his great-grandmother, Thelma McPherson of Salina; his aunts and uncles, Brad and Suzanne McPherson of Van Buren, Ark., Blair and Teresa McPherson of Great Bend, Boyd and Lisa McPherson of Wichita, Garry and DaNeen Tolle of Valley Center; his cousins, Erik, Alex, Hugh, Baylor, Emily, Melanie, Kelsie, Brice, Trevor and Rachelle. Heritage Funeral Home of Parkville, Mo., is in charge of arrangements. Funeral arrangements provided by Heritage Funeral Home* 401 Main Parkville, MO 64152 816-741-0251 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 13, 2004

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Dorothy L. Cavenah 1926-2004

SALINA — Dorothy L. Cavenah, 77, died April 8 at Salina. She was born Dorothy Lucille Finger on Sept. 21, 1926 at Odin. She had owned and operated the Juno Liquor Store in La Crosse. She also worked for Reggies Decorating in McPherson. After moving to Salina, she had worked for Jilka Furniture, until retiring in 1988. She is preceded in death by her first husband, James H. Juno in 1951 and her second husband Glenn Cavenah in 1979; her parents, Francis L. and Clara C. Demel Finger; two stepchildren, Ramona Kincaid and David Cavenah; and one sister, Mildred A. Phillips. She is survived by one son, James F. and wife Tancy Juno of McKinney, Texas; one daughter, Carolyn A. and husband Bob Parbs of Marrero, La.; four stepsons, Kenneth Cavenah of Rapid City, S.D., Charles Cavenah of Tulsa, Okla., Larry Cavenah of Bakersfield, Calif., and Dennis Cavenah of Sapulpa, Okla.; three stepdaughters, Juanita McCoy and Patty Borchert, both of Hutchinson, and Colette Cavenah of Columbia, Mo.; three brothers, Leonard of Larned, Marvin of Rozel and Francis Jr. of Fayetteville, Ark.; three sisters, Catherine A. Kuhlman of Trumbull, Neb., Mary Lou Wheeler of McPherson and Carolyn C. Urban of Salina; five grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; 13 step-grandchildren; and seven step-great-grandchildren. Mass of Christian Burial will be 10 a.m. Monday at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church, 1000 Burr Oak Lane, Salina. A graveside service will be at 3 p.m. Monday at La Crosse City Cemetery. A vigil/rosary service will be 7 p.m. today at Ryan Mortuary, 137 North Eighth St., Salina. Memorials are suggested to the church building fund or to the donor's choice, both in care of the funeral home. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Ryan Mortuary* 137 N. Eighth St. Salina, KS 67401 785-825-4242 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 11, 2004

Morris F. Brazda 1929-2004

VINITA, Okla. — Morris F. Brazda, 75, died April 7 at his home. He was born Jan. 16, 1929, at Olmitz, the son of Frank L. and Lillian A. Tuzicka Brazda Calp. He married Mary I. Kutina Marcotte Aug. 5, 1979, at Great Bend. A resident of Vinita since October 2003, coming from Great Bend, he was retired from Sherman-O'Neal Tank Company. Brazda was a member of St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church, a life member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3111, American Legion Post 180, Elks Lodge and Eagles Lodge, all of Great Bend. He was a U.S. Army veteran, serving during the Korean War. Survivors include his wife of the home; four sons, Morris "Jay" Brazda of Timken, Dennis Brazda of Hays, Dr. Alan Marcotte of Winfield and Dr. John Marcotte of Vinita; five daughters, Sandy Hartman of Lincoln, Neb., Debbie Cochran of Sioux City, S.D., Christina Colombo of Strong City, Cynthia Stamer of Plano, Texas, and Connie Rehberg of Fort Collins, Colo.; three brothers, Alvin Brazda of Las Vegas, Nev., Calvin Calp of Hoisington and Charles Calp of Susank; one sister, Betty Puckett of Gainesville, Texas; 16 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. Vigil will be at 7 p.m. Monday at Bryant Funeral Home of Great Bend. Funeral Mass will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at the church, with the Rev. Ted Stoecklein officiating. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery with full military honors. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis Research, in care of First National Bank & Trust, 102 E. Illinois, Vinita, OK 75301 or Coalition for Pulmonary Fibrosis, 1685 Branham Lane, Suite 227, San Jose, CA 95118. Funeral arrangements provided by Bryant Funeral Home 1425 Patton Road Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-3525 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 11, 2004

Lydia Weber 1920-2004

Lydia Weber, 83, of Great Bend, died April 10 at her residence. She was born April 27, 1920, at St. Leo, the daughter of William and Martha Blasi Schwartz. She married George Weber Aug. 9, 1943, at Great Bend. He died Aug. 9, 1968. A lifetime resident of Great Bend, she was a homemaker and worked in distribution for Fuller Brush Company, retiring in 1986. Mrs. Weber was a member of St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church. Altar Society and Eagles Auxiliary, all of Great Bend. Survivors include three sons.

George Weber and Eugene Weber, both of Great Bend, and Don Weber of Armona, Calif.; four daughters, Judy Schroeder of Lincoln, Jolene Schridde and Marilyn "Fuzzy" Chansler, both of Great Bend, and Denise Walton of Stafford; two brothers, Maurice Schwartz of Great Bend and Reinhardt Schwartz of Chase; two sisters, Edie Keeler of Great Bend and Rosie Henning of Willowdale; 33 grandchildren; 33 great-grandchildren; and nine stepgreat-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one son, Ed Weber; one daughter, Joyce Moos Pugh; one brother, Arthur Schwartz; two sisters, Sally Gregg and Marcie Suchy; two grandchildren, Mari McCormick and John Weber; and one great-grandchild, Justin Weber. Altar Society rosary will be at 4 p.m. Tuesday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Vigil will be at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at the church, with the Rev. Ted Stoecklein officiating. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call from 1 to 9 p.m. Monday and from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Golden Belt Home Health and Hospice, in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Bryant Funeral Home 1425 Patton Road Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-3525 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 11, 2004

Richard Lee Ehler 1930-2004

SANTA BARBARA, Calif. — Richard Lee Ehler, 73, died Feb. 20 at Serenity House in Santa Barbara. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by McDermott-Crockett Mortuary in Santa Barbara. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 11, 2004

E. Leon Marvin 1918-2004

LA CROSSE — E. Leon Marvin, 85, died April 10 at Rush County Memorial Hospital in La Crosse. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Janousek Funeral Home in La Crosse. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 11, 2004

April 9, 2004

Marion K. Meyer 1923-2004

NEW UNDERWOOD, S.D. — Marion K. Meyer, 80, of New Underwood, S.D., died on March 31 at Rapid City Regional Hospital. The son of Charley and Bertha Otte Meyer of Great Bend, he was born Oct. 8, 1923, in Heizer. He attended Great Bend High School until joining the Navy. Marion served in the Navy from 1943-1946 on the USS Thompson as a machinist mate second class. He participated in the Normandy invasion. He also served in the Air Force from 1951-1974 as a vehicle mechanic, retiring as a master sergeant. He then worked at Ellsworth Air Force Base from 1974-1990, retiring from the Civil Service as a vehicle mechanic. Military service included tours in Japan, Korea, Thailand, France, Germany, California, Florida, Kansas, South Dakota and England. On May 20, 2001, in recognition of military service during World War II, he joined the Great Bend High School graduating class in receiving his high school diploma. Grateful for having shared his life are his wife of 54 years, Wilma; his father, Charley, of Great Bend; one daughter, Alyn Meyer-Gravatt and husband Jerry of Rapid City, S.D.; one son, Ken and wife Judy of Muscatine, Iowa; five grandchildren, Chase and Carter Gravatt of Rapid City, Kolbe Gravatt of Reno, Nev., Lindsey Herlein and Randy Meyer of Muscatine; and one sister, Carolyn Meyer of Aurora, Colo. His mother Bertha, preceded him in death. He enjoyed collecting and restoring antique John Deere tractors, hunting, traveling to visit family and friends, including the USS Thompson reunions, and working on his family genealogy. Marion's wish was to be cremated. Services were at Black Hills National Cemetery on April 5, with Chaplain Moe Griener officiating. Military honors were provided by TREA. In lieu of flowers, a memorial has been established in Marion's name. Kirk Funeral Home of Rapid City was in charge of arrangements. Funeral Arrangements provided by Kirk Funeral Home P.O. Box 2846 Rapid City, S.D. 605-343-4808 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 9, 2004

Ruth Naomi Schrader Stafford 1912-2004

HUTCHINSON — Ruth Naomi Schrader Stafford, 91, died April 7 at Hutchinson Hospital. She was born July 30, 1912, at Hutchinson, the daughter of Abraham Ned and Gertrude Goertzen Schrader. She married Donald O. Stafford Oct. 28, 1934, at Hutchinson. A resident of Hutchinson, coming from Great Bend, she was a homemaker. She was a former member of United Brethren Church of Hutchinson. Survivors include her husband of the home; one son, Ron Stafford of Overland Park; two daughters, Linda Shultz of Woodbridge, Va., and Sharon Garey of Sterling; two sisters, Esther Rand of Oroville, Calif., and Mary Spaniol of Wichita; five grandchildren; and one great-granddaughter. She was preceded in death by one son, Jerry Stafford; two brothers, Harold Schrader and James Schrader; and two sisters, Ruby Base and Minnie Base. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Memorial Park Cemetery in Hutchinson with the Rev. Harold E. Nelson officiating. The casket will remain closed. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, both at Elliott Mortuary in Hutchinson. Memorials are suggested to American Diabetes Association or Cancer Council of Reno County, both in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Elliott Mortuary 1219 N. Main St. Hutchinson, KS 67501 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 9, 2004

Morris Brazda 1929-2004

VINITA, Okla., — Morris Brazda, 75, died April 7 at his home in Vinita. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 9, 2004

Lillian M. Beck 1932-2004

HOISINGTON — Lillian M. Beck, 72, died April 8 at her residence in Hoisington. She was born Feb. 12, 1932, at Loretto, the

daughter of Joseph A. and Josephine Pfannenstiel Urban. She married Gene F. Beck Nov. 27, 1950, at Hoisington. A lifetime resident of Hoisington, she was a homemaker and secretary. She was a member of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church and Altar Society. Survivors include her husband of the home; three sons, Allan Beck of Claflin, Ron Beck of Mulvane and Randy Beck of Great Bend; one daughter, Marlene Beck of Great Bend; four brothers, Melvin Urban of Ellinwood, Ervin Urban of Garden City, Arsenius Urban of Seward and Joseph Urban Jr. of Dodge City; five sisters, Johanna Brodie of Great Bend, Dolores Harris, Lorraine Wedman and Alberta Klein, all of Wichita, and Twilla Kush of Colorado Springs, Colo.; and eight grandchildren. Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. tonight followed by Altar Society Rosary, both at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. Liturgy of the Word Service will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at the church with Father Pascal Klein officiating. Burial will be at St. John Cemetery in Hoisington. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. today at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Golden Belt Home Health and Hospice or Heartland Cancer Center in Great Bend, both in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home* 415 N. Main St. Hoisington, KS 67544 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 9, 2004

April 8, 2004

Marion K. Meyer 1923-2004

NEW UNDERWOOD, S.D. — Marion K. Meyer, 80, of New Underwood, S.D., died on March 31 at Rapid City Regional Hospital. The son of Charley and Bertha Otte Meyer of Great Bend, he was born Oct. 8, 1923, in Heizer. He attended Great Bend High School until joining the Navy. Marion served in the Navy from 1943-1946 on the USS Thompson as a machinist mate second class. He participated in the Normandy invasion. He also served in the Air Force from 1951-1974 as a vehicle mechanic, retiring as a master sergeant. He then worked at Ellsworth Air Force Base from 1974-1990, retiring from the Civil Service as a vehicle mechanic. Military service included tours in Japan, Korea, Thailand, France, Germany, California, Florida, Kansas, South Dakota and England. On May 20, 2001, in recognition of military service during World War II, he joined the Great Bend High School graduating class in receiving his high school diploma. Grateful for having shared his life are his wife of 54 years, Wilma; his father, Charley, of Great Bend; one daughter, Alyn Meyer-Gravatt and husband Jerry of Rapid City, S.D.; one son, Ken and wife Judy of Muscatine, Iowa; five grandchildren, Chase and Carter Gravatt of Rapid City, Kolbe Gravatt of Reno, Nev., Lindsey Herlein and Randy Meyer of Muscatine; and one sister, Carolyn Meyer of Aurora, Colo. His mother Bertha, preceded him in death. He enjoyed collecting and restoring antique John Deere tractors, hunting, traveling to visit family and friends, including the USS Thompson reunions, and working on his family genealogy. Marion's wish was to be cremated. Services were at Black Hills National Cemetery on April 5, with Chaplain Moe Griener officiating. Military honors were provided by TREA. In lieu of flowers, a memorial has been established in Marion's name. Kirk Funeral Home of Rapid City was in charge of arrangements. Funeral Arrangements provided by Kirk Funeral Home* P.O. Box 2846 Rapid City, S.D. 605-343-4808 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 8, 2004

April 7, 2004

Gladys Ericks-Reed 1930-2004

RAPID CITY, S.D. — Funeral services for Gladys Ericks-Reed, age 73, of Rapid City, S.D., were held Tuesday at South Canyon Baptist Church with the Rev. Dr. Richard Wells officiating. Burial followed at Mountain View Cemetery. Gladys passed away at her home on April 2 after a courageous battle with cancer. She was born May 24, 1930, in Barton County, the daughter of Ruben and Evelyn Neidens. She married "the boy next door," Charles Ericks, on June 6, 1948, in Hoisington. They made their home and grew their family for the next 15 years in Great Bend. In 1963, they moved with their four children to Liberal, where she started her "career" selling shoes. This was a "good fit" for her. Her family can attest to this by the number of shoes that she has collected over the years. In 1967, they moved to Rapid City where she continued her career, working at Rudolph's Shoes for over 20 years. She and Charles were members of South Canyon Baptist Church. While they served in many capacities, most remember her welcoming smile as the church greeter. Gene Reed remembers being greeted by Gladys and Charles the first time he and his wife, Eleanor, visited the church. Charles passed away on April 10, 1993. After Gene's wife passed away, he and Gladys' friendship deepened. They were married on Jan. 17, 1996. Their marriage, based on love for one another and their relationship with Jesus Christ, has been an inspiration to their family and friends. Survivors include her husband, Gene Reed, of Rapid City; three sons, Craig and his wife Patti Ericks, Curtis and his wife Patsy Ericks, Clark and his wife Joleen Ericks, all of Rapid City; one daughter, Colette Jackson of Dayton, Ohio; stepchildren Jolee and her husband Rich Joos of Santa Fe, N.M., Kim and his wife Pam of St. Louis, Mo.; two brothers, Clarence and his wife Melva Neidens of Wichita, and Dwayne Neidens of Rapid City. She also leaves 12 grandchildren, four step-grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren; and special friends Kenn and Karen Martin and their children. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband Charles and one great-grandson, Isaac David England. Kirk Funeral Home in Rapid City was in charge of arrangements. Funeral arrangements provided by Kirk Funeral Home* P.O. Box 2846 Rapid City, SD 605-343-4808 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 7, 2004

April 6, 2004

Cheryl L. Schlochtermeier Nielsen 1975-2004

ELLINWOOD — Cheryl L. Schlochtermeier Nielsen, 28, died April 3 at her home in Ellinwood. She was born Aug. 26, 1975, at Hoisington, the daughter of Roy and Elaine Reif Schlochtermeier. She was a graduate of Ellinwood High School, Barton County Community College and Sterling College. She married Shawn W. Nielson Aug. 10, 1996, at Ellinwood. A lifelong Barton and Rice county resident, living in Ellinwood and coming from Alden, she was a Title I math teacher at USD 401, Chase and formerly a fifth-grade teacher at St. Rose Catholic School in Great Bend. She was a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church and Beta Sigma Phi both of Ellinwood. Survivors include her husband of the home; her parents of Ellinwood; one sister, Angela Campbell

of Great Bend; and grandparents, LeRoy and Dolores Reif of Hoisington. Altar Society rosary will be at 3 p.m. today at Kimple Funeral Home in Ellinwood. Vigil will be at 7 p.m. today at the church in Ellinwood. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the church with the Revs. John Maes and Bill Stapleton officiating. Burial will be at Lakin-Comanche District Cemetery of Ellinwood. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Cheryl Nielsen Memorial Fund, in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Kimple Funeral Home 113 N. Main St. Ellinwood, KS 67526 620-564-2300 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 6, 2004

Gladson Reed 1940-2004

Gladson Reed, 63, of Great Bend, died April 4 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. He was born Oct. 28, 1940, in Stafford County, the son of John Henry Jr. and Mary Nye Reed. He married Suzi Miller June 24, 1960, at Great Bend. A resident of Great Bend for three years, coming from Pampa, Texas, he was a salesman for Serfco and B.J. oilfield services. Reed was a member of Central Baptist Church in Pampa. Survivors include his wife of the home; one daughter, Jacqueline Huff of College Station, Texas; one brother, Brandon Reed of Holt, Mo.; and three grandchildren, Joshua Reed Huff, Haley Alyssa Huff and Brian Richard Huff. He was preceded in death by one son, James Duane Reed and one brother, Mills Reed. He was an avid drag racing fan and told lots of stories. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. today at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend with the Rev. Bill Johnson officiating. Burial will be at Pleasant Ridge Cemetery in Stafford County. Friends may call from 9 a.m. until service time today at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Barton County Relay for Life, in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Bryant Funeral Home* 1425 Patton Rd. Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-3525 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 6, 2004

Vera Maxine Richmond Mapes 1920-2004

HAYS — Vera Maxine Richmond Mapes, 83, died April 4 at Good Samaritan Care Center in Hays. She was born Sept. 25, 1920, on a family farm near Codel, the daughter of Harley William and Lilley Hockett Richmond. She was a 1939 graduate of Natoma High School. She married Keith B. Mapes June 30, 1940, in Stockton. A resident of Hays, coming from San Diego, Calif., Salina, Hays and Natoma, she was employed by Sears in San Diego, IC Bar, K & M Market, Das Koelling Haus and Natoma Co-op, and was custodian for United Methodist Church in Natoma. She was a member of First Christian Church in San Diego, First United Methodist Church in Natoma, United Methodist Women, Order of Eastern Star, serving as Worthy Matron, and Mother Advisor for Rainbow Girls. Survivors include her husband of Hays; two daughters, SueAnn Woodring of Tempe, Ariz., and Sally Jo Hanhardt of Hays; one sister, Carroll Lynn Choate of Natoma; five grandchildren; and one great-granddaughter. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Natoma United Methodist Church. Burial will be at Natoma Cemetery. Friends may call from 1 to 9 p.m. today at Pohlman-Heise Mortuary in Natoma. Memorials are suggested to Good Samaritan Care Center in Hays or Natoma United Methodist Church, both in care of the mortuary. Funeral arrangements provided by Pohlman-Heise Mortuary 701 N. First St. Natoma, KS 67651 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 6, 2004

April 4, 2004

Doris L. Taylor 1917-2004

MANHATTAN – Doris L. Taylor, 86, died April 1 at Meadowlark Hills Homestead House in Manhattan. She was born May 11, 1917, on a farm near Ada, the daughter of Arthur and Inez Hallock Baldwin. She attended schools in Minneapolis and earned a teaching certificate from Emporia State Teachers College. She married Norris M. Taylor Sr. Nov. 12, 1942. He died June 24, 1997. A resident of Manhattan since 1993, coming from Wichita and Great Bend, she taught in a one-room school house in Bennington and Miltonvale and worked for Boeing until her marriage. Mrs. Taylor was a member of United Methodist Church in Wichita. Survivors include two sons, Norris M. Taylor Jr. of Lenexa and Cash Taylor of Derby; three daughters, Tamara "Tami" Yeager of Manhattan, Cynthia Taylor-Dudding of Colorado Springs, Colo., and Terryl Quinn of Denver, Colo.; one brother, Robert Baldwin of Salina; three sisters, Marilyn Thomas of Clay Center, Irene Richardson of Las Vegas, Nev., and Marjorie Dickson of San Diego, Calif.; four grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one brother, Gilbert Baldwin; and two sisters, Grace Voran and Fern Bradley. Memorial services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Chapel in Manhattan, with the Rev. Victor Force officiating. Memorials are suggested for Alzheimer's Association or Meadowlark Hills Foundation, both in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home 1616 Poyntz Ave. Manhattan, KS 66502 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 4, 2004

Shirley Loriene Wedgewood 1948-2004

Shirley Loriene Wedgewood, 55, of Great Bend, died April 2 at her home. She was born Sept. 20, 1948, at Hockerville, Okla., the daughter of Chester and Dorothy Bell Farmer Bryant. She married Robert Wedgewood July 22, 1978, at Ellinwood. A resident of Barton County for most of her life, she was a homemaker and also worked for Barton County Community College in the cleaning department and for Great Bend Industries. Mrs. Wedgewood was a member of First Assembly of God Church in Great Bend. Survivors include her husband of the home; three sons, Lonnie Lee Marquis of Great Bend, Michael Alan Wedgewood of Kansas City, Mo., and Jeffrey Dean Wedgewood of Lawrence; two daughters, Tina Marie Robertson and Darla Sue Sporn, both of Great Bend; her mother of Hoisington; two sisters, Sharon L. Herrman of Hoisington and Reenea Bryant of Great Bend; 11 grandchildren; and one great-granddaughter. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Monday at the church, with the Rev. Dwight Dozier officiating. Burial will be at Hillcrest Memorial Park Cemetery in Great Bend. Friends may call from 1 to 9 p.m. today at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Family will receive friends from 6 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Golden Belt Home Health and Hospice in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Bryant Funeral Home

1425 Patton Road Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-3525 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 4, 2004

Marie E. Vondracek 1930-2004

TIMKEN — Marie E. Vondracek, 74, died April 1 at her home. She was born Feb. 2, 1930, at Olmitz, the daughter of Andrew and Stefanne Proksch Felder. She married Frank Vondracek Aug. 30, 1950, at Timken. He died July 15, 2000. A resident of Timken, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Vondracek was a member of Holy Trinity Church, St. Ann's Altar Society and Catholic Workman, all of Timken. Survivors include five sons, Steven Vondracek and his wife Susan of Dorrance, Anthony Vondracek, Francis Vondracek and Charles Vondracek and his wife Lila, all of Timken, David Vondracek and his wife Cindy of Wichita; one daughter, Mary Ernst and her husband Robert of St. Joe, Ost; three brothers, Joseph Felder of Kinsley, Vernon Felder of Nekoma and Louis Felder of WaKeeney; two sisters, Bertha Johnson of Andover and Pauline Oborny of Wichita; 10 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; one sister, Sister Dorothy Felder OP; and one grandchild, John Brooks. Vigil and rosary will be at 7:30 p.m. today at Janousek Funeral Home of La Crosse. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at the church, with Father Charles Mazouch and Father Ultan Murphy officiating. Burial will be at Holy Cross Cemetery in Timken. Friends may call from 1 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home, with family receiving friends from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Memorials are suggested to Dominican Sisters in Great Bend or St. Ann's Altar Society, both in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Janousek Funeral Home* 719 Pine P.O. Box 550 La Crosse, KS 67548 785-222-2517 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 4, 2004

Jack Leroy Richardson 1934-2004

ALBERT— Jack Leroy Richardson, 69, died April 2 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. He was born July 23, 1934, at Great Bend, the son of Harold "Bay" and Georgia Weiser Richardson. He married Linda Comer July 22, 1961, in Larned. A lifetime area resident, he was a self-employed electrician working for Valley Electric. Richardson was a member of Albert Methodist Church and the Albert Fire Department. He served on the Albert City Council and was a former baseball coach for the American League baseball program. He was an U.S. Army veteran of the Korean War. Survivors include his friend, Linda Richardson, of Great Bend; three daughters, Debra Burden of rural Pawnee Rock, Natalie Sharkey of Albert and Brenda Coston of Wichita; two brothers, David Richardson of Albert and Charles Richardson of Great Bend; two sisters, Janice Evert of Mohave Valley, Ariz., and Joyce Kultgen of Albert; and five grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one son, Randy Richardson, and one brother, Dale Richardson. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at First United Methodist Church in Great Bend with the Rev. Gary Brooks officiating. Burial will be at Albert Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday at Bryant Funeral Home and 9 a.m. until service time Tuesday at the church. Family will receive friends from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Monday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the Albert Fire Department or Otis-Bison High School in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Bryant Funeral Home 1425 Patton Road Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-3525 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 4, 2004

April 2, 2004

Herman Schwein 1911-2004

MACKSVILLE — Herman Schwein, 92, died March 31 at Lakepoint Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Augusta. He was born Nov. 23, 1911, at Hoisington, the son of Henry and Johannah Meier Schwein. A resident of Macksville, coming from Hoisington, he was a former owner of Herman's Tavern of Hoisington. Schwein was a member of Concordia Lutheran Church, American Legion Post 286 and charter member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7428, all of Hoisington. He was a U.S. Army veteran, serving in World War II. Survivors include one son, Rick Schwein of McAllen, Texas; one daughter, Kim Spickard of Wichita; one sister, Thelma Hagner of Salina; four grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by seven brothers, Leo Schwein, Emanuel Schwein, Jake Schwein, Emil Schwein, Raymond Schwein, Paul Schwein, and Leroy Schwein; and one sister, Elsie Riley. Graveside service will be at 1:30 p.m. Monday at Hoisington Cemetery, with military rites by American Legion Post 286 and VFW Post 7428. Friends may call from 1 to 8 p.m. Sunday and from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday, all at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. Memorials are suggested to VFW Post 7428, Lakepoint Nursing and Rehabilitation Center or Faith Hospice of Wichita, all in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home 415 North Main P.O. Box 146 Hoisington, KS 67544 (620) 653-4165 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 1, 2004

Marguerite Darcey 1913-2004

Marguerite Darcey, 90, of Great Bend, died March 31 at Woodhaven Care Center in Ellinwood. She was born Sept. 21, 1913, in Pawnee Rock, the daughter of Grant and Maude Arley Flick. She married James Darcey July 10, 1937, in Pawnee Rock. He died Aug. 28, 1999. A resident of Great Bend since 1978, coming from rural Pawnee Rock, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Darcey was a member of First United Methodist Church of Great Bend, where she was a special friend of Fanshier-Knipe Circle, and a former member of 20th Century Club of Pawnee Rock. Survivors include three sons, Lowell Darcey of Great Bend, Lynn Darcey of Newton and Ronald Darcey of Nashville, Ark.; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one sister, Sarah Lone Flick; two half-brothers; and two half-sisters. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend, with the Rev. Gary Brooks officiating. Burial will be at Pawnee Rock Cemetery. Friends may call from noon to 9 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Bryant Funeral Home 1425 Patton Road Great Bend, KS 67530 (620) 793-3525 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 1, 2004

April 1, 2004

Dianna Marie Lamb 1956-2004

Dianna Marie Lamb, 47, of Great Bend, died March 26 at an Ellinwood care facility. She was born April 11, 1956, at La Crosse, the daughter of George Afton and Beatrice Cashman Couch. She was a 1974 graduate of Great Bend High School. She married Danny Lamb. They were divorced. A resident of the Great Bend community most of her life, she worked as a nurses aide. She was a member of the Christian Church. Survivors include one son, Jason Lamb of Wichita; one daughter, Danielle Hunt of Ellinwood; three brothers, David Couch of Pearl City, Hawaii, Warren Couch of Great Bend and Darrel Couch of Mayetta; one sister, Marcia Potts of Mayetta; and three grandchildren. Funeral services were held March 29 at Potawatomi Pentecostal Church west of Mayetta. Burial was in the church cemetery. Memorials are suggested to the Dianna Lamb Memorial Fund, in care of Mercer Funeral Home, 1101 W. 4th St., Holton, KS 66436. Funeral arrangements provided by Mercer Funeral Home 1101 W. 4th St. Holton, KS 66436 785-364-2626 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 1, 2004

Scott L. Iverson 1955-2004

MCPHERSON — Scott L. Iverson, 48, died March 30 at his home. He was born Sept. 25, 1955, at Emporia, the son of Glendon S. and Bonnabelle M. Bailey Iverson. He married Marilyn G. Weakley Feb. 21, 1975, at Emporia. A resident of McPherson since 1974, coming from Emporia, he was a welder and maintenance engineer supervisor at Femco Inc. in McPherson for 30 years. He was a member of First Christian Church, was a Boy Scout leader and a volunteer at the McPherson County Teen Center. Survivors include his wife of the home; two sons, Travis Iverson and Kevin Iverson, both of McPherson; one daughter, Amy Jantz of McPherson, and his parents of Emporia. He was preceded in death by one brother, Gary Iverson. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Friday at the church with the Rev. John Gran officiating. The body was cremated. Memorials are suggested to Abilene-Smoky Valley Railroad, in care of Stockham Family Funeral Home. Funeral arrangements provided by Stockham Family Funeral Home 205 N. Chestnut McPherson, KS 67460 620-241-2442 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 1, 2004

May 30, 2004

Terry D. Keely 1920-2004

LARNED — Terry D. Keely, 74, died at his residence in Great Bend. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Beckwith Mortuary in Larned. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Sunday, May 30, 2004

Jebadiah James 'Jeb' Manning 1981-2004

HAYS — Jebadiah James "Jeb" Manning, 23, died May 21 at his parents' home in Hays. He was born April 22, 1981, at Wichita, the son of Jim and Janie Hickel Manning. He was a 1999 graduate of Hays High School and North Central Kansas Technical College. He married Amanda Ehrlich July 30, 2003. A resident of Hays, coming from Flippin, Ark., and Ness City, he was a student of Fort Hays State University, majoring in psychology, and employed by Developmental Services of Northwest Kansas. Manning was a member of Hays City Sportsman's Club and United States Autosound Competition, winning fourth place in the world competition. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Gavin of the home; his parents of Hays; and one sister, Elly Manning of Hays. Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, June 5, at Messiah Lutheran Church in Hays. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations for Jeb Manning's son's education in care of Hays Memorial Chapel, 20th and Pine, Hays, KS 67601. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 30, 2004

Eleanor T. Hickey 1916-2004

OLMITZ — Eleanor T. Hickey, 88, died May 28 at Cherry Village Residential Care in Great Bend. She was born May 14, 1916, at Redwing, the daughter of Frank and Minnie Steiner Steiner. She married Elmer J. Hickey May 14, 1946, in Odin. He died March 19, 1978. A resident of Olmitz since 1946, coming from the Odin area, she was a homemaker. She was a member of St. Anns Catholic Church and Altar Society, both of Olmitz. Survivors include a son, John Hickey and his wife, Charlene, of Olmitz; a sister, Frances Blazek of Claflin; one granddaughter; and two great-grandsons. She was preceded in death by five brothers, Frank Steiner, Gus Steiner, Fritz Steiner, Billy Steiner and Bob Steiner; two sisters, Marie "Sis" Scheuler and Sylvia "Tibbie" Menzer. A wake service will be held at 7 p.m. today at the church followed by an Altar Society Rosary. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. on Monday, with the Rev. Ultan Murphy officiating. Burial will be at St. Ann Cemetery. Friends may call from 1-5 p.m. today at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home and 6:30 p.m. at the church. Memorials are suggested to St. Ann Cemetery Fund or Otis Ambulance Service, both in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Nicholson-Ricke* 415 North Main P.O. Box 146 Hoisington, KS 67544 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 30, 2004

Raymond Gagelman 1920-2004

Raymond Gagelman, 83, of Great Bend, died May 28 at Great Bend. He was born May 30, 1920, at Troy, the son of Edward and Anna Ruhnke Gagelman. He married Betty Jean Mauch June 29, 1947, in Great Bend. She died Nov. 23, 2000. A resident of Great Bend most of his life, he was a retired mail carrier for the U.S. Postal Service. He was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church of Great Bend. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II, serving as a technician 4th grade. Survivors include two daughters, Janice R. Klepper and husband David, and Starla Gagelman, all of Great Bend; one sister, Henrietta Nuss of Great Bend; and two grandchildren, Lindsay Peters and husband Eric, and Dallas Klepper, all of Great Bend. He was preceded in death by one sister, Irene Richter. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at Trinity Lutheran Church in Great Bend, with the Rev. James Strasen officiating. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call from 1 to 9 p.m. today and from 5 to 9 p.m. Monday, all at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Memorials are suggested to the church or Great Bend Humane Society, both in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Bryant Funeral Home* 1425 Patton Road Great Bend, KS 67530 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 30, 2004

May 28, 2004

Jebadiah James 'Jeb' Manning 1981-2004

HAYS — Jebadiah James "Jeb" Manning, 23, died May 21 at his parents' home in Hays. He was born April 22, 1981, at Wichita, the son of Jim and Janie Hickel Manning. He was a graduate of Hays High School and North Central Kansas Technical College. He married Amanda Ehrlich July 30, 2003. A resident of Hays, coming from Flippin, Ark., and Ness City, he was a student at Fort Hays State University, majoring in psychology, and employed by Developmental Services of Northwest Kansas. Manning was a member of Hays City Sportsman's Club and United States Autosound Competition, winning fourth place in the world competition. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Gavin of the home; his parents of Hays; and one sister, Elly Manning of Hays. Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Messiah Lutheran Church in Hays. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations for Jeb Manning's son's education in care of Hays Memorial Chapel, 20th and Pine, Hays, KS 67601. Funeral arrangements provided by Hays Memorial Chapel 20th and Vine Hays, KS 67601 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 28, 2004

May 27, 2004

Maurice Lee Huenergardt 1920-2004

OTIS — Maurice Lee Huenergardt, 83, passed away May 19 at Calabasas, Calif. He was born Aug. 26, 1920, the son of Adam and Mollie Burbach Huenergardt. He graduated from Otis High School and later received a major in Industrial Arts and a minor in English from Fort Hays State University. He taught school in Winona and Oakley for awhile. On Aug. 31, 1957, he married Betty Oetken in Raton, N.M. Betty brought a daughter, Sharon, from a previous marriage into this union. This marriage brought forth three daughters, Gwen, Maureen and Heidi. He also taught school in Hudson, Ness City and farmed his parent's land. He was preceded in death by his parents; one brother, Floyd; and two sisters, Elma and Leona. He is survived by his wife Betty; four daughters, Sharon and husband Ron Fuller of Wichita, Gwen and husband Martin Wareham of Calabasas, Maureen Huenergardt of Great Bend and Heidi Huenergardt of Wichita; one grandson, Blake Huenergardt Wareham of Calabasas; and one sister, Bette Greene of Des Moines, Iowa. Huenergardt was a member of FHSU Alumni Association, Otis Lions Club, La Crosse Seventh Day Adventist Church, a former vice-president of National Farmers Union and former president of Lewis Field Pioneer Club. A memorial service will be held at the La Crosse Seventh Day Adventist Church, 8th and Columbia, at 3 p.m. May 31 with burial at Shaffer Seventh Day Adventist Cemetery. Maurice and his family has requested no flowers but to send a memorial donation to either Southwind Hospice, P.O. Box 862, Pratt, KS 67124, or Three Angels Broadcasting Network, P.O. Box 220, West Frankfort, Ill. 62896. Cards or letters of condolence may be sent to Betty Huenergardt, RR 1, Box 96, Albert, KS 67511. Arrangements provided by A Better Way Cremation 2911 West Magnolia Blvd. Burbank, Calif. 91505 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune May 27, 2004

Urban Louis Hitschmann 1933-2004

Urban Louis Hitschmann, 71, of Great Bend, died May 25 at Central Kansas Medical Center. He was born March 21, 1933, at Redwing, the son of Frank and Veronica "Fron" Feltes Hitschmann. He married Glenda M. Wurm Oct. 5, 1955, at Larned. She preceded him in death Jan. 23, 2003. Urb was a graduate of St. John's Military Academy of Hays. He served in the military from 1952-1954, stationed in Germany. Upon his return, he attended St. Louis University in St. Louis, Mo. He was co-owner of Beaver Bowling Alley and general manager of Beaver Grain Corp. Inc. of Beaver before moving to Great Bend, where he worked for Great Bend Co-op before his retirement. After retiring, he worked for Mid-Continent L-P Services, Commercial Federal and American State Bank. Urb was a member of St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church in Great Bend. Survivors include his five children, Marlin R. Hitschmann and his wife Michele of Hoisington; Kimberly K. Hoffman and her husband Jim of Stafford, Curtis L. Hitschmann and his wife Kathy of Hoisington, Craig A. Hitschmann and his wife Ronda of Natoma and Tina M. Johnson of Hoisington; one brother, Everett Hitschmann of Redwing; one sister, Mary Urban of Great Bend; his companion, Roberta "Bert" Brack of Great Bend; nine grandchildren; and one great-granddaughter. He was preceded in death by his parents and a granddaughter, Tiffany Johnson. Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. today at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Friday at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church with Father Reginald Urban officiating. Burial will be at St. Joseph Cemetery in Beaver. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. today at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Heartland Cancer Center or St. Joseph Cemetery, both in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Bryant Funeral Home* 1425 Patton Rd. Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-3525 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune May 27, 2004

May 26, 2004

Urban 'Urb' L. Hitchmann 1933-2004

Urban "Urb" L. Hitchmann, 71, of Great Bend, died May 25 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 26, 2004

Sister Winifred Riebel, ASC 1925-2004

WICHITA — Sister Winifred Riebel, ASC, 78, died May 21. She was born June 1, 1925, in Ness City, the daughter of Clem and Anna Dinges Riebel. Her first profession was Aug. 10, 1941. She was a pastoral care provider for the homebound, hospitals and nursing homes in the Enid, Okla., area. Survivors include seven brothers, Norbert Riebel and his wife Twila of Great Bend, Paul Riebel and his wife Pearl of Wichita, John Riebel and his wife Rita of Minneola, Victor Riebel and his wife Wilma of Ness City, Willie Riebel and his wife Mary Ann of Dighton, Melvin Riebel and his wife Norma of Preston, Mo., and Leon Riebel and his wife Joyce of Las Vegas, Nev.; four sisters, Sister Florentia Riebel, ASC, of Enid, Sister Leona Riebel, ASC, of College Park, Md., Sister Barbara Riebel, ASC, of Oklahoma City, Okla., and Arlene Drake and her husband Kenneth of Great Bend. Funeral Mass was held at Adorers of the Blood of Christ on Tuesday in Wichita. Memorials are suggested for the retirement of Sisters ASC, 1165 Southwest Blvd., Wichita, KS 67213. DeVorss Flanagan-Hunt Mortuary was in charge of arrangements. Funeral arrangements provided by DeVorss Flanagan-Hunt Mortuary* 201 S. Hydraulic Wichita, KS 67211 316-263-0244 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 26, 2004

Melissa Ann Osborn 1968-2004

ELLINWOOD — Melissa Ann Osborn, born Nov. 4, 1968, at Ellinwood, died May 22 of complications due to cystic fibrosis and diabetes. Services will be at 3:30 p.m. Thursday at All Faiths Funeral Services, 3717 West Central, Wichita. She graduated from Ellinwood High School in 1987. She was employed at Industries for the Blind in Wichita. She is survived by her companion, Bob Martin of Wichita; her mother, Sherin Osborn of Lawton, Okla.; her brother, Robert Young of Lawton/Ft. Sill, Okla.; her maternal grandmother, Cozette Deen of Safford, Ariz.; three children, Amber Osborn, Heather Osborn and Matthew Osborn, all of Wichita; and two uncles, Stanley Deen of Ellinwood and Mike Deen of Montana. She was preceded in death by her father, Bobby D. Osborn, her grandfather, Donald Deen and an uncle, Morgan Deen. Memorials are suggested to American Diabetes Association and Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 26, 2004

May 25, 2004

Mary M. Powers 1915-2004

CEDAR RAPIDS, Iowa — Mary M. Powers, 89, died May 24 at Mercy Medical Center after a long illness. She was born Feb. 14, 1915, in Lisbon, Iowa. She married Millard “Dean” Powers July 24, 1938, in Cedar Rapids. He died in 1965. A resident of Cedar Rapids, she was a homemaker. She was a member of Noelridge Park Christian Church. Survivors include three sons, Donald Powers of Great Bend, James Powers of Albia, Iowa, and Robert Powers of Cedar Rapids; eight grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild. She was preceded in death by one daughter, Karen. Funeral will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Cedar Memorial Chapel of Memories in Cedar Rapids, with the Rev. Dr. Doug Miller officiating. Burial will be at Cedar Memorial Park Cemetery. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. today at Cedar Memorial Funeral Home and after noon Wednesday at Cedar Memorial Chapel of Memories. In lieu of flowers, a memorial fund has been established, in care of Cedar Memorial Funeral Home in Cedar Rapids. Funeral arrangements provided by Cedar Memorial Funeral Home 4200 First Avenue NE Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52402 319-393-8000 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 25, 2004

Donald Edward Dipman 1930-2004

LARNED — Donald Edward Dipman, 74, died May 23 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. He was born March 3, 1930, in Larned, the son of Charles E. and Lillian G. Clark Dipman. He married Lois Faye Greider June 11, 1953, in Portsmouth, Va. She died Jan. 18, 2003. A resident of the Larned area since 1968, he was a senior chief boatswain’s mate before retiring after 20 years in the U.S. Navy, and was an employee for Sanford Co-op. He was a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars and American Legion. Survivors include two sons, Charles Dipman of Riverside, Calif., and Donald W. Dipman of Topeka; two daughters, Linda Dipman of Great Bend and Sharon Price of Larned; two brothers, Allen Dipman of Larned and Damon Dipman of Holly, Colo.; one sister, Rewena Sheradin of Wichita; 12 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Beckwith Mortuary Chapel in Larned, with the Rev. Roger Alford officiating. Burial will be at Hillcrest Cemetery in Great Bend with military graveside rites. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. today and Wednesday at the chapel. Memorials are suggested to Church of the Nazarene, in care of the mortuary. Funeral arrangements provided by Beckwith Mortuary P.O. Box 477 Larned, KS 67550 620-285-2121 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 25, 2004

Sister Winifred Riebel, ASC 1925-2004

WICHITA — Sister Winifred Riebel, ASC, 78, died May 21. She was born June 1, 1925, in Ness City, the daughter of Clem and Anna Dinges Riebel. Her first profession was Aug. 10, 1941. She was a pastoral care provider for the homebound, hospitals and nursing homes in the Enid, Okla., area. Survivors include seven brothers, Norbert Riebel of Great Bend, Paul Riebel of Wichita, John Riebel of Minneola, Victor Riebel of Ness City, Willie Riebel of Dighton, Melvin Riebel of Preston, Mo., and Leon Riebel of Las Vegas, Nev.; four sisters, Sister Florentia Riebel of Enid, Sister Leona Riebel of College Park, Md., Sister Barbara Riebel of Oklahoma City, Okla., and Arlene Drake of Great Bend. Funeral Mass will be at 10:30 a.m. today at Adorers of the Blood of Christ, Wichita Center, 1165 Southwest Blvd., Wichita. Memorials are suggested for the retirement of Sisters ASC, 1165 Southwest Blvd., Wichita, KS 67213. DeVorss Flanagan-Hunt Mortuary is in charge of arrangements. Funeral arrangements provided by DeVorss Flanagan-Hunt Mortuary 201 S. Hydraulic Wichita, KS 67211 316-263-0244 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 25, 2004

May 23, 2004

Ruth V. “Betty” Chaney 1919-2004

LAWRENCE — Ruth V. “Betty” Chaney, 84, died May 20 at Lawrence Memorial Hospital in Lawrence. She was born Aug. 15, 1919, in Cherryvale, the daughter of Robert J. and Ruth (Troy) Huddleson. She married John R. Chaney, Sr. on June 29, 1939, in Coffeyville. She graduated from Field Kindley High School in Coffeyville and attended Coffeyville Junior College. Chaney was active in youth ministry at First Christian Church, where she was a member for over 50 years. She also volunteered and served in numerous organizations. She was president of the Lawrence Country Club Women’s group, a member of the Ladies 9 Hole Golf Group and Orchards Ladies Golf Group. She also served as a Brownie leader and den mother, served as president of Delta Gamma’s Mother’s Club and was a member of Beta Sigma Phi, Beta Mu Chapter. She frequently donated her services in interior design for charity and civic events. Survivors include her husband of Lawrence; a son, John R. Chaney, Jr. of Lawrence; three daughters, Marcia Kerr of Lawrence, Carol Dema of Great Bend and Patty Harwood of Dallas, Texas; 11 grandchildren, John and Kelly Brahler of Lawrence, Kandi and Scott Schaake of Westmoreland, Kylee and Chris Leatherman of Prairie Village, Julie and Chris Stuhlsatz of Great Bend, Jill Dema of Albuquerque, N.M., Lelah, Lizzy and Ben Harwood of Dallas, Texas, Christi and John Ball of Lincoln, Neb., Sam Chaney and Rachel Chaney both of Lawrence; eight great-grandchildren, George Brahler II and Grace Brahler both of Lawrence, Shane Schaake and Shilo Schaake both of Westmoreland, Alex Leatherman of Prairie Village, Taylor Ball and Kat Ball both of Lincoln, Neb., and Tyler Stuhlsatz of Great Bend. Memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Monday at the church. The body will lie in state from 9 a.m.-9 p.m. today, with a closed casket. Family will receive friends following the memorial service at the church. Memorials are suggested to the Palliative Care Unit at Lawrence Memorial Hospital in care of Rumsey-Yost Funeral Home. Funeral arrangements provided by Rumsey-Yost Funeral Home Inc.* 601 Indiana P.O. Box 1260 Lawrence, KS 68044 785-843-5111 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune May 23, 2004

Theodore “Ted” Robert Sandstrom 1930-2004

TULSA, OKLA. — Theodore “Ted” Robert Sandstrom, 73, died May 20 at Tulsa, Okla. He was born Dec. 16, 1930, in Bison, the son of Eric and Josephine (Kraisinger) Sandstrom. He married Dora Mills on June 3, 1951, in Nekoma. He worked for 28 years as an accountant for Amoco in Tulsa and then as a gas sales representative in Houston. Sandstrom served in the Army during the Korean Conflict; was a softball coach for 15 years, coaching all three of his daughters and was an avid golfer, achieving five holes-in-one. Survivors include his wife of the

home; three daughters, Dee Ann Gibbons, Julaine Farless and Brenda Noland, all of Tulsa; one brother, Dr. Ron Sandstrom, of Hays; one sister, Wanda Lee Weichman of Cheney; and seven grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one daughter, JoElla Sandstrom; one sister, B. J. Pivonka and by one step-granddaughter, Jaime Farless. Funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Monday at Memorial Drive United Methodist Church in Tulsa. Burial will be in Memorial Park Cemetery, Tulsa. Friends will be received by the family from 6-8 tonight at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the church, 7903 E. 15th St., Tulsa, Okla., 74112. To sign a guestbook or see an extended obituary, go to www.moorefuneral.com. Funeral arrangements provided by Moore's Southlawn Funeral Home 9350 E. 51st Street Tulsa, Okla. 74145 918-663-2233 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune May 23, 2004

Loren L. Langhofer 1916-2004

BUNKER HILL — Loren L. Langhofer, 88, died May 21 at Plantation Village Care Center in Altus, Okla. He was born March 16, 1916 southwest of Bunker Hill, the son of John and Charlotte (Major) Langhofer. He married Dorothy Goodheart on July 29, 1945 at Russell. She died Jan. 24, 1994. He was a farmer, stockman and worked as a mechanic. Langhofer was a member of Bunker Hill United Methodist Church, a life member of Russell VFW Post 6240, was a member of the Bunker Hill Lions Club, served on the Bunker Hill School Board, was on the Lake Wilson Development Committee, and served in the Seventh Army 44th Division 220th Field Artillery Battalion in France, Germany and Austria during World War II, being awarded the Bronze Star with Oak Leaf Cluster. Survivors include two sons, Kent Langhofer, of Midland, Texas, and Keith Langhofer, of Wichita; one daughter, Diane Dykens, of Altus, Okla.; nine grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Sam Langhofer and Elmo Langhofer; one sister, Luella Schultz; and close friend and companion in later years, Clara Louise Wilson. Funeral will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday at Pohlman-Heise Memorial Chapel in Russell with Rev. Earl Haggard officiating. Burial with full military honors by Russell VFW Post 6240 will be at Bunker Hill Cemetery. Friends may call from 4-9 p.m. Monday and from 8 a.m. until service time Tuesday at the mortuary. The family will receive friends from 7-8 p.m. Monday at the mortuary. Memorials are suggested to the Alzheimer's Association in care of the mortuary. Funeral arrangements provided by Pohlman-Heise Mortuary 620 North Maple Street Russell, Kan. 67665 785-483-2212 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune May 23, 2004

Elmer J. Meder 1929-2004

LA CROSSE — Elmer J. Meder, 75, died May 20 at Hays Medical Center in Hays. He was born April 14, 1929, in Pfeifer, the son of George and Barbara (Breit) Meder. He married Mary Ann Dechant on Aug. 29, 1949, in Liebenthal. She died on Feb. 19, 1998. A lifelong Rush County resident, he graduated from Schoenchen High School in Schoenchen with the class of 1947. Meder was part owner and manager of Dechant Motor Company in La Crosse and farmed in Rush and Ellis counties. Meder was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church in La Crosse and a 52-year member of the Knights of Columbus. Survivors include three sons, Ken Meder and his wife, Janie, of Hays, Jim Meder and his wife, Susana, of La Crosse, and John Meder and his wife, Karen, of Dallas, Texas; one daughter, Kathy Felder and her husband, Fred, of Rush Center; one brother, Ed Meder and his wife, Lena, of Victoria; one sister, Doris Pfannenstiel of Salina; seven grandchildren; and three great-grandsons. He was preceded in death by his parents; two infant daughters, Elizabeth Meder and Jennifer Meder; one brother, Gilbert Meder; and three sisters, Helen Duay, Irene Benda and Tina Degenhardt. Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. today, followed by a Knights of Columbus 2340 Rosary at the church. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m., Monday at the church, with Rev. Charles Mazouch officiating. Burial will be in La Crosse City Cemetery in La Crosse. Friends may call from 3-8 p.m. today at the church. Memorials are suggested to St. Michael's Catholic Church in La Crosse, Holy Cross Charities of Pfeifer or Central Rush County EMS in care of Janousek Funeral Home. Funeral arrangements provided by Janousek Funeral Home* 719 Pine La Crosse, KS 67548 785-222-2517 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune May 23, 2004

Leora Doris Harrell 1927-2004

ELLINWOOD — Leora Doris Harrell, 76, died May 22 at her home in Ellinwood. She was born Oct. 4, 1927, in Little River, the daughter of Merl C. and Ruth A. (Cherpitel) Burroughs. She married Charles Henry Harrell. He died in 1961. A lifetime resident of Rice and Barton counties, she was executive secretary of Ellinwood Chamber of Commerce, an accountant at Adams, Brown, Beran and Ball, Ellinwood, and a bookkeeper at Yellowstone National Park, Wyoming. Survivors include two sons, Larry Harrell of Louisburg, and Robert Harrell, of Wichita; three brothers, Clarence Burroughs, of Kingman, Earl Burroughs, of Aurora, Colo., and Dale Burroughs, of Ellinwood; one sister, Connie Wickstrom, of Blair, Neb.; three grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one brother, Everett Burroughs. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at the United Methodist Church in Ellinwood with Rev. Vernon Maelzer officiating. Burial will be at Lakin-Comanche District Cemetery in Ellinwood. Friends may call from 1-8 p.m. Monday at Kimple Funeral Home in Ellinwood. Memorials are suggested to the donor's choice. Funeral arrangements provided by Kimple Funeral Home 113 North Main Ellinwood, Kan. 67526 620-564-2300 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune May 23, 2004

Melaine Gail Kent 2004

St. JOHN — Melaine Gail Kent, the infant daughter of Gayle E. Kent, Jr., and Melissa Gail Miller, was stillborn Friday at Central Kansas Medical Center, Great Bend. She is survived by her parents, of the home; two sisters, Dazia Nicole Williams and Alexis Alexandra Kent, of the home; and grandparents, Gayle and Marguerita Kent Sr., of St. John, and Dena Williams, of McPherson. Graveside service will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday with Rev. Doyle Smith officiating. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to the family. Funeral arrangements provided by Bryant Funeral Home 1425 Patton Road Great Bend, Kan. 67530 620-793-3525 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune May 23, 2004

Alice 'Sweetie' Zorn 1935-2004

COVINA, Calif. — Alice "Sweetie" Zorn, 69, was born Jan. 18, 1935, on a farm outside of Hoisington and passed away May 5, in Covina, Calif. She lived in Glendora, Calif., for 42 years. The youngest of nine children she was nicknamed Sweetie, she was filled with love and compassion for others. She graduated from nurses' training at St. Frances Hospital in Wichita in 1956. She was a registered nurse for 40 years

and enjoyed working at Santa Terasita and San Dimas Community Hospitals. She is survived by a sister, Leona Robinson of Hoisington, several nieces and nephews, including Wink, Bob and David Cates, whom she helped raise, and their children, her adopted grandchildren whom she lived for, Kim Lincoln, Scott, Stephanie, Maddi, Janae and Allison. Visitation was on May 13, with rosary at Oakdale Mortuary in Glendora. The funeral mass was on May 14 at St. Louise Catholic Church. In lieu of flowers please make a donation in Alice Zorn's name to Carmelite Sisters c/o Santa Terasita Hospital, Attn. Sister Michelle, 819 Buena Vista St., Duarte, Calif. 91010. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune May 23, 2004

May 21, 2004

Ila N. Hampton 1920-2004

LARNED — Ila N. Hampton, 83, died May 18 at her home in Larned. She was born Nov. 21, 1920, at Burdett, the daughter of Robert and Sadie Ellen Jones Olsen. She married James Rutherford Hampton July 21, 1950, at Great Bend. He died Oct. 4, 1995. A lifetime resident of Pawnee County, she was a nurse aide at St. Joseph Memorial Hospital for 28 years. She was a member of Seventh-day Adventist Church of Larned. Survivors include two daughters, Sue Ellen Kirchgassner of Larned and Janice Lynn Durler of Garfield; one brother, Martin Olsen of Burdett; five sisters, Stella Klein of LeFors, Texas, Laura Lee Dovel of North Glenn, Colo., Vera Arthur of Alpine, Wyo., Jody Mitchell of Garfield and Lena Simmons of Greensburg; three grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two brothers, George Olsen and Ole Dean Olsen; and one sister, Betty King. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Beckwith Mortuary Chapel in Larned, with the Rev. John Grummon officiating. Burial will be at Larned Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. today at the mortuary. Memorials are suggested to donor's choice, in care of the mortuary. Funeral arrangements provided by Beckwith Mortuary Inc. P.O. Box 477 Larned, KS 67550 620-285-2121 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 21, 2004

Helen Maurine Nelson 1913-2004

LARNED — Helen Maurine Nelson, 90, died May 19 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. She was born Dec. 15, 1913, in Pawnee County, the daughter of Abe L. "Buster" and Hilma E. Almquist Bradley. She married Earl O. Nelson May 23, 1946, at Great Bend. He died Dec. 11, 1981. A lifetime resident of Pawnee County, she was a teacher at Pratt, Mt. Hope, Hoisington and Dodge City Community College. She belonged to First Presbyterian Church, past Alder Lady, Music Club, Daughters of American Revolution, and Order of the Eastern Star, all of Larned. She was preceded in death by one brother, Gerald Bradley; and three sisters, Elda A. Moore and two infants. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. today at Beckwith Mortuary Chapel in Larned, with the Rev. Jim Hawthorne officiating. Burial will be at Pawnee Rock Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to service time today at the mortuary. Memorials are suggested to Larned EMS, First Presbyterian Church or Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Association, all in care of the mortuary. Funeral arrangements provided by Beckwith Mortuary Inc. P.O. Box 477 Larned, KS 67550 620-285-2121 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 21, 2004

Dorothy Enid Brenner

TULSA, Okla. — Dorothy Enid Brenner, 93, passed away May 17 in Tulsa. She was born in Albert, the daughter of Charles and Florence Haas. She is survived by her son, Dr. Charles M. Brenner and wife, Sheri, of Tulsa; nephew, Dr. William Flynn and wife, Patsy, of Mission Hills; grandniece, Lisa Flynn of Chicago, Ill.; and cousins, Carol June Mills of Cañon City, Colo., Sandra Horn of Mesa, Ariz., and Pat Drehle of Harlingen, Texas. Graveside services were held Thursday at Great Bend Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to Good Shepherd Hospice or SPCA, both in care of Moore's Southlawn Chapel in Tulsa. Funeral arrangements provided by Moore's Southlawn Chapel* 9350 E. 51st Tulsa, OK 74145 918-663-2233 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 21, 2004

May 20, 2004

Ila Nellie Hampton 1921-2004

LARNED — Ila Nellie Hampton, 83, died May 18 at her home in Larned. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Beckwith Mortuary in Larned. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune May 20, 2004

Helen Maurine Nelson 1914-2004

LARNED — Helen Maurine Nelson, 90, died May 19 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Beckwith Mortuary in Larned. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune May 20, 2004

Ronald 'Ronnie' Fred Keller 1944-2004

MESA, Ariz. — Ronald Fred Keller, also known as Ronnie Keller, age 59, of Mesa, Ariz., passed away at his home on Sunday, May 16. Ronnie was born Dec. 2, 1944, in Great Bend. He was Downs Syndrome and was the third of four children born to Fred Dumont Keller and Lydia Sanger Keller. He grew up on a farm in central Kansas where he learned early in life how to work hard, as well as how to enjoy life. Ronnie enjoyed swimming, animals, especially dogs and horses, and watching westerns, especially John Wayne movies. Ronnie enjoyed so much the many travels and friendships he formed along the way. The most important thing in Ronnie's life was his family, whom he loved so much. Ronnie is survived by one brother, Robert Wayne Keller, of Rancho Mirage, Calif.; one sister, Mary Elizabeth Keller of Mesa; four nephews, Mark Robert Keller of Cathedral City, Calif., Derek, Devin and Darin Diggs, all of Mesa; one niece, Karilyn Keller of Rancho Mirage; one aunt, Pearl Meadows of Mesa; and numerous cousins throughout the United States. Ronnie was preceded in death by his parents

and one brother Richard Keller, all of Larned. Funeral services for Mr. Keller will be held at 11 a.m. today, May 20, at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints located at 1430 North Recker Road in Mesa, with a viewing from 10-11 a.m. prior to the services. Burial will be at the Larned Cemetery. Meldrum Mortuary handled the arrangements. Funeral arrangements provided by Meldrum Mortuary* 52 N. Macdonald St. Mesa, Ariz. 85201 800-682-8119 www.mel drummortuary.com Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 20, 2004

Julia D. 'Dean' Reed 1905-2004

Julia D. "Dean" Reed, 98, of Great Bend, died May 18 at Via Christi Regional Medical Center, St. Joseph Campus in Wichita. She was born Sept. 12, 1905, at Van Buren, Ind., the daughter of Fred and Nancy Bird. She married R. J. "Bob" Reed Sr. April 2, 1924, at Kansas City, Mo. He died Dec. 13, 1976. A longtime Great Bend resident, coming from Coffeyville, Raymond and Little River, she was a homemaker. She was a member of the Methodist faith and Lake Barton Ladies Golf Association. Survivors include two sons, Donald Reed of Wichita and Fred Reed of Stillwell; one daughter, Bertha Hurst of Borger, Texas; six grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one son, R. J. Reed Jr., and 11 brothers and sisters. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Saturday 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. Friday and from 9 a.m. to service time Saturday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Mayo Foundation for Cancer Research, in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Bryant Funeral Home 1425 Patton Rd. Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-3525 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune May 20, 2004

May 19, 2004

Julia Delene 'Dean' Reed 1905-2004

Julia Delene "Dean" Reed, 98, died May 18 at Via Christi Regional Medical Center, St. Joseph Campus in Wichita. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune May 19, 2004

Gene Schmidt 1924-2004

LARNED — Gene Schmidt, 80, died May 17 at his home in rural Larned. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Beckwith Mortuary in Larned. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune May 19, 2004

May 18, 2004

John L. Baldwin 1929-2004

HUTCHINSON — John L. Baldwin, 75, died May 14 at Hutchinson Hospital in Hutchinson. He was born May 10, 1929, in Great Bend, the son of Orville L. and Ruth Shafer Baldwin. He was a 1947 graduate of Great Bend High School and later graduated from Hutchinson Junior College. He married Roseanne Thompson Sept. 6, 1953, in Great Bend. A longtime Hutchinson resident, he was employed by Dillons for nearly 49 years, beginning in the meat department in 1946 at Great Bend. He became president of Kwik Shop Inc., Dillon's convenience store division in 1972, receiving promotion to executive vice president of Dillon Stores in 1979. In 1982 he became president of Dillon Stores, retiring as president on June 30, 1993. He became chairman of the executive committee of Dillon Stores following his retirement, retiring from this position in June 1995. Baldwin was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church in Hutchinson. He was a board member and past chairman of Kansas Chamber of Commerce and Industry; was a member and past chairman of Kansas Water Authority; member and past chairman of Kansas Cosmosphere and Space Center and KCSC Foundation; board member of Kansas Agriculture and Rural Leadership Inc.; board member of Kansas Food Bank; past board member of Millers Enterprises Food Stores, Crescent City, Fla.; board member of Emporia State University, School of Business Council Advisors; board member of Eisenhower Foundation in Abilene; volunteer and board member of Reins of Hope Therapeutic Horse Riding for the Disabled; a longtime volunteer and supporter of Boy Scouts of America and a recipient of the Silver Beaver Award. Survivors include his wife of the home; two sons, Mark and his wife, Debbie, of Wichita, Mitchell and his wife, Kay, of Overland Park; two daughters, Sheri Kay and her husband, Jeff, of Chicago, Ill., and Stephanie Moncrief and her husband, Monty, of Plano, Texas; two brothers, Jack D. Baldwin of San Diego, Calif., and Jim D. Baldwin of Denver, Colo.; two sisters, Janette McCullough of Lawrence and Joan Murphy of Minneapolis, Minn.; six grandchildren, Bates, Victoria, Jennifer and Eric Baldwin, Megan and Matthew Moncrief. He was preceded in death by his parents. Memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the church, with the Rev. Amy Lippoldt officiating. Private family graveside services will be held at Memorial Park Cemetery. Friends and family may sign the book from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. today at the Elliott Mortuary in Hutchinson. In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to John L. Baldwin Memorial Fund, in care of the Hutchinson Community Foundation. Funeral arrangements provided by Elliott Mortuary* 1219 North Main Hutchinson, KS 67501 620-663-3327 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 18, 2004

Edythe Elizabeth Roelfs 1918-2004

BUSHTON — Edythe Elizabeth Roelfs, 85, died May 15 at her home. She was born Sept. 19, 1918, in Ellinwood, the daughter of John and Mary Lillie Schulte Komarek. She was a 1936 graduate of Ellinwood High School. She married Chester Delmer Roelfs Oct. 11, 1938, in Ellinwood. He died Aug. 4, 1976. A lifetime area resident, she was a farm wife and homemaker. She was a member of Holy Name Catholic Church and Altar Society, Quivira Quivers Senior Center in Bushton and Rice County on Aging in Lyons. Survivors include four sons, Timothy Roelfs of Lyons, Michel Roelfs and Charles Roelfs, both of Bushton, and Delmer Roelfs of Spring Valley, Calif.; one sister, Pat Peschka of Hutchinson; four grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a son; one granddaughter, Carla Roelfs; four brothers, Lester Komarek, Fred Komarek, George Komarek and Cletus Komarek; and two sisters, Lillian Komarek and Lorraine Huckstep. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. today at the church, with the Rev. Steve Scheier officiating. Burial will be at Farmer Township Cemetery in Bushton. Memorials are suggested to Hosnice of Reno County or Bushton First Responders, both in care of Kimmle Funeral

Home of Ellinwood. Funeral arrangements provided by Kimple Inc. Funeral Home 113 North Main Ellinwood, KS 67526 620-564-2300 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune May 18, 2004

Clara Dreiling 1901-2004

VICTORIA — Clara Dreiling, 102, died May 15 at St. John's Nursing Home in Victoria. She was born Dec. 16, 1901, in Victoria, the daughter of Michael and Elizabeth Boxler Brungardt. She married Herman J. Dreiling June 10, 1924, in Victoria. He died Jan. 30, 1964. She was a homemaker and teacher. She was a member of St. Joseph's Church, St. Joseph's Altar Society and Christian Mothers, all of Hays. Survivors include two daughters, Noreen Duncan of Great Bend and Ellen Beechwood of Leawood; one brother, John Brungardt of Overland Park; one sister, Alfreda Schmidt of Hays; 10 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one son, Wilbert Dreiling. Funeral will be at 1 p.m. today at the church. Burial will be at St. Joseph's Cemetery. Friends may call from 11 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. today at Brock's North Hill Chapel in Hays. Memorials are suggested to St. John's Nursing Home in Victoria or for Masses, both in care of the chapel. Funeral arrangements provided by Brock's North Hill Chapel P.O. Box 86 2509 Vine Street Hays, KS 67601 785-625-3215 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune May 18, 2004

Kent Leonard Patton 1918-2004

CHASE — Kent Leonard Patton, 85, died May 16 at Ellinwood District Hospital. He was born June 13, 1918, at rural Chase, in Rice County, the son of S. John and Harriet Lansing Patton. He was a graduate of Chase High School and Kansas State University. He married Valoris Davis Oct. 19, 1940, at rural Hutchinson. A lifetime area resident, he was a vocational ag teacher at Mulvane, an extension agent for Pratt, a farmer in Rice County and the first state park manager at Wilson Reservoir. He was a member of Chase Christian Church, Veterans of Foreign Wars of Chase, Lions Club of Wilson and Lucas, Lake Wilson Development Association, Parent Teacher Association president and Boy Scout leader in Chase, a 4-H leader in Lyons and a Russell County Sheriff's deputy. He was a U.S. Army Signal Corps veteran, serving as a staff sergeant in Alaska during World War II. Survivors include his wife of the home; four sons, Carl Patton of Great Bend, Allan Patton of Chase, Dale Patton of Wichita and Donald Patton of Brookfield; three daughters, Janet Mathews of Hutchinson, Patti Solden of Salina and Anita Patton of Dorrance; two brothers, Harold Patton of Columbia, Calif., and Marion Patton of Westminster, Calif.; 16 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by three brothers, Keith Patton, Byron Patton and Jerry Patton; and one sister, Margaret. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Chase Christian Church, with the Revs. Larry Young and D.D. Hall officiating. Burial will be at Springdale Cemetery in Chase. Friends may call from 2 to 8 p.m. today at Kimple Funeral Home in Ellinwood. The family will receive friends from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. today at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Immanuel United Church of Christ in Ellinwood, in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Kimple Funeral Home 113 N. Main St. Ellinwood, KS 67526 620-564-2300 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune May 11, 2004

May 16, 2004

Shele Mae Maher 1964-2004

Shele Mae Maher, 39, of Great Bend, died May 13 at her home. She was born Aug. 23, 1964, at Great Bend, the daughter of Raymond G. "Jerry" and Mary E. "Betty" Erb Anderson. She married Robert Maher Oct. 26, 1997, at Great Bend. A Great Bend resident for most of her life, she worked as a clerk at Convenience Corner and also the Barton County Sheriff's Office. Maher was a member of St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church of Great Bend. Survivors include her husband of the home; one daughter, Ashley Hawk of Hays; her father of Bellvue, Neb.; her mother of Great Bend; four sisters, Sheri Elsen and Jamie Baldwin, both of Great Bend, Amy Schonhoff of Smithville, Mo., and Kimi Bowman of Larned; and her grandparents, Duane and Winifred Rankin of Crane, Mo., and Frances Erb of Timken. She was preceded in death by her grandfathers, Robert Anderson and Leonard Erb. Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Monday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Funeral will be at the church at 10 a.m. Tuesday, with the Rev. Ted Stoecklein officiating. Burial will be at Hillcrest Memorial Park in Great Bend. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the family, in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Bryant Funeral Home 1425 Patton Road Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-3525 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 16, 2004

May 14, 2004

Correction

Radium City Limits was listed in Ongoing Activities as occurring May 16. This is the wrong date. It is held the first Sunday of every month.

May 12, 2004

Aaron Hawes III 1951-2004

HAYSVILLE — Aaron Hawes III, 52, died May 9. He was born June 14, 1951, the son of Charles and Mary Hawes. He married Renee Francis Jan. 5, 1978, in Great Bend. A resident of Haysville, he was a finish carpenter. Survivors include his wife of the home; two sons, Aaron Hawes IV of Kansas City and Brandon Hawes of Haysville; three daughters, Ashley Hawes of Wichita, Candace Hawes and Katelynn Hawes, both of Haysville; his mother of Wichita; four brothers, Bobby Hawes Jr. of Las Vegas, Nev., Duwayne Brigman of Omaha, Neb., David Brigman of Lawrenceville, Ga., and Gary Hawes; and two sisters, Diana Bailey of Dallas, Texas, and Darlene Sietz of Kokomo, Ind. Funeral Mass will be at 10 a.m. today at St. Cecilia Catholic Church in Haysville. Memorials are suggested to Arthritis Foundation, Kansas Chapter, in care of Webb-Shinkle Mortuary of Clearwater. Funeral arrangements provided by Webb-Shinkle Mortuary P.O. Box 325

Marjorie Agnes Simonson Polson 1917-2004

Marjorie Agnes Simonson Polson, 86, of Great Bend, passed away May 6 at Bryan LGH East Medical Center in Lincoln, Neb. She was born Aug. 13, 1917, in Irene, S.D., the daughter of Oscar and Caroline Running Simonson. She graduated from Irene High School and from the Bethany School of Nursing in Kansas City, Kan., where she met and later married Robert C. Polson. She worked at the Good Samaritan Hospital in Los Angeles, Calif. and entered the army in 1944 as a 2nd Lieutenant in the Army Nurse Corps. She took basic training at Fort Lewis Washington and was stationed in Santa Barbara, Calif. There she married Robert C. Polson on Sept. 15, 1945. They moved to Great Bend in 1947 from Kansas City when Dr. Polson started his ophthalmology practice. Her husband, Robert C. Polson, died Dec. 26, 1992. Survivors include one son, David S. and his wife Jane Polson of Lincoln, Neb.; two daughters, Nancy L. and her husband Dr. Perry Schuetz of Great Bend, and Annie M. Westfall of Plano, Texas; one brother, Alan Simonson of Seattle, Wash.; one sister, Carmen Bossuyt of Sumner, Wash.; and six grandchildren, Amy Hurley and husband Geoff of San Diego, Calif.; Wendy Polson of Kansas City, Mo.; Andy Johnson of Dallas, Texas; Jennifer Polson of Overland Park; John Schuetz of Great Bend and Alex Johnson of Dallas. She was preceded in death by her parents and two brothers, Orvald Simonson and Kenneth Simonson. Marge was a devoted wife, loving mother, grandmother and a dear friend. She was a member of the First Congregational United Church of Christ, Athenian Club, "Golden Girl" in PEO Chapter FS, Bloomer Girls, Bridge Club, Community volunteer in Camp Fire Girls, Girl Scouts, and Blood Mobile, all of Great Bend. The service to celebrate Marge's life will be at the First Congregational United Church of Christ in Great Bend on Friday, May 14, at 11 a.m., with Pastor Diana Coberly officiating. Interment will be at Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call from 5 to 9 p.m. Thursday, with family receiving friends from 7 to 8:30 p.m., at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Memorials are suggested to First Congregational United Church of Christ in Great Bend. Funeral arrangements provided by Bryant Funeral Home* 1425 Patton Road Great Bend, KS 67530 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 9, 2004

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Thomas B. Lynch 1926-2004

Thomas B. Lynch, 78, of Great Bend, died May 9 at Via Christi Regional Medical Center, St. Francis Campus in Wichita. He was born April 26, 1926, at Conception, Mo., the son of James C. and Iola V. Bauman Lynch. He married Betty Middleton May 1, 1950, at Anchorage, Alaska. A resident of Great Bend since 1965, coming from Derby, he was a maintenance manager for Kansas Refined Helium Co. of Otis, retiring in 1993. He was a member of St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church, a Fourth Degree member of the Knights of Columbus, Blue Army, Veteran of Foreign Wars Post No. 3111 and American Legion Post No. 180, all of Great Bend. He was a U.S. Army veteran, having served in World War II with the 12th Cavalry. Survivors include his wife Betty of the home; two sons, Thomas B. Lynch Jr. and wife Merrilee of Wichita, and Michael D. Lynch and wife Kathy of Medicine Lodge; four daughters, Sheryl A. Lynch, Christina M. Talbert and husband Larry, all of Great Bend, Mary K. Lynch of Oak Grove, Mo., and Elizabeth T. Lynch of Stillwater, Okla.; one brother, Julius Lynch of Arlington, Vt.; two sisters, Catherine Timmerman of Santa Rosa, Calif., and Wilma J. Hanna of Savannah, Mo.; five grandchildren, Christopher Lynch and wife Casey, Michael Lynch Jr., Karen Lynch, Mark Lynch and James Lynch; and one great-granddaughter, Madysyn Lynch. He was preceded in death by one daughter, Karen Jean Lynch, and seven brothers and sisters. Vigil will be at 7:30 p.m. today at Bryant Funeral Home, followed by Knights of Columbus Rosary. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at the church with the Rev. Ted Stoocklein officiating. Burial will be at 10 a.m. Friday at St. Columbia Cemetery in Conception with military honors conducted by Ft. Leavenworth Honor Guard. Friends may call from noon to 9 p.m. today at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the church in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Bryant Funeral Home* 1425 Patton Rd. Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-3525 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune May 11, 2004

Otto H. Niedens 1918-2004

HARRISONVILLE, Mo. — Otto H. Niedens, 85, died May 7 at Missouri Veterans Home in Warrensburg, Mo. He was born Nov. 18, 1918, in Hodgeman County, the son of Henry J. and Bertha Bitter Niedens. He married Rosie Boxberger Dec. 12, 1945, at Susank. A longtime resident of Hoisington, he was a retired mechanic for Spears-Lehning Buick in Hoisington for 18 years and for Dove Buick, Olds and Cadillac in Great Bend for 20 years. Niedens was a member of Concordia Lutheran Church, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7428 and American Legion Post 286, all of Hoisington. He was a U.S. Army veteran, serving during World War II. Survivors include his wife of the home; two sons, Gerald Niedens and his wife, Cynthia, of Harrisonville, Mo., and Doyle Niedens and his wife, Sandy, of Macon Ga.; one brother, Albert Niedens of Great Bend; three sisters, Leona Karst of Great Bend, Viola Dumler of Milberger and Lola Wilks of Rose Hill; and three grandchildren, Jeremy Niedens of Columbia, Mo., Jeffrey Niedens of Peoria, Ill., and Jay Allen of Independence, Mo. He was preceded in death by one brother, Marvin Niedens. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. today at Concordia Lutheran Church in Hoisington, with Pastor Garry Dassow officiating. Burial will be at Hoisington Cemetery in Hoisington. Memorials are suggested to Concordia Lutheran Church, in care of Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home, P.O. Box 146, Hoisington, KS 67544. Funeral arrangements provided by Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home* 415 North Main, P.O. Box 146 Hoisington, KS 67544 620-653-4165 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune May 11, 2004

Tabea 'Tabetha' Karst 1907-2004

HOISINGTON — Tabea "Tabetha" Karst, 96, died May 9 at Cheyenne Meadows Living Center in Hoisington. She was born Oct. 28, 1907, in rural Milberger, the daughter of Reinhart and Anna Nuss Steinert. She married Herman Karst Nov. 6, 1927, at Milberger. He died Oct. 2, 2000. Living on the farm in rural Galatia for 61 years, moving to Great Bend in 1988 and to Hoisington in 2000, she was a farm wife and homemaker. Mrs. Karst was a member of United Emmanuel Lutheran Church of Milberger. She was baptized Nov. 24, 1907, and confirmed April 9, 1922, both at Milberger. Survivors include two sons, Herman L. and wife Joyce Karst of Casper, Wyo., and Wayne and wife Karen Karst of Oklahoma City, Okla.; one daughter, Nadine and husband Vernon Deutsch of Hoisington; one son-in-law, Lawrence Cuthrell of Great Bend; 14 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild. She was preceded in death by one daughter, Christabelle Cuthrell; one brother, Marvin R. Steinert; three sisters, Caroline Wasemiller, Rachel Karst and Esther M. Ponn; and one granddaughter, Praver

service will be at 7:30 p.m. today at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at United Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Milberger, with the Rev. Keith Kreitzer officiating. Burial will be at Milberger Cemetery in Milberger. Friends may call from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. today and from 9 to 11 a.m. Wednesday, all at the funeral home, and from 12:30 p.m. to service time Wednesday at the church. Memorials are suggested to United Emmanuel Lutheran Church or Cheyenne Meadows Living Center, both in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Bryant Funeral Home* 1425 Patton Rd. Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-3525 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune May 11, 2004

Darrell F. 'D.F.' Huffman 1924-2004

LYONS — Darrell F. "D.F." Huffman, 80, died May 8 at Good Samaritan Center in Lyons. He was born Feb. 12, 1924, at Grant County, Okla., the son of Jerry Frank and Mildred Lamphere Huffman. He was the 1941 valedictorian of South Haven High School. He married Betty J. Kirk in 1949. He married LaVerna Schultz Schumacher Dec. 30, 1976, in Russell. A resident of Lyons since 1947, coming from South Haven, he was an aerial crop duster for 51 years in Rice and surrounding counties. Huffman was a member of Community Presbyterian Church of Chase, Environmental Protection Agency, AOPA, and Federal Aeronautical Agency. He was a U.S. Air Force veteran, serving as a lieutenant. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, David Huffman of Broken Arrow, Okla.; two daughters, Debra Ann Laessig of McKinney, Texas, and Vickie Jean Folck of Lyons; two stepdaughters, Lisa Ann Bruns of Bemidji, Minn., and Karla Greer Schumacher of Wichita; one sister, Eloise Neahrng of Enid, Okla.; 10 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Community Presbyterian Church in Chase with the Revs. Jesse and Arlene Patrick and Cindy Watson officiating. Military graveside service will be at 3 p.m. Wednesday at Springcreek Cemetery in Deer Creek, Okla. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. today at Sillin Funeral Home in Lyons. Memorials are suggested to Good Samaritan Center of Lyons in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Sillin Funeral Home 214 W. South Lyons, KS 67554 620-257-2211 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune May 11, 2004

John Douglas Brack 1942-2004

ROZEL — John Douglas Brack, 62, died May 8 at his residence in Rozel. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Morell Funeral Home in Larned. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune May 11, 2004

Marjorie Agnes Simonson Polson 1917-2004

Marjorie Agnes Simonson Polson, 86, of Great Bend, passed away May 6 at Bryan LGH East Medical Center in Lincoln, Neb. She was born Aug. 13, 1917, in Irene, S.D., the daughter of Oscar and Caroline Running Simonson. She graduated from Irene High School and from the Bethany School of Nursing in Kansas City, Kan., where she met and later married Robert C. Polson. She worked at the Good Samaritan Hospital in Los Angeles, Calif. and entered the army in 1944 as a 2nd Lieutenant in the Army Nurse Corps. She took basic training at Fort Lewis Washington and was stationed in Santa Barbara, Calif. There she married Robert C. Polson on Sept. 15, 1945. They moved to Great Bend in 1947 from Kansas City when Dr. Polson started his ophthalmology practice. Her husband, Robert C. Polson, died Dec. 26, 1992. Survivors include one son, David S. and his wife Jane Polson of Lincoln, Neb.; two daughters, Nancy L. and her husband Dr. Perry Schuetz of Great Bend, and Annie M. Westfall of Plano, Texas; one brother, Alan Simonson of Seattle, Wash.; one sister, Carmen Bossuyt of Sumner, Wash.; and six grandchildren, Amy Hurley and husband Geoff of San Diego, Calif.; Wendy Polson of Kansas City, Mo.; Andy Johnson of Dallas, Texas; Jennifer Polson of Overland Park; John Schuetz of Great Bend and Alex Johnson of Dallas. She was preceded in death by her parents and two brothers, Orvald Simonson and Kenneth Simonson. Marge was a devoted wife, loving mother, grandmother and a dear friend. She was a member of the First Congregational United Church of Christ, Athenian Club, "Golden Girl" in PEO Chapter FS, Bloomer Girls, Bridge Club, Community volunteer in Camp Fire Girls, Girl Scouts, and Blood Mobile, all of Great Bend. The service to celebrate Marge's life will be at the First Congregational United Church of Christ in Great Bend on Friday, May 14, at 11 a.m., with Pastor Diana Coberly officiating. Interment will be at Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call from 5 to 9 p.m. Thursday, with family receiving friends from 7 to 8:30 p.m., at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Memorials are suggested to First Congregational United Church of Christ in Great Bend. Funeral arrangements provided by Bryant Funeral Home* 1425 Patton Road Great Bend, KS 67530 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 9, 2004

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Oneida Coleman Bell 1920-2004

There Has Been a New Arrival in Heaven! Oneida Bell, 83, left this earth on Friday to join her husband, True Balus Bell. She was born June 6, 1920, at Dalhart, Texas, the daughter of James Alexander and Ella Fair Riddle Coleman. As a loving wife and mother she followed True's work making homes in Paris, Ark.; Alameda, Calif.; Superior, Wyo.; and Great Bend, where True worked the Kansas oilfields. Her last years were spent in Hutchinson, Kan., with her daughter, Francis Everson. She was a member of Colonial Heights Assembly of God in Wichita, Kan., where she served as a Sunday school teacher, newsletter volunteer and sang in the choir. She married True Balus Bell on Jan. 14, 1939. He preceded her in death in November of 1979. From their union three children were born: Francis Ann Everson, Hutchinson; James Ray Bell, Hutchinson; and Steven Wayne Bell, Fort Scott, Kan. Three daughters-in-law also survives her: Mary Lackrone Bell, Sharon McLaughlin and Paula Keene; 10 grandchildren: David Glen Everson, Michael Scott Bell, Christopher John Everson, Melissa Lynn Bell, Rebekah Hope Enke; Daniel John Bell, John Mark Bell, Stephen Josiah David Bell, Michelle Moore and Brian Messmer. Seven great-grandchildren: Timothy Everson, Larry Mendoza, Darin Tru Bell, Kari Andrene Everson, Amber Moore, Sara Moore and Alexis Messmer. Oldest of 14 children, Harold Ray Coleman, Clynelle Gamble, Emogene Cox, Arthur Paul Coleman, Charles Ralph Coleman, Jerry Jack Coleman, Donald Bruce Coleman, Judy Sue Alexander, Joe Russell Coleman, and Sammy Lou Campbell survive her. She was preceded in death by her brother, James Carl Coleman; and infant brother, Troy; and baby sister, Nancy Ruth. The funeral will be at 3 p.m. Tuesday, May 11 at the Resthaven Mortuary Chapel in Wichita. Visitation will be from 1 to 9 p.m. Monday at Resthaven. In appreciation of their services, Memorials may be sent to Reno County Hospice in care of the mortuary or Colonial Heights Assembly of God of Wichita. Funeral arrangements provided by Resthaven Mortuary* 11800 West Kellogg Wichita, KS 67209 316-722-2100 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 9, 2004

Alvena Elaine "Red" Carpenter 1922-2004

Alvena Elaine "Red" Carpenter, 81, died May 7 at Great Bend Health and Rehabilitation in Great Bend. She was born Aug. 14, 1922, in Radium, the daughter of Earl and Jesse Ballinger Carr. She married Arnold Carpenter April 23, 1947, in South Berwick, Maine. A longtime resident of Otis, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Carpenter was a member of the Otis United Methodist Church. Survivors include her husband of the home; two sons, Chuck Carpenter of Great Bend and Curt Carpenter of Olathe; one daughter, Carol Schmidt of Salina; two sisters, Beulah Vratil and Maxine Heuelsen, both of Great Bend; eight grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by three brothers, Parker, Earl and Clair Carr. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at the church with the Rev. Marilyn Christmore officiating. Interment will be at Otis Methodist Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Wednesday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend, with family receiving friends from 7 to 8 p.m. Memorials are suggested to the church. Funeral arrangements provided by Bryant Funeral Home 1425 Patton Road Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-3525 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 9, 2004

Marjorie Agnes Simonson Polson 1917-2004

Marjorie Agnes Simonson Polson, 86, of Great Bend, passed away May 6 at Bryan LGH East Medical Center in Lincoln, Neb. She was born Aug. 13, 1917, in Irene, SD, the daughter of Oscar and Caroline Running Simonson. She graduated from Irene High School and from the Bethany School of Nursing in Kansas City, Kansas where she met and later married Robert C. Polson. She worked at the Good Samaritan Hospital in Los Angeles, Calif. and entered the army in 1944 and as a 2nd Lieutenant in the Army Nurse Corp. She took basic training at Fort Lewis Washington and was stationed in Santa Barbara, Calif. There she married Robert C. Polson on Sept. 15, 1945. They moved to Great Bend in 1947 from Kansas City when Dr. Polson started his ophthalmology practice. Her husband, Robert C. Polson, died Dec. 26, 1992. Survivors include one son, David S. and his wife Jane Polson of Lincoln, Neb.; daughter Nancy L. and her husband Dr. Perry Schuetz of Great Bend; daughter Annie M. Westfall, Plano, Texas; brother Alan Simonson, Seattle, Wash.; sister Carmen Bossuyt, Sumner, Wash.; and six grandchildren, Amy Hurley and husband Jeff, San Diego, Calif.; Wendy Polson, Kansas City, Mo.; Andy Johnson, Dallas, Texas; Jennifer Polson, Overland Park; John Schuetz, Great Bend; and Alex Johnson, Dallas. She was preceded in death by two brothers, Orvald Simonson and Kenneth Simonson. Marge was a devoted wife, loving mother, grandmother and a dear friend. She was a member of the First Congregational United Church of Christ, Athenian Club, "Golden Girl" in PEO Chapter FS, Bloomer Girls, Bridge Club, Community volunteer in Camp Fire Girls, Girl Scouts, and Blood Mobile all of Great Bend. Memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Friday at First Congregational United Church of Christ in Great Bend, with Pastor Diana Coberly officiating. Interment will be at Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call from 5 to 9 p.m. Thursday, with family receiving friends from 7 to 8:30 p.m., at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Memorials are suggested to the church. Funeral arrangements provided by Bryant Funeral Home* 1425 Patton Road Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 9, 2004

Otto H. Niedens 1918-2004

Otto H. Niedens, 85, died May 7 at Missouri Veterans Home in Warrensburg, Mo. He was born Nov. 18, 1918, in Hodgeman County, Kan., the son of Henry J. Niedens and Bertha "Bitter" Niedens. He married Rosie Boxberger Dec. 12, 1945, at Susank. A longtime resident of Hoisington, he was a retired mechanic for Spears-Lehning Buick in Hoisington for eight years and for Dove Buick, Olds & Cadillac in Great Bend for 20 years. Niedens was a veteran of World War II, serving in the U.S. Army. He was a member of Concordia Lutheran Church, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 7428 and American Legion Post No. 286, all of Hoisington. Survivors include his wife; two sons, Gerald Niedens of Harrisonville, Mo., and Doyle Niedens of Macon, Ga.; one brother, Albert Niedens of Great Bend; three sisters, Leona Karst of Great Bend, Viola Dumler of Milberger and Lola Wilkes of Rose Hill; and three grandchildren. Preceded in death one brother Marvin Niedens. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at the church with the Rev. Garry Dassow officiating. Interment will be at Hoisington Cemetery. Friends may call from 11 a.m. until 9 p.m. Monday at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington, with the family receiving friends from 7 to 8 p.m. Memorials are suggested to the church in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home, P.O. Box 146, 415 North Main Hoisington, KS 67544 620-653-4165 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune May 9, 2004

Mary Margaret Ann Tenbarge 1933-2004

Mary Margaret Ann Tenbarge, 70, of Great Bend, died May 7 at Great Bend Health & Rehabilitation. She was born July 4, 1933, in Cheney, the daughter of Edwin F. and Cecil L. Forward Tenbarge. She received a teachers certificate from Newman University, Marymount College, Bachelor of Science in science and education and a second degree in home economics, Kansas State University with a master's degree in secondary education and home economics. A resident of Great Bend since 1999, coming from Wichita, she was a teacher at La Crosse, Wichita, Garden City and Great Bend, and served as principal for four years at Immaculate Conception High School of Great Bend. She served 23 years as a nun with Dominican Sisters, appointed director of religious education with the Dodge City Diocese, was director of food service at St. Mary's Hospital in Garden City in 1979, and moved on to food service director at St. Joseph Medical Center, Ponca City, Okla. In 1999, Sister Urban Hitschman welcomed her to Cedar Park Place as an associate to the Dominican Sisters. She was a member of Phi Kappa Phi. Survivors include several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by one brother, Michael Edward Tenbarge; and two sisters, Emma Jean Hird and Audrienne Marie Rippee. Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. today at Dominican Chapel of the Plains in Great Bend. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Monday at the chapel, with the Rev. Warren Stoecklein officiating. The body will lie in state from 5 to 9 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. to service time Monday, all at the chapel. In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to Dominican Sisters of Great Bend, in care of Bryant Funeral Home of Great Bend. Funeral arrangements provided by Bryant Funeral Home 1425 Patton Road Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-3525 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 9, 2004

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Vincent Jerome Arends 1942-2004

LAUREL, Md. — Vincent Jerome Arends, 61, died April 25 at his home in Laurel. He was born Nov. 16, 1942, in Great Bend, the son of Nicholas Louis Sr. and Agnes Arends. He enlisted in the U.S. Navy right after high school. After his initial sea duty, he spent nearly two years in schools learning how to operate and maintain the equipment on submarines and learning about nuclear power. Vince's first ship was the USS Bashaw, an old World War II diesel submarine. He was then transferred to USS Tiru, also a WW II Queen. He then requested and was transferred to the Nuclear Power School. Upon completion of the school he was transferred to the shipyard where the USS Haddock fast attack nuclear submarine was being built, where he helped commission the ship. After serving on this ship for several months, he was transferred to the shipyards where the USS Simon Bolivar was being built, a ballistic missile submarine. He also helped commission this ship, on which he finished his Navy career. A few years after getting out of the Navy he joined his two brothers, Nick and Leonard, on the USNS Vanguard, an Apollo Tracking ship home ported in Port Canaveral, Fla. When the Vanguard was being scheduled to go to Argentina for a year, he took a job on the USNS Redstone, a missile tracking ship home ported out of Port Canaveral. He was diagnosed with Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis, or Lou Gehrig's Disease, in March 2001. He retired on disability in July 2001 from TFE of Greenbelt, Md., a computer maintenance company under contract to NASA, where he was a mainframe engineer. Vince was a member of the Laurel Rotary Club and served as president 2002-2003. While growing up, he was active in Scouting and 4-H in Claflin. He had been 4-H president and junior leader in electricity. He was a member of Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, was a high priest and served as a stake missionary and later as a ward missionary. He also served in many other positions including secretary of the High Priest Quorum. Vince was lighthearted, optimistic and had a great sense of humor. He loved his friends and family. He was strong, maintained a positive attitude and was heroic throughout his illness until the Heavenly Father called him home. Survivors include his wife, V. Carol Arends of the home; one son, Michael Arends of Laurel; one daughter, Trelana Frazee of Laurel; his mother of Great Bend; two brothers, Leonard P. Arends of Tehachapi, Calif., and Thomas Arends of Gilroy, Calif.; three sisters, Judy Wahaus of Salina, Linda Axtel of Mohave Valley, Ariz., and June Garrett of Claflin; and five grandchildren, Jeffrey Kempt, Tylor Frazee, T.J. Frazee, Tony Frazee and Travis Frazee. He was preceded in death by one son, Vincent Jerome Arends Jr.; his father; and one brother, Nicholas Arends Jr. Vince was a dedicated husband, father and grandfather and loved his family deeply. Funeral was April 30 at Church of Latter-day Saints in Laurel, with Bishop Dennis Windley officiating. Burial was at Fort Lincoln Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to ALS Association, 615 South Frederick Ave., Suite 308, Gaithersburg, MD 20877. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 7, 2004*

Edward A. Demel 1922-2004

HOISINGTON — Edward A. Demel, 81, died May 6 at Cherry Village Residential Care in Great Bend. He was born July 26, 1922, at rural Odin, the son of Joseph A. and Mary Lamatsch Demel. A lifetime resident of Barton County, he was a farmer. Demel was a member of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, American Legion Post 286, Veterans of Foreign Wars 7428, all of Hoisington, Knights of Columbus 2630 in Odin and a life member of Disabled American Veterans. He was a U.S. Army veteran, serving in World War II and receiving the Purple Heart. Survivors include three brothers, August Demel and Stephen Demel, both of Claflin, and Jerome Demel of Rose Hill; and two sisters, Viola Axman of Olmitz and Irene Mattas of Wilson. He was preceded in death by one brother, Clarence Demel; and six sisters, Mary Gerritzen, Margaret Neuschafer, Ann Wondra, Mathilda Schneider, Eleanor Fiedler and Theresa Demel. Vigil will be at 7 p.m. today at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington, with Knights of Columbus rosary to follow. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at the church, with the Rev. Pascal Klein officiating. Burial will be at St. John Catholic Cemetery in Hoisington, with military committal rites conducted by VFW and American Legion. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. today at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the church or Clara Barton Foundation, both in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home 415 North Main, P.O. Box 146 Hoisington, KS 67544 620-653-4165 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 7, 2004

Marilyn Ruth Hutchison 1928-2004

Marilyn Ruth Hutchison, 75, of Great Bend, died May 1 at Via Christi Regional Medical Center, St. Francis Campus in Wichita. She was born Dec. 21, 1928, at Lyons, the daughter of Arthur R. and Eunice Holdren Newkirk. She was a 1946 graduate of Trego County High School, attended Kansas State University and received her bachelor of arts from the College of Emporia in 1951. She married Stuart M. Hutchison Sept. 9, 1951, at Lyons. A resident of Great Bend since 1968, coming from Topeka, she was owner and operator of The Hutch in Great Bend from 1978 to 1997. Mrs. Hutchison was a member of First Presbyterian Church, Chapter HR of PEO, Athenian Club and Pilot Club. Survivors include her husband of the home; two sons, Jon and Cindy Hutchison of Monument, Colo., and Jay and Wendy Hutchison of Littleton, Colo.; two daughters, Janet and Alan Luttrell of Pratt, and Julie and Bruce Deterding of Wichita; one brother, Dr. Howard Newkirk of Overland Park; and 10 grandchildren, Curtis Luttrell, Brett and Lindsay Luttrell, Lindsey Luttrell, Melody Hutchison, Jon Hutchison II, Alexandra Hutchison, Ryan Hutchison, Jenny Hutchison, Kyle Deterding and Kelby Deterding. She was preceded in death by one brother, Donald Newkirk. Memorial service will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at the church, with the Rev. Hal Staats officiating. There will be no visitation. In lieu of flowers, memorials are requested to the church, in care of Bryant Funeral Home of Great Bend. Funeral arrangements provided by Bryant Funeral Home* 1425 Patton Road Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-3525 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 7, 2004

William Collett Brummett

ELGIN, Ill. — William Collett Brummett, Elgin, Ill., passed away Wednesday, May 5, at his home. He was born in Chrisman, Ill., to Hugh and Frances Brummett, and had been a resident of Elgin for the past 48 years. He was a major and pilot in the Army Air Force in World War II, and was sent by the U.S. government to Great Britain to learn air and sea rescue and flight control before the United States entered the war. He set up operations at several air bases in the United States for the new experimental B-29 aircraft, and was also sent to Jamaica for operations for the British and United States. He was in charge of flight control at Salina and at the Great Bend Army Air Force bases, and remained in the reserves at O'Hare Military Base for 20 years after active service. He married Beverly J. Phillips on Sept. 15, 1945, at First Methodist Episcopal Church in Great Bend. He was a graduate of Danville High School, Danville, Ill., and a graduate of Wabash College, Crawfordsville, Ind. He was agency superintendent for United States Fidelity & Guaranty in Chicago for 31 years before retiring. He was a member of Sigma Chi Fraternity, Anchor Lodge Masons of Danville, Scottish Rite Society, Medinah Temple, American Air Museum of Great Britain, Military Officers Association, and the American Legion, Elks Lodge and Golden K Kiwanis Club of Elgin. He is survived by his wife Beverly Phillips Brummett of Elgin; two daughters, Holliday B. Milby-Hardin of Phoenix, Ariz., and Mellody B. Gartley-Berlage of Hanover, Germany; and two granddaughters, Blythe C. Milby of Phoenix and Rachel C. Gartley of New York City, N.Y. He was preceded in death by his parents. Memorial services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday at Laird Funeral Home. 310 S. State St., Elgin. Private burial will be in Kansas.

Visitation will be at the time of services only. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to Golden K Kiwanis Club of Elgin or to Wabash College, Crawfordville. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 7, 2004*

Bryan L. Hiss 1962-2004

LYONS — Bryan L. Hiss, 41, died May 5 at his residence in rural Lyons. He was born Oct. 30, 1962, in Great Bend, the son of Lawrence and Elinor May Bryant Hiss. He was a 1981 graduate of Lyons High School. A lifetime resident of Lyons, he was a farmer. Hiss was a member of Grace Lutheran Church of Lyons and former member of Fairplay 4-H Club of Lyons. Survivors include his parents of Lyons; one brother, Richard L. Hiss of Great Bend; one sister, DeAnn Hauser of Humboldt; and his grandmother, Clara Bryant of Great Bend. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Monday at the church, with the Rev. Richard Andrus officiating. Burial will be at 1 p.m. Monday at Lakin Comanche Cemetery in Ellinwood. Friends may call from 1 to 6 p.m. Sunday at Sillin Funeral Home in Lyons, with family receiving friends from 2 to 4 p.m. Memorials are suggested to the church or Sunflower Diversified Services, both in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Sillin Funeral Home 214 West Ave. South Lyons, KS 67554 620-257-2211 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 7, 2004

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Richard Lee Ehler 1930-2004

SANTA BARBARA, Calif. — Richard Lee Ehler, 74, of Santa Barbara, Calif., was born July 11, 1930, in Holyrood to Katie (Schmitt) and John Ehler. He moved with his parents to Great Bend where he attended junior high and high school, graduating in 1948. He graduated from Kansas State University in 1952. He served in the U.S. Army as a staff sergeant. His early employment years were with General Electric in Binghamton, N.Y., Tucson, Ariz., and Santa Barbara. At the time of his death, he was president of Richler & Company in Santa Barbara. He was an author and publisher, most recently of the Print Media Advertising series. He was active in civic affairs, a member of Toastmasters International and served as district chairman, and a member of Unity Church. He is survived by a son, Quinton John Ehler of Las Vegas, Nev.; a sister and brother-in-law, Evelyn and Victor Hochstatter of Great Bend; and many cousins who mourn his passing. He was preceded in death by his parents; one brother, Paul Ehler; and one grandson, Chad Richard Ehler. Private services were held after his death on Feb. 20. Memorials may be made to Kansas State University Foundation, 2323 Anderson Ave., Suite 500, Manhattan, KS 66502; St. Paul's UCC Church, P.O. Box 26, Holyrood, KS 67450; or a charity of the donor's choice. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 6, 2004

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Jack B. Neal 1923-2004

Jack B. Neal, 80, of Great Bend, died May 3 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. He was born Dec. 8, 1923, at Winfield, the son of Ernest Mace and Hazel Beatrice Biddle Neal. He was a 1942 graduate of Chase High School. He married Wilda Jean McClymonds Dec. 23, 1944, at Redwood City, Calif. A resident of Great Bend for the past 10 years, coming from Lyons and Chase, he was production foreman for Texaco Oil Company for 40 years. Neal was a member of Presbyterian Church, ham radio operator, a former Chase School Board member and Chase City Council. He was a U.S. Army veteran, having served in World War II. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Randy Neal of Russell; three daughters, Vickie Wilkerson of McPherson, Cindy Effertz of Great Bend and Gail Bailey of Hoisington; one brother, Errol Neal of Bucklin; one sister, Aileen Neal of Houston, Texas; 13 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one brother, Eugene B. Neal; and two sisters, Melva Wynn and Margie Parten. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Sillin Funeral Home in Lyons, with the Rev. Wayne Flanders officiating. Burial will be at Chase Springdale Cemetery in Chase. Friends may call from 2 to 7 p.m. Thursday, with the family receiving friends from 5 to 7 p.m., all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Community Presbyterian Church in Chase or the donor's choice, all in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Sillin Funeral Home 214 W. Ave. South Lyons, KS 67554 620-257-2211 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune May 5, 2004

Henry J. 'Hank' Biermann, MD 1927-2004

WICHITA — Henry J. "Hank" Biermann, MD, 76, a physician and surgeon of Wichita, died unexpectedly May 1 while working at the hospital in Ellinwood. Dr. Biermann was born Oct. 21, 1927, at Andale, the son of Joseph H. and Louise Grassl Biermann. Dr. Biermann graduated from St. Gregory's High School in Shawnee, Okla. He attended college and medical school at Creighton University in Omaha, Neb. He interned at St. Francis Hospital in Wichita and then served in the Army Medical Corps in Korea. He did his surgical residency at St. Margaret's Hospital in Kansas City and Creighton and was a staff surgeon at the VA Hospital in Muskogee, Okla. He returned to Wichita and joined W. J. Biermann, Stolz and Podrebarac in private practice at 425 E. Murdock from 1960 to 1996. He and his wife, Pat, opened the Cheney Clinic and operated it for nine years. He then joined the Galichia Medical Group, 1996-1999. He continued practicing surgery in his semi-retirement and joined Hertzler Clinic in 2002 until it closed in 2003. Up until his death, he worked part-time at the Community Health Center in Hutchinson, the Ellinwood Hospital and the PRN in Wichita. He was a fellow of American College of Surgeons and a diplomat of American Board of Surgery. He served as Chief of Staff at St. Francis Hospital in 1985. Friends may call from 4 to 6 p.m. today at Downing and Lahey Mortuary in Wichita. Rosary will be at 7 p.m. Thursday and the service at 10:30 a.m. Friday, May 7, all at St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church, 1321 Stratford. A rosary will be said at 2:30 p.m. Friday at St. Mark Catholic Church, 19230 W. 29th St., with internment immediately following in the St. Mark Catholic Church Cemetery. Survivors include his wife of 43 years, Patricia Ann O'Sullivan Biermann; three sons, Mark Biermann and wife Cynthia of Andale, Thomas Biermann of Scottsdale, Ariz., and Gregory Biermann of Kansas City; two daughters, Bernadette Biermann and Patrice Biermann, both of Austin, Texas; grandchildren, Heath Andrew Wilson and Baron Joseph Biermann. In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church, 1321 Stratford Lane, Wichita, KS 67206. Funeral arrangements provided by Downing and Lahey Mortuary* 6555 E. Central Wichita, KS 67206 316-682-4553 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune May 4, 2004

Iris Lee Mangan 1908-2004

HUTCHINSON — Iris Lee Mangan, 95, died May 3 at Hutchinson Hospital. She was born Nov. 25, 1908, at Lucas, Ark., the daughter of William E. and Sarah Lou Ledgerwood James. She married Louis F. Mangan Aug. 16, 1930, at Eagle, Colo. He died Feb. 22, 1994. A resident of Hutchinson since 1972, coming from Dodge City, she was a homemaker. She was a member of Tenth Ave. United Methodist Church and American Association of Retired Persons. Survivors include two sons, James Mangan of Hotchkiss, Colo., and John Mangan of Central Point, Ore.; one daughter, Edie Boller of Hutchinson; 31 grandchildren; 62 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one son, George Mangan and one daughter, Mary Matel. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Elliott Mortuary, with the Rev. Alan D. Stambaugh officiating. Burial will be at Wildmead Cemetery in Nickerson. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. today and Thursday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Hospice of Reno County or the church, both in care of the mortuary. Funeral arrangements provided by Elliott Mortuary 1219 N. Main Hutchinson, KS 67501 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune May 4, 2004

Alice P. Davis 1917-2004

HAYS — Alice P. Davis, 86, died May 3 at Hays Good Samaritan Center in Hays. She was born Aug. 26, 1917, on a farm northeast of Ellis, the daughter of Harry Alvin and Minnie Goodwin Teeters. She married Herman J. Davis Aug. 15, 1934, at Russell. He died Nov. 5, 1998. A resident of Hays, coming from Russell, she was a former cook at Buckeye School. She was a member of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Buckeye Pinochle Club and 4-H. Survivors include two sons, Donald Davis of Zurich and Harold Davis of Yankton, S.D.; three daughters, Alice Paul of Morland, Betty May Matheson of Hays and Sharon Lee Klusener of Great Bend; 15 grandchildren; 34 great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one great-grandson and two great-great-granddaughters. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Hays Memorial Chapel Funeral Home in Hays. Burial will be at Mt. Allen Cemetery in Hays. Friends may call from 4 to 7 p.m. today and from 1 p.m. to service time Thursday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Hays Memorial Chapel Funeral Home 20th and Pine Hays, KS 67601 785-628-1009 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune May 5, 2004

Doris Eileen Markel 1918-2004

PRETTY PRAIRIE — Doris Eileen Markel, 85, died May 3 at Prairie Sunset Home in Pretty Prairie. She was born Aug. 23, 1918, at Ft. Madison, Iowa, the daughter of Alan and Helen Gunn Knight. She married Earl E. Markel March 7, 1937, at Hoisington. He died Jan. 31, 1995. A resident of Pretty Prairie for the past four years, coming from Hoisington, she was a homemaker. She was a member of First United Methodist Church, Hoisington Beta Sigma Phi Sorority and EHU. Survivors include one son, Edward Markel and his wife Judy of Pretty Prairie; one daughter, Vicki Markel of Pretty Prairie; one brother, Vance Knight of Green Valley, Ariz.; two sisters-in-law, Mary Tarlton of Hoisington and Mary Markel of Bartlesville, Okla.; seven grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild. She was preceded in death by two sisters, Margaret Knight and Mavis Jean Knight. Funeral will be at 1:30 p.m. Thursday at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington with the Rev. Wayne Flanders officiating. Burial will be at Hoisington Cemetery. Friends may call from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. to service time Thursday, all at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. The family will receive friends from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Prairie Sunset Home, in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home* 415 N. Main Hoisington, KS 67544 620-653-4165 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune May 4, 2004

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Katherine Irene Coyle 1921-2004

Katherine Irene Coyle, 82, of Great Bend, died May 1 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. She was born Sept. 12, 1921, at Ellinwood, the daughter of Will and Amelia Scheufler Koch. She married Melvin Horton in 1943. He died in 1947. She married Wayne F. Coyle Nov. 27, 1952, at Great Bend. He died January 1990. A lifetime area resident, she was a retired bookkeeper working for Home Appliance, Everitt Lumber and Miller Printers. Mrs. Coyle was a member of Central Baptist Church of Great Bend. Survivors include one son, Larry Dean Horton of Great Bend; one brother, Leonard Koch of Great Bend; three grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one brother, Milton Koch; and two sisters, Faye Kinzel and Adell DeVerse. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the church, with the Rev. Dr. Gordon Rhodes officiating. Burial will be at Hillcrest Memorial Park. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. today at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend and from 9 a.m. to service time Wednesday at the church. Memorials are suggested to the family or the church, both in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Bryant Funeral Home 1425 Patton Road Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-3525 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 4, 2004

Syble Marie Forcier

LILBURN, Ga. — Syble Marie Forcier, 78, died March 20 at Lilburn, Ga., after a short illness. Syble was born in Winfield, the youngest of eight children, to Chester and Syble Noc McIntire. She spent much of her childhood in Emporia, and was married in 1951 in Ellinwood to George Forcier of West Warwick, R.I. Syble had been a widow since 1972. Before moving to the Atlanta area she was a resident of Dallas, Texas, for 30 years. Beside devoting herself to her family, Syble became an independent contractor, carpenter and cabinet maker, and was also a talented artist. In the 1970s, she attended Texas Women's University in Denton. Syble is survived by son Dennis Forcier, his wife, Barbara, both residents of Lilburn; son Mark Forcier and granddaughter, Cornelia Syble Forcier of Dallas; grandson James David Dickey, his wife, Natalie, and great-granddaughter, Kirstyn Adele, of Arlington, Texas. Her youngest son, John Clark died in an auto accident in 1978. Among others, Syble is also survived by sister Elsie Schartz of Ellinwood, nephew Barry and wife Charlotte Schartz of Kingman, nephew Leigh and wife Ellen Schartz of Tucson, nephew Clark Schartz of Mission, niece Dorothy McIntire Tammen of Russell, and many other nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews. Memorial services were held in Georgia, and a Web site has been established at www.mem.com to share events of her life. Memorials are asked to be directed to Nature Conservancy, 4245 North Fairfax Dr., Ste. 100, Fairfax, VA 22203, or the

Visitation Monastery of Maryfield, 2055 Ridgedale Rd., Snellville, GA 30078. Funeral arrangements provided by Eternal Hills Funeral Home* 3594 Stone Mountain Hwy. Snellville, GA 30039 770-972-3155 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 4, 2004

Dennis Wayne Nichols 1954-2004

HOISINGTON — Dennis Wayne Nichols, 49, died May 2 at Clara Barton Hospital in Hoisington. He was born Nov. 1, 1954, in Arkansas City, the son of Lewis and Jessie Willard Nichols. A resident of Hoisington for two years, coming from Great Bend, he was an oilfield pumper for Nadel & Gussman. Survivors include two sons, Chad Nichols of Wichita and David Nichols of Hoisington; one brother, Richard Nichols; one sister, Ruth Kloxin of Tulsa, Okla.; and five grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one brother, Doyle Nichols. Funeral will be at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend, with the Rev. Don Paden officiating. Friends may call from noon to 9 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. to service time Wednesday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to American Diabetes Association, in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Bryant Funeral Home 1425 Patton Road Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-3525 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 4, 2004

Helen D. Staab 1917-2004

HOISINGTON — Helen D. Staab, 86, died May 1 at Great Bend Health and Rehabilitation Center. She was born June 27, 1917, in Pfeifer, the daughter of Joseph Sr. and Anna Marie Burghardt Kisner. She married Felix L. "Red" Staab Aug. 31, 1937, at Pfeifer. He died May 17, 1992. A resident of Hoisington since 1957, coming from Hays, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Staab was a member of St. Patrick Catholic Church of Great Bend, Altar Society and Daughters of Isabella. Survivors include several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by five brothers, Joe J. Kisner, William "Bill" Kisner, Fred J. Kisner, Al J. Kisner and Raymond Kisner; and two sisters, Mary Herrman and Colletta Jacobs. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. today at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Hoisington, with the Revs. Pascal Klein and Gerald Hammeke officiating. Burial will be at St. John Cemetery in Hoisington. Memorials are suggested to St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church or Holy Family School of Great Bend, both in care of Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home of Hoisington. Funeral arrangements provided by Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home 415 N. Main, P.O. Box 146 Hoisington, KS 67544 620-653-4165 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 4, 2004

Doris Markel 1918-2004

HOISINGTON — Doris Markel, 85, died May 3 at Prairie Sunset in Pretty Prairie. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 4, 2004

Marilyn Ruth Hutchison 1928-2004

Marilyn Ruth Hutchison, 75, of Great Bend, died May 1 at Via Christi Regional Medical Center, St. Francis Campus in Wichita. Cremation has taken place. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Bryant Funeral Home of Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 4, 2004

Eva Mae Moser 1914-2004

ST. JOHN — Eva Mae Moser, 89, died May 2 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. She was born Oct. 2, 1914, at Conway Springs, the daughter of William Shadrick and Rhoda Ellen Burden. She was a graduate of Belle Plaine High School. She married Schuyler Fremont Moser July 5, 1939, in Wichita. He died in 1989. A resident of St. John since 1990, coming from Wichita, she worked for Swift & Company of Wichita and Electra Corporation of Independence and was a homemaker. Mrs. Moser was a member of First United Methodist Church and United Methodist Women, both of St. John, Kansas Federation of China Decorators and Kansas Porcelain Art Teacher. Survivors include one daughter, Karen Kay Brown Soden of St. John; one stepson, Richard Moser of Pratt; two brothers, Verlyn Burden of Leon and Cleo Burden of Wichita; two sisters, Esther Shoup of Arkansas City and Maudie Watkins of Oak Ridge, Tenn.; two grandchildren; six stepgrandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and 12 stepgreat-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one stepson, Van Moser; one stepdaughter, Lou-Ann Starlin; six brothers, Cecil Burden, Floyd Burden, Robert Burden, Levi Burden, Dean Burden and Kenneth Burden; and four sisters, Ruth Burden, Thelma Davis, Mary Yeager and Marjorie Willison. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Minnis Chapel Inc. of St. John, with the Rev. Robbie Fall officiating. Burial will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at White Chapel Cemetery in Wichita. Friends may call from 1 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral chapel. Memorials are suggested to Ida Long Goodman Memorial Library and Kansas State Nurses Association District 7 Scholarship Fund, all in care of the funeral chapel. Funeral arrangements provided by Minnis Chapel Inc. 526 E. 4th Ave., P.O. Box 34 St. John, KS 67576 620-785-9440 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 4, 2004

Juanita Marie Schultz Bryant 1918-2004

LA CROSSE — Juanita Marie Schultz Bryant, 85, passed away May 3 at the Long Term Care Unit of Rush County Memorial Hospital in La Crosse. She was born Nov. 9, 1918, at Trousdale, the daughter of Fritz and Lois Schultz. She graduated from Trousdale High School in 1936 and attended Fort Hays State University. In college, she met and later married Clyde Edward Bryant on April 30, 1939. They lived on a farm near Alexander until 1956, when they moved to La Crosse. Juanita was a member of Alexander Evangelical United Brethren Church, where she served as pianist and choir director. She was also the church organist and presided as president of Evangelical United Brethren Women at the La Crosse Evangelical United Brethren Church. Later through unification, Juanita's church membership was transferred to La Crosse United Methodist Church. Her husband, Clyde E. Bryant, survives her. Other survivors include: one daughter, Nancy Marie Jones and husband Paul of La Crosse, and one son, Bruce Wayne Bryant and wife Katheryn of Ulysses; seven grandchildren, Paul Weston Jones and wife Elodie of Merriam, Matthew Jones and wife Dr. Shelley Jones of North Liberty, Iowa, Dr. Jarrod Jones and wife Dr. Stacey Jones of Hays, Dr. Andrew Jones and wife Dr. Kiley Jones of Hays, Robert Bryant of Wichita, Jean Bryant North and husband Tyler of Albuquerque, N.M., and Elaine Brvant of Toneka; and two great-grandchildren, Madison and Aerv Jones. Her parents and one brother, Wavne Schultz, preceded her

in death. Juanita was a devoted wife, loving mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. She was a member of federated clubs and sewing groups. She was an avid reader and a gifted painter. She enjoyed the fine arts, cooking, gardening, bridge and especially her home and family. The service to celebrate Juanita Bryant's life will be at 1:30 p.m. Thursday at La Crosse United Methodist Church, with the Rev. Marilyn Christmore presiding. Visitation will be from 1 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Janousek Funeral Home in La Crosse. Burial will be at La Crosse City Cemetery. The family suggests memorials to La Crosse United Methodist Church or Long Term Care Unit of Rush County Memorial Hospital, in care of Janousek Funeral Home, 719 Pine, La Crosse, KS 67548. Funeral arrangements provided by Janousek Funeral Home* 719 Pine La Crosse, KS 67548 785-222-2517 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 4, 2004

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Bernice Clarene Becker 1918-2004

Bernice Clarene Becker, 85, of Great Bend, died April 30 at Hospice House in Hutchinson. She was born May 22, 1918, at Nettleton, the daughter of Adolph and Ethel Welch Unruh. She married Elmer L. Becker April 3, 1938, at Newton. He died Dec. 18, 1989. A resident of Hutchinson for the past year, coming from Great Bend, she was a homemaker. She was a member of First United Methodist Church in Great Bend. Survivors include two sons, Jerry L. Becker of Hutchinson and Ronald G. Becker of Gilbert, Ariz.; one sister, Leota Ross of Eudora; seven grandchildren; one step-grandchild; and 23 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one brother, Kenneth Unruh. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Friday at the church with the Rev. Gary Brooks officiating. Burial will be at Hillcrest Cemetery in Great Bend. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Memorials are suggested to the church in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Bryant Funeral Home 1425 Patton Rd. Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-3525 Great Bend (Kan) Tribune May 2, 2004

Clifford E. 'Ed' Stephens 1931-2004

ELLINWOOD — Clifford E. "Ed" Stephens, 72, died April 30 at Hutchinson Hospital. He was born Oct. 21, 1931, at Cleveland, Okla., the son of Clifford E. and Stella Boggs Stephens. He married Hope Calico and then later married June Redman Hamby. An Ellinwood resident for over 40 years, formerly of Tulsa, Okla., he was a pro ball player for the Boston Braves and St. Louis Cardinal organizations as a pitcher, and owner of Jet Well Service and StepCo Well Service of Ellinwood. Stephens was a member of Vintage Wheels Car Club of Great Bend, American Legion, Veteran of Foreign War and past master of Ellinwood Masonic Lodge, all of Ellinwood. He was a U.S. Air Force veteran, having served during the Korean War. Survivors include his wife June of the home; two sons, Mark Stephens of Las Vegas, Nev., and Dr. Gregory Stephens of Grosse Ile, Mich.; two step-daughters, Rita Orndoff of Ellinwood and Sheila Hacker of Bolivar, Mo.; one sister, Donna Lundsford of Medicine Lodge; one grandchild; one great-grandchild; three step-grandchildren; and one step-great-grandchild. He was preceded in death by a daughter, Teresa. Funeral service will be at 9:30 a.m. Monday at Calvary Baptist Church in Ellinwood with the Rev. Roy Savage officiating. Burial will be at Lakin-Comanche District Cemetery in Ellinwood. Friends may call from 1 to 9 p.m. Sunday at Kimple Funeral Home in Ellinwood. The family will receive friends from 5 to 6 p.m. Sunday. Memorials are suggested to Ellinwood Area Health Care Foundation and Ellinwood Garden Club, both in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Kimple Funeral Home 113 N. Main Ellinwood, KS 67526 620-564-2300 Great Bend (Kan) Tribune May 2, 2004

Katherine Irene Coyle 1921-2004

Katherine Irene Coyle, 82, of Great Bend, died May 1 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune May 2, 2004

Edward Arthur Goeken 1944-2004

LARNED — Edward Arthur Goeken, 60, died April 30 at Larned Healthcare Center. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Morell Funeral Home in Larned. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune May 2, 2004

Helen D. Staab 1917-2004

HOISINGTON — Helen D. Staab, 86, died May 1 at Great Bend Health and Rehabilitation Center in Great Bend. Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Monday followed by Altar Society Rosary, both at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Hoisington with the Revs. Pascal Klein and Gerald Hammeke officiating. Burial will be at St. John Cemetery in Hoisington. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the church or Holy Family School of Great Bend in care of the funeral home. (The full obituary will be printed in the Tribune's Tuesday edition.) Funeral arrangements provided by Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home 415 N. Main St. Hoisington, KS 67544 620-653-4165 Great Bend (Kan) Tribune May 2, 2004 LARNED — Edward Arthur Goeken, 60, died April 30 at Larned Healthcare Center. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Morell Funeral Home in Larned. Great Bend (Kan) Tribune May 2, 2004

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Billy Sue Brown 1940-2004

OVERLAND PARK — Billy Sue Brown, 63, died June 28 at St. Francis Medical Center in Tulsa, Okla. She was born Sept. 22, 1940, at Bache, Okla., the daughter of Kenneth and Christine Harton. She married Hewitt Young. They divorced. She married Keith Brown in Iola. They divorced. A resident of Overland Park, coming from Ohio, Wichita, Iola and Oklahoma, she was a former employee of Iola Pharmacy, the Jones Store, Jacobson's and recently at Saks Fifth Avenue on the Plaza. Survivors include three sons, Guy Young of Moran, Kevin Young of Lee's Summit, Mo., and Jay Young of Overland Park; one daughter, Kimberly Sue Young of Grandview, Mo.; one brother, Kenny Harton of Great Bend; three sisters, Rita Garnett of Oklahoma City, Okla., Amber Spencer and Sherrie Beckman, both of Pittsburg; and eight grandchildren. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Waugh-Yokum & Friskel Chapel in Iola with the Rev. Adam Stang officiating. Burial will be at Highland Cemetery in Iola. Memorials are suggested to American Diabetes Association, in care of the funeral chapel. Funeral arrangements provided by Waugh-Yokum & Friskel Memorial Chapel 16 N. Buckeye Iola, KS 66749 620-365-2948 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 30, 2004

Scott Michael Bryant 1961-2004

ELLSWORTH — Scott Michael Bryant, 42, died June 29 at Ellsworth. He was born Sept. 22, 1961, in Great Bend, the son of Wilbur O. and Doris E. Prather Bryant. Survivors include four brothers, Steven A. Bryant of Concordia, Dennis L. Bryant of Ellinwood, John W. Bryant and Martin Bryant, both of Great Bend; and one stepsister, Patty Jo Tibbets of Quinlin, Texas. Graveside service will be at 2 p.m. today at Ellsworth Cemetery in Ellsworth, with Chaplain Herbie Harris officiating. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 30, 2004

June 29, 2004

Howard M. Buhrlé 1933-2004

WICHITA — Howard M. Buhrlé, 70, died Wednesday, June 23, after a brief battle with cancer. He was born Dec. 22, 1933, in Syracuse, to the late Walter and Anita Buhrlé. He was owner of Automatic Doors of Kansas before retiring. Howard was an elder and active member of Central Christian Church of Wichita. He loved farming, the outdoors, and was an avid hunter and fisherman. He was greatly loved and will be dearly missed. Howard was an incredible role model, giving unconditional love, selfless sacrifice and endless support over these many years making a difference for all who touched his life. He is survived by his loving wife of 51 years, Zaylon; daughter, Lisa Hanscom and husband Roy, and their son, Luke, of Houston, Texas; sons, Mark Buhrlé and wife Betty and children Joel and Jessica of Parkville, Mo., Timothy Buhrlé of Wichita; brother, Don Buhrlé and wife Mary of Great Bend; numerous nieces, nephews, relatives and friends whom he held closely to his heart. For those so desiring, memorials may be made to Central Christian Church, 2900 N. Rock Road, Wichita, KS 67226. Friends are invited to a visitation with the family from 6 to 8 p.m. tonight, June 29, at Downing & Lahey Mortuary, 6555 East Central, Wichita. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, June 30, at Central Christian Church, Wichita. Interment will follow at Maize Park Cemetery, Maize. Condolences may be sent to the family via www.downingandlahey.com. Funeral arrangements provided by Downing & Lahey Mortuary* 6555 East Central Wichita, KS 67206-1997 316-682-4553 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 29, 2004

Earl L. Schremmer 1935-2004

BEAVER — Earl L. Schremmer, 69, died June 28 at his residence in Beaver. He was born May 18, 1935, at Hoisington, the son of August R. and Adelia G. Depiesse Schremmer. He married Helen R. Phillips March 11, 1989, at Great Bend. A longtime resident of Beaver, he was a farmer and owner of E&R Service in Beaver for 43 years. He was a member of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, American Legion Post No. 286, both of Hoisington, Holy Family Council No. 2630 Knights of Columbus of Odín, president of St. Joseph Cemetery at Beaver, Beaver Volunteer Fire Department and Hoisington Horseshoe Club. Earl was an avid outdoorsman, enjoying fishing and hunting. He was a U.S. Army veteran. Survivors include his wife of the home; one stepson, Nathan Lopez of Gillette, Wyo.; one stepdaughter, Annette Burton of Great Bend; his father, August R. Schremmer of Hoisington; four brothers, Jim Schremmer of Russell, Ron Schremmer of Blue Springs, Mo., Bill Schremmer and Gene Schremmer, both of Hoisington; three sisters, Patricia Proksch and Lois Klug, both of Hoisington, and Karen Bishop of Great Bend; four grandchildren, Keshia Burton, Aaron Burton, Adam Lopez and Evan Lopez; and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his mother, Adelia "Dale" Schremmer. Vigil service will be at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, followed by Knights of Columbus rosary, both at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, July 1, at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church of Hoisington, with Father Pascal Klein officiating. Burial will be at St. Joseph Cemetery in Beaver, with flag presentation and taps. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to St. Joseph Cemetery Fund or Beaver Volunteer Fire Department, both in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home* 415 North Main. P.O. Box 146 Hoisington. KS 67544 620-

653-4165 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 29, 2004

Thomas S. Jones 1905-2004

RICHLAND, Wash. — Thomas S. Jones, 98, of Richland died March 21 at Kennewick Life Care Center in Kennewick, Wash., from complications of pneumonia. He was born Dec. 15, 1905, on the family farm south of Cameron, Mo., the oldest son of J. Lake and Goldie Alice Jones. He attended Park country school, Cameron High School and Missouri Wesleyan College, all of Cameron. After graduation he worked for General Mills, where he invented a product later marketed as Bisquick. He also was a grain inspector for the state of Kansas in Wellington and Dodge City. In 1943, he moved to Richland to work for the U.S. government at the Hanford Atomic Reservation, part of the highly classified Manhattan Project. He helped design and oversee the construction of the "B" nuclear reactor. After World War II, he continued to work for DuPont as a metallurgist in the peaceful uses of atomic energy. He continued to educate himself throughout his life. His idea of light reading was scientific journals and physics publications. He enjoyed books and seldom watched television, except for Pittsburgh Steelers games. He enjoyed a good mind until his death. He was preceded in death by his wife of 59 years, Jane, in January 2004. Survivors include three children from a previous marriage, Elizabeth Ann Caldwell of Anchorage, Alaska, Evelyn Alice Sanborn of Walnut Creek, Calif., and Dr. Edward Lake "Dusty" Jones of Great Bend; and grandchildren including Sheila Jones and Kim Vink, both of Great Bend, Thomas Jones of Overland Park and Matthew Jones of North Hollywood, Calif. Graveside service and inurnment was June 12 at Graceland Cemetery in Cameron. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 29, 2004*

June 27, 2004

Velma Louise Abrahamson 1919-2004

GARFIELD — Velma Louise Abrahamson, 84, died June 24 at Pratt Regional Medical Center in Pratt. She was born Dec. 2, 1919, at Larned, the daughter of John O. and Ara Mae Clark Barger. She married Roy W. Abrahamson May 15, 1940, at Garfield. He died Nov. 25, 1997. A lifetime resident of Garfield, she was a retired secretary for the state of Kansas and a farmer. She was a member of Garfield Lutheran Church and Community Card Club, both of Garfield. Survivors include one son, Stanley Abrahamson of Lee's Summit, Mo.; two daughters, Thyla Aldrich of Larned and Tamara Gold of Plano, Texas; seven grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two sisters, Eunice Schultz and Fern O. Warner Harris. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Beckwith Mortuary Chapel in Larned, with the Rev. Ken Walker officiating. Burial will be at Garfield Cemetery in Garfield. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. to service time Monday, all at the mortuary. Memorials are suggested to Garfield Cemetery Tree Fund or Garfield Lutheran Church, both in care of the mortuary. Funeral arrangements provided by Beckwith Mortuary Inc. Box 477 Larned, KS 67550 (620) 285-2121 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 27, 2004

Zela Dora Wilson 1910-2004

Zela Dora Wilson, 93, of Great Bend, died June 24 at Great Bend Health and Rehabilitation. She was born Nov. 15, 1910, at Glade, the daughter of Lynn Theadore and Elizabeth Libby Watson Elliott. She married Edward Wilson July 15, 1928, at Glade. A resident of Great Bend, she was an employee of Woolsworth, C.O. Mammel of Ellinwood, Ellinwood District Hospital and a volunteer for Central Kansas Medical Center of Great Bend. She was a member of Golden Belt Baptist Church. Survivors include two sons, Edward D. Wilson of Tulsa, Okla., and Robert Z. Wilson of Ellinwood; one brother, Leonard Elliott of Phillipsburg; two sisters, Ruth Stanley of San Diego, Calif., and Reba Friese of Fairfield Bay, Ark.; five grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild. She was preceded in death by one son, Danny Eugene; three brothers; and four sisters. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Charter Funerals Chapel with the Rev. Dick Ogle officiating. Burial will be at Lakin-Commanche District Cemetery in Ellinwood. Friends may call from 3 to 7 p.m. today at the funeral chapel. Memorials are suggested to M. D. Anderson, St. Jude Cancer Research Dept., in care of the funeral chapel. Funeral arrangements provided by Charter Funerals Chapel 2115 Washington Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-6161 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune June 27, 2004

Linda M. Wilson 1944-2004

CLAFLIN — Linda M. Wilson, 59, died June 24 at Clara Barton Hospital in Hoisington. She was born Dec. 21, 1944, at Formoso, the daughter of Melvin and Geraldine Samuelson Joerg. She married William A. "Bill" Wilson Dec. 23, 1962, at Courtland. A resident of Claflin for 25 years, she was employed by CPI Qualified Planned Consultants Inc. She was a member of United Methodist Church and treasurer of United Methodist Women, both of Claflin, Breast Friends Support Group of Hoisington, a volunteer for Barton County Relay For Life and a die hard KU Basketball fan. Survivors include her husband of Claflin; two daughters, Shari L. Wilson and husband Chris Steineger of Kansas City and Dana S. Moore and her husband John of Lyons; her mother, Geraldine Joerg of Courtland; two brothers, Kenneth Joerg of Formoso and Charles Joerg of Carson City, Nev.; and four grandchildren, Austin Ferguson, Dalton Ferguson, Caitlin Ferguson and Demi Moore. She was preceded in death by her father, Melvin Joerg. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at United Methodist Church in Claflin with the Rev. John Radenberg officiating. Burial will be in Claflin Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home and from 9 a.m. to service time Tuesday at the church. In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to Angel Flight West or American Cancer Society, in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home 415 N. Main St. Hoisington, KS 67544 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune June 27, 2004

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Linda Wilson 1944-2004

CLAFLIN — Linda Wilson, 59, died June 24 at Clara Barton Hospital in Hoisington. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune June 25, 2004

Glenn H. Sprague 1931-2004

Glenn H. Sprague, 73, of Great Bend, died June 24 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. He was born May 23, 1931, the son of Harold W. and Mabel C. Cole Sprague. He married Faye E. Ecklund Feb. 15, 1951, at Denver, Colo. They were divorced. A resident of Great Bend for one year, coming from Elizabeth, Colo., he was a contractor. Sprague was a member of American Legion of Elizabeth and was a U.S. Air Force veteran. Survivors include three sons, Michael Sprague of Hays, Steven Sprague of Denver and Karl Sprague of Great Bend; and nine grandchildren. Cremation has taken place and there will be no visitation or services. Memorials are suggested to Central Kansas Library System in care of Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Funeral arrangements provided by Bryant Funeral Home 1425 Patton Rd. Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-3525 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune June 25, 2004

Charles Henry McKenzie 1911-2004

NESS CITY — Charles Henry McKenzie, 92, died June 24 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. He was born Dec. 1, 1911, in Eureka, the son of Franklin Kenneth and Katherine Doering McKenzie. He married Frances Margery Johnson Feb. 27, 1953, in Wichita. She preceded him in death. A resident of Ness City for 28 years, coming from Wichita, he was a farmer and carpenter. He was a member of Parkview Presbyterian Church of Wichita. Survivors include three sons, Bill McKenzie of Piedmont, Jerry McKenzie of Albuquerque, N.M., and Robert Razez of Bonney Lake, Wash.; two daughters, Charlene Milhon of Great Bend and Roberta "Birdie" White Harrell of LaPine, Ore.; one brother, William McKenzie of Eureka; three sisters, Eleanor, Ruth and Alice; and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Funeral will be at 4 p.m. Saturday at Fitzgerald Funeral Home in Ness City, with the Rev. Bruce Ferguson officiating. Burial will be at Ness City Cemetery. Friends may call from 1 to 9 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. until service time Saturday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to donor's choice, in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Fitzgerald Funeral Home Inc. P.O. Box 96, 207 N. Pennsylvania Ness City, KS 67560 785-798-3243 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 25, 2004

Dennis Wayne Latimer 1941-2004

CHANUTE — Dennis Wayne Latimer, 63, died June 24 at Cedar Vale Nursing Home in Cedar Vale. He was born Feb. 8, 1941, at Hoisington, the son of Earl and Estella Bott Latimer. A resident of Hoisington, coming from Stark and Erie, he was a laborer. Survivors include one brother, Marvin Latimer of Augusta; and one sister, Genevieve Plotts of Stark. He was preceded in death by a brother, Don Latimer. Funeral will be at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at Hoisington Cemetery with the Rev. Wayne Flanders officiating. Burial will be at Hoisington Cemetery. There is no visitation or memorials established. Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home of Hoisington is in charge of arrangements. Funeral arrangements provided by Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home 415 N Main St. Hoisington, KS 67544 620-653-4165 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune June 25, 2004

June 24, 2004**Rosie K. Jacobs 1918-2004**

LA CROSSE — Rosie K. Jacobs, 85, died June 22 at her home in La Crosse. She was born Sept. 24, 1918, at rural Timken, the daughter of Mike Stejskal and Mollie Hanzlick Stejskal. She married Joe L. Schloemer. They were divorced and he died Jan. 1, 1988. She married Eugene Jacobs July 20, 1963, at Loretto. A lifelong resident of Rush County, she was a homemaker. She was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church of La Crosse. Survivors include her husband of La Crosse; two sons, Nick G. Jacobs of Great Bend and Michael D. Jacobs of Albert; one daughter, Jacquelin S. Moses of Alta Vista; four grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. She was preceded in death by seven brothers, John Stejskal, Lester Stejskal, George Stesjkal, Ralph Stesjkal, Charlie Stesjkal, Ludwick Stejskal and Frank Stesjkal; and one sister, Emily Schroter. Vigil service and rosary will be today at 7 p.m. at the Janousek Funeral home in La Crosse. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at the church with the Rev. Charles Mazouch officiating. Burial will be at La Crosse City Cemetery. Friends may call from 1 to 8 p.m. today with the family receiving friends from 6 to 7 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Rush County Memorial Hospital Long Term Care of La Crosse in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Janousek Funeral Home 719 Pine, P.O. Box 550 La Crosse, KS 67548 785-222-2517 Great Bend (Kan) Tribune June 24, 2004

Stanley F. Herrman 1950-2004

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — Stanley F. Herrman, 53, died June 20 at Providence Alaska Medical Center in Anchorage, Ala. He was born Nov. 19, 1950, at Hays, the son of Gilbert J. and Lillian M. Brungardt Herrman. Survivors include his mother of Goddard; and two brothers, Arthur J. Herrman of Maize and Wayne L. Herrman of Phoenix, Ariz. He was preceded in death by his longtime significant other, Bonnie Sedano. Rosary will be at 7 p.m. Friday at Janousek Funeral Home in La Crosse. Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at St. Michael's Catholic Church in La Crosse with the Rev. Charles Mazouch officiating. Burial will be at La Crosse City Cemetery. Friends may call from 1 to 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home with family receiving friends from 6 to 8 p.m. Memorials are suggested to Stanley F. Herrman Memorial in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Janousek Funeral Home 719 Pine, P.O. Box 550 La Crosse, KS 67548 785-222-2517 Great Bend (Kan) Tribune June 24, 2004

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Rose H. Lanterman Tournear Root 1897-2004

WICHITA — Rose H. Lanterman Tournear Root, 107, homemaker and business woman, died June 21. Graveside service is at 11 a.m. Thursday at Graceland Cemetery in Lyons. She was born Feb. 11, 1897, in Ellinwood. She is a part of the Lanterman family which settled in the Ellinwood area in the mid 1800s and was the oldest living Kansas native. Mrs. Root received letters from President Bill Clinton, President George Bush, Governor Bill Graves and Governor Kathleen Sebelius recognizing her entry into the "centenarian society." She is preceded in death by sons, Irving Tournear and Wallace Lee Tournear, and daughter, Mildred Lucille Jacobs. Survivors include a daughter, Henrietta Henson of Wichita; grandchildren and spouses, Ronnie and Barbara Tournear, and Larry and Dorothy Tournear, all of Great Bend, Gary and Sally Tournear of Colorado Springs, Colo., Dwane and Theresa Jacobs of Valley Center, Lonnie and Janette Jones of Wichita, and Gail Tournear of Larned; and 14 great-grandchildren from Michigan, Arizona and Texas. Downing & Lahey Mortuary East is in charge of arrangements. Condolences may be sent to the family via www.downingandlahey.com. Funeral arrangements provided by Downing & Lahey Mortuary East* 6555 E. Central Wichita, KS 67206 1-800-369-8784 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune June 23, 2004

Michael E. Helsel 1949-2004

GODDARD — Michael E. Helsel, 55, Digital Office Systems technician, passed away June 21. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Broadway Mortuary Chapel in Wichita. Graveside service will be at 1 p.m. Friday at Fairlawn Cemetery in Hutchinson. Survivors include his wife Trudy; son and daughter-in-law, Ryan and Tonya Helsel of Wichita; father and stepmother, Dale and Rosina Helsel of Great Bend; half-brothers, Jerry Helsel of Topeka, Gerry Helsel of Great Bend; stepbrother, Michael Wilson of Wichita; sisters, Pat Davison of Roanoke, Va., and Nancy Strain of Great Bend; stepsister, Debra Shank of Great Bend; and grandchildren, Tara Fletcher and Harley Helsel. A memorial has been established with the Susan G. Koman Breast Cancer Foundation. Funeral arrangements provided by Broadway Mortuary* 1147 S. Broadway Wichita, KS 67211 316-262-3435 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune June 23, 2004

Patrick 'Pat' Smith O'Connor 1915-2004

ST. JOHN — Patrick "Pat" Smith O'Connor, 88, died June 21 at Leisure Homestead. He was born Nov. 18, 1915, in St. John, the son of James G. Blaine and Pearl Florence O'Connor. He was a 1934 graduate of St. John High School and attended Washburn University. He married Blanche Mildred Keenan March 29, 1937, at Seward. She preceded him in death. A lifetime resident of St. John, he was a farmer and stockman. He was a member of St. John the Apostle Catholic Church and Knights of Columbus, both of St. John. Survivors include one son, Kevin Keenan O'Connor of Wichita; three daughters, Patricia Joan O'Connor of San Francisco, Calif., Marcia L. Smith of San Antonio, Texas, and Celia Ann Burke of Oklahoma City, Okla.; one sister, Katherine J. Helmer of Hutchinson; eight grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one son, Perry J. O'Connor; one daughter, Rita McCandless; and one sister, Gretchen Edney. Rosary will be at 7 p.m. Thursday at Minnis Chapel in St. John. Funeral Mass will be at 10 a.m. Friday at the church, with the Rev. Rene Guesnier officiating. Burial will be at Fairview Park Cemetery in St. John. Friends may call from 1 to 7 p.m. Thursday at the funeral chapel. Memorials are suggested to Leisure Homestead of St. John or the church, both in care of the funeral chapel. Funeral arrangements provided by Minnis Chapel Inc. P.O. Box 34 St. John, KS 67576 620-549-3556 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 23, 2004

Vera H. Salyer 1904-2004

KANSAS CITY — Vera H. Salyer, 100, died June 22. She was a retired U.S. Post Office accounting employee. Survivors include one son and daughter-in-law, Ron and Marilyn Salyer of Great Bend; two grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. Graveside service will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Chapel Hill Cemetery in Kansas City. Memorial service will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Margaret Holl Memorial Chapel, Presbyterian Manor. Memorials are suggested to Good Samaritan Fund, Wichita Presbyterian Manor, 4700 W. 13th, Wichita, KS 67212. Funeral arrangements provided by Cochran Mortuary* 1411 N. Broadway Wichita, KS 67214 316-262-4422 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune June 23, 2004

Grace Mae Watkins 1902-2004

Grace Mae Watkins, 101, of Great Bend, died June 19 at Great Bend Health and Rehabilitation. She was born Oct. 25, 1902, the daughter of Jesse L. and Lila M. Fetterolf Hulse. She married Roy Byron Watkins Nov. 4, 1920, at Stockton. He died Jan. 28, 1976. A resident of Great Bend after living in Stockton for 62 years, she was a maid for Zarah Hotel and Holiday Inn, retiring in 1971. She was a member of First Christian Church of Great Bend. Survivors include four sons, Chester Watkins and Cleo E. Watkins, both of Great Bend, Lloyd E. Watkins of Newkirk, Okla., and Jesse M. Watkins of Jacksonville, Fla.; one daughter, Thelda Mae Jaurez of Irrigan, Ore.; one brother, Dean Hulse of Stockton; two sisters, Edna Johnson of Stockton and Evelyn Tegarden of Great Bend; 21 grandchildren; and numerous great-grandchildren, great-great-grandchildren and great-great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one son, Leo Wayne Watkins. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. today at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend, with the Rev. Paxton Jones officiating. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to service time today at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Bryant Funeral Home 1425 Patton Rd. Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-3525 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune June 23, 2004

Keith V. Neifert 1930-2004

GLEN ELDER — Keith V. Neifert, 73, died June 20 at Mitchell County Hospital in Beloit. He was born Aug. 7, 1930, on a farm near Glen Elder. He was a farmer and a stockman. Survivors include his special friend, Marlys Yarnell; two sons, David Neifert of Seward and Dennis Neifert of Liberal; one daughter, Wanda Dunn of Haysville; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one daughter, Janila Neifert-Smith. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. today at McDonald Funeral Home in Beloit. Burial will be at Glenwood Cemetery in Glen Elder. Memorials are suggested to Club 86 or Glen Elder American Legion, both in care of McDonald-Roberts Funeral Service in Beloit. Funeral arrangements provided by McDonald-Roberts Funeral Service 910 N. Campbell Ave. Beloit, KS 67420-1740 785-738-2211 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune June 23, 2004

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Joyce Elaine Feemster Reed 1935-2004

Joyce Elaine Feemster Reed, 69, of Great Bend, died June 20 at Via Christi Regional Medical Center, St. Francis Campus in Wichita. She was born Jan. 14, 1935, the daughter of Herman and Elaine Walters Oberle. She married Eugene Feemster Sept. 9, 1953. She then married Eldon Reed Dec. 9, 1983, at Great Bend. He died Dec. 26, 2003. A lifetime resident of Barton County, she was a waitress for Waxy's Café. She was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church of Ellinwood and past president of American Legion Auxiliary of Ellinwood. Survivors include four sons, Sam Feemster and Frank Feemster, both of Ellinwood, Ron Feemster of Escondido, Calif., and Rick Feemster of Dodge City; two stepsons, Don Reed of Great Bend and Bruce Reed of Anacortes, Ore.; two brothers, Leon Oberle of WaKeeney and Dennis Oberle of Cunningham; 18 grandchildren and stepgrandchildren; and 19 great-grandchildren and stepgreat-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one daughter, Renee Galyard; and one brother, Pat Oberle. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend, with the Revs. Reginald Urban and John J. Maes officiating. Burial will be at Lakin Comanche Cemetery in Ellinwood. Friends may call from 5 to 9 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Wednesday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to American Heart Association, in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Bryant Funeral Home 1425 Patton Road Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-3525 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 22, 2004

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Roger Duane Richter 1956-2004

Roger Duane Richter, 48, of Great Bend, died June 16 southwest of Great Bend. He was born May 5, 1956, in St. John, the son of Richard Richter and Leila Griffitt. He married Jacque Barnett June 21, 1980, at Great Bend. A lifetime resident of the Great Bend area, he was a truck salesman for Peterbilt of Great Bend LLC/Larson GMC of Great Bend. He was a member of First United Congregational Church of Christ, Elks Lodge and Lake Barton Golf Club, all of Great Bend, Isis Shrine Temple of Salina, AOPA and KMCA. Survivors include his wife of the home; two sons, Jesse Duane Richter and Nicholas Michael Richter, both of the home; his father of Timken; his mother of Hoisington; one brother, Scott Richter of Timken; one sister, Vicky Morrison of Albert; and his grandmother, Winifred Healzer of Great Bend. He was preceded in death by one sister, Carla Boese. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at the church, with the Rev. Diana Coberly officiating. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Memorials are suggested to Great Bend Relay for Life or Great Bend Kids Wrestling, both in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Bryant Funeral Home 1425 Patton Road Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-3525 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 20, 2004

Edward Eugene 'Gene' Aves 1931-2004

MACKSVILLE — Edward Eugene "Gene" Aves, 72, died June 18 at Hospice House of Pratt. He was born Nov. 6, 1931, at Hopewell, the son of John Emerson and Leatha Marie Johnson Aves. He married Norma Jean Suiter Jan. 21, 1951, at Macksville. A resident of Macksville since 1948, he was a seed sales representative for Asgrow Seed Company. He was a member of American Legion of Macksville and Veterans of Foreign Wars of St. John. He was a U.S. Air Force veteran. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Dan Aves of Macksville; one daughter, Pam Wellman of Springfield, Mass.; one sister, Peggy Wilson of Macksville; and five grandchildren. He was preceded in death by an infant son, Donald Wayne Aves. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at Macksville Christian Church, with Carey Haner officiating. Burial will be at Farmington Cemetery in Macksville. Friends can call from 1 to 8 p.m. Monday at Minnis Chapel in Macksville. Memorials are suggested to South Wind Hospice, in care of the funeral home. Minnis Chapel 125 N. Main Stafford, KS 67578 620-549-3556 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 20, 2004

Kimberly Ann Caley 1972-2004

STAFFORD — Kimberly Ann Caley, 32, died Thursday, June 16, in rural Great Bend. Born April 13, 1972, at Stafford, she was the daughter of La Vern and Edwina Lou Rogers Girard. She was a lifetime Stafford resident and was a Certified Plan Consultant for CPI in Great Bend. She was a 1992 graduate of Stafford High School. She was an active volunteer for numerous benefits including Relay for Life. She attended Calvary Baptist Church of Stafford and had baked cakes for birthdays, weddings and graduations. On July 24, 1993, she married Craig Caley at Stafford. He survives. Other survivors include: one daughter, Alyson Caley of the home; her parents, La Vern and Lou Girard of Stafford; three brothers, Tim Girard and his wife Lori of Pratt, Kirk Girard and his wife Tammy of Prairie View, and Joey Girard and his wife Sheri of Claffin; her parents-in-law, Larry and Sharon Caley of Stafford; sister-in-law, Corinna Dovle and her husband Mike of Shawnee; and nephews and nieces, Rvan and LeAnn

Girard of Pratt, Jordan and Michaela Girard of Prairie Village, Emily and Kylee Girard of Claflin, and Grant and Ethan Doyle of Shawnee. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Monday, June 21, at Minnis Chapel of Stafford, with Jim Monroe presiding. Burial will be at Stafford Cemetery. Friends may sign the family register from 1 to 6 p.m. today at the chapel. Memorials may be sent to Alyson's Educational Fund or Relay for Life, both in care of the chapel. Funeral arrangements provided by Minnis Chapel* 125 N. Main Stafford, KS 67578 620-234-5261 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 20, 2004

Layne Louise Mason 1955-2004

Layne Louise Mason, 48, of Great Bend, died June 16 southwest of Great Bend. She was born July 10, 1955, at Great Bend, the daughter of Louis "Bud" and Violet Wittman Black. A lifetime resident of Great Bend, she was a plan administrator of CPI Qualified Plan Consultants Inc. She attended First Christian Church in Great Bend. Survivors include one daughter, Carley Lynne Mason of Great Bend; two foster daughters, Nicci Medina of Sand Springs, Okla., and Dani Wilson of Kellyville, Okla.; her parents of Great Bend; one sister, Lynne Scheuerman of Great Bend; and five foster grandchildren. Funeral will be at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday at the church, with the Rev. William F. Johnson officiating. Burial will be at Hillcrest Memorial Park in Great Bend. Friends may call from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday and from 9 to 11 a.m. Tuesday, all at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Memorials are suggested to Barton County Relay for Life or First Christian Church Building Fund, both in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Bryant Funeral Home 1425 Patton Road Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-3525 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 20, 2004

Wayne Eugene Unruh 1921-2004

Wayne Eugene Unruh, 82, of Great Bend, died June 19 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. He was born Dec. 13, 1921, in Pawnee Rock, the son of Otis and Lena Schultz Unruh. He married Selma Werhahn Oct. 29, 1945, in Ellinwood. A lifetime area resident, he had been a lineman for Central Kansas Electric and a farmer. He was a member of Our Savior Lutheran Church of Great Bend. Survivors include his wife of the home; and two brothers, Elgie Unruh of Pawnee Rock and Laramie Unruh of Great Bend. He was preceded in death by one sister, Juletha Fox. There will be a private family graveside service. There will be no visitation. Memorials are suggested to the church or donor's choice, both in care of Bryant Funeral Home of Great Bend. Funeral arrangements provided by Bryant Funeral Home 1425 Patton Road Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-3525 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 20, 2004

Kathleen M. Nutt 1917-2004

Kathleen M. Nutt, 87, of Great Bend, died June 17 at Alterra Sterling House. She was born June 14, 1917, at Philadelphia, Penn., the daughter of Bernard J. and Catherine Corrigan Morris. She married Ted L. Nutt Dec. 23, 1944, at Waco, Texas. He died Sept. 19, 2002. A resident of Great Bend since 1962, coming from Ellinwood, she was a former secretary for Barton County Health Department. She was a member of St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church and Altar Society, both of Great Bend. She was a U.S. Army Air Force veteran of World War II, serving as a corporal. Survivors include one sister, Mae R. Snyder of Philadelphia. Altar Society Rosary will be at 4 p.m. and vigil service at 7:30 p.m., both today at Bryant Funeral Home of Great Bend. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at the church, with the Rev. Ted Stoecklein officiating. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery, with Fort Riley military honors. Friends may call from 1 to 9 p.m. today at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Catholic Community of Great Bend, in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Bryant Funeral Home 1425 Patton Road Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-3525 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 20, 2004

June 18, 2004

Jody Balthazor 1959-2004

PLAINVILLE — Jody Balthazor, 44, died June 16 at Hays Medical Center. She was born Aug. 4, 1959, at Hays, the daughter of Wilbert and Mary Ann Koerner Gross. She graduated from Hays High School. She married Marty Balthazor Oct. 29, 1977, in Munjor. A resident of Plainville since 1977, she was a day care provider for 25 years and a homemaker. She was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Plainville. Survivors include her husband of the home; two sons, Justin Balthazor of Wellington and Ross Balthazor of the home; her parents of Munjor; and two sisters, Kelly Spray of Great Bend and Shannon Meitner of Plainville. She was preceded in death by a sister, Lynn Gross. Ladies Guild Rosary will be at 3 p.m. today at Moore-Overlease Funeral Chapel in Plainville. Parish vigil will be at 7 p.m. today at the church. Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at the church with the Rev. Joe Popelka officiating. Burial will be at Sacred Heart Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. today at the funeral chapel and from 6 to 8 p.m. today at the church. Memorials are suggested to Jody Balthazor Memorial Fund, in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Moore-Overlease Funeral Chapel 409 S. Cochran Plainville, KS 67665 785-434-2141 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune June 18, 2004

Cecilia A. Sanders 1908-2004

LA CROSSE — Cecilia A. Sanders, 95, died June 17 at Rush County Nursing Home in La Crosse. She was born Aug. 1, 1908, at Liebenthal, the daughter of Adam and Pauline Diehl Herrman. She married William "Bill" Sanders April 27, 1928. He died Aug. 13, 1970. A lifelong Rush County resident, she was a retired cook. Mrs. Sanders was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church and St. Michael's Altar Society, both of La Crosse. Survivors include three sisters, Isabel Schuckman of La Crosse, Mary Barnes of Ness City and Stella Miller of Newton; and two grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a son, Ralph Sanders; six brothers, Walter Herrman, Bart Herrman, Frank Herrman, Adolph Herrman, Reinhold Herrman and John Herrman; and three sisters.

Geneva Champlin, Mathilda Leiker and Agnes Klaus. Vigil and rosary will be at 7 p.m. today at Janousek Funeral Home in La Crosse. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at St. Michael's Catholic Church in La Crosse, with the Rev. Charles Mazouch officiating. Burial will be at La Crosse City Cemetery in La Crosse. Friends may call from 1 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Rush County Nursing Home in La Crosse or the church, both in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Janousek Funeral Home 719 Pine La Crosse, KS 67548 785-222-2517 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune June 18, 2004

Alice L. Biskeborn 1924-2004

ALLYN, Wash. — Alice L. Biskeborn, 79, died June 7 at Poulsbo, Wash. She was born Dec. 15, 1924, at Stafford, the daughter of James and Leah Keisling Lofland. She was a 1941 graduate of Great Bend High School. She married Leonard L. Biskeborn April 8, 1946, at Elko, Nev. She was a homemaker. Survivors include her husband of the home; one son, Robert Biskeborn of Pfafftown, N.C.; one daughter, Joyce Munson of Poulsbo; one brother, James Lofland Jr. of Great Bend; three sisters, Darlene Unruh of Liberal, Mayme DuBois of Almena and Letha Luther of Hays; eight grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a daughter, Mary Smith; and a grandson, David. Memorial service was held June 11 at Lewis Funeral Home in Bremerton, Wash. The body was cremated. Memorials are suggested to Alzheimer's Association in care of Lewis Funeral Chapel. Funeral arrangements provided by Lewis Funeral Chapel 5303 Kitsap Way Bremerton, WA 98312 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune June 18, 2004

June 17, 2004

Jody Balthazor 1959-2004

PLAINVILLE — Jody Balthazor, 44, died June 16 at Hays Medical Center. She was born Aug. 4, 1959, at Hays, the daughter of Wilbert and Mary Ann Koerner Gross. She graduated from Hays High School. She married Marty Balthazor Oct. 29, 1977, in Munjor. A resident of Plainville since 1977, she was a day care provider for 25 years and a homemaker. She was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Plainville. Survivors include her husband of the home; two sons, Justin Balthazor of Wellington and Ross Balthazor of the home; her parents of Munjor; and one sister, Kelly Spray of Great Bend. Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at the church, with the Rev. Joe Popelka officiating. Moore-Overlease Funeral Chapel of Plainville is in charge of arrangements. Funeral arrangements provided by Moore-Overlease Funeral Chapel 409 S. Cochran Plainville, KS 67665 785-434-2141 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune June 17, 2004

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Robert L. Rodie 1931-2004

WAKEENEY — Robert L. Rodie, 73, died June 13 at WaKeeney. He was born May 5, 1931, at Timken, the son of Alex and Clara Scheuerman Rodie. He attended schools in Otis/Bison. He married Betty Thomas Oct. 9, 1999, at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in WaKeeney. A resident of WaKeeney, he was a farmer. Rodie was a member of Randall Reid Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 3449, American Legion Moore Post No. 197 and Fraternal Order of Eagles Lodge No. 3774, all of WaKeeney. He was a U.S. Army veteran having served in the Korean War. Survivors include his wife of the home; two stepsons, Kenny Thomas of Tampa, Fla., and Richard Thomas of Indianola, Neb.; three daughters, Roseann Eiler of Indianapolis, Ind., Cathy Wethington of Lebanon, Ind., and Susan Schwietzer of Hays; three stepdaughters, Louella Slater of Holdrege, Neb., Linda Thomas of Wauneta, Neb., and Rita Thomas of Paxton, Neb.; three brothers, Wayne Rodie of Timken, Richard Rodie of Ness City and Alex Rodie Jr. of Fort Dodge; three grandchildren; 10 step-grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and three step-great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one brother, Vernon Rodie. Funeral will be at 2:30 p.m. Thursday at Schmitt Funeral Home in WaKeeney, with the Rev. Jon Anderson officiating. Inurnment will be at a later date. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Robert Rodie Memorial Fund, in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Schmitt Funeral Home 336 N. 12th WaKeeney, KS 67672 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune June 16, 2004

Carrie L. Braley 1930-2004

DODGE CITY — Carrie L. Braley, 73, died June 14 at Western Plains Medical Complex in Dodge City. She was born Sept. 14, 1930, at Great Bend, the daughter of Walter L. and Margaret Fox Booker. She grew up and attended school in Great Bend. She married Joe Braley on July 31, 1953, in Great Bend. They moved to Dodge City after their marriage. Mrs. Braley worked for Sandy's Boutique, Trinity Hospital and was the manager of the Salvation Army Thrift Store for many years. She was preceded in death by one son, Dwight Braley, on March 26, 1994. She loved life to the fullest and was loved by all who came in contact with her. Memberships include Second Baptist Missionary Church in Dodge City. Survivors include her husband, Joe Braley of Dodge City; daughters, Pauletta Elliott of Oklahoma City, Okla., and Triena Phifer of Broken Arrow, Okla.; sons, Daryl Autry of Bridge Port, Texas, Ken Braley of Kansas City, Mo., Mike Braley of Chantilly, Va., Gordon Braley of Norton and Craig Braley of Dodge City; a brother, Roland Booker of Wichita Falls, Texas; 14 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Swaim Funeral Home in Dodge City, with the Rev. Mark Booker officiating. Burial will be at Maple Grove Cemetery in Dodge City. Friends may call from 3 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the Salvation Army, in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Swaim Funeral Home* 1901 6th Ave. Dodge City, KS 67801 620-227-2136 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune June 16, 2004

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S. Marvin Miller Jr. 1941-2004

S. Marvin Miller Jr., 63, of Great Bend, died June 13 at his residence in Great Bend. He was born May 6, 1941, at Wichita, the son of Samuel Marvin Sr. and Elsie Ruth Queen Miller. He married Karen Ruth Wade Aug. 28, 1966. A lifetime resident of Great Bend, he was a self-employed carpet layer. Miller was a member of Fraternal Order of Eagles of Great Bend. Survivors include his wife of the home; two sons, Scott Miller of Cheney and Justin Miller of Great Bend; two brothers, Larry Miller of Great Bend and Eddie Dean Miller of Ames, Iowa; one stepbrother, Manuel Schlagel of Independence; three sisters, Virginia Champ of Great Bend; Georgia Mead of Lyons and Bonnie Woodward of Tulsa, Okla.; and six grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one brother, Jerry Miller; and two sisters, Carolina Burton and Marilyn Workman. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend, with the Rev. Gary Brooks officiating. Burial will be at Hillcrest Memorial Park of Great Bend. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Wednesday and from 9 a.m. to service time Thursday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to American Heart Association, in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Bryant Funeral Home 1425 Patton Rd. Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-3525 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune June 15, 2004

Harlan E. Hoover 1923-2004

HAYS — Harlan E. Hoover, 81, died June 11 at his home in Hays. He was born Feb. 13, 1923, at Grinnell, Iowa, the son of Fred D. and R. Grace Cline Hoover. He was an auto mechanic and member of American Legion and AARP. Survivors include one son, Allan Hoover of Great Bend; one stepson, Roger McCauley of Topeka; one brother, Herbert Hoover of Hays; two grandchildren; two stepgrandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a brother, Ward Hoover; and three sisters, Esther Diehm, Adaline Hoover and Velda Hoover. Funeral was Monday at Hays Memorial Chapel. Burial was at Mt. Allen Cemetery in Hays. Memorials are suggested to Alcoholics Anonymous Oak Street Group, 410 Oak, Hays, KS 67601, in care of Hays Memorial Chapel. Funeral arrangements provided by Hays Memorial Chapel 10th and Pine Hays, KS 67601 785-628-1009 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune June 15, 2004

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Eddie LeRoy Condit 1911-2004

WICHITA — Eddie LeRoy Condit, 92, died June 10 at Wesley Medical Center in Wichita. He was born June 30, 1911, in Drumright, Okla., the son of Ralph Foy and Josephine Stark Condit. He married Agnes Louise Leiker Sept. 6, 1937, in Hays. A resident of Wichita, coming from Great Bend, he was an oil field worker, employed by Imperial Oil Company and Slawson Drilling. Survivors include his wife of the home; five sons, William Joseph Condit of Euless, Texas, Richard Condit of Bay City, Texas, Larry Condit of Tucson, Ariz., Jerry Condit of Sioux City, Neb., and Eddie Foy Condit of Kansas City, Mo.; two daughters, Debra Lancaster of Offerle and MaDonna Condit of Wichita; one brother, Dempsey Gene Condit of Edmond, Okla.; and two sisters, Joann Westman of Portsmouth, Va., and Coletta Evans of Wichita; 19 grandchildren; and 24 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one sister, Sybil Travis. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Charter Funerals Chapel in Great Bend, with the Rev. Don Paden officiating. Burial will be at a later date at Hillcrest Memorial Park Cemetery in Great Bend. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday, with family receiving friends from 6 to 8 p.m., all at the funeral chapel. Memorials are suggested to Alzheimer's Research, in care of the funeral chapel. Funeral arrangements provided by Charter Funerals 2115 Washington Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-6161 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 13, 2004

Betty R. Lewis 1920-2004

HOISINGTON — Betty R. Lewis, 83, of Independence, Mo., passed away Wednesday, June 9, at home in Hoisington. Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at George C. Carson & Sons Funeral Home, Independence, with interment in Mt. Washington Cemetery. Visitation will be from 6 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to Golden Belt Home Health & Hospice, 3623 Broadway, Great Bend, KS 67530. Betty was born Dec. 8, 1920, in Kansas City, Mo., to Benjamin R. and Ruth Adeline Culley Smith. On Nov. 9, 1940, Betty married Bruce T. Lewis. She was with JC Penney Co. in the Blue Ridge Mall for 17 years, retiring as credit department manager. Betty was a devoted, 42-year member of Englewood Assembly of God, and was active in many church activities. Betty was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, and a sister, Lucille Allen. She is survived by her sons, Dr. Lawrence D. Lewis and wife Adele of Portland, Ore., and James B. Lewis and wife Marilyn of Peculiar, Mo.; daughter Kathleen L. Burt and husband Cliff of Great Bend; six grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; brother, Ben Smith and wife Mardell of Bend, Ore.; niece, Nancy Gallagher and husband Keith of Houston, Texas; nephew, Tim Smith and wife Mary of Portland, Ore. Online condolences may be left at www.carsonfuneralhome.com. Funeral arrangements provided by George C. Carson & Sons Funeral Home* Winner Road at Fuller Independence, Mo. 64052 816-252-7901 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 13, 2004

Richard 'Ben' Nichols 1903-2004

ELLINWOOD — Richard "Ben" Nichols, 101, died June 10 at Ellinwood District Hospital in Ellinwood. He was born March 29, 1903, at Olmitz, the son of John and Agnes Hoenig Nichols. He married Dorothy Schrimp Oct. 9, 1965, at Wichita. She died April 19, 1981. A resident of Ellinwood since 1998, coming from Hoisington, he retired from the maintenance department of Missouri-Pacific Railroad then worked as a warehouseman for Fox-Fileet Prescription Drug Warehouse. Nichols was a member of First

United Methodist Church, Masonic Lodge No. 331 AF & AM, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 7428 and American Legion Post No. 286, all of Hoisington. Survivors include one nephew, Jim Canfield of Great Bend; and one niece, Nadine Schartz of Ellinwood. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Clarence Nichols and Albert Nichols; and two sisters, Agnes N. Canfield and Berniece Gibson. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Hoisington Cemetery, with the Rev. Wayne Flanders officiating. Friends may call from 1 to 8 p.m. today at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. Memorials are suggested to American Legion Gift Fund, in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home 415 North Main, P.O. Box 146 Hoisington, KS 67544 (620) 653-4165 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 13, 2004

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Edwin 'Ed' J. Breit 1932-2004

HOISINGTON — Edwin "Ed" J. Breit, 71, died June 9 at Clara Barton Hospital in Hoisington. He was born Oct. 31, 1932, at Loretto, the son of Richard and Anna Urban Breit. He married Sophie A. Richmeier May 3, 1958, at Loretto. A resident of Hoisington since 1964, coming from Hays, he was a retired truck driver having worked for Kansas Brick and Tile for 25 years, National Carriers Inc. and USD 431 school district as a bus driver. Breit was a member of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church and lifetime member of Knights of Columbus Council 1521, both of Hoisington. Survivors include his wife of the home; two sons, Richard J. Breit of Great Bend and John R. Breit of Hoisington; three grandsons, Mathew J. Breit of Great Bend, Jeremy Ray Breit and Jakob Wayne Breit, both of Hoisington; one brother, Leon R. Breit of Hays; and one sister, Joan M. Breit of North Newton. He was preceded in death by two sisters, Patricia L. Haas and Bernadette Breit. Vigil service 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 9:30 a.m. Saturday, June 12, at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Hoisington, with Father Pascal Klein and Father Trong Tran officiating. Interment will occur at a later date. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. today at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Hoisington Little League Baseball or South Hoisington Sporting Park, both in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home* 415 North Main, P.O. Box 146 Hoisington, KS 67544 620-653-4165 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 11, 2004

Herbert Paul Stimmel 1926-2004

HOISINGTON — Herbert Paul Stimmel, 78, died June 10 at his residence. He was born March 8, 1926, in East St. Louis, Ill., the son of William G. Stimmel and Edith O. Weir. He married Esther Leona Denning July 23, 1953, at Aurora, Colo. A resident of Denver, Colo., for 43 years, Otis for 12 years and Hoisington since 2000, he was retired from J&J Welding and Fabrication in Denver. Stimmel was a U.S. Army Air Corps veteran of World War II. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Bradley Leiker of Hoisington; one daughter, Peggy Talbert of Bennett, Colo.; one sister, Ruth Thompson of Duncanville, Texas; nine grandchildren; and three great-great-granddaughters. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Larry Stimmel and Sam Stimmel; and one sister, Eva Mae Smith. Funeral will be at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington, with the Rev. Wayne Flanders officiating. Burial will be at Hoisington Cemetery with military graveside rites. Friends may call from 5 to 9 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. to service time Saturday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Golden Belt Home Health and Hospice, in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home 415 North Main, P.O. Box 146 Hoisington, KS 67544 620-653-4165 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 11, 2004

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Harlan R. Boye 1931-2004

MARSHFIELD, Mo. — Harlan R. Boye, son of Orian Arvine Boye and Bertha Marie (Besthorn) Boye, was born April 18, 1931, in Holyrood and passed away after a long illness at 12:36 a.m. on June 5 in Webco Manor Nursing Home in Marshfield, Mo. Harlan was born and raised in Holyrood, where he became interested in music and served as his church organist for years. His college years were spent at Colorado University where he studied music and during this time was in the Air Force Reserves. He taught music in Buena Vista, Colo., and also in Tribune. This is where he met and married his wife, Mary Jo Woofter. Harlan went on to pursue and obtain his master's degree in music and his master's degree in school administration. He held principalships at Eagle County High School in Colorado and at Hoisington High School in Hoisington. He later operated a flower shop in Hoisington for many years. His retirement was enjoyed in Marshfield. He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Duane. Survivors include his wife, Mary Jo of Marshfield; his son, Mark Boye of Morrison, Colo.; his daughter, Marna Coddington and her husband, Kelly, and their family, all of Fair Grove, Mo. Memorial services, under the direction of Fraker Funeral Home, Marshfield, will be at 11 a.m. today in the Marshfield United Methodist Church, with Rev. Lynn Dyke officiating. At Mr. Boye's request, his body was donated to the St. Louis University School of Medicine, St. Louis, Mo. Funeral arrangements made by Fraker Funeral Home* P.O. Box 85 Marshfield, MO 65706 417-859-4222 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune June 10, 2004

Freda G. Gosselin 1922-2004

SCHENECTADY, N.Y. — Freda G. Gosselin, 81, of Schenectady, N.Y., and formerly of Great Bend, died suddenly on Monday, May 24. She was born in Barre, Vt., July 21, 1922. She was employed as a supervisor at Fuller Brush-Sarah Lee Corporation for 35 years. She was a member of Great Bend Eagles Club, American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary and Moose Club. She loved bowling and Bingo. She was a volunteer for St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church in Great Bend. She is survived by her son, Roland J. Gosselin Jr.; three daughters, Mrs. Rachel Dupont, Linda Florence and Ramona Gosselin, all of Schenectady; one sister, Mrs. Ivy Myers of Burlington, Vt.; six grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews; and a longtime companion, Clvde Hause of Great Bend. She was preceded in death by her husband and son Richard Gosselin. Donations can

be made in Freda's name to American Cancer Society or St. Rose Church, all in care of Light's Funeral Home, 1428 State St., Schenectady, N.Y. 12304. Funeral arrangements made by Light's Funeral Home* 1428 State Street Schenectady, N.Y. 12304 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune June 10, 2004

Alfreda F. Miller 1911-2004

KINSLEY — Alfreda F. Miller, 92, died June 7 at her home in Kinsley. She was born June 11, 1911, at St. Sebastian, Ohio, the daughter of Mathias and Agnes Schaefer Heyne. She married George F. Miller Jan. 15, 1935, at Ellinwood. He died July 5, 1988. A longtime Kinsley resident, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Miller was a member of St. Nicholas Catholic Church and Altar Society, both of Kinsley. Survivors include two sisters, Monica Robl of Ellinwood and Clara Whitney of Irving, Texas; five grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one son, Richard Miller; three brothers; four sisters; and one great-grandson. Vigil will be at 7 p.m. Friday at St. Nicholas Catholic Church in Kinsley. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at the church with the Rev. Nicanor Ferangco officiating. Burial will be at 2:30 p.m. Saturday at Lakin-Comanche District Cemetery in Ellinwood. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, both at McKillip Funeral Home in Kinsley. Memorials are suggested to St. Nicholas Catholic School, in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by McKillip Funeral Home 623 Marsh Kinsley, KS 67547 620-659-2311 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune June 10, 2004

Edwin 'Ed' J. Breit 1932-2004

HOISINGTON — Edwin "Ed" J. Breit, 71, died June 9 at Clara Barton Hospital in Hoisington. He was born Oct. 31, 1932, at Loretto, the son of Richard and Anna Urban Breit. He married Sophie A. Richmeier May 3, 1958, at Loretto. A resident of Hoisington since 1964, coming from Hays, he was a retired truck driver having worked for Kansas Brick and Tile for 25 years, National Carriers Inc. and USD 431 school district as a bus driver. Breit was a member of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church and lifetime member of Knights of Columbus Council 1521, both of Hoisington. Survivors include his wife of the home; two sons, Richard J. Breit of Great Bend and John R. Breit of Hoisington; three grandsons, Mathew J. Breit of Great Bend, Jeremy Ray Breit and Jakob Wayne Breit, both of Hoisington; one brother, Leon R. Breit of Hays; and one sister, Joan M. Breit of North Newton. He was preceded in death by two sisters, Patricia L. Haas and Bernadette Breit. Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Friday, followed by Knights of Columbus rosary, both at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. Funeral will be at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, June 12, at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Hoisington, with Father Pascal Klein and Father Trong Tran officiating. Interment will occur at a later date. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Hoisington Little League Baseball or South Hoisington Sporting Park, both in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home* 415 North Main, P.O. Box 146 Hoisington, KS 67544 620-653-4165 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 10, 2004

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Leonard E. Gage 1914-2004

HOISINGTON — Leonard E. Gage, 90, died June 8 at his residence in rural Hoisington. He was born April 22, 1914, at Barton County, the son of Harry E. and Pearl V. Smith Gage. He married Olive M. King April 23, 1939, at Salina. A lifetime resident of rural Hoisington, he was a retired farmer. Gage was a member of Hoisington Bible Church and Farm Bureau. Survivors include his wife of the farm; one son, Dwight L. Gage of Salina; two daughters, Janice Lawless of Overland Park and Eileen Covert of Robinson; two sisters, Maxine Wilson of Salina and Eunice Coon of Houston, Texas; eight grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild. He was preceded in death by a sister, Elva Gage. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington with the Rev. Gary Clark officiating. Burial will be at Hoisington Cemetery. Friends may call from 3 to 9 p.m. today, and from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday. Family will receive friends from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Hoisington Bible Church or Golden Belt Home Health and Hospice, both in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home 415 N. Main St. Hoisington, KS 67544 620-653-4165 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 9, 2004

Bernard 'Bud' Henry Stein 1919-2004

Bernard "Bud" Henry Stein, 84, of Great Bend, died June 8 at Cherry Village Nursing Home in Great Bend. He was born Sept. 8, 1919, at Seneca, the son of Henry and Ida Stein. He married Mary Gladys Borges in 1946 at Seneca. She preceded him in death Dec. 27, 1999. A resident of Great Bend since 1946, coming from Seneca, he was a retired owner of Bud Stein Body Shop. He was a member of St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church, St. Patrick Catholic Church, Knights of Columbus, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3111 and American Legion Post 180, all of Great Bend. He was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II, serving as chief petty officer stationed in the Fresno, Calif., area, where he met his wife, Mary Gladys. Survivors include one son, Gary Stein and wife Kim of Great Bend; one daughter, Renee Tatman and fiancé Douglas Larson of Great Bend; seven grandchildren, Schon Tatman, Danielle Tatman, Mallory Stein, Gary Miller, Troy Stein, Brandon Stein and Adam Stein; and two great-grandchildren, Aaron Stein and Tyler Stein. He was preceded in death by one son, Leslie Stein; one brother, Matthew Stein; and two sisters, Catheryn Simpson and Sally Link. Vigil will be at 7 p.m. Thursday, June 10, with Knights of Columbus Rosary following, all at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Friday, June 11, at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church in Great Bend. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery, with military committal rites conducted by Fort Riley Honor Guard. Friends may call from 5 to 9 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to American Legion Gift Fund for military gift packages, in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Bryant Funeral Home* 1425 Patton Road Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-3525 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 9, 2004

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Mabel Louise Herl 1929-2004

Mabel Louise Herl, 74, of Great Bend, died June 3 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. She was born Aug. 14, 1929, in Maple Hill, the daughter of William and Nevada Page Leeper. She married Vic Herl Oct. 8, 1946, at Antonino. A resident of Great Bend since 1950, coming from Ellinwood, she was a secretary of Corrosion Proof Fitting Co. Inc., retiring in 1995. She was a member of St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church, St. Patrick Catholic Church, Altar Society, Girl Scout troop leader, Girl Scout camp director, Lake Barton Golf Club, Petroleum Club, Women's Golf Association, Desk & Derrick Club, Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary and Great Bend Women's Bowling Association. Survivors include four sons, John Herl, Jim Herl and Jerry Herl, all of Great Bend, and Joe Herl of Phoenix, Ariz.; three daughters, Vickie Herl of Great Bend, Valerie Hartle of Houston, Texas, and Vanessa McCormick of Powell, Ohio; one sister, Betty Scheufler of Ellinwood; 13 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by five brothers, Elmer Leeper, Gene Leeper, Lawrence Leeper, George Leeper and Earl Leeper; and four sisters, Geneva Rathbun, Gladys Lee, Irene Hoobler and Mildred Lemon. Altar Society Rosary will be at 4 p.m. Sunday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Vigil will be at 7 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Monday at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Great Bend, with the Rev. Ted Stoecklein officiating. Burial will be at Hillcrest Memorial Park in Great Bend. Friends may call from 2 to 9 p.m. Saturday and from 1 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. Funeral arrangements provided by Bryant Funeral Home 1425 Patton Road Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-3525 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 4, 2004

Twyla 'Shug' Long 1918-2004

BUSHTON — Twyla "Shug" Long, 85, died June 3 at Hospice House in Hutchinson. She was born Nov. 13, 1918, at Barnsdall, Okla., the daughter of Robert Allen and Bessie Johnson Copeland. She married Roy "Bud" Long May 24, 1934, at Barnsdall. He died Aug. 22, 1982. A resident of Bushton for 55 years, coming from Ada, Okla., she was a homemaker. Survivors include two sons, Don Long of Wichita and Bill Long of Mabank, Texas; three daughters, Sharon Dohrman of Bushton, Nadine Oberle of South Hutchinson and Joy Nickerson of Fair Play, Mo.; 19 grandchildren; and 37 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one son, Lloyd Eugene Long; and one daughter, Joyce Lorene Long. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. Burial will be at Bushton Cemetery. Friends may call from 1 to 9 p.m. Saturday and Sunday at the funeral home. Family will receive friends from 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Hospice House, in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home 415 North Main, P.O. Box 145 Hoisington, KS 67544 620-653-4165 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 4, 2004

Joseph L. Stiles 1919-2004

WILSON — Joseph L. Stiles, 84, died June 2 at Ellsworth County Medical Center. He was born Sept. 27, 1919, in Fort Scott, the son of Lee and Minnie Stiles. He married Pat Weber September 1944 in Wilson. A resident of Wilson since 1947, coming from Fort Scott, he was the funeral director for Stiles Mortuary and ambulance operator. Stiles was a member of St. Wenceslaus Church, St. Wenceslaus Knights of Columbus and Msgr. John F. McManus American Legion Post 262, all of Wilson. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II. Survivors include his wife of the home; four sons, Tim Stiles of Shawnee, Kevin Stiles of Houston, Texas, Pat Stiles of Claflin and Dr. Michael Stiles of Leawood; two daughters, Sandra Krusich of Pittsburg and Sheila Mauro of Wilson; and 14 grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one daughter, Sharon Stiles in 1945; and one granddaughter, Carlie Jo Stiles. Parish vigil will be at 7:30 p.m. today at Foster Mortuary of Wilson. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at the church, with the Rev. Jerome Morgan officiating. Burial with military honors by Msgr. John F. McManus American Legion Post 262 will be at the church cemetery. Friends may call from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. today and from 8 a.m. to service time Saturday, all at the mortuary. Memorials are suggested to Msgr. John F. McManus American Legion Post 262, in care of the mortuary. Funeral arrangements provided by Foster Mortuary Inc. 610 24th Street Wilson, KS 67590 785-658-2345 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 4, 2004

Lela M. Webb 1923-2004

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. — Lela M. Webb, 81, died June 2 at Springfield Rehabilitation and Health Care Center. She was born March 5, 1923, in Christian County, Mo., the daughter of Cy and Addie Woods Rogers. She married Allen Jones in 1944. She married Charles Webb in 1958. A resident of the Springfield area, coming from Ellinwood where she had lived for 15 years, she was a waitress, housekeeper, factory worker and nurses' aide in nursing home facilities. Survivors include two sons, Gene Webb of Ellinwood and Rick Webb of Republic, Mo.; three daughters, Sandra Fields, Lana Casey and Vickie Ogden, all of Springfield; her long-time companion, Charles E. Webb of Springfield; one sister, Loretta Bowers of Cherokee Village, Ark.; 11 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by three brothers, Troy Rogers, Walter Rogers and Homer Rogers; and three sisters, Murva Klapp, Clella Norton and Lola Rogers. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Mentor Baptist Church in Rogersville, Mo., with the Rev. Lance Ogden officiating. Burial will be at Eastlawn Cemetery in Springfield. Friends may call from 6 to 9 tonight at the church. Memorials are suggested to Alzheimer's Association — Southwest Missouri Chapter or Community Hospice of America, both in care of Preston Marsh Funeral Home of Rogersville. Funeral arrangements provided by Preston Marsh Funeral Home 314 S. Main, P.O. Box 199 Rogersville, Mo. 65742 417-753-2828 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 4, 2004

Ruthye Jo DeWald 1927-2004

BAZINE — Ruthye Jo DeWald. Bazine. died May 29 after an extended hospital stay. Born Sept. 26, 1927. near Brownell. to Lvdia

and David Keil, Ruthye was the youngest of 14 children. She graduated from Brownell High School in 1945. Ruthye was united in marriage to Melford DeWald Jan. 21, 1951. They had three children: LuAnn DeWald Rodriguez of Goddard, Carole DeWald of Overland Park and Mark DeWald, deceased. Ruthye was a devoted and loving wife and mother. She babysat in the Bazine and Ness City communities, becoming a "second mom" to many. Ruthye was known for her culinary skills, including decorating wedding and birthday cakes, and making bierocks and cookies. Ruthye faithfully attended church and took part in many church activities throughout her lifetime. She was also a member of Bazine Golden Years Center. Ruthye is survived by her husband of 53 years, Melford DeWald, Bazine; two children, LuAnn Rodriguez and Carole DeWald; four grandchildren; and one brother, Edwin Keil, Long Term Care, Ness City. Memorial services will be held at 2 p.m. June 12 in the Ness City United Methodist Church. Friends and family who wish to share memories at the memorial service are asked to contact the immediate family in advance. The family requests no flowers. Memorials may be sent in care of the family and made out to Biblical Ministries Worldwide (supporting missionary Larry Baird, whom Ruthye had babysat) or the Bazine Golden Years Center. Funeral arrangements provided by DeVorss Flanagan-Hunt Mortuary* 201 S. Hydraulic Wichita, KS 67211 316-263-0244 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 4, 2004

June 3, 2004

Mildred M. Crabtree 1914-2004

WINFIELD — Mildred M. Crabtree, 90, died June 1 at William Newton Hospital in Winfield. She was born May 23, 1914, in Winfield, the daughter of William E. and Eva S. Lawrence Walker. She was a 1932 graduate of Winfield High School. She married Harry E. Brashear Dec. 27, 1934, in Winfield. He died in 1960. She married H.K. "Bill" Crabtree Sept. 30, 1961, in Winfield. He died Dec. 6, 1996. A longtime resident of Winfield, coming from Montana and Shawnee, Okla., she had run a donut shop in Shawnee. She was a member of First Christian Church in Winfield and Rebecca Lodge in Shawnee. Survivors include two sons, Charles G. Brashear of Winfield and Leland W. Brashear of Hoisington; four grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and one great-great-granddaughter. She was preceded in death by one daughter, Eva Doreen; and two brothers, William Wesley Walker and Billy Dean Walker. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. on Friday at Miles Funeral Service in Winfield. Burial will follow at Highland Cemetery in Winfield. Friends may call from 5-9 p.m. today at the funeral home. The family will greet friends from 6-8 p.m. today. Memorials are suggested in Mrs. Crabtree's name to the American Cancer Society, in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Miles Funeral Service 4001 E. 9th P.O. Box 720 Winfield, KS 67156 620-221-1111 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 3, 2004

Paul Gooch Phillips Sr. 1914-2004

Paul Gooch Phillips Sr., 89, of Great Bend, died June 1 at Hutchinson Hospital in Hutchinson. He was born Sept. 6, 1914, at Portland, Ore., the son of Edward William and Alta Gooch Phillips. He married Winifred Whitman Nov. 23, 1935, at Lyons. A resident of Great Bend since 1935, coming from Larned, he retired from Skelly Oil Company in 1979. He was a member of First Christian Church of Great Bend. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Paul G. Phillips Jr. of Hutchinson; one daughter, Marilyn Hamill of O'Fallon, Mo.; two sisters, Vera Robbins of Larned and Bea Flagler of Wichita; three grandchildren, Kevin Hamill, Todd Hamill and Tori Tschannen; and five great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Kenneth Phillips and Kermit Phillips. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend, with the Rev. William F. Johnson officiating. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call from noon to 9 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. to service time Friday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to First Christian Church or Heartland Cancer Center, both in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Bryant Funeral Home* 1425 Patton Road Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-3525 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 3, 2004

June 2, 2004

Terry D. Keeley 1929-2004

LARNED — Terry D. Keeley, loving husband, father and grandfather, 74, died at home on May 28, 2004. He was born Nov. 18, 1929, at Larned, the son of James Edward and Leeta McConnaughay Keeley of Pawnee Rock. He has been a resident of Great Bend since June 1993, moving from Larned. Terry graduated from Larned High School in 1947. He received his Bachelor of Science degree in 1951 and his Masters degree in Administration in 1959, both from Fort Hays State University in Hays. He received his Doctorate in Educational Psychology in 1965 from the University of Northern Colorado in Greeley, Colo. He married Barbara Olene Foster of North Platte, Neb., at St. Paul's Methodist Church in Denver, Colo., on Sept. 19, 1953. Terry was a dedicated teacher, coach and administrator. He was a teacher and coach for three years at Radium. He served two years on active duty during the Korean War, was with the 517th Medical Company in Dad Kreuznach, Germany, where he and Barbara resided for 22 months. During this time in Germany, their eldest son, Terry D. Jr., "Todd," was born. Returning to the United States, he taught and coached several more years at Beattie and Minneola. He was superintendent of schools at Zook for three years. Upon receiving his doctorate, Terry was director of staff development at Larned State Hospital for 10 years. Following those 10 years, he was the counselor and girls basketball coach at Larned High School for four years. He then became principal at Larned High School for the next 14 years. His last year at Larned, he was superintendent of schools, retiring in June 1993. Terry was of the Christian Faith. He was a lifetime member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and also belonged to the Order of the Masons. Survivors include his wife of the home; Terry D. "Todd" Jr., of Pawnee Rock and Mike and his wife Jan of Great Bend; four grandchildren, Matthew Foster Keeley of Olathe, Christy, Cindy and Beth Keeley of the home; three brothers, John, Patrick and wife Phyllis of Texoma, Okla., James Lee of Larned, Thomas Mac and wife, Althea of Dodge City; one sister, Merrilee Hester of Auburn, Calif., in addition to many loving nieces, nephews and friends. He was preceded in death by; his parents, a brother, Justin June, and a beloved brother-in-law, LeRoy Hester of Auburn, Calif. Funeral will be held on Thursday, June 3, at 10 a.m. at the Methodist Church in Larned. with the Dr. Loren Lutes officiating. Friends may call today, June 2, from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the

Beckwith Mortuary Chapel, Larned. Burial will be at the Larned Cemetery with Military Honors conducted by the Honor Guard of Fort Riley. Memorials are suggested to the American Cancer Society or the Golden Belt Home Health, and Hospice of Great Bend, both in care of the mortuary. Funeral arrangements provided by Beckwith Mortuary Chapel* 916 Main Larned, KS 67550 620-285-2121 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 2, 2004

Lucy L. Parker 1920-2004

MACKSVILLE — Lucy L. Parker, 84, died May 29 at Leisure Homestead in St. John. She was born Feb. 25, 1920, at Thornfield, Mo., the daughter of George A. and Grace A. Lawson Johnson. She married Herbert Parker. He died in 1983. A longtime resident of Macksville, she was the retired owner and operator of Lucy's Sundries. She was a member of Macksville Christian Church and Macksville Mustang Buster Club, both of Macksville. Survivors include two sons, Ralph Parker of Arvada, Colo., and Ron Parker of Tucson, Ariz.; one brother, Alvie Johnson of Springfield, Mo.; four grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one brother, Willie Johnson; and four sisters, Eva Kasting, Ruth Goodnight, Mildred Turner and Thernie Turner. Graveside memorial service will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Farmington Cemetery in Macksville, with the Rev. Carey Haner officiating. There will be no visitation. Memorials are suggested to Leisure Homestead of St. John, in care of Morell Funeral Home of Larned. Funeral arrangements provided by Morell Funeral Home P.O. Box 124 Larned, KS 67550 620-285-2177 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 2, 2004

June 1, 2004

Lucy L. Parker

MACKSVILLE — Lucy L. Parker, 84, died May 29 at Leisure Homestead in St. John. Arrangements will be announced by Morell Funeral Home in Larned. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 1, 2004

Thelma DuBois 1909-2004

Thelma DuBois, 95, died May 30 at Hospice House in Hutchinson. She was born March 20, 1909, at La Crosse, the daughter of Leonard and Blanche Plunkett Krause. She married Clinton DuBois March 17, 1925, in Great Bend. He died Jan. 17, 1966. A Great Bend resident since 1925, coming from Coffeyville, she was a homemaker. Mrs. DuBois was a member of First United Methodist Church, Eastern Star and Central Kansas Medical Center Auxiliary, all in Great Bend, and the American Association of Retired Persons. Survivors include two sons: Don DuBois and wife Mayme of Almena, and Gene DuBois and wife Betty of Satanta; son-in-law Tom Stringer of Hutchinson; nine grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one daughter, Linda Stringer; one sister, Carol Powers; and one granddaughter, Jeana Marie Schuster. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend with the Rev. Gary Brooks officiating. Interment will be at Hillcrest Memorial Park in Great Bend. Friends may call from noon to 9 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. until service time Wednesday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Hospice House or First United Methodist Church. Arrangements provided by Bryant Funeral Home* 1425 Patton Road Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-3525 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 1, 2004

Donald Dean "Beaver" Zimmerman Jr. 1956-2004

Donald Dean "Beaver" Zimmerman Jr., 47, died May 29 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. He was born Sept. 1, 1956, at Great Bend, the son of Donald and Betty Sanders Zimmerman. He was a veteran of the United States Navy. A self-employed painter, he lived in Oregon most of his life, retiring two years ago and returning to Great Bend. Zimmerman was a member of St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church in Great Bend. Survivors include his parents of Great Bend; one son, Zachary Zimmerman, Dallas, Ore.; one daughter, Melissa Zimmerman, Dallas, Ore.; three brothers, Ronald Zimmerman and Joey Zimmerman of Great Bend and Denny Zimmerman of Clinton, Ark.; and three sisters, Yvonne Sumner, Norcat, Debbie Branstetter, Claremore, Okla., and Linda Johnson, Great Bend. He was preceded in death by one brother, Rick Zimmerman. Vigil service will be at 6:15 p.m. today at the church. Funeral Mass will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at the church, with the Rev. Reginald A. Urban officiating. Inurement will be at Great Bend Cemetery. Cremation has taken place and there will be no visitation. In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to the Catholic Communities of Great Bend. Arrangements provided by Bryant Funeral Home 1425 Patton Road Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-3525 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 1, 2004

Nellie Claire Doty 1915-2004

PRATT — Nellie Claire Doty, 89, died May 30 at Pratt Regional Living Center. She was born March 14, 1915, at Longmont, Colo., the daughter of Carl and Nellie Shaw Poland. She married Cash Clayton Doty Aug. 1, 1931, at Hutchinson. He died March 11, 1963. She married Leroy Clayton Doty Feb. 2, 1966, at Tijuana, Mexico. He died in October 1992. A homemaker, she spent her last days at Pratt Regional Living Center. Mrs. Doty attended First Church of the Nazarene in Pratt. Survivors include one son, Robert Franklin Doty of Anderson, Calif.; seven daughters, Viola Wagner and Sarah "Jane" Mayes of Pratt, Nellie "Ann" Boese of Great Bend, Betty Shelton and Molly Likens of Cunningham, Amy Dinsmore of Monet, Mo., and Bonnie Ruth Evans of Medicine Lodge; 43 grandchildren, 80 great-grandchildren and 10 great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by 10 brothers and sisters, one grandson and two great-grandsons. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the church with the Rev. Ron Moser officiating. Burial will follow at 2:30 p.m. at Canton Cemetery in Canton. Friends may call from 9 a.m. until 8 tonight at Larrison Mortuary in Pratt. Memorials are suggested to SouthWind Hospice or Pratt Regional Living Center in care of the mortuary. Funeral arrangements provided by Larrison Mortuary 300 Country Club Road Pratt, KS 67124 620-672-6436 Great

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Donna Lavon Stevenson 1934-2004

HOISINGTON — Donna Lavon Stevenson, 69, died July 28 at her home in Hoisington. She was born Sept. 17, 1934, at Walnut, Kan., the daughter of Vernice Dale and Barbara Goldie Patterson Kessler. She married Richard L. Stevenson on May 10, 1952, at Mound Valley. He died Dec. 28, 2003. She was a nurse's aide at the Hoisington Nursing Home and later owned the Pittle Poor Ceramic Shop. She had been a resident of Hoisington since 1952, coming from Cherryvale. Mrs. Stevenson was a member of the House of Faith in Hoisington. Survivors include one son, Robert L. Stevenson, Hoisington; two daughters, Barbara L. Taylor, Hoisington, and Dorothy L. Stevenson, Tucson, Ariz.; three brothers, James McDowell, Oklahoma City, Okla., Sonny Kessler, Greeley, Colo., and Irvin Lee McDowell, El Dorado; a sister, Greta Summer, Baton Rouge, La.; four grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one son, Richard L. Stevenson, one brother, Donnie Kessler, and one sister, Mary Richards. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Great Bend, with the Rev. Albert Hatten officiating. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. until service time Saturday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Renal Care Group, in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home 415 North Main, P.O. Box 146 Hoisington, KS 67544 620-653-4165 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 30, 2004

July 29, 2004

Ruby Farrell Gore

LARNED — Ruby Farrell Gore, 87, died July 28 at St. Joseph Memorial Hospital Long Term Care in Larned. Services are pending and will be announced by Beckwith Mortuary, Larned. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 29, 2004

July 28, 2004

Betty G. Stickney 1921-2004

DODGE CITY — Betty G. Stickney, 82, died July 26 at Wichita. She was born Aug. 29, 1921, at Dodge City, the daughter of Rolland Hays and Edna Marie Belmear West. A lifetime Dodge City resident, living in Wichita for the past two years, she was a homemaker. On Jan. 31, 1941, she married John H. Stickney at Sacred Heart Church, Dodge City. He died Feb. 3, 1990. Survivors include: three sons, Thomas Stickney and wife Kathy and William Stickney, all of Great Bend, and Robert Stickney and wife Becky of Medicine Lodge; three daughters, Jayne Hansen and husband Richard of Wichita, Katherine Linneman of Topeka, and Susan Stickney of Minneapolis, Minn.; one sister, Ruthie VanGilder, Quincy, Calif.; nine grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, four brothers, six sisters and two granddaughters. Graveside service will be at 11 a.m. today at Maple Grove Cemetery, Dodge City, with Mr. Larry William presiding. The family suggests memorials to the American Diabetes Camp Discovery in care of Burkhardt-Ziegler Funeral Chapel in Dodge City. Funeral arrangements provided by Burkhardt-Ziegler Funeral Chapel* 1901 N. 14th Ave. Dodge City, KS 67801 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 28, 2004

James R. Bonine 1944-2004

LAREDO, Texas — James R. "Jim" Bonine, 60, died July 26 at the Laredo Medical Center in Laredo, Texas. He was born March 9, 1944, at Ottawa, Kan., the son of Ira and Lillian Bonine. A resident of Zapata, Texas, for more than 20 years, he was a construction worker and missionary in Mexico. Survivors include: two brothers, Larry Joe Bonine, Sugar Creek, Mo., and Dan Bonine, Great Bend; one sister, Muriel L. Bonine, Alexandria, Va.; a half-sister, Bonnie Wilkins, Lafayette, Ind.; and step-mother Marilyn Bonine, Ottawa. Memorial service will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at the Christian Union Church in Zapata, with the Rev. Bill Campbell officiating. Jim helped to build the church where the service will be conducted. Rose Garden Funeral Home in Zapata is in charge of arrangements. A private family inurnment will follow. Memorials may be sent to the church of the donor's choice or to the American Heart Association, all in care of the mortuary, 4102 Stop 41 A, Zapata, Texas 78076. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 28, 2004

July 27, 2004

Beth Schenkel 1960-2004

Beth Schenkel, 44, of Great Bend, passed away July 23 at the home of her sister Marie Anderson in Beatrice, Neb., after a valiant battle with cancer. She was born Feb. 5, 1960, in San Bernadino, Calif., the daughter of Linus and Deloris Stanley Herrman. Born into an Army family, Beth lived in many places as a young child. The family moved to Great Bend, Kan., in 1980. She lived in Winterset, Iowa, from 1995 to 1996 and in Ellinwood, Kan., from 1996 to 2002. Great Bend was her home until ill

health forced her to move to Beatrice, Neb. Beth married Rodney Schenkel on June 18, 1979, in Great Bend. She was a restaurant professional and worked over the years at The Trail Cafe and Dake's Family Restaurant in Great Bend; Waxy's Restaurant, Country Kitchen and Jim's Cafe and Steakhouse, all in Ellinwood; and Melody's Cafe in St. John. She was also employed at Fuller Brush in Great Bend until her illness. She was an avid reader and loved spending time crocheting and at the lake with family and friends. Survivors include her father, Linus Herrman, of Great Bend; one son, Allen Schenkel, of Great Bend; two daughters, Tina Schenkel and Michelle Schenkel, both of Manhattan, Kan.; three brothers, Jim Herrman, Bill Herrman and Stan Herrman, all of Great Bend; three sisters, Beckie Miller, of Glendale, Ariz., Marie Anderson, of Beatrice, Neb., and Cindy Degenhardt, of Great Bend; and numerous nieces and nephews. Beth was preceded in death by her mother Deloris Herrman; grandparents, Joseph Stanley, Virginia Yarmer, and Wendelin and Dorothy Herrman; one aunt, JoAnn Thomas; and one nephew, Brian Miller. Vigil service was Monday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Memorial service will be at 10:30 a.m. today at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church in Great Bend with Father Reginald A. Urban officiating. Inurnment will be at Hillcrest Memorial Park in Great Bend. Memorials are suggested to Barton County Relay for Life or Muscular Dystrophy Association. Funeral arrangements provided by Bryant Funeral Home* 1425 Patton Road Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-3525 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 27, 2004

James E. Pozalek 1950-2004

OTIS — James E. Pozalek, 54, died July 23 at his home in Otis. He was born March 5, 1950, at Larned, the son of Edward T. and Josephine T. Tuzicka Pozalek. A lifelong resident of Rush County, Pozalek was a laborer in the manufacturing industry. Pozalek was a member of the U.S. Army 101st Airborne Division during the Vietnam War. Survivors include one son, Ryan J. Pozalek, of Claffin; two daughters, Tami K. Hoch, of Great Bend, and Amy Thorne, of Larned; his mother, of Timken; and three sisters, Margaret Pozalek, of Timken, Angela Leikam, of Plainville, and Rita Holmes, of Denver, Colo. Memorial Mass will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Timken, with the Rev. Charles Mazouch officiating. Burial will be at Holy Cross Cemetery in Timken. Memorials may be made to the James E. Pozalek Memorial, in care of Janousek Funeral Home in La Crosse. Funeral arrangements provided by: Janousek Funeral Home 719 Pine Street La Crosse, KS 67548 785-222-2517 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 27, 2004

Isabel R. Moran 1921-2004

HARGRAVE — Isabel R. Moran, 82, of Hargrave, Kan., died July 23 at her home in Hargrave. She was born Sept. 15, 1921, in rural Chase, the daughter of Matthew H. Malone and Mary "Mame" P. Barry. She married James C. "Jim" Moran on Dec. 5, 1942, at Fort Pickett, Va. He died July 12, 2001. Mrs. Moran was a Rush County resident since 1945, moving there from Chase. Mrs. Moran graduated from Marymount Academy, Salina, in 1939. She attended the University of Kansas, Lawrence, from 1941 to 1942, studying Fine Arts. Mrs. Moran worked at Barnard Library part-time and was a homemaker. Mrs. Moran was an avid reader and was very active in 4-H while her children were in 4-H. Survivors include four daughters, Roslyn Bethke and her husband Del of Shawnee, Maria Williams and her husband Phil of Topeka, Gail Moran and her husband Mark Hertig, of Scottsbluff, Neb., and Nancy Ong and her husband Chuck of College Station, Texas; one daughter-in-law, Nancy M. Moran, of New Jersey; one brother, Dr. Eugene Malone, of Halstead; one sister, Loretta Forshee, of Hutchinson; 10 grandchildren, Craig Moran, Chris Moran, Dan Bethke, JoLynn Bethke, Patrick Bethke, Jared Ong, Justin Ong, Kaitlyn Ong, Shane Hertig and Kyle Hertig; and one great-grandson, Tyler Anthony Moran. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; a son, James E. Moran, November 2000; brothers Mark Malone, John Malone, Philip Malone, Frank Malone and James Malone; and sisters Ruth Gales and Ann Shuler. Mass of Resurrection will be held at 2 p.m. today at St. Michael's Catholic Church in La Crosse, with Father Charles Mazouch officiating. Interment will be at St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery in McCracken. Friends may call from noon to 1 p.m. today at the Janousek Funeral Home in La Crosse. Vigil service and rosary were held Monday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to: Dominican Sisters, Great Bend; St. Michael's Catholic Church, La Crosse; or National Multiple Sclerosis Society. Funeral arrangements provided by Janousek Funeral Home* 719 Pine Street La Crosse, KS 67548 785-222-2517. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 27, 2004

July 25, 2004

Isabel R. Moran

MCCRACKEN — Isabel R. Moran, 82, died Friday at her home. Vigil and rosary will be at 7 p.m. Monday at Janousek Funeral Home in La Crosse. Funeral Mass will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at St. Michael's Catholic Church of La Crosse. Visitation will be from 1 to 8 p.m. Monday and from noon to 1 p.m. Tuesday, all at the funeral home. Family will receive friends from 6 to 7 p.m. Monday at the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 25, 2004

Gordon Ray Legleiter 1964-2004

HOISINGTON — Gordon Ray Legleiter, 40, died July 23 at Via Christi Regional Medical Center, St. Francis Campus in Wichita. He was born Feb. 13, 1964, at La Crosse, the son of Raymond A. and Rita Mae Kisner Legleiter. A lifetime resident of Hoisington, he was a restaurant chef. Legleiter was a member of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Hoisington. Survivors include one daughter, Tessa R. Legleiter of Missouri; his father of Russell; two sisters, Melissa Ann Spires of Hoisington and Karen Marie Hicks of McKenzie, Tenn.; and his grandmother, Josephine Legleiter of McPherson. Rosary will be at 7 p.m. Monday at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at the church, with the Rev. Pascal Klein officiating. Burial will be at St. John Church Cemetery in Hoisington. Friends may call from 1 to 9 p.m. Monday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Gordon Ray Legleiter Memorial Fund, in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home P.O. Box 146 Hoisington, KS 67544 620-653-4165 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July

25, 2004

The Rev. Cecil L. Swindle 1918-2004

The Rev. Cecil L. Swindle, 85, former pastor of First Christian Church in Great Bend (1951-1958) died July 21 in Tucson, Ariz. Born Dec. 2, 1918, in Prosperity, Mo., he served as a pastor, mostly in Christian Churches (Disciples of Christ) for more than 50 years. He was a graduate of Baxter Springs High School, Manhattan Bible College in Kansas and Phillips University in Enid, Okla. He also served as a chaplain in the U.S. Army in Europe during World War II. He is survived by his wife, Marjorie (Udall Lewis); his three sons and their wives, John (Sandra) of Honolulu, Hawaii, James (Gail) of Houston, Texas, and Timothy (Kerry) of Tucson; two stepchildren; five grandchildren; and step grandchildren and step great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife of 56 years, Hilda (Herrmann), his sister, and his two brothers. Burial will be in Bayard, Neb., on Monday, July 26. A memorial service will be held in Tucson on Friday, July 30. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to either the National Benevolent Association of the Christian Church, 11780 Borman Drive, St. Louis, MO 63146, or to Habitat for Humanity, 621 E. Lester St., Tucson, AZ 85705. Funeral arrangements provided by Bring Funeral Home Inc.* P.O. Box 1423 Tucson, AZ 85702 520-296-7193 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 25, 2004

July 23, 2004

Lawrence 'Larry' F. Klein 1915-2004

ELLINWOOD — Lawrence "Larry" F. Klein, 88, died July 21 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. He was born Oct. 15, 1915, in rural Ellinwood, the son of Albert and Mary Schneweis Klein. He married Leona M. Huschka June 27, 1945, at Saints Peter and Paul Church north of Ellinwood. A resident of rural Ellinwood since 1952, he was a farmer, cattleman and a self-employed mechanic for Klein's Repair. Previously, he worked for Davis-Child Chevrolet in Great Bend. Klein was an Army veteran of World War II, serving in the North African theater from 1941 to 1944 and discharged in 1945. He was a former member of Saints Peter and Paul Church, and a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church of Claflin; Knights of Columbus 1187 and American Legion Post 0320, both of Ellinwood; and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7428 of Hoisington. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, the Rev. Pascal Klein, Hoisington; one daughter, Simone Klein, Wichita; and three grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Leo Klein and Al Klein; and two sisters, Helen Pfeiffer and Elanor Clody. Vigil will be at 7 tonight, followed by Knights of Columbus rosary, both at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. Funeral will be at 9:30 a.m. Saturday at Saints Peter and Paul Church, with the Revs. Pascal Klein and Trong Tran officiating. Burial will be at Saints Peter and Paul Cemetery, rural Ellinwood, with military graveside rites by VFW Post 7428 and American Legion Post 286. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. today at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to Saints Peter and Paul Heritage Association or Seminary Burse, both in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home 415 North Main, P.O. Box 146 Hoisington, KS 67544 620-653-4165 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 23, 2004

Dr. Daniel O. Dunavan 1944-2004

CAPE GIRARDEAU, Mo. — Dr. Daniel O. Dunavan, 60, died July 20 at his home. He was born June 26, 1944, in Great Bend, the son of Ira McKendree and Mildred B. Walters Dunavan. He married Sheryl Ratzlaff June 2, 1968, at Goessel. He received a bachelor of arts degree in music from Wichita State University, a master of arts in music from DePaul University in Chicago, and a doctorate in music from the University of Iowa. A resident of Cape Girardeau for 32 years, coming from Chicago and Wichita, he was a professor of music, teaching percussion in the music department at Southeast Missouri State University for 32 years. Dunavan was a member of St. Mark Lutheran Church in Cape Girardeau. He was a sponsor of Circle K at Southeast Missouri State University, a lifetime member of the Percussive Arts Society National Organization and the form president of its Missouri chapter. He was a member of Phi Mu Alpha Symphonia Music Fraternity. Survivors include his wife of the home; three sons, Dylan Dunavan, Oak Park, Ill., Cary Dunavan, Kansas City, Mo., and Jesse Dunavan, Cape Girardeau; two brothers, LTC Robert C. Donovan, Ret., Pawnee Rock, and LTC Alan L. Dunavan, Ft. Leavenworth; and one granddaughter. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at St. Mark Lutheran Church in Cape Girardeau, with the Rev. Robert Klein officiating. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. today at Ford & Sons Mt. Auburn Funeral Home in Cape Girardeau. Local services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at First Christian Church in Pawnee Rock, with the Rev. Tom Albright officiating. Friends may call from 9:15 a.m. until service time Monday at the church in Pawnee Rock. Burial will be at Pawnee Rock Cemetery in Pawnee Rock. Memorials are suggested to Daniel O. Dunavan Percussion Scholarship Fund at Southeast Missouri State University or Hope Lodge (American Cancer Society), 4215 Lindell Ave., St. Louis, MO 63108, both in care of Ford & Sons Funeral Home, 1001 N. Mt. Auburn Road, Cape Girardeau, MO 63701. Local arrangements by Bryant Funeral Home 1425 Patton Road Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-3525 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 23, 2004

July 22, 2004

Kathleen M. Krmela 1931-2004

OTIS — Kathleen M. Krmela, 73, died Jan. 2, at Mt. Pleasant, Mich. She was born May 29, 1931, in Detroit, Mich., the daughter of Harold E. and Kathleen Askey Webb. She married Raymond Krmela in September 1981. He died Oct. 26, 1996. She was an artist under the name K. M. Webb. Survivors include two daughters, Deborah Slemmer, Gladwin, Mich., and Diane Dennis, Pendleton, Ky.; her father of Topeka; one brother, Dave M. Webb, Topeka; two granddaughters, two grandsons, one step-granddaughter; and three great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one son, Daniel Dujnieh. Bryant Funeral Home 1425 Patton Road Great Bend, KS 67530 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune July 22, 2004

July 21, 2004

Daniel 'Paul' Smith Jr. 1926-2004

OZAWKIE — Daniel "Paul" Smith Jr., 78, died July 19 at his home in Ozawkie. He was born Feb. 2, 1926, at Topeka, the son of Daniel P. Smith Sr. and Martha M. Mallory Smith. He married Blanche M. Pratt on March 26, 1951, at Columbus, Ga. A former Topeka resident, he lived in Ozawkie from 1991 until his death, except for the period of 1975 through 1980 in which he lived in Great Bend and worked for the school district. He was employed as a maintenance painter for USD 501 from 1960 until his retirement. Smith was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving in the 4th Engineers, 1st Division in Europe. He attended the Rock Creek Bible Church at the time of his death and was a member of the Assemblies of God. Survivors include his wife of the home; daughter Gayla Joy and her husband Don Rayls, Topeka; and grandchildren Joshua Paul Douglas, Topeka, and Jonathan Patrick Douglas, serving in the U.S. Army in Germany. Memorial service will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Penwell-Gabel Parker-Price Chapel in Topeka. Military honors will be conducted by a funeral detail from Fort Riley. Burial will be at Memorial Park Cemetery, Topeka. Memorials are suggested to Rock Creek Bible Church, 5257 Hwy K-92, Meriden, KS 66512 or Midland Hospice, 200 SW Frazier Circle, Topeka, KS 66606-2800. Online condolences may be sent to penwellgabel.com. Funeral arrangements provided by Penwell-Gabel Parker-Price Chapel* 245 NW Independence Topeka, KS 66608 785-234-5850 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 21, 2004

July 20, 2004

Wilma Ester Martin 1912-2004

Wilma Ester Martin, 92, peacefully passed away July 17 at her home in Great Bend, Kan. She was born Feb. 9, 1912, at Porterville, Kan., the daughter of Harry Ray and Carol Kline Vesper. The family moved to Chase County in 1914 and that was Wilma's home until ill health caused her to move to Great Bend to live with her daughter. Wilma attended grade school at Wonsevu and Baker Schools, graduating from Matfield Rural High School in 1930. She then attended Wichita Business College. She married Adrion C. Martin on Jan. 18, 1933, at Council Grove. He passed away in May 1969. Wilma was a member of the Matfield Community Church and served on the church board for many years. Wilma was a Past Matron and a 59-year member of Falls Chapter No. 25 Order of the Eastern Star. Wilma also served on the Matfield Grade School Board, on the Chase County Extension Board, and had been a member of the New Century Club, a 4-H project leader and a Cub Scout Den Mother. She also had been active in other community organizations. Wilma was a homemaker and seamstress. She was an avid reader and loved spending time with her family and friends, especially with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren, who loved to play cards with her. Wilma is survived by a son, Larry Martin, and his wife Madeleine of Sebastopol, Calif.; a daughter, Jane Saindon of Great Bend, Kan.; a brother, Ray Vesper of Hawthorne, Calif.; a sister-in-law, Vinita Swift of Annapolis, Md.; grandchildren Joe Saindon and his wife Sissy, Loren Saindon and his wife Christine, LeAnne Delgado and her husband Aaron, all of Great Bend; and great-grandchildren Tyler and Taylor Saindon, Jacob, Colton and Janay Delgado, all of Great Bend; and many nieces and nephews. Wilma was preceded in death by a son, Lowell R. Martin, two brothers, David and James Vesper, an infant sister and a stepgreat-granddaughter, Crystal Harris Delgado. Funeral will be Wednesday, July 21, 2004, at 10:30 a.m. at The Community Church in Matfield Green, with the Rev. Donnie Paden officiating. Burial will be at the Matfield Green Cemetery. Family visitation will be from 6:30 to 7:30 tonight at Brown Bennett Alexander Funeral Home in Cottonwood Falls. Memorials are suggested to the Matfield Green Community Church or to The Golden Belt Home Health and Hospice of Great Bend, all in care of the funeral home. Wilma has touched so many people's lives, and will always be remembered for her beautiful smile. Funeral arrangements provided by Brown Bennett Alexander Funeral Home* 201 Cherry Street Cottonwood Falls, KS 66845 620-273-6311 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 20, 2004

Roy E. Peak 1910-2004

Roy E. Peak, 93, died July 18 at Cherry Village Nursing Home in Great Bend. He was born Aug. 7, 1910, at Santa Fe, Mo., the son of Roy Elwood Sr. and Bessie E. Parris Peak. He married Mildred Byrnes at St. Teresa's Catholic Church in Hutchinson. She died Aug. 31, 2001. A former Hutchinson resident, also living in Hoisington, Larned and Great Bend, he owned Peak Interiors, Larned. Peak was a member of St. Patrick Catholic Church, Great Bend, and was a 62-year member of Knights of Columbus. He was preceded in death by an infant son, Robert Kent Peak; a daughter, Vickie J. Peak; and two sisters, Elinor and Jane Peak. Funeral Mass will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at St. Teresa's Catholic Church in Hutchinson, with the Rev. Stuart Smeltzer officiating. Burial will be at Penwell-Gabel's Memorial Park Cemetery in Hutchinson. Friends may call from 1 to 9 p.m. today at Penwell-Gabel Funeral Home and Crematory in Hutchinson. Memorials are suggested to St. Teresa's Catholic Church, in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Penwell-Gabel Funeral Home and Crematory 300 E. 30th Avenue Hutchinson, KS 67502 620-662-1201 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 20, 2004

Daniel 'Larry' Hamilton 1932-2004

Daniel "Larry" Hamilton, 71, died July 18 at his home in Great Bend. He was born Nov. 21, 1932, at St. Louis, the son of William E. and Grace M. Uhl Hamilton. Hamilton was a member of Fraternal Order of Eagles, Great Bend. He served in the U.S. Army for 12 years, earning four Purple Hearts and two Bronze Stars during the Korean War. Survivors include a daughter, Regina Finnigan, Aliquippa, Pa.; two granddaughters and one grandson. An informal gathering to celebrate his life will be held at 7 p.m. Saturday at the Eagles Lodge, 1024 Main Street, in Great Bend. Memorials are suggested to Great Bend Home Health and Hospice, in care of Charter Funerals, Great Bend. Funeral arrangements provided by Charter Funerals 2115 Washington Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-6161 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 20, 2004

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Jean Avey 1921-2004

ALBERT — Jean Avey, 83, died July 15 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. He was born Jan. 17, 1921, at Kansas City, Kan., the son of Jess and Etta Mae Davidson Avey. A resident of rural Albert since 1946, he was a farmer/businessman. Avey was a member of the Seventh Day Adventist Church in Great Bend and was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II. On Feb. 14, 1942, he married Evelyn Butherus at Bison. She survives. Other survivors include one son, Rod Avey, Ames, Iowa; two daughters, Cindy Bredemeier and Lyn LeMom, both of Denver, Colo.; one sister, Virginia Long, Kansas City, Mo.; four grandchildren, Amy Rasco, Ryan Bredemeier, Dustin Avey and Julie Avey; and three great-grandchildren. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. today at Morell Funeral Home in Larned with Paster Jan Follett and Pete Resz presiding. No visitation is scheduled. Burial will be at the Nekoma Cemetery in Nekoma. Memorials may be sent to the Voice of Prophecy in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Morell Funeral Home* P.O. Box 124 Larned, KS 67550-0124 620-285-2177 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 18, 2004

LeRoy Leon Wittig 1932-2004

LeRoy Leon Wittig, 71, died July 15 at Wesley Medical Center in Wichita. He was born Sept. 8, 1932, at Burdett, the son of Victor A. and Martha Scheck Wittig. He married Julia L. Donner on April 16, 1961, at Great Bend. A lifetime area resident, he was a truck driver for Morrison Grain, National By Products and Central Kansas Rendering. He was also a butcher for Thies Packing. Wittig was a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean War. He was a charter member of the First Bible Baptist Church. Survivors include his wife of the home, one son, Steven L. Wittig, Great Bend, two daughters, Teresia L. Wittig, Harlingen, Texas, and Diana L. Wittig, Ellsworth; two brothers, Glen Wittig, Pratt, and Virgil Wittig, Leoti; and three grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one brother, Harold Wittig, and one sister, Virginia York. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend, with the Rev. Darrell Grimm officiating. Burial will be at Olivet Cemetery with military rites conducted by the Fort Riley Honor Guard. Friends may call from 1 to 9 p.m. today at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the church or Bethpage Missions in Ellsworth. Funeral arrangements provided by Bryant Funeral Home 1425 Patton Road Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-3525 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 18, 2004

Robert Loren Wellman 1943-2004

MACKSVILLE — Robert "Bob" Loren Wellman, 61, of Macksville, died July 15 at Hospice House of Reno County. He was born Feb. 19, 1943, at Topeka, the son of Loren William Wellman and Jetta Fern Wellman. He married Karen Lee Aulgur on Aug. 8, 1964, at Wichita. A 1962 graduate of South East High School in Wichita, he attended Kansas State University for one year. He was owner/operator of Wellman Trash Service in Macksville, having moved there from Wichita in 1973. Wellman was a member of IOOF Lodge No. 539 in St. John and the Grand Lodge IOOF of Kansas; Loyal Order of Moose Lodge No. 982, Hutchinson; and Grace United Methodist Church, Macksville. Survivors include his wife Karen Lee of the home; mother Jetta Wellman of Macksville; one daughter, Kim Maxwell of Odin; one brother, Roger Wellman of Wichita; and two grandchildren. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Monday at the church with the Rev. Elaine Lord officiating. Burial will be a Farmington Cemetery in Macksville. Friends may call from 1 to 8 p.m. today at Minnis Chapel in Macksville. Memorials are suggested to Hospice House of Reno Co. Funeral arrangements provided by Minnis Chapel Inc. 205 N. Main Macksville, KS 67557 620-549-3556 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 18, 2004

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LeRoy L. Wittig 1932-2004

LeRoy L. Wittig, 72, of Great Bend, died July 15 at Wesley Medical Center in Wichita. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Bryant Funeral Home of Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 16, 2004

John F. Eveleigh

PUEBLO, Colo. — John F. Eveleigh, 89, of Pueblo, Colo., passed away, Tuesday, July 13, 2004. Survived by his wife, Donleta Eveleigh; children, Ken (Phyllis) Eveleigh of Morrison, Colo., Bob (Sandi) Eveleigh of Belton, Texas, Gary (Lolita) Eveleigh of Pueblo, Colo., and Cheryl (David) Cantrell of Dallas, Texas; grandchildren, Christopher Franklin Eveleigh, and Autumn Charlene Eveleigh; sisters, Myrtle Eveleigh, Pearl Birzer, Florence Saunders, Ruby Bramel, and Dorothy McIntyre; and brother, Robert Eveleigh. Preceded in death by his sisters, Maud Habiger, and Jessie Pedigo; and brother, Woodrow Eveleigh. John owned Johnny's Boiler Shop in Pueblo, Colo., since 1946. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial contributions be made to the Pueblo Alzheimer's Association. Visitation, 4 p.m. to 8 p.m., today, Roselawn Funeral Home, Pueblo, Colo. Funeral service, 10 a.m., Saturday, July 17, 2004, Roselawn Funeral Home Chapel. Entombment, Roselawn Cemetery, Pueblo, Colo. Funeral arrangements provided by Roselawn Funeral Home* 1706 Roselawn Road Pueblo, CO 81006 719-524-2934 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 16, 2004

Oscar L. Evenson 1919-2004

EL DORADO — Oscar L. Evenson, 85, of El Dorado, passed away Wednesday, July 14. Mr. Evenson was born northwest of Eureka on Jan. 14, 1919. He was the son of the late Christopher and Lena (Erickson) Evenson. He was one of 10 children. Oscar farmed and he also worked in the oil fields around El Dorado and retired from the refinery in El Dorado. On Dec. 21, 1947, he married Doris Marie Simmons in Emporia. She preceded him in death on Aug. 11, 1987. A grandson, Don Evenson, preceded him in death as well. He is survived by sons Logan Evenson and his wife Barbara of Augusta, Arne Evenson and his wife Raylin of Pretty Prairie, and Ray Evenson and his wife Susan of El Dorado; daughters, Sharon Dennis and her husband E.C. of Great Bend, Mary Patton and her husband Daryl of Garnett, and Lois Carson and her husband David of El Dorado; sisters, Lida Moreland of Wichita, Louise Hamby of Parker, Colo., Fern Wernli of Gridley and Leona Stroud of Wichita; grandchildren, Tina Evenson, Julie Tipton, Greg Evenson, Kari Hutchinson, Page Pound, Melissa and Miranda Patton, Jeremy and Amy Evenson; great-grandchildren Abby, Garrett and Emma Tipton. Visitation will be from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. today with family to greet friends from 7 to 8 p.m., all at Headley Funeral Chapel of Augusta. Services to celebrate his life will be at 10 a.m. on Saturday, July 17, at the funeral chapel. Interment will be at Ladd Cemetery northwest of Eureka. Memorials are suggested to Parkinson Association Parkinson's Center, 7808 Foster St., Overland Park, KS 66204. Funeral arrangements provided by Headley Funeral Chapel* 813 State Street Augusta, KS 67010 316-775-7778 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 16, 2004

Melvin A. 'Sonny' Jacobs 1934-2004

LA CROSSE — Melvin A. "Sonny" Jacobs, 69, died July 14 at his home in La Crosse. He was born Dec. 7, 1934, at Pfeifer, the son of Andrew and Mary Jacobs Jacobs. He married Wanda Ochs Nov. 24, 1954, in Great Bend. A resident of La Crosse for 15 years, coming from Great Bend, he worked for Stone Sand Company as a heavy equipment operator before his retirement. He was a member of the Catholic faith. Survivors include his wife of La Crosse; four sons, Melvin G. Jacobs and Paul A. Jacobs, both of Great Bend, Theodore "Teddy" J. Jacobs of Goodland and Patrick L. Jacobs of Bison; one daughter, Diana Lynn Bakeberg of Gastonia, N.C.; two brothers, Delmas "Jack" Jacobs of Hays and Darrell Jacobs of Wichita; three sisters, Evelyn Bieker of Hays, Shirley Millikin of Neosho, Mo., and Norene Jacobs of Des Moines, Iowa; seven grandchildren; and one great-granddaughter. He was preceded in death by one sister, Shelbia "Sis" Huffhines; and two grandchildren, Kimberly Jacobs and Elizabeth Jacobs. Memorial service will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Janousek Funeral Home Chapel in La Crosse, with the Rev. Dennis Reed officiating. Inurnment will be at La Crosse City Cemetery. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. tonight at the funeral home, with the family receiving friends from 6 to 8 p.m. Memorials are suggested to South Wind Hospice of Pratt, in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Janousek Funeral Home 719 Pine La Crosse, KS 67548 785-222-2517 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 16, 2004

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Doris F. Graham 1920-2004

Doris F. Graham, 84, of Great Bend, died July 13 at Alterra Sterling House of Great Bend. She was born Feb. 21, 1920, at Liberal, the daughter of Francis "Frank" Samuel and Nancy Lovina Hawley Bozarth. She married John A. Graham Oct. 13, 1940, at Liberal. He died May 7, 1977. A resident of Great Bend since 1946, coming from Liberal and Larned, she was a homemaker. She was a member of First United Methodist Church in Great Bend, FS Chapter of PEO, StoneRidge Ladies Golf Association, "Bloomer Girls" Sewing Club, Kansas State President's Club and several bridge clubs. Survivors include two sons, James J. Graham and wife Celinda of Wichita, and John R. Graham and wife Mary Lee of Manhattan; one daughter, Marsha Protinsky and husband Howard of Hardy, Va.; one sister, Ruby Feese of Dallas, Texas; four grandchildren, Paige Graham Protinsky, Jeff Graham and wife Kristen, Blake Graham and wife Traci, and Nichols Graham and wife Amy. She was preceded in death by one brother, Darrell Ray Bozarth. Funeral will be at 1:30 p.m. Friday at First United Methodist Church of Great Bend, with the Rev. Gary Brooks officiating. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. to noon Friday, all at Bryant Funeral Home of Great Bend. Memorials are suggested to Golden Belt Community Foundation and First United Methodist Church, both in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Bryant Funeral Home* 1425 Patton Road Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-3525 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 15, 2004

July 14, 2004

Sandra L. Newkirk 1941 - 2004

HOISINGTON — Sandra L. Newkirk, 63, died July 7 at Clara Barton Hospital in Hoisington. She was born June 5, 1941, at Ellis, the daughter of Walt and Grace Mickelson Crist. She married Frank Newkirk Dec. 26, 1970, at Great Bend. A resident of Hoisington since 1970, moving from Great Bend, she was a homemaker and CNA. Mrs. Newkirk was a member of the Tuesday Night Bowling League in Hoisington. Survivors include her husband of the home; two sons, Richard Newkirk, Hutchinson, and Travis Newkirk, Hoisington; one daughter, Debi Von Lintel, Wamego; her father of Pawnee Rock; four brothers, Dale Carr Jr., Pawnee Rock, John Carr, Great Bend, Gordon Crist, Texas, and Ed Crist, Wilson; four sisters, Janet Flint, Great Bend, Gloria Callaway, Pratt, Tonia Appel, Larned, and Karen Gilkey, Hutchinson; five grandchildren and one great-grandchild. She was preceded in death by a son, Scott Scheuerman. Funeral has taken place, with burial at Hoisington Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to the Hoisington Little League Baseball or American Lung Association, both in care of Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 14, 2004

Annette M. Pellett 1953 - 2004

BOULDER, Colo. — Annette M. Pellett, 50, died July 6 of liver disease in Lafayette, Colo. She was born Oct. 28, 1953, in Great Bend, the daughter of Leonard and Edna Kathman Miller. She married Kenneth Pellett. They divorced. She was a resident of Boulder County since 1975. Survivors include three sons, Scott Pellett, David Pellett and Tim Pellett; one daughter, Christina Wyhe, Dodge City; four brothers, Leonard Miller, Kenneth Miller and James Miller, all of Great Bend, and Curtis Miller, Salina; three sisters, Judy Blanchard, Khabarovsk, Russia, Mary Ramsey, Great Bend, and Sharon Miller, Dubuque, Ill.; and one grandson. A memorial service has taken place. Contributions may be made in her name to Hospice Care of Boulder and Broomfield Counties, 2594 Trailridge Drive E, Suite A, Lafayette, CO 80026. Funeral arrangements were provided by Avalon Funeral Home, Lafayette. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 14, 2004

Herbert F. Carrier 1923 - 2004

Herbert F. Carrier, 80, of Great Bend, died July 12 at Great Bend Health and Rehabilitation Center. He was born Aug. 13, 1923, in Sullivan County, Tenn., the son of Roy T. and Lennie Osborne Carrier. He married LaVina C. Hoffman Dec. 3, 1945, at Great Bend. A Great Bend resident since 1953, coming from Bluff City, Tenn., he was a self-employed certified welder, owning Carrier Welding. He also worked for the Tennessee Valley Authority in Bristol, Tenn.; O'Neill Tank Company for 23 years; Papay Water Service and was later at Fuller Brush as a security guard before retirement. Carrier was a member of St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3111, both of Great Bend, and the American Motorcycle Association. A U.S. Air Force veteran from 1942-1945, he was a corporal with the 20th 444 Bombing Group. Survivors include his wife of the home; two sons, David Carrier of Albert and Thomas Carrier of Mustang, Okla.; two daughters, Vickie Brown, Great Bend, and Nancy Tiede, Parsons; two brothers, Bruce Carrier, Bluff City, and Obia Carrier, Bristol; seven grandchildren, three stepgrandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and eight step-great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a brother, Roy T. Carrier Jr. Vigil will be at 7 p.m. Thursday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Friday at the church with the Rev. Ted Stoecklein officiating. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery, with military committal rites conducted by the Fort Riley Honor Guard. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Catholic Community of Great Bend, in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Bryant Funeral Home 1425 Patton Road Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-3525 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 14, 2004

July 13, 2004

Anthony A. Demel 1933-2004

Anthony A. "Tony" Demel, 71, died July 10 at Kansas Heart Hospital in Wichita. He was born June 21, 1933, at Redwing, the son of Alois and Christina Schneweis Demel. He married Joan Kuhlman Dec. 26, 1957, at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Olmitz. A lifetime resident of Barton County, he worked as a machinist and welder. Demel was a member of St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church, Great Bend. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army. Survivors include his wife of the home; two sons, Tim Demel, Olmitz, and Terry Demel, Great Bend; a daughter, Judy Demel, Albert; five brothers, Lawrence Demel, Hoisington, Bernard Demel, Norman, Okla., Ambrose Demel, Hoisington, Harold Demel, Hutchinson and Edwin Demel, Lenexa; three sisters, Kathleen Chacon and Theresa Bieberle both of Great Bend, and Laurie Lane, Hoisington; eight grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. Vigil will be at 7:30 p.m. today at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at St. Ann Catholic Church with the Revs. Ted Stoecklein and Warren Stoecklein officiating. Burial will be at St. Ann Cemetery in Olmitz. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. today at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to American Heart Association, St. Ann Cemetery or Kansas Wildlife Federation, all in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home 415 North Main, P.O. Box 146 Hoisington, KS 67544 620-653-4165 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 13, 2004

July 11, 2004

Chester H. Nienke 1923-2004

HOLYROOD —Chester H. Nienke, 80, died July 9 at Mitchell County Hospital in Beloit. He was born Oct. 23, 1923, at Kanopolis, the son of Frederick and Mata Erhardt Nienke. He married Wanda Fern Strange on May 24, 1946, at Lincoln. She died April 6, 1978. He was a Navy veteran of World War II. A lifetime resident of Ellsworth County, residing in Holyrood, he was owner/operator of Chet Nienke Lease Service, providing service as an oil field contractor. Nienke was a member of St. Peter Lutheran Church and American Legion Post 200, and served at various times as a city council member, mayor and school board member, all in Holyrood. Survivors include three daughters, Sheila Fankhauser, Garden City, Barbara Hogan, Jamestown, ND, and Janet Kempke, Ellsworth; two brothers, Amos Nienke, Wichita, and Ervin Nienke, Holyrood; one sister, Lola Vidrickson, Salina; eight grandchildren and one great-grandson. He was preceded in death by sisters Helen Haase, Emma Nienke and Nelda Taylor, and brothers Raymond Nienke and Leonard Nienke. A closed casket service will be held at 2 p.m. Monday at the church with the Rev. John Sharp officiating. Interment will be at St. Peter Lutheran Church cemetery with military rites by the Holyrood American Legion. Friends may call from 1 to 8 p.m. today at Parsons Funeral Home in Ellsworth and from 1 to 2 p.m. Monday at the church. Funeral arrangements provided by Parsons Funeral Home 307 North Lincoln Ellsworth, KS 67438 785-472-3861 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 11, 2004

Gary F. Gillaspie 1940-2004

MANHATTAN — Gary F. Gillaspie, 63, died July 2 at his home in Manhattan. He was born July 12, 1940, at Claflin, the son of John Robert Gillaspie and Virginia Carothers Gillaspie. He grew up in Claflin and attended the local schools. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army. Gillaspie worked for over 27 years with the Kansas State University Police Department. He retired at the rank of lieutenant in 1996. After his retirement from the Campus Police, he worked at the First Bank and later with Peterson Clinical Lab of Manhattan. Gillaspie was a member of Pearce-Keller American Legion Post No. 17, Manhattan Shrine Club and was a past member of Lafayette Lodge No. 16, A.F.&A.M., all of Manhattan, and the Isis Shrine and the Scottish Rite Bodies of Salina. He is survived by a son, Rob Gillaspie of Fort Collins, Colo. Cremation is being planned. Inurnment will be at a later date in the Claflin Cemetery. Memorial contributions can be made to the Shriner's Children's Hospital in care of the Irvin-Parkview Funeral Home. Funeral arrangements provided by Irvin-Parkview Funeral Home 1317 Poyntz Ave. Manhattan, KS 66502 785-537-2110 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 11, 2004

Marie Mall 1915-2004

ELLINWOOD — Marie Mall, 89, died July 9 at Woodhaven Care Center in Ellinwood. She was born May 23, 1915, at Madison, the daughter of Fredrick Clarence Austin and Jeanette Allen Crotchett. She married Clyde David Walford on Feb. 23, 1935, at Eureka. He died April 26, 1971. She married Clarence M. Mall on July 7, 1976, at Tescott. He died Nov. 3, 1987. A long-time Ellinwood resident, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Mall was a member of United Methodist Church, Rebecca Lodge, both of Ellinwood, Eastern Star No. 487 of Claflin, Heritage Club and volunteer worker at the Ellinwood Thrift Shop. Survivors include a son, Donald Dee Walford, Owasso, Okla.; a daughter, Patricia Irene Schartz, Ellinwood; stepdaughter, Lucille Reeder, Wichita; sister, Helen Erwin, Wichita; stepsons Orville Mall of Seattle, Wash., and Roy Mall of McAllen, Texas; seven grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two brothers and two sisters. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Kimple Funeral Chapel in Ellinwood with the Rev. Vernon Maelzer officiating. Burial will be a Hillcrest Cemetery in Great Bend. Friends may call from 1 to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Ellinwood Ambulance Fund or Woodhaven Care Center, in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Kimple Funeral Home 113 North Main Ellinwood, KS 67526 620-564-2300 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 11, 2004

Annette M. Pellett 1953-2004

BOULDER, Colo. — Annette M. Pellett, 50, of Boulder died July 6 of liver disease in Lafayette, Colo. She was born Oct. 28, 1953, the daughter of Leonard and Edna Kathman Miller, in Great Bend. She married Kenneth Pellett. They divorced. She lived in Boulder County from 1975 until her death. Survivors include three sons, Scott Pellett, David Pellett and Tim Pellett, and one grandson. A memorial service has taken place. Contributions may be made in her name to Hospice Care of Boulder and Broomfield Counties, 2594 Trailridge Drive E, Suite A, Lafayette, CO 80026. Funeral arrangements provided by Avalon Funeral Home 1320 Central Village Drive Lafayette, CO 80026 303-665-2979 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 11, 2004

Michael J. Walts 1950-2004

Michael J. Walts, 54, died July 8 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. He was born April 10, 1950, at Hadley Hospital in Hays, the son of Claire Edgar and Edna Lucille Hocker Walts. He received his Bachelor of Science degree from Fort Hays State University, his Juris Doctor degree from the University of Kansas Law School, and received certifications from the National Graduate Trust School and Trust Management School, Northwestern University; and Graduate School of Bank Investments, University of Oklahoma. He married Mary Brandt on Oct. 1, 1981, in Las Vegas, Nev. She survives. On Feb. 1, 1988, Michael and Mary moved to Great Bend where he took a position as president and chief executive officer of First United National Bank and Trust and later as first vice president of Commercial Federal Bank. He was currently serving as the president and CEO of American State Bank in Great Bend. He had been a resident of Great Bend since Feb. 1, 1988, coming from Bellevue, Neb., Lawrence, Kan., and Hill City, Kan. Walts was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church; the Joyful Noise Gospel Ensemble; former chairman, board member and current member of the Great Bend Chamber of Commerce; Mid-Kansas Economic Development past board member and chairman of the board; Barton County Community College Foundation past board member and chairman; Vision 2000 Steering Committee member, Central Kansas Development Inc. board member; Golden Belt Community Foundation investment committee member; Kansas Bankers Association, Kansas Bar Association, Nebraska Bar Association and Golden Belt Bankers Association. Survivors include his wife Mary of the home; two sons, Nathan Walts and wife Briana, Lawrence, and Taylor Walts, Great Bend; one daughter, Courtney Walts, Wichita; two brothers, Charles O. Walts and wife Cherry, San Marcos, Texas, and Timothy L. Walts, Hill City; one sister, Judith Stricker and husband Tom, Hill City; and a host of nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents. Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at Trinity Lutheran Church in Great Bend, with the Rev. James Strasen and the Rev. Jim Hawthorne officiating. Interment will be at Hillcrest Memorial Park in Great Bend. Friends may call from 1 to 9 p.m. today at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Memorials are suggested to Christian Legal Organizations Alliance Defense Fund or First Presbyterian Church of Hill City or Idana Children's Mission Fun, Idana Presbyterian Church, in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Bryant Funeral Home* 1425 Patton Road Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-3525 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 11, 2004

July 9, 2004

Bonna Reinhardt 1925-2004

MISSION, Texas — A former Great Bend resident, Bonna Reinhardt, 78, died July 3 in a hospital in Mission, Texas, following a long illness. She was the wife of Dr. Donald Reinhardt, a Great Bend dentist for many years. Bonna was born Aug. 20, 1925, at Cimarron, KS, the daughter of Charles and Daisy Maxfield. The family later moved to Garden City where Bonna attended school. She earned a degree in home economics in 1948 from Kansas State University, then taught school for several years. She married Donald Reinhardt in August of 1949, and after he completed dental school, they moved to Great Bend in 1954. Bonna was active in both Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts, was involved in genealogy and historical society groups, and served on several committees during her active membership in First United Methodist Church, Great Bend. She was an active homemaker and enjoyed many friendships. The body was cremated. A memorial service will be held Monday, July 12, at 10:30 a.m. at First United Methodist Church, Forest at Stone, in Great Bend. Memorials may be given to First United Methodist Church or the Barton County Historical Society. Survivors include her husband of the home; two sons — Russell and wife Theresa of Apple Valley, CA, and Jon of Tulsa, OK; three daughters — Mrs. Norm (Cathy) St. Laurent, Lawrence, KS; Carol, Manhattan, KS; and Mrs. Kirk (Cindy) Rettig, Cincinnati, OH. Also surviving are seven grandchildren, including Erica and Alexis Reinhardt, Apple Valley, CA; Aaron, Laura and Matt Reinhardt of Tulsa, OK; and Jessica and Cassie Rettig, Cincinnati, OH. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 9, 2004*

Sherry Lynn Bowsher Barnett 1943-2004

WEST COVINA, Calif. — Sherry Lynn Bowsher Barnett, 60, died July 3 at her home in West Covina, Calif. She was born July 20, 1943, at Springfield, Ohio, the daughter of Donald A. and Dorothy D. Rinker Bowsher. A resident of West Covina for 30 years, coming from Wichita, she was a psychiatric technician for the State of California and had worked in home health care. She was a member of Chapel of Peace Christian Church in Rancho Cucamonga, Calif. She had been an active member of the Argonne Rebel Drum and Bugle Corps in Great Bend. Survivors include one daughter, Jacque Richter, Great Bend; two sons, Paul Barnett and David Barnett, both of California; one sister, Vickie Cole, Hays; one half-sister, Betty Yetschke, Great Bend; and one half-brother, Donald Bowsher Jr., Great Bend. Graveside service will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at Great Bend Cemetery, with the Rev. Diana Coberly officiating. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. Monday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Memorials are suggested to Great Bend Humane Society or First Congregational United Church of Christ, both in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Bryant Funeral Home 1425 Patton Road Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-3525 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 9, 2004

Sandra L. Newkirk 1941-2004

HOISINGTON — Sandra L. Newkirk, 63, died July 7 at Clara Barton Hospital in Hoisington. She was born June 5, 1941, at Ellis, the daughter of Walt and Grace Mickelson Crist. She married Frank Newkirk Dec. 26, 1970, at Great Bend. A resident of Hoisington since 1970, moving from Great Bend, she was a homemaker and CNA. Mrs. Newkirk was a member of the Tuesday Night Bowling League in Hoisington. Survivors include her husband of the home; two sons, Richard Newkirk, Hutchinson, and Travis Newkirk, Hoisington; one daughter, Debi Von Lintel, Wamego; her father of Pawnee Rock; four brothers, Dale Carr Jr., Pawnee Rock, John Carr, Great Bend, Gordon Crist, Texas, and Ed Crist, Wilson; four sisters, Janet Flint, Great Bend, Gloria Callaway, Pratt, Tonia Appel, Larned, and Karen Gilkey, Hutchinson; five grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington with the Rev. Dick Ogle officiating. Burial will be at Hoisington Cemetery. Friends may call from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. until service time Saturday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the Hoisington Little League Baseball or American Lung Association, both in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home P.O. Box 146 - 415 North Main Hoisington, KS 67544 620-653-4165 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 9, 2004

Eddie Ralph Walker 1927-2004

MACKSVILLE — Eddie Ralph Walker, 77, died July 7 in rural Macksville. He was born May 1, 1927, in rural Macksville, the son of Clarence Sheldon and Sara Wilhemena Johnson Walker. He graduated from Macksville High School in 1946. He married Jennie Pearl McBride on May 15, 1949, at Radium. A lifetime resident of the area, he was a farmer-machinist and owner/operator of Walker Bros. Manufacturing in Macksville. Walker was a member of the Macksville Christian Church. Survivors include his wife of the home; two sons, Ricki Lee Walker, Seward, and Ronnie Allen Walker, St. John; two daughters, Rhea Darlene Overbey, Macksville, and JoLinda Rae Rains, Salina; one brother, Vernon Walker, Bella Vista, Ark.; one sister, Julia Maple, Wichita; 10 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a son, Terryl Wayne Walker; five brothers, Francis Walker, Harold Walker, Johnny Walker, Russell Walker and Wayne Walker; and two sisters, Edna Chandler and Ruby Beamer. Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at the church, with the Rev. Carey Haner officiating. Burial will be at Farmington Cemetery in Macksville. Friends may call from 1 to 8 p.m. today at Minnis Chapel in Macksville. Memorials are suggested to the church or American Diabetes Association, both in care of the funeral chapel. Funeral arrangements provided by Minnis Chapel Inc. P.O. Box 34 St. John, KS 67576 620-549-3556 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 9, 2004

July 8, 2004

Gerald N. Schartz 1928-2004

HAYS — Gerald N. Schartz, 75, died July 6 at Hays Medical Center. He was born Dec. 30, 1928, at Great Bend, the son of Nick and Aileen Kimpler Schartz. He married Shirley Ross on June 10, 1953, at Hays. Schartz served in the U.S. Army and worked in the oil fields, was a security guard and a B and W factory representative. Schartz was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Hays. Survivors include his wife of the home: five sons. Gerald E. "Butch" Schartz of Ellis. David L. Schartz of Hays. Stephen E.

Schartz of Denver, Colo., and Mark A. Schartz and Alan D. Schartz, both of Salina; five daughters, Jeannine "Sue" Martinez of Denver, Karen Stadelman of Perryton, Texas, and Laura Schartz, Debra Douglas and Marilyn "Mernie" Schartz, all of Ellis; four brothers, Vernon Schartz of Oregon, Norbert "Bert" Schartz of California, Tom Schartz of Arizona and Pat Schartz of Ellinwood; two sisters, Mary Bowes and Clare Desales "Saley" Fiest, both of Ellinwood; 22 grandchildren; and eight great-granddaughters. He was preceded in death by a son, Rick Schartz; four brothers, Kenneth Schartz, Charles Schartz, Loren Schartz and Leon Schartz; and a sister, Celesta Bennett. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. July 16 at the church. Inurnment will be in St. Joseph Cemetery in Hays. A memorial has been established with Thomas More Prep-Marian High School, in care of Hays Memorial Chapel Funeral Home. Funeral arrangements provided by Hays Memorial Chapel Funeral Home 20th and Pine Hays, KS 67601 785-628-1009 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 8, 2004

Thomas L. Wilson 1908-2004

Thomas L. Wilson, 95, of Great Bend, died July 6 at Cherry Village Nursing Home in Great Bend. He was born Aug. 25, 1908, near Larned, the son of Opal and Mae Golden Wilson. He married Lela Parker on Sept. 2, 1933, at Trousdale. A resident of Great Bend for 10 years, coming from Pratt, he was a farmer and also had worked for Cross Manufacturing in Lewis, was manager of R&R Tank in Pratt and worked for Southwest Truck, also in Pratt, retiring in 1994. Wilson was a member of First United Methodist Church in Trousdale, a 50-year member of the Mason Lodge, Order of the Eastern Star and the Elks Lodge in Pratt. He also had served on the Trousdale, Kansas, School Board. Survivors include his wife of the home; one daughter, Donna Thill, Great Bend; three grandchildren, Kristie Thill of Great Bend, David and Shellie Thill of Great Bend, and Michelle Doll of Fort Collins, Colo.; four great-grandchildren, Emilie, Ashlie and Thomas Thill, Great Bend, and Sean Doll, Fort Collins, Colo. He was preceded in death by a sister, Opal Gray. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at First Christian Church in Great Bend, with the Rev. William F. Johnson officiating. Interment will be at Belpre Cemetery in Belpre. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. today at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend and from 9 a.m. until service time Friday at First Christian Church. Memorials are suggested to First Christian Church in Great Bend or First United Methodist Church in Trousdale, all in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Bryant Funeral Home* 1425 Patton Road Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-3525 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 8, 2004

Laird L. Metheny 1927-2004

NORTON — Laird Lee Metheny, 76, died July 4 at Presbyterian St. Luke's Hospital in Denver, Colo. He was born July 15, 1927, at Morland, the son of John J. and Lillian Ila Wanamaker Metheny. He grew up in the Norton-Graham county areas and graduated from Bogue High School. He married Alberta Edgett on Aug. 3, 1952, at Hill City. They lived in the Lenora area until 1966, when they moved to Norton where Laird was a mechanic and shop foreman for Norton County. Laird was a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Harmonson-Redd American Legion Post No. 63, Eagles and United Commercial Travelers of America, all of Norton. He was also a member of the Norton City Volunteer Fire Department for more than 20 years. Survivors include his wife of the home; three daughters, Sheryl Smith, Golden, Colo., Deona Cook, Norton, and Connie Holliday, Claflin; two brothers, Morris Metheny, McPherson, and Delmar Metheny, Vienna, Va.; one sister, Norma Catron, Whittier, Calif.; eight grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two sisters, Eleanor Milner and Mary Newson. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Enfield Funeral Home in Norton, with the Rev. Jeff Nielsen officiating. Interment will be at Norton Cemetery. Friends may call from 3 to 8:30 p.m. today at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the Laird Metheny Memorial Fund in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Enfield Funeral Home of Norton 215 W. Main Norton, KS 67654 785-877-5135 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 8, 2004

Marian B. Mayberry 1907-2004

ELKHART — Marian B. Mayberry, 97, died July 5 in Austin, Texas. She was born Jan. 18, 1907, in Great Bend, the daughter of Willis and Avice Bolinger. She was raised in Kansas and attended the University of Kansas where she was affiliated with Alpha Omicron Pi sorority. On Aug. 11, 1929, she married Willard Mayberry of Emporia. He preceded her in death. In the 1930s they moved to Elkhart, where they purchased the Elkhart Tri State News and soon followed with other business ventures, including a car dealership, rental properties and ranching. Mrs. Mayberry was a member of the PEO sisterhood and supported numerous scholarships at Emporia State University. While in Elkhart she served as an officer of the library board and in the women's circles of the Methodist Church. Survivors include two daughters, Marilyn Hilgers of Arvada, Colo., and Jocelyn "Jolly" Schram of Austin; five grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two sisters, Betty Carey and Margaret Eldredge. Graveside service will be at 3 p.m. Friday at Elkhart Cemetery, with the Rev. James L. Brackett officiating. Funeral arrangements provided by Garnand Funeral Home P.O. Box 854 Elkhart, KS 67950 620-697-2191 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 8, 2004

Edward J. Schukman 1920-2004

HAYS — Edward J. Schukman, 83, died July 6 at Hays Medical Center. He was born Nov. 24, 1920, at Hays, the son of Jacob and Bertha Kohn Schukman. He married Sybillia Giebler on June 14, 1949, at Hays. She died Feb. 3, 1989. Prior to his retirement, he was the vocational agriculture instructor at Hays High School for 37 years. Schukman was a member of St. Joseph's Church and Veterans of Foreign Wars, both of Hays. He was an Army Air Corps veteran of World War II. Survivors include four sons: Jay Schukman of Richard, Va., John Schukman of Leavenworth, Kevin Schukman of Hays and Mark Schukman of Great Bend; one daughter, Ruth Schukman-Dakotas of Desoto; two brothers, Jacob Schukman Jr. of Battle Creek, Mich., and Ralph Schukman of Hays; one sister, Irene Leiker of Hays; and nine grandchildren. Parish vigil service will be at 7 tonight at Brock's North Hill Chapel in Hays. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at the church. Burial will be at St. Joseph's Cemetery with graveside military honors by the Hays Veterans of Foreign Wars. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. today and from 8:30 to 9:45 a.m. Friday at the funeral chapel. Memorials are suggested to Hospice of Hays Medical Center or Shantivanam House of Prayer in Easton. all in care of the funeral chapel. Funeral arrangements provided by Brock's North Hill Chapel P.O.

July 7, 2004

Erna Witt 1917-2004

HUDSON — Erna Witt, 87, died July 5 at her home in Hudson. She was born Feb. 8, 1917, at rural Hudson, the daughter of Carl and Lena Engels Drach. She married Norman Witt Aug. 27, 1937, at Hudson. A lifetime resident of Hudson, she was a homemaker and past school teacher for Silver Bell School in rural Stafford County. Mrs. Witt was a member of Trinity United Church of Christ, Trinity Guild, Hudson Senior Citizens, Hudson Sunshine EHU and was a Sunday school teacher, all at Hudson. Survivors include her husband of the home; one son, N. Theodore "Pete" Witt, Hudson; two daughters, Patsy Gray, Marble Falls, Texas, and Linda Bunselmeyer, Great Bend; one brother, Arthur Drach, Stafford; one sister, Hilda Siefkes, Hudson; six grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and two step-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two brothers, William Drach and Leonard Drach. Memorial service will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at the church, with the Rev. Wade Russell officiating. There will be a private family inurnment service at Trinity Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to noon today at Minnis Chapel in St. John. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of the funeral chapel. Funeral arrangements provided by Minnis Chapel Inc. P.O. Box 34 St. John, KS 67576 620-549-3556 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 7, 2004

July 6, 2004

Florence H. McCoy 1913-2004

HOISINGTON — Florence H. McCoy, 90, died July 4 at Cheyenne Meadows Living Center of Hoisington. She was born Oct. 26, 1913, in Bronx, N.Y., the daughter of Edward Charles and Violet Pearl Mitchell Frank. She married Robert McCoy Nov. 21, 1936, in Elizabeth, N.J. He died Feb. 27, 1997. A resident of Hoisington, she was a secretary and owned the Broken Wheel Ranch in Lebanon, Mo., and raised Black Angus cattle for 30 years. She was a past president for American Legion Auxiliary in New York and member of the auxiliary for 58 years. Survivors include three daughters, Roberta Welch of Great Bend, Florence Lane of Buckner, Mo., and Barbara de Lagarde of Holbrook, N.Y.; one brother, Harry Frank of Dover Plains, N.Y.; eight grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one brother, Edward Frank. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Charter Funerals Chapel in Great Bend, with the Rev. Don Paden officiating. Burial will be at Calverton National Cemetery in Calverton, N.Y. Friends may call from noon to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral chapel. Memorials are suggested to Cheyenne Meadows Living Center, in care of the funeral chapel. Funeral arrangements provided by Charter Funerals 2115 Washington Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-6161 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 6, 2004

Harold Edward Gardner 1940-2004

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla. — Harold Edward Gardner, 63, was born Nov. 9, 1940, in Norman, Okla., and passed away June 27 in Thousand Oaks, Calif. Raised in Oklahoma City, he also was a resident of Hoisington and Great Bend for 25 years employed in the oil exploration industry. A return to Oklahoma City was made in 1995 to work in the retail grocery field before retiring due to health reasons. He was preceded in death by his father, Herman. He is survived by his three children, Cheryl Stevens of Thousand Oaks, Eric Gardner of Wichita and Jeff Gardner of Naples, Fla. He is also survived by his mother, Lettie Green; brothers, Timothy Gardner, Jim Gardner and Johnny Green; sisters Nellie Taylor, Patsy Ashford, Carol Whitlock, Judy Jennings and Janet Parker, all of Oklahoma City. Grandchildren are Gabrielle and Anna Stevens of Thousand Oaks. Service will be held at 3 p.m. Friday at Eisenhour Funeral Home, 5005 S.E. 29th St., Del City, Okla. Funeral arrangements provided by Eisenhour Funeral Home* 5005 S.E. 29th St. Del City, OK 73115-4798 405-672-1321 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 6, 2004

July 4, 2004

Walter "Jim" Bisbee 1919-2004

Walter "Jim" Bisbee, 84, died July 2 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. He was born Nov. 21, 1919, at Dustin, Okla., the son of Lewis H. and Lucinda Tucker Bisbee. He married Minnie James on Dec. 6, 1941, at Mena, Ark. He was a resident of Great Bend for 38 years, coming from Goodland. He was a printer and composing room foreman for the Sherman County Harold for 17 years and the Great Bend Tribune for 22 years, retiring in 1987. Bisbee was a veteran of World War II, serving with the United States Army with the rank of sergeant. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church, American Legion and a lifetime member of the V.F.W. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, James D. Bisbee and wife, Linda, of Wichita; one daughter, Karen L. Webb and husband, Al, of McMinnville, Tenn.; two brothers, King Bisbee of Mena, Ark., and Lynn Bisbee of McColl, S.C.; two sisters, Jean Dickerson of Pomona, Calif., and Elsie Daniels of Mena, Ark.; one granddaughter, Lucinda Freeman and husband, DeWayne, of Wichita. He was preceded in death by one brother, Bill Bisbee and two sisters, Leatha Sprinkle and Irene McElfresh. Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday at the First United Methodist Church in Great Bend, with the Rev. Gary Brooks officiating. Burial will be at the Great Bend Cemetery with Military Committal Rites conducted by the Fort Riley Honor Guard. Friends may call from 9 a.m.-9 p.m. on Monday. Memorials are suggested to First United Methodist Church, (Pastor's Mission Fund), Meals on Wheels and Great Bend Public Library. Funeral arrangements provided by Bryant Funeral Home* 1425 Patton Road Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-3525 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune July 4, 2004

July 2, 2004

John W. Gormly 1928-2004

SAN ANTONIO, Texas — CMSgt. John W. Gormly, U.S. Air Force, retired, age 75, died June 30. He was born Aug. 8, 1928, in Great Bend. He was preceded in death by a son, Jerry Gormly in 1978 and a sister, Gretta, in 1989. He is survived by his wife, Emily Mae Gormly; sons, Willison H. Gormly, Terry L. Gormly; and daughter, Gale D. Hearn, all of Hutchinson; grandchildren, Sherry Angel, Janet Lowe, Heather Hearn, Thomas Gormly and Patrick Gormly; great-grandchildren, Chelsea Campbell, Holly Angel, Cassie Angel, Bryson Hearn, Ashton Berkeley, McCaitlin Berkeley and Devon Berkeley; sister, Karen Tetzlaff of Kansas City, Mo. The visitation is from 5 to 8 p.m. today at Sunset Funeral Home, 1701 Austin Hwy., San Antonio. The graveside service and interment with full military honors will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family would appreciate contributions to any hospice organization. Funeral arrangements provided by Sunset Funeral Home* 1701 Austin Hwy. San Antonio, Texas 78218 210-828-2811 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 2, 2004

Blanche Oborny 1910-2004

NORTON — Blanche Oborny, 94, died June 30 at the Andbe Home in Norton. She was born April 20, 1910, in Pilsen, the daughter of Emanuel and Emma Krch Vinduska. She married Louis Lentz Oct. 28, 1936. He died in 1945. She married Edward J. Oborny April 28, 1968. He died in 1986. A resident of Norton since 1988, coming from Timken and Pilsen, she was a homemaker and worked as a telephone operator, managed the first school lunch program for the parish parochial school at Pilsen and was the priest's housekeeper in Pilsen. She was a member of St. Francis Catholic Church and Altar Society. Survivors include one daughter, Margaret Ann Wetter of Norton; one stepson, Edward J. Oborny of Bison; one stepdaughter, Marcella Stos of Otis; two grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; stepgrandchildren and step great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one brother, Jim; and one sister, Mary. Mass of Christian Burial will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Holy Family Parish, St. John Nepomucene Church of Pilsen. Burial will be at the church cemetery in Pilsen. Memorials are suggested to St. Francis Catholic Church, Norton County Hospital or Andbe Home in Norton, all in care of Enfield Funeral Home in Norton. Pilsen arrangements are by Zeiner Funeral Home of Marion. Funeral arrangements provided by Enfield Funeral Home 215 W. Main Norton, KS 67654 785-877-5135 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 2, 2004

James Mark McCoy 1946-2004

WEST PLAINS, Mo. — James Mark McCoy, 57, died June 26 in West Plains, Mo. He was born Sept. 16, 1946, in Great Bend, the son of Raymond A. and Hazel Inez Engleman McCoy. A resident of West Plains, he worked at Marathon Electric. Survivors include two sons, Shawn Mark McCoy Brewer of Topeka and Ryan McCoy Risley of Wichita; one daughter, Miranda McCoy Thornton of Wichita; one brother, Grant McCoy of Edmond, Okla.; two sisters, Alyce Schartz of West Plains and Rita Dannabohm of Abilene; and four grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one grandchild. He was a U.S. Navy veteran, serving during the Vietnam War on the USS Valley Forge. Memorial service was Wednesday at Union Grove Cemetery in Howell County, Mo., with military rites. Funeral arrangements provided by Carter Funeral Home Inc. West Plains, Mo. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 2, 2004

July 1, 2004

Stanley E. Young

KINSLEY – Stanley E. Young, 76, died June 30, at St. Joseph Memorial Hospital in Larned. Memorial service is pending and will be announced by Beckwith Mortuary Chapel in Larned. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 1, 2004

Helen J. Meggers 1922 - 2004

CLAFLIN — Helen J. Meggers, 81, died June 30 at Clara Barton Hospital in Hoisington. She was born Nov. 28, 1922, at Claflin, the daughter of Emil and Orié (Belt) Kratky. A resident of Claflin since 1968, she was a homemaker. She married Rolland Meggers March 22, 1946, at Cimarron. He died Oct. 1, 1968. Mrs. Meggers was a member of Veteran of Foreign Wars Auxiliary, Great Bend. Survivors include two sisters, Alice Johnson of Chickasha, Okla., and Frances Keyes of Claflin. She was preceded in death by one brother, Victor Kratky, and one sister, Elma Kratky. Graveside service will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Raymond Cemetery in Raymond with John Radenberg officiating. Friends may call from 3 to 6 p.m. today at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. Memorials are suggested to Claflin Ambulance Fund or American Cancer Society in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home 415 North Main, P.O. Box 146 Hoisington, KS 67544 620-653-4165 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 1, 2004

Vernon L. Short 1944 - 2004

Vernon L. Short, 59, died June 30 at his home in Great Bend. He was born July 27, 1944, at Norton, the son of Alvin and Zelda (Lyons) Short. A resident of Great Bend for more than 25 years, coming from Houston, Texas, he was a driller in the oil industry. Short served in the United States Navy. Survivors include three daughters, Serinae Zamora, Tonya Roberts and Joanna Zamora, all of Great Bend; two brothers, Ray Short and Eddie Stamey, both of Texas; and three grandchildren. He was preceded in death by three brothers, Merle Short, Rex Short and Harry Short, and one sister, Judy Criswell. There will be no funeral services. Arrangements are being handled by Charter Funerals in Great Bend. Funeral arrangements provided by Charter Funerals 2115

Washington Avenue Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-6161 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 1, 2004

Eldon Budreau 1935 - 2004

CONCORDIA — Eldon Budreau, 68, died June 29 at Cloud County Health Center, Concordia. He was born Nov. 2, 1935, in rural Concordia, the son of Joe A. Budreau and Mabel Tholstrup. He graduated from Concordia High School. He married Eva Deneault on Sept. 15, 1953, at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church in Concordia. He worked for 13 years for the Delmer F. Harris Company constructing playground equipment. A lifetime farmer, he was also a car salesman, real estate agent, auctioneer, contractor and general entrepreneur. Budreau was a member of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church in Concordia. Survivors include his wife of the home; six sons, Sam Budreau of Chanute, Ben Budreau of Concordia; Kip Budreau of Shawnee, Nick Budreau of Lenexa, Mark Budreau of Clyde and Russ Budreau of Concordia; four daughters, Janice Havel of Kansas City, Mo., Jill Orth of Great Bend, JoDee Swank of El Dorado and Julie Snavelly of Concordia; 28 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Friday at the church, with the Rev. Barry Brinkman officiating. Burial will be at St. Concordia Cemetery in Concordia. Vigil service will be held at 7:30 tonight at Chaput-Buoy Funeral Chapel in Concordia. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. today at the funeral chapel. Funeral arrangements provided by Chaput-Buoy Funeral Home 325 W. 6th St., P.O. Box 606 Concordia, KS 66901 785-243-2121 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 1, 2004

August 31, 2004

Walter B. Stieben 1914-2004

Walter B. Stieben, 90, of Great Bend, died Aug. 29 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. He was born Feb. 11, 1914, at Greeley, Colo., the son of John B. and Eva Brill Stieben. He married Florence E. Schafer on April 7, 1946, at Kinsley. A 50-year resident of Great Bend, he was a truck driver. Survivors include his wife of the home; two sons, Terrance D. Stieben of Great Bend and Kenneth Stieben of Pratt; and a sister, Ruth Graf, Ness City. He was preceded in death by two sons, James Stieben and Robert Stieben; one daughter, Sandra Spones; two brothers, Henry B. Stieben and John B. Stieben Jr.; and six sisters, Eva Frank, Mollie Wittig, Katie Weigand, Lizzie Stieben, Lydia Schlege and Linda Bartel. A private family funeral service will be held at a later date with the Rev. A.J. Owens officiating. Burial will be at Great Bend City Cemetery. Funeral arrangements provided by Charter Funerals 2115 Washington Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-6161 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 31, 2004

Marion Ray Phillips 1931-2004

Marion Ray Phillips, 73, died Thursday, Aug. 26, 2004, at Hillcrest Medical Center in Tulsa, Okla. Marion Ray and Maurice Roy, twins, were born April 11, 1931, to Ida Wilcutt and Mark Paul Phillips, Hoisington, Kan. Maurice was 30 minutes older than Marion. The twins were the youngest of six children, all named for family ancestors and all graduates of the Great Bend schools. He married Peggy Ann Carter Babb on Sept. 15, 1961. She died in March 1970. Following Maurice's return from Korean military service, the twins started the first hay grinding operation in the Kansas area. A football injury prevented Marion from active military service. He was later responsible for a nine-state sales territory representing Comaro Carpet Company of Dalton, Ga., and had been a commercial sales representative for Swift Ice Cream Company of Tulsa, Okla. His hobbies were restoration of old-time cars and motorcycles, purveyor of classic cars, and flower gardening. Marion was a Mason and a Shriner, a life member of the Elks Club and member of Sons of the American Revolution and Descendants of Washington's Army at Valley Forge. There are three surviving Babb stepchildren. The eldest is Carolyn Babb Engle of Tulsa, Okla., and her children, Melanie Copeland of Kelleyville, Okla., and Leslie Phillips of Albuquerque, NM. Linda Babb Rainey of Broken Arrow, Okla., has two daughters, Stacy Goodson, Tulsa, Okla., and Michelle Abrams, Broken Arrow, Okla. The youngest, Michael Babb, Houston, Texas, has one daughter Stephanie Babb, Athens, Ga. Great-grandchildren are Derrick and Shelby Copeland, Ian Rainwater and Allysa Abrams. Marion is also survived by two sisters, Joyce Phillips Essmiller of Great Bend and Beverly Phillips Brummett of Elgin, Ill. He was preceded in death by his wife Peggy, parents Ida and Mark Phillips, and three brothers, Harold Wayne Phillips, Maurice Roy Phillips and Francis Burns Phillips. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 2, 2004, at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend, with The Reverend Gary Brooks officiating, followed by burial in Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Wednesday and from 9 a.m. until service time Thursday at the funeral home. A memorial service was held earlier in Cleveland, Okla. Memorials are suggested to the Cleveland, Oklahoma Public Library in care of Bryant Funeral Home. Funeral arrangements provided by Bryant Funeral Home* 1426 Patton Road 620-793-3525 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 31, 2004

Frances M. Bisterfeldt 1934-2004

Frances M. Bisterfeldt, 69, died Aug. 30 at her home in Great Bend. She was born Nov. 17, 1934, in Rush County, the daughter of Frank Edward and Grace M. Hoffman Sohm. She married William D. Bisterfeldt on June 11, 1960, at Great Bend. She attended Otis High School and lived most of her life in Great Bend. She worked for the Otis Telephone Company and Southwestern Bell Telephone Company in Great Bend. Mrs. Bisterfeldt was a member of King Memorial United Methodist Church in Great Bend, and Telephone Pioneer. Survivors include her husband of the home; two daughters, Brenda Clark, Houston, Texas, and Lisa Jacobs, Great Bend; one brother, Lowell Sohm, Otis; and three grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one son, Kent Bisterfeldt; and two brothers, Leon Sohm and Vernon Sohm. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Charter Funerals Chapel in Great Bend, with the Rev. Phil Smith officiating. Burial will be at La Crosse City Cemetery in La Crosse. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday, with family receiving friends from 6 to 8 p.m., at the funeral chapel. Memorials are suggested to Multiple Sclerosis Society in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Charter Funerals 2115 Washington Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-6161 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 31, 2004

Frank Ryan Vondra 1979-2004

Frank Ryan Vondra, 25, died Aug. 28 at his home in Great Bend. He was born Aug. 17, 1979, at Ellsworth, the son of Frank D. and Carolyn Campbell Johnson Vondra. A long-time Great Bend resident, he was a laborer. Vondra enjoyed playing guitar and playing pool. Survivors include his mother and step-father, Carolyn and Mike Johnson of Great Bend; father and step-mother, Frank D. and Jeri Vondra of Little River; brother Darrick Vondra, Great Bend; half-brother, Travis Campbell of Denver, Colo.; step-brother, Joshua Scripsick of Larned; step-sister, Cindy Spreier of Larned; grandparents, Frank W. and Mary Jane Vondra of Geneseo, and Jack Campbell of Larned; step-grandfather, William Johnson, Ellinwood; and special friend Terra Dacarlis. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at St. Rose Catholic Church in Great Bend with the Rev. Reggie Urban officiating. Following a luncheon, burial will be at Lakin-Comanche District Cemetery in Ellinwood. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. today at Kimple Funeral Home in Ellinwood. There will be a candlelight memorial held by his extended family, friends and beloved at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at the cemetery. Memorials are suggested to the donor's choice in lieu of flowers. Funeral arrangements provided by

Kimple Funeral Home 113 North Main Ellinwood, KS 67526 620-564-2300 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 31, 2004

Edmond "Jim" Engleman 1928-2004

Edmond "Jim" Engleman, 76, of Great Bend, died Aug. 28 at Hutchinson Hospital in Hutchinson. He was born June 12, 1928, at Great Bend, the son of Everest Jesse and Alice Roberson Engleman. He married Janet Collier Armstrong on Dec. 21, 1991, at Great Bend. A resident of Great Bend most of his life, living in Springerville, Ariz., for 10 years, he was a self-employed farmer and pipefitter from Brown & Root Construction. Engleman was a member of First United Methodist Church in Great Bend. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Greg Engleman, Kansas City, Mo.; one daughter, Jennifer Anderson, Seattle, Wash.; two step-daughters, Kathie Keller, Great Bend, and LeeAnn Armstrong, Mission; four grandchildren; and one step-grandchild. He was preceded in death by one son, Stacy Jim Engleman, two brothers, George Engleman and Bill Engleman, and two sisters, Eleanor Cuba and Hazel McCoy. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Thursday 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. Wednesday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the church or Multiple Sclerosis Society. Funeral arrangements provided by Bryant Funeral Home 1425 Patton Road Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-3525 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 31, 2004

Audree Jean Langer 1925-2004

Audree Jean Langer passed away Saturday evening in St. James Healthcare in Butte, Mont. She was born in Butte July 6, 1925, to Raymond "Shorty" and Ann Mellott Gerry. She attended St. Patrick's Grade School and three years at Butte High School before her family relocated to the Los Angeles area. She graduated from Los Angeles High School, and on May 11, 1946, she married Holly S. Langer in Los Angeles. Audree served over 23 years as a volunteer with the Long Beach Community Hospital Auxiliary. She and Holly moved to Butte in 1993, and are members of Holy Spirit Parish. She is survived by her husband, Holly Langer of Butte; and sisters-in-law and brother-in-law Delores and Marvin Ford of Great Bend, Kan., and Melba Mark of Maryland Heights, Mo. Surviving nieces and nephews include: Holly Jean Weelborg of Maryland Heights, Mo., Jay Weelborg of San Diego, Calif., Shari Weelborg of San Francisco, Calif., Blake and Chauncy Ford of Hutchinson, Kan., Brenda and Joe Dreling of Hays, Kan., and Dana and Lynn Stasser of Mesa, Ariz. Surviving cousins include: William Gerry, Leroy Gerry, Leone Regan, Gerry Durkin, Deanne Zora, Carol Heard, Jennifer Bermingham, Ethel Kellogg, Dan, Doug, Lloyd and Paul Bermingham. She is preceded in death by her parents. Audree's remains are in Wayrynen-Richards Funeral Home where friends may call beginning Wednesday evening at 5 p.m. Prayers will be recited Thursday morning at 9:30 in the funeral home, proceeding to Holy Spirit Catholic Church where Liturgy of the Resurrection will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Entombment will be in the Holy Cross Chapel Mausoleum. Memorials may be made to Our Lady of the Rockies or Holy Spirit Church. Funeral arrangements provided by Wayrynen-Richards Funeral Home* 1800 Florence Avenue Butte, Mont. 59701 406-723-3221 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 31, 2004

Bonnie Faye Wagenseller 1933-2004

ELLINWOOD — Bonnie Faye Wagenseller, 70, died Aug. 30 at Rice County Hospital in Lyons. She was born Sept. 7, 1933, at Wolfpoint, Mont., the daughter of Moses and Emma St. Germain Whitehorse. A resident of Stafford and Barton counties for the past 30 years, and of Ellinwood for the past six years, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Wagenseller was of the Catholic faith. Survivors include two sons, Mike Wagenseller of Wolfpoint, Mont. and Jimmie Wagenseller of Baker, Okla.; two daughters, Bonita Ward of Ellinwood and Susie Roberts of Ellinwood; one brother, Moses Whitehorse of Wolfpoint, Mont.; one sister, Lillian Beauty of Libby, Mont.; a companion, Ned Keeler of Ellinwood; and 13 grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a son, Gary Wagenseller. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Ellinwood, with the Rev. John Maes officiating. Burial will be at Lakin-Comanche District Cemetery in Ellinwood. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Kimple Funeral Home in Ellinwood. Funeral arrangements provided by Kimple Funeral Home 113 North Main Ellinwood, KS 67526 620-564-2300 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 31, 2004

Katie C. Bauer 1912-2004

Katie C. Bauer, 92, "The Hat Lady," died Aug. 29 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. She was born Feb. 18, 1912, at Boothe, Ark., the daughter of Issac and Lucy Jones Gipson. A Great Bend resident formerly of Pawnee Rock, she was a hat maker and farm wife. She married Roy Bauer Sr. on Sept. 8, 1928, at Larned. He died July 5, 1988. Mrs. Bauer was a member of the First Christian Church, Elks Lodge Auxiliary and Racquet Club, all of Great Bend, the Half Century Club in Pawnee Rock, and the Radium Senior Center in Radium. Survivors include two sons, Roy Bauer Jr. and wife Georgia, Pawnee Rock, and Kent Bauer and wife Karen, Wichita; eight grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a brother, Benjamin; and four sisters, Minnie, Dewey, Joanna and Patsy. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the First Christian Church in Great Bend with the Rev. Bill Johnson officiating. Those attending the service are requested to wear a hat in memorial to Katie. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. today at the Beckwith Mortuary Chapel in Larned. Burial will be in the Pawnee Rock Cemetery in Pawnee Rock. Memorials may be sent to the Great Bend First Christian Church, or the Radium Senior Center, all in care of the mortuary. This notice may be viewed and condolences sent on the Internet at beckwithmortuary.com. Funeral arrangements provided by Beckwith Mortuary Inc.* P.O. Box 477 Larned, KS 67550 620-285-2121 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 31, 2004

August 28, 2004

Marion Ray Phillips

CLEVELAND, Okla. —Marion Ray Phillips, 73, died Aug. 26, 2004, at Tulsa, Okla. Funeral arrangements are pending from Bryant Funeral Home, Great Bend, Kan. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 29, 2004

Clay Cork Ward 1951-2004

TOPEKA — Clay Cork "Corky" Ward, 53, Topeka, formerly of Great Bend, died Aug. 23 at St. Francis Hospital in Topeka. He was born Nov. 6, 1951, in Great Bend, the son of Wendell Clay and Shirley Ann Ward. He attended Great Bend public schools, Barton County Community College and Platt College. An Auto-CAD operator and welder, Ward was most recently employed by PTMW Inc., Topeka. Ward was a member of the nationally ranked Argonne Rebels Drum and Bugle Corps. Survivors include his mother of Great Bend; one son, Jason Ward; one daughter, Tiffany Ward; three brothers, Thad Ward of WaKeeney, Scott Ward of Chicago, Ill., and Timber Ward of Lincoln, Neb.; one sister, Tracy Ann Swann, Saltville, Va.; and his fiancée, Denise Howell of Topeka. He was preceded in death by a brother, Shane Tucker Ward. Cremation has taken place. A private family inurnment will take place at a later date. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to American Liver Foundation, Hampton Village Plaza, Suite 215, St. Louis, Mo., 63109. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 29, 2004

Connie Gayle Carrier 1948-2004

ALBERT — Connie Gayle Carrier, 56, died Aug. 27, 2004, at rural Great Bend. She was born Jan. 3, 1948, the daughter of Junior and Lois Baxter Cate at Eldorado Springs, Mo. She married David Roy Carrier Oct. 3, 1968, at Great Bend. A homemaker/caregiver and a secretary for Dave's Truck Service, she was a lifetime area resident. Carrier was a member of Raymond Baptist Church, Raymond, St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church and Altar Society, Great Bend. Survivors include her husband of the home; her mother Lois Cate-Clark of Ellinwood; one son, Jason Carrier of Hoisington, one daughter, LeAnna Carrier-Wassinger of Schoenchen; one brother, Michael Cate of Wichita; three sisters, Judy Hitchcock, Colorado Springs, Colo., Cindy Huff, Larned, and Christi Tiede of Hays; and two grandsons. She was preceded in death by her father. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 31, at Raymond Baptist Church with the Rev. Bob Bethel officiating. Burial will be at Hilltop Cemetery, Raymond. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday and the family to receive friends from 7-8:30 p.m. Monday, all at Bryant Funeral Home. Memorials are suggested to the Connie Carrier Grandchildren's Educational Fund. Funeral arrangements provided by Bryant Funeral Home 1425 Patton Road Great Bend, Kan., 67530 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 29, 2004

Geneva Ilene Rankin 1946-2004

RUSSELL — Geneva Ilene Rankin, 58, died Aug. 27, 2004, at Russell Regional Hospital. She was born Aug. 14, 1946, at Larned, the daughter of Calvin and Eunice Pool Jennings. She grew up in Larned and attended schools there. After received her education she worked at Larned restaurants as a waitress for a few years. She married Melvin E. Rankin in 1964. They later divorced. She then married John Drake. She was a waitress in Great Bend before moving to Russell in 1973. She is preceded in death by her parents; an infant son, Lonnie E. Rankin; and one sister, Lillian Goatcher. Survivors include her husband John Drake of the home; one son, Kevin W. Rankin of Solomon; one daughter, Kellie J. Rankin of Russell; one brother, Bud Jennings of Dallas, Texas; three sisters, Lucille A. Brown of Larned, Norma L. Horacek of Downs and Helen P. Rankin of Great Bend; and five grandchildren. Funeral will be at 1:30 p.m. Monday at Pohlman-Heise Memorial Chapel in Russell with the Rev. Henry J. Hartman officiating. Burial will be at Larned City Cemetery in Larned. Friends may call from 3-8 p.m. today and the family will receive friends from 6-8 p.m. today, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the Renal Dialysis Center of Hays or the American Cancer Society in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Pohlman-Heise Mortuary 610 North Maple Street Russell, Kan., 67665 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 29, 2004

August 26, 2004

Brenda L. Newman Kincaid 1965 - 2004

OTIS — Brenda L. Newman Kincaid, 39, died Aug. 24 at her home in Otis. She was born March 29, 1965, at Fairfield, Ill., the daughter of Ronnie R. and Sharon L. Brooks Newman. She graduated from Ulysses High School. A resident of Otis since 2001, coming from Lake Preston, S.D., she was a certified nurses' aide in the health care industry. Survivors include her parents of Otis; one son, Dalton C. Kincaid of Otis; one daughter, Nichole L. Houston of Larned; one brother, Ronnie R. Newman Jr. of Phoenix, Ariz.; one sister, Kimberly D. Newman of Marshalltown, Iowa; grandmother, Lois Brooks of Fairfield; and one grandson. She was preceded in death by one grandson, Austin R. Janssen. Funeral service was Wednesday at Janousek Funeral Home Chapel in La Crosse, with the Rev. Al Hatten officiating. Burial will be at Brooks & Newman Cemetery in Fairfield. Memorials are suggested to Hays Humane Society at Hays, in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Janousek Funeral Home 719 Pine La Crosse, KS 67548 785-222-2517 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 26, 2004

August 25, 2004

Brenda L. Kincaid

OTIS — Brenda L. (Newman) Kincaid. 39. died Aug. 24 at her home in Otis. Services are pending with Janousek Funeral Home

in La Crosse. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 25, 2004

Jeanne E. Halfhide 1946 - 2004

BELOIT — Jeanne E. Halfhide, 58, died Aug. 19 at her home in Beloit. She was born April 4, 1946, at Wichita. She was a homemaker. Survivors include a son, William H. Halfhide, McPherson; two daughters, Carrie J. Nelson and Sarah E. Halfhide, both of McPherson; brother Randy Oeser of Claflin; half-sister Mary Lynn Gould of Eureka; and three grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, William L. Halfhide, in 1995. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at the McDonald Funeral Home in Beloit. Burial will be at Rose Valley Cemetery near Hunter. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to National Scoliosis Foundation. Funeral arrangements provided by McDonald-Roberts Funeral Service 910 N. Campbell Beloit, KS 67402 785-738-2211 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 25, 2004

August 24, 2004

Edith Mae Taylor 1941-2004

ULYSSES — Edith Mae Taylor, 63, died Aug. 22 at Western Prairie Care Home in Ulysses. She was born May 25, 1941, at Aurora, Mo., the daughter of Timothy and Velma Ward Merritt. A homemaker, she married Malcolm A. Taylor on July 21, 1960, at Dodge City. She moved to Ulysses from Missouri. Survivors include her husband of Ulysses; one son, Timothy Taylor, Ulysses; three daughters, Patricia Ackley and Delana Kinslow, both of Ulysses, and Denell Conway, Great Bend; one brother, Richard Merritt, Ontario, Calif.; nine grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a granddaughter, Peggy Conway. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. today at Grant County Funeral Home in Ulysses, with the Rev. Kenneth Lampp officiating. Burial will be in the Ulysses Cemetery. Friends may call from 10 a.m. until service time today at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the American Cancer Society in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Grant County Funeral Home 218 S. Main Ulysses, KS 67880 620-356-1427 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 24, 2004

Helen Louise Clouston 1913-2004

NESS CITY — Helen Louise Clouston, 90, died Aug. 21 at Trego County-Lemke Memorial Hospital. She was born Oct. 14, 1913, at LaHarpe in Allen County, the daughter of Harry Potter and Mary Belle Moules Doty. She grew to womanhood in Ransom and spent most of her adult life in Ness City, but lived in Los Angeles, Calif., from 1938-1942, when her husband worked in a cabinet shop with his brother Dale. She married Jesse Edward Clouston on March 13, 1932. Mrs. Clouston was a member of the First Baptist Church and Rebekah Lodge in Ness City. She also worked in the Ness County Clerk's office for many years and served as city clerk. Survivors include two sons: Don Clouston, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and Bob Clouston, Manhattan; three daughters, Mary Lee DeShazo, Ness City, Jeanne MacDonald, Johnstown, Colo., and Ann Garrelts, Hays; two brothers, Edwin Doty, Billings, Mont., and Shelby Doty, Ransom; one sister, Reita Schreiber, Ransom; 16 grandchildren; 35 great-grandchildren and four great-great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two brothers, Kenneth Doty and an infant brother; two sisters, Amy Jarvis and Rosalie Schweitzer; a granddaughter, Tracy Clouston, and one great-great-grandson, Michael Young. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. today at First Baptist Church in Ness City with the Rev. Russell King officiating. Burial will be in the Ness City Cemetery. Friends may call from 8:30 this morning at the church until service time. Memorials are suggested to the church or the Leisure Years Center in Ness City. Funeral arrangements provided by Fitzgerald Funeral Home Inc. P.O. Box 96, 207 N. Pennsylvania Ness City, KS 67560 785-798-3243 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 24, 2004

James L. Petrik 1938-2004

HUTCHINSON — James L. "Jim" Petrik, 65, died Aug. 23 at Hospice House in Hutchinson. He was born Dec. 5, 1938, at Rush Center, the son of Frank and Sara J. Keener Petrik. He was a 1956 graduate of La Crosse High School. He married Linda C. Griffen, and later married Diane Adams. A longtime Hutchinson resident, formerly of Great Bend, he was an oil field driller for 35 years. Petrik served in the U.S. Army and was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Bob Campbell Post 1361 in Hutchinson and American Legion Argonne Post 180 in Great Bend. Survivors include four sons, Bruce Petrik of Hutchinson, Terry Petrik of Great Bend, Shane Petrik of Palm Springs, Calif., and Jimmy Petrik of Stafford; two daughters Misty Harter of Stafford and Wendy Petrik of Chariton, Iowa; sister Judy Furbeck of La Crosse; and six grandchildren. There will be a private family graveside service at La Crosse Cemetery. Funeral arrangements provided by Elliott Mortuary 1219 North Main Hutchinson, KS 67501 620-663-3327 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 24, 2004

August 22, 2004

Wilma A. Bondurant 1911 - 2004

OVERLAND PARK — Wilma A. Bondurant, 92, Overland Park, formerly of Great Bend, passed away Thursday, Aug. 19, 2004, at Rose Estates in Overland Park. Graveside service will be at noon Monday at the Memorial Park Cemetery in Enid, Okla. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial contributions to either the Colonial Presbyterian Church, 9500 Wornall, Kansas City, MO 64114, or the Kansas City Hospice, 12006 W. 87th Parkway, Lenexa, KS 66215. Wilma was born Nov. 21, 1911, in Hardtner, Kan., to Ed. H. and Belle (Morris) Smith. She was in the first graduating class of North High School in Wichita. Wilma later graduated from the Baptist Hospital School of Nursing. She worked at the St. Rose Hospital in Great Bend. Wilma was a member of the Social Order of Beauceant, Order of Amaranth and an active member of the China Painters- China Dolls. She was a former member of the Central Baptist Church in Great Bend. She was preceded in death by her husband William C. Bondurant in 1983.

son Lloyd Bondurant, her parents, two sisters, and five brothers. Survivors include her daughter and son-in-law, Louise and Bill Barnow, Overland Park; son and daughter-in-law William Lee and Jean Bondurant, Seattle, Wash.; four grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren. Funeral arrangements provided by The Amos Family Chapel of Lenexa* 10113 Lenexa Drive Lenexa, KS 66215 913-888-6611 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 22, 2004

L.A. "Larry" Rose 1915 - 2004

WICHITA — L.A. "Larry" Rose, 88, died Aug. 19. He was born Oct. 7, 1915, the son of Manuel and Iva Brower Rose. A former Great Bend resident, he was a retired Victor L. Phillips Co. salesman. Rose was a member of Mason of Saqui Lodge No. 160 of Osborne. Survivors include his daughter and son-in-law, Linda D. and Garry L. Riemann of Wichita; and sister, Wilma Sehen of Wichita. Service will be at 1 p.m. Monday at Resthaven Mortuary in Wichita. Donations may be made to Meals on Wheels, 200 S. Walnut, Wichita, KS 67213. Funeral arrangements provided by Resthaven Mortuary* 11800 W. U.S. 54 Wichita, KS 67209 316-722-2100 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 22, 2004

Robert Conrad Tammen 1953 - 2004

TIMKEN — Robert "Bob" Conrad Tammen, 50, died Aug. 19 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. He was born Nov. 14, 1953, at Great Bend, the son of Robert Torrey and Jeanette Mildred Sisson Tammen. He married Susan Elizabeth Moore on Oct. 22, 1983, in Great Bend. A farmer/stockman and dirt contractor, he was a lifetime resident of Rush County. Tammen was a member of Peace Lutheran Church, Albert, and served on the Timken Fire Department. He was also a past Rush County commissioner and served on the Rush County Conservation Board. Survivors include his wife of the home; mother, Jeanette Tammen; three brothers, Randy Tammen and Reggie Tammen, both of Timken, and Ronnie Tammen, Rush Center; and two sisters, Jenny Shelton, Larned, and Johanna Myrick, Larned. He was preceded in death by his father. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at First United Methodist Church in Great Bend with the Rev. Gary Brooks, the Rev. Jack Russell and Pastor Phil Smith officiating. Burial will be at Peace Lutheran Church Cemetery. Friends may call from 1 to 9 p.m. today, with prayer service at 7 p.m., at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Memorials are suggested to Otis Emergency Medical Service or Peace Lutheran Church. Funeral arrangements provided by Bryant Funeral Home 1425 Patton Road Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-3525 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 22, 2004

Ruth Burnette Camper 1911 - 2004

Ruth Burnette Camper, 93, of Great Bend, died Aug. 21 at Great Bend. She was born Jan. 30, 1911, at Spadara, Ark., the daughter of William Marshall and Virginia Lee Burnette. She married Robert D. Camper on Oct. 17, 1930, at Muskogee, Okla. He died July 23, 1983. She was manager and later a buyer of Ladies Ready to Wear. A Great Bend resident for three years, coming from Muskogee, she was a Texas resident for most of her life. Mrs. Camper was a member of First Presbyterian Church in Muskogee. Survivors include two nephews, James Burnette of Great Bend and Don Burnette Jr. of California; and two nieces, Dorothy Keenan of Great Bend and Virginia Sloan of Tyler, Texas. She was preceded in death by five brothers, Bob Burnette, Cecil Burnette, Ray Burnette, Jack Burnette and Don Burnette. Cremation has taken place and there is no visitation. A private family inurnment will take place at a later date at the Memorial Park Cemetery, Muskogee, Okla. Memorials are suggested by Golden Belt Home Health & Hospice. Funeral arrangements provided by Bryant Funeral Home 1425 Patton Road Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-3525 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 22, 2004

Ernest E. Stone 1924 - 2004

Ernest E. Stone, 79, Great Bend, died Aug. 21 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. He was born Nov. 26, 1924, at Great Bend. He married Violet Steinle on May 3, 1974, in Great Bend. Raised and educated in Great Bend, he pursued several occupations throughout his lifetime. Stone was stationed in Germany when he served in the military. Survivors include his wife of the home; two daughters, Lillian and Arky of Wyoming; one step-daughter, Rita Boxberger of Russell; one sister, Eileen Stone, Spokane, Wash.; three grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at Charter Funerals Chapel, Great Bend, with Pastor John Grummon officiating. Burial will be at Great Bend City Cemetery in Great Bend. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday at the funeral chapel. Memorials are suggested to Great Bend Emergency Medical Technician Fund in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Charter Funerals 2115 Washington Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-6161 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 22, 2004

August 20, 2004

Theodore R. 'Chalky' Guliford Jr. 1924 - 2004

HOISINGTON — Theodore R. "Chalky" Guliford Jr., 79, died Aug. 17 at Cheyenne Meadows Living Center in Hoisington. He was born Nov. 8, 1924, the son of Theodore R. Sr. and Rosella Hurd Guliford. He married Josephene D. May on Oct. 18, 1948, in Jackson County, Mo. She died Feb. 23, 1993. A lifetime resident of Hoisington, with the exception of living in Great Bend for the last three years, he was a wash manager for Suburban Laundry. Guliford was a veteran of World War II, serving in the U.S. Army Air Force. He was a member of First Baptist Church in Hoisington. Survivors include two daughters, Karen J. Guliford of Great Bend and Marcia L. Van Conet of Hoisington; one brother, Arthur Guliford of Kansas City; two sisters, Teddi Scates of Kansas City, Mo., and Marilyn Williamson of Mission; six grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by three daughters, Sheryl Guliford, Toi San Guliford and Gayle Locke; and one brother, Eugene R. Guliford. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. 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, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the Theodore R. Guliford Jr. Memorial Fund, in care of Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home, P.O. Box 146, Hoisington, KS 67544. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 20, 2004

August 19, 2004

James W. 'Red' Moffat 1909 - 2004

HUTCHINSON — James W. "Red" Moffat, 95, died Aug. 17 at Elm Grove Estates in Hutchinson. He was born June 25, 1909, at Salina, the son of Howard Winter and May Elliott Kelso Moffat. He was a 1927 graduate of Wichita High School and a 1931 graduate of Wichita State University. He married Lucy A. Moss on June 1, 1936, in McPherson. She died July 3, 2002. The former owner and president of Sun Oil Well Cementing Co. Inc. Great Bend, he moved to Hutchinson in 2000, coming from Great Bend. Moffat was a member of First United Methodist Church, Petroleum Club and Great Bend Country Club, all of Great Bend; Scottish Rite Mason member of the Kilwinning Lodge No. 265 of Pratt; Kansas Independent Oil and Gas Association; and American Petroleum Institute. Survivors include three sons, Dr. Robert Moffat of Prairie Village, David Moffat of Park City, Utah, and Larry Moffat of Derby; daughter Marilyn Atkinson of Hutchinson; nine grandchildren; two stepgrandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and three step-great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one son, James Richard Moffat; and one brother, Howard W. Moffat Jr. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Elliott Chapel in Hutchinson, with the Rev. Nick Warner officiating. Burial will be at Wichita Park Cemetery in Wichita. Friends may call from noon to 9 p.m. today and 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday, all at Elliott Mortuary. Memorials are suggested to First United Methodist Church of Great Bend or Trinity United Methodist Church of Hutchinson, both in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Elliott Mortuary 1219 N. Main Hutchinson, KS 67501 620-663-3327 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 19, 2004

Theodore R. 'Chalky' Guliford Jr. 1924 - 2004

HOISINGTON — Theodore R. "Chalky" Guliford Jr., 79, died Aug. 17 at Cheyenne Meadows Living Center in Hoisington. He was born Nov. 8, 1924, the son of Theodore R. Sr. and Rosella Hurd Gulliford. He married Josephine D. May on Oct. 18, 1948, in Jackson County, Mo. She died Feb. 23, 1993. A lifetime resident of Hoisington, with the exception of living in Great Bend for the last three years, he was a wash manager for Suburban Laundry. Guliford was a veteran of World War II, serving in the U.S. Army Air Force. He was a member of First Baptist Church in Hoisington. Survivors include two daughters, Karen J. Guliford of Great Bend and Marcia L. Van Conet of Hoisington; one brother, Arthur Guliford of Kansas City; two sisters, Teddi Scates of Mission, and Marilyn Williamson of Overland Park; six grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by three daughters, Sheryl Guliford, Toi San Guliford and Layle Locke; and one brother, Eugene R. Guliford. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. Burial will be at Hoisington Cemetery. Friends may call from noon to 9 p.m. today, from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday and from 9 a.m. until service time Saturday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the Theodore R. Guliford Jr. Memorial Fund, in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home 415 North Main, P.O. Box 146 Hoisington, KS 67544 620-653-4165 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 19, 2004

Thelda Mae Juarez 1926 - 2004

IRRIGON, Ore. — Thelda Mae Juarez was born on March 30, 1926, in Stockton, Kan., to parents Roy and Grace Hulse Watkins. She died on Aug. 18, 2004, at her home in Irrigon, Ore., at the age of 78 years. She was raised in the Stockton, Plainville and Great Bend, Kan., areas. She graduated from Great Bend High School in 1942. Thelda continued to live in Great Bend, where she owned and operated The Parker House Restaurant for a time before moving to Phoenix, Ariz., in 1968. She lived in Phoenix until 1973 when she moved to Irrigon, where she lived until her death. Thelda was united in marriage to Ramon C. Juarez in April of 1981 in Lewiston, Idaho. She worked as a waitress at various establishments and owned and operated Lone Pine Pilot Service for a time. She enjoyed crocheting, crossword puzzles, flowers and spending time with her family. She is survived by her husband Ramon Juarez of Irrigon; sons Vernon and Larry Suchy, both of Irrigon; daughters Vivian Cameron of Keizer, Ore., and Karen Plueard and Rita Irwin, both of Irrigon, Janet Johnson of Benton City, Wash., June Frederickson of Umatilla, Ore., and Kimberly Jones of Kingston, Wash.; four brothers Chester Watkins of Great Bend, Lloyd Watkins of Newkirk, Okla., Cleo Watkins of Great Bend and Jesse Watkins of Jacksonville, Fla.; 21 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren. Thelda was preceded in death by her parents and infant brother, Leo. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Funeral arrangements provided by Burns Mortuary* 685 W. Hermiston Ave.; P.O. Box 289 Hermiston, OR 97838 541-567-6474 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 19, 2004

August 18, 2004

Margaret Ann Pedigo 1943 - 2004

HOISINGTON — Margaret Ann Pedigo, 60, died Aug. 16 at Hays Medical Center in Hays. She was born Nov. 8, 1943, at Hoisington, the daughter of Grover and Katherine Jacoby Clift. A lifetime Hoisington resident, she worked in cable repair at Essex Group Inc., Hoisington. Survivors include a son, Mike Pedigo, Hoisington; a daughter, Lori Grimes, Dodge City; a brother, Bob Conrad, Hoisington; a sister, Barbara Friedel, Beaver, Okla.; and two grandchildren. Funeral will be at 1:30 p.m. Friday at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. Burial will be at Hoisington Cemetery. Friends may call from noon to 5 p.m. today, 9 a.m. until 9 p.m. Thursday and 9 a.m. until service time Friday all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Margaret Ann Pedigo Memorial Fund in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home 415 North Main, P.O. Box 146 Hoisington, KS 67544 620-653-4165 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 18, 2004

August 17, 2004

Sandra Kay "Sandy" Norvell 1940-2004

Sandra Kay "Sandy" Norvell, 64, of Great Bend, died Aug. 14 at Via Christi Regional Medical Center's St. Francis campus in Wichita. She was born May 31, 1940, at Council Grove, the daughter of Kenneth Russell and Gladys Stuckey Russell Davis. She married James A. Norvell on Aug. 12, 1960, at Great Bend. A resident of Great Bend most of her life, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Norvell was a member of First Assembly of God church, where she was a greeter and was involved with other ministries including the Care Ministry. Survivors include her husband of the home; two sons, Jim Norvell and Brian Norvell, both of Great Bend; daughter Kathi Norvell Zecha, Great Bend; two brothers, Melvin Davis, of Texas, and William "Bill" Davis, Oxnard, Calif.; eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by an infant brother, Brian Russell, a sister, Shirley Russell and a grandson, Michael Norvell. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the church in Great Bend with the Rev. Dwight D. Dozier officiating. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. today, with family receiving friends from 7 to 8:30 p.m., and 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Wednesday, all at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Memorials are suggested to the church or American Diabetes Association. Funeral arrangements provided by Bryant Funeral Home 1425 Patton Road Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-3525 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 17, 2004

Richard John Weber 1914-2004

Richard John Weber, 90, of Great Bend, died Aug. 15 at Ellinwood District Hospital in Ellinwood. He was born Jan. 11, 1914, at Wilson, the son of Henry W. and Anna V. Klepper Weber. He was a shift foreman at Standard Oil/AMOCO for 34 years, retiring in 1979. He had been a resident of Great Bend since 1979, coming from Ulysses. Weber served as a Master Sergeant in the army during World War II, serving in the South Pacific. He was a member of St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church and Knights of Columbus in Great Bend. Survivors include a sister, DeSales "Sally" Marmie, Great Bend; five nephews and six nieces. He was preceded in death by three brothers, Henry W. Weber Jr., Dr. Darrell Weber and Marland Weber; and two sisters, Marie Weber and Bernadean Soukup. Vigil will be at 7 tonight, followed by Knights of Columbus Rosary at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at the church 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 at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Catholic Community Fund of Great Bend or Holy Family School Endowment. Funeral arrangements provided by Bryant Funeral Home 1425 Patton Road Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-3525 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 17, 2004

Nila Jean Matkin 1936-2004

STAFFORD — Nila Jean Matkin, 67, died Aug. 14 at Via Christi Regional Medical Center's St. Francis campus in Wichita. Born Aug. 15, 1936, at Paris, Ill., she was the daughter of Harvey Gerald and Lois Herrington Martin. She was a 1954 graduate of Plains High School. She was a longtime resident of Plains and had been a bookkeeper for several different businesses. Mrs. Matkin was a past president for the JayCee Janes in Plains and enjoyed quilting, working with crafts and sewing. She married Duane Graham in Liberal, Kan., in September 1954. They later divorced. She then married Don Matkin in November 1981 at Miami, Okla. He died in January 1983. She is survived by two sons, Bland Graham, Hutchinson, and Devin Graham, Fayetteville, Ark.; two daughters, Venissa McMillian of Stafford and Abby Carpenter of Parsons; two brothers, Wesley Martin of Plano, Texas, and Sam Bittle of Lawton, Okla.; four sisters, Judy Shamblin of Ft. Worth, Texas, and Linda Miller, Rosemary Jones and Sherri Hamra, all of Lawton, Okla.; eight grandchildren and one great-grandson. Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Minnis Chapel in Stafford. Burial will be at the Stafford Cemetery. Friends may call from 1 to 8 p.m. today at Minnis Chapel. Memorials may be sent to the Stafford District Hospital in care of the chapel. Funeral arrangements provided by Minnis Chapel* 125 N. Main Stafford, KS 67578 620-234-5261 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 17, 2004

Charles Edward Naugle 1952-2004

LARNED — Charles Edward Naugle, 52, died Aug. 14 at Via Christi Regional Medical Center's St. Francis campus in Wichita. He was born Jan. 19, 1952, at Great Bend, the son of Edward Andy and Viola May Baines Naugle. He married LaRayne F. Reed on Sept. 14, 1982, at Larned. A longtime resident of Pawnee and Barton counties, he was a laborer. Naugle was of the Christian faith. Survivors include his wife of the home; son Charles Naugle Jr., Larned; two daughters, Crystal Naugle, Great Bend, and April Naugle, Larned; two brothers, Michael Naugle, Garfield, and Joseph Naugle, Hutchinson; five sisters, Alice Marie Robinson and Wanda Gay McKenna, both of Hutchinson, Shirley Ann Owens, Greenleaf, Brenda Louise Farmer and Teresa Lynn Humphries, both of Larned; and one step-daughter, Yvonne Derbyshire. Graveside service will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the Larned Cemetery, with the Rev. Leroy Lyon officiating. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday at Morell Funeral Home in Larned. Memorials are suggested to the Charles E. Naugle Memorial Fund in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Morell Funeral Home P.O. Box 124 Larned, KS 67550-0124 620-285-2177 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 17, 2004

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Nadine Marie Schloemer 1931 - 2004

Nadine Marie Schloemer, 73, died Aug. 14, 2004, at her Great Bend home. She was born June 18, 1931, at Great Bend, the daughter of Henry and Minnie Fischer Kottwitz. She married Donald Schloemer August 19, 1949, at Inn Creek Mo. A resident of

Great Bend most of her life, she was a homemaker. Schloemer was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church of Great Bend, she was a volunteer artist for the church and was a midweek Bible School volunteer. She was a past member of the Apache Chapter of the Kansas Anthropological Association and Cub Scout Den Mother. Survivors include her husband of the home; three sons, Darwin and his wife Marty Schloemer, and Darren and his wife Annette Schloemer, all of Great Bend, and Denton and his wife Becky Schloemer of Ulysses; one daughter, Karen and her husband Dale Shaner of Salina; one sister, Retha and her husband Ronnie Ashworth of Larned; five grandchildren, Tec Sgt. Damon Schloemer and his wife Donna of Guam, Devin Schloemer and his wife Robin of Great Bend, Brandon Schloemer and his wife Brandi of Salem, Mo., Megan Schloemer of Ulysses, and Courtney Bortz and Tanner Schloemer, both of Great Bend; and three great-grandchildren, Deborah Schloemer of Guam, and Darian Schloemer and Breanne Schloemer, both of Great Bend. She was also the grandmother to several foster children. Nieces and nephews also survive. She was preceded in death by her parents; two daughters, Debra and DeLila; one son, Douglas; and one grandson, Cody Schloemer. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at Trinity Lutheran Church in Great Bend with the Rev. Jim Strasen officiating. Burial will be at Hillcrest Memorial Park in Great Bend. Friends may call from 1-9 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday at Bryant Funeral Home. Memorials are suggested to the Relay for Life of Barton County, Inflammatory Breast Cancer Research Foundation, Golden Belt Home Health and Hospice or Trinity Lutheran Church. Funeral arrangements provided by Bryant Funeral Home* 1425 Patton Road Great Bend, KS 67530 (620) 793-3525 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Aug. 15, 2004

Clarence Dinkel 1917-2004

HAYS – Clarence Dinkel, 86, died Aug. 13, 2004, at St. John's of Hays. He was born Aug. 30, 1917, at Victoria, the son of Frank M. and Rosa Hertel Dinkel. He married Alice Ruder Oct. 23, 1939, at Victoria. She died Feb. 14, 1991. He was a 1936 graduate of Victoria High School. He was a farmer and a member of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church in Hays and the Knights of Columbus Council # 6984. Survivors include; two sons, Kenneth of Hays and Allen of Hoisington; three daughters, Louise Chaffin of Hacienda Heights, Calif., Brenda Schmeidler of Catherine and Elaine Lofgreen of Norton; two brothers, George Dinkel and the Rev. Harvey Dinkel, both of Victoria; 10 sisters, Julitta Dechant of Salina, Bertha Prewo of Oakley, Viola Richmeier of Grinnell, Regina Dechant, Melinda Griebel and Mary Younker, all of Hays, Sister Francis Rose Dinkel of St. Michaels, Ariz., Sister Paul Ann Dinkel of Hays, Irene Scruggs of Vassar and Rita Rohr of Wichita; 15 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Hilarius Dinkel and Edward Dinkel. Sisters of St. Agnes and Associates memorial service will be at 4:30 p.m. Monday, a Knights of Columbus rosary will be at 6:30 p.m. Monday, and a parish vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Monday, all at Hays Memorial Chapel Funeral Home in Hays. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church in Hays. Burial will be at St. Joseph Cemetery in Hays. Friends may call from 6-8 p.m. today, and from 3-8 p.m. Monday and from 9-9:45 a.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the church or Thomas Moore Prep-Marian High School in Hays. Funeral arrangements provided by Hays Memorial Chapel Funeral Home 20th and Pine Hays, KS 67601 (785) 628-1009 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Aug. 15, 2004

Glenda Gaye Houdyshell 1909 - 2004

LARNED — Glenda Gaye Houdyshell, 95, died Aug. 3, 2004, at Tucson, Ariz. She was born March 21, 1909, at Pawnee Rock, the daughter of Albert and Eunice Brewer Lile. On Oct. 17, 1926, she married Vin Houdyshell. He died April 5, 1988. They operated a drug store in Pawnee Rock for several years before establishing their own drug store, Vin's Pharmacy, in Larned. They successfully operated the store until their retirement in 1963. After retirement they did substitute work in drug stores in Kansas, Colorado and Arizona before leaving their longtime Larned residence and retiring to Tucson in 1983. Mrs. Houdyshell was a member of the Casas Adobes Congregational Church in Tucson. Survivors include: a daughter, Jacqueline and husband Arlyn G. Smith, Tucson; two granddaughters, Dana Hines, Tucson, and Denise Smith, Dallas, Texas; grandson Arlyn Smith II, Wichita; five great-grandchildren, Elizabeth, Sarah, Tyler Smith, all of Wichita, Joseph Vrechek, Dallas, and Spence Hines, Tucson; and one step-great-grandson, Justin Smith, Wichita; and four great-great-grandchildren. Graveside service will be held at 3 p.m. Thursday at the Pawnee Rock Cemetery in Pawnee Rock. The family will receive friends from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Thursday at Beckwith Mortuary Chapel in Larned. Memorials are suggested to the Casas Adobes Congregational Church or Alzheimer's Association, or to the donor's choice, all in care of Beckwith Mortuary. Funeral arrangements provided by Beckwith Mortuary Inc.* P.O. Box 477 Larned, KS 6755 620-285-2121 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 15, 2004

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Ralph Emerson Weller 1916 - 2004

Ralph Emerson Weller passed away on Aug. 12, 2004, surrounded by his family, at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend, Kan. Ralph was born at home in Graham County near Palco, Kan., on Feb. 25, 1916. His mother was Iza Ilma Noah and his father was Ora Webster Weller. His mother and father and his brother, Bob Weller, preceded him in death. Ralph married Ruth Platt on May 23, 1950, in Laclede, Kan. Ruth and Ralph traveled and lived all over Kansas and Texas during their married life while Ralph pursued his dreams. He started as a Cat operator and worked on and supervised construction crews for many years. Finally, armed with a few color brochures, a quick wit, an immense amount of confidence and the soul of a gambler, Ralph started what would become one of the largest John Deere Industrial dealerships in the United States. He started in Great Bend, where he and Ruth settled in 1961 to raise their family. By the time he sold the business in 1979, he covered the state of Kansas with dealerships in Great Bend, Colby, Dodge City, Salina, Topeka and Wichita. After the sale, he continued to work as the head of Weller Tractor Salvage. Ralph attended the First United Methodist Church and was a member of Great Bend Masonic Lodge No. 15 AF&AM, Sunflower Shrine Club, Isis Shrine, Order of the Eastern Star and a former member of the Santa Fe Trail Association Wet-Dry Routes Chapter. Ralph is survived by his dear wife, Ruth, and his children: David and his wife Lori of Great Bend; and Rebecca and her husband Michael Whelan of Great Bend. He is also survived by his sister Eva Strecker of Osborne, Kan.; his brother Dale Weller of Great Bend; his brother Randall Weller of Hill City, Kan.; his stepmother Margaret Maupin of Paradise, Kan.; and his close friends Lawrence and Sherri Debes of Larned, Kan. Ralph was a proud and dotina grandfather to

his three grandchildren, Machaela Whelan, Kinnat Whelan and Jeremy Weller. Ralph was a smart, determined man who made his dreams come true and, along the way, provided beautifully for his family, was a good boss to hundreds of employees, and left his mark on many lives and communities. His family and his friends will miss him every day. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at First United Methodist Church in Great Bend with the Rev. Gary Brooks officiating. Burial will be at 2 p.m. at Mt. Herman Cemetery in Paradise, Kan., with Masonic Graveside Rites by Great Bend Masonic Lodge No. 15 AF&AM. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. today at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Memorials are suggested to Masonic Lodge Food Basket or Sunflower Shrine Club Travel Fund or First United Methodist Church, all in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Bryant Funeral Home* 1425 Patton Road Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-3525 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 13, 2004

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David Clair Brewer 1965 - 2004

VALLEY CENTER — David Clair Brewer, 38, died Aug. 9 at his home in Valley Center. He was born Dec. 28, 1965, at Ellsworth, the son of David M. Brewer and Betty Ann Polsfut Brewer Root. He graduated Cum Laude from Newman University, where he was on the National Dean's List, a Board of Regents Scholarship recipient and listed in Who's Who Among College Students. A resident of Valley Center for one year, coming from Great Bend, he was a learning disability instructor and emotional disturbed consultant for Barton County Cooperative of Special Services - USD 428 of Great Bend and the Mental Health Department of Salina. Brewer was a member of Kansas-National Education Association, CEC and the Great Bend Community Theater Board of Directors. Survivors include his mother, Betty Root and step-father Wilbur Root of Great Bend; brother Dan Brewer of Bainbridge Island, Wash.; sister Candace Juarez and husband Tim of Lakewood, Colo.; maternal grandmother Gerda Polsfut of Minot, N.D.; four nephews, Christopher Juarez, Shawn Juarez, Zach Brewer and Ely Brewer; niece Anyssa Juarez; and many aunts and uncles. He was preceded in death by his father, David M. Brewer; maternal grandfather, Leo Polsfut; and paternal grandparents, the Rev. E.W.M. Brewer and Martha Brewer. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend, with the Rev. David Loeschen officiating. Private family burial will be at Ellsworth Cemetery in Ellsworth. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. until service time Friday, both at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Barton County Special Education or Barton County Community College Drama Department, both in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Bryant Funeral Home* 1425 Patton Road Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-3525 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 12, 2004

Victor F. Klema 1914 - 2004

WILSON — Victor F. Klema, 89, died Aug. 10 at Ellsworth County Medical Center in Ellsworth. He was born Nov. 16, 1914, in the Hell Creek area of Wilson Lake, the son of John A. and Agnes Stehno Klema. He married Velma C. Valenta on Aug. 24, 1937, southeast of Wilson. He grew up in Kanopolis, owned the IGA in Holyrood from 1936 until 1949, and was a real estate salesman in Mesa, Ariz., until 2002. Klema was an U.S. Army veteran of World War II, and a member of Holyrood American Legion Post No. 200 and Holyrood Masonic Lodge No. 343. Survivors include his wife of the home in Wilson; three brothers, Richard Klema of Portersville, Calif., Johnny Klema of Great Bend, and Arthur Klema of Wilson; three sisters, Mildred Katzenmeier of Ellsworth, Adeline Bartunek of Ellsworth, and Shirley Krug of Spring Hill, Fla. He was preceded in death by a brother, Rudy Klema. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Foster Chapel in Wilson, with the Rev. Kristine Bair officiating. Burial will be at Wilson City Cemetery with graveside rites by the American Legion and Masonic Lodge. Friends may call from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. today and from 8 a.m. until service time Friday, all at Foster Mortuary. Memorials are suggested to Lang Memorial Library in Wilson, in care of the mortuary. Funeral arrangements provided by Foster Mortuary Inc. 610 24th Street Wilson, KS 67490 785-658-2345 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 12, 2004

Alfred Leo Joseph Stang

WICHITA — Alfred Leo Joseph Stang traveled the good road Wednesday, Aug. 11, 2004. He was born in Victoria, Kan., and raised in Hoisington, Kan. In 1966, Alfred and his wife and six children moved to Wichita, Kan. A dedicated laborer, he began work as an oil well driller and later retired from Derby Refinery after 25 years as an operations technician. Alfred is survived by his wife of 54 years, Aletha V. Listz Stang; his son and spouse, Galen and Dianna Stang; his daughters and spouses, Genita and David Niedens, Cynthia and Richard Niedens, Lenora and Russell Hull, Melissa and Michael Moore, Lynelle and Kevin Horsch; 24 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren; brothers Marvin Stang and William Stang; and sister, Rose Ann Kirkpatrick. Viewing will be from 1 to 5 p.m. today at Hillside Funeral Home West in Wichita. Rosary will be at 7 p.m. today, and funeral Mass at 10 a.m. Friday at St. Patrick's Catholic Church. Memorials are suggested to Catholic Diocese of Wichita Youth Office, 424 N. Broadway, Wichita, KS 67202. Funeral arrangements provided by Hillside Funeral Home West* P.O. Box 8228 Wichita, KS 67208 800-794-2200 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 12, 2004

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David Clair Brewer

VALLEY CENTER — David Clair Brewer, 38, died Aug. 9 at his residence in Valley Center. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 11, 2004

Sarah Marie Staerkel 1900 - 2004

Sarah Marie Staerkel, 104, died Aug. 10 at Great Bend Health and Rehabilitation Center of Great Bend. She was born May 5, 1900, at Partridge, the daughter of Phillip and Catherine Wiegel Elliott. She married Edward Staerkel on Jan. 3, 1923, at Hutchinson. He died Aug. 25, 1973. A resident of Great Bend since 1955, coming from Dodge City, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Staerkel was a member of First United Methodist Church, United Methodist Women, a 50-year member of Eastern Star No. 226 and a life member of the Barton County Historical Society, all of Great Bend. She is survived by many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by two brothers. Graveside service will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Great Bend Cemetery, with the Rev. Gary Brooks officiating. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday at Bryant Funeral Home of Great Bend. Memorials are suggested to the church or the historical society, both in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Bryant Funeral Home 1425 Patton Road Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-3525 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 11, 2004

Jason W. Jenkins 1980 - 2004

GALVA — Jason W. "J.J." Jenkins, 24, died Aug. 9 at his home in Galva. He was born Feb. 11, 1980, at Hoisington, the son of John M. and Sharon Jonas Jenkins. He married Kristen Vest Aug. 3, 2002, at Great Bend. A resident of the McPherson-Galva area for the past four years, coming from Great Bend, he was an automotive detailer for Lacy Motors, McPherson. Survivors include his wife of the home; his parents of Great Bend; brothers Andrew Jenkins of Lincoln, Neb., Mike Jenkins of Anthony, James Jenkins of Wellington and Jeff Jenkins of Anthony; sisters Alicia Jenkins of Manhattan and Jody Ramos of Anthony; and grandparents, Alfred and Helen Jonas of Hoisington, and Esther Jenkins of Heizer. Funeral will be at 1:30 p.m. Friday at Bryant Funeral Home of Great Bend, with the Rev. Darrell Grimm officiating. Burial will be at Hoisington Cemetery in Hoisington. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday and 9 a.m. until service time Friday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the Jason Jenkins Memorial Fund, in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Bryant Funeral Home 1425 Patton Road Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-3525 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 11, 2004

Beverly J. Brummer 1940 - 2004

Beverly "Bev" J. Brummer, 63, died July 30, at Hospice House in Hutchinson. She was born Beverly June Wright on Aug. 4, 1940, at Ionia. A former Osborne resident, she lived in Great Bend for the past 20 years. She worked at Great Bend Health and Rehabilitation Center as a CNA, CMA and RA. Survivors include her husband Wayne F. Brummer of the home in Great Bend; sons Steve Brummer of Great Bend and Scott Brummer of Beloit; daughters Sheila Cline of Osborne, Shelly Eck of Beloit, Sandy Wagner of Downs and Sheri Brummer of Great Bend; brother Lyle Wright of Ionia; sister Rose Danley, Springfield, Mo.; nine grandchildren and one great-grandchild. She was preceded in death by a son, Michael Brummer, daughter Mary K. Brummer, and sister Nita Hubbard. Funeral was at St. Boniface Catholic Church of Tipton. Burial was at St. Boniface Cemetery in Tipton. Memorials may be made to Relay for Life, American Cancer Society or Heartland Cancer Center, all of Great Bend. Funeral arrangements were provided by Clark-Gashaw Mortuary Inc., P.O. Box 348, Osborne, KS 67473. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 11, 2004

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Daniel Jerome 'Jerry' Pfister 1929-2004

BEAVER — Daniel Jerome "Jerry" Pfister, 75, died Aug. 6 at the University of Kansas Medical Center, Kansas City. He was born March 27, 1929, at Great Bend, the son of William Daniel and Laura Jean Riggins Pfister. He married Iris Bean on Jan. 6, 1956, at Great Bend. A resident of Beaver since 2000, coming from Great Bend, he was a self-employed farmer and mason. Pfister was a veteran of the Korean War, serving in the U.S. Army and National Guard. He was a life member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 3111 and American Legion No. 180, both of Great Bend. He was also a member of the American Plot Association and National Rifle Association. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Martin Pfister of Radium; two daughters, Lucinda Pierce of Tucson, Ariz., and Lanette Mattison of Great Bend; one brother, James Pfister of Great Bend; nine grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington, with the Rev. Ethan Feistner officiating. Burial will be at Pawnee Rock Cemetery in Pawnee Rock. Friends may call from 9 a.m. until 9 p.m. today and 9 a.m. until service time Wednesday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the Salvation Army, in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home 415 North Main, P.O. Box 146 Hoisington, KS 67544 620-653-4165 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 10, 2004

Eva Pearl Curtis Coonrod 1910-2004

Graveside funeral services for Eva Coonrod, 94-year-old Buffalo resident who passed away Sunday at the Amie Holt Care Center in Buffalo will be held Thursday, August 12 at 10 a.m. in the Great Bend Cemetery in Great Bend with the Rev. Darrell Grimm officiating. A visitation will be held from the Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend on Wednesday from 5 p.m. until 8 p.m. Donations may be made to the Amie Holt Care Center or the Pioneer Manor in care of the Adams Funeral Home at 351 N. Adams in Buffalo, Wyo., 82834. Eva Pearl Coonrod was born on Feb. 9, 1910, in Dewey County, Okla., to Charles and Flora Curtis. She grew up in Oklahoma and graduated from Collinsville High School in 1927. After high school she went to work as a telephone operator. She was married on June 9, 1934, at the home of her parents in Anderson, Mo., to Woodrow Wilson Coonrod and they made their home in Tulsa where Eva continued working as a telephone operator. They moved to Great Bend in the 1930s where they raised their family. While they were living Great Bend they purchased property near Buena Vista, Colo., on Chalk Creek. They would travel to Chalk Creek in the summers where they spent many months tearing down old Ghost Town cabins and rebuilt a retirement cabin and other structures on their property. Mr. Coonrod passed away at the cabin in June of 1970 and Eva continued living in Great Bend until 1971. It was then that she moved full time to the cabin on Chalk Creek. She was the postmistress and

pumped gas and managed a little store in Nathrop, Colo., for several years before retiring. She lived on Chalk Creek for several more years before moving into Buena Vista. In 1981 she moved to Sheridan, Wyo., to live near her daughter and family. In 1986 she moved to Gillette to be near her granddaughter and family and helped take care of her grandsons. She lived in Gillette until she became a resident of Amie Holt Care Center in 2002. She was living at Amie Holt at the time of her death. She was a member of the Baptist Church, and served as a deaconess and adult Sunday School teacher at the Baker Avenue Baptist Church for many years; a charter member and first president of the League of Women Voters in Great Bend; a member of the Menningers Bible Study Group in Great Bend; a former president of the Great Bend Council of Church Woman United. She loved fly fishing and taught all of her children and grandchildren. She loved the Lord, traveling, baking and spending time with her family. She is survived by one son, Charles Ralph Coonrod and his wife Debra of Bethel, Mo.; one daughter, Margaret Immenschuh and her husband Bert of Buffalo; one sister, Mary Alice Carson of Marionville, Mo.; five grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, three brothers and two sisters. Funeral arrangements provided by Adams Funeral Home* 351 North Adams Buffalo, Wyo. 82834 307-684-2251 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 10, 2004

Leroy William Lightcap 1912-2004

DODGE CITY — Leroy William Lightcap, 92, died Aug. 9, 2004, at Great Bend Health and Rehabilitation Center in Great Bend. He was born March 23, 1912, at Bellefont, Kan., the son of Roy and Grace Showers Lightcap. Born and raised in Ford County, he moved to Dodge City in 1927. He married Margaret Keenportz on Sept. 21, 1940, at Rozel, Kan. She survives. He was an assistant manager at the South Dillon's store in Dodge City for 32 years. Lightcap was a member of Central Baptist Church in Great Bend and Loyal Order of Moose No. 1187 of Dodge City. Survivors include his wife, Margaret Lightcap, of Great Bend; son Ardley Dale and wife Annette Lightcap of Hutchinson; daughter Carolyn Sue and husband Gary Mills of Great Bend; brother Leland Lightcap of Dodge City; nine grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a daughter Nancy Lee, a brother Rex Lightcap and a sister Dorothy Behee. Funeral service will be held at Swaim Funeral Home in Dodge City at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, with the Rev. Gordon Rhodes presiding. Burial will be at Maple Grove Cemetery in Dodge City. Visitation will be at the funeral home on Wednesday from noon to 8 p.m., with family receiving friends from 6 to 8 p.m. In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to the charity of the donor's choice in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Swaim Funeral Home* 1901 Sixth Avenue Dodge City, KS 67801 620-227-2136 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 10, 2004

Raferly additions

Rosemary A. Raferly, who died Aug. 6, was born Aug. 24, 1943. Survivors include a brother, Ed Mauler of Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 10, 2004

August 8, 2004

Rosemary A. Raferly

ELK GROVE VILLAGE, Ill. — Rosemary A. Raferly, 59, died Aug. 6 at her home in Elk Grove Village. She was born in Great Bend, the daughter of Herman and Cecilia Garvert Mauler. A former resident of Chicago, Ill., she had lived at Elk Grove Village for seven years. She married Desmond P. Raferly. He survives. She was the founder of the Reach Program of Christian Education for the Handicapped in Dodge City and was administrator of senior housing for Lifelink of Arlington Heights. Survivors include one sister; Elaine H. Crouse of Albert. She was preceded in death by a brother, Ralph Mauler. Funeral Mass will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at Queen of the Rosary, with chapel prayer at 10 a.m. Friends may call from 3 to 7 p.m. today at Grove Memorial Chapel in Elk Grove Village. Memorials are suggested to Rainbow Hospice in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Grove Memorial Chapel 1199 S. Arlington Heights Road Elk Grove Village, 60007 847-640-0566 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 8, 2004

Frances H. Boy 1925-2004

Frances H. Boy, 78, died Aug. 6 at her home in Great Bend. She was born Oct. 25, 1925, in Cedar County, Mo., the daughter of Dave and Dannie Bugg Fisher. She married Lawrence E. Boy Feb. 13, 1954, at Lyons. He died Aug. 13, 2002. A Great Bend resident since 2002, she lived in Raymond from 1954 to 2002 and was a homemaker. Survivors include two sons, Gary W. Boy and Brian E. Boy, both of Great Bend; two daughters, Anna M. Boy and Carolyn S. Valenzuela, both of Great Bend; one sister, Nellie Fisher, Stockton, Mo.; 12 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by five brothers, Oral Fisher, Orville Fisher, David Fisher, Paul Fisher and Jim Fisher; and three sisters, Blanche Sawyer, Jewell Kirkpatrick and Jo Ann Neely. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at Charter Funerals Chapel in Great Bend, with the Rev. John Grummon officiating. Interment will be in Hilltop Cemetery, in Raymond. Friends may call from noon to 7 p.m. Monday, with family receiving friends from 6 to 7 p.m., at the funeral chapel in Great Bend. Memorials are suggested to Golden Belt Home Health and Hospice, in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Charter Funerals 2115 Washington Ave. Great Bend, KS 67550 620-793-6161 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 8, 2004

Georgia Ellen Brewer Hawkins 1920-2004

HOISINGTON — Georgia Ellen Brewer Hawkins, 83, died Aug. 5 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. She was born Oct. 5, 1920, at Gatewood, Mo., the daughter of Charlie and Addie Robinson Miller. She married Bobbie C. Brewer Jan. 19, 1943, at St. Louis, Mo. He died Nov. 11, 1959. She married Raloh C. Hawkins Feb. 20, 1970, at Hoisington. He died May 14, 1988. A

Hoisington resident since 1945, coming from St. Louis and Gatewood, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Hawkins was a member of First United Methodist Church, United Methodist Women and Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary, all of Hoisington. Survivors include two sons, Garrel Ray Brewer, of Lucas, and Charles Lee Brewer, of Hoisington; one daughter, Jan A. Elliott, of Great Bend; one stepson Michael Hawkins, of Wyo; one sister Anna Lee Hodo, of Doniphan, Mo.; five grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; four step-grandchildren; and three step-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one stepson, Richard Hawkins; four brothers, Daily Miller, Baily Miller and Charlie Jay Miller, and infant Francis Miller; and two sisters, Vida Cunningham and Loretta Redus-Paul. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Monday 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 a.m. to service time Monday at the church. Memorials are suggested to First United Methodist Church of Hoisington in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home 415 North Main, P.O. Box 146 Hoisington, KS 67544 620-653-4165 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 8, 2004

Gwendolyn Faye Lewis 1937-2004

LARNED — Gwendolyn Faye "Gwen" Lewis, 67, died Aug. 6 at her home in Larned. She was born March 7, 1937, at Kingman, the adopted daughter of Dr. Earl and Hilda Seyb Morris. She married Richard H. Lewis June 18, 1965. A longtime Larned resident, formerly of Hays, she was a retired building superintendent for the First United Methodist Church in Larned. Mrs. Lewis was a member of First United Methodist Church in Larned. Survivors include her husband of the home; one daughter, Pam Lewis, of Larned; one son, Patrick Lewis, of Hesston; and seven grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one son, Randall Lewis, and one sister, Betty Rucker. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Beckwith Mortuary Chapel in Larned, with the Rev. Kevin Schmidt officiating. Burial will be in the Larned Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday and Tuesday at the mortuary. Memorials are suggested to the Dreiling & Schmidt Cancer Center of Hays in care of the mortuary. Funeral arrangements provided by Beckwith Mortuary Inc. P.O. Box 477 Larned, KS 67550 620-285-2121 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 8, 2004

Irma J. Ernst 1931-2004

Irma J. Ernst, 73, died Aug. 5 at her home in Great Bend. She was born June 11, 1931, at Hoisington, the daughter of Arthur and Elsie Nickalus Steinert. She married Robert L. Ernst May 27, 1950, at Hoisington. He died July 6, 1978. A lifetime Hoisington resident, recently moving to Great Bend, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Ernst was a member of the First United Methodist Church and Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary of Hoisington; Eagles Auxiliary No. 646, of Great Bend; and the Three Corner Rabbit Club. Survivors include two sons, Michael Ernst, of Hoisington, and Brian Ernst, of Haven; one daughter, Cathy Weber, of Pawnee Rock; two brothers, Don Steinert, of Halstead, and Elmer Steinert, of Temple, Texas; one sister, Ruth King, of Los Angeles, Calif; eight grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one brother, Harlan Steinert. Funeral will be at 1:30 p.m. Monday 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 9 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. until service time Monday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the American Diabetes Association in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home 415 North Main, P.O. Box 146 Hoisington, KS 67544 620-653-4165 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 8, 2004

Glennys Deane Shopteese 1938-2004

KANSAS CITY — Glennys Dean Shopteese, 65, died Aug. 5 at the University of Kansas Medical Center at Kansas City. She was born Dec. 19, 1938, at Little River, the daughter of Reo Glenn and Madge Evelyn Finkle Myers. She was a 1956 graduate of Russell High School. She married Robert LaRue Shopteese March 19, 1966, at Russell. A resident of Kansas City for 35 years, formerly of Little River and Russell, she was a retired technician from Bethany Hospital in Kansas City. Survivors include her husband of the home; one son Randy Baum, of Olathe; two daughters, Debra Anderson, of Kansas City, and Jacquelyn Russell, of Gardner; one sister Laura Lee Redig, of Great Bend; three grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one grandson, Jason Baum. Graveside service will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Bean Memorial Cemetery in Little River with the Rev. Adelia Hooley officiating. Friends may call from 3 to 7 p.m. Monday at Sillin Funeral Home in Lyons. Memorials are suggested to American Diabetes Association in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Sillin Funeral Home 214 West Ave. South Lyons, KS 67554 620-257-2211 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 8, 2004

Daniel Jerome Pfister 1929-2004

BEAVER — Daniel Jerome "Jerry" Pfister, 75, died Aug. 6 at the Univeristy of Kansas Medical Center in Kansas City. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 8, 2004

B. J. Ballhorst 1981-2004

SMITH CENTER — B. J. Ballhorst, 22, died Aug. 5. He was born Aug. 8, 1981, at Phillipsburg, the son of John E. and Gayle Ballhorst. He was a pharmacy student. Survivors include his parents, one brother, Blake Ballhorst of Hutchinson; his maternal grandparents, William H. and Berta Riegel of Eaton, Colo.; and his paternal grandparents, Floyd and Marie Rogers and Newton Ballhorst all of Great Bend. The funeral will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at the First Chrsitian Church in Smith Center. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery in Smith Center. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday at Simmons Mortuary. Memorials are suggested to the American Cancer Societv in care of the mortuarv. Funeral arrangements provided by Simmons Mortuarv 116 W.

First Street Smith Center, KS 66967 785-282-6691 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 8, 2004

August 6, 2004

Georgia Ellen Hawkins 1920 - 2004

HOISINGTON — Georgia Ellen Hawkins, 83, died Aug. 5 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. She was born Oct. 5, 1920, at Gatewood, Mo., the daughter of Charlie and Addie Robinson Miller. She married Bobbie C. Brewer on Jan. 19, 1943, at St. Louis, Mo. He died Nov. 11, 1959. She married Ralph C. Hawkins on Feb. 20, 1970, at Hoisington. He died May 14, 1988. A Hoisington resident since 1945, coming from St. Louis and Gatewood, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Hawkins was a member of First United Methodist Church, United Methodist Women and Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary, all of Hoisington. Survivors include two sons, Garrel Ray Brewer, Lucas, and Charles Lee Brewer, Hoisington; a daughter, Jan A. Elliott, Great Bend; stepson Michael Hawkins, Wyoming; sister Anna Lee Hodo, Doniphan, Mo.; five grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; four step-grandchildren; and three step-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a stepson, Richard Hawkins; four brothers, Daily Miller, Baily Miller and Charlie Jay Miller, and infant Francis Miller; and two sisters, Vida Cunningham and Loretta Redus-Paul. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Monday at the church 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. to service time Monday at the church. Memorials are suggested to First United Methodist Church of Hoisington in care of Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home. Funeral arrangements provided by Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home 415 North Main, P.O. Box 146 Hoisington, KS 67544 620-653-4165 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug 6, 2004

August 5, 2004

Clifford Charles Litzenberger 1937-2004

Clifford Charles Litzenberger, 67, a very loving husband, father, and friend, ended his courageous battle with cancer on Aug. 3, 2004. He was surrounded by his loved ones. Clifford was born June 7, 1937, on a farm near Garden City, Kan., to Mr. and Mrs. Conard Litzenberger Jr. He enjoyed a successful career of 46 years in the transportation industry, where he leaves many endeared friends, coworkers and clients he has shared many wonderful years with. He enjoyed everything that he did to the fullest and has left family and friends with a multitude of special times and memories to cherish forever. Clifford is survived by his loving wife of 13 years, Sherri of Edmond, Okla.; three sisters, Arlene Miller, Northglenn, Colo., Janis Bieberle, Claffin, Kan., and Karen Taylor, Albuquerque, N.M.; and his loving children and stepchild, Robin Shorb, Tulsa, Okla., Julie Mehl, Grapevine, Texas, Dallas Litzenberger, Tyler, Texas, and Jill Engleman, Great Bend, Kan. He is also survived by his endearing grandchildren: Kelsey, Matt, Taylor, Mackenize, Laura, Sarah, Michael, Brett, Madison, Zachary and Alexander. He was preceded in death by his parents; three brothers, Alfred, Richard and Morris; one sister, Margaret; and one grandson, John Mehl Jr. The family extends their thanks and gratitude for the loving care to Edmond Specialty Hospital, and a special thank you to Dr. Tim Grode. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society, 8400 Silver Crossings #H, Oklahoma City, OK 73132. A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 7, 2004, at Demuth Funeral Home. Funeral arrangements provided by Demuth Funeral Home* 1145 W. Britton Rd. Oklahoma City, OK 73114 405-843-3345 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 5, 2004

Marcia M. Unruh 1920-2004

Marcia M. Unruh, 83, died Aug. 3 at Great Bend Health and Rehabilitation Center. She was born Nov. 10, 1920, at Fowler, the daughter of James Henry and Ruth Elsie Harvey Young. She attended Friends University and Chicago Conservatory of Music. She married Everett Leigh Copeland at Dodge City. He died Dec. 2, 1952. She married Albert L. "Buck" Unruh on June 1, 1955. A resident of Great Bend since 1955, coming from Pawnee Rock, she was a retired music teacher. Mrs. Unruh was a member of First Congregational United Church of Christ, Women's Christian Fellowship and Hi-Rise Kitchen Band, all in Great Bend. She was the former choir director for First Presbyterian Church and First Congregational United Church of Christ. Survivors include her husband of the home; two sons, Randolph Leigh Copeland, Gallup, N.M., and Albert L. Unruh Jr., Osawatomie; daughter Pamela Ann Copeland Munoz, Klamath Falls, Ore.; three brothers, Clifton Irvin Young, Oklahoma City, Okla., A. Ellsworth Young, Hennipin, Ill., and Robert Edwing Young, Fowler; 10 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a daughter, Cara Unruh, and a brother, Herschel Henry Young. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at the church, with the Rev. Diana Coberly officiating. Burial will be at Hillcrest Memorial Park, Great Bend. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. today and Friday, both at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Family will receive friends from 7 to 9 p.m. Friday. Memorials are suggested to First Congregational United Church of Christ, in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Bryant Funeral Home 1425 Patton Road Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-3535 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 5, 2004

August 4, 2004

Marcia M. Unruh

Marcia M. Unruh, 83, died Aug. 3 at Great Bend Health & Rehabilitation Center. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Bryant Funeral Home of Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 4, 2004

Lawrence J. Cuthrell 1925-2004

OTIS — Lawrence J. Cuthrell, 78, died Aug. 2 at Via Christi Regional Medical Center, St. Francis Campus in Wichita. He was born Nov. 7, 1925, in rural Rush County, the son of James and Augusta Miller Cuthrell. He married Christabelle Karst on Nov. 14, 1948, at Milberger. She died Nov. 22, 2000. He was a retired farmer and stockman, and a lifetime resident of the Otis area. Cuthrell was a member of United Methodist Church of Otis and Sunflower Polka Club. Survivors include three daughters, Jean Clair and her husband Gary of Great Bend; Barb Walters and her husband Mike of Colby; and Carla Jecha and her husband Craig of Timken; seven grandchildren and one great-grandson. He was preceded in death by a daughter, Kathryn Jones; and two brothers, Eugene Cuthrell and an infant brother. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at United Methodist Church in Otis with the Rev. Marilyn Christmore officiating. Prayer service will be at 7:30 p.m. today at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. Burial will be at Fairview Cemetery in Galatia. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. today at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home and from 9 a.m. until service time Thursday at the church. Memorials are suggested to the Myasthenia Gravis Foundation of America or Otis United Methodist Church, both in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home* 415 North Main, P.O. Box 146 Hoisington, KS 67544 620-653-4165 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 4, 2004

August 3, 2004

Theaus NormaLea Burris 1923 - 2004

HOISINGTON — Theaus NormaLea Burris, 81, died July 30 at Clara Barton Hospital in Hoisington. She was born March 7, 1923, at Great Bend, the daughter of Thomas Fox Sr. and Leatheha Faye Shanes Fox. She married Hugh G. Burris on March 3, 1946, at Hoisington. He died Feb. 19, 1995. She was a telephone operator for Southwestern Bell in Hoisington and formerly co-owned, with her husband, Burris Jewelry Store, also in Hoisington. After moving to Fenton, Mo., she was a switchboard operator for United Van Lines. She had been a lifetime resident of Barton County until moving to Fenton in 1963. She returned to Hoisington in 1993. Mrs. Burris was a member of the First Christian Church and Order of the Eastern Star-UNA Chapter No. 119, both of Hoisington. Survivors include two sons, James B. Burris, Escondido, Calif., and David J. Burris, Halls, Tenn.; and five grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a brother, Tom Fox Jr. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the church with the Rev. Paula Bell officiating. Interment will be at Hoisington Cemetery. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. today, with family receiving friends from 7 to 8:30 p.m., all at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. Memorials are suggested to American Heart Association or First Christian Church, in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home 415 North Main, P.O. Box 146 Hoisington, KS 67544 620-653-4165 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 3, 2004

Rickey Lee DeTour 1929 - 2004

TUCSON, Ariz. — Rickey Lee DeTour passed away peacefully on July 29, 2004, surrounded by his loving wife and daughter. He was born July 29, 1943, in McPherson, Kan., the first child of Lorene DeTour. Rick moved to Arizona in 1979 where he enjoyed the sunshine and endless golf. He was an avid golfer and die-hard Dallas Cowboys and Dodgers fan. Rick helped organize and participated in many charity golf tournaments in Tucson and was very well known in the golf community. He was a straight shooter and if you didn't want to hear the truth, "don't ask." He graduated from McPherson High School in 1961 where he excelled in sports. He worked on the family farm where he learned valuable life lessons from his grandfather. He received his college degree from McPherson College in 1972. He was a proud veteran serving in the U.S. Navy in Vietnam, and a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and American Legion. He married Elaine Meyer in December 1969 and they were blessed with a daughter, Megan Leigh DeTour, who was his pride and joy. Rick was passionate about working with disadvantaged and disabled children. He coached children, played intramural sports and was a top high school and college sports official in Kansas. He worked for Certain-teed Pipe in McPherson, Kan., and upon moving to Tucson he worked for General Instruments. The last 20 years he has followed his love of golf, working at golf courses and shops. Most recently, he worked for Pro Golf before retiring due to illness. Rick was preceded in death by his beloved grandparents, Dana L. Voshell and Eva Mae Voshell, who played a pivotal role in his life. He is survived by his loving wife, Elaine, much loved daughter, Megan Leigh; mother, Lorene DeTour; brothers, Bob (Judy) DeTour, Larry "Bat" DeTour; sister, Janet DeTour, Hutchinson, Kan.; in-laws, George and Millicent Meyer; sisters and brother-in-law, Madeline and Frank Gabriel, Natalie and Kenny Windholz, Edward and Barbara Meyer, and Richard and Nikki Meyer; his uncle, Tony Voshell, and an aunt, Doris McGill; two cousins and six nephews, six nieces and three grandnieces also survive him. Rick was affectionately known as "Poppy Rick" to his young nieces and nephews who adored him. Rick's sense of humor and love of life will be missed by his family and many dear friends and golf buddies. The family gives a special thanks to the physicians and nurses and staff at El Dorado Hospital for their loving and compassionate care of their beloved Rick. Memorials are suggested to the donor's favorite charity in memory of Rick. A celebration of Rick's life will be held at Fountain of Life Lutheran Church, 710 South Kolb Rd., Tucson, Ariz., on Tuesday, Aug. 3, at 6 p.m. There will be a memorial in McPherson at a later date. Funeral arrangements provided by Bring's Broadway Chapel* 6910 E. Broadway, P.O. Box 1423 Tucson, AZ 85702 520-296-7193 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 3, 2004

Edward Jacob Joseph Polzin 1913 - 2004

LARNED — Edward Jacob Joseph Polzin, 91, died Aug. 2 at Kansas Soldiers Home, Fort Dodge. He was born June 18, 1913, in Barton County, the son of Edward J. and Sophie Esfeldt Polzin. He married Ethal Smith on Sept. 16, 1939, at Great Bend. She died Aug. 19, 1978. He then married Helen Fellow Wilson on Nov. 24, 1979, at Larned. She died Feb. 27, 2002. A longtime area resident, he was a floor craftsman and laborer. Polzin was a member of First Presbyterian Church, American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Men's Prayer Group and Fort Larned Lions Club, all of Larned. Survivors include one daughter, Jewell Lewis

Larned; one step-daughter, Marjorie West, Littleton, Colo.; two sons, Marvin Polzin, West Plains, Mo., and James Polzin, Kinsley; one step-son, Bob Wilson, Toano, Va.; one brother, Leo Polzin, Great Bend; nine grandchildren; one step-grandchild; 13 great-grandchildren; and eight step-great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two sisters, Ann Cramer and Jean Ely, and two brothers, Tony Polzin and Frank Polzin. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Beckwith Mortuary Chapel in Larned, with Chaplain Vernon Bogart presiding. Burial will be in Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. today and Wednesday at the mortuary. Memorials may be sent to the church or The Welcome Inn, both in care of the mortuary. Funeral arrangements provided by Beckwith Mortuary Inc. P.O. Box 477 Larned, KS 67550 620-285-2121 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 3, 2004

Alpha Belle Grossardt 1914 - 2004

BLACKWELL, Okla. — Alpha Belle Grossardt, 90, died July 31 at the Hillcrest Manor Nursing Home in Blackwell. She was born March 14, 1914, in Meade County, Kansas, to Truman C. and Tocie B. Wright Rhoads. As a young girl she moved with her family to Jetmore. She married Frederick T. Grossardt on April 7, 1940, at Abilene, and they settled on a farm near Claflin until her husband entered the military during World War II. In 1946 they returned to the farm until 1947 when they moved to a farm near Lyons. In 1960 they moved to Pratt where they purchased a flower shop. In 1965 they moved to Hutchinson. Her husband died March 15, 1982, and that year she moved to Blackwell. Mrs. Grossardt was a member of the First United Methodist Church and the Tuxis Sunday school class in Blackwell. She also held membership in Daughters of the American Revolution, Nardin Extension Homemakers and life memberships in the Rebekahs and Veterans of Foreign Wars Ladies Auxiliary. Survivors include a son, Darrel Grossardt, Blackwell; sister Lois Gill, Raton, NM; brother Chester Rhoads, Edmond, Okla.; three grandchildren and one great-grandson. She was preceded in death by a brother, Norman Rhoads. Funeral will be at 9 a.m. Wednesday at Roberts and Son Funeral Chapel in Blackwell with John Rhoads, Wichita, officiating. Burial will be at 3 p.m. Wednesday at Claflin Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to Claflin Ambulance Service in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Roberts and Son Funeral Home 120 W. Padon Blackwell, Okla. 74631 580-363-3737 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 3, 2004

Lawrence J. Cuthrell 1925 - 2004

OTIS — Lawrence J. Cuthrell, 78, died Aug. 2 at Via Christi Medical Center's St. Francis Campus in Wichita. He was born Nov. 7, 1925, in rural Rush County, the son of James and Augusta Miller Cuthrell. He married Christabelle Karst on Nov. 14, 1948, at Milberger. She died Nov. 22, 2000. He was a retired farmer and stockman, and a lifetime resident of the Otis area. Cuthrell was a member of the United Methodist Church of Otis and the Sunflower Polka Club. Survivors include three daughters, Jean Clair and her husband Gary of Great Bend; Barb Lewis and her husband Mike of Colby; and Carla Jecha and her husband Craig of Timken; seven grandchildren and one great-grandson. He was preceded in death by a daughter, Kathryn Jones; two brothers, Eugene Cuthrell and an infant brother. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at United Methodist Church in Otis with the Rev. Marilyn Christmore officiating. Prayer service will be at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. Burial will be at Otis Methodist Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Wednesday at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home and from 9 a.m. until service time Thursday at the church. Memorials are suggested to the Myasthenia Gravis Foundation of America or the Otis United Methodist Church in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home* 415 North Main, P.O. Box 146 Hoisington, KS 67544 620-653-4165 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 3, 2004

Harlan Dean Colglazier 1923 - 2004

LARNED — Harlan Dean Colglazier, 80, died July 31, 2004, at the Larned Healthcare Center in Larned. He was born Aug. 26, 1923, at Lawrence, the son of Harry C. and LaFaun R. Wilkins Colglazier. A lifetime Pawnee County resident, he was a farmer. A graduate of the Zook schools, he also attended the University of Kansas and Kansas State University. He belonged to the Larned United Methodist Church, where he was involved in The Stephen Ministries and was chairman of Mission and Finance, helped with youth groups and taught Sunday school. He also belonged to the Ash Valley Grange and Farm Bureau in Larned. Other memberships include Superintendent and Sunday school teacher, Zook United Methodist Church, Zook School Board and 4-H. On May 18, 1947, he married Jadene Eva Stickler at Burlington, Kan. She survives. Survivors include: two sons and their wives, Eric and Ruth Colglazier, Larned, and Andrew and Elizabeth Colglazier, Fort Worth, Texas; four daughters and their husbands, Beth and Jon Kolb, Plano, Texas, Jean and Tim Knapp, Springfield, Mo., Jennifer and John Youcum, Lawrence, and Erin and Jon Robertson, Quito, Ecuador; a sister and her husband, Frances and Everett O'Conner, Rogers, Ark.; 14 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; a host of nieces and nephews, and many, many friends. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the United Methodist Church in Larned, with Pastors Tim Ault-Duell, Charles Grant and Tim Kolb presiding. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. today, with family receiving friends from 6 to 8 p.m., at Beckwith Mortuary in Larned. Burial will be in the Pleasant Valley Cemetery in Zook. Memorials may be sent to the United Methodist Church McCurdy School of Missions, or United Methodist Church Discovery Club in care of the mortuary. This notice may be viewed and condolences left at www.beckwithmortuary.com Funeral arrangements provided by Beckwith Mortuary Inc.* P.O. Box 477 Larned, KS 67550 620-285-2121 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 3, 2004

August 1, 2004

Beverly J. Brummer 1940-2004

Beverly "Bev" J. Brummer, 63, died July 30 at Hospice House in Hutchinson. She was born Beverly Wright on Aug. 4, 1940, at Ionia. A former Osborne resident, she lived in Great Bend for the past 20 years. She was a CNA, CMA, and RA at Great Bend Health and Rehabilitation Center in Great Bend. Survivors include her husband Wayne F. Brummer of the home in Great Bend; sons Steve Brummer of Great Bend and Scott Brummer of Beloit; daughters Sheila Cline of Osborne, Shirley Eck of Beloit, Sandy Wagner of Downs, and Sheri Brummer of Great Bend; brother Lyle Wright, Ionia; sister Rose Danley, Springfield, Mo.; nine grandchildren and one great-grandchild. She was preceded in death by a son, Micheal Brummer, and daughter, Mary Brummer. Funeral will be at 9:30 a.m. Monday at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Tipton, with the Rev. Galen Long officiating. Burial will be at St. Boniface Catholic Cemetery in Tipton. Vigil and rosary will be at 7:30 p.m. today at Clark-Gashaw Chapel in Osborne. Friends may call from 2 to 8 p.m. today at the mortuary. Memorials are suggested to Relay for Life of Great Bend or American Cancer Society. Funeral arrangements provided by Clark-Gashaw Mortuary Inc. 238 N. 1st Street Osborne, KS 67473 785-346-2634 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 1, 2004

Eric L. Kowitz 1956-2004

HUTCHINSON — Eric L. Kowitz, 48, died July 30 at his home in Hutchinson. He was born July 12, 1956, at Hutchinson, the son of William C. "Bud" Kowitz Jr. and Neta E. Herman Kowitz. He married Susan J. Knop on July 19, 1980, in Hutchinson. A lifetime Hutchinson resident, he graduated Hutchinson High School in 1974 and from the IBEW Local No. 661 Apprenticeship Program in 1978. He was an electrician and owner/operator of Kowitz & Kowitz Electrical Contractors. Kowitz was a member of Emanuel Lutheran Church, a former member of the Sky Riders Drum & Bugle Corp and a member and former board member of the Hutchinson Water Sports Club, all in Hutchinson. Survivors include his wife of the home; his mother of Hutchinson; a son, Cory Kowitz; a brother, Jeff Kowitz of Hutchinson; and two grandchildren. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Monday at the church, with the Rev. Tim Carey and the Rev. Loren Mai officiating. Burial will be at Memorial Park Cemetery in Hutchinson. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. today at Elliott Mortuary in Hutchinson. Memorials are suggested to The Lustgarten Foundation for Pancreatic Cancer Research. Funeral arrangements provided by Elliott Mortuary 1219 North Main Hutchinson KS 67501 620-663-3360 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 1, 2004

Warren A. Rugan 1922-2004

ELLINWOOD — Warren A. Rugan, 81, died July 30 at Ellinwood District Hospital. He was born Oct. 18, 1922, in rural Ellinwood, Stafford County, the son of Walter A. and Clara Ahrens Rugan. He married Catherine Krug on March 25, 1951, at Hoisington. She died March 17, 2004. A lifetime resident of Barton and Stafford counties, he was a farmer. Rugan was a member of St. John Lutheran Church, a longtime Sunday school teacher and a member of the Lutheran Church Endowment Board. He also served on the Wheatland School Board District 105. A University of Kansas graduate, he attended law school at KU and was a member of the TKE fraternity. During World War II he was a co-pilot and Second Lieutenant with the Army Air Corp, flying B-24s in the European Theater. Survivors include three sons, Kurt and Sheila Rugan of Ellinwood, W. Gene and Gina Rugan of Lyons, and Walter P. and Sherrie Rugan of Ellinwood; a daughter, Sharon and Ben Theimer, Winfield; and 10 grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a sister, Norma Lee Pickard. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Monday at St. John's Lutheran Church in Ellinwood with the Rev. Andy Keltner officiating. Burial will be at Lakin-Comanche District Cemetery in Ellinwood. Friends may call from 1 to 9 p.m. today at Kimple Funeral Home in Ellinwood. Memorials are suggested to St. John Child Development Center or Ellinwood Area Health Care Foundation. Funeral arrangements provided by Kimple Funeral Home* 113 North Main Ellinwood, KS 67526 620-564-2300 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 1, 2004

Theaus N. Burris 1923-2004

HOISINGTON — Theaus N. Burris, 81, died July 30, 2004. Funeral arrangements are pending with Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 1, 2004

Floyd G. Griffith 1927-2004

SCOTTSDALE, ARIZ. — Floyd G. Griffith, born Sept. 30, 1927, died July 30, 2004, and slipped into the hands of God. He is survived by his wife Doris of Scottsdale, Ariz.; son Craig of San Francisco, Calif.; daughters Carol Rakes of Fountain Hills, Ariz., and June Griffith of McKinney, Texas; and step-sons Scott and Troy Ackley and brother Jerry Griffith of Derby, Kan. Floyd moved to Scottsdale, Ariz., in 1991, living previously in Hutchinson and Ellinwood, Kan. He was owner and operator of Dover Drilling Co. in Ellinwood for many years. He was an active participant in many community activities, as well as the oil and gas industry. Memorial services are planned for today, Aug. 1, at 2 p.m. at 6323 E. Kathleen Road, Scottsdale, Ariz. Please call 480-443-1048 if you wish to attend. It will be a celebration of a beautiful, caring person who touched many lives in his life's journey. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Ellinwood Public Schools and Library Foundation in care of Kimple Funeral Home, Ellinwood, Kan. 67526. Funeral arrangements provided by Desert Hills Mortuary* 6500 E. Bell Road Scottsdale, AZ 85254 480-991-5800 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 1, 2004

September 30, 2004

Anna Dorothy Clowers 1922 - 2004

Anna Dorothy Clowers, 82, died Sept. 29 at Meadowlark Adult Care Home in Wichita. She was born Apr. 17, 1922, in St. John, the daughter of Chester and Neta Esther Culbreath Green. She married Scott Clowers on Feb. 7, 1942, at St. John. He preceded her in death. A resident of St. John for 66 years, she was a medical receptionist for Dr. Louis Graves in St. John. Mrs. Clowers was a member of First United Methodist Church in St. John. Survivors include one daughter, Linda Broadfoot; and one brother, Sam Green, both of Wichita, two grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one daughter, Diana Clowers. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Minnis Chapel Inc. in St. John with the Rev. Robbie Fall officiating. Burial will be at Fairview Park Cemetery in St. John. There is no visitation. Memorials are suggested to Hospice Care of Kansas or First United Methodist Church. Funeral arrangements provided by Minnis Chapel, Inc. 526 E. 4th St. John, KS 67578 620-549-3556 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 30, 2004

Thomas Alan Peschka 1931 - 2004

KANSAS CITY — Thomas Alan Peschka, passed away Tuesday, Sept. 28, 2004, at St. Joseph Health Center as a result of Parkinson disease complications. A private memorial service is planned. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Sanctuary of Hope, 2601 Ridge Ave., Kansas City, KS, 66102; The Parkinson Foundation, 7800 Foster, Overland Park, KS, 66204; or to Cure' of Ars Catholic Church, 9401 Mission Road, Leawood, KS, 66206. Alan was born October 15, 1931, in Great Bend to William A. and Elsie (Austin) Peschka. He graduated from Great Bend High School in 1949 and from the University of Kansas in 1953 where he was a member of Phi Delta Theta Fraternity. Alan served as a 1st lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force from 1953-55. He received a law degree from the University of Kansas in 1958. He served as a law clerk to the U.S. district of Kansas under Judge Arthur E. Stanley during 1958-60. Alan worked for Commerce Bank of Kansas City for 34 years, where he served as vice president, secretary and general counsel. He was a member of Cure' of Ars Catholic Church. Alan was preceded in death by his parents and his brother, Rollin Peschka. He is survived by his wife, Joan of the home, cousin Carolyn Nagle of Ft. Collins, Colo., and three sisters-in-law and their husbands, Mary Lou and Ronald Gilliland, Norma Jean and Robert Kopke, and Nina Sue and Wayne Stark. Funeral arrangements provided by Cremation Society of Kansas & Missouri* 8837 Roe Ave. Prairie Village, KS 66207 913-383-9888 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 30, 2004

Steven L. Pendleton 1948-2004

Steven L. Pendleton, 55, died Sept. 26, 2004, at Kansas Heart Hospital in Wichita. He was born Sept. 27, 1948, in Caney, the son of Laland Deryl and Alma Louise Fieg Pendleton. He married Janet K. Oberle on June 7, 1970, in Great Bend. A resident of Great Bend since 1980, coming from Pittsburg, he was a former co-owner of Marmie Ford in St. John and was a car salesman for 35 years for Marmie Motors. Pendleton was a member of the St. Patrick Catholic Church, Chamber of Commerce, Stoneridge and Barton County Farm Bureau, all of Great Bend. He served in the National Guard. Survivors include one son, Damian K. Hilton of Manhattan; two daughters, Morgan F. Pendleton of Great Bend, and Jana C. Steck of Salina; his fiancée, Mary Jane Leiker; his mother, Alma Louise Pendleton of Caney; one sister, Patricia Wheeler of Caney; two grandchildren, William C. Steck and Ellen M. Steck; and a nephew, Vince Wheeler of Wichita. He was preceded in death by his father. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. today at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend, with the Rev. Ted Stoecklein officiating. Burial will be at 1:30 p.m. Friday at Havana Cemetery in Havana, Kan. Memorials are suggested to American Heart Association or Arthritis Foundation. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 30, 2004

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Steven L. Pendleton 1948 - 2004

Steven L. Pendleton, 55, died Sept. 26, 2004, at Kansas Heart Hospital in Wichita. He was born Sept. 27, 1948, in Caney, the son of Laland Deryl and Alma Louise Fieg Pendleton. He married Janet K. Oberle on June 7, 1980, in Great Bend. A resident of Great Bend since 1970, coming from Pittsburg, he was a former co-owner of Marmie Ford in St. John and was a car salesman for 35 years for Marmie Motors. Pendleton was a member of the St. Patrick Catholic Church, Chamber of Commerce, Stoneridge and Barton County Farm Bureau, all of Great Bend. He served in the National Guard. Survivors include one son, Damian K. Hilton of Manhattan, two daughters, Morgan F. Penleton of Great Bend, and Jana C. Steck of Salina, his mother, Alma Louise Pendleton of Caney, one sister, Patricia Wheeler of Caney; two grandchildren, William C. Streck and Ellen M. Steck; and a nephew, Vince Wheeler of Wichita. He was preceded in death by his father. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend, with the Rev. Ted Stoecklein officiating. Burial will be at 1:30 p.m. Friday at Havana Cemetery in Havana, Kan. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. today at the funeral home, with family receiving friends from 7 to 9 p.m.

Memorials are suggested to American Heart Association or Arthritis Foundation. Funeral arrangements provided by Bryant Funeral Home* 1425 Patton Road Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-3525 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 29, 2004

Harold Arthur Younkin 1909 - 2004

Harold Arthur Younkin, 95, died Sept. 26 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. He was born June 4, 1909, in Great Bend, the son of John King and Edna C. Verbeck Younkin. He married Glenda Pfister on May 30, 1942, at Great Bend. She died Oct. 30, 1987. A lifetime resident of Great Bend, he was a mail carrier for 50 years for the United States Postal Service. He served as a sergeant with the United States Army during World War II. Younkin was a member of First Christian Church of Great Bend, Great Bend Masonic Lodge No. 15 and its affiliate bodies, also York Rite and Amarith Inc. The past few years he served as the Worthy Patron of the local chapter of the Eastern Star. He was active in the Masonic bodies for over 50 years. He was active in the world wide military branch of the Independent Order of the Odd Fellows, serving as General Commanding officer from 1976-1977. He was the grand officer of the Encampment of Kansas from 1964-1965, D.C. of Kansas 1960-1965, he was a member of the American Legion and the Barton County Farm Bureau and the National Letter Carriers Association. Survivors include one brother, Paul R. Younkin of Redding, Calif.; one sister, Marietta Showwalter of Healdsburg, Calif; and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by five brothers and three sisters. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at First Christian Church in Great Bend with the Rev. William F. Johnson officiating. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery with Military Committal Rites conducted by Fort Riley Honor Guard. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Memorials are suggested to First Christian Church Building Fund. Funeral arrangements provided by Bryant Funeral Home 1425 Patton Road Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-3525 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 29, 2004

Sister Bridget Wenta 1917 - 2004

Sister Bridget Wenta, 87, died Sept. 27, 2004, at Dominican Sisters' convent infirmary in Great Bend. She was born July 12, 1917, in Fowler, as Agnes Caroline Wenta, the daughter of John and Bridget Hageman Wenta. She entered the Dominican Sisters' Community on May 29, 1933, and pronounced her first vows Aug. 10, 1936. She celebrated 65 years of religious profession in 2001. Sister Bridget engaged in domestic work all her religious life in the missions of the sisters and in the convent infirmary. She was also supervisor of the laundry at both Sacred Heart Hospital in Lamar, Colo., and at the St. Joseph Memorial Hospital in Larned. She assisted in the sewing room at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend and in the gardens of the motherhouse. For a brief period in the late 1970s she ministered as a health service assistant. She had been in the motherhouse infirmary since 1995. Survivors include one brother, Leo Wenta of Fowler, and one sister, Mary Ann Bernard of Landcaster, Calif. Sister Bridget's body was taken to the hospitality area of the Dominican Chapel of the Plains, 3600 Broadway, Great Bend, where it will lie in state until the Liturgy of Christian Burial at 10 a.m. today at the convent, with the Rev. Gerald Hammeke officiating. Friends may call this morning until service time. A wake service was held Tuesday. Burial will be in the Sisters' Resurrection Cemetery. Memorials in honor of Sister Bridget may be sent to: Dominican Sisters Ministry Fund, Office of Mission and Ministry, 3600 Broadway, Great Bend, KS 67530-3692. Funeral arrangements provided by Bryant Funeral Home 1425 Patton Road Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-3525 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 29, 2004

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Sister Bridget Wenta

Sister Bridget Wenta, 86, of Great Bend, died Sept. 27 at the Dominican Sisters Convent Infirmary in Great Bend. Vigil service will be held at 7 tonight at the Dominican Sisters Chapel of the Plains, and the funeral will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the Dominican Sisters Chapel of the Plains in Great Bend. Arrangements are with Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 28, 2004

Opal L. Ruble 1916 - 2004

HOISINGTON — Opal L. Ruble, 87, died Sept. 24 at Via Christi Regional Medical Center's St. Francis Campus in Wichita. She was born Dec. 9, 1916, at Vinita, Okla., the daughter of Robert and Georgiana Adams Heater. She married Johnnie M. Ruble on Sept. 26, 1936, at Great Bend. He preceded her in death on Feb. 19, 1991. A longtime resident of Hoisington, she was a homemaker. Survivors include a son, Garv L.

Ruble, Valdosta, Ga.; a daughter, Judy Stevenson, Great Bend; nine grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren. 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. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday and 9 a.m. until service time Friday at the funeral home. Memorials of the donor's choice may be made in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home P.O. Box 146, 415 North Main Hoisington, KS 67544 620-653-4165 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 28, 2004

Harold A. Younkin

Harold A. Younkin, 95, of Great Bend, died Sept. 26 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at First Christian Church in Great Bend. Arrangements are pending with Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 28, 2004

Leslie R. Deckert 1911 - 2004

LARNED — Leslie R. Deckert, 92, died Sept. 25, 2004, at the Larned HealthCare Center in Larned. He was born Dec. 27, 1911, in Barton County, the son of Andrew and Susan Boese Deckert. He was a farmer in rural Pawnee County, moving to Larned in 1981. He belonged to the First Methodist Church in Larned. On Aug. 9, 1941, he married Phyllis Campbell at Baxter Springs. She survives. Other survivors include: a son, Andrew J. Deckert and wife Linda, Manhattan; a daughter, Cora C. Smith and husband Larry W., Wichita; four grandchildren, Alysun J. Deckert, Seattle, Wash., Ryun A. Deckert and wife Angie, St. Louis, Mo., Scott A. Smith, Burbank, Calif., and Matthew J. Smith and wife Jodie, Lawrence. The youngest of 14 children, he was preceded in death by his parents, all his brothers and sisters, a granddaughter, Rebecca, and a daughter-in-law, Nancy. Funeral will be at 5 p.m. Wednesday at the Beckwith Mortuary Chapel in Larned. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. until service time Wednesday at the mortuary. Burial will be at the Pawnee Rock Cemetery. Memorials may be sent to the First Methodist Church, Larned, in care of Beckwith Mortuary Inc. This notice may be read and condolences left at www.beckwithmortuary.com Funeral arrangements provided by Beckwith Mortuary Inc.* P.O. Box 477, 916 Main Street Larned, KS 67550 620-285-2121 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 28, 2004

Steven L. Pendleton

Steven L. Pendleton, 55, of Great Bend, died Sept. 26 at Kansas Heart Hospital in Wichita. Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at the Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend, which is handling the funeral arrangements. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 28, 2004

John E. Schulte 1912 - 2004

HAYS — John E. Schulte, 92, died Saturday, Sept. 25, 2004, at Hays Medical Center in Hays, Kan. He was born Sept. 23, 1912, at Victoria, Kan., to Bernard H. and Clara (Linenberger) Schulte. He married Amelia "Molly" (Dinkel) on Sept. 24, 1940, at Victoria. She died Feb. 27, 2002. He was a self-employed contract painter and lived in Victoria until moving to Hays in 2001. Schulte was a member of Saint Fidelis Catholic Church in Victoria. Survivors include two sons, Damian Schulte and his wife Lisa, Escondido, Calif., and Regis Schulte and his wife Brenda, Wichita, Kan.; two daughters, Claudia Hertel and her husband Denis, Great Bend, Kan., and Carey Schulte, Ellis, Kan.; two brothers, Denis Schulte and Benny Schulte, both of Victoria; two sisters, Edna Dreiling of Victoria and Caroline Pfeifer, Hays; six grandchildren, Philip Hertel, Chris Hertel, Matt Schulte, Kimberly Schulte, Melissa Schulte and Alison Schulte; and two great-grandchildren, Jessica Hertel and George Schulte. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Saint Fidelis Catholic Church in Victoria. Burial will be at Saint Fidelis Cemetery, Victoria. Vigil service will be at 7 tonight at Cline's Mortuary, 412 Main, in Victoria. Visitation is from 3 to 9 p.m. today and from 8:30 to 9:45 a.m. Wednesday at the mortuary. Memorials are suggested to the Cathedral of the Plains Charitable Fund, DSNWK or Masses. Funeral arrangements provided by Cline's Mortuary of Hays & Victoria* P.O. Box 252 Hays, KS 67601 785-735-9224 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 28, 2004

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Leslie R. Deckert

LARNED — Leslie R. Deckert, 92, died Sept. 25 at Larned HealthCare Center in Larned. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Beckwith Mortuary Inc. of Larned. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 26, 2004

Opal L. Ruble 1916-2004

Opal L. Ruble, 87, of Great Bend, died Sept. 24 at Via Christi Regional Medical Center, St. Francis Campus in Wichita. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 26, 2004

Sister Mary Alberta Schreiner OP 1905-2004

Sister Mary Alberta Schreiner, 99, died Sept. 24 in the Dominican Sisters' convent infirmary, Great Bend. Born Aug. 13, 1905, in Colwich, as Anna Mary Schreiner, Sister Alberta was the daughter of Frank and Anna Martin Schreiner. She entered the Dominican Sisters' community June 1, 1920, and pronounced her first vows June 9, 1923. She celebrated 80 years of religious profession in 2003. Sister Alberta was a life-long teacher, beginning in 1922 in the elementary schools of Kansas. She was also principal of 12 different elementary schools during her elementary school career. After 1963, she was instructor at Immaculate Conception High School in Great Bend, did substitute teaching and was a GED tutor. She has also served as assistant to the community's general secretary and the community's archivist and as registrar of the sisters' high school and college. She has been in the convent infirmary since 1996. Sister Alberta's body will lie in state at the Dominican Chapel of the Plains, 3600 Broadway, Great Bend until the Liturgy of Christian Burial at 10 a.m. Tuesday at the convent. A wake service will be held at 7 p.m. Monday at the convent. Burial will be at Sisters' Resurrection Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday and from 9 a.m. until service time Tuesday, all at the chapel. Memorials are suggested to Dominican Sisters, Office of Mission and Ministry, 3600 Broadway, Great Bend, KS 67530-3692. Bryant Funeral Home of Great Bend is in charge of arrangements. Funeral arrangements provided by Bryant Funeral Home 1425 Patton Road Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-3525 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 26, 2004

Haas Bushong 1915-2004

ST. JOHN — Haas Bushong, 89, died Sept. 23 at Leisure Homestead in St. John. He was born April 17, 1915, in Brixey, Mo., the son of Marion and Nancy North Bushong. He married Teresa Roothms Dec. 23, 1939, at Great Bend. She died in 1996. A resident of St. John since 1935, he was a truck driver, farmer, dairyman and equipment salesman for the Massey Ferguson dealership in St. John. He was a member of Church of Christ of St. John and Elks Lodge No. 1451 of Pratt. Survivors include a companion, Marilyn Thornburg of Hudson; and one sister, Hazel Hurst of Cabool, Mo. He was preceded in death by three brothers, Harold Bushong, Hervil Bushong and Huston Bushong; and four sisters, Hettie Welch, Hattie Oxley, Hester Bushong and Helen Naugle. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at Minnis Chapel Inc. of St. John, with George Shelton officiating. Burial will be at Fairview Park Cemetery in St. John. Friends may call from 1 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral chapel. Memorials are suggested to Paralyzed Veterans of America, in care of the funeral chapel. Funeral arrangements provided by Minnis Chapel Inc. P.O. Box 34 St. John, KS 67576 620-549-3556 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 26, 2004

Donna Marie Randel 1926-2004

OSBORNE — Donna Marie Randel, 77, died Sept. 24 at Wesley Medical Center in Wichita. She was born Nov. 25, 1926, at Moline, Ill., the daughter of J. Ben and Lulu Irene Voss Jessen. She married Ira Frank Randel June 25, 1947, at Kansas City, Mo. He died Jan. 4, 1992. A resident of Osborne for three years, coming from Bison, she was a high school teacher at Bison High School and Otis-Bison High School. She was a member of United Methodist Church of Bison. Survivors include one son, Dana Randel of Osborne; one daughter, Kris Randel Waldren of Larned; three grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. She was preceded in death by one sister, Jean Jessen. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. Burial will be at Lone Star Cemetery in rural Bison. Friends may call from noon to 9 p.m. Monday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Donna Marie Randel Memorial Fund, Baker University, in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home 415 North Main, P.O. Box 146 Hoisington, KS 67544 620-653-4165 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 26, 2004

Mark William Cunningham 1952-2004

ELLSWORTH — Mark William Cunningham, 52, died Sept. 23 at his residence in Ellsworth. He was born Jan. 27, 1952, in Wilson, the son of Maynard W. and Norma Jean Bell Cunningham. He married Malinda Wiles Dec. 8, 1992, in Las Vegas, Nev. A lifetime resident of Ellsworth County, he was an auto dealer and former owner of Cunningham Motors of Ellsworth. He was a member of Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 1127, Aircraft Owners & Pilots Association and American Legion Post 174 of Ellsworth. He was a U.S. Army veteran, serving in Vietnam. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Mark Cunningham

II of Ellsworth; two daughters, Kelvi Cunningham of Manhattan and Callie Cunningham of Ellsworth; two brothers, Kent Cunningham of Kanopolis and Brent Cunningham of Ellsworth; and one sister, Jeanne Lee Cunningham of Lawrence. Memorial service was Saturday at Parsons Funeral Home in Ellsworth, with the Rev. Dr. John Snook officiating. A private inurnment will take place. Memorials are suggested to Mark Cunningham Memorial Fund, in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Parsons Funeral Home 397 N. Lincoln Ave. Ellsworth, KS 67439 785-472-3861 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 26, 2004

Luella Jane Garman 1955-2004

Luella Jane Garman, 49, of Great Bend, died Sept. 23 at her residence. She was born June 14, 1955, at La Crosse, the daughter of Victor and Agnes J. Oborny Pechanec. She married Larry Garman Oct. 2, 1992, at Girard. A resident of Great Bend for one and a half years, coming from Ellsworth, she was a homemaker and secretary. She was a member of the Catholic faith. Survivors include her husband of the home; one son, Jeffrey Menzer of Cherryvale; one daughter, Shannon Menzer of Independence; her father of Timken; three brothers, Dennis Pechanec of Timken, Stephen Pechanec of Otis and Tobias Pechanec of Houston, Texas; three sisters, Charlene Koochel of Albert, Pam Lichter of Great Bend and Christine Kaus of Salina; and three grandchildren. Rosary will be at 7 p.m. today at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Monday at the funeral home, with the Rev. Ultan Murphy officiating. Burial will be at a later date. Friends may call from 1 to 9 p.m. today at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the grandchildren's education fund, in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home 415 North Main, P.O. Box 146 Hoisington, KS 67544 620-653-4165 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 26, 2004

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Charles Lee Klingler 1926 - 2004

ELLINWOOD — Charles Lee Klingler, 78, died Sept. 22 at Ellinwood District Hospital in Ellinwood. He was born Jan. 29, 1926, at Augusta, the son of LeRoy and Florence Heath Klingler. He married Betty Colleen Wilson on Oct. 3, 1952, at Hoisington. She died Feb. 24, 2001. Resident of Ellinwood since 1972, coming from Hoisington, he was an oilfield driller, retiring in 1990. He was a member of Heritage Club of Ellinwood. Survivors include two daughters, Kathleen "Kathy" Dunnaway of Ellinwood and Marcia Jane Melton of Great Bend; three grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. Funeral will be at 1:30 p.m. Monday at Kimple Funeral Chapel in Ellinwood, with the Rev. Paul Thomas officiating. Burial will be at Lakin-Comanche District Cemetery in Ellinwood. Friends may call from 3-8 p.m. Sunday and from 9 a.m. to service time Monday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Ellinwood Heritage Club, in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Kimple Funeral Home 113 North Main Ellinwood, KS 67526 620-564-2300 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Sept. 24, 2004

Betty R. Wallace 1926-2004

Betty R. Wallace, 78, of McPherson, died Sept. 22 at The Cedars of McPherson. She was born Aug. 30, 1926, at Bartlesville, Okla., the daughter of John Henry and Ruth Armelda Paggert Hill. She graduated from Business College in Denver, Colo. She married Robert G. Wallace Feb. 14, 1948, at Raton, N.M. He died April 28, 1987. A resident of McPherson since 1996, coming from Great Bend, she was a secretary for Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. She was a member of King Memorial United Methodist Church and Golden Belt Gem and Mineral Society, both of Great Bend. Survivors include two sons, Jim Wallace of Topeka and Stuart Wallace of Bloomington, Minn.; one sister, Ethel Dallke of Allen; and two grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two infant daughters. Funeral will be at 1 p.m. Monday at Charter Funerals Chapel in Great Bend, with the Rev. Phil Smith officiating. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call from noon to 8 p.m. Sunday at the funeral chapel, with family receiving friends from 6-8 p.m. Memorials are suggested to ElderCare of Great Bend, in care of the funeral chapel. Funeral arrangements provided by Charter Funerals 2115 Washington Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-6161 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Sept. 24, 2004

Verna Lea Kirkwood 1926-2004

LARNED — Verna Lea Kirkwood, 78, died Sept. 22 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. She was born Sept. 19, 1926, the daughter of John Elmer and Elizabeth Wilhelm Murphy. She married William Arlyn Kirkwood on Aug. 6, 1950, in Larned. He died July 21, 1994. A lifetime resident of Larned, she was a retired bookkeeper for Erway Lumber of Larned. She was a member of First United Methodist Church of Larned. Survivors include one son, Kent Kirkwood of Larned; one daughter, Jill Johnson of Lyons; two brothers, Melvin M. Murphy and Robert O. Murphy, both of Larned; seven grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two brothers, J.D. Murphy and Lester Murphy; and one sister, Nora Blackburn. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Morell Funeral Home in Larned, with the Rev. Tim Ault-Duell officiating. Burial will be at Larned Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. to service time Saturday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to American Diabetes Association or Court Appointed Special

Advocates, both in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Morell Funeral Home P.O. Box 124 Larned, KS 67550-0124 620-285-2177 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Sept. 24, 2004

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M. John Carpenter 1933 - 2004

M. John Carpenter, 71, Great Bend, died Sept. 21 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. He was born May 18, 1933, at Lawrence, the son of Miller Joseph and Anna Belle Smith Carpenter. He married Mary L. "Mickey" Hadl on May 2, 1953, at Ottawa. He was an attorney with Carpenter Law Office. He graduated from Lawrence High School in 1952; received a bachelor of arts from the University of Kansas in 1959 and graduated from the University of Kansas School of Law in 1962. He was a resident of Great Bend for 40 years, coming from Lawrence. Carpenter was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Lawrence. He belonged to the KU Alumni Association, Barton County Bar Association, Kansas Bar Association, Kansas Trial Lawyers Association, American Bar Association, American Trial Lawyers Association and was past president of the Barton County Bar Association. He was the former Special Administrative Law Judge, Division of Worker's Compensation, and a former political science instructor for the University of Kansas. He served in the Naval Reserve from 1951-1955. He was also a member of the International Printing Pressman and Assistants Union of North America. Survivors include his wife Mickey of the home; two daughters, Chris A. Klima and husband Dale, and Gail L. Carpenter, all of Great Bend; one sister, Martha Eberhardt of Tempe, Ariz.; two grandchildren, Deena Smith and husband Christopher of Great Bend, and Kelly Klima and wife Darah of Derby; and four great-grandchildren, Brayden Smith, Riley John Smith, Demi Klima and Karson Miller Klima. He was preceded in death by a sister, Millie Potter. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Trinity Lutheran Church in Great Bend with the Rev. James Strassen officiating. Interment 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 Heartland Cancer Center in care of Central Kansas Medical Center Foundation, Great Bend Humane Society or Brit Spaugh Zoo. Funeral arrangements provided by Bryant Funeral Home* 1425 Patton Road Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-3525 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 23, 2004

Norma L. Henry 1923 - 2004

HOISINGTON — Norma L. Henry, 81, died Sept. 22 at Cheyenne Meadows Living Center in Hoisington. She was born March 3, 1923, at Huntley, Neb., the daughter of John William and Martha Katherine Asche Shelton. She grew up and attended Cannonville Rural School District No. 55 near Huntley. She married Hugh Grant Henry on April 22, 1942, in Nebraska. He died April 5, 1994. A resident of Hoisington for the past 10 years, coming from Elkhart, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Henry was baptized and confirmed at St. Pauls Lutheran Church, Republican City, Neb., where she later became a member. Survivors include two daughters, Lois Schuster and her husband Glenn of Hoisington, and Martha Brittain and her husband Larry of Woodward, Okla.; two sisters, Hattie Brodie of Omaha, Neb., and Evelyn Harms of Wilcox, Neb.; nine grandchildren; three step-grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; eight step-great-grandchildren; and three step-great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a son, Leonard Henry; daughter Alpha Jean Karpinske; and brother Alvin C. Shelton. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington with the Rev. Garry Dassow officiating. Graveside service will be at 3 p.m. (Central Time) at Elkhart Cemetery in Elkhart. Friends may call from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. until service time Friday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to American Diabetes Association or Southwind Hospice, both in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home* 415 North Main, P.O. Box 146 Hoisington, KS 67544 620-653-4165 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 23, 2004

September 22, 2004

M. John Carpenter

M. John Carpenter, 71, of Great Bend, died Sept. 21 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Friday at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Great Bend. Arrangements are pending with Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 22, 2004

Larry Douglas "Papa" Ankerholz 1949 - 2004

HUTCHINSON — Larry Douglas "Papa" Ankerholz, 55, died Sept. 20 at Hutchinson Hospital. He was born April 16, 1949, at Hutchinson, the son of Lawrence H. and Phyllis E. St. Clair Ankerholz. A 1967 graduate of Lyons High School and a longtime Hutchinson resident, he was the physical plant supervisor for the Kansas State Fair for over 24 years. He was a member of Hutch-Reno Lodge AF&AM, Scottish Rite, and Midian Shrine, both of Wichita. He was also a member of the North American Hunting Club and the National Rifle Association. On Feb. 9, 1970, he married Joy A. Banks at Newton. She survives. Other survivors include his mother Phyllis Ankerholz Fimple and her husband Rufus, Great Bend; three daughters, Wendy Ankerholz, Hutchinson, Misty Vaught and her husband John, and Krystal Ankerholz and her fiancée Dale Jordan, all of Oklahoma City; a granddaughter, Nyah Vaught; a brother, Kreg and his wife Tina and family, Lyons; a sister, Sonya Ankerholz-Potts and her husband Bede, Warilla, New South Wales, Australia. He was preceded in death by two sisters, Phyllis Gail Ankerholz and Shelley Teresa Ankerholz. Cremation has been planned. Memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at the Encampment Building of the Kansas State Fairgrounds, with Pastor John Carney presiding. Private family inurnment will take place at a later date. Friends may register the book at Penwell-Gabel Funeral Home & Crematory in Hutchinson from 1 to 9 p.m. today. Memorial contributions may be made to the Cerebral Palsy Foundation, Shriner's Children's Hospital or Friends of the Fair, in care of the funeral home. Personal condolences may be left at www.penwellgabel.com. Funeral arrangements provided by Penwell-Gabel Funeral Home & Crematory* 300 E 30th Ave. Hutchinson, KS 67502 620-662-1201 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 22, 2004

September 21, 2004

Francis Burns Phillips 1916-2004

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — Francis Burns Phillips, 88, died Aug. 25, 2004, at Providence Extended Care, Anchorage, Alaska. A memorial service was held Sept. 3 at the First Presbyterian Church with the Rev. Peter Loughman officiating. He was born May 7, 1916, in Hoisington, Kan., to Mark and Ida (Willcutt) Phillips. He married Helen Newell on Sept. 11, 1937, in Lawrence, Kan. She died March 21, 1981. He owned and operated Newell's Inc. in Great Bend until 1981. In the late 1970s he taught Heating and Air Conditioning I courses at Barton County Community College. He moved to Anchorage in 1990. He was an avid reader and enjoyed hunting, fishing and wood working. Phillips was a member and elder of the First Presbyterian Church, Great Bend; life member of BPO Elks Lodge No. 1127; Shrine and Masonic Lodge, Great Bend A.F. and A.M. of Kansas Lodge No. 15; Kansas York Rite Membership Chapter 36 Mt. Nebo; State Omer Commandery No. 14 Knights Templar, Isis Temple A.A.O.N.M.S. of Salina; member of the Kansas Society of the Sons of the American Revolution; member of the Society of the Descendants of Washington's Army at Valley Forge; member and past state president of the Kansas Plumbing Heating and Air Conditioning Contractors Association; and a member of the Kiwanis Club, Great Bend. Working with the Kiwanis Club he helped establish the first blood bank at the St. Rose Hospital. Survivors include his daughter, Nell Arvites; grandchildren, Gennie Arvites, Geoffrey Arvites, Kimberly and Lee Burston, James and Krista Stickley, all of Anchorage, and Robert and Kori Stickley of Stilwell, Kan.; godson, L.F. Harper, Omaha, Neb.; sisters-in-law, Jennie Phillips, Kailua, Hawaii, Dorothy Schuetz, Great Bend; sisters, Beverly Brummitt, Elgin, Ill., and Joyce Essmiller; five great-grandchildren, and several cousins, nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by brothers Wayne and Maurice. He died hours before his brother Marion, of Cleveland, Okla. A graveside service and burial will be held at a later date in Great Bend. Funeral arrangements are being provided by Witzleben Family Funeral Home, Anchorage, Alaska. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 21, 2004

Danny (Dan) Brubaker 1943-2004

REDFIELD, Ark. — Danny Wayne (Dan) Brubaker, 61, of Redfield, Ark., died Sept. 17, 2004. A consumer loan officer at People's State Bank of Ellinwood in the early 1980s, he was a charter member of the Ellinwood Optimist Club and served as president of Grove Park Golf Club. A graveside service will be held at 3 p.m. Wednesday at Roselawn memorial Park, Salina. Funeral arrangements are being handled by Ralph Robinson & Son Funeral Directors, Pine Bluff, AK 71603, tel. 870-534-3131. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 21, 2004

Virginia Fischer 1923-2004

Virginia Fischer, 80, of Great Bend, died Sept. 19, at Reno County Hospice House in Hutchinson. She was born Dec. 4, 1923, at Greeley, Colo., the daughter of Willis and Alice Warner Trego. She married Kenneth R. Fischer on June 1, 1947, at Greeley, Colo. A resident of Great Bend for one year, she spent most of her life on a farm in the Hudson area. She was retired from a

career as a teacher in Hudson, Great Bend and St. John. Mrs. Fischer was a member of Peace United Church of Christ, Adult Choir and Jr. Choir Director, Women's Guild, Delta Kappa Gamma, Retired Teachers Association, and EHU. She was a former leader of Jolly Workers 4-H Club. After retirement she volunteered in the schools. Survivors include her husband Kenneth of the home; three daughters, Alice Whitmer and husband Eldon, Wilson, Kan., Pam Stuewe and husband Ervan, Alma, Kan., and Marsha DeHart and husband Steve, Oldburg, Kan.; six grandchildren, Christopher Whitmer, Jonathan Whitmer, Brooke Herrera, Morgan Stuewe, MaKenna DeHart and Jacob DeHart. She was preceded in death by a brother, Howard Trego, and a sister, Vivian Shultz. Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend with the Rev. Gary Brooks and the Rev. Dick Ogle officiating. Inurnment will be at Peace Cemetery in Hudson at a later date. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday and 9 a.m. until Service time Saturday at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to First United Methodist Church of Great Bend, Peace United Church of Christ, Hudson, or Sterling College. Funeral arrangements provided by Bryant Funeral Home* 1425 Patton Road Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-3525 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 21, 2004

September 19, 2004

Agnes Caroline Davis 1935 - 2004

NESS CITY — Agnes Caroline Davis, 69, died Sept. 16 at St. Francis Campus, Via Christi Medical Center, in Wichita. She was born May 27, 1935, in Ness City, the daughter of Arthur and Louise Nonnast Musbach. She married Donald G. Davis on Sept. 3, 1955, at Ness City. A lifetime resident of Ness City, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Davis was a member of the First Baptist Church of Ness City. Survivors include her husband of the home; a son, Jeff Davis, Fort Scott; two daughters, Diane Suppes, Great Bend, and Dawn Samuelson-Scharff, Wichita; two sisters, Mary Lou Hall, Ness City, and Dorothy Beard, Ardmore, Okla.; nine grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by brothers Harold Musbach and David Musbach, and sisters Ruth McFarren and Dixie Rufenacht. Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at Fitzgerald Funeral Home in Ness City, with the Rev. Russell King officiating. Burial will be at the Ness City Cemetery. Friends may call from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. today at the funeral home. Memorial contributions are suggested to the Ness County Historical Society and the Ness City Library. Funeral arrangements provided by Fitzgerald Funeral Home Inc. P.O. Box 96, 207 N. Pennsylvania Ness City, KS 67560 785-798-3243 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 19, 2004

Velma A. Sauber 1910 - 2004

CLAFLIN — Velma A. Sauber, 94, died Sept. 16 at McPherson Hospital in McPherson. She was born Sept. 13, 1910, at Claflin, the daughter of Anton and Alva Kraft Redetzke. She married John Sauber Jr. on Oct. 18, 1933, at Dubuque, Kan. He died Nov. 4, 1974. A lifetime rural Claflin resident, living the her last four years in McPherson, she was a farmer and homemaker. Mrs. Sauber was a member of the St. Catherine Catholic Church, Altar Society and Christian Mothers, all of Dubuque. Survivors include one daughter, Joyce Koehler and her husband Roger, McPherson; eight grandchildren, DeAnn Koehler, Kevin Koehler, Jamie Larson, Terri Ramsey, Tammy Schrag, Julie Allen, Joni Fincham and Jill Koehler; 12 great-grandchildren; and 10 nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by a son, Alvin Sauber, and two brothers, Vernon Redetzke and Arthur Redetzke. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at St. Catherine Catholic Church at Dubuque, Kan., with Father Pascal Klein officiating. Interment will be at St. Catherine Cemetery in Dubuque. Friends may call from 1 to 9 p.m. today at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. Vigil service will be at 7 tonight at the funeral home, followed by an Altar Society rosary. Memorials are suggested to St. Catherine Heritage Fund in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home* 415 North Main, P.O. Box 146 Hoisington, KS 67544 620-653-4165 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 19, 2004

Roberta M. Basye 1947 - 2004

SMITHVILLE, Mo. — Roberta M. Basye, 56, of Smithville, Mo., passed away Wednesday, Sept. 15, 2004. She was born on Dec. 26, 1947, to William A. and Mary M. (Korf) Demel in Great Bend, Kan. She grew up in Hoisington, Kan., where she graduated from high school. Roberta then attended dental school in Great Bend and worked as a dental assistant. On May 6, 1967, she was united in marriage to Lewis L. Basye at St. Johns Catholic Church in Hoisington. After their marriage they lived in Kansas City and in 1979 they moved to Smithville, Mo., where they made their home. Roberta then worked in the Medical Records Department of North Kansas City Hospital for over 25 years. She received the employee of the month award in October of 1999. She was preceded in death by her parents, and a brother, William F. Demel. Roberta is survived by her husband, Lewis, of the home; two sons, Derrick Basye and wife Ann-Marie, and Brian Basye and wife Dawn; five grandchildren, Carli, Noah, Alexis, Caleb and Ashlynn, all of Smithville; three brothers, Alvin Demel and wife Patsy, Hoisington, Wayne Demel and wife Beth, Ogden, Kan., and Roy Demel, Miami, Okla.; three sisters, Eileen Basye and husband Jim, Cassville, Mo., Mary Ellen Bowman and husband Larry, Clyde, Kan., and Rita Seyfert and husband Kevin, Hoisington; numerous nieces and nephews, other relatives and many friends. Funeral Mass will be at 11 a.m. Monday at the Good Shepherd Catholic Church in Smithville. Entombment will be at Mt. Moriah Terrace Park Mausoleum, Kansas City. Rosary will be at 6:30 p.m. today with visitation following until 8:30 p.m. at the Hixson-Klein Funeral Home in Smithville. In lieu of flowers a trust fund for the grandchildren has been set up at Clay County Savings and Loan in Smithville. Funeral arrangements provided by Hixson-Klein Funeral Home* 104 Church St. Smithville, Mo. 64089 816-532-9212 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 19, 2004

Arlene S. Myers 1916 - 2004

HOISINGTON — Arlene S. Myers, 87, died Sept. 18 at Cheyenne Meadows Living Center in Hoisington. She was born Dec. 12, 1916, at Wilkes Barre, Pa., the daughter of Ziba B. and Ella A. Williams Schooley. She married Fred Bohn, who preceded her in death. She then married Carl Betcher, who preceded her in death. She then married Clinton Myers, who preceded her in death. A Hoisington resident for 14 years, coming from Tunkhannock, Pa., she was a homemaker. Mrs. Myers was a member of the Concordia Lutheran Church in Hoisington. Survivors include a daughter-in-law, Louise Bohn; five grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a son, Fred J. Bohn; a daughter, Phyllis Ann Bohn; three brothers, Clod Schooley, Fred Schooley and Frank Schooley; and a sister, Edna Mann. Graveside service will be at 2 p.m. Monday at St. John Cemetery in Hoisington with the Rev. Garry Dassow officiating. Funeral arrangements provided by Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home 415 North Main, P.O. Box 146 Hoisington, KS 67544 620-653-4165 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 19, 2004

September 17, 2004

Velma A. Sauber 1910 - 2004

MCPHERSON — Velma A. Sauber, 94, died Sept. 16 at Memorial Hospital in McPherson. Funeral arrangements are pending with Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 17, 2004

September 16, 2004

Doris Compton 1944 - 2004

Doris Compton, 60, of Great Bend, died Sept. 14 at Clara Barton Hospital in Hoisington. She was born July 23, 1944, at Cleburne, Texas, the daughter of Floyd Raymond and Sarah Elizabeth Anderson McDaniel. She married Robert A. Compton on June 20, 1989, at Hesperia, Calif. A Great Bend resident since 2000, coming from Lake Wales, Fla., she was a transport driver for BOC Gases Operations, Otis, and formerly worked for Jack B. Kelley Inc., Great Bend. Mrs. Compton was a Baptist. Survivors include her husband of the home; a son, Casey Daniel Jones of Cleburne; a daughter, Tracy Lyn Jones of Rio Vista, Texas; two half-brothers, J.T. McDaniel of Cleburne and Bo McDaniel of North Dakota; and three grandchildren. Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend with the Rev. John Grummon officiating. Cremation has taken place. Memorials are suggested to Clara Barton Hospital Foundation, in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Bryant Funeral Home 1425 Patton Road Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-3525 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 16, 2004

Lucille Josephine Fuhr 1921 - 2004

Lucille Josephine Fuhr, 83, died Sept. 14 at her home in Great Bend. She was born Feb. 28, 1921, at Dubuque, Kan., the daughter of Henry John and Teresa Krier Hoffman. She married Ernest Willy Fuhr on Oct. 21, 1939, at Great Bend. He died May 24, 1995. A lifetime resident of Great Bend, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Fuhr was a member of St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church, Daughters of Isabella, Altar Society and served on the election board, all in Great Bend. Survivors include two sons, John H. Fuhr and wife Annette of Colorado Springs, Colo., and Mark A. Fuhr and wife Sharon of Pratt; four daughters, Judy Garmeson and husband Duane of Calhoun, Ga., Norma Jean Carr and husband John of Great Bend, Vernita K. Hodges of Larned and Joanne R. Bortz of Chatham, Ontario, Canada; three sisters, Eleanor Hines of Ellinwood, Lavina Carrier of Great Bend and Pat Dirks of Pawnee Rock; 16 grandchildren; five step-grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; 10 step-great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; and one step-great-great-grandchild. She was preceded in death by one great-grandchild, Joshua Larson. Altar Society Rosary will be at 4 p.m. today at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Vigil will be at 7:30 tonight at the funeral home, followed by a Daughters of Isabella Rosary. Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church in Great Bend with Father Reginald A. Urban officiating. Interment will be at Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. today at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Golden Belt Home Health and Hospice or American Cancer Society, both in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Bryant Funeral Home* 1425 Patton Road Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-3525 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 16, 2004

September 15, 2004

Marvella Antje Marie Perry 1924 - 2004

Marvella Antje Marie Perry, 79, of Great Bend, died Sept. 13 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. She was born Dec. 4, 1924, at Heizer, the daughter of Emil Fredrick and Sophia Johanna Soeken Kruckenbergh. She was a graduate of Great Bend High School. She married Ancil C. Perry on June 8, 1941, at McPherson. She was retired as a crossing guard for the Great Bend Police Department. Mrs. Perry was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church, American Legion Ladies Auxiliary and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 3111, all in Great Bend. Survivors include a son, Mark A. Perry, Soldier, Kan.; a daughter, Dianna L.

Amon, Lewis; two brothers, Lyman Kruckenberg and Robert Kruckenberg, both of Great Bend; a sister, Pauline Halfhill, Great Bend; eight grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband; son E. Dale Perry; sisters Dorothy Marymee and Grace Rhodes; and a grandson, Trenton Perry. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at the church with the Rev. James A. Strasen officiating. Burial will be at Great Bend City Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 tonight, with family receiving friends from 7 to 9 p.m., at The Charter Funerals Chapel in Great Bend. In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to the Marvella Perry Great-Grandchildren Education Fund. Funeral arrangements provided by Charter Funerals 2115 Washington Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-6161 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 15, 2004

Lena A. Blakeslee 1902 - 2004

STAFFORD — Lena A. Blakeslee, 101, died Sept. 12, 2004, at Stafford District Hospital. She was born Nov. 1, 1902, at Great Bend, the daughter of Otto and Minnie Heinze Hiss. She was a homemaker and was a Great Bend area resident for most of her life before moving to Stafford in 1999. She was a member of the Rolling Green United EHU, First Congregational United Church of Christ, and Ladies Card Club, all of Great Bend, and she enjoyed crocheting, sewing and embroidering. On Aug. 22, 1925, she married George Blakeslee Sr. at St. John. He died June 2, 1971. Survivors include three sons, Charles Blakeslee of St. John, George Blakeslee of Great Bend and Victor Blakeslee of Stafford; two daughters, Juanita Fischer of Stafford and Helen Boyd of Topeka; 13 grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren; seven great-great-grandchildren; and two step-great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a brother, Fred Hiss; and a sister, Louise. Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 16, 2004, at Minnis Chapel in Stafford with the Rev. Kasey Crosby presiding. Burial will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call from 1 to 8 p.m. today at the chapel. Memorials may be sent to the Stafford United Methodist Church or First Congregational United Church of Christ, both in care of the chapel. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 15, 2004

Russell F. Meyer 1930 - 2004

Russell F. Meyer, 74, of Great Bend, died Sept. 11 at Hutchinson Hospital in Hutchinson. He was born May 8, 1930, at Great Bend, the son of Fred H. and Katie Marie Brown Meyer. He married Mary Ann Tate on Aug. 27, 1959, at Craig, Colo. She preceded him in death. He owned Russ' Roofing. Meyer served in the U.S. Army and was a member of First Bible Baptist Church. Survivors include three sons, Wade Meyer and Mark Meyer, both of Florida, and Greg Meyer of Great Bend; two sisters, Violet Seder of Great Bend, and Viola Befort of Oklahoma City, Okla.; four grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one daughter, Gina; three brothers; and one sister. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. today at Charter Funerals Chapel in Great Bend with The Rev. John Grummon officiating. Military honors will be conducted by the Fort Riley Honor Guard. Burial will be at Great Bend City Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to the American Lung Association, in care of the funeral chapel. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 15, 2004

Delpha Doris Compton

Delpha Doris Compton, 60, died Sept. 14 at Clara Barton Hospital in Hoisington. Funeral arrangements are pending with Bryant Funeral Home, 1425 Patton Road, Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 15, 2004

Romona Dannebohm 1938 - 2004

ELLINWOOD — Romona Witt Dannebohm, 65, died Sept. 14 at Ellinwood District Hospital. She was born Nov. 20, 1938, at Great Bend, the daughter of Gust Witt Jr. and Johanna Siefkes Witt. She married Robert Dannebohm on Feb. 14, 1959, at Hudson. A lifetime Stafford and Barton County resident, she was a secretary for Tennaco, a homemaker and a farm wife. Mrs. Dannebohm was a member of First Baptist Church of Ellinwood and Cradle Roll Club. She assisted with children's church and Bible school nursery, and taught Sunday school. She was a 1956 graduate of Hudson High School and attended Fort Hays State University. Survivors include her husband of the home; daughters Gail Bergling of Atwood and Nancee Meyer of Stafford; sister Lila Snell of Manhattan; and five grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a brother, Vernon Witt. Funeral will be at 1:30 p.m. Friday at the church, south of Ellinwood, with the Rev. David Wesner officiating. Burial will be at Lakin-Comanche District

Cemetery in Ellinwood. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday at Kimple Funeral Home in Ellinwood. Memorials are suggested to the church or Ellinwood Ambulance Fund in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Kimple Funeral Home 113 North Main Ellinwood, KS 67526 620-564-2300 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 15, 2004

Orville N. Tuzicka 1928 - 2004

KIMBALL, Neb. – Orville N. Tuzicka, 76 of Nebo, Ky., formerly of Kimball, Neb., died Sept. 10 at his home in Nebo. He was born March 26, 1928, at Hays, the son of Charles and Barbara Dome Tuzicka. He was raised in Kansas. Tuzicka entered the Air Force where he served until being honorably discharged as a sergeant. He married Theora M. Pierce on Aug. 8, 1948, at Las Vegas, Nev. They lived in Sterling, Colo., Wyoming and Sidney, Neb., before moving to Kimball. He worked for many years in various capacities in the oil business and later worked for Cabela's before retiring and moving to Kentucky. Survivors include a daughter, Janice McCarty, of Yucca, Ariz.; four sons, Dennis Tuzicka, Sidney, Orville Tuzicka Jr., Kimball, Timothy Tuzicka, Orlando, Fla., and Kevin Tuzicka, Paduka, Ky.; a brother, Floyd Tuzicka of Olmitz; 20 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife Teddy and a son, Charles Tuzicka. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday at the Cantrell Funeral Home of Kimball, with the Rev. Roger Gillming officiating. Burial will be at the Kimball Cemetery. Friends may call from 10 a.m. to 8 tonight at the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Cantrell Funeral Home 609 S. Walnut Kimball, NE 69145 308-235-3712 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 15, 2004

September 14, 2004

Russell F. Meyer 1930-2004

Russell F. Meyer, 74, of Great Bend, died Sept. 11 at Hutchinson Hospital in Hutchinson. He was born May 8, 1930, at Great Bend, the son of Fred H. and Katie Marie Brown Meyer. He married Mary Ann Tate on Aug. 27, 1959, at Craig, Colo. She preceded him in death. He owned Russ' Roofing. Meyer served in the U.S. Army and was a member of First Bible Baptist Church. Survivors include three sons, Wade Meyer and Mark Meyer, both of Florida, and Greg Meyer of Great Bend; two sisters, Violet Seder of Great Bend, and Viola Befort of Oklahoma City, Okla.; four grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one daughter, Gina; three brothers; and one sister. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Charter Funerals Chapel in Great Bend with The Rev. John Grummon officiating. Military honors will be conducted by the Fort Riley Honor Guard. Burial will be at Great Bend City Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. today at the funeral chapel. Memorials are suggested to the American Lung Association, in care of the funeral chapel. Funeral arrangements provided by Charter Funerals 2115 Washington Ave. Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-6161 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 14, 2004

Lena A. Blakeslee 1902-2004

STAFFORD — Lena A. Blakeslee, 101, died Sept. 12, 2004, at Stafford District Hospital. She was born Nov. 1, 1902, at Great Bend, the daughter of Otto and Minnie Heinze Hiss. She was a homemaker and was a Great Bend area resident for most of her life before moving to Stafford in 1999. She was a member of the Rolling Green United EHU, First Congregational Church of Christ, and Ladies Card Club, all of Great Bend, and she enjoyed crocheting, sewing and embroidering. On Aug. 22, 1925, she married George Blakeslee Sr. at St. John. He died June 2, 1971. Survivors include three sons, Charles Blakeslee of St. John, George Blakeslee of Great Bend and Victor Blakeslee of Stafford; two daughters, Juanita Fischer of Stafford and Helen Boyd of Topeka; 13 grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren; seven great-great-grandchildren; and two step-great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a brother, Fred Hiss; and a sister, Louise. Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 16, 2004, at Minnis Chapel in Stafford with the Rev. Kasey Crosby presiding. Burial will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call from 1 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the chapel. Memorials may be sent to the Stafford United Methodist Church or First Congregational Church of Christ, both in care of the chapel. Funeral arrangements provided by Minnis Chapel* 125 N. Main Stafford, KS 67578 620-234-5261 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 14, 2004

Leah Schneidewind 1913-2004

NESS CITY — Leah Schneidewind, 91, died Sept. 12 at Woodhaven Care Center in Ellinwood. She was born June 7, 1913, at Olmitz, the daughter of Peter and Mary Schneider Wittig. She married Henry Schneidewind Aug. 9, 1938, at Great Bend. He died Feb. 4, 1990. A resident of Ness County since 1936, she was a homemaker. Survivors include one son, Harold Schneidewind of Great Bend; two daughters, Gloria Vogel of Hays and Sharon Werth of Ness City; seven grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by three brothers and eight sisters. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at St. Lukes Lutheran Church in Bazine, with the Rev. James D. Webster officiating. Burial will be at Bazine Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. today at Fitzgerald Funeral Home in Ness City and Wednesday morning at the church. Memorials are suggested to St. Lukes Lutheran Church in Bazine or Trinity Lutheran Church Bell Ringing Fund in Great Bend, both in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Fitzgerald Funeral Home Inc. P.O. Box 96 Ness City, KS 67560 785-798-3243 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 14, 2004

September 12, 2004

Russell Meyer

Russell Meyer of Great Bend died Sept. 11. Services and arrangements are pending with Charter Funerals in Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 12, 2004

Elda Mae Glynn 1938 - 2004

Elda Mae Glynn, 66, of Great Bend, died Sept. 9 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. She was born Feb. 4, 1938, at Great Bend, the daughter of Eric G. and Ida Bunselmeyer Fischer. A lifetime resident of Barton and Stafford counties, she was a receptionist for the Dominican Sisters. Glynn was a member of Peace United Church of Christ, Hudson, and was a volunteer for Elder Care and the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP). Survivors include two sons, Robert Glynn of Great Bend, and Donald Glynn of Hudson; a daughter, Brenda Johnston of Pratt; a sister, Sylvia Eddingfield of Great Bend; and four grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one sister, Eunice Miller. Prayer service will be at 7 p.m. today at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Graveside service will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Great Bend Cemetery in Great Bend, with the Rev. Thomas Sutter officiating. Friends may call from 1 to 9 p.m. today at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Dominican Sisters or Peace United Church of Christ. Funeral arrangements provided by Bryant Funeral Home 1425 Patton Road Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-3525 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 12, 2004

Lola Maxine Smith 1940 - 2004

LARNED — Lola Maxine Smith, 64, died Sept. 9 at the Great Bend Health and Rehabilitation Center in Great Bend. She was born Feb. 24, 1940, at Glen Elder, the daughter of Walter J. and Gladys M. Woddell Smith. She was a Great Bend resident since 1998, moving from Larned and previously from Glen Elder. Smith attended the First Southern Baptist Church in Great Bend. Survivors include a brother, Lowell Smith of Locke, N.Y.; and three sisters, Rowena Smith of Wichita, Paula Smith of Larned and Rose Bateson of Topeka. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Monday at the Larned Cemetery in Larned, with Rev. Doyle Smith officiating. Burial will be in the Larned Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. today and until service time at Beckwith Mortuary Chapel in Larned. Memorials are suggested to Sunflower Diversified Services in care of the mortuary. This notice may be read and condolences left at www.beckwithmortuary.com. Funeral arrangements provided by Beckwith Mortuary, Inc. 916 Main St. P.O. Box 477 Larned, KS 67550 620-285-2121 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 12, 2004

Eva Kowalsky 1921 - 2004

MULVANE — Eva Kowalsky, 83, died Sept. 9 at home. She was born July 11, 1921, in Salina, the daughter of Dewitt and Anita Thomason. She attended school in Ellinwood, marrying Norman J. Kowalsky on Jan. 20, 1945. She was a resident of Attica before moving to Wichita. She operated Pork's Welding Service with her husband until his death in 1965, working as editor of the Attica Independent newspaper for a number of years until taking a job at Wesley Medical Center in Wichita where she worked until her retirement in 1986. Survivors include two sons, Norman J. Kowalsky and Thomas Dewitt Kowalsky; a daughter, Linda Marg Kowalsky-Heiens; nine grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. Graveside services will be at 3 p.m. on Monday at the Lakin-Comanche Cemetery in Ellinwood, with the Rev. John J. Maes officiating. Friends may call from 1 to 8 p.m. today at Senter-Smith Mortuary in Mulvane. Memorials are suggested to Trinity Hospice or the American Cancer Society in care of the mortuary. Funeral arrangements provided by Smith Family Mortuary 1425 N. Rock Rd. Derby, KS 67037 316-788-2828 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 12, 2004

September 10, 2004

Alvina E. Dietz 1911 - 2004

"I've gone to rest in the big blue sky and one day all my friends will join me." Alvina E. Dietz, 93, of Great Bend, died Sept. 8, 2004, at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. She was born May 8, 1911, in Barton County, the daughter of Fred and Mary Steinert Niedens. She married John G. Dietz on Feb. 6, 1934, in Great Bend. He died July 29, 1983. A resident of Great Bend, coming from the Hoisington area, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Dietz was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church of Great Bend. Survivors include: a son, Delane J. Dietz of Great Bend; a daughter, Joyce M. Monroe of Great Bend; two brothers, Ervin Niedens of Russell, Kan., and L.D. Niedens of Garden City, Kan.; and two grandchildren, Mike Dietz of Buhler, Kan., and T.J. Dietz of Eudora, Kan. She was preceded in death by her husband, John G. Dietz, and three sisters, Clista Funk, Isabell Schneider and Helen Dumler. Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 11, 2004, at Charter Funerals Chapel in Great Bend, with Pastor James A. Strasen officiating. Interment will be at Great Bend City Cemetery, Great Bend. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 8 tonight, with family receiving friends from 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Trinity Lutheran Church, in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Charter Funerals* 2115 Washington Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-6161 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 10, 2004

Billy J. Koelsch 1925 - 2004

ST. JOHN — Billy J. Koelsch, 79, died Sept. 8 at St. Francis Regional Medical Center in Wichita. He was born Aug. 10, 1925, in Stafford County, the son of William Henry and Clara E. Henning Koelsch. He married Velma D. Schneider on Sept. 7, 1944, at St. John. A farmer and stockman, he was a lifetime resident of Stafford County. Koelsch was a member of Masonic Lodge No. 254 at St. John. Survivors include his wife of the home; two sons, Bill Edward Koelsch and Phillip Koelsch, both of St. John; six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two sisters, Marie Leatherman and Vera Koelsch. Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Minnis Chapel in St. John with the Rev. George Shelton officiating. Burial will be at Fairview Park Cemetery in St. John. Friends may call from 1 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral chapel. Memorials are suggested to Billy J. Koelsch Memorial Scholarship Fund, in care of the funeral chapel. Funeral arrangements provided by Minnis Chapel Inc. P.O. Box 34 St. John, KS 67576 620-549-3556 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 10, 2004

Harold L. Warner 1918 - 2004

Harold L. Warner, 85, of Great Bend, died Sept. 9 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. He was born Dec. 20, 1918, at Pawnee Rock, the son of Harold Louis and Flossie Barrows Warner. He married Beth McNutt and later married Esther Seiker. She died April 1, 1990. A resident of Great Bend since 2000, coming from Hugoton, he was a barber retiring after more than 55 years. Warner was a member of Faith Lutheran Church of Hugoton and Kansas Barbers Association. Survivors include one daughter, Margaret Bartholomew of Great Bend; two stepdaughters, Mary Ann Forward of Moscow and Martha Lee Maupin of Ulysses; nine grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild. He was preceded in death by one daughter, Beatrice Peterson; two brothers, Lathe and Bill Warner; and one sister, Ruby Klasson. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Morell Funeral Home in Larned with the Rev. Gary Dassow officiating. Burial will be at Pawnee Rock Cemetery. Friends may call until 8 p.m. Friday and from 9 a.m. until service time Saturday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Faith Lutheran Church or Our Savior Lutheran Church, both in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Morell Funeral Home P.O. Box 124 Larned, KS 67550 620-285-2177 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 10, 2004

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Eddie M. Russell 1940 - 2004

Eddie M. Russell, 64, died Sept. 4 at his home in Great Bend. He was born Feb. 1, 1940, at Larned, the son of Edward and Elsie McKinney Russell. A Great Bend resident for 15 years, coming from California, he had worked for a gas power company in California and was retired. Russell was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force and a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and American Legion. Survivors include his mother, Elsie Hill, of Great Bend; a son, Wade Russell, Laverne, Calif.; a daughter, Erin LeBlanc, Alta Loma, Calif.; and four grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a brother, Herbert Russell, and a sister, Doris Tutak. Cremation has taken place and memorial services will be held at a later date. Memorials are suggested to the Heartland Cancer Center or the High Rise, both in Great Bend. Funeral arrangements provided by Bryant Funeral Home 1425 Patton Road Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-3525 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 8, 2004

Randall "Randy" Funk 1959 - 2004

GALATIA — Randall "Randy" Funk, 45, died Sept. 6 at Clara Barton Hospital in Hoisington. He was born June 1, 1959, at Great Bend, the son of Edwin Jr. and Wanda Hoebek Funk. He married Berneice Fehrehbach on June 7, 1987, at Galatia. A lifetime Galatia resident, he was self-employed as a farmer and trapper. Funk was a member of License Plate Club and the National Rifle Association. Survivors include his wife of the home; parents of Galatia; a son, Bob Funk, Galatia; a step-son, Mike Guertin, Galatia; a step-daughter, Christine Marshall, Wellington; a brother, Doug Funk, Salina; and two step-grandchildren, Blaze Marshall and Alexis Marshall. Memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend with the Rev. Dick Ogle officiating. Private family Inurnment will be held at a later date. Cremation has taken place. Memorials are suggested to the University of Nebraska Athletic Department. Funeral arrangements provided by Bryant Funeral Home 1425 Patton Road Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-3525 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 8, 2004

Mary Marie Stafford 1927 - 2004

WICHITA — Mary Marie (Lee) Stafford, 75, died Sept. 7. She was born Sept. 27, 1928. A former resident of Hoisington, Great Bend and Russell, she was a retired St. Joseph Regional Medical Center Registered Nurse and former Wesley employee in Wichita. Survivors include three daughters, Janice Hutchinson, Colorado Springs, Colo., EvaLynn Richmond, Gales Ferry, Conn., and Nancy Jensen, Wichita; a brother, Jerrold Lee, Wichita; a sister, Frances Hesselius, Littleton, Colo.; nine grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Downing & Lahey Mortuary East in Wichita. Memorials have been established with Rainbows United, 340 S. Broadway, Wichita, KS 67202-9669, and Harry Hynes Memorial Hospice, 313 S. Market, Wichita, KS 67202-3805. Condolences may be sent to the family via www.downingandlahey.com. Funeral arrangements provided by Downing & Lahey Mortuary East 6555 East Central Wichita, KS 67206-1997 316-682-4553 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 8, 2004

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Alice Boyd 1934-2004

Alice Boyd, 70, of Great Bend, died Sept. 4 at Memorial Hospital in McPherson. She was born March 4, 1934, at El Dorado, the daughter of Manuel C. and Freda Romero Sepulveda. She attended Lyons High School. She married Marvin Dale Boyd in 1951 in New Mexico. He preceded her in death. She moved to McPherson in 2004 from Great Bend where she lived since 1952, coming from Lyons. She was a waitress, was hostess for Holiday Inn and Petroleum Club, both of Great Bend, owned and operated Boyds Decorating in Great Bend, retiring in 1992, and worked part-time at the Lyons Museum. Mrs. Boyd was a member of St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church of Great Bend. Survivors include one son, Marvin A. Boyd of McPherson; her mother of McPherson; one brother, Richard Sepulveda of Oceanside, Calif.; one sister, Gertrude Terrones of El Dorado; three grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one sister, Mary Gomez. Rosary will be at 7:15 p.m. Wednesday at St. Joseph Catholic Church of McPherson. Funeral Mass will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at St. Joseph Catholic Church, with the Rev. Paul Oborny officiating. Graveside services will be at 3 p.m. Thursday at Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call from 4 to 7 p.m. Wednesday at St. Joseph Catholic Church, with family receiving friends from 6 to 7 p.m. Memorials are suggested to American Lung Association of Kansas, in care of Glidden-Ediger Funeral Home of McPherson. Funeral arrangements provided by Glidden-Ediger Funeral Home 222 West Euclid Street McPherson, KS 67460 620-241-2550 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 7, 2004

Albert Lubben 1912-2004

Albert Lubben, 91, of Great Bend, died Sept. 4 at Cherry Village Nursing Home in Great Bend. He was born Nov. 30, 1912, in Carleton, Neb., the son of Arthur and Anna Rippe Lubben. A resident of Great Bend, coming from Fairbury, Neb., he was a farmer. Lubben was a U.S. Army veteran, serving from 1942-43. Survivors include two daughters and sons-in-law, Marlys and Stan Behrends of Great Bend, and Debra and John Fee of Springfield, Ill.; and five grandchildren, Adam, Brett and Cody Behrends and Paul and Anna Fee. He was preceded in death by his wife, Della Lubben; an infant son; his parents; one brother, Walter Lubben; and one sister, Ella. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Faith Lutheran Church in Fairbury, with the Rev. Richard Larson officiating. Burial will be at Trinity Lutheran Cemetery in Bruning, Neb. Memorials are suggested to Faith Lutheran Church, in care of Gerdes-Meyer Funeral Home of Fairbury. Funeral arrangements provided by Gerdes-Meyer Funeral Home* 2414 H Street Box 15 Fairbury, Neb. 68352 402-729-5656 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 7, 2004

Ruby E. Gray 1915-2004

Ruby E. Gray, 88, of Great Bend, died Sept. 4 at Manor Care of Wichita. She was born Oct. 24, 1915, in Alden, the daughter of Arthur Earl and Pearl Caroline Caldwell Estabrook. A resident of Great Bend since 1942, coming from Lyons, she was a department manager for Sears-Roebuck, retiring in 1985. She was a member of First United Methodist Church and Order of the Eastern Star. Survivors include two daughters, Bonnie D. Meyeres of Tonnopah, Ariz., and Betty C. Harris of Wichita; one sister, Betty Lewis of Great Bend; eight grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one sister, Lula Herbert. Graveside service will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at Great Bend Cemetery, with the Rev. Gary Brooks officiating. Friends may call from noon to 9 p.m. Wednesday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Memorials are suggested to Golden Belt Home Health and Hospice, in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Bryant Funeral Home 1425 Patton Road Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-3525 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 7, 2004

Jerome P. Habiger 1914-2004

BUSHTON — Jerome P. Habiger, 90, died Sept. 5 at Ellinwood District Hospital. He was born Aug. 12, 1914, at Bushton, the son of Joseph and Katherine Doll Habiger. He was a graduate of Salt City Business College in Hutchinson. He married Anna Lee Thill March 30, 1948, at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church in Great Bend. A lifetime resident of Bushton, he was a farmer. Habiger was a member of Holy Name Catholic Church of Bushton, Knights of Columbus No. 1187 of Ellinwood and Veterans of Foreign Wars of Lyons. He was a U.S. Army veteran, serving during World War II in the European Theater. Survivors include his wife of the home; sons and daughters-in-law, Norman J. and Myra Habiger, and Wayne M. and Karen Habiger, all of Bushton; daughters and son-in-law, Diane Ingels of Topeka, Jane Habiger of Bushton, and Mary Beth and Lee Bonnewell of Andover; and nine grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two brothers, George Habiger and Victor Habiger; and three sisters, Viola Dohrman, Delores Miller and Lucille Miller. Rosary will be at 3 p.m. today at Kimple Funeral Chapel in Ellinwood. Parish rosary will be at 7 p.m. today followed by Knights of Columbus Rosary, both at Holy Name Church near Bushton. Funeral Mass will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Holy Name Catholic Church at Bushton, with Fathers Steve Scheier and James J. Roth officiating. Burial will be at Holy Name Cemetery at Bushton. Friends may call from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. today at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Bushton First Responders or Holy Name Cemetery Fund, both in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Kimple Funeral Home* 113 North Main Ellinwood, KS 67526 620-564-2300 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 7, 2004

Georgette Louise Hagen 1942-2004

ST. CHARLES, Mo. — Georgette Louise Hagen, 62, died Sept. 5 at Emmaus Home in St. Charles. She was born Jan. 29, 1942, at Great Bend, the daughter of George L. and Carrie Back Hagen. She was a resident of Emmaus Home at Luhr House of St. Charles for more than 30 years, coming from Ellinwood. She was a member of Immanuel United Church of Christ of Ellinwood. Survivors include cousins. Private service will be held at Lakin-Comanche District Cemetery in Ellinwood, with the Rev. Larry Young officiating. There will be no visitation. Memorials are suggested to Emmaus Homes or Immanuel United Church of Christ, both in care of Kimple Funeral Home of Ellinwood. Funeral arrangements provided by Kimple Funeral Home 113 North Main Ellinwood, KS 67526 620-564-2300 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 7, 2004

Ruth E. Riggs 1928-2004

Ruth E. Riggs, 76, of Great Bend, died Sept. 5 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. She was born Aug. 28, 1928, at Pratt County, the daughter of Earl and Martha Nossaman Barker. She married Marvin Riggs June 1, 1947, in Great Bend. A lifetime area resident, she was a homemaker. She was a member of First Church of the Nazarene where she was a youth leader, Sunday School teacher, Caravan leader, Missionary leader and church organist. She was also a member and former state president of Women's Christian Temperance Union, a member of EAR volunteers and local ALS support group. Survivors include her husband of the home; three sons, Terrence Eugene Riggs of Oklahoma City, Okla., Dale Allen Riggs and Keith Ellis Riggs, both of Great Bend; one daughter, Marcia Gwen Burhenn of Great Bend; her mother, Martha Barker, of Great Bend; one brother, Earl Barker Jr. of Tuttle, Okla.; two sisters, Joyce Ewing of Great Bend and Faye Sheppard of Colorado Springs, Colo.; eight grandchildren, Brent Riggs, Brian Riggs, Breanne Riggs, Eric Riggs, Amber Riggs, Joshua Earp, Kyle Cliff and Alisha Cliff. She

was preceded in death by one sister, Carole Biegler. Funeral will be at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday at First Church of the Nazarene in Great Bend, with Pastor Robert Castille and Pastor Mark Pennington officiating. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call from noon to 9 p.m. today and from 9 to 11 a.m. Wednesday, all at Bryant Funeral Home of Great Bend. Memorials are suggested to Nazarene Compassionate Ministries (Medical and Disaster Relief), in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Bryant Funeral Home* 1425 Patton Road Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-3525 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 7, 2004

Galen H. Ewing 1913-2004

Galen H. Ewing, 91, of Great Bend, died Sept. 6 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. He was born July 1, 1913, in Great Bend, the son of Harve and Ida Mae Zimmer Ewing. He married Ula A. Anderson April 16, 1938, at Lawrence. A lifetime resident of Great Bend, he was a farmer and was retired from city and county sanitation departments after 25 years of service. Ewing was a member of First United Methodist Church and a former member of Masonic Lodge and Elks Club. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Terry Ewing of Hutchinson; three grandchildren, Robbie Sloan and wife June of Great Bend, Darcee Ranker and husband Phil of Woodinville, Wash., and Jeff Folsom of Missouri; and three great-grandchildren, Bobby Sloan, Ashley Sloan and Lysie Ranker. He was preceded in death by two daughters, Connie Folsom and Donna Martin; and four sisters, Dorothy Beahm, Mabel Peugh, Opal Means and Loverna Olsen. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend, with the Rev. Bill Beahm officiating. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call from noon to 9 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. to service time Wednesday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Golden Belt Home Health and Hospice or First United Methodist Church, both in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Bryant Funeral Home* 1425 Patton Road Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-3525 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 7, 2004

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Meda Waive Smith 1914 - 2004

STAFFORD — Meda Waive Smith, 89, passed away in Paola, Kan., on Wednesday, Sept. 1, 2004, after a brief illness. She was preceded in death by her husband Elburn Royce Smith on May 6, 1986, and four siblings: Don Anderson, Max Anderson, Shirley Anderson and Iris Hollingsworth. Waive is survived by her children: Verlyn Smith of Silver Spring, Md., Jan Hightower of Mesa, Ariz., Cary Smith of Venice, Fla., Betty Parker of Fayetteville, Ga., Darlene Samek of Bellaire, Texas, Kay Dipman of Olathe, Kan., Holly Renfro of Olathe, Clark Smith of Mulvane, Kan., Cindy Espinosa of Great Bend, Kan., and Tammy Woodward of Oxnard, Calif. Survivors also include sisters Barbara Canfield of Hutchinson, Kan., and Doris Hannan of San Dimas, Calif., 26 grandchildren and 28 great-grandchildren. Waive was born Nov. 18, 1914, at Castle, Okla., to Clifford and Amanda Carney Anderson, the third of seven children. As a young woman she lived in Castle, Preston and Hutchinson. She married Elburn Royce Smith June 1, 1932, at Sylvia, Kan. He was the son of William Robert and Cora Mae Marcum Smith of rural Turon, Kan. Waive and Elburn made their home in Turon, Preston and Abbyville, Kan., before moving to Zenith in 1945. They resided there many years to farm and raised their children until 1959 when they moved to Stafford, Kan., where they resided until Waive's move to Gardner, Kan., in 2001 to be close to her daughters in Olathe. Waive was a dedicated wife and mother to her 10 children; she was always there to lend love and support to her many friends and to her family. She was a member of the Zenith Presbyterian Church in Zenith, Kan. In Stafford she was employed by the school district to work in the lunch program. She was a loving mother and grandmother and her life was centered on her family, her children and their families. Waive's family would like to thank all the friends and family who have kept in contact with her over the last three years while she was living in Gardner and then in Louisburg, Kan. Your calls, cards and letters have been greatly appreciated. She will be sadly missed by all of us who loved her so much. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 5, at Minnis Chapel in Stafford with the Rev. Leroy Griswold presiding. Interment will be at Neola Cemetery. Minnis Chapel* 125 N. Main Stafford, KS 67578 620-234-5261 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 5, 2004

Delmar Gilbert Doyle 1930 - 2004

HOUSTON, Texas — Delmar Gilbert Doyle, 74, died Sept. 2 after a long illness. He was born Aug. 28, 1930, outside Cheyenne, N.D., the son of Sylvester and Gussie Pearl Doyle. He was a well-known square dance caller and member of the Houston Square and Round Dance Council. For 20 years he taught steps and directed dances for freshmen during Orientation Week at Texas A&M University and served his community in many capacities, from being president of a civic association, to serving in fraternal organizations. Survivors include his wife Donna, 10 children, and multiple grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two brothers and two children. Memorial services will be held at 10 a.m. Monday in the chapel of Waltrip Funeral Directors in Houston. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Vitas Hospice. Funeral arrangements provided by Waltrip Funeral Directors 1415 Campbell Road Houston, Texas 77055 (713) 465-2525 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 5, 2004

David R. Ewing 1918 - 2004

David R. Ewing, 85, died Sept. 1 at a Topeka hospital. He was born Nov. 5, 1918, in Nickerson, the son of Lloyd A. and Grace G. Long Ewing. He was a graduate of Great Bend High School and attended Chillicothe Business College, Syracuse University and Kansas State University. He retired Nov. 5, 1976, from National Archives and Records Service and was first employed in the War Department in Washington, D.C., in 1940. He was employed by the Great Bend Tribune prior to his government service. Ewing was a member of First Presbyterian Church, previously serving as an elder and deacon at First Presbyterian Church of St. Louis. He was a longtime Boy Scout, attending the first National Jamboree in Washington, D.C., in 1937, and was also a member of Thomas Jefferson Chapter Sons of the American Revolution and KSU President's Club. He was a U.S. Army veteran, serving in Europe and the Philippines during World War II. Survivors include one brother, Albert R. Ewing of San Diego, Calif.; and one sister, Marceline R. Ruediger of Topeka. He was preceded in death by one brother, John C. Ewing; and two sisters, Margery Ewing and Joan Reed. Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Memorial Park Cemetery in Hutchinson. Friends may call after 3 p.m. today at Penwell-Gable Midtown Chapel in Topeka, with family receiving friends from 4 to 5 p.m. Memorials are suggested to Jayhawk Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America, 1020 SE Monroe, Topeka, KS 66612 or donor's choice, in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Penwell-Gabel Mid-Town Chapel 1321 S.W. 10th Ave. Topeka, KS 66604-1205 785-354-8558 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 5, 2004

Mable Elizabeth Fee Romine 1903 - 2004

TOPEKA — Mable Elizabeth Fee Romine, 101, died Sept. 4 in Topeka. She was born Jan. 15, 1903, in Lyon County, the daughter of Joel and Gertrude De Shazer Fee. She was a 1922 graduate of Harveyville Rural High School and was a graduate of Emporia Teachers University. She married Clair Romine in 1923. He died in January 1981. A resident of Topeka, coming from Harveyville, she was a retired teacher, having taught at Lyon, Osage and Wabaunsee counties and USD 501, and also worked in retail clothing stores for several years. Mrs. Romine was a member of Lowman Methodist Church, Kansas Retired Teachers Association, Tarta and Royal Neighbors of America. Survivors include three sons, Eugene Romine of Independence, Mo., Dale Romine of Topeka and James Romine of Great Bend; two daughters, Etta Mae Stratton of Green Valley, Ariz., and Wilma Rodda of Grand Junction, Colo.; 13 grandchildren; 33 great-grandchildren; and seven great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two grandchildren. Funeral will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home in Topeka. Burial will be at Mt. Hope Cemetery in Topeka. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home, with family receiving friends from 6 to 8 p.m. Memorials are suggested to Lowman Methodist Church in Topeka or Harveyville Methodist Church, both in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home 2801 SW Urish Rd. Topeka, KS 66604 785-272-7888 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 5, 2004

Rose Elizabeth Stearns 1937-2004

FREMONT, Neb. — Rose Elizabeth Stearns, 66, died Aug. 29 at Fremont Area Medical Center. Rose Gerritzen was born Nov. 7, 1937, at Great Bend, and raised in Odin. She then attended a two-year business college in Hutchinson. Rose then lived in Lincoln, Neb., Schuyler, Neb., and Columbus, Neb., before moving to Fremont in 2004. She married Robert Stearns in December 1962 at Lincoln. Rose spent a great deal of time raising her family and working in her business field, working at D and L, now known as Camaco in Columbus for 28 years. Rose had been actively working at the Wal-Mart in Columbus in the fabric department until going on medical leave this June. She continued to stay active in her community. She especially enjoyed bowling with her friends and family. Survivors include daughter Carol Saunders and her husband John of Fremont; son Ron Stearns of Schuyler; brothers Herman Gerritzen and his wife Kathy of Ocala, Fla., and Eugene Gerritzen and his wife Kathie of Katy, Texas; sisters Barbara Gerritzen of Hays and Lillian Shaver of Sugar Land, Texas; grandchildren Steven Stearns, Christina Blahak, Samantha Blahak, Kimberly Blahak and Zachary Blahak; six nephews and four nieces. She was preceded in death by her parents, Peter and Caroline Gerritzen. Funeral service was Thursday at Fremont Berean Bible Church with Pastor Steve Watson officiating. Pall bearers were Tom Saunders, Lyle Saunders, Jeff Sawyer, Gary Sherman, Brad Christensen, and Zach Carlson. Honorary pallbearers were Zachary Blahak and Steven Stearns. Burial was at Memorial Cemetery in Fremont. Memorials are suggested to the family, in care of Rozanek Funeral Services. Funeral arrangements provided by Rozanek Funeral Services* 904 N. Bell Fremont, Neb. 68025 402-721-2510 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 3, 2004

Laverne Marie Osbourn

LARNED — Laverne Marie Osbourn, 91, died Sept. 2 at Stormount Vail Hospital in Topeka. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Beckwith Mortuary Chapel in Larned. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 3, 2004

Betty Jane Fertig 1925-2004

Betty Jane Fertig, 79, of Great Bend, died Sept. 2 at Alterra Sterling House in Great Bend. She was born March 26, 1925, at Dodge City, the daughter of Robert Delano and Effa G. Thompson Brown. She married Earl V. Fertig on Dec. 23, 1945, at Larned. He died Dec. 28, 1990. A resident of Great Bend since 1985, coming from rural Larned, she was a homemaker and an interior designer for Roy Peak. Mrs. Fertig was a member of First United Methodist Church, B-29 Memorial Committee, Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary and American Legion Auxiliary, all of Great Bend. Survivors include two sons, Jim Fertig of Seward, and Jeff Fertig of Garfield; one sister, Virginia Nero of Kittyhawk, N.C.; four grandchildren, Matthew DeBusk, Daniel Fertig, Amanda Fertig and Shawn Sanneman; and one great-grandchild, David Joseph DeBusk. She was preceded in death by one daughter, Sarah Jane Fertig, and one brother, Gilbert L. Brown. Funeral will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at the church in Great Bend with the Rev. Gary Brooks officiating. Burial will be at Larned Cemetery in Larned. Friends may call from noon to 9 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. Saturday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend, and from 11:30 a.m. until service time Saturday at the church. Memorials are suggested to First United Methodist Church or Golden Belt Home Health & Hospice, in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Bryant Funeral Home* 1425 Patton Road Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-3525 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 3, 2004

Ida Mae Watkins 1927-2004

NEWKIRK, Okla. — Ida Mae Watkins, longtime Newkirk-area resident, died Sunday night, Aug. 29, 2004, in Integris Baptist Health Center, Oklahoma City, Okla. She was 77. At her request, Mrs. Watkins was cremated. A memorial service will be held at 10 a.m. today, Sept. 3, in Miller-Stahl Funeral Chapel with Danny W. Cornish, minister of the Newkirk Church of Christ, officiating. Burial will take place later in Newkirk Cemetery. Miller-Stahl Funeral Service is in charge of arrangements. Ida Mae Watkins was born July 17, 1927, at Newkirk, the daughter of William and Velma (Auld) Mefford. In the early 1930s she moved with her family to Kansas where her father worked in the oil fields. She received her education in Kansas and graduated from Gorham High School. On Nov. 10, 1945, she and Lloyd Earl Watkins were married in Russell, Kan. They established their first home in Great Bend, Kan., and in 1974 they moved to the Newkirk area where they have since resided. Ida Mae enjoyed working with people and was employed for 48 years in insurance agencies in Kansas and Oklahoma. At the time of her death she was employed as a commercial lines insurance producer for the Larry Murphy Insurance Agency in Ponca City. A member of the First Christian Church of Newkirk, she enjoyed working with flowers in her yard. She and her husband raised horses and enjoyed riding. They also treasured the time they spent camping. She is survived by her husband Lloyd; two sons, Earl Watkins of Hays, Kan., and Bill Watkins of Howard, Kan.; and five grandchildren. A memorial fund has been established with the Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation for Rheumatoid Arthritis research. Contributions may be made in Mrs. Watkins' memory through Eastman National Bank, P.O. Box 468, Newkirk, OK 74647-0468. Funeral arrangements provided by Miller-Stahl Funeral Service* 200 S. Main - P.O. Box 461 Newkirk, OK 74647-0461 580-362-3232 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 3, 2004

September 2, 2004

Charles E. Short 1920 - 2004

DODGE CITY — Charles E. Short, 84, died Wednesday, Sept. 1, 2004, at Manor of the Plains, Dodge City. He was born June 21, 1920, at Kinsley, the son of Norval Earl and Fannie Felgner Short. He was a 1939 graduate of Kinsley High School after which he worked at a service station for a short while. A lifetime area resident, he was a self-employed floor covering mechanic for 30 years and later was a parts supervisor at National Beef, Liberal, retiring in 1986. He served in the United States Army during World War II. He was a member of the Liberal Friends church, Liberal, and a life member of Howard Gotschall Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1714, Dodge City. On July 14, 1940, he married Vera Ann Simmons at Kinsley. She survives. Other survivors include: three daughters, Delilah Winkler and husband Edward of Hoisington, Carole Racy and husband Jules of Ensign, and Judy Kaye Stevens and husband Donald D. of Wichita; a brother-in-law, Louis Rosproy of WaKeeney; 10 grandchildren; and 25 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Lauren and Lowell Short; and a sister, Delilah Rosproy. Funeral service will be at noon Friday, Sept. 3, at Burkhart-Ziegler Funeral Chapel of Dodge City, with the Rev. Dick Robbins presiding. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. today with the family present from 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral chapel. Burial will be at the Kansas Veterans Cemetery at Ft. Dodge with military rites by Ft. Riley. The family suggests memorials to Hospice of the Prairie or Manor of the Plains, both in care of the funeral chapel. Funeral arrangements provided by Burkhart-Ziegler Funeral Chapel* 1901 N. 14th Ave. Dodge City, KS 67801 620-225-0518 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 2, 2004

Ione Julian 1922 - 2004

HUTCHINSON — Ione Julian, 81, died Aug. 30 at Hutchinson Hospital in Hutchinson. She was born Oct. 29, 1922, on the family farm in rural St. John, the daughter of Leslie and Lucille Jones Francis. She married Clinton Julian on March 22, 1942, at St. John. A longtime Hutchinson resident, she was a school secretary and homemaker. Mrs. Julian was a member of Carey Park Womens Golf League and numerous bridge clubs. Survivors include her husband of the home; two daughters, Janice Stone of Council Bluffs, Iowa, and Marsha Murphy of Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.; one brother, Thaine Francis of Great Bend; three sisters, Lorraine Procelli of Sparks, Calif., Beverly Jones of Hutchinson and Donna McAfee of Omaha, Neb.; three grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one brother, Vaughn Francis; one sister, Imogene Means; and a grandson, Michael Julian Stone. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Elliott Chapel in Hutchinson, with the Rev. Gary Salmans officiating. Burial will be at Memorial Park Cemetery in Hutchinson. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. today at the funeral chapel, with family receiving friends from 6 to 8 p.m. Memorials are suggested to the donor's choice, in care of the mortuary. Funeral arrangements provided by Elliott Mortuary 1219 North Main Hutchinson, KS 67501 620-663-3327 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 2, 2004

September 1, 2004

Sharon Mendenhall 1942 - 2004

LA CROSSE — Sharon S. Mendenhall, 62, La Crosse, Kan., died Aug. 31, 2004, at Hays Medical Center, Hays, Kan. She was born Aug. 5, 1942, in Rush Center, Kan., the daughter of Jerry S. and Edna M. (West) Liggett. A lifetime resident of Rush County, she was a law enforcement 911 dispatcher for Barton County. From 1964 to 1966 she served as Rush County Sheriff. Mrs. Mendenhall was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary, Gamma Zeta Sorority, Eastern Star and was the Republican Party Chairwoman for Rush County. She received a 20-year service award from the Barton County Communications. On September 16, 1960, she married Jack N. Mendenhall in Wichita, Kan. Survivors include her husband, Jack Mendenhall of La Crosse; two daughters, Cheryl L. Moeder and her husband Kevin of La Crosse, and Jody L. Mendenhall of Victoria, Kan.; two brothers, John Liggett and Donald "Donnie" Liggett, both of Rush Center; two sisters, Doris Withuhn and Judy McCoy, both of Hays; and two grandsons, Matthew Moeder and Marcus Moeder, both of La Crosse. She was preceded in death by her parents; two brothers, Duane "Jake" Liggett and an infant brother, Vernon Liggett; and an infant sister, Lorna Liggett. Visitation will be from 1 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 2 at the Janousek Funeral Home, with the family receiving friends from 7 to 8 p.m. Visitation will be from 9:30 to 10:20 a.m. Friday, Sept. 3, at the United Methodist Church, La Crosse. Funeral Service will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday, Sept. 3, at the United Methodist Church, La Crosse, with the Rev. Marilyn Christmore officiating. Interment will be in the La Crosse City Cemetery, La Crosse. Memorials may be made to the Rush County Amusement Association. Funeral arrangements provide by The Janousek Funeral Home* 719 Pine - P.O. Box 550 La Crosse, KS 67548 785-222-2517 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 1, 2004

Thelma "Mae" Meckfessel

GARFIELD — Thelma "Mae" Meckfessel, 87, died Aug. 30 at St. Joseph Memorial Hospital in Larned. Service is pending and will be announced by Beckwith Mortuary, Larned. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 1, 2004

Frank Ryan Vondra 1979 - 2004

Frank Ryan Vondra, 25, died Aug. 28 at his home in Great Bend. He was born Aug. 17, 1979, at Ellsworth, the son of Frank D. Vondra and Carolyn Campbell Johnson. A long-time Great Bend resident, he was a laborer. Vondra enjoyed playing guitar and playing pool. Survivors include his mother and step-father, Carolyn and Mike Johnson of Great Bend; father and step-mother, Frank D. and Jeri Vondra of Little River; brother Darrick Vondra, Great Bend; half-brother, Travis Campbell of Denver, Colo.; step-brother, Joshua Scripsick of Larned; step-sister, Cindy Spreier of Larned; grandparents, Frank W. and Mary Jane Vondra of Geneseo, and Jack Campbell of Larned; step-grandfather, William Johnson, Ellinwood; and special friend Terra Dacarlis. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. today, Wednesday, Sept. 1, at St. Rose Catholic Church in Great Bend with the Rev. Reggie Urban officiating. Following a luncheon, burial will be at Lakin-Comanche District Cemetery in Ellinwood. Memorials are suggested to the donor's choice in lieu of flowers. Funeral arrangements provided by Kimple Funeral Home 113 North Main Ellinwood, KS 67526 620-564-2300 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 1, 2004

October 31, 2004

Verlyn Eldon Rosenberg 1921 - 2004

Verlyn Eldon Rosenberg, 83, died Oct. 28 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. He was born Aug. 17, 1921 in Phillips County, the son of Eldon F. and Myrtle M. Burton Rosenberg. He married Lillian R. Williams on June 22, 1945, at Jewell. He was the owner of Rosenberg Engine Service, Inc. and co-owner of B & R Oil Co., Inc. Rosenberg was a member of First Assembly of God in Great Bend. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II and served with the 85th Division, 339th Infantry. He was a member of the Polar Bear Association of World War II. Survivors include wife, Lillian; four sons, Rex W. Rosenberg, Douglas D. Rosenberg and Mark A. Rosenberg, all of Great Bend, and Neil E. Rosenberg of Fraser, Colo.; three daughters, Barbara J. Casey and Joyce A. VanCamp, both of Great Bend, and Kay E. Cook of Tulsa, Okla.; 16 grandchildren; and 19 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one brother, Melvin Rosenberg and one sister, Lola Broyles. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. on Monday at First Assembly of God in Great Bend, with the Rev. Dwight D. Dozier officiating. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery in Great Bend, with full military honors. Family and friends may call from 1-9 p.m. today at Bryant Funeral Home and 9 a.m. until service time on Monday at the church. Memorials are suggested to the Alzheimer's Foundation in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Bryant Funeral Home 1425 Patton Road Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-3525 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 31, 2004

Billy Gene "Bill" Going 1922 - 2004

Billy Gene "Bill" Going, 82, died Oct. 28 at Centennial Hospital in Nashville, Tenn. He was born Feb. 5, 1922, at McPherson, the son of Vera and Pearl Sullivan Going. He married Ella Louisa Bridgman on Oct. 27, 1947, at Topeka. A lifelong resident of Great Bend, he was a retired carpenter and had worked for Lindholm Construction Co. Going was a member of the First Christian Church. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II, serving with the 11th Armor Division. He was a life member of the American Legion, Masonic Lodge, Eastern Star and Cheyenne Twisters Square Dance Club, all of Great Bend. Survivors include his wife, Ella, of the home; one son, Norris Going of Reston, Va.; one daughter, Marla Brack of Ft. Oglethorp, Ga.; two grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. on Thursday at First Christian Church in Great Bend, with the Rev. William F. Johnson officiating. Entombment will be at Calvary Garden Mausoleum in Ft. Oglethorp. Family and friends may call from 5-9 p.m. on Wednesday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Memorials are suggested to the church building fund in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Bryant Funeral Home 1425 Patton Road Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-3525 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 31, 2004

Rachel Gilliland 1916 - 2004

Rachel Gilliland, 87, died Oct. 28 at Cherry Village Nursing Home in Great Bend. She was born Dec. 19, 1916 in Alberta, Canada, the daughter of Martin and Antonette Deutsch Nufer. She married Alvin T. Herzberg in 1937. He died in 1952. She married Andrew Ralph Gilliland on June 6, 1955, at Carlsbad, N.M. A resident of Great Bend for 47 years, coming from McCook, Neb., she was a homemaker. Gilliland was a member of St. Mark Lutheran Church in Great Bend. She was a lifetime member of the Eagles Lodge. Survivors include husband, Andrew; one son, Willard W. and Irene Herzberg of Chase; one step-son, Benjamin R. Gilliland of Vista, Calif.; three step-daughters, Mary A. Burns and Patsy R. Southard, both of Augusta, and Betty M. Diver of Towanda; one sister, Elsie Verhelst of Emporia; 26 grandchildren; 69 great-grandchildren; and 33 great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one son, Dale A. Herzberg; four brothers, Alvin Nufer, Melvin Nufer, Leo Nufer and Elmer Nufer; and three sisters, Leah Harms, Louise Eichman and Edna Ashley. Funeral service will be at 1:30 p.m. on Monday at St. Mark Lutheran Church in Great Bend, with the Rev. James Strasen officiating. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery in Great Bend. Family and friends may call from 1-9 p.m. today at Bryant Funeral Home. Memorials are suggested to the church and the American Cancer Society, in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Bryant Funeral Home* 1425 Patton Road Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-3525 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 31, 2004

Isabelle T. Jacobs 1920 - 2004

Isabelle T. Jacobs, 84, died Oct. 30 at Cheyenne Meadows Living Center in Hoisington. She was born June 29, 1920, at Redwing, the daughter of August and Louise Tinkel Schremmer. She married Vincent Jacobs on Oct. 13, 1943, at Beaver. He died Dec. 9, 1988. A resident of Hoisington since 1944, coming from Tulelake, Calif., she was a homemaker. Jacobs was a member of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church. She was a member of Altar Society, Daughters of Isabella and the V.F.W. Auxiliary. Survivors include one brother, August Schremmer of Hoisington; and one sister, Dorothy Polzin of Hoisington. She was preceded in death by six brothers, William, Walter, Tony, Lawrence, Edward and John; and by two sisters, Mary and Florentine. Vigil will be at 7 p.m. today at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home, with Alter Society Rosary following. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. on Monday at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Hoisington, with the Rev. Pascal Klein officiating. Burial will be at St. John Cemetery in Hoisington. Family and friends may call from 1-9 p.m. today at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the church, Cheyenne Meadows Living Center or South Wind Hospice in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home 415 N. Main P.O. Box 146 Hoisington, KS 67544 620-653-4165 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 31, 2004

Joe Lee Wright 1931 - 2004

Joe Lee Wright, 73, died Oct. 29 at his home in Ellsworth. He was born Sept. 10, 1931, in Ellsworth, the son of Joe B. and Olga Black Wright. He married Ona Bender on April 27, 1952, in Ellsworth. A lifetime resident of the Ellsworth area, he was a farmer and stockman/cowboy. He retired from American Slat Plant in Lyons. Wright was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Ellsworth. Survivors include his wife of Ellsworth; three sons, Jason Wright of Richland, Mo., Joe L. Wright of Ellsworth and Jon Wright of Lincoln; seven daughters, Jennifer Bates of Lucas, Joleen Dobrinski of Omaha, Neb., J. Leslie Perkins of Great Bend, Jana Arensman of Kanopolis, Judith Reilly of Overland Park, Jeanette Kratzer of Geneseo and Julie Wright of Ellsworth; one sister, Dolores Shively; 23 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a son, Joe Lee Jr. a brother, Harold Wright; and a sister, Gilda Shuck. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. on Tuesday at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Ellsworth, with the Rev. Philip Hoppe officiating. Burial will be at Ellsworth Cemetery. Family and friends may call from 1-8 p.m. on Monday at Parsons Funeral Home and 9-10 a.m. on Tuesday at the church. Memorials are suggested to the church or Ellsworth County Historical Society Terra Cotta Depot in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Parsons Funeral Home 307 N. Lincoln Ave. Ellsworth, KS 67439 785-472-3861 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 31, 2004

October 29, 2004

James Donald Ward 1934 - 2004

James Donald Ward, 70, of Great Bend, died Oct. 25 at Great Bend Health and Rehabilitation Center. He was born Mar. 24, 1934, at Brandon, Colo., the son of William Alios and Iva Faye Kendall Ward. He married Emily Henning on Apr. 14, 1974, at Springfield, Colo. He was a resident of Great Bend, where he was a retired truck driver. Ward was a member of the U.S. Navy and the Knights of Columbus in Lamar, Colo. Survivors include his wife, Emily Ward of Great Bend; four sons, William Joseph Kathman of Las Vegas, Nev., James Richard Kathman of Great Bend, Richard Joseph Kathman of Garden City, and David Ward of Atlanta, Ga.; five daughters, Jane Berg, Sue Kathman, April Ward, and Misty Ward, all of Great Bend, and Rhonda Machin of Riley; one brother, Gene Ward of Kit Carson, Colo.; six sisters, Mary Kissell of Pubelo, Colo., Helen Sparks of Greeley, Colo., Alta Hubbard of Avondale, Colo., Lila Laughlin of Sequin, Texas, Christina Fulton of Las Animas, Colo., and Carol Merriott of Elkhart; 11 grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one brother, Harold Ward, and one sister, Juanita Johnson. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. today, Oct. 29, at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Great Bend, with the Rev. Ted Stoecklein officiating. Burial will be at Kansas Veterans' Cemetery in Winfield at a later date. Memorials are suggested to Saint Jude Children's Research Hospital, in care of Charter Funerals. Funeral arrangements provided by Charter Funerals 2115 Washington Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-6161 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Oct. 27, 2004

Dorothy Mefford 1930 - 2004

HOT SPRINGS VILLAGE, Ark. — Dorothy Mefford, 74, died Oct. 27 at Hot Springs Village, Ark. She was born Feb. 15, 1930, at Iola, the daughter of James Francis and Ollive Gertrude Sullivan Williams. She was married to Joe Mefford. She was a resident of Hot Springs Village, Ark. Mefford was a member of First Christian Church of Iola; life member of Beta Sigma Phi; served on Board of Directors of Hot Springs Women's Bowling Association; Member Dizzy Dames and Wednesday Night mixed bowlers. Survivors include husband, Joe Mefford of the home; two sons, Charles Mefford of San Antonio, Texas, and Steven Mefford of Amarillo, Texas; one daughter, Marcia Davidson of Conroe, Texas; one brother, Jim Williams of Murfreesboro, Ark.; one sister, Martha Young of Bella Vista, Ark; six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one brother, John Williams. Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Kimple Funeral Chapel in Ellinwood, with the Rev. Larry Young officiating. Burial will be at Lakin-Comanche District Cemetery, in Ellinwood. Friends may call from 1-8 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to Hospice Home Health Care Foundation, in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Kimple, Inc. Funeral Home 113 N. Main Ellinwood, KS 67526 620-564-2300 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Oct. 29, 2004

October 27, 2004

Dan R. East 1949 - 2004

Dan R. East, 55, of Great Bend, died Oct. 25, 2004, at Central Kansas Medical Center. He was born July 12, 1949, at Great Bend, the son of Russell and Vera Irene Carpenter Partridge. He was married to Sharon Kay Fox on Feb. 14, 1993, at Larned. She survives. He was a resident of Great Bend since 1992, coming from St. Louis, Mo. East was a retired U.S. Army veteran serving two tours in the Vietnam War with the rank of E-5. He was a member of Disabled American Veterans. Survivors include his wife, Sharon of the home; his mother, Irene East of St. Charles, Mo.; his step-mother, Beverly Partridge of Great Bend; two daughters, Dawn R. East, and Deborah R. Ellis, both of Austin, Texas; two brothers, Jerry D. East of Hutchinson, and Thomas E. East of St. Charles, Mo.; three sisters, Barbara A. Hansen of St. Peters, Mo., Patricia K. Wolf of Russell, and Deborah S. Manley of Hoisington; and four grandchildren, Courtney R. Havens, Jessie J. Havens, Taylor D. Havens and Troy D. Havens. He was preceded in death by his father, Russell Partridge, his step-father, John C. East and two brothers, Robert Allan East and Terry L. Partridge. Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Bryant Funeral Home with Pastor Jack Russell officiating. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery with Military Committal Rites conducted by the Fort Riley Honor Guard. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Multiple Sclerosis Society or American Heart Association. Funeral arrangements provided by Bryant Funeral Home* 1425 Patton Road Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-3525 Great Bend (Kan.) Oct. 27, 2004

Jessie Marie Sell Jensen 1923 - 2004

Jessie Marie Sell Jensen, 81, died Oct. 25 at Great Bend Health and Rehabilitation Center. She was born Aug. 12, 1923, at Bison, the daughter of John Weslev and Annie Duckworth Woods. She married Frank J. Sell in 1939 in Chase County. He died in 1943. She married Arno V.

Jensen on June 10, 1944, in Great Bend. He died Aug. 6, 1982. A resident of Great Bend most of her life, she was a clerk for Christian Supply Store. Survivors include five sons, Frank Sell of Hutchinson, Jim Jensen of Valley Center, Gary Jensen of Pierre, S.D., Robert Jensen of Great Bend, and Rodney Jensen of Sierra Vista, Ariz.; four daughters, Carol Malone of Mulberry, Joyce Wapelhorst and Janis Reed, both of Great Bend, and Suzanne Gaschler of Ellis; two brothers, Robert Woods of Tonganoxie and David Woods of Horton; two sisters, Goldie Kester of Ava, Mo., and Dorothy McCroskey of Springfield, Mo.; 26 grandchildren, 29 great-grandchildren, and four great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one daughter, Georgianna Jensen; two brothers, Ira Ervin Woods and John Wesley Woods; and five sisters, Anna Mae McCall, Ruby Holiman, Roxie Sinklier, Virginia Surrell and Melva Heronemus. Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Burial will be at the Great Bend Cemetery. Visitation will be at 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday and 9 a.m. to service time Friday at the funeral home. The family will receive friends from 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Hungry Heart Soup Kitchen in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Bryant Funeral Home 1425 Patton Road Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-3525 Great Bend (Kan.) Oct. 27, 2004

Georgia B. Mullenix Grizzell 1917 - 2004

CLAFLIN — Georgia B. Mullenix Grizzell, 87, died Oct. 25, 2004, at Lawrence Memorial Hospital in Lawrence. She was born Jan. 12, 1917, in Chase, the daughter of George and Lola Fuson Mullenix. She married Robert E. Grizzell on June 20, 1936, at Great Bend. He preceded her in death on Aug. 6, 1990. She was a homemaker and a cafeteria supervisor for the Claflin public schools for several years, and operated restaurants in Claflin and Russell. She was a lifetime Claflin resident, living the past six years in Lawrence. Mrs. Grizzell was a member of the United Methodist Church and Holyrood O.E.S. No. 420, both of Claflin. Survivors include two sons, Ken Grizzell and his wife, Suzanne, of Lawrence, and George Grizzell and his wife, Dorothy, of Preston, Idaho; two brothers, Stan Mullenix of Lawrence and Leonard Mullenix of Roswell, N.M.; three grandchildren, Lisa Davis and her husband, Chris, of Lawrence, Matt Grizzell and his wife, Deborah, of Aurora, Ill., and Adam Grizzell of Preston, Idaho; and seven great-grandchildren, Bobby, Carly, and DJ Davis, and Keaton, Haley, Cole and Austen Grizzell. She was preceded in death by three brothers, Marvin Mullenix, Clarence Mullenix and Bernard Mullenix. Graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. Friday at Claflin Cemetery in Claflin, with the Rev. Sarah Hickson de Salazar officiating. Visitation will be 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday with the family receiving friends at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. Memorials are suggested to American Heart Association in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home* 415 N. Main / P.O. Box 146 Hoisington, KS 67544 620-653-4165 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Oct. 27, 2004

James Donald Ward 1934 - 2004

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Ava LaVerne Green 1918 - 2004

ST. JOHN — Ava LaVerne Green, 86, died Oct. 25 at Hutchinson Hospital. She was born May 21, 1918, at Radium, the daughter of George Nelson and Naomi Gleason. She graduated from Radium High School in 1936. She was a resident of Radium until 1958, moving to St. John, where she was a secretary for Stafford County Extension Office and St. John schools. She also farmed. Green was a member of 4-H Club, Hesperian Club and E.H.U. Club. Survivors include one daughter, Karen Bauer of Wichita; seven grandchildren, and 13 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, George Green; two sons, Warren Green and Gary Green; one brother, Berle Gleason; and one sister, Marieda Keenan. Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at First United Methodist Church in St. John, with Bob Gleason officiating. Burial will be at Fairview Park Cemetery in St. John. Visitation will be 1-8 p.m. Friday at Minnis Chapel in St. John. Memorials are suggested to American Cancer Society or First United Methodist Church in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Minnis Chapel, Inc. 526 E. 4th St. John, KS 67576 620-549-3556 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Oct. 27, 2004

October 26, 2004

Maynard Dane Oliverius 1927-2004

WICHITA — Maynard Dane Oliverius, 76, died Oct. 24 at his residence in Wichita. He was born Nov. 30, 1927, in Galatia. He married Patricia Smith in 1961 at Wichita. She died in 1976. He married Esther in 1978 at Wichita. She died in 1985. A resident of Wichita since 1962, coming from Galatia, he was a heavy machinery operator for Eby Construction of Wichita. Oliverius was a member of the Fraternal Order of the Eagles, American Legion, and Local Union No. 101. He was a World War II veteran serving in the U.S. Navy. Survivors include three daughters, Teresa Laffoon and Michelle Oliverius, both of Wichita, and Marcella Hoeffner of Golden, Colo., and four grandchildren. Graveside service will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Fairview Cemetery in Galatia, with the Rev. Wayne Flanders officiating and with military graveside rites by Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7428 and American Legion 286. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. Memorials are suggested to Harry Hynes Memorial Hospice, in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home 415 N. Main / PO Box 146 Hoisington. KS 67544 620-653-4165 Great

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James Ward

James Ward, 70, of Great Bend, died Oct. 25, 2004. Funeral services are pending with Charter Funerals in Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Oct. 26, 2004

October 24, 2004

John W. Broils Jr. 1910-2004

John W. Broils Jr., 94, of Great Bend, died Oct. 21 at Great Bend Health & Rehabilitation Center in Great Bend. He was born June 1, 1910, in Council Grove, the son of John W. Sr. and Hortense Campbell Broils. He married Lou Franklin Jan. 15, 1938, at Great Bend. A resident of Great Bend since 1942, coming from Russell, he worked for Merings & Son Service Station and also worked for Great Bend Park Department, retiring in 1975. He was a member of Myers Chapel AME Church, serving on the Steward Board and as a chairman of the Trustee Board. Survivors include his wife of the home; two sons, Marion Broils and wife Wanda of Kansas City, Mo., and William Broils and wife Joyce of Topeka; one daughter-in-law, Billie Broils of Larned; 14 grandchildren; and 21 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one son, Richard Broils; eight brothers and two sisters. Funeral will be at 1:30 p.m. Monday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend, with the Rev. Loyse Clay 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 Barton County Relay for Life, in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Bryant Funeral Home* 1425 Patton Road Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-3525 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 24, 2004

Marvel Elizabeth 'Patti' Smith 1921-2004

HOISINGTON — Marvel Elizabeth "Patti" Smith, 83, died Oct. 21 at Cheyenne Meadows Living Center in Hoisington. She was born March 17, 1921, at Simla, Colo., the daughter of B. Rex and Edith Venora Pease Hixson. She married Lawrence R. Smith Jan. 2, 1946, at New York, N.Y. He died July 22, 2000. A resident of Hoisington since 1971, coming from Phoenix, Ariz., she was a homemaker and former American Airlines stewardess. She was a member of First United Methodist Church and Chapter GG of PEO, both of Hoisington, and McConnell Singers of Phoenix. Survivors include one son, Bradford L. Smith of Hoisington; two daughters, Marlana Rae and husband Dr. Steven Miller of Bismarck, N.D., and Terri Elizabeth Anderson of Hollywood, Fla.; three brothers, Lee Merle Hixson of Lamar, Colo., George Rex Hixson of Pendleton, Ore., and Calvin Loren Hixson of Fowler, Colo.; seven grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. Funeral will be at 2:30 p.m. Monday at First United Methodist Church of Hoisington, with the Rev. Wayne Flanders officiating. Burial will be at Hoisington Cemetery. Friends may call from 1 to 9 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. to noon Monday, both at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington, and from 1 p.m. until service time Monday at the church. Memorials are suggested to the church or American Diabetes, both in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home* 415 North Main/P.O. 146 Hoisington, KS 67544 620-653-4165 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 24, 2004

October 22, 2004

John W. Broils Jr.

John W. Broils Jr., 94, died Oct. 21 at Great Bend Health and Rehabilitation in Great Bend. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Bryant Funeral Home of Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Oct. 22, 2004

John Robles 1948-2004

Juan J. "John" Robles, 56, of Great Bend, died from cancer on Oct. 17, 2004, at Robert J. Dole Veterans Hospital in Wichita. John retired from the United States Armed Forces with his last tour of duty being at Fort Riley near Junction City. In 1995, John graduated cum laude (with honors) from Kansas State University with a degree in Business Administration, focus in Finance and Accounting. On Jan. 6, 2003, John became a part of the staff at We Care Clinic as case manager. John truly loved his job, and loved helping people. He dedicated his life to his clients and friends, and worked tirelessly to make others' lives better. He also worked to make Christmas brighter for needy children, working with Farmer's Bank & Trust in the "Light Up A Child's Christmas." John will also be remembered for his work with the Cinco de Mayo celebration, the diabetes walk and support group, and in the way that he supported the providers and the nurses in their work at the clinic. Graveside service will be at 1 p.m. today at Ft. Riley National Cemetery, in Ft. Riley. Memorials are suggested to We Care Clinic, 1905 19th St., in Great Bend. Memorial service will be at 4 p.m. Oct. 27 at St. Rose Catholic Church, officiated by Father Reggie Urban. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Oct. 22, 2004*

Ernie 'Bumper' Vanaman 1934-2004

Ernie "Bumper" Vanaman, 70, of Great Bend, died Oct. 21 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. He was born April 2, 1934, in Otis, the son of Ernest E. and Julia Matel Vanaman. He married Marian Davies on July 11, 1952, at St. John. She died March 31, 1993. He later married Sue Wheeler in Mississippi. A lifetime resident of Great Bend, he was the owner of Vanaman's Heating and Air Conditioning. Vanaman was a former member of Fraternal Order of the Eagles. Survivors include his wife of Great Bend; two sons, Marvin Thomas Vanaman of Lamont, Okla., and Ernest Wayne Vanaman of Great Bend; one daughter, Diana McGinty of Great Bend; four brothers, Tony Vanaman of Sarasota, Fla., Verrill Vanaman of Ulvsses, Bob Vanaman and Jimmy Vanaman, both of Springfield, Mo.; one sister, Jeanetta

Kirkhardt of Iowa Park, Texas; nine grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one son, Michael Vanaman; two brothers, D.O. Vanaman and Gaerl Vanaman; and by one sister, Julia "Toots" Shaklee. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend, with the Rev. Darrell Grimm officiating. Burial will be at Pawnee Rock Cemetery in Pawnee Rock. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday and from 1 to 9 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to American Diabetes Association or Great Bend Humane Society, both in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Bryant Funeral Home 1425 Patton Road Great Bend, KS 67530 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Oct. 22, 2004

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Kathryn Grace Linenberger 2004-2004

Kathryn Grace Linenberger, infant, died Oct. 20 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. She was born Oct. 20, 2004, in Great Bend. She was the daughter of Richard and Anne Hendee Linenberger. Survivors include her parents of Great Bend; one brother, William John Linenberger of the home; one sister, Elizabeth Rose Linenberger of the home; grandparents, Mary Linenberger of Great Bend, and Darrin and Julie Hendee; one great-grandparent, Rollie Hendee; aunts and uncles, Chris Linenberger, Craig Linenberger, Lori Linenberger and Dale Goter, Lisa and Scott Reser, Stephen Linenberger, Linda Shaw, and Eric and Rebecca Hendee; and many cousins. She was preceded in death by one grandfather, Sylvester C. Linenberger. A private graveside service will be conducted by the Rev. James Strasen at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to the Brent Vynckier Memorial Fund at Denver Children's Hospital, 1054 East 19th Ave., Denver, CO 80218. Bryant Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Funeral arrangements provided by Bryant Funeral Home* 1425 Patton Road Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-3525 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Oct. 21, 2004

Timothy D. Bouska Wright

MULVANE — Timothy D. (Bouska) Wright, 21, college student, died Friday, Oct. 15, 2004. Service will be at 2 p.m. today, Oct. 21, 2004, at Smith Mortuary, Derby. Tim is preceded in death by grandparents Frank J. and Christine Bouska and Orr C. Wright. His parental great-grandparents, the Shaw/Huff families from Nebraska were of English and Irish heritage. His maternal great-grandparents, Vopat/Lovci from Wilson, were of the Austrian lineage and the Bouska/Hoch families of Bohemia. Tim attended Calvary Chapel Christian, Sunrise Christian Academy, Mulvane High School, St. John's Military Academy, Salina, and finished his senior year at Metro Blvd. High School, where he was awarded student of the month for self-discipline. During his senior year he worked with the United Methodist Urban Ministry and Catholic Charities of downtown Wichita. He began college in the fall of 2003 at Emporia State and wanted to be a high school history teacher with a background in theatre, but in December 2003 he fell ill. We give special thanks to Shana who (with her proud American Indian heritage) encouraged him to keep trudging on, so with her support in 2004, he enrolled as a sophomore at Butler County Community College of El Dorado. Tim was working part-time as an assistant grill master at the Juke box in Town West for owners Matt and Aubryn and their sons. His many friends will miss his quick wit, sense of humor and his "Peter Pan" attitude toward life in general. Tim said, "he never wanted to grow up." Last year he stood up in front of the theatre with Shana and said, "I'm just a boy, I just want to have a great adventure! Do I ever have to grow up?" Tim was engaged to Shana Crowe and his plans included joining the Air Force after his college studies. He is survived by parents, Dr. Paul and Janet Bouska Wright of Mulvane, brother Adam Wright, fiancé Shana Crowe, grandmother, Mildred I. Wright, all of Wichita. From the Holy scripture: For God so loved the world, that He gave his only begotten son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. John 3:16. Funeral arrangements provided by Smith Mortuary* 1415 N. Rock Road Derby, KS 67037 316-788-2828 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Oct. 21, 2004

Hilda Louise Johnson 1915-2004

LARNED — Hilda Louise Johnson, 89, died Oct. 19 at Larned Health Care Center in Larned. She was born Oct. 14, 1915, at Odin, the daughter of Ferd and Louisa Werner Beran. A Larned resident since 1940, coming from Great Bend, she was a retired registered nurse for St. Joseph Hospital in Larned. She was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Altar Society and St. Joseph Auxiliary, all of Larned. On Aug. 19, 1948, she married James Irvin Johnson. He died Sept. 4, 1981. She was preceded in death by a son Phil Johnson; and three brothers, Frank Beran, August Beran and Roman Beran. Survivors include: three sons, Fred Johnson and wife Jan, Stausburg, Colo., Jim Johnson and wife Judy, Great Bend, Bud Johnson and wife Brenda, Larned; a daughter, Mary Anna Johnson, Great Bend; two sisters, Hattie Beran, Cecilia Bahr, both of Great Bend; six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Friday at Beckwith Mortuary Chapel in Larned. Funeral Mass will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Larned, with Father Charles Mazouch presiding. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. today and Friday at the mortuary. Burial will be at the Larned Cemetery. Memorials may be sent to St. Joseph Memorial Hospital Auxiliary or Sunflower Diversified Services, both in care of Beckwith Mortuary Inc. Funeral services provided by Beckwith Mortuary Inc.* P.O. Box 477 Larned, KS 67550 620-285-2121 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Oct. 21, 2004

Burl Lee Harris 1914-2004

RUSSELL — Burl Lee Harris, 89, died Oct. 19 at Wheatland Nursing Center in Russell. He was born Oct. 20, 1914, at Kellyville, Okla., the son of Ed and Annie Harris. He was a 48-year resident of Plainville, coming from Houston, Texas, in 1954. He was a member of First Christian Church, Iris Shrine, 32nd degree Mason, DAV, American Legion, Paradise Masonic Lodge No. 290 and the Order of Eastern Star Chapter No. 476 of Plainville. He served in the U.S. Army Air Force during World War II. He played pro football for three and a half years in the 1930s in Houston, Texas. He was a retired cable tool driller. On June 4, 1940, he married Anita Record of Sapulpa, Okla. He is survived by his wife Anita; three sons, Robert Harris and Tom Harris, both of Great Bend, and Jerry Harris of Topeka; three daughters, Dorothy Schmidt of Topeka, Jackie Meitler of Glenwood Springs, Colo., and Patty Harris of Wichita; 11 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one brother, Jack of Tulsa, Okla., and one son Kenneth Harris of Hays. Memorial service will be Friday, Oct. 22, 2004, at 2 p.m. at the Plainville Funeral Home, 320 SW 2nd Street in Plainville. Inurnment will be at a later date in the Mound, Okla., Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to the Paradise Masonic Lodge of Plainville and may be left at the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Plainville Funeral Home* 320 SW 2nd Street / P.O. Box 190 Plainville, KS 67663 785-434-2700 Great Bend (Kans.) Tribune Oct. 21, 2004

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Earl E. Trapp 1915-2004

RUSSELL — Earl E. Trapp, 89, of rural Luray, Kan., died Monday, Oct. 18, 2004, at Russell Regional Hospital in Russell. He was born July 21, 1915, on the family farm in Russell County, the son of John "Charlie" and Cora Luella Sellens Trapp. He attended rural country grade school and later Waldo High School, graduating with the class of 1933. He was awarded a Union Pacific Scholarship and attended Kansas State University, majoring in agriculture. He was active in ROTC, 4-H Club and had the Reserve Grand Champion bull at the Kansas State Fair. He was united in marriage to Doris Cochran on Jan. 22, 1938, and they had two daughters, Cheryl and Cinda. Earl and Doris set up their farming operation west of Luray in 1941. He was a farmer and stockman for all of his life and was well known for his outstanding herd of Hereford cattle, as well as raising wheat, milo and alfalfa. He was a lifetime active member of the Luray United Methodist Church, serving on many committees throughout the years. He was a charter member of the Luray Lions Club; member of the Kansas Livestock Association; the Hereford Breeders Association; Russell County Farm Bureau; served several terms on the Russell County A.S.C.S.; served 17 years on the Luray School Board and USD 407; and was a member of the board of directors for the People's State Bank from 1958 until their merger with the Russell State Bank. He is survived by his wife of 66 years, Doris Trapp of the home; two daughters, Cheryl Siemers-Clausen and her husband, Rod of Salina, Kan., and Cinda Palmer and her husband, John of Luray; four grandchildren, Brent Siemers and his fiancée, Gretchen Edmunds of Kansas City, Mo., Kevin Siemers of Colorado Springs, Colo., Shalan Palmer and his wife, Kelly of Salina, and T.J. Palmer and his wife, Danelle of Hays, Kan.; two great-grandchildren, Gracey and Trey Palmer of Salina; two step-grandsons, Mark Clausen of Dallas, Texas, and John Clausen and his wife Tammy of Chicago, Ill.; and one step-great-granddaughter, Grace Clausen of Chicago. Earl was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Lyle and Elmer Trapp; and one sister, Mary Trapp Wheeler and her husband, Harry. Funeral service will be held at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 21, 2004, at the Luray United Methodist Church in Luray, Kan., with Pastor Isobel Stein and the Rev. Gay Robertson officiating. Interment will follow in the Luray Cemetery. Visitation will be held from 1 to 9 p.m. today at the Pohlman-Heise Mortuary in Russell, where the family will receive friends from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Memorial contributions may be made to the Luray United Methodist Church and may be sent in care of Pohlman-Heise Mortuary, 610 N. Maple St., Russell, KS 67665. Funeral arrangements provided by Pohlman-Heise Mortuary* 610 N. Maple St. Russell, KS, 67665 785-483-2212 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Oct. 20, 2004

Francis E. Winkel 1921-2004

GLEN ELDER — Francis E. Winkel, 83, died Oct. 18 at the Mitchell County Hospital in Beloit. He was born July 5, 1921, south of Cawker City. He was a farmer. Survivors include his wife Geneva of the home; three daughters, Linda Mick of Glen Elder, Kathy Mahieu of Fowler and Jane Koster of Great Bend; three brothers, Harold Winkel, Cecil Winkel and Paul Winkel, all of Glen Elder; 10 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Thursday at Sts. Peter and Paul Church. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Cawker City. Burial will be at Sts. Peter and Paul Cemetery. Visitation will be at 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday at the church. Memorials are suggested to the church or Mitchell County Home Health in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by McDonald-Roberts Funeral Home Service 910 No. Cambell Beloit, KS 67420 785-738-2211 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Oct. 20, 2004

Dustin Scott Kipp 1985-2004

Dustin Scott Kipp, 19, died Oct. 17 at rural Dodge City, as a result of an automobile accident. He was born June 7, 1985, in Great Bend, the son of Scott Hilliard and DeAnn Kipp. A resident of Plainville, he was an assembly worker for Adronics/Elrod company in Hays. Survivors include one son, Skyler Kipp of Plainville; his father, Scott Hilliard of Great Bend; his mother and step-father, DeAnn and Perrell Stanley of Plainville; two brothers, Nathan Becker of Great Bend and Jerrid Kipp of Ellsworth; one sister, Terra Keil of Plainville; four step-brothers, Davvid Stanley, Perrell Stanley, Matthew Stanley, and Rylee Stanley, all of Norton; grandparents, Doris Hilliard of Great Bend, Betty Kipp of Great Bend, Wayne and June Portnier of Jamestown, Tenn., Russ and Donna Stanley of Lincoln, Neb., and great-grandmother Irene Sargent of Great Bend. His companion, Amber Dimitt, was also fatally injured in the same automobile accident. Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend, with the Rev. Dwight Dozier officiating. Burial will be at Lakin-Comanche Cemetery in Ellinwood. Visitation will be from noon to 9 p.m. today and 9 a.m. until service time Thursday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the Skyler Kipp Educational Fund. Funeral arrangements provided by Bryant Funeral Home 1425 Patton Rd. Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-3525 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Oct. 20, 2004

Paul P. Boos 1917-2004

ELLIS — Paul P. Boos, 87, died Oct. 18 at Good Samaritan Center in Ellis. He was born Feb. 10, 1917, in Ellis, the son of Steffan and Amelia Leiker Boos. He married Irene Leiker on Aug. 9, 1938, in Hays. He lived most of his life in rural Ellis County where he was a farmer and stockman. He was an implement mechanic for International Harvester for 12 years retiring in 1970. Boos was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church and the Knights of Columbus in Ellis. Survivors include his wife Irene of the home; three sons, Thomas L. Boos of Great Bend, Dennis L. Boos of Salina and Mark Boos of Ellis; four daughters, Amelia Millie Winterscheidt of Oakley, Rita Younger of Ellis, Lila Margreiter of Chanut and Barbara Barkley of Lindenhurst, Ill.; 18 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren He was preceded in death by an infant daughter, Lucy; a son, Gerald; six brothers, John Alexander Boos, Joseph Boos, Nicholas Boos, Celestine Boos and infant Alexander Boos; nine sisters, Mary Boos, Clementine Boos, Sister Silveria Boos, Catherine Kuhn, Anna Younger, Rose Tinkler, Seraphine Windholz, Mathilda Kuhn and Mary Wasinger. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Friday at St. Marys Church in Ellis. Burial will be at the church cemetery. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Wasinger Funeral Home in Ellis, with the parish wake serve at 7 p.m. Memorials are suggested to the church. Funeral arrangements provided by Wasinger Funeral Chapel Box 54 Ellis, KS 67637 785-726-4400 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Oct. 20, 2004

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Juan Jose Robles

Juan Jose Robles, 56, of Great Bend, died Oct. 17. The son of Flavio C. and Maria Robles, he was a health care administrator. Robles was a retired U.S. Army Veteran of 22 years. Survivors include his parents; one son, Rick Robles; one daughter, Jennifer McCartha; five brothers, Flavio Robles, Noah Robles, Richard Robles, Tony Robles and Michael Robles; two sisters, Gloria Chuy and Janie Cunningham; two grandchildren, and two step-grandchildren. Graveside service will be at 1 p.m. Friday at Ft. Riley National Cemetery, in Ft. Riley. A memorial has been established with We Care Clinic, 1905 19th St., in Great Bend. Funeral arrangements provided by Hillside Funeral Home-East 935 N. Hillside Wichita, KS 67214 316-682-5575 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Oct. 18, 2004

Norman J. Hammeke 1924-2004

Norman J. Hammeke, 80, of Great Bend, died Oct. 17, at Central Kansas Medical Center, in Great Bend. He was born June 11, 1924, in Barton County, the son of Joseph M. and Mary E. Heinz Hammeke. He married Joleen T. Feist Feb. 3, 1948, at Scott City. She died Jan. 25, 2003. A resident of Barton County most of his life, coming from McPherson and Scott City, he was a gauger for Koch Oil Company for 15 years. Hammeke was a member of St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church, Knights of Columbus and Cheyenne Horseshoe Club, all of Great Bend. Survivors include six sons, Allan Hammeke and Michael Hammeke, both of Wichita, David Hammeke of Houston, Colin Hammeke of Great Bend, Curtis Hammeke of Hays, and Joseph Hammeke of Hutchinson; three daughters, Colleen Rychlec, Mary Jeffrey, and June Sloan, all of Great Bend; two brothers, Father Gerald A. Hammeke of Great Bend and Alfred J. Hammeke of Claflin; one sister, Geraldine Buehler of Great Bend; 26 grandchildren, and 20 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a brother, Dennis F. Hammeke, and two grandchildren, Julie M. Hammeke and Lisa J. Hammeke. Vigil Service and Knights of Columbus Rosary will be at 7:30 tonight at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church in Great Bend, with the Rev. Gerald A. Hammeke officiating. Burial will be at St. Peter and Paul Cemetery in Ellinwood. Visitation will be from 1 to 9 p.m. today at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Holy Family School Endowment Fund or Knights of Columbus in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Bryant Funeral Home 1425 Patton Road Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-3525 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Oct. 18, 2004

John G. McConnaughay 1926-2004

LARNED — John G. McConnaughay, 78, died Oct. 16, at St. Joseph Memorial Hospital in Larned. He was born March 23, 1926, in Pawnee County, the son of S. G. and Faye Nelson McConnaughay. He married June M. Gilbert July 31, 1954, at Pawnee Rock. A lifetime Pawnee County resident, he was a retired teacher for over 40 years for Fort Larned USD 495 and was a farmer. McConnaughay was a member of First United Methodist Church, Ft. Larned Lions Club, lifetime member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and past member of the Masonic Lodge, all of Larned. He was an Army Veteran. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Johnny McConnaughay of Hastings, Neb., four daughters, Jayne Rucker of Burdett, Janet Norman of Adel, Iowa, Judy Sneath of Ellsworth, and Jill Milhon of Larned; one brother, David McConnaughay of Kechi; three sisters, Leona Figgs of Sabetha, Bonnie D'Angelo of Topeka and Nancy Branstetter of St. James, Mo., and 14 grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one brother, Robert McConnaughay. Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at the First United Methodist Church in Larned, with the Rev. Tim Ault-Duel officiating. Burial will be at Larned Cemetery, with military graveside rights performed by Ft. Riley. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. today and Wednesday at Beckwith Mortuary Chapel in Larned. Memorials are suggested to the First United Methodist Church Educational Fund in Larned, in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Beckwith Mortuary Chapel P.O. Box 477 Larned, KS 67550 620-285-2121 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Oct. 18, 2004

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W.B. "Jack" Cundiff 1910-2004

HOLYROOD — W.B. "Jack" Cundiff, 93, died Oct. 15 at Clara Barton Hospital in Hoisington. He was born Dec. 24, 1910, in Oklahoma, the son of Frank and Bessie Hartman Cundiff. He married Gertrude Siemsen on Oct. 8, 1947, at Reno, Nev. He delivered furniture for Brueners Furniture in Oakland, Calif., for 20 years. He was a Holyrood resident since 1988, moving from Orinda, Calif. Cundiff was an Army veteran of World War II. He was a member of St. Paul's United Church of Christ and American Legion Post 200, both of Holyrood. Survivors include his wife and several nieces and nephews. Graveside service will be at 10 a.m. Monday at St. Paul's United Church of Christ Cemetery, Holyrood, with Pastor Deborah Rains officiating. Friends may call from 5 to 8 p.m. today at Parsons Funeral Home in Ellsworth. Memorials are suggested to the church and the Siemsen Family Scholarship Fund. Funeral arrangements provided by Parsons Funeral Home P.O. Box 45 Ellsworth, KS 67439 785-472-3861 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 17, 2004

Joann Parker 1929-2004

IUKA — Joann Parker, 75, died Oct. 14 at Friendship Manor of Pratt. She was born March 3, 1929, at Cullison, the daughter of Clarence Dale and Gertrude Ellen Rice Konkel. She married S.D. Pat Parker on March 8, 1953, in Las Vegas, Nev. A resident of Iuka since 1967, moving from Macksville, she was a homemaker and church custodian. Mrs. Parker was a member of Iuka United Methodist Church and United Methodist Women. Survivors include her husband of the home; one son, Steve Parker, Wichita; one daughter, Diane Parker, Hutchinson; four brothers, Fay Konkel, Glendale, Calif., Eddie E. Konkel, Pratt, Frank D. Konkel, Pratt, and Wayne D. Konkel, Pratt; two sisters, Mabel Baker, Pratt, and Marthana DeGarmo, Elmwood, Neb.; and four grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two brothers, Jack Konkel and Johnnie Konkel, and three sisters, Gertrude Konkel, Margaret Davis and Marcheta Monaghan. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at the church with the Rev. Billy Hughes and the Rev. Ken Keeling officiating. Burial will be at Iuka Cemetery. Friends may call from 1 to 8 p.m. today and 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday at Ayres-Calbeck Mortuary in Pratt. Memorials are suggested to Alzheimer's Association in care of the mortuary. Funeral arrangements provided by Avres-Calbeck Mortuarv 115 E. Fourth Pratt. KS 67124 620-672-5531 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune. Oct. 17.

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Lucille Barbara Schneider 1916-2004

ELLINWOOD — Lucille Barbara Schneider, 88, died Oct. 14 at Ellinwood District Hospital. She was born April 29, 1916, at Sioux City, Iowa, the daughter of Carl and Helen Kienast Johnson. She was a 1933 graduate of East High School, and 1940 graduate of Morningside College, both of Sioux City. She married Eugene Schneider on Jan. 1, 1946, at Sioux City. He died July 29, 1998. A longtime resident of Ellinwood, she was a retired teacher, piano teacher — Central Kansas Piano Teachers League, organist and accompanist. Schneider was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church, Lutheran's Women Missionary League, and Twentieth Century Club, all of Ellinwood. Survivors include one son, Craig Paul Schneider of Great Bend; one daughter, Gwen Glidden of Augusta, Ga.; one sister, Loretta Lenz of Sioux City; five grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at St. John's Lutheran Church in Ellinwood, with the Rev. Merlyn Lorchke officiating. Burial will be at Lakin-Comanche District Cemetery in Ellinwood. Friends may call from 1-8 p.m. today at the Kimple Funeral Home in Ellinwood. Memorials are suggested to Lutheran Hour or to Ellinwood Area Health Care Foundation, both in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Kimple Funeral Home 113 N. Main Ellinwood, KS 67526 620-564-2300 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Oct. 15, 2004

Albert G. 'Al' Bachman 1925-2004

CLAFLIN — Albert G. "Al" Bachman, 79, died Oct. 13 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. He was born Feb. 11, 1925, at Lead, S.D., the son of Leo and Adeline Curtis Bachman. He graduated from Live Oak High School, in Live Oak, Calif., Yuba College and Sacramento College and received a master's degree in school administration from Wichita State University and a master's of natural science from Arizona State University. He married Peggy Maxine Churchman on Oct. 23, 1945, at Parkerville. A resident of Claflin since 1969, coming from Hutchinson, he taught school in California, Hutchinson and was a college professor for 18 years at Barton County Community College of Great Bend. Bachman was a life member of National Education Association. He was a U.S. Army Air Force veteran of World War II, serving in the European Theater. Survivors include his wife of the home; three sons, Albert Bruce Bachman of Hutchinson, Thomas G. Bachman of Lakin and Daniel L. Bachman of Susank; one daughter, Barbara F. Underwood of Tribune; one brother, Leo R. Bachman of Woodland, Calif.; three sisters, Blanche Gillespie of Live Oak, Hazel Chapman of Marysville, Calif., and Darlene Herring of Trout Lake, Wash.; nine grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one brother, Conrad Bachman; two half-brothers, Jacob Bachman and LeRoy Bachman; one sister, Dorothy Bachman; and two half-sisters, Myrtle Main and Alice Hullinger. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington, with the Rev. Mike Underwood officiating with assistance by Mrs. Peggy Bachman. Burial will be at 3 p.m. Monday at Parkerville Cemetery in Parkerville, with military rites by the Fort Riley Honor Guard. Friends may call from 1-9 p.m. Sunday and 9 a.m. until service time Monday at the funeral home. The family will receive friends from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the Claflin Ambulance Fund or donor's choice, both in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home 415 N. Main / P.O. Box 146 Hoisington, KS 67544 620-653-4165 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Oct. 15, 2004

Dan Heinrich 1927-2004

MEDICINE LODGE — Dan Heinrich, 77, died Oct. 12 at Great Bend. He was born July 31, 1927, in Swissville, Pa., the son of Louis and Irene Nagy Heinrich. He married Elsie Willan Dec. 9, 1963, in Las Vegas, Nev. A resident of La Crosse, coming from Seward, he was retired. Heinrich was a member of the Merchant Marines during World War II. Survivors include his wife of La Crosse; one step-daughter, Laura Johnson of Medicine Lodge; five step-grandchildren; and 14 step-great-grandchildren. Burial will be at 9 a.m. today at Highland Cemetery in Medicine Lodge. Memorials are suggested to United Methodist Church of Medicine Lodge, in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Larrison Funeral Home 120 E. Lincoln St. Medicine Lodge, KS 67104 620-886-5641 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Oct. 15, 2004

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Albert G. 'Al' Bachman 1925-2004

CLAFLIN — Albert G. "Al" Bachman, 79, died Oct. 13 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Oct. 14, 2004

Shirley Turner

WHITTIER, Calif. — Shirley Smith Turner, 69, of Whittier, Calif., passed away Oct. 9, 2004, at the Presbyterian Hospital in Whittier. She was born in Great Bend, the daughter of Ray and Edna Smith of Heizer. She attended school in Hoisington and graduated from Great Bend High School in 1953. She married Vince Turner July 1954, and moved to California where she worked for the U.S. Post Office. Survivors include her husband; daughter, Dianne Naso of Whittier; two sons, Randy Turner of Whittier and Brad Turner of Idaho; four grandchildren; two brothers, John Smith and Gene Smith, both of Great Bend; three sisters, Carolyn Schulz of Pine Village, Ore., Delfreda Bateman of Hutchinson and Maxine Wilborn of Hoisington. Cremation has taken place. Memorials may be given to the Cancer Fund. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Oct. 14, 2004*

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Cheryl L. Tammen 1935-2004

GREENFIELD, Ind. — Cheryl L. (Foos) Tammen, age 69, of Greenfield, Ind., died Sunday, Oct. 10, 2004, at her home in Greenfield. Born on Jan. 21, 1935, in Great Bend, Kan., she was the daughter of William H. and Melda W. (Wright) Foos. She graduated from Great Bend High School in 1953 and received a nursing degree from the Dominican School of Nursing in Great Bend in 1955. She married M. Gene Tammen on Oct. 7, 1956. Mrs. Tammen was a Registered Nurse for 35 years. She worked at Hancock Memorial Hospital for 20 years of her career, retiring as the surgery supervisor in 1990. She enjoyed traveling with her husband in their motor home for the past nine years. Surviving her are her husband, M. Gene Tammen, of Greenfield; sons, Craig A. Tammen and J.D. Tammen, both of Greenfield; and four grandchildren, Michael J., Ryan C., Kevin W., and Kelsi D. Tammen, all of Greenfield. She was preceded in death by her parents, William and Melda Foos. Visitation will be held from 4 to 7 p.m. Thursday at Erlewein Mortuaries in Greenfield. A memorial service will follow at 7 p.m. with the Rev. Darrel Hudson officiating. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, c/o Patty Cook, 426 Hamilton Street, Fortville, IN 46040. Funeral arrangements provided by Erlewein Mortuary* 1484 W. US 40 Greenfield, IN 46140 317-467-4918 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 13, 2004

Goldie Lee Gardner 1911-2004

Goldie Lee Gardner, age 93, passed away on Saturday, Oct. 9, 2004, at Cherry Village Nursing Home in Great Bend. Goldie Lee Gardner was born Sept. 7, 1911, between Skiatook and Sperry, Okla. She was the first child of Fred and Letha Kehler. While growing up, Goldie helped at her home and held jobs at the Barret Hotel and Walters Cafe. She graduated from Skiatook High School in 1930. She fell in love with Ted T. Gardner of Skiatook and they were married on Apr. 2, 1934, in Pryor, Okla. The newlyweds pipelined for a number of years. Upon their return to Skiatook, Goldie worked for C & R Grocery and later went to work for the Tulsa County Treasurer, Clyde Winterwinger. Goldie retired after 20 years of service to Tulsa County. Goldie gave birth on Apr. 17, 1943, to the couple's only child, Teddy Taft Gardner II. Goldie was preceded in death by her parents, Fred and Letha, her husband, Ted, as well as sisters Doris Hardesty, Dorothy Kehler, Mae Young, Opal Kehler and Marie Cartright. She is survived by brothers Fred Kehler Jr. of Foyil, Okla. and Bob Kehler of Skiatook, Okla., son, Ted Gardner and his wife Pauline of Great Bend. She is survived by three grandsons, Allan and Vicki Gardner of Lee's Summit, Mo., Ryan and Nicole Gardner of Great Bend, and Scott and Patricia Blackwell of Tecumseh, Mo., five great-grandchildren, Taylor Gardner, Drexler Gardner, Mikayla, Ladmeier and Jebadiah Blackwell. Services will be held at 1 p.m. today in the Sien-Shelton Funeral Home Chapel in Skiatook. In lieu of flowers the family requests donations to the building fund for the new Skiatook Christian Church. Funeral arrangements provided by Sien-Shelton Funeral Home* 1000 S. Lombard Lane / P.O. Box 655 Skiatook, OK 74070 918-396-9500 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Oct. 13, 2004

Helen L. Urban 1916-2004

HUTCHINSON — Helen L. Urban, 88, died Oct. 11 at the Hospice House. She was born Aug. 8, 1916, in Tonganoxie, the daughter of Charles and Theresa Werner Schich. She married Jerome E. Urban on June 12, 1939, at Waterloo. He died July 1, 1991. A Hutchinson resident since 1974, moving from Pfeifer, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Urban was a member of St. Teresa's Catholic Church in Hutchinson, and St. Teresa's Altar Society. Survivors include one son, Jerry Urban of Victoria; two daughters, Darlene Schumacher and Geri Rome, both of Hutchinson; six grandchildren, three step-grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren, and two step-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by four brothers and three sisters. Parish Rosary will be at 7:30 tonight at Elliott Mortuary in Hutchinson. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at the church with the Rev. Stuart M. Smeltzer officiating. Burial will be at Fairlawn Cemetery in Hutchinson. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. today at the mortuary. Memorials are suggested to Hospice of Reno County or St. Teresa's Church or donor's choice, in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangement provided by Elliott Mortuary 1219 N. Main Hutchinson, KS 67501 620-663-3327 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Oct. 13, 2004

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Delores 'Dee' E. Salmans 1933-2004

Delores "Dee" E. Salmans, 71, of Great Bend, died Oct. 9, 2004, at Wesley Medical Center, Wichita. She was born Feb. 4, 1933 at Falls City, Neb., the daughter of Gerald W. and Zelma E. Martin Service. She was a housewife. She was a member of United Methodist Church, Barton County Association of Retarded Children, Great Bend, and a strong advocate for people with handicaps. On Sept. 14, 1951, she married Francis Salmans at Great Bend. He survives. Other survivors include: Five sons, Jayme W. Salmans, Jerry L. Salmans, Jason O. Salmans, Joel M. Salmans, and Jon D. Salmans, all of Garden City; and one daughter, Teresa L. Salmans-Smith, Corpus Christi, Texas. There will be no service. Her body was cremated. Internment will be at the Fairmount Cemetery in Jetmore at a later date. Family members said, "Dee would like to be remembered as she was the last time you saw her." Memorials may be sent to Sunflower Home Health Inc., 2925 E. Mary Street, Garden City, KS 67846, in care of Beckwith Funeral Home in Jetmore. Funeral arrangements provided by Beckwith Funeral Home* Box 663 Jetmore, KS 67854 620-357-8331 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Oct. 12, 2004

V. Marie Clarke 1926-2004

ELLINWOOD — V. Marie Clarke, age 78, of Ellinwood, died Saturday, Oct. 9, 2004, at Clara Barton Hospital, Hoisington. She was born Feb. 25, 1926, at Liberal, to Burnice and Elizabeth Marie Hamilton Corkins. She was a homemaker and a resident of Ellinwood since 1952. On Sept. 20, 1941, she married David James Clarke at Rawlins, Wyo.; he preceded her in death on May 21, 2003. Marie was a member of AA since 1985. Marie is survived by a son, Jerry Clarke and wife Anita of Hutchinson; two daughters, Marilyn Sherman of Lyons, Darlene Oglesbee and husband Bruce of Palatka, Fla.; three brothers, Gary Corkins of Buhler, Jerry "Bud" Corkins of Lapeer, Mich., and Larry Corkins of Inman; nephew and caregivers Jim Clarke and wife Carolyn of Ellinwood; seven grandchildren. 15 great-grandchildren and two

great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by both parents, brother Bob Corkins, sisters Faye Clark and Mae Oxenrider. Funeral will be on Tuesday, Oct. 12, 2004, 10 a.m. at Minnis Chapel Inc., St. John with Ernie Bishop presiding. Burial will be in the Fairview Park Cemetery, St. John. Memorials may be given to American Cancer Society in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Minnis Chapel Inc.* P.O. Box 34 St. John, KS 67576 620-786-9440 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Oct. 12, 2004

William B. Huschka 1919-2004

ELLINWOOD — William B. Huschka, 85, died Oct. 11 at Ellinwood District Hospital. He was born May 12, 1919, in Claflin, the son of John J. and Ida Frenzel Huschka. He married Cecilia Debes on Oct. 14, 1947, in Odin. A lifetime resident of Ellinwood, he was a farmer, USD 355 custodian and road maintainer operator for Lakin Township. Huschka was a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church of Ellinwood, Knights of Columbus No. 1187 and American Legion of Ellinwood. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving during World War II in the 3rd Armored Division in the European Theatre. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Paul Huschka of Ellinwood; two daughters, Dolores Boyle of Tulsa, Okla., and Janet Hanson of Salina; and one grandson. He was preceded in death by four brothers, Ray Huschka, Fred Huschka, Norman Huschka and Bernard Huschka; and one sister, Alberta Johanning. Altar Society Rosary will be at 3 p.m. Wednesday, with vigil service at 7 p.m. Wednesday, followed by Knights of Columbus Rosary, all at Kimple Funeral Home in Ellinwood. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Ellinwood, 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. Wednesday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to St. Joseph's School Endowment Fund, in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Kimple Funeral Home 113 N. Main Ellinwood, KS 67526 620-564-2300 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Oct. 12, 2004

Fred H. Marsh 1920-2004

WICHITA — Fred H. Marsh, 84, died Oct. 9, 2004. He was born April 13, 1920, the son of Fred Hammond Sr. and Clara Ann McCarter Marsh. A resident of Wichita, he was a retired custodian of Linnwood Nazarene Church for 24 years. Survivors include his loving wife of 64 years, Carolee Marsh; two sons, Steven and wife Brenda Marsh of Derby, and Gerald and wife Vicki Marsh of Wichita; one daughter, Janice and husband Steve Burden of Haysville; one brother, Don and wife Gloria Marsh of Pratt; six grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews. Funeral will be at 3 p.m. today at Resthaven Mortuary Chapel in Wichita. Memorials are suggested to Harry Hynes Memorial Hospice, in care of the mortuary. Funeral arrangements provided by Resthaven Mortuary Inc.* 11800 W. Kellogg St. Wichita, KS 67209 316-722-2100 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Oct. 12, 2004

Etta Imogene Smith 1927-2004

HOISINGTON — Etta Imogene Smith, 77, died Oct. 9 at her home. She was born March 31, 1927, at Peru, the daughter of James D. and Clo Julia Ann Farner Lumley. She married Donald D. Smith June 5, 1953, at Bartlesville, Okla. A resident of Hoisington since 1955, coming from Caney, she was a homemaker. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Hoisington. Survivors include her husband of the home; one son, MD Smith of Osawatomie; one daughter, Janice Oelschlaeger of Lawrence; two brothers, Ivan Lumley of Niotaze and James Lumley of Dearing; two sisters, Letha Jesseph of Wellington and Cleotha Fulk of Alaska; six grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by four brothers, Roy Lumley, Gene Lumley, Marvin Lumley and Wayne Lumley; and one grandson, Alan Arbogast. Funeral will be at 1:30 p.m. today at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington, with the Rev. Wayne Flanders officiating. Burial will be at Hoisington Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to service time today at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to First United Methodist Church or Hoisington Ambulance Service, both in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements is provided by Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home 415 N. Main / P.O. Box 146 Hoisington, KS 67544 620-653-4165 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Oct. 12, 2004

Josephine 'Jo' Wonsetler 1923-2004

LARNED — Josephine "Jo" Wonsetler, 81, died Oct. 8 at St. Joseph Memorial Long Term Care in Larned. She was born March 2, 1923, at Ballyvaughan, County Clare, Ireland, the daughter of Martin and Elizabeth Farrell Mooney. She married Charles M. Wonsetler on May 26, 1954, in Larned. A resident of Larned since 1950, she was a homemaker. She was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church and Altar Society, past member of Legion of Mary, St. Joseph Memorial Hospital Auxiliary and Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary, all of Larned. Survivors include her husband of the home; one son, Marty Wonsetler of Great Bend; two daughters, Yvonne Moore of Amarillo, Texas, and Noreen Applegate of Lawrence; one sister, Anne Mueller; 17 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two brothers, Padraig Mooney and Martin Mooney; three sisters, Mary Leahy, Elizabeth White and Bridget Mooney. Vigil will be at 7 p.m. today at Morell Funeral Home in Larned. Funeral Mass will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Larned, with the Revs. Dennis Reed and Eugene P. Kenny officiating. Burial will be at Larned Cemetery. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. until 8 p.m. today at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Golden Belt Hospice or Masses, both in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Morell Funeral Home P.O. Box 124 Larned, KS 67550 620-285-2177 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Oct. 12, 2004

Selma A. Unruh 1917-2004

Selma A. Unruh, 87, of Great Bend, died Oct. 10 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. She was born Jan. 15, 1917, in Great Bend, the daughter of William and Bertha Fleske Werhahn. She married Wayne Unruh Oct. 29, 1945, in Ellinwood. He died June 19, 2004. A lifetime resident of Great Bend, she was a homemaker and had worked for the Great Bend Telephone Company and Lischesky's Dry Goods Company. Survivors include one brother, William F. "Bill" Werhahn of Great Bend; and one sister, Louise Haxton of Little River. She was preceded in death by four sisters, Bertha Donovan, Hilda Peckham, Martha Drehle and Erna Dyer. Graveside service will be at 1:30 p.m. today at Great Bend Cemetery, with the Rev. Garry Dassow officiating. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to noon today at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Memorials are suggested to Our Savior Lutheran Church, in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Brvant Funeral

Anne C. Joyce 1917-2004

Anne C. Joyce, 87, of Great Bend, died Oct. 10, 2004, at Great Bend Health & Rehabilitation Center in Great Bend. She was born July 11, 1917, in Ashdown, Ark., the daughter of Aaron and Bessie Monson. She married Ray Joyce on Aug. 5, 1933, at Ashdown, Ark. He died April 8, 1998. A resident of Great Bend since 1951, coming from Texarkana, Texas, she was a clerk for Duckwalls, a food service worker for Central Kansas Medical Center and a housewife. She was a member of First Methodist Church of Ashdown, Ark., and she attended Eastside Southern Baptist Church in Great Bend. Survivors include one daughter, Wilma Witterstaetter and husband Harry of Hoisington; one granddaughter, Teresa Hutter; two great-grandchildren, Troy Hutter and wife Beth, and Trina Hutter Lehr and husband Jack; three great-great-grandchildren, Zachary Hutter Lehr, Chance Hutter Lehr and Lance Hutter. She was preceded in death by two brothers, Wallace Monson and Allan Monson; and three sisters, Bessie Baker, Hazel Bass and Mary Callahan. Graveside service will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Hoisington Cemetery, with the Rev. Wayne Flanders officiating. Friends may call from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. to noon Wednesday. Memorials are suggested to Eastside Southern Baptist Church, in care of Bryant Funeral Home of Great Bend. Funeral arrangements provided by Bryant Funeral Home* 1425 Patton Road Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-3525 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Oct. 12, 2004

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Josephine Wonsetler

LARNED — Josephine “Jo” Wonsetler, 81, died Oct. 8 at St. Joseph Memorial Long Term Care in Larned. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Morell Funeral Home in Larned. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 10, 2004

Bertha Grandclair 1907-2004

HOISINGTON — Bertha Grandclair, 96, died Oct. 6 at her home. She was born Oct. 27, 1907, at Lockwood, Mo., the daughter of John and Henretta (Wilhelm) Bollinger. She married Ira M. (Joe) Grandclair on March 7, 1927, at Newkirk, Okla. He died on Nov. 2, 1989. A long time Hoisington resident, coming from Lyons, she was a homemaker. Grandclair was a member of First Assembly of God Church in Hoisington. Survivors include her grandson, Mitchell Lee Grandclair and his wife, Mary Lyne, of Hoisington; two half-brothers, Frank Stolting of Golden City, Mo., and Paul Stolting of St. Peters, Mo.; a sister, Margaret M. Houston of Kingman, Ariz.; three great-grandsons, Matthew Grandclair, Tyler Grandclair and Wyatt Grandclair, all of Hoisington; and three great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a son, Leon J. Grandclair, and two sisters, Joanna Bishop and Josephine. Funeral was on Saturday at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington, with the Rev. Wayne Flanders officiating. Burial was at Hoisington Cemetery in Hoisington. Memorials are suggested to the First United Methodist Church, in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home* 415 North Main P.O. Box 146 Hoisington, KS 67544 620-653-4165 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 10, 2004

Anna Merle Curtis 1903-2004

ST. JOHN — Anna Merle Curtis, 101, died Oct. 7 at Stafford District Hospital. She was born July 20, 1903, in rural St. John, the daughter of Charles and Bertrude Burnett Curtis. She received a teacher's degree from Emporia State Teachers College. A resident of Stafford, she was a school teacher for several country schools in Stafford County. She was a member of Antrim United Methodist Church. Survivors include one brother, Raymond Curtis of Great Bend; two sisters, Maxine Brehm of Pratt and Margie Burke of Dodge City; and 14 nephews and nieces. She was preceded in death by two brothers, Randall Curtis and Ronald Curtis. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Minnis Chapel of St. John, with the Rev. Michael Schotte officiating. Burial will be at Fairview Park Cemetery in St. John. Friends may call from 1 to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral chapel. Memorials are suggested to Antrim United Methodist Church, in care of the funeral chapel. Funeral arrangements provided by Minnis Chapel Inc. 526 E. 4th Ave./P.O. Box 34 St. John, KS 67576 620-549-3556 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 10, 2004

Carrie Alma Paulsen Rowe 1906-2004

BAZINE — Carrie Alma Paulsen Rowe, 98, of Bazine, died Oct. 7 at Ness County Hospital in Ness City after a brief illness. She was born Sept. 6, 1906, on a farm near Stafford to Hans Christian and Kate Morford Paulsen. She received her early education in a rural school and graduated from Stafford High School in 1925. She continued her education at then Kansas State Agricultural College, now Kansas State University, receiving a degree in vocational home economics in 1929. Her teaching career began that fall at Bazine High School. She met and married a local farmer, Harry Everett Rowe, June 9, 1932, at Bazine. To this union three daughters were born — twins Jane and Joan and later a third daughter, Carol. She lived a long and active life up until the last month, living on her own, loving to cook and bake, trying out new recipes, enjoying gardening, sewing and taking part in activities at the church and Golden Years Center. She was known for her dinner and cinnamon rolls and was often asked to provide them at various functions. Carrie was a 75-year member of Bazine United Methodist Church, teaching a Sunday school class for over 60 years. Serving in various offices in the church, she also had been a sponsor for the Methodist Youth Fellowship. A faithful member, she seldom missed church services. She was a community 4-H leader for over 10 years. A member of Delta Kappa Gamma, a teacher's organization. As a breast cancer survivor, she volunteered for the American Cancer Society, counseling women in Ness County who had undergone similar surgery. Many people were touched by Carrie's love and concern. In May 2004, when Bazine High School held its last graduation ceremonies before closing its doors, she was invited to speak as the oldest living teacher. Her presentation drew a standing ovation. Again, in August, she was honored to be a co-marshall in the parade preceding the Bazine Picnic. She is survived by her three daughters, Jane Schwartzkopf Blount and husband Joel of Surprise, Ariz., Joan Kendrick and husband Joe of Edmond, Okla., and Carol Park and husband Dick of Overland Park; nine grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces, nephews and friends. She was preceded in death by her husband, Harry, in 1990; a son-in-law, Alvin Schwartzkopf in 1993; her parents; two brothers, Fred and his twin Harry; and a sister, Clara Woodden. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at United Methodist Church in Bazine, with the Rev. Deb Harvey

officiating. Burial will be at Bazine Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. today at Fitzgerald Funeral Home in Ness City. The family will receive friends from 4 to 7 p.m. today at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Bazine United Methodist Church, the Golden Years Center or Hospice of the Prairie of Dodge City, all in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Fitzgerald Funeral Home Inc.* P.O. Box 96/ 207 N. Pennsylvania Ness City, KS 67560 785-798-3243 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 10, 2004

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Bertha Grandclair 1907-2004

HOISINGTON — Bertha Grandclair, 96, died Oct. 6 at her home in Hoisington. She was born Oct. 27, 1907, in Lockwood, Mo., the daughter of John and Henretta Wilhelm Bollinger. She married Ira M. "Joe" Grandclair on March 7, 1927, in Newkirk, Okla. He died Nov. 2, 1989. A resident of Hoisington, coming from Lyons, she was a homemaker. She was a member of First Assembly of God Church in Hoisington. Survivors include two half-brothers, Frank Stolting of Golden City, Mo., and Paul Stolting of St. Peters, Mo., one sister, Margaret M. Houston of Kingman, Ariz.; one grandson; three great-grandsons; and three great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one son, Leon J. Grandclair; and two sisters, Joanna Bishop and Josephine Stepson. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Saturday 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. today and from 9 a.m. until service time Saturday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to First United Methodist Church, in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home 415 N. Main / P.O. Box 146 Hoisington, KS 67544 620-653-4165 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Oct. 8, 2004

Carolyn Kirkman Hanes 1934-2004

Carolyn Kirkman Hanes, 70, of Great Bend, died Oct. 6 at Vyne Hospice in Wichita. She was born Jan. 15, 1934, in Shawnee, Okla., the daughter of Edward Sparks and Pearl Balleu Nowles. A resident of Great Bend for 50 years, coming from Oklahoma, she was a clerk for Kitchen Cupboard for 11 years and a paraprofessional for USD 428 for three years. She was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church, Ladies Guild and Bridge Club, all of Great Bend. Survivors include one son, Michael Wayne Kirkman of Great Bend; two daughters, Kristie Peacock and Kathy Herman, both of Great Bend; seven grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one sister, Barbara Thayer. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. today at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend, with the Rev. William F. Johnson officiating. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to service time today at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Shrine Travel Fund, in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Bryant Funeral Home 1425 Patton Rd. Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-3625 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Oct. 8, 2004

Arthur N. Hickel 1919-2004

HOISINGTON — Arthur N. Hickel, 85, died Oct. 7 at Cheyenne Meadows Living Center in Hoisington. He was born Jan. 22, 1919, in Odin, the son of Joseph and Catherine Courange Hickel. He graduated from Hoisington High School in 1938. He married LaVerne Carman on March 28, 1990, in Hays. A resident of Hoisington for 14 years, coming from Great Bend, he was a prominent business man in Great Bend and former president of Kansas Trucking Association. He was a member of St. Rose Catholic Church and St. Patrick Catholic Church, both of Great Bend. He was a U.S. Navy veteran, serving during World War II. Survivors include his wife of the home; two sons, Steven Hickel of Shawnee and Clifford Hickel of San Antonio, Texas; two daughters, Sharon Atkinson of McPherson and Janis Bunker of Lawrence; one sister, Elsie Hogan of Great Bend; six grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. today at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, with the Rev. Pascal Klein 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. to service time Saturday, all at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to American Heart Association or St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, both in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home 415 N. Main / P.O. Box 146 Hoisington, KS 67544 620-653-4165 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Oct. 8, 2004

Lori Suzanne Shuck 1971-2004

Lori Suzanne Shuck, 33, born March 15, 1971, in Wichita, died Oct. 2 in San Antonio, Texas. Survivors include her parents Gary and Cheryl Shuck of San Antonio; uncles and aunts Brian and Schela Carlton and family of Manhattan, and Terry and Shirley Robl and family of Ellsworth; and grandmother, Mrs. Pauline Sheeks of Ellinwood. Graveside services are at 1 p.m. today at Claflin Cemetery in Claflin. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that memorials be made to the Muscular Dystrophy Association. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Oct. 8, 2004

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Wilmer Otte 1910-2004

LARNED — Wilmer Otte, 93, died Oct. 5 at Larned Healthcare Center. He was born Dec. 22, 1910, in Great Bend, the son of Will C. and Georgia Miller Otte. He married Leah A. Dorfshaffer on Jan. 1, 1935, in Great Bend. A resident of Larned since 2000, coming from Great Bend, he was a retired farmer and stockman. Otte was a member of First Congregational United Church of Christ and was a past member of the Elks Club, both of Great Bend. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Dale and wife Karen Otte of Larned; one daughter, Lois and husband Vernon Schimmels of Clinton, Okla.; two brothers, Orville Otte and Loyal Otte, both of Great Bend; four grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one brother, Walter Otte; and one granddaughter, Jennifer Otte Finger. Funeral will be at 2:30 p.m. Friday at Morell Funeral Home in Larned, with Pastor Jan Brooks officiating. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. until service time Friday, both at the funeral home. Burial will be at Hillcrest Memorial Park Cemetery in Great Bend. Memorials are suggested to Larned Healthcare Center or Santa Fe Trail Center, both in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Morell

October 6, 2004

Mary Louise Guesnier 1928-2004

Mary Louise Guesnier, 76, of Great Bend, died Oct. 5 at her home. She was born May 6, 1928, in Topeka, the daughter of Granville T. and Mary Potter McCubbin. She married Joseph Willard Guesnier on Sept. 3, 1948, in Topeka. He died Aug. 28, 2001. A resident of Great Bend since 1952, coming from Topeka, she was a retired book keeper for Santa Fe Pipe and Supply. She was a member of St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church and Altar Society, both of Great Bend. Survivors include three sons, Daniel Guesnier, Shawn Guesnier, both of Great Bend, and Tracy Guesnier of Pawnee Rock; three daughters, Kaleha Jones of Boise, Idaho, Renee Nelson of Grandview, Wash., and Kelly Guesnier of Great Bend; one sister, Berniece Miller of Platt City, Mo.; eight grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one sister, Barbara Miles. Altar Society Rosary will be at 4 p.m. Thursday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend with a vigil at 7 p.m. Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Friday at the church, with the Revs. Rene Guesnier and Reginald A. Urban officiating. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery, with a private family service at a later date. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the Catholic Community of Great Bend or Golden Belt Home Health & Hospice, both in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Bryant Funeral Home 1425 Patton Road Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-3525 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Oct. 6, 2004

October 5, 2004

Kathryn M. Jackson 1911-2004

EUREKA — Kathryn Margaret Palmer Jackson, 93, died Sept. 25, 2004, at Greenwood County Hospital in Eureka. She was born May 8, 1911, at home on Eighth Street in Kansas City, Mo., to Edgar Homer and Ida Lucina Wickersham Palmer. Kathryn was a member of the Upper Fall River Lutheran Church. She was raised in Fall River, and later attended Pittsburg State University. After receiving her certification in education, Kathryn taught school in rural Greenwood County for four years. On June 1, 1932, she was united in marriage to Harry "Hap" E. Jackson of rural Greenwood County, in Marion. He died on June 13, 2001. She is survived by two daughters, Kathy Drake of Wichita, and her husband, Raymond; and Margie Swisher of Independence, and her husband, Brian; one son, Edd Jackson of Great Bend, and his wife, Pam; seven grandchildren, Scott and Troy Drake, Brianna and Russell Swisher, Chris and Daylin Short, Jeff Jackson; and one sister, Ida Grace Armor of Chico, Calif. Kathryn was a 4-H member, and youth leader serving on the Ivanpah School Board for 19 years and a community leader for the Upper Fall River Jayhawkers 4-H club. She also served on the Greenwood County Extension Board, Farm Bureau, and was president of the Lutheran Church Women. An active partner in the ranching operation, Kathryn and Hap shared many awards including Kansas Bankers Conservation Award, National Wildlife Conservation Award, Lutheran Service Award, and Kansas Master Farmer and Homemaker Award. Kathryn and her family served as hosts to over 80 foreign visitors and exchange students. She was involved in the Ag in the Classroom program for 20 years and hosted many school groups. The past several years she has been coordinating the "Historic storytelling" covering Greenwood County and items of interest. Kathryn was preceded in death by her husband, her parents, and one daughter. Aside from her children, she is survived by one sister, seven grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews. Funeral services was held Friday, Oct. 1, at Christ Lutheran Church in Eureka, with Pastor Roger Dennis of Christ Lutheran Church officiating. Cremation has been effected. A memorial has been established in her name with Ag in the Classroom. Contributions may be sent in care of the funeral home at P.O. Box 595, Eureka, KS 67045. Funeral arrangements provided by Koup Family Funeral Home Inc.* 121 N. Oak St. / P.O. Box 595 Eureka, KS 67045 620-583-5575 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 5, 2004

October 3, 2004

James K. Cavenee 1904-2004

James Kent Cavenee, age 99, died Sept. 23, 2004, at St. Joseph Village in Manhattan. He was born Oct. 12, 1904, in Lyons, the son of James Doty and Anna Louise Clutter Cavenee. Mr. Cavenee lived in Great Bend until July 2002, when he moved to Tribune, and then to Manhattan about three weeks before his death. Mr. Cavenee was a salesman of boats and motorcycles in Great Bend. He enjoyed boating, his coffee group that met at Burger King in Great Bend and his daily walks. In July 1925, in Hutchinson, he was married to the former Cora Ellen Snodgrass. Mrs. Cavenee preceded him in death in April 1989. He was also preceded in death by three children: Joan Ryan, Gordon Cavenee and James F. Cavenee. Survivors include one son: William "Bill" Cavenee of Lexington, Ky.; one sister, Kelsey Rose of Longmont, Colo.; 20 grandchildren, 35 great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren. Cremation is planned with memorial services to be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 9, 2004, at Faith Evangelical Free Church in Manhattan with Steve Graber officiating. Inurnment will be at Little River. Online condolences may be left for the family through the website at www.ymlfuneralhome.com. Memorial contributions may be made to the Living Stones Charitable Foundation. Contributions may be left in care of the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home, 1616 Poyntz Avenue, Manhattan, KS 66502. Funeral arrangements provided by Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home* 1616 Poyntz Avenue Manhattan, KS 66702 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 3, 2004

Clara Elizabeth Galliard 1909-2004

RUSSELL — Clara Elizabeth Galliard, 95, died Sept. 27 at Wheatland Nursing Center in Russell. She was born April 16, 1909, at Milberger, the daughter of Victor Emmanuel and Elizabeth Pope Keil. She married Ernest George Herman Galliard Dec. 24, 1934, at Dubuque. He died June 9, 1992. A resident of Russell since 1991, coming from Beaver, she was a housewife. She was a member of First Lutheran Church of Dorrance. Survivors include two sons, Vernon Dean Galliard of Folsom, Calif., and Kenneth Lee Galliard of Bunker Hill; one brother, Hubert Harrv Keil of Milberger; one sister, Josephine Springer of Hoisington; three grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. She was preceded in

death by one son, Gene Ernest Galliard; six brothers, Ernest Keil, Waldomar Keil, Clifford Dean Keil, Julius Keil, Levin Melvin Keil and Gerhardt Keil; and two sisters, Florence Keil and Esther Keil. Funeral was Saturday at the church in Dorrance, with the Rev. Jim Wagner officiating. Burial was at Dubuque Cemetery south of Dorrance. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of Pohlman-Heise Mortuary of Russell. Funeral arrangements provided by Pohlman-Heise Mortuary 610 North Maple Street Russell, KS 67665 785-483-2212 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 3, 2004

Mariah Lee Jantz Chestnut

WICHITA — Mariah Lee Jantz Chestnut, 28, Pet Haven vet technician and floral designer, died Thursday, Sept. 30. Service will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Downing & Lahey Mortuary East in Wichita. Survivors include her husband of the home, Brian Chestnut; her father and stepmother, Michael and Cheryl Jantz of Arkansas City; her mother Julie Brosemer Jantz and fiancé Troy Moore of Florence; brother Tyler and Lindsey Jantz and nephew James Jantz, all of Marion; step-sister, Jennifer and Drue Ferry and niece Brynn Ferry, all of Wichita; grandmother, Helen Jantz of Marion; father- and mother-in-law, Lynn and Mary Chestnut; grandparents-in-law, Clarence and Leona Chestnut; brother-in-law, James and Cynthia Chestnut of Great Bend; beloved pets, Molly, Abby, Pepper, T.J. and Zipper. Memorials have been established with PALS Animal Rescue, P.O. Box 47342, Wichita, KS 67201-7372 and the Wichita Animal Shelter, 3303 N. Hillside, Wichita, KS 67219. Tributes may be sent to the family via www.downingandlahey.com. Funeral arrangements provided by Downing & Lahey Mortuaries* 6555 East Central Wichita, KS 67206 316-682-4553 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 3, 2004

Cloyde O. Laughlin 1917-2004

Cloyde O. Laughlin, 86, of Great Bend, died Oct. 1 at his residence. He was born Dec. 18, 1917, in Kirk, Colo., the son of Cloyde Earl and Berniece Porter Laughlin. He married Lavella M. Kramer Jan. 29, 1949, at Great Bend. A resident of Great Bend since 1949, he was a carpenter for Harper Builders, retiring in 1982. He was a U.S. Army veteran, serving in World War II. Survivors include his wife of the home; two daughters, Patria Johnson of Great Bend and Susan Gray of Radium; one sister, Marjorie Scott of Mountain Home, Ark.; and three grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Howard Laughlin and Harold Laughlin; and two sisters, Marie Baker and Dorothy Harrison. Graveside service will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Golden Belt Cemetery in Great Bend, with the Rev. John Grummon officiating. Friends may call from 1 to 9 p.m. today at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Memorials are suggested to Golden Belt Home Health and Hospice, in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Bryant Funeral Home 1425 Patton Road Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-3525 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 3, 2004

Alvin G. Johnson 1929-2004

MACKSVILLE — Alvin G. Johnson, 75, died Sept. 30 at Leisure Homestead of St. John. He was born Jan. 10, 1929, at Hopewell, the son of Henry and Bertha Woods Johnson. He attended schools at Clear Creek, Pratt and St. John's Military in Salina. A resident of St. John, he was an electrician working in Kansas and Texas, and was a farmer and pilot. Johnson served with the Air National Guard. Survivors include one son, Henry Johnson of Phoenix, Ariz.; one daughter, Nancy Hall of Oklahoma City, Okla.; and several grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one son, Tommy Johnson; two half-brothers, Robert Wood and Otis Johnson; and four half-sisters, Jane Wilson, Blanche Clinton, Lola Hardy and Gladys Stambaugh. Graveside service will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Farmington Cemetery in Macksville, with the Rev. Elaine Lord officiating. There is no visitation. Memorials are suggested to Leisure Homestead in St. John, in care of Minnis Chapel Inc. of St. John. Funeral arrangements provided by Minnis Chapel Inc. 526 E. 4th Ave. P.O. Box 34 St. John, KS 67576 620-549-3556 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 3, 2004

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Richard M. Pettijohn 1933 - 2004

EUCHA, Okla. — Richard M. Pettijohn, 71, died Sept. 29 at his home in Lakemount Shores. He was born May 9, 1933, in Inman, the son of Murel and Cecile Alberta Swan Pettijohn. He married Thelma Louise Lowe. He owned and operated Dick's Barber Shop in Great Bend for 40 years before retiring in 1994 and was associated with the Wichita Eagle Beacon for 20 years. He was a member of First Church of God and later a member of Four Square Church in Great Bend. Survivors include his wife of the home; three sons, Mark Pettijohn, Phillip Pettijohn and John Sutton; three daughters, Sue Joiner, Becky Ramirez and Barbara Palmer; two brothers, Charles Miller and Jim Pettijohn; two sisters, Lillian Walters and Erma Carmichael; 17 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two brothers, George Pettijohn and Darrell Pettijohn; and one sister, Elsie Ferreria. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. today at Worley-Luginbuel Chapel in Jay, Okla., and at 2 p.m. Saturday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Burial will be at Golden Belt Cemetery in Great Bend. Funeral arrangements provided by Worley-Luginbuel Funeral Home 711 S. Main / P.O. Box 450460 Grove, OK 74345-0460 918-253-3222 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 1, 2004

Mary E. Patterson 1940 - 2004

HOLCOMB — Mary E. Patterson, 64, died Sept. 27 at her home in Holcomb. She was born Jan. 24, 1940, in Moore, Okla., the daughter of Charles and Alta Steffans Gibbons. She attended school in Pratt. She married DeVon E. Patterson Jr. on Feb. 9, 1955, at Alva, Okla. She had lived in various places in Oklahoma and Kansas and moved to Holcomb in 1998. She was a member of the Baptist faith. Survivors include three sons, David Patterson and DeWayne Patterson, both of Great Bend, and DeVon Patterson of Holcomb; one brother, Wayne Steffans of Burlington; two sisters, Carolyn Owens of Langley, Okla., and Wanda Boone of Ocala, Fla.; 11 grandchildren; six step-grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and two step-great-grandchildren. Funeral will be at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at Garnand Funeral Home in Garden City with the Rev. Jon Becker officiating. Burial will be at Greenlawn Cemetery in Pratt. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to service time Saturday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to American Cancer Society or American Diabetes Association, both in care of the funeral home.

Funeral arrangements provided by Garnand Funeral Home 412 N. 7th St. Garden City, KS 67846 620-276-3219 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune,
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Robert James Younger Sr. 1945-2004

HAYS — Robert J. "Jimmy" Younger Sr., also known as "Badger," 59, died Nov. 27 at the Great Bend Health and Rehabilitation Center in Great Bend. He was born April 14, 1945, at Hays, the son of Bal and Helen Pfannenstiel Younger. He was a former Hays and Russell resident. Younger was an equipment operator for KDOT in Russell, and a former Boy Scout Master in Russell. Survivors include one son, Robert Younger Jr. of Great Bend; two daughters, Angelina Hill of Russell and Kristina Scott of Hays; his father, Bal Younger of Hays; four brothers, Dennis Younger of Ellis, David Younger and Don Younger, both of Hays, and Tony Younger of Atchison; one sister, Barbara Paul of Hays; and six grandchildren. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. today at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church in Hays. Burial will be at the St. Joseph Cemetery in Hays. Friends may call from 9 to 9:30 a.m. today at the funeral home. A memorial has been established with the Great Bend Health and Rehabilitation Center in his name and memory. Funeral arrangements provided by Hays Memorial Chapel Funeral Home 20th and Pine Hays, KS 67601 785-628-1009 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Nov. 30, 2004

Lester M. Stieben 1921-2004

OTIS — Lester M. Stieben, 83, died Nov. 28 at Hays Medical Center in Hays. He was born Aug. 29, 1921, in Brownell, the son of Fred and Julia Schlegel Stieben. He married Velma V. Miller on Aug. 29, 1943, in Otis. He was a lifelong resident of Rush County. Stieben and his brother Norman were co-owners of Stieben Service and Garage in Otis from Nov. 1947 until his death. Stieben was a member of the United Methodist Church in Otis. Survivors include his wife, of the home; one son, Kenneth V. Stieben; and one daughter, Linda Stieben both of Otis; one brother, Norman W. Stieben of Otis; one sister, Lenora M. Ochs of Great Bend; two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at the church in Otis, with the Rev. Marilyn Christmore officiating. Burial will be at the Otis Methodist Cemetery. Friends may call from 1 to 8 p.m. today with the family receiving friends from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the Janousek Funeral Home in La Crosse, and Wednesday from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m. at the church in Otis. Memorials may be made to Otis EMTs or the church, both of Otis.

Funeral arrangements provided by Janousek Funeral Home 719 Pine La Crosse, KS 67548 785-222-2517 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Nov. 30, 2004

Robert H. Shaffer

HAZLET, N.J. — Robert H. Shaffer, 83, died Saturday, Nov. 27, at Holmdel Healthcare Center. Born in Great Bend, he came to Brooklyn at the age of 21 to serve in the Coast Guard during World War II. In 1943, he married Geraldine Jenkins. After the war, he owned an auto body repair shop. Mr. Shaffer worked after that for Central N.Y. Freightways as a truck driver/mechanic, and then as a terminal manager for 25 years. In 1974, he joined Maersk Inc. as its container maintenance manager for the Moller Steamship division. He traveled to many of the world's steamship ports, the highlight being a trip through the Panama Canal. Among his hobbies were vegetable gardening, woodworking, and an avid passion for golf. He was predeceased by his daughter, Ellen Shaffer, in 1947, and his parents, Fred and Hazel Pettit Shaffer. Surviving are his wife of 61 years, Geraldine Jenkins Shaffer; three daughters and sons-in-law, Donna and James Burk of Greenville, N.C., Patricia and Donald Ross of Crest Hill, Ill., and Kim and Charles Daetz of Oceanport, N.J.; one sister, Marian E. Shaffer of Surprise, Ariz.; six grandchildren, Tricia, Kelli, James, Melissa, Ashley, and Jordan; and eight great-grandchildren, Alexis, Hailey, Kayla, Ross, John, Gavyn, Caleb and Sophiya. Visitation will be from 2 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. today at the John F. Pflieger Funeral Home, 115 Tindall Road, Middletown, N.J. A funeral service will be offered at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at the funeral home, with entombment at Holmdel Mausoleum, Holmdel, N.J. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Nov. 30, 2004

Emily Liles

Emily Liles, newborn, died Nov. 29 at Central Kansas Medical Center. She was born Nov. 29, in Great Bend, the daughter of Robert and Nicole Uthe Liles. Survivors include her parents, of the home; two brothers, Cody Liles and Drew Liles, both of the home; grandparents, Debra Uthe, and Brenda and Ralph Reichuber, all of Great Bend; and great-grandparents, Alan and Joan Brinkmeyer of S.D., Al and Leona Reichuber, and Erma Zimmerman, all of Great Bend. She was preceded in death by a grandfather, Curtis Uthe. Graveside service will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, at the Great Bend Cemetery, with the Rev. Chuck Carpenter officiating. Funeral arrangements provided by Bryant Funeral Home 1425 Patton Road Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-3525 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Nov. 30, 2004

Orville Kaufman 1929-2004

Orville Kaufman, 75, died Nov. 27, 2004, at his home in Great Bend. He was born July 23, 1929, the son of Carl and Carrie Cook Kaufman. He married Lois Janda on April 26, 1952, at Dubuque. A resident of Great Bend since 1965, coming from Dorrance, he was a farmer. Kaufman attended First Southern Baptist Church. Survivors include his wife. Lois Kaufman of the home: two

daughters, Nathalea and Timothy Stephenson, of Salina, and Karleen and Abraham Williams of Albuquerque, N.M.; five sisters, Helen Stickney, and Dorothy Bay, both of Russell, LaFern Prediger, and Carol Herber, both of Salina, and Leona Champion of San Jose, Calif.; and two grandchildren, Brandon and Kendra Stephenson. He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Lloyd Kaufman. Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at First Southern Baptist Church, with the Rev. Doyle Smith and the Rev. Harlan Palser officiating. Burial will be at the Wilson City Cemetery in Wilson at 2 p.m. Visitation will be today, from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. at Bryant Funeral Home, and Wednesday, 9:30 a.m. to service time at the church. The family will receive friends today from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Memorials are suggested to the Orville Kaufman Memorial Fund. Funeral arrangements provided by Bryant Funeral Home* 1425 Patton Road Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-3525 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Nov. 28, 2004

Reva Hixon 1919-2004

PALCO — Funeral services for Reva Hixon, age 84, of Palco, were held at 10 a.m. Monday, Nov. 29, 2004, at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Plainville, with Father Joe Popelka presiding. Mrs. Hixon passed away Wednesday, Nov. 24, 2004, at the Trego County Lemke Memorial Hospital in WaKeeney. She was born Dec. 1, 1919, in Zurich, the daughter of O.C. and Flora Atherton Ouder Kirk. She was a homemaker and an area resident for the past 55 years, moving from Idaho. On Dec. 31, 1937, she married Frederick Hixon in Meridian, Idaho. He passed away March 7, 1997. Mrs. Hixon was a volunteer with the Senior Companions in Hays; she enjoyed crocheting, knitting, playing cards, bingo, reading, dancing, and her family and friends. Survivors include three daughters, Connie Clayton of Lakeland, Fla., Sharon Hixon of Hill City, and Juanita Lumpkins of Palco; one son, Lowell Hixon of Spivey; one sister, Novella Steffey of Washington State; 13 grandchildren; 35 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, two infant brothers, Theron and Melvin Ouder Kirk; four brothers, Delmer, Harold, Avery, and Milton Ouder Kirk; two sisters, Jessie Murphy and Effie Pywell. Burial was at the Pleasant View Cemetery in Palco. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association and may be sent in care of the chapel. Funeral arrangements provided by Moore-Overlease Funeral Chapel* 409 S. Cochran Plainville, KS 67665 785-434-2141 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Nov. 28, 2004

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David Lauren Rasanen, M.D. 1977 - 2004

Sandra Marie Rasanen 1977 - 2004

WATERLOO, IOWA — David Lauren and Sandra Marie Rasanen, (son and daughter-in-law of Rev. Jeffrey and Monna Rasanen, former Pastor in Great Bend and Larned, both 27, died in an auto accident, November 19, near their home in Shreveport, Louisiana. David was born June 24, 1977 in Rush City, Minnesota, son of Jeffrey D. and Monna L. Rasanen. Sandi was born June 6, 1977 in Michigan City, Indiana, daughter of Brian L. and Diane K. Carlson. David and Sandi became husband and wife December 28, 1996. During their eight years together, they lived life with great passion. David completed a medical degree and was in an orthopedic surgery residency program. Sandi was an elementary education teacher, loved by her students, parents, and faculty. In spite of their hectic schedule, they loved to be a part of their church and community. In every place they lived, they used their gifts and abilities to glorify God. They taught classes, led small groups, worked in children's ministries, and found time to know all their neighbors personally. Their love for others was evident by their constant involvement in the lives of those around them. David and Sandi lived their faith in Jesus Christ in every part of their lives. Their focus was to please and serve God with all of their hearts. Though their years were few, they lived a very rich and full life. They traveled to places all over the world, including New York, South Africa and Europe. David and Sandi dreamed dreams and their dreams became their reality. Now, the largest of all dreams has come true - they are standing in the presence of Almighty God. We are so very proud of David and Sandi. They have finished the race, kept the faith, and are home together. David is survived by his parents, Jeff and Monna Rasanen, sister Kristy Rasanen, brother Benjamin (Melanie) Rasanen, and grandfather Tom Palmer. Sandi is survived by her parents Brian and Diane Carlson, sisters Stephanie (Dustin) Brown and Stacey Carlson, brother Stephen Carlson, grandparents Bruce and Marsha Carlson, Raine and Jose Granja, and Alden and Rosalie Baumgartner. A memorial service was held Tuesday, November 23, at the Louisiana State Medical Hospital in Shreveport, where David was in residency. Funeral services were held on Saturday, November 27, at Cedar Valley Community Church, Waterloo, with burial in Waterloo Memorial Park Cemetery. Memorials may be directed to the families for a memorial to be established in the honor of David and Sandi. Cards, letters and memorials may be mailed to the families: The Rev. and Mrs. Jeffrey (Monna) Rasanen, 300 Shirley Ave., Elk Run Heights, Iowa 50707 and Mr. and Mrs. Brian (Diane) Carlson, 419 Devonshire Road, Waterloo, Iowa 50701. Hagarty-Waychoff-Grarup Funeral Service is in charge of arrangements. Hagarty-Waychoff-Grarup Funeral Service* 300 W. Ridgeway Ave.; P.O. Box 1287 Waterloo, Iowa 50704-1287 Great Bend Tribune (Kan.) Nov. 28, 2004

November 26, 2004

Reva Hixon 1919-2004

PALCO — Funeral services for Reva Hixon, 84, of Palco, will be 10 a.m. Monday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Plainville, with Father Joe Popelka officiating. Mrs. Hixon passed away Wednesday, Nov. 24, at the Trego County Lemke Memorial Hospital in WaKeeney. She was born Dec. 1, 1919 in Zurich, Kan., the daughter of O.C. and Flora (Atherton) Ouder Kirk. She was a homemaker and an area resident for the past 55 years, moving from Idaho. On Dec. 31, 1937, she married Frederick Hixon in Meridian, Idaho. He passed away March 7, 1997. Mrs. Hixon was a volunteer with the Senior Companions in Hays. She enjoyed crocheting, knitting, playing cards, bingo, reading, dancing and her family and friends. Survivors include three daughters, Connie Clayton of Lakeland, Fla., Sharon Hixon of Hill City, Juanita Lumpkins of Palco; one son, Lowell Hixon of Spivey; one sister, Novella Steffey of Washington state; 13 grandchildren; 35 great grandchildren; and two great-great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents. two infant brothers. Theron and Melvin Ouder Kirk; four brothers. Delmer. Harold. Avery and

Milton Ouderkirk; and two sisters, Jessie Murphy and Effie Pywell. Burial will be in Pleasant View Cemetery at Palco. Visitation will be from 2-8 p.m. Saturday and from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Sunday at Moore-Overlease Funeral Chapel in Plainville. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association and may be sent in care of the chapel. Funeral arrangements provided by Moore-Overlease Funeral Chapel 409 S. Cochran Plainville, Kan. 67663 785-434-2141 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Nov. 26, 2004*

November 24, 2004

Dean H. Ratzlaff 1916 - 2004

Dean H. Ratzlaff, 88, of Great Bend, died Nov. 21 at Cherry Village Nursing Home in Great Bend. He was born April 6, 1916, in Great Bend, the son of Jake and Emma Unruh Ratzlaff. He married Clara Belle Hixon on March 29, 1941, at Wichita. She died May 18, 1974. He married Johnnie G. Dixon Bessette on May 6, 1978, at Great Bend. A Great Bend resident all of his life, he was an undersheriff for the Barton County Sheriff's Department. Ratzlaff was a member of St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church in Great Bend. Survivors include, his wife, of the home; one daughter, Georgia Gates of Overland Park; one step-son, Bob Standerfer of Marlow, Okla.; two step-daughters, Steina Bessette of Carbondale, and Twilla McKee of Topeka; seven grandchildren; 10 step-grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; 20 step-great-grandchildren; and five step-great-great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by wife, Clara Belle Ratzlaff; one son, Marion Weese; one brother, George Ratzlaff; and one sister, Rhoda Avis. Graveside service will be at 2 p.m. Friday at the Dundee Valley Cemetery, in Dundee, with Milton Raymer officiating. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Memorials are suggested to Barton County DARE Association in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Bryant Funeral Home 1425 Patton Road Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-3525 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Nov. 24, 2004

Bernice K. Schmidt 1919 - 2004

SEATTLE, Wash. — Bernice Katherine Schmidt, who grew up in Great Bend and Hutchinson and then farmed with her late husband, Paul Howard Schmidt, for many years in the Pawnee Rock area, died peacefully in her sleep on Nov. 14, 2004, while at home in Seattle, Wash. She was 85. Bernice was born on July 27, 1919, to Emmett A. Fry and Meldarine K. Pratt Fry of Great Bend. Her great-grand-parents, Edgar Edwin Tyler and Lydia Francis Moseley Tyler, were among the first settlers of Great Bend in the late 1800s. Bernice graduated from Great Bend High School in 1937. On May 25, 1941, she married Paul H. Schmidt and they farmed northwest of Pawnee Rock, where Bernice later had a ceramics shop on the farm and taught ceramics and china painting. They were also active in the Presbyterian Church of Great Bend. In 1973, Bernice and Paul moved to the state of Washington to be near their adult children. Bernice continued to teach china painting for many years more before retiring. She remained happy, good-humored and full of life until undergoing knee replacement surgery on July 30, 2004, in Seattle. Two days later, she suffered a major stroke and then faced an increasing number of health challenges until her death. Bernice and her family were blessed, though, by the excellent services of the many kind people at West Seattle Swedish Physicians, Providence Hospital, Providence Mount St. Vincent, Park West Care Center, Swedish Hospice and Swedish Home Helpers in Seattle. Her family brought her home for the last 12 days of her life, where she was surrounded with loving attention and affection. Bernice is survived by her son Laurence P. Schmidt and daughter-in-law Shirley A. Schmidt (formerly of Claflin), who reside in Tacoma, Wash.; her daughter Barbara L. Schmidt of Seattle, Wash.; sister-in-law Emily M. Fry of Shady Side, Md.; and many other family members and friends in Kansas, Washington and across the United States. She was preceded in death by her husband, Paul H. Schmidt; her son Robert L. Schmidt; and her brothers Max E. Fry and Donald C. Fry. Her brother Robert L. Fry of Great Bend died Nov. 16. Cremation services were provided by Yarrington's Funeral Home of Seattle. The family suggests that memorials be made in Bernice's name to Swedish Home Care Services, 5701 Sixth Avenue South, Suite 404, Seattle, WA 98108, or to a good hospice program serving your own community. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 24, 2004

November 23, 2004

George Albert Wegele 1919-2004

OTIS — George Albert Wegele, 85, died Nov. 21, 2004, at Hays Medical Center. He was born March 1, 1919, in Barton County, the son of Jacob and Pauline Bitter Wegele. He married Ottelia Tillie Maier on May 5, 1940, at Milberger. She preceded him in death on Dec. 7, 2003. He was a farmer, inventor of the Wegele lawn mover and a dowser. He was a resident of Rush County since 1945, moving from Barton County. Wegele was a member of the Trinity Lutheran Church and Senior Citizens, both of Otis. He was a former member of the Immanuel Lutheran Church at Milberger. He had served on the Board of Directors of the Galatia Co-op, Otis State Bank and was a former Rush County Commissioner. Survivors include one daughter, VirJean Scheuerman and her husband Dennis of Otis; one brother, Leland Wegele and his wife Joyce of Otis; two sisters-in-law, Edna Wegele of Ness City, and Linda Wegele of Denver, Colo.; two grandchildren, Treva Scheuerman of Overland Park, and Tate Scheuerman of Otis; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Ernest Wegele and Paul H. Wegele; a foster brother, Martin Steinert and a foster sister, Ruby Richardson. Prayer service will be at 7 p.m. today at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Otis, with the Rev. Bruce Adamson officiating. Burial will be at Milberger Cemetery in Milberger. Visitation will be from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. today at the funeral home and 11:30 a.m. to service time Wednesday at the church. Memorials are suggested to the Storm Special Olympic Team in care of Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home. Funeral arrangements provided by Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home* 415 N. Main / P.O. Box 146 Hoisington, KS 67544 620-653-4165 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Nov. 23, 2004

Marlin Richard Dunbar 1925-2004

KIRKSVILLE, Mo. — Marlin Richard Dunbar, 79 of Kirksville, Mo., passed away Sunday morning, Nov. 21, at the Boone Hospital Center in Columbia, Mo. Marlin was born on March 5, 1925, in Burlington, Okla., the son of Howard Vincent and Clara Edna Hinkle Dunbar. He was united in marriage to Lola King. On June 15, 1978, in Kirksville, Mo., Marlin was united in marriage to Ruby Leutung, who survives. Marlin is also survived by one son, Marty Alan Dunbar and wife Terri of Fairfield, Ohio; three daughters, Chonita Simonson of Great Plains, Cheri Ann Smith and husband Kyle of Littlefield, Texas, and Joni A. Wood and husband Larry of Great Bend; one brother, Eugene A. Dunbar of Clearwater; seven grandchildren, Josh and Jessi Simonson, Lindy and Haley Wood, Jason and James Baker, and Greg Dunbar; one great-grandchild; step-mother, Velma Dunbar of Heston; one step-son, Stanley Vogel Leutung and wife Roberta of Kansas City, Mo.; one step-daughter, Cheryl Fleming of Eugene, Ore.; and one step-granddaughter, Kera Murphy and husband Brian. Marlin was preceded in death by his parents and one brother in infancy. Marlin was raised in the Burlington and Kiowa Kansas areas where he attended school. He served in World War II with the U.S. Navy. After he returned from his tour of duty with the Navy he became a salesman for the Auto Club of America. In 1976 he moved to Kirksville, Mo., where he continued as a sales manager with the Auto Club of America until his retirement in 1987. He was a member of the Kirksville Lodge 105 A.F.&A.M., Kirksville York Rite Bodies, Molia Temple and El Kadir Shrine Club, American Legion Mac Dougall-Lowe Post 20 and the Adair County Democratic Club. He was a former member of the Moose Lodge 1751 and the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2508. Marlin had served as the director of Bingo at the Shrine Club for 15 years, just recently resigning that position. Memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday at the Davis-Playle-Hudson-Rimer Funeral Home. A Masonic Service and Military Rites will be held at the same time. Interment will be at 3:30 p.m. Saturday in the East Lawn Cemetery in Salisbury, Mo. The family will receive friends from noon until the time of the service at the funeral home. Those who wish to express their sympathy in the form of a contribution may do so to the American Diabetes Association or the Shriners Children Hospital, in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Davis-Playle-Hudson-Rimer Funeral Home* 2100 East Shepherd Ave. Kirksville, Mo. 63501 660-665-3744 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Nov. 23, 2004

Thomas Eugene Myers 1958-2004

OLMITZ — Thomas Eugene Myers, 46, died Nov. 19 as the result of an auto accident. He was born Nov. 16, 1958, at Great Bend, the son of Thomas Richard and Carolyn McMullen Myers. An Olmitz resident for the past 10 years, formerly of Ellinwood, he was a furniture maker for La Crosse Furniture. He also was in retail sales for West Ltd. in Great Bend and Anthony's in Hutchinson. Myers was a member of Golden Belt Pool League 8-Ball Bulldogs. Survivors include longtime companion, Sue Lebbin of the home; two daughters, Nique Brown of Liberal and Whitney Myers of Garden City; mother, Carolyn McMullen Crouse of Radium; three brothers, Gene Pickinpaugh of Toby, Ill., Dick Myers of Ellinwood and Doug Myers of Dodge City; one half-brother, John Bolander of Osage, Okla.; two sisters, Carolyn Clark of Ellinwood, and Bebbie Borger of Jetmore; and three grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a half-brother. Funeral service will be at 1:30 p.m. today at Calvary Baptist Church in Ellinwood, with the Rev. Roy Savage officiating. Burial will be at Lakin-Comanche District Cemetery in Ellinwood. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to noon today at Kimple Funeral Home in Ellinwood. Memorials are suggested to Beckwith-Wediman Research in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Kimple Funeral Home 113 N. Main Ellinwood, KS 67526 620-564-2300 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Nov. 23, 2004

Linda S. Haussler 1938-2004

Linda S. Haussler, 66, Great Bend, died at Central Kansas Medical Center on Nov. 21, 2004. She was born July 17, 1938, in Mena, Ark., the only daughter of William H. and Pearl Blackwell Underwood. The family lived in various towns in Oregon, Oklahoma and Kansas. In 1960, she entered the insurance profession as a property and casualty agent, coming to Great Bend from Ashland in June 1975. She married Bob Harman in 1960 and they divorced in 1975. On Nov. 1, 1985, she married Wolfgang Haussler. She and Wolfgang co-owned the Insurance Center of Great Bend Inc., from which they retired in 2004. She enjoyed her profession and customers, providing skilled service. She and Wolfgang were also co-owners of Discount Laundry Inc. in Great Bend. Linda was a past president of the Barton County Independent Insurance Agents, and was on the board of directors. She was also a member and committee person for the Kansas Independent Insurance Agents Association. She completed numerous educational study courses through Kansas State University and other sources. Linda was an avid golfer and a member of the StoneRidge Country Club for over 20 years. She served as president and tournament director of the Ladies Golf Association. She was a member of First Southern Baptist Church in Great Bend and is now received into the loving arms of her lord. She is survived by her husband of the home, Wolfgang Haussler; her two sons, Darin Harmon of Great Bend, and William and wife Shayna Haussler of Ballston Spa, N.Y.; her two daughters, Kim and husband Stan Hazen of Protection, and Phaedra and husband Howard Link of Corpus Christi, Texas; three brothers, the Rev. William and wife Mary Underwood of Waco, Texas, Jack Underwood of Ashland, and Gary and wife Debbie Underwood of Oklahoma City, Okla.; and five grandchildren, Darci, and Jeremy Hazen, Char and Aimee Harmon, and Brian Link. Her parents and one sister-in-law preceded her in death. Funeral service will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday at First Southern Baptist Church with the Rev. Doyle Smith officiating. Burial will be at the Great Bend Cemetery. Visitation will be from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. today at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Memorials are suggested to Kans for Kids Fighting Cancer Foundation or Heartland Cancer Center c/o CKMC Foundation, in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Bryant Funeral Home* 1425 Patton Road Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-3525 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Nov. 23, 2004

November 21, 2004

Correction

Evelyn Florence Rice, 83, of Great Bend died Nov. 12 at Fairacres Manor in Greeley, Colo. She is survived by one sister, Lavera Odegard of Great Bend.

Thomas Eugene Myers

Thomas Myers, 46, of Olmitz died Nov. 19 at Clara Barton Hospital in Hoisington. Funeral will be 1:30 p.m. Tuesday at Calvary Baptist Church in Ellinwood, with Rev. Roy Savage officiating. Burial will be at Lakin-Comanche District Cemetery in Ellinwood. Friends may call from 3-8 p.m. Monday and from 9-Noon, Tuesday at the Kimple Funeral Home in Ellinwood. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Nov. 21, 2004

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Dena Meyer 1903 - 2004

ELLINWOOD — Dena Meyer, 101, died Nov. 18, 2004, at Leisure Homestead in St. John. She was born April 24, 1903, in Leer, Germany, the daughter of Henry and Geske Siefkes. She married Fred Meyer on Sept. 12, 1923. He died Nov. 5, 1949. A United States resident since 1922, living most of her life in Ellinwood and St. John., she was a cook at Ellinwood Hospital for 20 years, retiring at age 80. She also was a cook in Ellinwood Public Schools. Meyer was a member of First Baptist Church in Ellinwood, and former member of Comanche E.H.U. Survivors include five sons, Fred and Wanda Meyer of Great Bend, Milton and Joyce Meyer of Ellinwood, Donald and Donna Meyer, Robert and Marilyn Meyer, both of Garden City, and Richard and Jean Meyer of St. John; one son-in-law, Harold Pauls of Hutchinson; 24 grandchildren; 58 great-grandchildren; and 29 great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one daughter, Mildred Pauls; and one grandson, Doug Meyer. Funeral service will be at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at First Baptist Church in Ellinwood, with the Rev. George Redington officiating. Burial will be at Lakin-Comanche District Cemetery in Ellinwood. Friends may call from 3 to 8 p.m. Friday and 9 to 11 a.m. Saturday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to First Baptist Church or donor's choice. Funeral arrangements provided by Kimple Funeral Home* 113 North Main Ellinwood, KS 67526 620-564-2300 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Nov. 19, 2004

Evelyn W. Deines 1918 - 2004

GALATIA — Evelyn W. Deines, 86, died Nov. 17 at Great Bend Health and Rehabilitation Center in Great Bend. She was born July 9, 1918, at Otis, the daughter of Dan E. and Lydia Muth Brack. She married Lawrence L. Deines on Jan. 23, 1937, at Great Bend. He died Oct. 28, 2003. A longtime resident of the Galatia and Otis area, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Deines was a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church, Women of St. Paul, E.L.C.A. and St. Paul church choir, all of Galatia. Survivors include two sons, Jerry Deines of Russell, and Larry Deines of Galatia; three daughters, Karen Keil of Edmond, Okla., Gloria Myers of Ellinwood, Denise Schulte of Claflin; three brothers, Dan E. Brack Jr. and Wilbur Brack, both of Farmington, N.M., and Tom Brack of Great Bend; three sisters, Marilyn White of Royce City, Texas, Wilma Cody of Welaka, Fla., and DeAnna Robinson of Broken Arrow, Okla.; 13 grandchildren; four step-grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren and three step-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one brother, Orville Brack, and two sisters, Delores Fricks and Bonnie Flower. Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at the church, in Galatia, with the Rev. Bruce Adamson officiating. Burial will be at Fairview Cemetery in Galatia. Friends may call from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. today, with the family receiving friends 7 to 8:30 p.m., at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington, and Saturday from 9:30 a.m. to service time at the church. Memorials are suggested to the church or Alzheimer and Related Disorders Association, in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home 415 North Main / P.O. Box 145 Hoisington, KS 67544 620-653-4165 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Nov. 19, 2004

Fred L. Wilson 1938 - 2004

LARNED — Fred L. Wilson, 66, died Nov. 16 at the Hutchinson Hospital, in Hutchinson. He was born March 5, 1938, at Larned, the son of Frank L. and Mertie Smith Wilson. On Sept. 3, 1982, he married Marilyn Huff at Larned. A lifetime area resident, he was in sales. Wilson was a member of Grace Lutheran Church and Noon Lions Club, both of Larned, the Larned Fire Department for over 20 years, Larned Booster Club and was town Santa for years, and coached baseball. Survivors include his wife of the home; three sons, Troy Wilson of Great Bend, Kendall Wilson of Wichita, and Bill Huff of Larned; three daughters, Amy Hofeling of Great Bend, Michelle Huff of Wichita, and Kim Donovan of Larned; and nine grandchildren. Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. today at the Beckwith Mortuary Chapel in Larned, with the Rev. Joseph Popelka officiating. Burial will be at the St. Ann's Cemetery in Olmitz. Friends may call until service time today at the mortuary. Memorials are suggested to Rosewood Services in Great Bend, in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Beckwith Mortuary, Inc. P.O. Box 477 Larned, KS 67550 620-285-2121 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Nov. 19, 2004

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Robert L. "Bob" Fry 1924-2004

Robert L. "Bob" Fry, 80, of Great Bend, died Nov. 16 at Central Kansas Medical Center. He was born Sept. 7, 1924, in Hutchinson, the son of Emmitt L. and Meldarine K. Pratt Frye. He married Hazel M. Preston on March 18, 1951, at Great Bend. A resident of Great Bend most of his life, he was a heavy equipment operator for Stone Sand Company and Moos Sand Company, and was a truck driver for Marlette Coach Company. Fry was a member of the Eagles Lodge, a lifetime member of the American Legion, the 7th Armour Division Association, Military Order of the Purple Heart and lifetime member of the Disabled American Veterans Chapter 27 of Great Bend, where he served as treasurer for many years. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II serving with the 7th Armour Division. Survivors include two sons, Brian K. Fry of Great Bend and Harold P. Fry of Pensacola, Fla.; two grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Max Fry and Donald Fry; and one sister, Bernice Schmidt. Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. today at Brvant Funeral Home in Great Bend. with the Rev. Curtis

Reinhardt officiating. Burial will be at the Great Bend Cemetery with military committal rites conducted by the Fort Riley Honor Guard. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. until service time today at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the D.A.V. Chapter 27. Funeral arrangements provided by Bryant Funeral Home 1425 Patton Road Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-3525 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Nov. 18, 2004

Francis X. Zink

Visitation for the late Francis X. Zink will be from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. today and Friday, with family receiving friends from 7 to 8 p.m. Friday, all at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Nov. 18, 2004

November 17, 2004

Robert L. Fry

Robert L. Fry, 80, died Nov. 16, 2004, at Central Kansas Medical Center, in Great Bend. Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, at Bryant Funeral Home, in Great Bend. Arrangements are pending with Bryant Funeral Home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Nov. 17, 2004

Virgil A. Unruh 1910 - 2004

LARNED — Virgil A. Unruh, 94, died Nov. 13, 2004, at the Presbyterian Hospital in Dallas, Texas. He was born Oct. 7, 1910, at Great Bend, the son of Benjamin C. and Susie Unruh. During his career in Kansas, he had been with the County Farm Extension Office, a farmer and dairyman, and Pawnee County Agent for the Kansas Farm Bureau. He married Ruth H. Polson, on Nov. 7, 1941. She died July 13, 1959. He then married Beda Davis in 1963. She survives. He was a member of the Elks, Masonic Lodge, and New Jerusalem Church in Pawnee Rock, and had attended the Methodist Church in Sun City, Ariz., and Dallas, Texas. He was also a member of the Sun City Travel Club. Survivors include a son, Arvid, and wife Marilyn of Bakersfield, Calif.; a grandson, Jeff of Bakersfield, Calif.; three granddaughters, Michelle, and Tiffany of Newport Beach, Calif. and Nicole of Exeter, Calif. He was preceded in death by a brother, Galen; and a sister, Geneva. Cremation has been arranged. A memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at the New Jerusalem Church in Pawnee Rock, with Vivian Bright presiding. Private inurnment will follow on Friday at the Pawnee Rock Cemetery. Beckwith Mortuary Inc., in Larned is in charge of arrangements. Memorials may be sent to the New Jerusalem Church in care of the mortuary. This notice may be seen and condolences left at www.beckwithmortuary.com. Funeral arrangements provided by Beckwith Mortuary, Inc.* P.O. Box 477 Larned, KS 67530 620-285-2121 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Nov. 17, 2004

Donald L. Westerman 1947 - 2004

TOPEKA — Donald L. Westerman, 57, died Nov. 15 at Stormont-Vail Hospital in Topeka. He was born Oct. 9, 1947, at Humboldt, Neb., the son of Paul and Eva Tibbetts Westerman. He lived at Pawnee City, Neb., before moving with his family to Topeka. He graduated from Topeka High in 1965. He went to Washburn and Barton County Community College in Great Bend. He received a degree in nursing in 1982. He married Katharine Piper on Aug. 8, 1977, in Topeka. He worked at Stormont-Vail, St. Francis and at the Kansas Neurological Institute, in Topeka. He had worked at K.N.I. from 1986 until the time of his death. Westerman attended Oakland United Methodist Church in Topeka. He was also a member of the Christian Motorcycle Association. After graduation he joined the U.S. Navy. He served two tours in Vietnam and later taught electronics at Great Lakes Navy Base near Chicago. He served in the Navy for 10 years. Survivors include his former wife, of Great Bend; two sons, Peter Westerman and Tom Westerman, both of Great Bend; one daughter, Bridget; two brothers, Paul D. Westerman of Brighton, Ill., and Lindsey A. Westerman of Topeka; and one sister, Paula M. Westerman of Topeka. Funeral services will be held at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, at Oakland United Methodist Church, 801 North East Chester, in Topeka. Burial will be in Prairie Home Cemetery following the service. Visitation will be from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Friday and the family will receive friends from 7 to 8 p.m. Friday at Davidson Funeral Home in Topeka. Memorials are suggested to the church or to the Donald Westerman Children Education Fund in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Davidson Funeral Home 1035 North Kansas Topeka, KS 66608 785-233-4088 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Nov. 17, 2004

Beverly Mae Dougherty

AURORA, Colo. — Beverly Mae Dougherty of Aurora Colorado, formerly of Great Bend and Ellsworth, Kan., died Nov. 10, 2004. She is survived by her five children, Michael Dougherty of Littleton, Colo.; Randy Dougherty and wife Debbie Dougherty of Longwood, Fla.; Kevin Dougherty of New Millport, Penn.; Daniel Dougherty and wife Debbie Dougherty of Aurora, Colo.; and Gaye Becker and her husband Bob of Greeley, Colo. She is also survived by 13 grandchildren: Charity Gayle of Lakewood, Wash.; Audrey Dougherty, Jamie Dougherty, Bryan Dougherty, and Melissa Dougherty, all of Englewood, Colo.; Crystal Dougherty of Quepos, Costa Rica; Stacey Dougherty of Aurora, Colo.; Adam Dougherty of Evans, Colo.; David and Dillon Dougherty of Aurora, Colo.; Jennie Becker of Louisville, Colo.; Sarah and Lexi Becker of Greeley, Colo. She is also survived by seven great-grandchildren: Cassidy Anderson, Logan Becker, Brittany Dougherty, Vanessa Dougherty, Elizabeth Dougherty, Taylor Dougherty, and Kaylee Dougherty. She is also survived by three brothers, Lee Choitz of California, Richard Choitz of Kansas, and Ernie Choitz of Texas. Funeral arrangements were provided by Rundus Funeral Home in Broomfield, Colo. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 17, 2004

Evelyn Florence Rice 1921 - 2004

Evelyn Florence Rice, 83, of Great Bend, died Nov. 12 at Fairacres Manor in Greeley, Colo. She was born Sept. 9, 1921, in Concordia, Mo., the daughter of Fred J. and Lena Lohman Bruns. She married Robert Lee Rice on July 20, 1946, at Great Bend. He died Jan. 7, 2004. She was a resident of Great Bend since 1938. She was a sales clerk for Montgomery Ward. Mrs. Rice was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church of Great Bend and the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary. Survivors include two daughters, Linda Lee Voss of Williams Bay, Wisc., and Kay Thompson of Eaton, Colo.; one sister, La Vera Odegarde of Great Bend; and four grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one brother, Verlin Bruns. Funeral service will be at 1:30 p.m. Friday at the church, with the Rev. James A. Strasen officiating. Burial will be at Hillcrest Memorial Park in Great Bend. Visitation will be Thursday, noon to 9 p.m., and Friday, 9 a.m. to noon. Memorials are suggested to Alzheimer's Association or Trinity Lutheran Church in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Bryant Funeral Home 1425 Patton Road Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-3525 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Nov. 17, 2004

Ruth Deckert 1913 - 2004

INMAN — Ruth Deckert, 91, died Nov. 15 at Pleasant View Home, in Inman. She was born Apr. 20, 1913, in McPherson County, the daughter of Henry J. and Catherine Schroeder Klassen. She attended elementary school in Inola, Okla. and high school in Goessel. She went to Bethel College where she received her teaching certificate. She taught elementary school in McPherson County for four years. She married Harvey Deckert on Aug. 3, 1941, at Halstead. She was a homemaker and also ran her own massage business. Both Ruth and Harvey owned and managed apartments in Newton. Mrs. Deckert was a member of First Mennonite Church, in Newton; Heart and Home Club; Gideons International; and the Good News Club. Survivors include her husband of the home; two sons, Dwight Deckert and Donald Deckert, both of Wichita; one daughter, Donna Ruth Holiday of Wheaton, Md.; two sisters, Martha Epp of Inman, and Anna Klassen of Newton; and six grandchildren. She was preceded in death by three brothers, John Klassen, Arthur Klassen, and Menno Klassen; and two sisters, Linda Androes, and Olga Androes. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Friday at the church with the Rev. Clarence Rempel officiating. Burial will be at Greenwood Cemetery in Newton. Visitation will be at Peterson Funeral Home on Thursday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Memorials are suggested to the church, Gideons International or Pleasant View Home, in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Petersen Funeral Home 215 N. Main Newton, KS 67114 316-283-2525 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Nov. 17, 2004

Christopher Harmon "Red" Meadows 1913-2004

ELLINWOOD — Christopher Harmon "Red" Meadows, 91, died Nov. 16 at Ellinwood District Hospital. He was born April 30, 1913, in Hamilton, the son of Robert and Cora Kester Meadows. He married Clara Louise Sanders at Eureka on May 5, 1937. He had been a resident of Ellinwood since 1945, coming from Neal and Hamilton, Kan. He was a truck driver for Lewis Drilling and Branson Truck Service and Cowboy's Oilfield Service. Survivors include his wife, Louise Meadows of the home; three daughters, Carol Smith, and Sally Bayer, both of Ellinwood, and Imogene Werner of Chicago, Ill.; two brothers, Albert Meadows of Climax, and Irvin Meadows of Camarillo, Calif.; one sister, Inez Aaroe of Phoenix, Ariz.; four grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Friday, at Kimple Funeral Chapel in Ellinwood, with the Rev. Larry Young officiating. Burial will be at Lakin-Comanche District Cemetery in Ellinwood. Friends may call from 1 to 8 p.m. Thursday and 9 a.m. to service time Friday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Ellinwood Area Health Care Foundation or Parkinsons and Diabetes Research, in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Kimple Inc. Funeral Home 113 North Main Ellinwood, KS 67526 620-564-2301 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Nov. 17, 2004

Francis X. Zink 1922 - 2004

Francis X. Zink, 82, died Nov. 16, 2004, at his residence in Great Bend. He was born Mar. 24, 1922, in Phillips County, the son of Edward and LaVergne Watkins Zink. He married Marie Claycamp Kroeger on Nov. 1, 1969, at WaKeeney. She survives. A resident of Great Bend since 1953, coming from Plainville, he was a consultant and owner of Zink Drilling Company. Zink was a member of the Elks Lodge and the American Legion, both of Great Bend. Survivors include his wife, Marie of the home; one daughter-in-law, Barbara Kroeger of Wichita; one brother, Edward John Zink of Phillipsburg; one sister, Kathleen Harlowe of Salina; one grandson, Paul Kroeger of Wichita; and one great-grandson, Luke Kroeger. He was preceded in death by a son, Ron Zink. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend, with the Rev. Deanna Fluck officiating. Burial will be Saturday at 2 p.m. at WaKeeney City Cemetery, in WaKeeney. Visitation will be Thursday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. The family will receive friends from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m., all at Bryant Funeral Home. Memorials are suggested to South Wind Hospice or American Legion. Funeral arrangements provided by Bryant Funeral Home* 1425 Patton Road Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-3525 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Nov. 17, 2004

Orrin W. Miller 1925 - 2004

WILSON — Orrin W. Miller, 79, died Nov. 15, 2004, at the Ellsworth County Medical Center, in Ellsworth. He was born June 22, 1925, in Russell, the son of Henry and Dorothea Bisterfeld Miller. He married his first wife, Erma Dewald in 1955. He then married Carolyn Herbel in 1975. He was a lifetime resident of the Wilson area. He was a salesman. Miller was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Wilson. Survivors include his wife, Carolyn Miller of Wilson; one son, Adrian Miller of Wilson; one step-son, Don Herbel of Salina; one daughter, Suzanne McGuire of Scottsdale, Ariz.; three step-daughters, Pam Kasper of Manhattan, Cathy Smith of Wilson, and Joni Moran of Clafflin; one brother, Edwin Miller of Wilson; four sisters, Velma Borell and Arline Stoppel, both of Wilson, and Helen Buckley and Margaret Miller, both of Dodge City; and 11 grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Erma; one daughter, Kyra Gayle; two brothers, Henry Miller and Levi Miller; and one granddaughter, Cassev Porter. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at the church with the Rev. James Strassen officiating. Burial will be

at the Wilson City Cemetery, in Wilson. Visitation will be 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. today at Foster Mortuary in Wilson, and 9 a.m. to service time on Thursday at the church. Memorials are suggested to Immanuel Lutheran Church. Funeral arrangements provided by Foster Mortuary, Inc. 610 24th Street Wilson, KS 67490 785-658-2345 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Nov. 17, 2004

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Keri Taylair Zimmerman

SALINA — Keri Taylair Zimmerman, the infant daughter of Richard Zimmerman and Jennifer Holtz Lien of Salina, was born on Tuesday, Nov. 9 and died on Wednesday, Nov. 10, at the Via Christi-St. Joseph Hospital in Wichita. Zimmerman is survived by her parents; a brother Kasey Lien of the home; paternal grandparents, Gary and Rhonda Gabel and Rick and Glenda Zimmerman, all of Great Bend; and maternal grandparents, Jerry and Lois Holtz of Salina. Private services were held at the Carlson-Ford-Geisendorf Funeral Home in Salina. Burial was at the Gypsum Hill cemetery in Salina. Funeral arrangements provided by Carlson-Ford-Geisendorf Funeral Home 500 S. Ohio Salina, KS 67401 785-823-3456 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Nov. 16, 2004

Donald Reeves 1924 - 2004

Donald Reeves, 79, of Great Bend, died Nov. 15 at Central Kansas Medical Center. He was born Nov. 25, 1924, at Wilmont. He married his first wife in 1942; they divorced and she died in 1996. He married his second wife, Edythe Teater, on April 19, 1962, in La Crosse. She preceded in death Feb. 21, 1998. He married Agatha Cuzick on March 10, 2001, at Great Bend. A resident of Great Bend, coming from California, he was a salesman in auto parts for Automotive Parts and Marmie Motors. Reeves was a member of the St. John's Episcopal Church, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3111 and Great Bowling Leagues. He was a World War II Marine veteran with rank of Second Lieutenant. Survivors include his wife, of the home; one son, Gary Reeves of California; three step-sons, Bill Teater of Oklahoma City, Okla., Tom Teater of Fort Lupton, Colo., and Geary Cuzick of Missouri; three daughters, Karen King of Jetmore, Cindi Baird of California, and Patti Griffith of California; three step-daughters, Dotti Schuckman of La Crosse, Joyce Lewis of Great Bend and Nancy Perreira of California; 30 grandchildren; and 37 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one daughter, Donna Bee; one brother; two sisters; and two granddaughters, Dawn Bee and Shannon Reeves. Services will be announced at a later date. Memorials are suggested to Central Rush County Emergency Medical Service, in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Bryant Funeral Home 1425 Patton Road Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-3525 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Nov. 16, 2004

Ulanda Ethelyn Dorfshaffer Pugh 1914 - 2004

Ulanda Ethelyn Dorfshaffer, 90, of Great Bend, died Nov. 15 at Great Bend Health and Rehabilitation Center. She was born June 6, 1914, in Galatia, the daughter of Joseph Leonard and Chesley Ethel Parker Brown. She married Samuel W. Dorfshaffer on Oct. 8, 1933, at Lyons. He died June 9, 1973. She married Roy M. Pugh on April 16, 1978, at Great Bend. He died June 24, 1986. A lifetime resident of Barton County, she was the co-owner and operator of Sammy's Market from 1936 to 1944. She also owned and operated Ulanda's Dining Room from 1954 to 1959. She also sold Avon for 10 years. Mrs. Pugh was a member of First Christian Church where she taught Sunday School for many years, where she was a choir member, deacon, elder, financial secretary, and served on other committees for the church. She was co-founder and active member of the late Golden Plains Chapter of Sweet Adelines and belonged to the Fort Zarah Unit since 1934. She was also past member of Golden Sheaf Order of the Eastern Star. Survivors include one son, Samuel J. Dorfshaffer of Grosslittgen, Germany; three daughters, Gloria Clothier, Kay Maneth both of Great Bend, and Beverly Shewbart of Nickerson; one brother, Douglas Brown of Leslie, Ark.; three sisters, Rachel Johnson of Upland, Calif., Louise Gunn of Great Bend, and Lois Childers of Kingman, Ind.; 10 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one brother, J. Leon Brown; and one sister, Ava Cole. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Friday at the church in Great Bend, with the Rev. William F. Johnson officiating. Burial will be at the Great Bend Cemetery. Visitation will be from 1 to 9 p.m. Wednesday., 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday, and 9 a.m. to service time Friday, all at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Memorials are suggested to First Christian Church Building Fund, or American Heart Association, in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Bryant Funeral Home 1425 Patton Road Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-3525 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Nov. 16, 2004

Leonard Jacob Kepka 1939 - 2004

Leonard Jacob Kepka, 65, of Great Bend, died Nov. 13 at Central Kansas Medical Center. He was born Sept. 20, 1939, at Russell, the son of Henry and Charlotte Lilak Kepka. He married Mary Ann Gnad on June 20, 1964, at Ellis. A resident of Great Bend for 41 years, coming from Dorrance, he was formerly a sandblaster for Oneil Tank Co., and later worked for Essex before retiring. Kepka was a member of St. Patrick Catholic Church and Knights of Columbus in Great Bend. Survivors include his wife, of the home; one son, Robert L. Kepka of Olathe; one daughter, Susan Emma Kepka of Hays; one brother, Raymond Kepka of Dorrance; two sisters, Adeline Bechard of Grinnell, and Betty Mattas of Wilson; and two grandchildren, Maxwell Kepka and Jillian Kepka. He was preceded in death by one brother, Harold Kepka, and one sister, Alice Gerritzen. Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at St. Patrick Catholic Church with Father Ted Stoecklein officiating. Burial will be at the St. Mary Cemetery in Ellis. Memorials are suggested to Polycystic Kidney Foundations or Ronald McDonald House. Funeral arrangements provided by Bryant Funeral Home* 1425 Patton Road Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-3525 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Nov. 16, 2004

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Jane Kilby 1925 - 2004

DALLAS, Texas — Jane Kilby, 79, died Nov. 11 in Dallas. She was born March 23, 1925, in Great Bend, to Hubert S. and Vina Freitag Kilby. She graduated from the University of Wisconsin, Madison and worked in Tulsa and Dallas in the Public Utility Industry, where she held several administrative and executive positions. She is survived by her brother, Jack S. Kilby; and two nieces, Ann Kilby of Austin, Texas, and Janet K. Cameron of Palisade, Colo. At Jane's request, there will be no services. Those wishing to make a donation in memory of Jane may donate to their favorite charity. Funeral arrangements provided by Sparkman/Hillcrest 7405 W. Northwest Hwy. Dallas, Texas 75225 214-363-5401 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 14, 2004

John L. French 1952 - 2004

John L. French, 52, of Great Bend, died Nov. 11 at his home. He was born May 23, 1952, at Scottsbluff, Neb., the son of Loyal P. and Ilene J. Abbott French. He served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War. He married Marcia Oetken Oct. 24, 1992, in Great Bend. He was a truck driver and bar tender. French was a member of Eagles Lodge Area 646, Great Bend. Survivors include his wife, of the home; two step-sons, Joseph Johns, Great Bend, and William Gatlin, Minneapolis, Minn.; a daughter, Jenny Roberson, Salt Lake City, Utah; and four grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Steven Rea. Memorial service will be at 1 p.m. Monday at Charter Funerals Chapel in Great Bend with the Rev. Don Paden officiating. Private family inurnment will be at a later date. Memorials are suggested to the John Lee French Memorial Fund in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Charter Funerals 2115 Washington Great Bend, KS 67530 620-792-6161 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 14, 2004

Orpha Glea Bell 1924-2004

Orpha Glea Bell, 80, of Great Bend, died Nov. 9 at Trego-Lemke Memorial Hospital, WaKeeney. She was born June 26, 1924, in Rush County, the daughter of William Lester and Maisie Merten Schroeder. She married Ralph L. Bell on Jan. 26, 1948, at Dodge City. He died March 13, 2003. She attended Colorado Women's College at Denver, Colo., and worked at the Great Bend Airbase during World War II. A lifetime resident of Great Bend, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Bell was a member of First Presbyterian Church in Great Bend. Survivors include three daughters, Linda Rousseau, Chesapeake, Va., Carla Beydler, WaKeeney, and Nancy Winslow, Oregon City, Ore.; a brother, Bob Schroeder, Boulder, Colo.; five grandchildren and one great-grandchild. She was preceded in death by one sister, Karen Schroeder. Memorial service for Ralph L. and Orpha Glea Bell will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend with the Rev. Troy Miller officiating. Cremation has taken place and there will be no visitation. Memorials are suggested to American Lung Association, National Rifle Association or donor's choice. Funeral arrangements provided by Bryant Funeral Home 1425 Patton Road Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-3525 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 14, 2004

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John Lee French

John Lee French died Nov. 11, 2004. Funeral arrangements are pending with Charter Funerals in Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Nov. 12, 2004

Donald "Don" Ray Sample 1943 - 2004

Donald "Don" Ray Sample, 61, died Nov. 10 at his residence in Great Bend. He was born Apr. 29, 1943, in Hastings, Neb., the son of Kenneth Merle and Helen Elizabeth Bachman Sample. A resident of Great Bend for 38 years, coming from Hastings, Neb., he was a truck driver and mechanic for Concrete Services Inc. Sample was of the Methodist faith. He was a member of to the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3111 and a U.S. Army veteran. Survivors include a son, Donald G. Sample of Great Bend; two brothers, Roger Sample of Wichita and Kenneth Sample of Pueblo, Colo.; and two grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one brother, Ronnie Sample, and one sister Sharon Schleichardt. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend, with the Rev. Don Paden officiating. Burial will be at the Hoisington Cemetery, in Hoisington. Visitation will be from 1 to 9 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the Great Bend Fire Department in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Bryant Funeral Home 1425 Patton Road Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-3525 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Nov. 12, 2004

Marie A. Huff

WALNUT GROVE, Mo. — Marie A. Huff, 85, passed away on Saturday, Nov. 6, 2004, at 8:45 p.m. in Willard Care Center, following an extended illness. Marie was born on the family farm at Bunker Hill, in Russell County and was a longtime resident of the Eudora Community. She was a retired nutrition educational assistant with the Missouri University Extension Service for 12 years, retiring in 1972. She was a member of the Morrisville United Methodist Church where she was affiliated with the United Methodist Women. She had been an active worker with 4-H organizations where she was a leader for more than 20 years. She was a member of the Russell Chapter 109 Order of the Eastern Star of Ash Grove. Marie Parker and Kenneth Huff were united in marriage on June 15, 1935. To this union five children were born. Together they were privileged to share over 21 years. Kenneth preceded her in death on Sept. 14, 1956. Also preceding her were her parents; one son, Don Huff on Jan. 30, 1989; a son-in-law, Ervan Fish; and granddaughter-in-law, Tammy Fish. She is survived by one son and daughter-in-law, Dale and Elaine Huff of Bolivar; three daughters, Finice Fish of Morrisville, Ann and husband, Jerry Garton, and Lynn Bennett, all of Walnut Grove; one

daughter-in-law, Janice Huff of Eudora; two sisters, Viola Waggner of Great Bend and Betty Lucido of Walnut Creek, Calif.; several nieces and nephews; 10 grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren. Services were held Nov. 11 at Wilson Brim Daniel Chapel, in Walnut Grove with the Revs. Bill Moore and Ron McIntire officiating. Interment was at Pleasant Ridge Cemetery, Aldrich, Mo. Funeral arrangements provided by Wilson Brim Daniel Funeral Home* N. Washington Walnut Grove, MO 65770 417-994-2522 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Nov. 12, 2004

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Jerry M. Barton 1936 - 2004

DORRANCE — Jerry M. Barton, 68, died Nov. 9 at the Wilson Nursing Center, in Wilson. He was born Feb. 6, 1936, at Oil Hill, the son of Fred and Dora Park Barton. He married Joanne Koerner July 13, 1957, in Russell. He lived most of his life in Russell, where he was an oil field worker. Barton was a member of St. Wenceslaus Church in Wilson. Survivors include his wife of the home; two sons, Jerry Dean Barton of Russell, and Theron Barton of Shawnee; two daughters, Melody Giebler of Littleton, Colo., and Jo Lana Elam of Gorham; one brother, Rob Barton of Long Beach, Calif.; and one sister, Norma Poulter of Garber, Okla.; and six grandchildren. Parish vigil service will be at 7:30 tonight at Foster Mortuary in Wilson. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Friday at the church, with the Rev. Dave Metz officiating. Burial will be at St. Francis of Assisi Cemetery in Munjor. Visitation will be from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. today at the mortuary. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of the mortuary. Funeral arrangements provided by Foster Mortuary Inc. 610 24th Street Wilson, KS 67490-0205 785-658-2345 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Nov. 11, 2004

Dwight Arnold "Buster" Dellinger 1941 - 2004

CHASE — Dwight Arnold "Buster" Dellinger, 63, died Nov. 9 at Salisbury, N.C. He was born March 22, 1941, at Langdon, the son of Claude and Ida Bolt Dellinger. He was a 1959 graduate of Chase High School. He married Billye VanSteenburgh in 1962; they later divorced. He was a resident of Woodleaf, N.C., and formerly of Chase. He worked in oilfields around Chase and was a ranch foreman in western Kansas. He also worked for Luke Thaxton in Casper, Wyo., was a consultant in Oklahoma and then opened a water well business in North Carolina. Dellinger was a member of the Community Presbyterian Church in Chase. Survivors include two sons, David Dellinger of Mooresville, N.C., and Dariek Dellinger of Casper, Wyo.; one daughter, Deborah Dellinger of Aurora, Colo.; one brother, Virgil Dellinger of Coachella, Calif.; three sisters, Ruby Dumas of Pottsville, Ark., Chrystabelle Harmon of Perryton, Texas, and Joyce Burress of Ellinwood; and four grandchildren. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Friday at the church, with the Rev. Jesse Patrick officiating. Burial will be at Springday Cemetery in Chase. Friends may call from 3 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home, with family receiving friends from 6 to 8 p.m. Memorials are suggested to Chase Alumni Association or the American Cancer Society. Funeral arrangements provided by Kimple Funeral Home 113 North Main Ellinwood, KS 67526 620-564-2300 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Nov. 11, 2004

Robert J. "Bob" Nation 1951 - 2004

WINFIELD — Robert J. "Bob" Nation, 52, died Nov. 5 near Udall, as the result of an auto accident. He was born Dec. 17, 1951, in Great Bend, the son of John H. and Betty Wasson Nation. A 1970 graduate of Winfield High School, he also graduated from Southwestern College in 1974 and received a master's degree in education in 1992. He married Jacqueline Striegel on Dec. 21, 1974, in Wichita. He was a partner of RamOil from 1976 to 1986. He was a teacher and coach for many years, working 12 years at Mulvane, then for the Belle Plaine, Burden and Oxford school districts. At the time of his death, he was teaching at Cowley County Community College and substitute taught in many area school districts, including Winfield. Nation was a member of the Southwestern College Booster Club and was on the board of the Winfield Girls Fast Pitch Association and the Winfield Recreation Commission since 1996. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Winfield and United Methodist Men. Survivors include his wife of the home; a son, R.J. Nation of Norfolk, Va.; two daughters, Rachael Land of Woodward, Okla., and Miranda Nation of Winfield; his mother, Betty Nation of Winfield; a sister, Nancy Nation Heinz of Winfield; and four grandchildren. Services were held Tuesday at the church. Burial was held at the Highland Cemetery. Memorials have been established with Southwestern College, the Winfield Recreation Commission and the church. Swisher-Taylor & Morris Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Nov. 11, 2004

Edna A. Rankin 1913 - 2004

LYONS — Edna A. Rankin, 90, died Nov. 9 at the Good Samaritan Center in Lyons. She was born Dec. 3, 1913, in Geneseo, the daughter of Alex and Mary Alice Wycoff Ramsey. She graduated from Geneseo High School in 1930. She married Loyd A. Graham in 1933, in Okla. He died in 1970. She married Richard I. Rankin in 1974, at Paola. He died July 15, 1992. She was a resident of Lyons since 1999, formerly of Bella Vista, Ark. She was a homemaker. Rankin was a member of the United Methodist Church in Lyons; charter member of the Bella Vista United Methodist Church in Bella Vista, Ark.; and former member of the Rebekah Lodge, in Lyons and Great Bend. Survivors include a stepson, Duane Rankin of Mexico, Mo.; a daughter, Cathy Camelio of Centennial, Colo.; a step-daughter, Duana Dralus of Kansas City, Mo.; two grandchildren; six step-grandchildren; and several stepgreat-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by five brothers, Emmett Ramsey, Charles Ramsey, Henry Ramsey, John Ramsey, and Kenneth Ramsey; and one sister, Oleta Smith. Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Friday, at the United Methodist Church in Lyons, with the Rev. Cindy Watson officiating. Burial will be at the Geneseo Cemetery, in Geneseo. Memorials are suggested to Lyons Good Samaritan Center or Alzheimer's Foundation in care of Sillin Funeral Home, in Lyons. Funeral arrangements provided by Sillin Funeral Home 214 West Ave. South Lyons, KS 67554 620-257-2211 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Nov. 11, 2004

Marie A. Huff

WALNUT GROVE, Mo. — Marie A. Huff, 85, died Nov. 6, 2004, at Willard Care Center. Services will be held at 2 p.m. today in Wilson Brim Daniel Chapel in Walnut Grove. Wilson Brim-Daniel Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Nov. 11, 2004

Mace Evans 1921 - 2004

Mace Evans, 83, passed away Tuesday, Nov. 9, 2004, at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. She was born Sarah Mace Alder on Nov. 7, 1921, in Princess Anne, Md., the daughter of Lloyd L. and Margaret Baldwin Alder. Mace graduated from Wilmore High School in Wilmore in 1939. She attended Fort Hays Teachers College from 1939-1940. She also attended business college in Topeka. On July 13, 1940, she married John Roy Evans in Medicine Lodge. Mace and John Roy were married and enjoyed each others lives for more than 64 years. Mace was a member of the United Methodist Church of Claflin. Mace founded the Order of Easter Star at Claflin. She was a 50-year member of the Holyrood Chapter of the Eastern Star. During her high school years she was a soloist in the Wilmore First Baptist Church. She also was a founding member of a Bridge Club in Claflin. Mace was employed as a secretary for the Kansas Highway Patrol in Topeka, co-owner of the Bowling Alley in Claflin, a stockholder at Stoneridge Country Club and American State Bank and was a Golden Eagle Advisory Board member. Mace was employed as a teller and bookkeeper for 13 years for Farmers & Merchants State Bank of Claflin. After her husband started his own oil business, Mace was his bookkeeper, where she was an immense part of the success of the business. She is survived by her husband, John Roy; and two daughters, Pamela Evans of Fairport, N.Y. and Patricia and Gary Kirmer of Claflin; two granddaughters, Rachel Kirmer and Megan Kirmer; two sisters: Helen Haskell of Wellington and Althea Alder of Evanston, Ill.; and one brother, Carl Alder of Ellinwood. She was preceded in death by a baby son; her parents; three brothers, Rudy Alder, Lloyd Alder Jr. and John Alder; and one sister, Beatrice Odell. Visitation will be Thursday from 11:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. with family to receive friends from 7 to 8 p.m. and Friday, from 9 a.m. to service time at the United Methodist Church. Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday Nov. 12, 2004, at the United Methodist Church in Claflin, with the Rev. Sarah deSalazar officiating. Burial will follow at the Claflin Cemetery. Memorials may be sent to American Cancer Society in care of Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Funeral arrangements provided by Bryant Funeral Home* 1425 Patton Road Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-3525 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Nov. 11, 2004

November 10, 2004

Orpha Glea Bell

WAKEENEY — Orpha Glea Bell, 80, formerly of Great Bend, died Nov. 9, 2004, at the Trego Lemke Memorial Hospital in WaKeeney. Funeral arrangements are pending with the Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Nov. 10, 2004

Dwight Arnold "Buster" Dellinger

CHASE — Dwight Arnold "Buster" Dellinger, 63, of Mooresville, N.C., died Nov. 9, 2004, in North Carolina. Funeral arrangements are pending with Kimple Funeral Home in Ellinwood. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Nov. 10, 2004

Sister Charitas Steinke 1910 - 2004

Sister Charitas Steinke, 94, died Nov. 9 at the Dominican Sisters' convent infirmary in Great Bend. She was born Jan. 6, 1910, in Clinton, Okla., as Northelma Marie Steinke. The daughter of Anthony and Rosa Leis Steinke, she entered the Dominican Sisters' Community on June 13, 1924, and pronounced her first vows on Aug. 18, 1927. She celebrated 75 years of religious profession in 2002. Sister Charitas began her ministerial life as an elementary teacher in Kansas schools. For a year she also taught in the sisters' high school in Great Bend. She is most remembered as a medical record librarian, a work she began in 1940. After completing her studies for registered medical librarian she worked from 1950 to 1989 in St. Rose Hospital's and Central Kansas Medical Center's medical library. She also served CKMC as part-time medical staff coordinator before her retirement in 2000. Survivors include two brothers, Urban Steinke of Lakin and Sylvester Steinke of Wichita; and two sisters, Mildred Sexton of Kingman and Eileen Williams of Bryant, Ark. Sister Charitas's body will be brought to the hospitality area of the Dominican Chapel of the Plains, 3600 Broadway, Great Bend, at 8:30 a.m. today, where it will lie in state until the Liturgy of Christian Burial at 10 a.m. Friday, with the Rev. Gerald Hammeke officiating. A wake service will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday. Burial will be at the Sisters' Resurrection Cemetery. Both the wake and the funeral will be held at the convent. Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend is in charge of the arrangements. Friends may call at the convent today and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Friday morning until the time of service. Memorials may be sent to Dominican Sisters Ministry Fund, Office of Mission and Ministry, 3600 Broadway, Great Bend, KS 67530-3692. Funeral arrangements provided by Bryant Funeral Home 1425 Patton Road Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-3525 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Nov. 10, 2004

James Howard Schutte

The date of the memorial service for James Howard Schutte was incorrect in Tuesday's Tribune. A graveside memorial service will take place at 2 p.m. Friday, Nov. 19, at La Crosse Cemetery in La Crosse.

November 9, 2004

James Howard Schutte 1925-2004

James Howard Schutte, 79, of Great Bend, died Nov. 6 at Central Kansas Medical Center. He was born May 29, 1925, in Rush County, northeast of McCracken, the son of George and Lottie Belle Blake Schutte. He was a graduate of La Crosse High School and attended Kansas State University. He married Patricia L. Honderick on Sept. 6, 1945, at LaCrosse. A resident of Great Bend since 1960, coming from La Crosse, he was a farmer and a welder. Schutte was a member of First United Methodist Church, Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion and was a 33rd Degree Mason. During World War II he served in the Merchant Marines. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, James E. Schutte of Excelsior Springs, Mo.; one daughter, Elizabeth Neil of Hays; six grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one brother, Frederick Dudley Schutte. Cremation has taken place. A graveside memorial service will take place at 2 p.m. Friday at La Crosse Cemetery, with the Rev. Gary Brooks officiating. There will be no visitation. Memorials are suggested to First United Methodist Church, 2123 Forest Avenue, Great Bend, KS 67530, and may be sent to the church.

Funeral arrangements provided by Bryant Funeral Home 1425 Patton Road Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-3525 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Nov. 9, 2004

Clarence S. Erbes 1913-2004

LA CROSSE — Clarence S. Erbes, 90, died Sunday, Nov. 7, at Hays Medical Center. He was born Nov. 13, 1913, in Rush Center. He was the son of John Erbes and Marie Elizabeth Lindt Erbes. In 1935, Clarence went to work as a mechanic at La Crosse Implement Company. He later completed a course at John Deere Tractor School in Moline, Ill., on Jan. 15, 1938, and again in 1941, when he went to work for U.S. Tractor and Implement Company at Larned. The Erbes family moved to Greeley, Colo., in 1942 after the John Deere store in Larned was closed. During World War II, Clarence worked at The United Air Lines Modification Center in Cheyenne, Wyo., remodeling commercial airliners into bombers. The family moved back to Kansas in 1944, to the Adolph Erni Farm Northeast of Bison. They lived there and farmed until November 1982, when they moved to La Crosse. Mr. Erbes attended grade school in District 56 and 48, one year at Lone Star School and in District 62. He graduated from Bison High School, in Bison, in 1933. He earned a diploma from Sweeney Automotive and Electrical School, in Wichita, as a Certified Automotive Mechanic. Erbes was a member of the United Methodist Church in Bison. He married Alice C. Bender on Feb. 16, 1936, in Hays. Survivors include his wife, Alice C. Erbes of La Crosse; one daughter, Karen Marie Collins of Tucson, Ariz.; two grandchildren, David J. Collins and Kelly J. Collins; and one great-grandson, Jax Sieghardt Collins. He was preceded in death by his parents, John and Marie Elizabeth Lindt Erbes; and two sisters, Leah Erbes and Bertha Bailey. Funeral service will be Wednesday, Nov. 10, 2004, at 10:30 a.m. at the Janousek Funeral Home Chapel in La Crosse, with the Rev. Marilyn Christmore officiating. Burial will be at La Crosse City Cemetery. Visitation will be Tuesday, Nov. 9, 2004, from 1 p.m. to 8 p.m. with the family receiving friends from 7 to 8 p.m. at the Janousek Funeral Home in La Crosse. Memorials may be made to the United Methodist Church in Bison or the United Methodist Youthville in Newton. Funeral arrangements provided by Janousek Funeral Home* 719 Pine La Crosse, KS 67548 785-222-2517 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Nov. 9, 2004

Margaret E. Alexander 1918-2004

GENESE0 — Margaret E. Alexander, 86, died Nov. 7 at Lyons District Hospital in Lyons. She was born Sept. 8, 1918, in Geneseo, the daughter of Bruce C. and Ruth H. Deardorf Gray. She was a 1937 graduate of Geneseo High School and attended Emporia State Teachers College. She married Earl Alexander Sept. 21, 1941, in Wichita. A lifetime resident of Geneseo, she was a homemaker and former school teacher. Mrs. Alexander was a member of the United Methodist Church, United Methodist Women, L.T.C., Eastern Star and American Legion Auxiliary, all of Geneseo. Survivors include her husband of the home; one son, Michael Alexander of Geneseo; two daughters, Susan Stockstill of Geneseo, and Barbara Selby of Wichita; five grandchildren; and seven great-grandsons. She was preceded in death by four brothers, Jack Gray, Bob Gray, Bruce Cody Gray Jr., and Jimmy Gray; one sister, Mary Elizabeth Gray; and one grandson, Darin Selby. Funeral service will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at the church, with the Rev. Lyndelle Linde officiating. Burial will be at Geneseo Cemetery. Visitation will be from 2 to 7 p.m. Wednesday at Sillin Funeral Home in Lyons. Memorials are suggested to the church or Rice County Emergency Medical Service in care of the funeral home.

Funeral arrangements provided by Sillin Funeral Home 214 West Ave. South Lyons, KS 67554 620-278-2211 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Nov. 9, 2004

Mona Jean Miller 1953-2004

LARNED — Mona Jean Miller, 51, died Nov. 4 at the Swedish Memorial Hospital, in Englewood, Colo. She was born July 17, 1953, at St. John, the daughter of Ralph W. and Shirley J. Detrich Miller. A resident of the Denver, Colo., area since 1978, moving from Norton, she was a measurement analyst for the Duke Energy Company. Survivors include, Richard Wicker of Strasburg, Colo.; her mother, Shirley Miller of Radium; one brother, Monte Miller of Boonville, Mo.; two sisters, Monica Miller of Minden, Neb., and Marla Farber of Great Bend; three nephews; and three nieces. She was preceded in death by her father, Ralph W. Miller. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the Beckwith Mortuary Chapel in Larned with the Rev. Wade Russell officiating. Burial will be in the Point View Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. today at the mortuary. Memorials may be sent to

the Mona Miller Educational Fund in care of the mortuary. Funeral arrangements provided by Beckwith Mortuary Inc. P.O. Box 324 Larned, KS 67550 620-285-2121 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Nov. 9, 2004

November 7, 2004

Violet Jean Powers 1934-2004

Violet Jean Powers, 70, of Great Bend, died Nov. 6 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. She was born June 18, 1934 in Essex, Iowa, the daughter of Frans and Ellen Seagreen Johnson. A resident of Great Bend since 1963, coming from Shenandoah, Iowa, she was a homemaker and had been a sales clerk for Brown Shoe Fit Company in Great Bend. She married Bill F. Powers, March 2, 1956, in Essex, Iowa. Mrs. Powers was a member of St. Mark Lutheran Church and Sweet Adelines, both in Great Bend. Survivors include her husband, of the home; one son, Mark Powers, of Wichita; two daughters, Jean Porter of Wichita and Carol Sattarin of Kansas City; and three grandchildren. She was preceded in death by three brothers and four sisters. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Monday at the church with Rev. Phil Youngquist officiating. Burial will be in Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call from 1-9 p.m. today at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Memorials are suggested to St. Mark Lutheran Church Building Fund in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Bryant Funeral Home 1425 Patton Road Great Bend, Ks. 67530 620-793-3525 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Nov. 7, 2004

Lenatta I. Deutsch 1915-2004

HOISINGTON — Lenatta I. Deutsch, 89, died Nov. 4 at Cheyenne Meadows Living Center in Hoisington. She was born Sept. 10, 1915, in Russell County, the daughter of William and Mollie Strecker Michaelis. A resident of Hoisington since 1955, coming from Susank, she was a homemaker. She married Leo F. Deutsch, April 12, 1936, at Susank. He died March 13, 1996. Mrs. Deutsch was a member of Concordia Lutheran Church where she taught Sunday school for 22 years. Survivors include nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by four brothers, Walter Michaelis, Huldrich Michaelis, Oscar Michaelis and Delmar Michaelis; and one sister, Ophelia Keeten. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at the church with Rev. Garry Dassow officiating. Entombment will be in Great Bend Mausoleum. Friends may call from 1-9 p.m. today at Nicholson Ricke Funeral Home and from 9:30 a.m. to service time at the church. Memorials are suggested to the church in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home 415 N. Main / P.O. Box 146 Hoisington, KS 67544 620-653-4165 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Nov. 7, 2004

November 5, 2004

Lenatta I. Deutsch 1915 - 2004

HOISINGTON — Lenatta I. Deutsch, 89, died Nov. 4 at Cheyenne Meadows Living Center, in Hoisington. She was born Sept. 10, 1915. Friends may call after 1 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 7, 2004. Service times are pending with Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Nov. 5, 2004

Bertha Mae Skelton 1918 - 2004

LARNED — Bertha Mae Skelton, 86, died Nov. 3, 2004, at Central Kansas Medical Center, Great Bend. She was born March 25, 1918, in Pawnee County, the daughter of David and Margaretha Berg Kindsvater. A lifetime Pawnee County resident, she was a former cook at USD 495 school, Larned Country Club and Bert's Café, Rozel. Mrs. Skelton was a member of First Christian Church, Christian Women Fellowship, CIC Extension Unit, and Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary, where she was Past President, Chaplain, and 7th district Chaplain, and was very active at the Welcome Inn, all of Larned. On Aug. 8, 1948, she married Harold Max Skelton at Pawnee Rock, Kan. He died May 7, 1983. Survivors include: Daughter-in-law, Donna and husband Marvin Campbell, Larned; three grandsons, David Skelton, Cordova, Tenn., Jeff Winkler, Santa Fe, N.M., and Pat Winkler, Tucson, Ariz.; four granddaughters, Dawn Tracey Skelton, Michele Skelton, Lori Skelton, all of Larned, and Molly Schmitt, Bend, Ore.; an adopted granddaughter, Angie Kerns, Hays; and seven great-grandchildren, Max, Bethany, Brittany, Brock, David, Jacob, and Hailey. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Beckwith Mortuary Chapel in Larned, with Pastor Dan Lundgren and the Rev. John Grummon presiding. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday and Sunday at the mortuary. Burial will be in the Larned Cemetery, Larned. She was preceded in death by two sons, Max and David; and a brother, David Kindsvater. Memorials may be sent to the Welcome Inn in care of Beckwith Mortuary in Larned. Condolences may be sent and this notice viewed at beckwithmortuary.com. Funeral arrangements provided by Beckwith Mortuary Inc.* P.O. Box 477 Larned, KS 67550 620-285-2121 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 5, 2004

Arthur W. "Art" Witt 1917 - 2004

CLAFLIN — Arthur W. "Art" Witt, 87, died Nov. 3, 2004, at Central Kansas Medical Center, in Great Bend. He was born June 13, 1917, in Bison, the son of William and Louise Hildebrand Witt. He married Ruth Schlick on Aug. 1, 1941, in Lorraine. He then married Wanda Nickels on Jan. 20, 1979, in Claflin. She survives. He had been a resident of Claflin for 25 years. He was a farmer and stockman, farming the homestead near Bison. He enjoyed welding and craft projects including the buffalo street signs for the city of Bison. Witt was a member of the United Methodist Church and Lions Club, both of Claflin. He was the past president of the Rush County Barbed Wire Association. Survivors include wife, Wanda Witt of the home; one son, Dr. Merle Witt and wife Polly of Garden City; one step-son, Jim Nickels and wife Barb of Hutchinson; two daughters, the Rev. Carrol Blevins of Las Cruces, N.M., and Shirlev Marklev and husband Garv of Fules, Texas; two step-daughters, Judy Rav and husband Rob of Hoisington; and

Janelle Bennett and husband Craig of Sterling; one sister, Helen Zimmerman of Columbus, Neb.; 12 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two sisters, Ethel Tombaugh and Ruth Stude. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at the United Methodist Church, in Claflin, with the Rev. Sarah deSalazar officiating. Graveside service will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Lerado Cemetery, in Lerado. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home and Saturday from 9 a.m. until service time at the United Methodist Church in Claflin. Memorials are suggested to the Claflin Ambulance Service or American Cancer Society or American Heart Association, in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home* 415 N. Main / P.O. Box 146 Hoisington, KS 67544 620-653-4165 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Nov. 5, 2004

Robert Edmond "Bob" Wyatt, Jr. 1920 - 2004

STERLING — Robert Edmond "Bob" Wyatt, Jr. died on Thursday, Nov. 4, 2004. He was born July 3, 1920, at Sterling, the son of Robert Edmond Wyatt, Sr. and Vella Pearce Wyatt. His mother died during childbirth and Bob was raised for two years by Aunt Amy and Uncle Cecil Hazlett until Granddad Wyatt married Nina Cuthbertson. Bob is survived by his wife of 62 years, Elda Mae Bennett Wyatt; daughter Sheryl Fulton of Topeka; daughter Carol Kruse and husband Lonnie of Sterling; daughter Becky Frederick and husband John of Little Rock, Ark.; son Kent Wyatt and wife Diane of Abilene; brother Bill Wyatt and wife Fran of Scottsdale, Ariz.; brother Dick Wyatt and wife Annie of Dodge City. He is also survived by 12 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren. In the 1940s, Bob and Elda were married and spent several years in Anchorage, Alaska, where he worked for the Alaska Railroad. They moved to Seattle, Wash., where he worked on the docks for Anchorage Sand and Gravel. In 1951, they returned to Sterling where Bob came to work with his father at the People Savings and Loan Association. Visitation hours will be from 6 to 8 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 7, at the Sillin Funeral Home in Sterling. Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, Nov. 8, at the Sterling United Presbyterian Church, 207 N. Broadway, in Sterling. Burial will be at the Sterling Cemetery following the church service. Memorials may be given to St. Anthony Indian Mission in Zuni, N.M., where Bob and Elda have supported several school girls for more than 20 years. Send checks in care of Sillin Funeral Home, 203 N. 7th, Sterling, KS 67579. Funeral arrangements provided by Sillin Funeral Homes and Granite Memorials* 203 N. 7th Sterling, KS 67579 620-278-3531 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Nov. 5, 2004

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Hazel Beatrice Merten 1911 - 2004

LINDSAY, Okla. — Hazel Beatrice Merten, 93, died Oct. 31 at Lindsay Hospital. She was born Aug. 6, 1911, in Great Bend, the daughter of Oscar Lee and Nina Mae Smith. She married George Merten in 1928. She had been a resident of Lindsay, Okla., since 1990. Mrs. Merten was a member of the United Methodist Church of Lindsay. Survivors include her daughters, Nina Hale of Lindsay, and Shirley Glenn Huffman of Bethany, Okla.; six grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, George Merten; one son, Donald Merten; and one son-in-law, Kenneth Hale. Funeral Service will be at 2:30 p.m. today at the church in Lindsay. Memorials are suggested to the church or Lindsay Place. Funeral arrangements provided by B. G. Boydston Funeral Home 308 S.W. 3rd St. / P.O. Box 338 Lindsay, OK 73052 405-756-2143 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Nov. 4, 2004

Clayton William Cooke 1998 - 2004

JUNCTION CITY — Clayton William Cooke, 6, of Junction City, passed away at his residence surrounded by his family and loved ones on Monday evening, Nov. 1, 2004. Services will be at 10 a.m., Saturday, Nov. 6, at the First United Methodist Church with the burial at Wreford Cemetery. The Rev. Paul Wolf will officiate. Visitation will be from 6 to 8 p.m., Friday at the Penwell-Gabel Johnson Chapel in Junction City. Memorial contributions may be given to the Clayton W. Cooke Memorial Fund and/or United Cerebral Palsy of Kansas, both in care of the funeral home. Clayton was born on Feb. 1, 1998, in Junction City, the son of Stacey and Laurie Steiner Cooke. He was a lifelong resident of Junction City, a student at Eisenhower Elementary and a member of the First United Methodist Church. Survivors include his parents, Stacey and Laurie Cooke of Junction City; three sisters, Bethany C. Cooke and her husband Adam, Katie E. Cooke and her husband Gene Wright, and Briana N. Cooke, all of Junction City; maternal grandmother, Barbara Steiner of Great Bend and paternal grandparents, William and Wilma Cooke of Junction City. He was preceded in death by his maternal grandfather, Clayton Steiner. Pallbearers will be Jim Steiner, Daniel Steiner, Adam Cooke, Harvey Bauer and Johnnie Johnson. Honorary pallbearers will be Gene Wright, Larry King and William Cooke. Organist will be Jean Johnson. Funeral arrangements provided by Penwell-Gabel Johnson Chapel* 203 N. Washington / P.O. Box 826 Junction City, KS 66441 785-762-3131 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Nov. 4, 2004

Lucile A. Hager 1912 - 2004

OLATHE — Lucile A. Hager died Monday, Nov. 1, 2004, at the home of her daughter in Olathe, where she had resided the last three years. She and her twin brother were born May 10, 1912, on the family farm eight miles northwest of Chase, the daughter of Charles E. and Mary Ella Keyes Boldt. She was a 1929 graduate of Hutchinson High School and attended Hutchinson Junior College. She married Charles I. Hager on Aug. 10, 1934, at Chase. Before moving to South Hutchinson, in 1992, she lived in Dodge City and Garden City. She also resided in Corpus Christi and Borger, Texas. She was a surgical nurse at Trinity Hospital in Dodge City, the bookkeeper and secretary for Isely Lumber Company, also in Dodge City, and a homemaker. Lucile was a lifelong member of the Church of the Nazarene where she served as Sunday School teacher, Vacation Bible School director and missionary president. In addition to being an excellent cook, she was extraordinarily talented in sewing, embroidery and crocheting. Many friends, family members and neighbors were blessed with her special creations during the holidays. She was preceded in death by her husband Charles; four brothers, Paul, Harold, Lowell and Wavne Boldt; and two sisters, Roma Bordelon

and Rosalie Gilbert. Survivors include a daughter, Fayra L. Eckley and her husband Lyle, of Olathe; and a son, Eldon D. Hager and his wife, Dixie, of Colorado Springs, Colo.; four grandchildren, Diane Fortner and Neil Hager, both of Colorado Springs, Colo., and Julie Gilmore, Olathe, and Charles Quinn, Lexena; and 12 great-grandchildren. Visitation will be held Friday, Nov. 5 at 5:30 p.m. with the funeral service at 6 p.m., in Garrett Chapel at College Church of the Nazarene, 2020 E. Sheridan, Olathe. Visitation will also be held Saturday at 10 a.m. with the funeral service at 10:30 a.m. at Hutchinson First Church of the Nazarene, in Hutchinson. Burial will be at Memorial Park Cemetery, in Hutchinson. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial contributions to the Charles and Lucile Hager Nursing Scholarship Memorial at MidAmerica Nazarene University in care of Penwell-Gabel Funeral Home in Olathe. Lucile's family would like to thank Odyssey Health Care Hospice for their tender care at Royal Terrace Nursing Center and final days at home. The family also thanks Dr. Sebghati and nurse, Donna, for their loyal support and physical care, and the many friends, neighbors and College Church members who have provided prayerful support. Lucile's spirit now lives on in heaven. Her memory forever resides with family and friends. She was a devoted wife, loving mother and grandmother and will be greatly missed. Funeral arrangements provided by Penwell-Gabel Funeral Home* 142 75 S. Blackbob Olathe, KS 66062 913-768-6777 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Nov. 4, 2004

November 3, 2004

August L. "Augie" Zorn 1903 - 2004

ELLSWORTH— August L. "Augie" Zorn, 101, died Nov. 2, 2004, at the Good Samaritan Retirement Village, in Ellsworth. He was born Sept. 3, 1903, in Odin, the son of Frank and Lena Shusky Zorn. He lived most of his life in Ellsworth, where he was a retired farmer and stockman. Zorn was a member of St. Bernard's Catholic Church, American Legion Post 174, VFW Post 6485, and Knights of Columbus, all of Ellsworth. He was an Army veteran in World War II. Survivors include four sisters, Catherine Zorn of Ellsworth, Eleanor Bradford of Wichita, Mary Mog of Ellinwood, and Matilda Brown of Larned; and several nieces and nephews. Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Thursday at Parsons Funeral Home, in Ellsworth. Funeral mass will be at 11 a.m. Friday at St. Bernard's Catholic Church, in Ellsworth, with the Rev. Daniel Scheetz and the Rev. Charles Steier officiating. Burial will be at the Ellsworth Cemetery with Military Rites. Visitation will be from 1-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to St. Bernard's Catholic Church, or Good Samaritan Retirement Village in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Parsons Funeral Home 307 N. Lincoln Ellsworth, KS 67439 785-472-3861 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Nov. 2, 2004

November 2, 2004

Leonard Kober 1913-2004

KINSLEY — Leonard Kober, 91, died Oct. 26 at Independence Manor Care Center, Independence, Mo. He was born Jan. 8, 1913, on the family farm near Albert in Barton County, Kan., the son of Frank J. and Josephine Krestine Kober. As a child and young adult he lived near Otis, Bison and LaCrosse. After serving in the U.S. Navy during World War II, he bought a farm near Garfield and Lewis, and later farmed between Lewis and Kinsley. As well as being a farmer and stockman, he drove the propane delivery truck for the Kinsley Co-op for 19 years. On June 19, 1946, he married Mary Williams. She preceded him in death on Nov. 11, 2001. Survivors include: Two sons, Jim Singleton, Lake Tapawingo, Blue Springs, Mo., and Vernon Kober, Topeka; sister-in-law, Velma Kober, Hays; three grandchildren and seven great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a son, Robert Kober; three sisters, Frances Ochs, Caroline Zimmer and Elsie; and brothers Bill Kober, Alfred Kober, Gus Kober, Frank Kober, Leo Kober, and Jerome Kober. A memorial celebration will be held for the family at 41 Clipper Dr., Lake Tapawingo, Blue Springs, Mo., on Nov. 20. The family suggests memorials to Independence Manor in care of Burkhart-Ziegler Funeral Chapel, 1901 N. 14th Ave., Dodge City, KS; Jim Singleton, 41 Clipper Dr., Lake Tapawingo, Blue Springs, MO 64015; or Vernon Kober, 2427 SW Western Ave., Topeka, KS 66611. Funeral arrangements provided by Burkhart-Ziegler Funeral Chapel 1901 N. 14th Ave. Dodge City, KS 67801 620-225-0518 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 2, 2004

Michael R. Axman 1956-2004

OLMITZ — Michael R. Axman, 48, died Oct. 31 at his residence in Olmitz. He was born Feb. 10, 1956, in Great Bend, the son of Jerome T. and Betty Mae Smolik Axman. He married Peggy Tomanek on Aug. 27, 1977, in WaKeeney. He had been a lifetime resident of Olmitz, where he was a mechanic for Jomax Construction. Axman was a member of St. Ann Catholic Church in Olmitz and was a Fourth Degree Knight of Columbus. Survivors include his wife, of the home; two sons, Chad Axman of Hutchinson, and Greg Axman of Olmitz; one daughter, Lisa Axman of Olmitz; his mother, Betty Mae Axman of Olmitz; two brothers, Joe F. Axman of Olmitz, and Paul Axman of Hoisington; three sisters, Lillian Palsmeier of Conway Springs, Barb Boldt of Oakley, and Rita Hicckel of Hoisington; and two grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his father; infant son Joseph Jerome Axman; and one sister, Judy Axman. Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. today with Knights of Columbus Rosary following, at the church. Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at the church, with the Rev. Ultan Murphy officiating. Burial will be at St. Ann Cemetery, in Olmitz. Visitation will be from noon to 5 p.m. today at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington and from 6 to 8 p.m. today at the church. Memorials are suggested to Knights of Columbus Council No. 2100, in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home 415 N. Main / P.O. Box 146 Hoisington, KS 67544 620-653-4165 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Nov. 2, 2004

Melba Ruth Bigham 1915-2004

ST. JOHN — Melba Ruth Bigham, 88, died Oct. 30 at Hynes Hospice Center. She was born Dec. 7, 1915, at St. John, the daughter of Marvin D. and Fannie M. Dowdy Broadfoot. She graduated from St. John High School in 1933. She married Fred Benford in 1937. and then married William H. Bigham in 1943. Both are deceased. A resident of Derby for four years. coming

from St. John, she was a homemaker and worked in a department store. Mrs. Bigham was a member of the Church of Christ in St. John. Survivors include one son, William H. Bigham Jr. of Hot Springs, Ark.; three daughters, Mary Jo Mendenhall of Yakima, Wash., Judith Straw of Hampton, N.H., and Susan Green of Derby; and one brother, Marvin Broadfoot of Houston, Texas; nine grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two brothers, Winford Broadfoot, and Frank Broadfoot; and three sisters, Alice Benford Abbey, Iva Wolf Marsh, and Mary Richardson. Graveside service will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Fairview Park in St. John, with the Rev. George Shelton officiating. There will be no visitation. Memorials are suggested to Maude Carpenter's Children's Home in care of Minnis Chapel Inc. Funeral arrangements provided by Minnis Chapel Inc. 526 E. 4th St. John, KS 67576 620-549-3556 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Nov. 2, 2004

Billy Gene "Bill" Going 1922 - 2004

Billy Gene "Bill" Going, 82, of Great Bend, died Oct. 28 at Centennial Hospital in Nashville, Tenn. He was born Feb. 5, 1922, at McPherson, the son of Vern and Pearl Sullivan Going. He married Ella Louisa Bridgman on Oct. 27, 1947, at Topeka. A lifelong resident of Great Bend, he was a retired carpenter and had worked for Lindholm Construction Co. Going was a member of the First Christian Church. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II, serving with the 11th Armor Division. He was a life member of the American Legion, Masonic Lodge, Eastern Star and Cheyenne Twisters Square Dance Club, all of Great Bend. Survivors include his wife, Ella, of the home; one son, Norris Going of Reston, Va.; one daughter, Marla Brack of Ft. Oglethorp, Ga.; two grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. on Thursday at First Christian Church in Great Bend, with the Rev. William F. Johnson officiating. Entombment will be at Calvary Garden Mausoleum in Ft. Oglethorp. Family and friends may call from 5-9 p.m. on Wednesday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Memorials are suggested to the church building fund in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Bryant Funeral Home 1425 Patton Road Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-3525 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 2, 2004

Twila Louise McCurdy 1924-2004

EMPORIA — Twila Louise McCurdy, 80, died Oct. 30 at Newman Regional Health, in Emporia. She was born April 1, 1924, in Gove County, the daughter of Albert Julius and Elsie Rader Ashworth Anderson. She married Orville C. McCurdy on Feb. 8, 1948, in Newkirk, Okla. He died Oct. 2, 1995. A 52-year resident of Hoisington, having lived in Emporia the past four years, she was a retired registered nurse. She previously worked at the Hoisington Lutheran Hospital and Homestead Villa Nursing Home, both of Hoisington. Mrs. McCurdy was a member of Trinity Baptist Church of Hoisington. Survivors include one son, Gary McCurdy of Emporia; one daughter, Linda McCurdy of Emporia; one step-son, Ronald McCurdy of Tulsa, Okla.; two step-daughters, Inez Major of Tulsa, Okla., and Louise Hancock of Portland, Texas; one brother, Merrill Anderson of Quinter; two grandchildren; and 14 step-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by an infant brother, Dean Anderson; and three sisters, Beulah Molnar, Luetta Stucke and Merrilee Anderson. Graveside service will be at 11 a.m. today at Hoisington Cemetery, in Hoisington, with James Simons officiating. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to service time today at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. Memorials are suggested to the Clara Barton Foundation or the Edward Kroesch Scholarship Fund, in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home 415 N. Main / P.O. Box 146 Hoisington, KS 67544 620-653-4165 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Nov. 2, 2004

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James Allen Rusco

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — James Allen Rusco, Ed. D., 64, died Dec. 29 at Baptist Hospital, Little Rock. Funeral arrangements are pending with Bryant Funeral Home, Great Bend, Kan. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 31, 2004

Donald E. Marsh 1925 - 2004

PRATT — Donald E. Marsh, 79, of Pratt died Dec. 30 at his home. He was born Aug. 7, 1925, at Great Bend, the son of the late Fred Hammond Marsh and the late Clara Ann (McCarter) Marsh. He married Gloria Critser Dec. 31, 1946, at Great Bend. He was owner and president of Marsh Engine Service & Supply Inc., providing service to the oilfield and to Ford, New Holland and Versatile equipment. Marsh served in the Navy from 1943 to 1946 during World War II. He was a plank owner of the U.S. Navy Memorial and a charter member of the World War II Memorial. He was a 58-year member and past adjutant of The American Legion in Pratt, and a lifetime member of the Pratt County Historical Society. Survivors include his wife, Gloria; two daughters, Pamela Hensley and her husband Dave of Pratt and Sharon "Sherry" Stucky and her husband Mike of Ness City; two sons, Kenny Marsh, and Richard "Dick" Marsh and his wife Lela, all of Pratt; seven grandchildren; a brother-in-law, Bob Critser of WaKeeney; a sister-in-law, Carolee Marsh of Wichita; many nieces and nephews and great-nieces and great-nephews. He was preceded in death by an infant brother, Richard Marsh, three other brothers, Fred H., Albert and Edward Marsh, a sister, Barbara Marsh, and a stepgrandson, Jason Hensley. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Larrison Mortuary, Pratt, with the Rev. Deanna Fluck officiating. Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery, Pratt, with U.S. Navy military honors. Friends may call from 1 until 8 p.m. Sunday at the mortuary. Memorials may be made to SouthWind Hospice or to the Pratt County Humane Society, in care of the mortuary. Funeral arrangements provided by Larrison Mortuary 300 Country Club Road Pratt, KS 67124 620-672-6436 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 31, 2004

Bobby E. Meacham 1928 - 2004

HESSTON — Bobby E. Meacham, 76, died Dec. 30 at Newton Medical Center in Newton. He was born March 4, 1928, in Great Bend, the son of Ella Lena (McQuaid) Stukey and William George Meacham. He married Marilyn E. Reusser in Walton on June 9, 1948. She died Oct. 17, 1997. He worked as a postal carrier for many years. After his retirement from the United States Post Office he did maintenance work at Axtell Hospital. He enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps on July 10, 1946, at Kansas City, Mo. He was honorably discharged from the Marine Corps on Sept. 10, 1952, at the Marine Separation Center, USNTPC, Great Lakes, Ill. During his enlistment, he assisted in the capture and securing of Seoul, Korea, and participated in the Wonsan-Hungnam-Chosin Campaign of Northern Korea, and in operations against forces in South and Central Korea. Meacham belonged to the Garden Mennonite Church of Hesston. Survivors include a son, Bobby D. Meacham and his wife, Kathleen R., of Newton; a daughter, Monica L. Shannon and her husband, Craig A., of Wichita; a brother, Garry D. Stukey, II, of Wichita; eight grandchildren, including a granddaughter, Aiden R. Steiner of Great Bend, and 12 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his stepfather, G.O. Stukey, a brother, Eddy Meacham, a son-in-law, Charles R. Quattlebaum, and an infant sister and brother, Peggy and Billy Meacham. Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Garden Mennonite Church Cemetery, Hesston, with Pastors David Norris and Ted Veer officiating. Memorials are suggested to Schowalter Villa. Funeral arrangements provided by Broadway Colonial Funeral Home 120 E. Broadway Newton, KS 67114 316-283-4343 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 31, 2004

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Margaret Merle Risley 1917 - 2004

WICHITA — Margaret Merle Risley, 87, died Dec. 28 at Via Christi Regional Medical Center, St. Francis Campus, Wichita. She was born April 11, 1917, in Stafford County, the daughter of Melvin and Estella Ward Foreman. She was a graduate of Great Bend High School. On June 6, 1936, she married Roy W. Risley at Stafford. He survives. She was an Avon representative for over 12 years. Risley was a member of the Church of Christ for over 71 years. Survivors, besides her husband, include two sons, Richard and his fiancée Pati Waters of Pratt, and Larry and his wife Martha of Wichita; a daughter, Marilyn Copeland of Hutchinson; 11 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two sons, Bill and Eldon; three sisters, Opal Foreman, Thelma Harris and Nadine Biswell; two brothers, Charlie and Lloyd Foreman, and a great-grandson, Christopher Copeland. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Eastwood Church of Christ, with Steve Tandy, minister of Northside Church of Christ, Wichita, presiding. A graveside service will be at 1:30 p.m. Friday at Fairview Park Cemetery in St. John. Visitation will be from 1 to 9 p.m. today, Thursday, at Penwell-Gabel Funeral Home & Crematory, Hutchinson, with the family receiving friends from 6 to 8 p.m. Memorial contributions may be made to the Maude Carpenter Children's Home, Know Your Bible or Harry Hynes Hospice, in care of the funeral home. Personal condolences may be left at www.penwellgabel.com. Funeral arrangements provided by Penwell-Gabel Funeral Home & Crematory 300 E. 30th Ave. Hutchinson, KS 67502 620-662-1201 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 30, 2004

Edna Barbara Harrison 1917 - 2004

Edna Barbara Harrison of Great Bend passed away Dec. 28, 2004. Born on Feb. 17, 1917, in rural Rooks County, Kan., she was the daughter of Ralph and Anna (Baxa) Howat. She married Richard Harrison by probate judge in Stockton, Kan. (Later they were married in the Catholic Church). She graduated from Codell High School. She taught country schools for two years. She attended Fort Hays State University, majoring in child psychology. She pledged Phi Kappa Sigma. She played, coached and refereed volleyball and was a calisthenics instructor. She worked at the Coleman Defense Plant in Wichita, then enlisted in World War II Jan. 29, 1943, as a WAAC and took basic training in Des Moines, Iowa. She was assigned to Regular Army, 3rd Air Force, Tampa, Fla., as an air traffic controller. She was a flag bearer for the WAC Company and numerous battalion parades. She was discharged Nov. 23, 1945. She returned to Plainville, Kan., where she owned and operated a drive-in eating establishment. Edna and Richard moved to the family farm with three children until the death of her husband on April 23, 1996. She moved to Great Bend in 1996. Survivors include three sons, Jeff Harrison of Las Cruces, N.M., Greg Harrison of Overland Park, Kan., and Brian Harrison of Great Bend; one sister, Blanche Girvan of Plainville; seven grandchildren, Justin Harrison, Rebecca Harrison, Amanda Riley, Anna Harrison, Abby Harrison, Chadd Harrison and Hunter Harrison; and one great-granddaughter, Sydney Riley. She was preceded in death by three brothers, Walter, Fred, and a twin brother, Edgar Howat. Visitation will be today, Dec. 30, 2004, from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. at Bryant Funeral Home, Great Bend. Vigil services will be tonight, Dec. 30, at 7 p.m. at Bryant Funeral Home. Visitation will be from 8:30 to 10 a.m. Friday at Moore-Overlease Chapel at Plainville, Kan. Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Plainville, Kan. Interment will be at Sacred Heart Catholic Cemetery, Plainville, with military committal rites conducted by Plainville VFW Post #8871. Memorials are suggested to Sacred Heart Catholic School, Plainville, Kan., or to the Catholic Community of Great Bend, both in care of Bryant Funeral Home or Moore-Overlease Funeral Chapel. Funeral arrangements provided by Bryant Funeral Home 1425 Patton Road Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-3525 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 30, 2004

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John Richard Chaney 1916 - 2004

LAWRENCE — Memorial services for John Richard Chaney, 88, will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at the First Christian Church in Lawrence. Burial will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Oak Hill Cemetery in Lawrence. Mr. Chaney died Dec. 24, 2004, at the Windsor in Lawrence. He was born Aug. 13, 1916, in Coffeyville. He was one of 17 children born to Bert and Eva Richarz Chaney. He married Ruth Virginia "Betty" Huddleson on June 29, 1939, in Coffeyville. She preceded him in death. Mr. Chaney graduated from Field Kindley High School and attended Coffeyville Junior College. He was active in sports in both schools. Mr. Chaney was a Superintendent of the Sunflower Ordinance Plant. After the war, he earned a Chartered Life Underwriter degree and became a General Agent for Farmers and Bankers Life Insurance Company of Wichita. He remained in the insurance business in Lawrence for over 50 years. He was a 60 year member of the First Christian Church, where he was an elder, served on the board and taught Sunday school. He was an avid golfer and longtime member of the Lawrence Country Club, where he served as president. He also served as president of the Junior Chamber of Commerce and was a 32nd degree Mason. He was preceded in death by brothers Charles, Albert, Walter, and Donald Chaney, and sisters Pearl Kuhns, Mable Anderson, and Grace Parmley. Surviving brothers are Edwin Chaney and Robert Chaney of Coffeyville, Bert Chaney Jr. of Hutchinson, and George Chaney of Ottawa. Surviving sisters are Edna Hay of Cape Geraudeau, Mo., Mary Knight and Ethel Currier of Coffeyville, and Margaret Parker and Wanda Hunt of Owasso, Okla. Other survivors include daughters, Marcia Kerr of Lawrence, Carol Dema of Great Bend, Patty Harwood of Dallas, Texas, and son John Chaney Jr. of Lawrence, 11 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. Friends may call Wednesday from noon to 9 p.m. at the Rumsey-Yost Funeral Home. Family will receive friends after the service at the church. The family suggests memorials to the First Christian Church in care of the funeral home. Online condolences may be sent to www.rumsey-yost.com. Funeral arrangements provided by Rumsey-Yost Funeral Home* 601 Indiana / P.O. Box 1260 Lawrence, KS 66044 785-843-5111 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Dec. 29, 2004

Edna Pugh 1915 - 2004

KINGMAN — Edna Pugh, 89, died Dec. 27 at Great Bend. She was born April 26, 1915, at Attlee, Ark., the daughter of G. V. and Harriet Alice Thompson Allen. She married Harold Pugh on Sept. 19, 1936, in Kingman. He died March 21, 1985. A longtime resident of the Kingman community, she was a retired meat cutter for IGA in Hutchinson, Turon and Safeway Store of Kingman. Mrs. Pugh was a member of the United Methodist Church of Kingman, lifetime member of the Order of the Eastern Star of Hutchinson, and the Rebekah's Lodge of Turon. Survivors include two daughters, Linda Sue Gardner of Hutchinson, and Dixie Lee Dodson of Great Bend; two sisters, Alene Gerhart and Edith Smith, both of Tuscon, Ariz.; five grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one daughter, Dorothy Ann; three brothers, Oscar, Raymond and Dale; and five sisters, Myrtle Doze, Elsie Carr, Ada Shore and Viola Galliert. Graveside service will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Upchurch Cemetery in Norwich. Friends may call from noon to 8 p.m. today at the Livingston Funeral Home in Kingman. Memorials are suggested to the Kingman Library in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Livingston Funeral Home 1830 N. Main Kingman, KS 67068 620-532-3322 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Dec. 29, 2004

Ferne A. Popp 1915 - 2004

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. — Ferne A. Popp, 89, died Dec. 24 at Springfield, Mo. She was born June 28, 1915, at Larned, the daughter of Frank and Nora Lewis. She married Raymond M. "Joe" Popp on Dec. 14, 1945, at Larned. He died Jan. 31, 1995. A former Hoisington resident, moving to Springfield, Mo., she was a homemaker. Mrs. Popp was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Hoisington. Survivors include two sons, Joe Popp of Wagoner, Okla. and Larry Popp of

Sedalia, Mo.; and two daughters, Betty Thurman of Springfield, Mo. and Beverly Christiansen; nine grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one son, Roy Popp; four brothers; and three sisters. A private committal service was held at the Hoisington Cemetery. Funeral arrangements provided by Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home 415 N. Main / PO Box 146 Hoisington, KS 67544 620-653-4165 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Dec. 29, 2004

December 28, 2004

Mary Esther Kuhlman 1915 - 2004

Mary Esther Kuhlman, 89, of Great Bend, died Dec. 25 at Great Bend Health and Rehabilitation Center. She was born July 29, 1915, at Lakin, the daughter of George and Sarah Oliver Whitaker. She married Elton L. Kuhlman on July 14, 1935, at Garden City. He died June 22, 2002. She was a homemaker and had been a resident of Great Bend since 1946, coming from Wichita. Mrs. Kuhlman was a member of the First Presbyterian Church and United Presbyterian Women, and had taught the Kindergarten Sunday School Class. Survivors include three sons and their spouses, Keith and Carol Kuhlman, Valley Center, Ken and Judy Kuhlman, Stevensville, Mich., and Jim Kuhlman, Great Bend; two sisters, Edith Spencer, Lakin, and Betty Kash, Pocatello, Idaho; six grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by three brothers, Howard Whitaker, Oliver Whitaker and Wayne Whitaker, and two sisters, Margaret Wilken and Elene Henderson. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the church with the Rev. Hal Staats officiating. Burial will be at Hillcrest Memorial Park in Great Bend. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. today at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend, and from 9 a.m. until service time Wednesday at the church. Memorials are suggested to First Presbyterian Church. Funeral arrangements provided by Bryant Funeral Home* 1425 Patton Road Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-3525 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 28, 2004

Robert L. Parker 1924 - 2004

Robert L. Parker, 80, died Dec. 25 at his home in Great Bend. He was born March 2, 1924, at Langdon, the son of Robert M. and Sadie Haines Parker. He married Betty Ketch on May 25, 1948, at Hutchinson. He married Marcielle Countryman Proberts on Sept. 23, 1967, at Elkhart. She survives. He worked as a head roustabout for Texaco Oil Company. In his retirement he and Marcielle traveled for the Fore Travel Motorcade Club. Parker was a member of the First Christian Church, Good Sams Club, Family Motor Coach Association and Fore Travel Motorcade Club. He was a veteran of World War II, serving in the Army Air Corp. Survivors include his wife of the home; two daughters, Barbara Walters, Tulsa, Okla., and Beverly Edgemon, Perry; two step-sons, Gerald Proberts, Wamsutter, Wyo., and Gary Proberts, Kinsley; one brother, Cairol J. Parker, Santa Fe, N.M.; one sister, Roseanna Parker, Oklahoma City, Okla.; 14 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Kenneth Parker and Richard Parker. Funeral service will be at 1 p.m. today at the church with the Rev. William F. Johnson officiating. Burial will be at 3 p.m. at Hillside Cemetery in Kinsley. Memorials are suggested to the First Christian Church Building Fund, in care of Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Funeral arrangements provided by Bryant Funeral Home 1425 Patton Road Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-3525 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 28, 2004

Richard Eugene Burgess 1926 - 2004

HAYS — Richard E. "Dick" Burgess, 78, of Hays, died Dec. 26 at Hays Medical Center. He was born Oct. 25, 1926, at Saxman, the son of Weldon Lee and Reatha Smith Burgess. He married Glenna Truesdell on June 28, 1945, at Sterling. He was fire chief for Lyons and Rice counties from 1960 until 1978. He also worked for Pepsi Cola Bottling Company in Lyons and in Hays. Burgess was a member of the Hays Christian Church, American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars and Masonic Lodge of Lyons. He served in the U.S. Army. Survivors include his wife, of the home; two sons, Richard Burgess Jr., Lyons, and Craig Burgess, Hays; two daughters, Vickie Swenson, Hutchinson, and Mary McMahill, Olathe; a brother, Darrell Burgess, Red Cloud, Neb.; a sister, Carol Workman, Sterling; 12 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a daughter, Diana Weiser; two brothers, Truman Burgess and Benjamin Burgess; and four sisters, Betty Thompson, Coleen Wehr, Ilene Lewis and Shirley Noce. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the Hays Memorial Chapel Funeral Home. Military services will be held at the funeral home after the service by the Hays American Legion and VFW. Graveside services and interment will be at 3 p.m. Wednesday at the Lyons City Cemetery along with Masonic services at the cemetery. Friends may call from 4 to 6 p.m. today at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the Cancer Council of Ellis County in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Hays Memorial Chapel Funeral Home 20th and Pine Hays, KS 67601 785-628-1009 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 28, 2004

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Mary Esther Kuhlman

Mary Esther Kuhlman, Great Bend, died Dec. 25, 2004, at the Great Bend Health and Rehabilitation Center. Services are pending with Bryant Funeral Home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 26, 2004

Robert L. Parker

Robert L. Parker died Dec. 25, 2004, at his home in Great Bend. Services are pending with Bryant Funeral Home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 26, 2004

Elsie Irene Miller 1910 - 2004

Elsie Irene Miller, 93, of Great Bend, died Dec. 24 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. She was born Dec. 31, 1910, at Ash Grove, the daughter of Harry O. and Irene Warren Horner. She married Robert "Bob" N. Miller in April 1955 at San Antonio, Texas. He died April 12, 1975. A resident of Great Bend since 1994, coming from Albert, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Miller was a member of the Community of Christ in Great Bend, Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary and Central Kansas Association of the Visually Impaired. Survivors include two brothers, Ralph Horner of Great Bend and Everett Lee Horner of Goshen, Ind. She was preceded in death by two brothers, Otto J. Horner and Harry Horner. A memorial service will be announced at a later date. Memorials are suggested to Heartland Cancer Center, 204 Cleveland, Great Bend. Funeral arrangements provided by Bryant Funeral Home 1425 Patton Road Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-3525 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 26, 2004

Susan J. "Suzy" Nettleingham 1955 - 2004

GALATIA — Susan J. "Suzy" Nettleingham, 49, of Great Bend, died Dec. 23, 2004, at Cancer Treatment Center of America in Tulsa, Okla. She was born March 2, 1955, at Hoisington, the daughter of Raymond and Cecelia Demel Schneweis. She married Kent D. Nettleingham on May 11, 1974, at Odin. A lifetime resident of Hoisington and Galatia, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Nettleingham was a member of Concordia Lutheran Church and Old Bag Society, and was a Midweek teacher at the church and volunteer teacher's aid at Roosevelt Elementary School, all in Hoisington. She was also a member of the Galatia City Council. Survivors include her husband of the home; daughter Sara Nettleingham, Manhattan; son Kent L. Nettleingham, Katy, Texas; her parents, of Hoisington; four brothers, Ron Schneweis and Kevin Schneweis, both of Hoisington, Bill Schneweis, Monument, Colo., and Keith Schneweis, Colorado Springs, Colo.; two sisters, Lois Ritterhouse of Albert and Mary Sell of Great Bend; and two grandchildren, Olivia Armelia Nettleingham Wright and Jackson R. Nettleingham. She was preceded in death by a brother, Gary Schneweis. Prayer service will be at 7:30 tonight at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at Concordia Lutheran Church in Hoisington with the Rev. Garry Dassow officiating. Burial will be at Hoisington Cemetery in Hoisington. Friends may call from 1 to 9 p.m. today at the funeral home and 9:30 a.m. until service time Monday at the church. Memorials are suggested to the church or the American Cancer Society, in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home* 415 North Main, P.O. Box 146 Hoisington, KS 67544 620-653-4165 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 26, 2004

December 24, 2004

Herman Richard "Rich" Degner 1943 - 2004

Herman Richard "Rich" Degner, 61, Rapid City, S.D., died at his home on Dec. 21, 2004. He was born Jan. 29, 1943, at Great Bend, to Herman and Elizabeth Jean (Baker) Degner. He was raised and educated in Great Bend, where he graduated from high school. He then attended Fort Hays State College. He entered the U.S. Air Force on April 6, 1966, and retired on May 31, 1986. He was awarded numerous medals and awards including AF Commendation Medal, AF Outstanding Unit Award, AF Good Conduct Medal, National Defense SVC Medal, Vietnam SVC Medal, AF Longevity SVC Award Ribbon, NCO PME Grad Ribbon, Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon, Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross and Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal. Rich gained a lot of experience while in the military; June 1969 to April 1973, he was a Computer Programmer/Systems Analyst in Hawaii; May 1973 to May 1977 he was a Personnel Specialist for the 90th Combat Support Group in Wyoming; June 1977 to October 1981, he was the Personnel Specialist for the 46th Aerospace Defense Wing in Colorado; during this time, he married Ruby Gonzalez on June 28, 1976, at Cheyenne, Wyo., and October 1981 to June 1986, he was the Facility Manager Superintendent at Ellsworth AFB in South Dakota, where he retired. During his time at Ellsworth AFB, Rich was responsible for the operation and safety at five Minuteman missile launch control facilities; he supervised 20 personnel; prepared and conducted training and briefings; but most important, he was responsible for management of \$3.5 million in equipment. On May 18, 1988, Rich began working at the Rapid City Harley Davidson store where he was in charge of systems operations, retiring to part-time just recently. Rich enjoyed woodworking and feeding his pet deer. Rich is survived by his wife, Ruby Degner; three daughters, Ruth Kirkpatrick and Christine Birdsall, both of Rapid City, and Betty Zavala, Sugarland, Texas; two sons, Richard Lee Degner, Ogden, Utah, and Barry Richards, Colorado Springs, Colo.; six granddaughters, one grandson and one great-granddaughter; and two sisters, Velma Jane Woody and Jayma Sue Graham, both of Wichita, Kan. He was preceded in death by his parents. A memorial has been established to benefit United Way. Funeral services are scheduled for 1 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 28, at Behrens-Wilson Funeral Home with Chaplain Bill Zandri officiating. Inurnment will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Black Hills National Cemetery. Visitation will be held from 3 to 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 27, at the funeral home. Condolences may be conveyed to the family at www.behrenswilson.com. Arrangements are in the care of Behrens-Wilson Funeral Home. Funeral arrangements provided by Behrens-Wilson Funeral Home 632 St. Francis Rapid City, SD 57701 605-343-0145 Great Bend, Kan. Tribune, Dec. 24, 2004

Ronald Leo Kerschen 1957 - 2004

Ronald Leo Kerschen, 47, died Dec. 23 at his home in Great Bend. He was born May 15, 1957, at Great Bend, the son of Wilferd J. and Dorothy Harbert Kerschen. He was a part-time teacher's assistant for Holy Family School. He was a lifetime Great Bend resident. Kerschen was a member of The Catholic Community at St. Patrick. He is survived by his mother, of Great Bend; a brother, Robert Kerschen, of Denver; two sisters, Sue Doonan of Wichita and Aimee Shank of Denver. He was preceded in death by a brother, Steven Kerschen. Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Sunday at Bryant Funeral Home, Great Bend. Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at St. Patrick Catholic Church, with the Rev. Ted Stoecklein officiating. Interment will be in Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call at the funeral home from 1 to 9 p.m. Sunday.

Memorials are suggested to the Catholic Community of Great Bend. Funeral arrangements provided by Bryant Funeral Home 1425 Patton Road Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-3525 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 24, 2004#

Ada Helen Stieben 1916 - 2004

LA CROSSE — Ada Helen Stieben, 88, of Rowlett, Texas, formerly of La Crosse, died Dec. 21 at Lake Pointe Medical Center in Rowlett. She was born Nov. 19, 1916, at La Crosse, the daughter of Adam and Elizabeth (Haag) Brening. She married Herman B. "Blackie" Stieben Sept. 21, 1940, at Ellinwood. A homemaker, she had lived her entire life in La Crosse until moving to Rowlett in 1998. Stieben was a member of the United Methodist Church, Order of the Eastern Star, and the VFW Ladies Auxiliary No. 3147, all of La Crosse. Survivors include a son, Jon Stieben of Rowlett, Texas; and a sister, Esther Kleweno of Kansas City, Kan. She was preceded in death by a brother, Raymond Brening, and a sister, Rachel Breadfeldt. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. today, Friday, at the United Methodist Church, La Crosse, with the Rev. Marilyn Christmore officiating. Interment will be in the La Crosse City Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to the United Methodist Church, La Crosse. Funeral arrangements provided by Janousek Funeral Home 719 Pine La Crosse, KS 67548 785-222-2517 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 24, 2004

Kenneth Friend 1908 - 2004

LARNED — Kenneth Friend, 96, died Dec. 18 at St. Joseph Memorial Hospital, Larned. He was born Oct. 30, 1908, at rural Burdett, the son of John and Martha Notestine Friend. He was a graduate of Burdett High School. He married Lena M. Blackwell at Garfield on Sept. 27, 1930. She died Jan. 10, 1999. A lifetime Pawnee County resident, he was a retired farmer/stockman. Friend was a member of First United Methodist Church, Larned, and the Burdett Seniors Inc., Burdett. Survivors include a son, Larry, of Syracuse; two daughters, Martha Nuchols of Burdett and Joyce Darnell of Sun City West, Ariz.; 11 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a son, Kenneth, a granddaughter, Kathy Tanner, five brothers and five sisters. A memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Morell Funeral Home, Larned, with Pastor Ken Walker presiding. A private burial of the cremains will be at Browns Grove Cemetery, Burdett. Friends may sign a register at the funeral home from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. today and Monday and from 9 a.m. until service time Tuesday. Memorials may be sent to the Burdett Seniors, Inc., in care of the funeral home, P.O. Box 124, Larned, KS 67550-0124. Funeral arrangements provided by Morell Funeral Home Box 124 Larned, KS 67550 620-285-2177 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 24, 2004

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Earl A. Alexander 1918 - 2004

GENESEO — Earl A. Alexander, 86, died Dec. 21 at his home in Geneseo. He was born Feb. 6, 1918, at Hepler, the son of Wesley and Mabel Hagler Alexander. He graduated from Geneseo High School in 1936. He married Margaret E. Gray on Sept. 21, 1941, in Wichita. She died Nov. 7, 2004. A lifetime resident of Geneseo, he was the owner of the former Alexander Hardware & Earl's Electric, both of Geneseo, and former custodian at Lyons District Hospital and for the Hoisington and Geneseo school systems. Alexander was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II. He was a member of the United Methodist Church, the Geneseo Booster Club, The American Legion and the Lions Club, all of Geneseo. Survivors include a son, Michael Alexander of Geneseo; two daughters, Susan Stockstill of Geneseo and Barbara Selby of Wichita; a sister, Evelyn Sword of Glendale, Ariz.; five grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a grandson, Darin Selby. A memorial service will be at 1 p.m. Friday at the church, with the Rev. Lyndelle Linde officiating. A private family burial will take place at the Geneseo Cemetery. Friends may call from 2 to 7 p.m. today at Sillin Funeral Home in Lyons. Memorials are suggested to the church or to Rice County Emergency Medical Service. Funeral arrangements provided by Sillin Funeral Home 214 West Ave. South Lyons, KS 67554 620-257-2211 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 23, 2004

John R. Shoup

LARNED — John R. Shoup, 84, died Dec. 22, 2004, at the Friendship Manor in Pratt. Service arrangements are pending and will be announced by Beckwith Mortuary in Larned. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Dec. 23, 2004

Ada Helen Stieben

ROWLETT, Texas — Ada Helen Stieben, 88, formerly of La Crosse, died Dec. 21, 2004, at Lakepoint Medical Center in Rowlett, Texas. Services will be 10:30 a.m. Friday at the United Methodist Church in La Crosse. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. today at the Janousek Funeral Home in La Crosse, with the family receiving friends from 6 to 7 p.m. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Dec. 23, 2004

December 22, 2004

Alfred Clements Tate 1918 - 2004

Alfred Clements Tate, 86, died Dec. 21 at his home in Great Bend. He was born July 7, 1918, at rural Boise City, Okla., the son of Thomas Oscar and Sarah Nevada (Strictler) Tate. He married Wilma Jean Howarth Nov. 29, 1944, at Arkansas City. He was a Great Bend resident since 1948, moving here from Yakima, Wash. He worked for the Great Bend Police Department for six years and was owner of Tate's Auto Trim until his retirement in 1991. Tate was a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3111 and of the Assembly of God Church, both in Great Bend. He served in the Navy as a chief

petty officer during World War II. He enjoyed golf. Survivors include his wife, Wilma Jean, of the home; two daughters, Jacqueline Dodson and her husband, Steve, of Wichita, and Teresa L. Tate of Dallas; a son-in-law, Wolfgang Haussler, Great Bend; a brother, Oscar Tate, and his wife, Carol, of Yakima, Wash.; his twin sister, Alpha Lusk of Lawrence; six grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren and two stepgrandchildren. He was preceded in death by a daughter, Anita Carol Haussler. Funeral service will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at Charter Funerals Chapel, Great Bend, with the Rev. Don Paden officiating. Interment will be in Great Bend City Cemetery with Military Honors/Rites conducted by the U.S. Navy. Friends may call from noon until 8 p.m. today (Wednesday), with the family receiving friends from 6 to 8 p.m., all at Charter Funerals Chapel, Great Bend. Memorials are suggested to Golden Belt Home Health and Hospice or to the American Cancer Society, in care of Charter Funerals. Funeral arrangements provided by Charter Funerals 2115 Washington Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-6161 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 22, 2004

December 21, 2004

Nellie K. Bley Eitel 1915 - 2004

LARNED — Nellie K. Bley Eitel, 89, died Nov. 27 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. She was born Oct. 7, 1915, at Rozel, the daughter of Lewis and Clara Howell Bley. She married Vernon Eitel on Jan. 21, 1940, at Frederick. She was a resident of Colorado from 1953 to 1978, when she moved to Pawnee County, then to Great Bend in 1993. She was a Registered Nurse. Eitel was a member of the Ft. Larned Belles, Walnut Valley Extension Program and the Great Bend Quilter's Guild. Survivors include her husband of the home; one daughter, Leola Eitel of Denver, Colo.; and one sister, Sophia Bley of Larned. She was preceded in death by one son, Larry Eitel. Cremation was arranged. Graveside service will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at the Rozel Cemetery, with the Rev. John Hester officiating. Memorials may be sent to the American Heart Association in care of Beckwith Mortuary in Larned. Funeral arrangements provided by Beckwith Mortuary P.O. Box 477 Larned, KS 67550 620-285-2121 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Dec. 21, 2004

Noel G. Omlor 1917 - 2004

Noel G. Omlor, 87, Great Bend, died Dec. 19 at Central Kansas Medical Center. He was born June 28, 1917, at Pawnee Rock, the son of James P. and Gertrude E. Zieber Omlor. He married Pauline Dralle on Dec. 25, 1940, at Great Bend. She survives. He was a resident of Great Bend since 1979, coming from Seward and Larned. He was a farmer, salesman for Brentwood Ltd., and an automobile salesman for Bordewick Ford and Houser Chevrolet, both of Larned. Omlor was a U.S. Army veteran during World War II, serving with the rank of sergeant. He was a member of the First Christian Church, American Legion and a former member of the Noon Lions Club. Survivors include his wife, Pauline Omlor of the home; two daughters, Jeannine Coursen and husband John of Huntington, Pa., and Jane Eneff of Tulsa, Okla.; one sister, Marjorie Weathers of Galt, Ga.; and three grandchildren, David Coursen, Steven Coursen and Natalie Eneff. He was preceded in death by a son-in-law, Darrel Eneff. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at First Christian Church in Great Bend, with the Rev. William F. Johnson officiating. Burial will be at the 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 First Christian Church Building Fund. Funeral arrangements provided by Bryant Funeral Home* 1425 Patton Rd. Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-3525 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Dec. 21, 2004

Kenneth Friend

LARNED — Kenneth Friend, 96, died Dec. 18, 2004, at St. Joseph Memorial Hospital in Larned. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Morell Funeral Home in Larned. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 21, 2004

Ivan Dow Krug 1930 - 2004

LA CROSSE — Ivan Dow Krug, 74, died Dec. 18 at the Hays Good Samaritan Center, in Hays. He was born Jan. 1, 1930, at La Crosse, the son of John and Freda H. Scheideman Krug. He graduated from La Crosse High School in 1948. He graduated from Kansas State University in 1953, attended Columbia Business School in New York, N.Y., and received a degree from Washburn Law School, Topeka, in 1959. He served in the Kansas House of Representatives from 1961 to 1965. In 1966, he was elected Rush County Attorney and served until his retirement in 1997. He had a private law practice and was engaged in farming. On Aug. 16, 1959, he married Verdel Wilson in Wellington. Krug was a founder of the Kansas Barbed Wire Association. He was a member of the La Crosse United Methodist Church, Sigma Phi Epsilon, Steel Ring, a 50 year member of the Masonic Lodge, Pi Tau Sigma, Sigma Tau, and Delta Theta Phi. Survivors include his wife of the home; two sons, Brean Krug of Minneapolis, Minn., and Heath Krug of Alliance, Neb.; one daughter, Brooke Liggett of Springfield, Mo.; two sisters, Aleta Crabtree of Leavenworth, and LaVada Hayworth of Venice, Fla.; and four grandchildren. Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the church in La Crosse. Friends may call at the church on Wednesday from 9:30 a.m. until the time of service. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials to the Kansas Barbed Wire Museum or the church. Funeral arrangements provided by Hays Memorial Chapel Funeral Home 20th and Pine Hays, KS 67601 785-628-1009 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Dec. 21, 2004

December 19, 2004

Albert "Neal" Carlson 1923 - 2004

GYP SUM — Albert "Neal" Carlson, 80, of Gypsum, died Dec. 16. He was born Dec. 24, 1923, the son of Albert A. and Edith P. Carlson. He was a farmer/rancher all his life. Survivors include a brother, Philip Carlson, and his wife, Theresa H., of Great Bend; a niece, Lexa Brown of Gypsum; and two nephews, William Lee Carlson of Martinsburg, W. Va., and

Lanny Neil Carlson of Ames, Iowa. Carlson was preceded in death by two brothers, Donovan and Gary. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Monday at the First United Methodist Church in Gypsum, with the Rev. Carl Ellis officiating. Interment will follow in the Gypsum Cemetery. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. today at the Karber-Gillum Funeral Home, 902 Maple, Gypsum. Funeral arrangements provided by Ryan Mortuary Inc. 137 North 8th Salina, KS 67401 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 19, 2004

Jack Preston Hill 1948 - 2004

Jack Preston Hill, 56, died Dec. 17 at his home in Great Bend. He was born Aug. 11, 1948, at Altus, Ark., the son of Fletcher "Ike" Preston and Ellen (Toemmel) Hill. He married Connie Beatrice Dowdney at El Paso, Texas, on May 13, 1967. She survives, of the home. He was shop foreman for Venture Corporation, Great Bend, for 18 years. Survivors, besides his wife, include three sons, Dean P. Hill of Wakefield, Dan T. Hill of Oklahoma City, Okla., and Douglas W. Hill of Kansas City, Mo.; a brother, Jim Hill of Fort Smith, Ark.; two sisters, Barb Farnsworth of Carrollton, Texas, and Ellen Caldwell of Fort Smith, Ark.; and seven grandchildren. A memorial service will be at 10 a.m. Monday at First Christian Church, Great Bend, with the Rev. Bill Johnson officiating. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society in care of Charter Funerals, Great Bend. Funeral arrangements provided by Charter Funerals 2115 Washington Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-6161 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 19, 2004

Patricia Irene Schartz 1939 - 2004

ELLINWOOD — Patricia Irene Schartz, 65, died Dec. 17 at Great Bend. She was born Jan. 6, 1939, at Eureka, the daughter of Clyde David and Marie Austin Walford. She was a 1956 graduate of Ellinwood Rural High School. She married Raymond (Junior) Schartz on Oct. 27, 1956. He died April 20, 1990. An Ellinwood resident for more than 60 years, she was produce department manager at Rocky's IGA and manager/bartender at Grove Park Golf Club, both in Ellinwood. Schartz was a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Ellinwood, the Bunco Card Club, and was an avid bingo player. Survivors include two sons, Brian and Gary, both of Ellinwood; three daughters, Debra Panning of Great Bend, Diana Jackson of Ellinwood and Brenda Schartz of Abilene; a brother, Donald Walford of Owasso, Okla.; 11 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. An Altar Society rosary will be at 3 p.m. Monday and a vigil service at 7 p.m. Monday, both at Kimple Funeral Home in Ellinwood. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Ellinwood, with the Rev. John Maes officiating. Burial will be in Lakin-Comanche District Cemetery, Ellinwood. Friends may call at the funeral home from 9 a.m. until 8 p.m. Monday. Memorials are suggested to the Ellinwood Public School & Library Foundation or to the St. Joseph's School Endowment. Funeral arrangements provided by Kimple Funeral Home 113 North Main Ellinwood, KS 67526 620-564-2300 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 19, 2004

Henrietta Louise Nuss 1914 - 2004

Henrietta Louise Nuss, 89, died Dec. 17 at Cherry Village Nursing Home, Great Bend. She was born Dec. 19, 1914, in rural Barton County, the daughter of Edward and Anna Ruhnke Gagelman. She married Roland B. Nuss on June 13, 1944. He died Feb. 16, 1965. She had been a clerk at the North Dillons Store in Great Bend and later worked at the Cinderella Shoppe. She was a lifetime Great Bend resident. Nuss was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church, The American Legion Auxiliary and the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary. Survivors include a son, Roland E. Nuss, and his wife, Rita, of Hutchinson; and two granddaughters. She was preceded in death by a brother, Raymond Gagelman, and a sister, Irene Richter. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at Trinity Lutheran Church, Great Bend, with the Rev. James A. Strasen officiating. Interment will be in Great Bend Cemetery. Visitation will be from 1 to 9 p.m. today, and the family will receive friends from 7 to 8 p.m., all at Bryant Funeral Home, Great Bend. In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to Trinity Lutheran Church, Great Bend. Funeral arrangements provided by Bryant Funeral Home 1425 Patton Road Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-3525

Ruth E. Rogers 1921 - 2004

ELLSWORTH — Ruth E. Rogers, 83, died Dec. 18 at Good Samaritan Retirement Village in Lyons. She was born Nov. 30, 1921, in Boston, Mass., the daughter of Henry R. and Georgiana E. Perkins Walker. She married Charles B. Rogers in Las Vegas, Nev., on Dec. 27, 1954. He died Dec. 10, 1987. She had lived in Ellsworth since 1968, moving from Great Bend. She was past owner of Rogers Art Gallery, Ellsworth, and an artist. Rogers was a member of Episcopal Church Women and a past board member of the Ellsworth Fine Arts Club and the Ellsworth Area Arts Council. She was a member of Holy Apostles Episcopal Church, Ellsworth. Survivors include a son, Robert C. Rogers, of Ellsworth. Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at Holy Apostles Episcopal Church, Ellsworth, with the Rev. Kevin Schmidt and the Rev. Layne Smith officiating. Interment will be in Ellsworth Memorial Cemetery. Visitation will be from 1 until 8 p.m. today at Parsons Funeral Home in Ellsworth. The casket will remain closed. Memorials are suggested to Holy Apostles Episcopal Church. Funeral arrangements provided by Parsons Funeral Home 307 North Lincoln Ellsworth, KS 67439 785-472-3861 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 19, 2004

Vera Pauline Williams 1924 - 2004

HUTCHINSON — Vera Pauline Williams, 80, died Dec. 18 at Hospice House. She was born March 13, 1924, at Hutchinson, the daughter of Earl Lee and Ollie Mae Palmatier Whitney. She graduated from Hutchinson High School in 1942. She married Carl Eugene Williams on March 28, 1948, at Hutchinson. He died Nov. 11, 1987. A homemaker, she had formerly lived in Great Bend and Nickerson. Williams was of the Methodist faith. Survivors include a son, Earl P. Williams of Nickerson; and a daughter, Karla P. Marciniak of Cleveland, Ohio; four grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by five brothers, Marvin, Leroy, Hubert, Phillip and Walter Whitney, a sister,

Fern Fuller, a son, Eugene W. Williams, a daughter, Judith A. Jordan, and a granddaughter. She bequeathed her body to the University of Kansas Medical Center. A private family inurnment will take place at a later date. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society, in care of Elliott Mortuary, Hutchinson. Funeral arrangements provided by Elliott Mortuary 1219 North Main Hutchinson, KS 67501 620-663-3327 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 19, 2004

December 17, 2004

Billy Hugh Dickie 1927 - 2004

RAYMOND — Billy Hugh Dickie, 77, died Dec. 15 at Hutchinson Hospital in Hutchinson. He was born Sept. 10, 1927, at Lincoln, Ala., the son of Phillip Gray and Brooksie Eugenia Verrell Dickie. He was divorced. He was a retired truck driver for Ellinwood Tank Service, Ellinwood. He was seasonally employed in golf-course maintenance at Paradise Pastures Golf Course near Sterling. He also did carry-out at Dillons in Great Bend. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II. Survivors include a son, Arthur James Dickie of North Carolina; a sister, Margaret Aubrey of Santa Rosa, Calif.; and one grandchild. Any services to be held will be announced at a later date. There will be no viewing or visitation. The family suggests memorial donations to the Raymond Community Development Fund in care of Kimple Funeral Home, Box 246, Ellinwood, KS 67526. Funeral arrangements provided by Kimple Funeral Home 113 North Main Ellinwood, KS 67526 620-564-2300 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 17, 2004

Kathryn E. "Kathy" Duryee 1950 - 2004

Kathryn E. "Kathy" Duryee, 54, died Dec. 14 at Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha, Neb. She was born Feb. 10, 1950, at Great Bend, the daughter of Walter and Florence Nuss Mai. She had a master's degree in education. She married William "Bill" Duryee on July 25, 1970, at Great Bend. He survives, of the home. She was a teacher at Great Bend Middle School and a lifetime resident of Great Bend. Duryee was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church. Survivors, in addition to her husband, include two sons, Bradley A. Duryee of Great Bend and Dustin R. Duryee of the home; her parents of Great Bend; two brothers, Walter A. Mai of Houston and Daryl L. Mai and his wife, Elizabeth, of San Antonio, Texas; many cousins, nieces and nephews, including Little Michael. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Trinity Lutheran Church, Great Bend, with the Rev. James A. Strasen officiating. Interment will be in Golden Belt Cemetery, Great Bend. Friends may call from noon until 9 p.m. today at Bryant Funeral Home, Great Bend, and from 9 a.m. until service time Saturday at the church. A memorial fund in her name, to which contributions may be made, has been established for the USD 428 Educational Foundation. Funeral arrangements provided by Bryant Funeral Home 1425 Patton Road Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-3525 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 17, 2004

Bertha Louise Anderson 1910 - 2004

RUSSELL — Bertha Louise Anderson, 94, died Dec. 16 at Russell Regional Hospital. She was born Nov. 9, 1910, at Oakley, the daughter of Fred L. and Lydia (Kast) Ebel. She moved with her family to the Russell area when young and received her basic education in area schools. She married Tom B. Anderson at Great Bend on Dec. 20, 1927. He died Dec. 1, 1961. She lived her entire adult life in the Russell community. She and her husband farmed in Fairfield Township, Russell County, for many years. After his death she moved to Russell to make her home. For 17 years she assisted her daughter, Mary Miller, as a cook at the Log Cabin Inn in Russell. She was a member of St. John Lutheran Church, Russell. Survivors include her daughter, Dorothy Pfannenstiel of Russell, six grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren and 18 great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her daughter, Mary Miller, a grandson, Steven Karst, three brothers, Bill, Leo and Ted Ebel, and a sister, Katherine Franzmathes. Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Pohlman-Heise Memorial Chapel, Russell, with the Rev. Henry J. Hartman officiating. Interment will be at Cross Plains Cemetery, southeast of Russell. Visitation will be from noon to 9 p.m. today and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at Pohlman-Heise Mortuary, Russell. Memorial contributions may be made to St. John Lutheran Church in care of the mortuary. Funeral arrangements provided by Pohlman-Heise Mortuary 610 North Maple Russell, KS 67665 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 17, 2004

Helen D. Mitchell 1911 - 2004

McPHERSON — Helen D. Mitchell, 93, died Dec. 15 at The Cedars in McPherson. She was born Nov. 12, 1911, at Pratt, the daughter of E. Walter and Anna Mae Griffith Helsel. She was a graduate of Central Christian College and McPherson College. She married Cecil O. Mitchell at luka on June 3, 1934. He died Sept. 27, 1972. A retired teacher, she had taught in the Galva, Groveland and Inman schools. She formerly lived in Woods County, Okla. She was a member of McPherson Free Methodist Church. Survivors include a son, Owen N. Mitchell of Fremont, Calif.; a daughter, Joan D. Fitzjarrod of Wichita; three brothers, Walt Helsel of Edmonds, Wash., Robert Helsel of Cottage Grove, Ore., and Charles Helsel of South Pasadena, Calif.; a sister, Bonnie Park of McPherson; seven grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a brother, Harold Helsel, and two sisters, Gladys Helsel and Neva Helsel. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Free Methodist Church, McPherson, with the Rev. Tom Griffith and the Rev. Tom Mayse officiating. Burial will be in McPherson Cemetery. Friends may call from 3 until 8 p.m. today at Stockham Family Funeral Home, McPherson. The family will be present from 6 until 8 p.m. Memorials are suggested to the Central Christian College of Kansas — General Scholarship Fund. Funeral arrangements provided by Stockham Family Funeral Home 205 North Chestnut McPherson, KS 67460 620-241-2442 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 17, 2004

Noel Paige Lanci 1978 - 2004

Noel Paige Lanci, 25, passed away of natural causes at her home in Portales, New Mexico, Dec. 11. She was born Dec. 20, 1978, in St. Francis. She attended school in Great Bend, from kindergarten through high school, where she was active in 4-H and orchestra, as well as spending hours training and showing her Appaloosa horse. The many awards she received recognized her varied talents. Her interest in archeology began at an early age and led her to pursue a bachelor's degree in archeology at the University of Kansas. She graduated with honors in 2002. While at KU, she was selected to participate in several special research projects and excavations in Kansas, Oklahoma, South Dakota, and on an international project in Hungary. Following her graduation from KU, Noel was employed as an archeologist by the Office of Antiquities for the State of New Mexico in Santa Fe. In the fall of 2004, she was accepted into advanced studies at Eastern New Mexico University in Portales, N.M., to pursue her master's degree in cultural resource management. Noel's love of the out-of-doors and all of nature was apparent in everything she did. Her favorite times were spent with her dogs, horses, and family and friends. Those left to cherish her memories are: Father, Tom Lanci; mother, Tania Locker; stepfather, Lawrence Locker; grandparents, Daniel Lanci, Jacque Hayes and John Hayes; great-grandmother; Barbara Ewing — and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins and friends. Those accompanying her in her next journey are her grandmother, Katie Lanci; grandfather, Melvin Walz; great-grandmother Lydia Walz, her great-grandfather, Budd Ewing, and great-great grandmother Laura Rudder. A memorial service for local family is to be held today, Dec. 17, at First Christian Church in St. Francis, Kan. A private service for her Connecticut family will be held in Shelton, Conn., on Sunday, Dec. 19, and an open ceremony for friends at the University of Kansas' Danforth Chapel in Lawrence, Kan., will be on Monday, Dec. 20. Interment will be in Moriarity, N.M. In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting contributions to the Lawrence Humane Society, 1805 E. 19th St., Lawrence, KS 66044, or to the Friends of Eastern Foundation, Noel Lanci Scholarship Memorial, at Eastern New Mexico University, ENMU Station 8, Portales, NM 88130. Garcia Mortuary, Albuquerque, N.M., was in charge of arrangements. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 17, 2004

Ruth JoAnn Stoy 1937 - 2004

INDEPENDENCE, Mo. — Ruth JoAnn Stoy, 67, died Dec. 14 at the Medical Center of Independence. She was born Feb. 27, 1937, at Great Bend, Kan. She was a past president of the Altar Society at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Larned, of which she was a member. Survivors include a daughter, Debra Shields of Independence; four sons, Michael Jacobs, Gary Jacobs and Tom Jacobs, all of Newton, Kan., and Tim Jacobs of Great Bend; a brother, Don Thomason of Natchitoches, La.; a sister, Shirley Hauser of San Diego; eight grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. A rosary will be said at 5 p.m. today at Carson-Speaks Midtown Chapel, Independence. Visitation will be from 5 to 7 p.m. today at the chapel. A graveside service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Woodlawn Cemetery, Independence, Mo. The family suggests memorial contributions to the American Cancer Society. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 17, 2004

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Billy Hugh Dickie

RAYMOND — Billy Hugh Dickie, 77, longtime Raymond resident, died Dec. 15 at Hutchinson Hospital. Arrangements are pending with Kimple Funeral Home, Ellinwood, and will be announced. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 16, 2004

Kathryn E. Duryee 1950 - 2004

Kathryn E. Duryee, 54, of Great Bend, died Dec. 14 at Nebraska Medical Center. She was born Feb. 10, 1950, at Great Bend, the daughter of Walter and Florence Nuss Mai. She married William "Bill" Duryee July 25, 1970, at Great Bend. A lifetime Great Bend resident, she was a teacher at Great Bend Middle School with a master's degree in education. Survivors include her husband, of the home; two sons, Bradley A. Duryee, Great Bend, and Dustin R. Duryee, of the home; her parents, of Great Bend; two brothers, Walter A. Mai, Houston, Texas, and Daryl L. Mai, San Antonio, Texas. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Trinity Lutheran Church in Great Bend. Visitation and memorials will be announced by Bryant Funeral Home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 16, 2004

JoAnn E. "Jody" Kahler 1933-2004

LYONS — JoAnn E. "Jody" Kahler, 71, died Dec. 14 at Hutchinson Hospital, Hutchinson. She was born Oct. 30, 1933, at Lyons, the daughter of Frank Roy and Margaret Hanna Welch. She married James G. Kahler on July 12, 1953, at Little River. He survives, of the home. She graduated from Little River High School in 1951, and attended St. Elizabeth School of Nursing at Hutchinson and Fort Scott Junior College. She obtained her EMT certification. She was a homemaker. Kahler was a member of United Methodist Church, Worthwhile Club, Gray Lady at Lyons District Hospital, Lyons Town & Country Club, Lyons Library Board, all of Lyons. Survivors besides her husband include a son, Kirk Kahler of St. Louis; a daughter, Krysta Fischer of Salina; and four grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a sister, Elaine N. Smith. Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at United Methodist Church, Lyons, with the Rev. Cindy Watson officiating. Burial will be in Bean Memorial Cemetery, Little River. Visitation will be from 2 to 7 p.m. Friday at Sillin Funeral Home, Lyons, with the family receiving friends from 5 until 7 p.m. Memorial donations may be made to United Methodist Church, Hutchinson Hospital or the Center for Basic Cancer Research at Kansas State University, in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Sillin Funeral Home 214 West Ave. South Lyons, KS 67554 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 16, 2004

Lois DeSelms Lippoldt 1906 - 2004

Lois DeSelms Lippoldt passed away quietly at a local (Joplin, Mo.) nursing home, Tuesday, Dec. 14, 2004. Lois was born on April 21, 1906, in Edwards County, Kan., to Arthur and Leah DeSelms. Her family was moving by horse and wagon to

Seward County, Kan., where they were planning to homestead. Lois was, as she always said, born on the way. Her father was killed by lightning shortly after the move. Lois, her sister and mother moved back to St. John, Kan. Lois's mother later married John Kay, who was the St. John postmaster, being appointed by President Woodrow Wilson. Lois graduated from St. John High School and then attended Emporia State Teachers College, where she earned her teaching certificate. She taught school in Hutchinson, St. John and Dodge City, Kan. In 1930 she married Dennis Lippoldt and moved to Dodge City where she raised three sons and helped her husband in his business and farming interests. Survivors include her two sons, Victor Lippoldt and his wife, Heike, of Joplin, Mo., and Vaughn Lippoldt and his wife, Velma, of Council Bluffs, Iowa; her sister, Gwen Cooper of Wichita, Kan.; four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. She is also survived by her very good friend, Sonya Friend of Joplin. Her youngest son, Thayne, preceded her in death in 1963, shortly after she lost her husband in the same year. Private memorial services will be held at a later date in Dodge City, Kan. Cremation arrangements are under the direction of Parker Mortuary. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Paul's United Methodist Church in Joplin or to the First Methodist Church in Dodge City. Funeral arrangements provided by Parker Mortuary 1502 South Joplin St. Joplin, MO 64803 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 16, 2004

Dollye E. Thurow 1903-2004

MACKSVILLE — Dollye E. Thurow, 101, Dodge City, died Dec. 14 at Manor of the Plains Nursing Home, Dodge City. She was born Aug. 30, 1903, at Macksville, the daughter of O.M. and Abby E. (McNinch) Young. She married Russell Thurow in 1955 at Macksville. She attended Fort Hays State College, Hays, and Southwestern College in Winfield. She was a schoolteacher in Copeland, Dodge City, Great Bend and St. John. Thurow was a member of Methodist churches in Great Bend and Macksville. She is survived by many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by a brother, Hobart Young, and her husband, Russell. Funeral service will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at Grace United Methodist Church, Macksville, with Pastor Elaine Lord officiating. Burial will be in Farmington Cemetery, Macksville. Friends may call from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday at the church. Memorials are suggested to Grace United Methodist Church, Macksville. Funeral arrangements provided by Minnis Chapel, Inc. St. John, Kan. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 16, 2004

Ferdinand "Ferd" F. Nemechek 1915-2004

WaKEENEY — Ferdinand "Ferd" F. Nemechek, 89, died Dec. 14 at the Lutheran Home in WaKeeney. He was born July 14, 1915, at Hill City, the son of Stephen and Philomena (Reitmayer) Nemechek. He attended Graham County rural school. He married Olinda Schneider on Oct. 28, 1943, at Collyer. She survives. He was a farmer. Nemechek was a member of Christ The King Catholic Church and the Knights of Columbus, both in WaKeeney. He had served in the U.S. Navy. Survivors, in addition to his wife, of the home, include a son, Terry Nemechek of Rialto, Calif.; two daughters, Judith McCune of Albert and Juanita Abston of Largo, Fla.; three sisters, Helen Lessor and Barbara Parke, both of WaKeeney, and Agatha Denning of Hutchinson; six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a son, Dennis, five brothers, Leo, Carl, Steve, Johnny and Leonard Nemechek, and three sisters, Regina Aschenbrenner, Catherine Umstead and Dorothy O'Rourke. Wake service will be at 7 p.m. Friday at Schmitt Funeral Home, WaKeeney. Funeral Mass will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Christ The King Catholic Church, WaKeeney, with the Rev. Donald F. Pfannenstiel officiating. Interment will be in the Christ The King Catholic Cemetery, WaKeeney, with military rites conducted by Randall Reid VFW Post 3449 and the American Legion post, both of WaKeeney. Friends may call from 4 to 7 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Schmitt Funeral Home 336 North 12th St. WaKeeney, KS 67672 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 16, 2004

Earl Edward Nightengale 1935-2004

EL DORADO — Earl Edward Nightengale, 69, died Dec. 14 at Wheat State Manor in Whitewater. He was born May 9, 1935, at Parsons, the son of Henry Wells and Margaret Catherine Nightengale. He married Bernice Brown on Aug. 13, 1962, at Quenemo. He had lived in El Dorado five years, moving from Great Bend. He was a roughneck in the oilfield. Nightengale was a U.S. Navy veteran of the Korean War. Survivors include his wife, Bernice, of the home; three daughters, Shona Johnson, Shelly Eichman and Lynda Miller, all of Wichita; nine grandchildren and one great-grandchild. A memorial service will be at 1:30 p.m. Friday at Bryant Funeral Home, Great Bend, with the Rev. Don Paden officiating. Interment will be in Hillcrest Memorial Park, Great Bend, with military honors. There will be no visitation, as the body has been cremated. Memorials to a fund for the family are suggested. Funeral arrangements provided by Bryant Funeral Home 1425 Patton Road Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 16, 2004

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Kathy Duryee 1950 - 2004

Kathy Duryee of Great Bend died Dec. 14, 2004. Services are pending with Bryant Funeral Home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Dec. 15, 2004

Ruth A. Dirreen 1942 - 2004

HUTCHINSON — Ruth A. Dirreen, 62, died Dec. 14 at her home. She was born July 18, 1942, at Great Bend, the daughter of Eugene "Gene" and Mabel Ruth Meyer Wahaus. She married Bill Dirreen July 31, 1960, at Hoisington. A lifetime Hoisington resident, moving to Hutchinson in 2001, she owned the former Ruth's Flowers in Hoisington and operated the Redwing Store for a time. She was also a homemaker. Mrs. Dirreen was a member of First United Methodist Church in Hoisington and the American Legion Auxiliary in Hutchinson, and served as past State President. Survivors include her husband of the home; two sons, Richard C. Dirreen, Olmitz, and Michael W. Dirreen, Raymore, Mo.; a brother,

Bob Wahaus, Salina; and five grandchildren. Funeral will be at 1:30 p.m. Friday at the church 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. Thursday at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington and 11 a.m. until service time Friday at the church. Memorials are suggested to the church or Kansas American Legion Auxiliary in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home, P.O. Box 146 Hoisington, KS 67544 620-653-4165 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 15, 2004

R. Lenore Hare 1912 - 2004

HUTCHINSON — R. Lenore Hare, 92, died Dec. 13 at Wesley Towers-Thorne Care Center in Hutchinson. She was born March 15, 1912, at Timken, the daughter of L. H. and Sarah Elizabeth Carlyle Conard. She was a graduate of Larned High School in 1930, and a graduate of Ottawa University in 1935. She married Marion B. Hare on June 3, 1948, in Salina. He died Feb. 16, 2004. A Hutchinson resident since 1960, she was an elementary teacher for 33 years, teaching the last 17 years in Hutchinson at Winans and McCandless Schools, retiring in 1977. Mrs. Hare was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church in Hutchinson. Survivors include two daughters, Patricia E. Leiker of Salina and Sharon L. Henneke of Centerville, Ind.; one step-son, Gerald D. Hare of Youngstown, Ariz.; one sister, Marge Schropfer of Casper, Wyo.; four grandchildren; two step-grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one brother, Richard Conard. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at the Elliott Chapel in Hutchinson, with the Rev. Nick Warner officiating. Burial will be at Memorial Park Cemetery in Hutchinson. Friends may call from 3 to 9 p.m. today. Memorials are suggested to the church, Good Samaritan Fund at Wesley Towers, or Hospice Care of Kansas, all in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Elliott Mortuary 1219 N. Main Hutchinson, KS 67501 620-663-3327 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Dec. 15, 2004

Tom N. Ramsey 1925 - 2004

LYONS — Tom N. Ramsey, 79, died Dec. 9 at his residence in Lyons. He was born Aug. 30, 1925, at Vaughn, N.M., the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Ramsey. He graduated from Lyons High School. He married Maxine J. Jones Nov. 8, 1949, at Lyons. She died July 3, 1989. A lifetime resident of Lyons, he was a retired Realtor and co-owner of Credit Bureau in Lyons. Ramsey served in the U.S. Army, 35th Division, 137th Infantry, during World War II. He was a member of St. Paul Catholic Church, Knights of Columbus Council No. 7422, Veterans of Foreign Wars and American Legion, all of Lyons. Survivors include one son, Mike Ramsey, Great Bend; one daughter, Sharon Phillips, Irving, Texas, and six grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two brothers. 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, with Military Honors for Fort Riley Honor Guard. Friends may call from 3 to 8 p.m. today at Sillin Funeral Home in Lyons, with rosary at 7 p.m.; the casket will be closed. Memorials are suggested to the VFW or the church, in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Sillin Funeral Homes 214 West Ave. South Lyons, KS 67554 620-257-2211 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 15, 2004

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Ora Viola "Vi" Farmer 1914-2004

STAFFORD — Ora Viola "Vi" Farmer, 90, died Dec. 11 at the Stafford District Hospital. She was born April 7, 1914, at Kirksville, Mo., the daughter of Ori J. and Elsie Holmes Smith. She married Dr. Fredrick J. Farmer Jr. on My 26, 1936, in Missouri. He died March 18, 1999. A Stafford resident since 1936, she assisted her husband from 1936 through 1988 at the Farmer Medical Clinic. Mrs. Farmer was a member of Business and Professional Women and the Daughters of the American Revolution. Survivors include one son, Dr. Fredrick J. Farmer III of Stafford; two brothers, Benny Smith and David Smith, both of Kirksville, Mo.; and one grandson. There will be a private family service conducted by the Rev. Kasey Crosby. Burial will be at the Stafford Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to the Stafford Educational Foundation or Southwind Hospice, both in care of Minnis Chapel in Stafford. Funeral arrangements provided by Minnis Chapel 125 N. Main Stafford, KS 67578 620-234-5261 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Dec. 14, 2004

Edna Louise Schrader 1911-2004

Edna Louise Schrader, 93, of Great Bend, died Dec. 12, 2004, at IHS of Woodhaven, in Ellinwood. She was born Aug. 29, 1911, in Great Bend, the daughter of Frank and Elsie Breeden Kellam. She married Irvin K. Schrader on May 1, 1932, at Great Bend. He survives. A resident of Great Bend since 1937, coming from Ellinwood, she was a sales women for Lischesky Dry Goods, and manager of Sweetbriar and Maggie Dee's Clothing, all of Great Bend. Mrs. Schrader was a member of First Congregational United Church of Christ, Elks Auxiliary, and Fort Zarah H.D.U., all of Great Bend. Survivors include her husband, Irvin Schrader of the home; one son, Jerry L. Schrader and wife Yvonne of Great Bend; three grandchildren, Kathy Graddy, Daryn Kinsinger and Delisa Willcut; one step-grandchild, Dustin Nordman; and four great-grandchildren, Quinn Graddy, Ercia Kinsinger, Jessica Kinsinger and Jacqueline Kinsinger. Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend, with the Rev. Diana Coberly officiating. Burial will be at the Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. today and 9 a.m. to service time Wednesday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to First Congregational United Church of Christ. Funeral arrangements provided by Bryant Funeral Home* 1425 Patton Rd. Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-3525 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Dec. 14, 2004

Ralph G. Peck 1916-2004

BUNKER HILL — Ralph G. Peck, 88, died Dec. 10 at his home in Bunker Hill. He was born April 10, 1916, at Bunker Hill, the son of Clarence S. and Laura Justus Peck. He graduated from Bunker Hill High School and attended the University of Kansas for one year. He married Hester L. Milberger on Aug. 3, 1941, in Russell. He was a lifelong Bunker Hill area resident. He worked as a mechanic at Peck's Service Shop with his brother for many years; he then worked for the State of Kansas as a maintenance inspector from 1962 until his retirement in 1982. Peck was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star Beulah Lodge No. 332 and Russell Masonic Lodge No. 177, where he was past master and secretary for many years, and a member of the Scottish Rite for over 52 years. Survivors include his wife of the home; two sons, Dr. Roger Peck of Manhattan and Curtis Peck of Wichita; two daughters, Sandra Rogg of Russell and Laaree Johnson of Ellis; one sister, Fern Whatley of Monroe, La.; 10 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Clarence and Wayne Peck; one sister, Irene Sommers; one son, Frank Wayne Peck; one son-in-law, Verne Rogg; and one grandson, Eric Rogg. Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. today at the Bunker Hill United Methodist Church, with the Rev. Earl J. Haggard officiating. A private family burial will follow at the Bunker Hill Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to the Bunker Hill Lions Club Building Fund, Bunker Hill United Methodist Church or the Bunker Hill Museum, and may be sent in care of the Pohlman-Heise Mortuary. Funeral arrangements provided by Pohlman-Heise Mortuary 610 N. Maple St. Russell, KS 67665 785-483-2212 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Dec. 14, 2004

Jacque Harrell

WICHITA — Jacque Harrell, 80, went to be with our Lord on Dec. 11, 2004. A long-time Wichita resident, she was a retired Estimator for Boeing Corporation in Wichita. She was previously employed at Yales China Shop, and she worked on the B-29 Project in Pratt. Mrs. Harrell was a member of Immanuel Baptist Church and the Chapel Sunday School Class. She enjoyed her volunteer work at the CSJ "Dear Neighbor" Ministries and will be greatly missed. Jacque's concern and care for others was often shown by her hugs for her friends at Dillon's, her church and her many other activities. Survivors include her husband, Dennis R. Harrell of Wichita; two sons, Dr. Jon Harrell and wife Cheryl of Great Bend and David Harrell of Wichita; one daughter, Denise and husband Dave Seeley of Kettle Falls, Wash.; one sister, Doris Drew of Wichita; three grandchildren, Susan Aistrup, Laura Arbuckle and Jerome Harrell; and five great-grandchildren. Funeral service will be at 1 p.m. today at Resthaven Mortuary, in Wichita, with the Rev. Terry Fox and the Rev. Clyde Hargraves officiating. Funeral arrangements provided by Resthaven Mortuary* 11800 W. Highway 54 Wichita, KS 67209 316-722-2100 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Dec. 14, 2004

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Violet Grossardt Bair 1916 - 2004

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla. — Violet Grossardt Bair, 87, died Nov. 29 at Canterbury Retirement Center, Oklahoma City. She was born Dec. 19, 1916, in Claffin, the daughter of Philip and Katherine Cerny Grossardt. She attended Claffin High School and the University of Kansas, Lawrence, where she was a member of Chi Omega Sorority. She married Howard V. Bair, M.D., on Dec. 31, 1941. He died in March 1990. Vi moved to Oklahoma City in 1995 to be closer to her son and family. Survivors include a sister, Rose K. Smith, Lakewood, Colo.; two sons, Dr. Jeffrey Bair and his wife, Karen, of Emporia, and Jack M. Bair, M.D., and his wife, Debra, of Oklahoma City; a daughter, Julie Novich and her husband, Kenneth Novich, M.D., of California; a son-in-law, Robert L. Pierce of Kansas City; five grandchildren, nephews Phil Grossardt of Great Bend and Philip and Michael Smith of Colorado; and a niece, Ellen Pike, Great Bend. She was preceded in death by her parents, a brother, Ernest J. Grossardt and a daughter, Jane K. Pierce. Services for Vi were held Dec. 2, 2004, in Oklahoma City at Hahn-Cook/ Street and Draper Chapel with the Rev. William Hess officiating. Cremation has taken place. Funeral arrangements provided by Hahn-Cook/ Street & Draper Funeral Directors Oklahoma City, Okla. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 12, 2004

Bernard J. Debes 1931 - 2004

LARNED — Bernard J. Debes, 73, died Dec. 10 at St. Joseph Long Term Care, Larned. He was born Nov. 3, 1931, in Larned, the son of Albert and Olivia Jenisch Debes. He married Jeane Steinert Weaver on Nov. 12, 1971, at Great Bend. She survives. A farmer, he was a lifetime Larned resident. Debes was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Knights of Columbus, The American Legion and VFW, all of Larned. Survivors, besides his wife, include two sons, Brad Weaver and his wife, Susan, of Springfield, Mo., and Rod Weaver and his wife, Kim, of Monett, Mo.; a daughter, Kay Serrins of Tulsa, Okla.; four sisters, Alma Frick, Katherine George and Rose George, all of Larned, and Pauline Herrman of Kinsley; five grandchildren and one great-grandchild. A vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Beckwith Mortuary Chapel, Larned, with the Rev. Dennis Reed presiding. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with the Rev. Robert Schremmer presiding. Burial will be in the Larned Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. both Monday and Tuesday at Beckwith Mortuary. Memorials may be sent to Catholic Social Service in care of the mortuary, Box 477, Larned, KS 67550. Funeral arrangements provided by Beckwith Mortuary Box 477 Larned, KS 67550 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 12, 2004

Sylvia Ann Sanders 1940 - 2004

LARNED — Sylvia Ann Sanders, 64, died Dec. 9 at her home in Larned. She was born Oct. 2, 1940, in Bison, the daughter of Anton and Anna Urban Haberman. She married Merrill Dean "Curly" Sanders at Timken on June 2, 1962. He died Jan. 19, 1994. She had lived in Larned since 1962, moving from Bison. She was a cook for USD 495, Larned. She was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Larned. Survivors include a son, Merrill, of Larned; two daughters, Mary Sekavec of DeSoto and Rose Sanders-Likes of Kansas City, Kan.; a brother, Arlyn Haberman of Hutchinson; a sister, Darlene Fleischmann of Great Bend; and three grandchildren. A memorial service conducted by the family will be at 2

p.m. Tuesday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Larned, with the Rev. Dennis Reed presiding. A lunch will be served before the service at 12:30 p.m. in the Sacred Heart School gymnasium. Cremation has taken place. Memorials may be sent to the Sylvia Sanders Memorial Fund in care of Beckwith Mortuary, Inc., P.O. Box 477, Larned, KS 67550. Funeral services provided by Beckwith Mortuary, Inc. Box 477 Larned, KS 67550 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 12, 2004

Harold L. Sherrill 1930 - 2004

JETMORE — Harold L. Sherrill, 74, died Dec. 11 at the Hodgeman County Long Term Care Center, Jetmore. He was born Feb. 26, 1930, in Wasola, Mo., the son of John and Ruth Abel Sherrill. He married Ellen Ward at Denton, Texas, on April 11, 1959. She survives. He was a business owner in the Jetmore community and a manager for Liquid Carbonics. Sherrill was a member of the First Baptist Church and Hodgeman County Historical Society, both of Jetmore. Survivors, besides his wife, include two sons, Fred Gillespie of Ava, Mo., and Kevin Sherrill of Jetmore; three daughters, Mary Ellen Schinstock of Great Bend, Debbie Peterson of Woodland Park, Colo., and Jacque Sherrill of Jetmore; two brothers, Larry of Windsor, Mo., and Wayne of Vacaville, Calif.; 14 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a son, Michael Leon Sherrill, and a brother, Harlan. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the First Baptist Church, Jetmore, with the Rev. Mark Durham presiding. Burial will be in Fairmount Cemetery, Jetmore. Friends may call from noon to 8 p.m. today, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. both Monday and Tuesday at Beckwith Funeral Home, Jetmore. Memorials may be sent to the Hodgeman County Historical Society in care of Beckwith Funeral Home, Box 663, Jetmore. Funeral arrangements provided by Beckwith Funeral Home Box 663 Jetmore, KS 67854 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 12, 2004

Kevin Douglas Rous 1976 - 2004

VICTORIA — Kevin Douglas Rous, 28, died Dec. 9 in rural Ellis County. He was born Dec. 5, 1976, at Russell, the son of Vernon and Mary Lou (Steinert) Rous. He attended Thomas More Prep-Marian High School in Hays. He married Marnie Wilson on Feb. 14, 2002, at Breckinridge, Colo. He moved to Victoria from Hays three years ago. He worked at the Holiday Inn in Hays for a year and worked at A-1 Plank for five years. Survivors include his wife, Marnie, of the home; his father of Hays; his mother of Topeka; a half brother, Collin Rous of Colby; two half sisters, Charell Rous and Cierra Rous, both of Colby; father-in-law, Bill Wilson of Hays; mother-in-law, Marilynn Wilson of Emporia; and grandparents, Clarence and Delores Rous of Claffin and Beatrice Steinert of Russell. He was preceded in death by his grandmother, Winnifred (Slayton) Rous and grandfather, Wilbert Steinert. Memorial services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Cline's Mortuary in Hays. The family will receive friends from 9 to 10 a.m. Monday at Cline's Mortuary. Memorials are suggested to the Hays Humane Society. Funeral arrangements provided by Cline's Mortuary of Hays 1919 East 22nd Hays, KS 67601 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 12, 2004

Bernard Woodburn 1920 - 2004

HOISINGTON — Bernard Woodburn, 84, Hoisington, died Dec. 9 at the Good Samaritan Center in Hays. He was born Aug. 16, 1920, at Great Bend, the son of Joseph Bailey and Laura Maurine (Ashpole) Woodburn. He married Ruth Dale on July 12, 1945, at Protection. She died in January 1985. He had lived in Hoisington for more than half a century, and had been a power plant operator for more than 30 years for the City of Hoisington, retiring in 1992. Woodburn was a U.S. Air Force veteran of World War II, achieving the rank of first lieutenant. He was a member of First United Methodist Church, Masonic Lodge 331 AF & AM, VFW Post 7428, and American Legion Post 286, all of Hoisington, and the Wichita Consistory. Survivors include two sons, Larry Woodburn and his wife, Denise, of Holts Summit, Mo., and Jerry Woodburn and his wife, Chris, of Hampton, Va.; a daughter, Linda Frederick of Hays; his longtime companion, Inez Guthrie of Hoisington; a sister, Ida Mae Sutton of Lawrence; six grandchildren and eight grandchildren. Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at First United Methodist Church, Hoisington, with the Rev. Wayne Flanders officiating. Burial will be in Hoisington Cemetery, with Masonic graveside rites. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home, and from 11 a.m. until service time Wednesday at the church. Memorials are suggested to First United Methodist Church in care of the funeral home, at P.O. Box 146, Hoisington, KS 67544. Funeral arrangements provided by Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home 415 North Main Hoisington, KS 67544 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 12, 2004

December 10, 2004

George Washington Cronn 1910 - 2004

HOISINGTON — George Washington Cronn, 94, of Hoisington, died Dec. 8 at Clara Barton Hospital, Hoisington. He was a longtime former Paradise resident. He was born Feb. 22, 1910, south of Stratton, Colo., the son of Arthur L. and Alice (Colhour) Cronn. He moved with his family as a young boy to the Smith Center area, where he grew up and completed his education. He was united in marriage to Opal Whitman at Russell on Nov. 25, 1928. They shared more than 72 years of married life together before the death of Mrs. Cronn on Dec. 6, 2000. He lived most of his adult life in the Paradise community and moved to Russell in 1993. He relocated to Hoisington in 1998. He was a farmer and stockman and also worked in the oilfields for many years. He loved gardening and put out a large garden during the summer of 2004. He also helped dig graves in the Paradise community for many years during his lifetime. He was a member of the Paradise United Methodist Church and was recently attending the Church of the Nazarene in Hoisington. Survivors include a son, Duane Cronn, and his wife, Carol, of Paradise; a daughter, Loretta Baum, and her husband, Leo, of Hoisington; a brother, Arden Cronn, of WaKeeney; a sister, Juanita Kurtz, of Hays; 12 grandchildren, 33 great-grandchildren, nine step-grandchildren, 13 great-great-grandchildren, 10 step-great-great-grandchildren; numerous other relatives and a host of friends. He was preceded in death by his wife; two daughters, Leota Harrall in 1955 and Shirley Nelson in 1995; two grandchildren, Leota Hekele in 1994 and Curtis Nelson in 1998; four brothers, Cecil, Harold, Carl and Arthur Lee Cronn; and two sisters,

Mildred Stout and Ruth Vicker. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at the Pohlman-Heise Memorial Chapel in Russell with the Rev. Don Fisher and Pastor Chris Holtorf officiating. Interment will follow in Mt. Herman Cemetery at Paradise. Visitation will be from 1 to 9 p.m. today, Friday, at the mortuary, where the family will receive friends from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Memorial contributions may be sent to the Paradise United Methodist Church or to the Church of the Nazarene in Hoisington in care of Pohlman-Heise Mortuary, 610 North Maple St., Russell, KS 67665. Funeral arrangements provided by Pohlman-Heise Mortuary 610 North Maple St. Russell, KS 67665 785-483-2212 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 10, 2004

Jack Edward Dennison 1967 - 2004

Jack Edward Dennison, 37, Great Bend, died Dec. 6 as a result of an automobile accident in Barton County. He was born June 3, 1967, at Beale Air Force Base, Calif., the son of Lloyd and Shirley Powell Dennison. He married Alice Brown June 27, 1988, at Moriarty, N.M. He worked as an instrumentation helper for the Buffalo Gas Co. in Great Bend. Survivors include his wife, of the home; a son, Tyler John Dennison, and a daughter, Ashley Suesan Dennison, both of Great Bend; his mother, of Stanley, N.M.; two brothers, James Dennison of Stanley, N.M., and Richard Dennison of Millville, N.J.; and two sisters, Elizabeth Dennison of Stanley, N.M., and Teresa Van Cleave of Great Bend. He was preceded in death by a sister, Kathy D. Dennison. Service will be today at 2 p.m. MST at Stanley Union Church, Stanley, N.M., with Pastor James Thompson officiating. Interment will be in the Stanley Cemetery. Funeral arrangements provided by Harris-Hanlon Mortuary P.O. Box 366 Moriarty, NM 87035 Local arrangements by Bryant Funeral Home 1425 Patton Road Great Bend, KS 67530 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 10, 2004

Mary 'Peggy' Myers 1905 - 2004

TURON — Mary "Peggy" Myers, 99, died Dec. 9 at Woodhaven Care Center, Ellinwood. She was born March 19, 1905, at Chapman, Neb., the daughter of Joseph Rambo and Sarah Christeena Rexer Reed. She married Boyd Myers Dec. 27, 1944, at Hutchinson. He died March 10, 1969. She had lived in Turon for more than 70 years, moving to Ellinwood in 1994. She was a 1925 graduate of Turon High School. She was a bookkeeper at Turon Mill & Elevator and a homemaker. She was a member of Turon Community Church. Survivors include a sister, Gladys Watson of Ellinwood; a nephew, Winchell Reed of Denver; and four nieces, Margaret Compton of Ellinwood, Mary Thomas of Parker, Ariz., Martha Little of Park Hill, Okla., and Donna Cocks of Whitesboro, Texas. A graveside service will be at 3 p.m. Saturday at Turon Cemetery, with Pastor Steve Gill officiating. Memorials may be made to the Mary Myers Memorial. Funeral arrangements provided by Kimple Funeral Home 113 North Main Ellinwood, KS 67526 620-564-2300 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 10, 2004

December 9, 2004

Allan V. Miller 1947-2004

Allan V. Miller, 57, Great Bend, died Dec. 6 in Wichita. He was born May 11, 1947, at Great Bend, the son of Vernon L. Miller and Betty C. P a n n i n g Miller. A graduate of E l l i n w o o d Rural High School, Class of 1965, he was also a graduate of Kansas State University and served as a staff photographer for the KState Collegian. He married Charolyn Kay "Chari" Lacey on Aug. 15, 1970, at Ellinwood. A lifetime Barton County resident, he was a farmer and rancher. He was co-owner of Cheyenne Angus Farms, Inc., and Beautiful Beginnings, Inc., in Great Bend. He was also a private pilot and coowner of 4-Way Aircraft, Inc. He was a member, trustee and elder of St. John's Lutheran Church, Ellinwood. He was a member of the Barton County Fair Board, the American Angus Association, the Kansas Angus Association, of which he served as president in 1992; past president of the Barton County Farm Bureau, a member of the Central Kansas Photography Club, active in 4-H and beef project leader for the Ellinwood Energizers 4-H Club. Survivors include his wife, of the home; three daughters, Lori Greenfield and her husband Don and Julie Moran and her husband Todd, all of Lawrence, and Jill Wiechman and her husband Aaron of Valley Center; his father, Vernon L. Miller, Great Bend; and four grandchildren, Christopher, Lacey and Colin Greenfield and Ella Marie Wiechman. He was preceded in death by a brother, Max, and his mother, Betty Miller. Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at St. John's Lutheran Church, Ellinwood, with the Rev. Merlyn Lohke and the Rev. Andy Keltner officiating. Burial will be in Lakin-Comanche District Cemetery in Ellinwood. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday at Kimple Funeral Home in Ellinwood. Memorials are suggested to St. John's Lutheran Church, Ellinwood. Funeral arrangements provided by Kimple Funeral Home 113 North Main Ellinwood, KS 67526 620-564-2300 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 9, 2004

Patty Schartz 1956 - 2004

McPHERSON — Patty Schartz, 48, died Dec. 7 at Wesley Medical Center in Wichita. She was born Nov. 16, 1956, in Great Bend, the daughter of Norman and Charlene Reiser. She graduated from McPherson High School and from Barton County Community College. She married Tony M. Schartz on June 28, 1980, at Great Bend. He survives. She was employed as the Customer Service Manager at Vanguard Plastics in McPherson. Survivors include her husband, of the home; two sons, Brad Schartz of McPherson and Brian Schartz of Austin, Texas; two daughters, Chelsea Schartz of McPherson and Erin Schartz of Valley Center; her parents of McPherson; one brother, Dennis Reiser of Hutchinson; two sisters, Barbara McNichols and Brenda Shober, both of McPherson; and one grandchild. Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Friday at St. Joseph Catholic Church in McPherson, with the Rev. Paul O'Borny officiating. Burial will be in the McPherson Cemetery. Visitation will be Thursday 3-7 p.m. with family to receive friends from 7- 8 p.m. at Glidden-Ediger Chapel in McPherson. Memorials are suggested to Relay for Life in McPherson. Funeral arrangements provided by Glidden-Ediger Funeral Home 222 West Euclid Street McPherson, KS 67460 620-241-2550 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Dec. 9, 2004

December 8, 2004

Allan Miller

ELLINWOOD — Allan Miller, 57, died as a result of an automobile accident. Arrangements are pending with Kimple Funeral Home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Dec. 8, 2004

Catherine R. Clasen 1907 - 2004

COLWICH — Catherine R. Clasen, 97, died Dec. 7. She was born Nov. 25, 1907, at Andale, the daughter of Nicholas Sr. and Anna Simon Martin. She married Christian Clasen on Sept. 22, 1943, at Andale. He died Feb. 13, 1997. A resident of Colwich, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Clasen was a member of the Altar Society in Colwich. Survivors include two sons, John Clasen of Great Bend and Jim Clasen of Colwich; two daughters, Connie Seiwert of Goddard and Mary Zogelman of Cheney; and seven grandchildren. Rosary service will be at 7 p.m. Thursday at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Colwich. Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at the church, with the Rev. Brian Bebak officiating. Friends may call from 2 to 9 p.m. today at Wulf-Ast Chapel in Colwich. Memorials are suggested to the church. Funeral arrangements provided by Wulf-Ast Mortuaries P.O. Box 555 Colwich, KS 67030 316-796-0894 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Dec. 8, 2004

Marie T. Jones 1926 - 2004

HOISINGTON — Marie T. Jones, 78, died Dec. 6 at St. Francis Regional Medical Center in Wichita. She was born June 27, 1926, at Redwing, the daughter of George A. and Frances Louise Gerritzen Hoeffner. She married Roy L. Jones on Nov. 15, 1957, at Great Bend. A resident of Hoisington since 1958, coming from Redwing, she was a homemaker. Survivors include her husband of the home; one daughter, Nadine Jones of Hoisington; and one sister, Elizabeth Kaiser of Kansas City. She was preceded in death by one brother, Alois "Sonny" Hoeffner. Graveside service will be at 1:30 p.m. Friday at the Hoisington Cemetery, with the Rev. Garry Dassow officiating. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday and 9 a.m. to service time Friday at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. Memorials are suggested to the Clara Barton Hospital Foundation or National Kidney Association, both in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home 415 N. Main / P.O. Box 146 Hoisington, KS 67544 620-653-4165 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Dec. 8, 2004

Richard Carlton Knupp 1931 - 2004

GRAND JUNCTION, Colo. — Richard Carlton Knupp, 73, of Grand Junction, Colo., pass away at his home on Dec. 3, 2004. Richard was born in Amarillo, Texas, on Oct. 6, 1931, to Harold and Zephia Knupp. He married Kathleen "Kathy" Temple, Dec. 29, 1951. He is survived by his wife and three daughters: Pamela (Steve) Inberg of Ft. Collins, Colo.; Kimberly (Duke) Taylor of Grand Junction; and Rebecca (Jeff) Hancock of Delta, Colo.; a sister, Betty Don Dix of Pebble Beach, Calif.; and eight grandchildren. He graduated from University of Colorado at Boulder in 1960; starting his career as a research chemist with Halliburton Corp., followed by Diamond Shamrock in Cleveland, Ohio, and retired from Occidental Petroleum in Niagara Falls, N.Y. as director of Electrochemical Services. He served in the U.S. Navy from 1951 until he was Honorably Discharged in 1955. He was an avid sailor and enjoyed music and golf, and the love of family and the outdoors. He traveled the world over, not only with the U.S. Navy, but also in his business career. Mr. Paul Beén will conduct services at the Callahan-Edfast Mortuary at 2515 Patterson Rd. today at 11 a.m. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice & Palliative Care of Western Colorado, P.O. Box 60307, Grand Junction, Colo. 81506. Funeral arrangements provided by Callahan-Edfast Mortuary* 2515 Patterson Road Grand Junction, CO 81505 970-243-2450 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Dec. 8, 2004

December 7, 2004

Alice Ellen Horst Hanken 1912-2004

HOLYROOD — Alice Ellen Horst Hanken, 92, died Dec. 5 at Plum Creek Plaza in Holyrood. She was born July 26, 1912, in rural Holy-rood, the daughter of Robert and Laura "Anna" Stoltenberg Horst. She married Frederick George Hanken on May 4, 1935, in Holyrood. He died on Nov. 24, 1992. A lifetime resident of rural Albert, she was a homemaker. Hanken was a member of Peace Lutheran Church in Albert, where she was active in choir, Ladies Aide and Sunday school. She was a former member of St. Paul United Church of Christ in Holyrood. Survivors include one son, Raymond Lee Hanken of Holyrood; one daughter, Rosalia Ann Schick of Great Bend; six grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. Prayer service will be at 7 p.m. today. Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Peace Lutheran Church in Albert, with the Rev. Jack D. Russell officiating. Visitation will be from noon to 9 p.m. today and from 9 to 11 a.m. Wednesday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Burial will be at Peace Lutheran Church Cemetery in Albert. Memorials are suggested to Peace Lutheran Church or St. Paul United Church of Christ in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Bryant Funeral Home 1425 Patton Rd. Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-3525 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Dec. 7, 2004

December 5, 2004

Mary Yvonne Hatfield 1935 - 2004

Mary Yvonne Hatfield, 69, Great Bend, died Dec. 3 at her home. She was born May 17, 1935, in Chester, Miss., the daughter of William and Moddy Bright. She married Clarence Bradshaw in Eupora, Miss. He died Feb. 3, 1971. She married John Hatfield in Hutchinson. He died in 1982. A homemaker, she had lived in Great Bend two years. She was of the Pentecostal faith. Survivors include two sons, Harvey Bradshaw of Sunflower, Miss., and Ricky Bradshaw of Lebanon, Ill.; three daughters, Peggy Rocha and Angela Brewton, both of Great Bend, and Darlene Gant of Hutchinson; and one brother, Richard Bright of York, Neb. She was preceded in death by a son, Jay Gant; two daughters, Debra May Gant and Yvonne Gant; three brothers, George Bright, Ebert Bright and Nathan Bright; and three sisters, Bell Russell, Ann Riggs and Louise Crossland. Cremation has taken place. Services will be announced at a later date. Funeral arrangements provided by Bryant Funeral Home 1425 Patton Road Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-3525 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 5, 2004

Rafael Lopez 1958 - 2004

Rafael Lopez, 46, died Nov. 27 in Ascension, Chihuahua, Mexico. He was born Oct. 24, 1958, at Coneto De ComonFort, Durango, Mexico, the son of Crensencio and Maria Esther Guerra Lopez. He married Maria Gallegos Lopez on March 4, 1994, at Great Bend. He was in the construction business. Survivors include his wife, of the home; a son, Victor Gallegos, of Great Bend; two daughters, Maria E. Lopez and Maria A. Lopez, of the home; his father, of Durango, Mexico; his mother; and a brother, Epimenio Guerra of Great Bend. Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Monday at St. Rose Catholic Church, with the Rev. Ted Stoecklein officiating. Interment will be in Hillcrest Memorial Cemetery in Barton County. A vigil service will be at 6 p.m. Sunday at the Charter Funerals Chapel, Great Bend. Friends may call today, Sunday, from noon until 8 p.m., with the family receiving friends from 7 to 8 p.m. at the Charter Funerals Chapel. Funeral arrangements provided by Charter Funerals 2115 Washington Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-6161 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 5, 2004

Faye Alice Miller 1909 - 2004

HOISINGTON — Faye Alice Miller, 95, died Dec. 3 at Woodhaven Care Center, Ellinwood. She was born Sept. 1, 1909, at Rush Center, the daughter of Arthur Q. and Alice Mary (Neeley) Thornbrugh. She married Sherman J. Miller on Aug. 24, 1932, at Greensburg. He died June 15, 1996. A homemaker, she was a longtime Hoisington resident. Miller was of the Methodist faith. She was a member of the Clara Barton Foundation and a former Girl Scout leader in Hoisington. Survivors include a daughter, Marjorie Byers of Great Bend; three grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, two stepgreat-grandchildren and three stepgreat-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a brother, Clarence Thornbrugh, and two sisters, Margie Anderson and Maxine Krummel. Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home, Hoisington, with the Rev. Don Paden officiating. Burial will be in Hoisington Cemetery. Cremation has taken place. Memorials are suggested to the Clara Barton Foundation or to an organization of the donor's choice, in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home 415 North Main Hoisington, KS 67544 620-653-4165 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 5, 2004

James Berry Carl Alder 1918 - 2004

ELLINWOOD — James Berry Carl Alder, 86, died Dec. 3 at his home. He was born March 5, 1918, at Sneedville, Tenn., the son of Lloyd L. and Margaret Baldwin Alder. He married Olive Myers May 26, 1939, at Coldwater. She died Feb. 23, 1970. He later married Leona Florene Wright, April 22, 1976, at Dodge City. She survives, of the home. He had lived at Ellinwood since 1980, formerly living at Dodge City, Ellsworth and Coldwater. He was a life insurance agent and had been owner/operator of Alder Trucking in Dodge City, a truck driver for Feaster Trucking in Great Bend, a farm and ranch hand and an auto mechanic in Wilmore. Alder was a member of the United Methodist Church in Ellinwood, the Masonic Lodge, Order of the Eastern Star and Isis Shrine; Lions Club, of which he was a former district governor in 1996-97, a Melvin Jones Fellow and a coordinator of the Leader Dog Project; was named Ellinwood's Distinguished Citizen in 1991; received the Ellinwood schools' Athletic Award in 2003; was a Meals on Wheels volunteer, a commodities distribution volunteer and a member of the Ellinwood City Council from 1990 to 2003. Other survivors include two sons, Donald D. Alder of Coaldale, Colo., and James Alder Jr. of Eudora; four daughters, Heather Barta of Ellsworth, Carlyne Holt of Yuma, Ariz., and Mary Ann Watts and Judith Regnier, both of Eudora; a stepson, Lance Wright of Newton; two sisters, Helen Haskell of Wellington and Althea Alder of Everest, Ill.; 21 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a son, Ronald L.; three brothers, Rudy, Jargie and John Alder; and two sisters, Beatrice O'Dell and Mace Evans. Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Monday at First United Methodist Church, Ellinwood, with the Rev. Vernon Mealzer officiating. Burial will be in the Plains (Kan.) Cemetery. Friends may call from 1 to 8 p.m. Sunday at Kimple Funeral Home. Memorials are suggested to the Ellinwood Food Bank or the Lions Club. Funeral arrangements provided by Kimple Funeral Home 113 North Main Ellinwood, KS 67526 620-564-2300 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 5, 2004

Mary Lee Taylor 1930-2004

PRATT — Mary Lee Taylor, 74, died Dec. 3 at her home. She was born March 18, 1930, in rural Stafford County, the daughter of James Everett and Goldie Ruth Pound Blazer. She married Charles S. Taylor on July 22, 1948. He died Dec. 30, 2003. She had lived in Pratt 42 years, moving from Kinsley. She was a retired printer and co-owner of Taylor Printing. She was a member of First Baptist Church, Pratt, and the Baptist Women's Circle. Survivors include two sons, Jeff and Brian, both of Pratt; two daughters, Debra Daniel of Abilene and Gail Sullivan of Great Bend; four brothers, Roger Blazer and Jim Blazer, both of Natoma, and John Blazer and Steve Blazer, both of Oak Grove, Ark.; and four sisters, Nedra Sizemore of St. John, Jean Blazer of Natoma, Polly Baldwin of Bucklin and Ellen New of Jacksonville, Texas; eight grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by an infant brother, James, and a brother, Bob. Funeral service will be at 1 p.m. Monday at First Baptist Church, Pratt, with Pastor Doug Enick officiating. Burial will be in

Greenlawn Cemetery, Pratt. Friends may call from 1 until 8 p.m. today, Sunday, and 9 to 11 a.m. Monday at Larrison Mortuary, Pratt. Memorials are suggested to South Wind Hospice or to the First Baptist Church in care of the mortuary. Funeral arrangements provided by Larrison Mortuary 300 Country Club Road Pratt, KS 67124 620-672-6436 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 5, 2004

December 3, 2004

Betty Lou Barnett 1959-2004

WaKEENEY — Betty Lou Barnett, 44, died Nov. 30 at WaKeeney. She was born Dec. 9, 1959, at Oberlin, the daughter of Richard Grant and Hurmely Y. (Peters) Elson. She was a 1978 graduate of Jetmore High School, and attended Barton County, Dodge City and Garden City community colleges. She married Craig Barnett Sr. on April 4, 1981, at Oberlin. They lived in WaKeeney. She was a home health aide for DSNWK of Hays. Survivors include her parents, of Great Bend; her husband, of the home; three sons, Craig Barnett Jr. of Jetmore and Cecil Barnett and Preston Barnett, both of WaKeeney; two daughters, Heather Albin of Gove and Charley Maughlin of Dighton; a brother, Richard E. Elson, Great Bend; three sisters, Mary E. Wagner of Alexander, Nancy J. Pennington of Garden City and Bobbie J. Elson of Great Bend; and seven grandchildren. Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Monday at First United Methodist Church, WaKeeney, with the Rev. Randy Jellison Knock officiating. Interment will take place in the Healy, Kan., Cemetery. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Sunday at Schmitt Funeral Home, WaKeeney. Memorials are suggested to the American Heart Association in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Schmitt Funeral Home 336 N. 12th St. WaKeeney, KS 67672 785-743-6761 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 3, 2004

Nellie K. Bley Eitel 1915-2004

Nellie K. Bley Eitel, 89, died Nov. 27 at Central Kansas Medical Center, Great Bend. She was born Oct. 7, 1915, in Rozel, the daughter of Lewis and Clara Howell Bley. She married Vernon Eitel at Frederick, Kan., on Jan. 21, 1940. She was a registered nurse, and had lived in Great Bend since 1993. Eitel was a member of the Fort Larned Bells, Walnut Valley Extension Program and the Great Bend Quilters Guild. Survivors include her husband; a daughter, Leota Eitel; and a sister, Sophia Bley of Larned. She was preceded in death by a son, Larry. Cremation has taken place and a graveside service will be held at a later date. Arrangements by Beckwith Mortuary P.O. Box 477 Larned, KS 67550 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 3, 2004

Richard D. Popp 1936 - 2004

LITTLE RIVER — Richard D. Popp, 68, died Nov. 30 at Little River. He was born Jan. 17, 1936, at Bison, the son of Henry and Mary Leinweber Popp. A former Great Bend resident, he had lived in Little River for 19 years. He was a retired truck driver. Popp was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force. He attended the United Methodist Church in Little River. Survivors include a son, Rich Popp of McAllen, Texas; a daughter, Dawn Able of Cherry Hill, N.J.; and four sisters, Betty Wiziarde of Little River, Alma Lech of Illinois, Ruby Wells of Great Bend and Geneva Steinert of Ellinwood. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Elmer Popp and Walter Popp, and a sister, Jenny Azzaro. A memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Sillin Funeral Home, Lyons, with the Rev. Jon Wiziarde officiating. Memorials to the American Diabetes Association in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Sillin Funeral Home 214 West Ave. South Lyons, KS 67554 620-257-2211 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 3, 2004

Rafael Lopez

Rafael Lopez, 46, of Great Bend, died Nov. 27 in Mexico. Service arrangements are pending with Charter Funerals, Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 3, 2004

December 2, 2004

Betty Barnett

WAKEENEY — Betty Barnett, 44, died Nov. 30 at Trego Lemke Memorial Hospital in WaKeeney. Arrangements are pending with Schmitt Funeral Home in WaKeeney. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Dec. 2, 2004

Catherine Louise McQuade 1952 - 2004

HUTCHINSON — Catherine Louise McQuade, 52, died Nov. 30, at Hutchinson. She was born Jan. 26, 1952, at Great Bend, the daughter of Gilbert and Alma Ochs Scheuerman. She attended Ellinwood Schools and Barton County Community College. She married James Duncan on Dec. 7, 1969, at Ingalls. She later married Kevin McQuade on Jan. 30, 1987, at Miami, Okla. She was a Hutchinson resident since 1987, formerly of Ellinwood. She was a Home Health Aide with the Reno County Health Department for the past 15 years. Mrs. McQuade attended St. Theresa Catholic Church of Hutchinson. Survivors include her husband, Kevin, of the home; two daughters, Shawanna Bieberle of Lyons and Shelly Churchill of Ellinwood; three brothers, Gilbert Scheuerman, David Scheuerman, and Tim Scheuerman, all of Great Bend; two sisters, Juanita Gann, and Wanda Ybarra, both of Great Bend; parents, Gilbert and Alma Scheuerman; and four grandchildren, Clint and Brett Bieberle and Chelsea and Colton Churchill. She was preceded in death by one son, Michael Duncan; one sister, Sherry Lynn Scheuerman; and one brother, Thomas Scheuerman. Altar Society Rosary will be at 3 p.m. Friday at Kimple Funeral home in Ellinwood and at 7 p.m. Friday a vigil service will be held at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Ellinwood. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at the church in Ellinwood, with Father John Maes

officiating. Burial will be at Lakin-Comanche Cemetery in Ellinwood. Friends may call from 1 to 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Ellinwood Public School and Library Foundation, St. Joseph's School Endowment Fund, or Lyons USD 405 Education Endowment Association. Funeral arrangements provided by Kimple, Inc. Funeral Home* 113 N. Main Ellinwood, KS 67526 620-564-2300 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Dec. 2, 2004

Jeannie Marie Fields 1961 - 2004

Jeannie Marie Fields, 43, of Great Bend, died Nov. 30 at Via Christi St. Francis Medical Center in Wichita. She was born Aug. 10, 1961, at Great Bend, the daughter of Albert Eugene and Margaret Lee Wallen Fields. She had been a resident of Great Bend since 1989, coming from Arlington, Texas. She was a care giver for her mother. Survivors include her mother, Margaret Fields of Great Bend; two brothers, Stephen Thomas Fields of Fort Worth, Texas, and Michael Eugene Fields of Mansfield, Texas; and one sister, Barbara Trivitt of Great Bend. She was preceded in death by one brother, Al Wayne Fields. Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Bryant Funeral Home, with the Rev. William F. Johnson officiating. Cremation has taken place; there will be no visitation. Memorials are suggested to Jeannie Marie Fields Expense Fund. Funeral arrangements provided by Bryant Funeral Home 1425 Patton Rd. Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-3525 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Dec. 2, 2004

Donna M. Shelton 1938 - 2004

WICHITA — Donna M. Shelton, 66, died Nov. 29 at Harry Hynes Hospice Center in Andover. She was born Feb. 8, 1938, at Beaverton, Ore., the daughter of Vincent Powell and June Geneva Bardhorf. She married Larry G. Shelton on May 19, 1973, at Tacoma, Wash. A Wichita resident since 1997, coming from Wilmington, N.C., she was a leathermaker for Rose America. Mrs. Shelton was a member of the First United Methodist Church. Survivors include her husband, Larry Shelton of Park City; two sons, Larry Shelton, Jr. of Wichita and Robert Baird of Soddy Daisy, Tenn.; eight daughters, Diana Benson of Mount Juliet, Tenn., Lora Lee Yokoyama, Kimberly Shelton, and Tracy Lynn Shelton, all of Los Angeles, Calif., Debra Stoner of Dayton, Ohio, Danita J. Elliot of Richland, Wash., Connie McKimson of Tahuya, Wash., and Jolene Pyles of Lebanon, Ohio; one sister, Betty Brickalick of Warm Springs, Calif.; 21 grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Funeral service will be at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington, with the Rev. Wayne Flanders officiating. Burial will be at Hoisington Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday with family receiving friends from 6 to 8:30 p.m., and from 9 a.m. to service time Saturday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the Harry Hynes Hospice Center or American Cancer Society, all in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home 415 N. Main / P.O. Box 146 Hoisington, KS 67544 620-653-4165 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Dec. 2, 2004

Richard "Dick" Foss 1953 - 2004

Richard "Dick" Foss, 51, of Great Bend, died Nov. 30 at Central Kansas Medical Center. He was born Aug. 24, 1953, at Great Bend, the son of Donald C. and Alice G. Westerhaus Foss. A lifetime resident of Great Bend, he attended Rosewood Services. Foss was a member of St. Patrick Catholic Church and R.E.A.C.H. Survivors include two brothers, David Foss and wife Dana of Great Bend, and Dr. Dan Foss and wife Patti of Hutchinson; two sisters, Jean Horton and husband Bill of Portland, Ore., and Jane Smith and husband Roland of Great Bend; a number of nieces and nephews and great nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents. Vigil service will be at 7:30 p.m. Friday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Great Bend, with Father Reginald A. Urban officiating. Burial will be at the Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call from 5 to 9 p.m. today and 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Rosewood Roots and Wings Foundation, in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Bryant Funeral Home* 1425 Patton Rd. Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-3525 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Dec. 2, 2004

Mary Elodie Van Pelt 1914 - 2004

BELOIT — Mary Elodie Van Pelt, 90, died Nov. 28 at Hilltop Lodge in Beloit. She was born Oct. 29, 1914, on a farm at Bissell's Point, near Great Bend, the daughter of John Edwin and Florence Frost Van Pelt. She graduated from Great Bend High School in 1931, attended Fort Hays State University for one year, Barnard College for one year and Emporia Teacher's College for three years. She received her Bachelor of Science degree in Education. She was a secretary for Barton County Flour Mill, a teacher and was on the clerical staff for the Barton County Clerk's Office. She was a resident of Beloit for two years, coming from Great Bend. Van Pelt was a member of the National Honor Society. Survivors include cousin/caregiver, Margaret Moore of Beloit; cousins, Frank McKinney of Great Bend, Elizabeth Liljegen of Lindsborg, and Helen Wrightsman of Kansas City; and several Van Pelt cousins in the Cleveland, Ohio area. She was preceded in death by one brother, George Elmer Van Pelt. Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at the First Presbyterian Church in Great Bend, with the Rev. Hal Staats officiating. Burial will be at the 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 the Great Bend Humane Society or First Presbyterian Church, both of Great Bend. Funeral arrangements provided by Bryant Funeral Home 1425 Patton Rd. Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-3525 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Dec. 2, 2004

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Harriet Marcella Mayo 1910 - 2004

HUTCHINSON — Harriet Marcella Mayo, 94, died Nov. 29 at Hester Care Center in Hutchinson. She was born Sept. 10, 1910, at Claflin, the daughter of Robert Townsend and Wilhemina Johanna Piel Mayo. A longtime resident of Claflin,

moving to Hutchinson in 1991, she was postmaster at Claflin for 37 years until retiring on June 30, 1972. Mrs. Mayo was a member of the United Methodist Church of Claflin, United Methodist Women, Self Culture Club, People-to-People International, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, Daughters of the Union Veterans, Barton County Historical Society, Red Cross Bloodmobile, Barton County Retired Teachers Association, Claflin Booster Chamber of Commerce, Meals on Wheels, National Association Retired Federal Employees, National Association of Postmasters, and a volunteer with Girl Scouts, serving on the Central Kansas Council Nominating Committee. Survivors include two nieces and one nephew. She was preceded in death by four sisters, Roberta Gibler, Gertrude Mix, Elizabeth Hartman and Marjorie Mayo. Cremation has taken place. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Funeral arrangements provided by Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home 415 North Main /P.O. Box 146 Hoisington, KS 67544 620-653-4165 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Dec. 1, 2004

Clement "Clem" Lamatsch 1915 - 2004

ODIN — Clement "Clem" Lamatsch, 89, died Monday, Nov. 29, at his residence in rural Odin. He was born Sept. 18, 1915, in Barton County, the son of Frank and Margaret Kirmer Lamatsch. He married Anna M. Sauber on Aug. 31, 1937, at Beaver. She preceded him in death on Nov. 7, 1981. Clement was a lifetime resident of the Odin area. He was a retired farmer and stockman. Lamatsch was a member of Holy Family Church, member and Past Grand Knight of Holy Family Council No. 2630 Knights of Columbus, and member and former state warden of the 4th Degree Knights of Columbus, all of Odin. Survivors include one son, Marvin and his wife Carol Lamatsch of Claflin; three daughters, Lou Ann Morgenstern and her husband Jerry of Hoisington; Doris Ross and her husband Terry of Wichita, and Mary Davenport and her husband Tim of Manhattan; 17 grandchildren; and 24 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by an infant son, James; four brothers, Joe, Bill, Alois, and Frank Lamatsch; four sisters, Josephine Boor, Leona Straub, Margaret Lamatsch and Maria Lamatsch; and one great-granddaughter, Elizabeth Mayorga. Vigil service will be at 7:30 tonight, followed by Knights of Columbus Rosary, both at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Holy Family Church in Odin, with Father Pascal Klein officiating. Burial will be at the Holy Family Cemetery in Odin. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. today at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Claflin Ambulance Fund or Holy Family Cemetery Fund in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home* 415 North Main /P.O. Box 146 Hoisington, KS 67544 620-653-4165 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Dec. 1, 2004

Donna M. Shelton 1938 - 2004

WICHITA — Donna M. Shelton, 66, died Nov. 29 at Harry Hynes Hospice Center in Wichita. She was born Feb. 8, 1938. Friends may call after 1 p.m. Friday at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. Funeral arrangements are pending with the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Dec. 1, 2004

Catherine Louise McQuade

HUTCHINSON — Catherine Louise McQuade, 52, died as a result of an automobile/train accident in Hutchinson on Tuesday morning. Arrangements are pending with Kimple Funeral Home in Ellinwood. Mrs. McQuade is a Hutchinson resident, formerly of Ellinwood. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Dec. 1, 2004

Dorlene E. Lohmann 1925 - 2004

LINCOLN — Dorlene E. Lohmann, 79, of rural Lincoln, died Nov. 29. Mrs. Lohmann was born Dorlene Eloise Walter on Sept. 27, 1925, in Lincoln County, to Henry A. and Leah Bosch Walter. She was baptized at St. John Lutheran Church in Lincoln on Oct. 4, 1925, by Pastor Kroening. She was confirmed April 2, 1939, also by Pastor Kroening. Her confirmation verse was 1st Tim: 6 Verses 12-14. She was a graduate of Lincoln High School and Everett and Pettie Business School of Salina. Dorlene was employed at Western Union Telegraph Co. during World War II, delivering war messages. Her assignments were in New York, Los Angeles, and Oklahoma City. Dorlene was married to Alvin Lohmann on April 29, 1951, in Lincoln, at St. John Lutheran Church, by Pastor H.C. Lubeck. She was a homemaker and also worked at the Good Samaritan and Mid America Nursing Centers in Lincoln as a Certified Nurses Aide. She was a member of the St. John Lutheran Dorcas Society and the church choir. She was preceded in death by her husband, Alvin in 1994; her mother, Leah, in 1945; brother, Virgil Walter, in 1999; and step-mother, Eunice in 2003. Survivors include two sons, Randy Lohmann of Lincoln, and Larry and wife Marlene of Great Bend; her father, Henry A. Walter of Lincoln; one sister, Elvera Miller of Salina; two brothers, Gerald Walter of Lincoln, and Ron Walter of Salina; two step-brothers, Wilber Smith of Herington and Silas Smith of Hazelwood, Mo.; and two grandchildren, Jonathan Lohmann of Manhattan and Kristia Lohmann of Great Bend. The memorial service will be held Friday, Dec. 3, at 10 a.m. at St. John Lutheran Church, in Lincoln. Inurnment will be in St. John Lutheran Cemetery. Memorials may be made to St. John Lutheran Church. Visitation will be Thursday, Dec. 2, from 1 to 6 p.m. Family will receive friends from 5 to 6 p.m. at Hall Funeral Home Chapel in Lincoln. Funeral arrangements provided by Hall Funeral Home Chapel* 111 E. Elm Lincoln, KS 67455 785-524-4712 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Dec. 1, 2004