January 31, 2006

Dorothy R. Schmidt 1919 - 2006

LARNED — Dorothy R. Schmidt, 86, died Jan. 28 at Wesley Medical Center in Wichita. She was born Oct. 5, 1919, in Pawnee County, the daughter of Thomas and Erma Searcy Salmans. She married Roy Mead on Aug. 13, 1938, at Stafford. He died Jan. 13, 1972. She later married Basil Schmidt on June 30, 1978, at Cimarron. He preceded her in death. She was a lifetime resident of Edwards and Pawnee Counties, and was a retired secretary in the purchasing office at Larned State Hospital. Mrs. Schmidt was a member of United Methodist Church, Order of Eastern Star, American Legion Auxiliary, and Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary, all of Larned. She was a Shriner’s widow. Survivors include one daughter, Karen Lewis of Larned; one brother, Robert Salmans of Larned; and two sisters, Helen Vratil, and Maxine Martin, both of Larned; three grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one son, Leon Mead; two brothers, Lawrence Salmons and Kenneth Salmons; and two sisters, Lois Ellis and Clare Thorpe. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. on Wednesday at the Beckwith Mortuary Chapel in Larned with the Rev. Dan Lungen officiating. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. until service time on Wednesday, all at the mortuary. Burial will be at the Larned Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to the Larned Emergency Medical Service or the church of your choice in care of Beckwith Mortuary, Inc. Funeral arrangements provided by Beckwith Mortuary, Inc.

Geraldine Pearl Marsh 1928 - 2006

GLENDALE, Ariz. — Geraldine Pearl Marsh, 77, died Jan. 24 at Boswel Hospital in Sun City, Ariz. She was born July 10, 1928, at Maud, Okla., the daughter of Earless and Elizabeth Wolfe Hook. She married Harry E. Marsh on Dec. 22, 1945, at Lyons. A resident of Glendale, Ariz., for 10 years, moving from Great Bend, she was a nurse’s aide at Central Kansas Medical Center for 35 years.

Survivors include her husband of the home; two daughters, Sharon Schneider of Goodyear, Ariz., and Earlene Bratt of Waddell, Ariz.; one brother, Roland Hook of Prescott, Ariz.; four grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. Graveside service will be at 11:30 a.m. today at the Great Bend Cemetery with the Rev. Dr. Doyle Smith officiating. Friends may call from 9 to 11 a.m. today at Bryant Funeral Home. Memorials are suggested to the American Heart Fund.

Funeral arrangements provided by
Bryant Funeral Home
1425 Patton Rd.
Great Bend, KS 67530
620-793-3525
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 31, 2006

Jean E. Piland 1924 - 2006

WALDO — Jean E. Piland, 81, died on Jan. 29 at Hays Medical Center in Hays. She was born Aug. 8, 1924, at Broughton, the daughter of Harry C. and Edith (Wait) May. She graduated from Codell High School in Codell. She married James H. Piland on June 6, 1960, at Luray. A resident of Waldo, she worked as a welder in the aircraft industry in Wichita during World War II.

Mrs. Piland was a member of the Waldo United Methodist Church, where she taught children’s Sunday School for many years.

Survivors include her husband of the home; one son, Bill Lahar of Douglass; one daughter, Karen Carney of Hoxisington; three brothers, Bob May of Hays, Charles May of Salina, and Dean May of Branson, Mo.; eight grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren. Funeral will be at 10 a.m on Wednesday at the Waldo United Methodist Church with the Rev. Chris Holtorf officiating. There is no visitation; cremation has taken place. In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to the church or the Waldo Senior Center 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, Jan. 31, 2006

January 29, 2006

Finley Leroy Likes 1928 - 2006

GARFIELD — Finley Leroy Likes, age 77, Garfield, Kan, died at his home Jan. 27. Leroy Likes was born March 15, 1928 in Brownell, Kan., the son of William B and Mary T. (Smotherman) Likes. On Feb. 13, 1959, he was united in marriage to Virginia D. Harris. They raised five children and shared over 46 years together.

Leroy proudly served in the U.S. Paratroopers, 11th Airborne Angels during the Korean Conflict. In Phoenix Arizona he was an active member of the Teamsters Union while working for the Firestone Tire & Rubber. After retiring in 1978, Leroy moved his family to Brownell. In 1990 Leroy and Virginia settled in Garfield, Kan where they have many close friends.

Leroy always enjoyed taking his family hiking in the Arizona desert. He was skilled in locating caves, Native American relics and old ruins. He also enjoyed collecting antiques, hunting for rare bottles and even panning for gold. Among his prized collections was a group of over 200 unique tin lunch boxes. Leroy was the proud owner of a collectible shop in Garfield and a regular attendee at the area auctions and sales, and was
often consulted by others for his expertise. He was a valued member of the American Legion Post 0382.

Leroy was preceded in death by his parents; two sisters, Ruth Green and Opal Rider; two brothers Gene and Billy Likes. He is survived by his wife, Virginia of the home; two sons, John McConnell, Renton, Wash., Scott Likes, Kansas City, Kan.; three daughters Bobbi Bohnert, Gilbert, Ariz., Sherry Braun, Spokane Wash., Lisa Hall, Lawrence, Kan., fourteen grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, two sisters and three brothers. Visitation will be Jan. 30 from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. at Morrell Funeral Home, Larned. Family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Funeral will be Jan. 31, at 10 a.m. at Morrell. Burial with military honors will be in Vansberg Cemetery, Brownell, Kan. He will be deeply missed and will forever remain in the hearts and thoughts of his family and friends.

The family suggests memorials to Pawnee County Food Pantry or the Golden Belt Home and Health Hospice, Great Bend, sent in care of the funeral home.

Morrell Funeral Home*
P.O. Box 124
Larned, KS. 67550-0124

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 29, 2006

Carina Valeda Robbins 1911 - 2006

LARNED - Carina Valeda Robbins, 94, died January 28, 2006 at her home in Larned. She was born December 24, 1911, in Lorton, Neb. the daughter of Arendt A. and Ida L. (Seba) Ekhoff. On September 7, 1929 she married Charles Fredrick Robbins at Kinsley. He died October 13, 1999. A resident of Larned, she was a laundress for the Ideal Laundry, The Hammond Home and the Larned State Hospital.

She attended the United Methodist Church, Larned. She was a member of the VFW Auxiliary and American Legion Auxiliary, both of Larned.

Survivors include; a daughter-in-law, Ruth Robbins Welsch, sixteen step-grandchildren and one step-great grandchild. She was preceded in death by; a son, Jack, two sisters, Valeta Weaver and Lucy; five brothers; Floyd, Arnold, Richard, Alfred and Walter Ekhoff.

Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, at the Beckwith Mortuary Chapel with the Pastor Tim Ault-Duell presiding. Visitation will be from 1 to 8 p.m. Sunday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday and 9 a.m. until service time Tuesday. Burial will be in the Larned Cemetery.

Memorials may be sent to the Welcome Inn, Methodist Church or the Scouts Museum of Larned, in care of the Beckwith Mortuary. Condolences may be sent and notice viewed at www.beckwithmortuary.com.

Beckwith Mortuary
P.O. Box 477 Larned, KS 67550 620-285-2121 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 29, 2006

Mark Edward Lomas 1953 - 2006

ST. JOHNN — Mark Edward Lomas, 52, died on Jan. 26 at St. Joseph Hospital in Larned. He was born May 10, 1953, at Great Bend, the son of Leon and Billigene (Wickle) Lomas. He was a resident of St. John.

He was in the Army and served eight years with an honorable discharge.

Great Bend, the son of Leon and Billigene Snell of Great Bend, Bennington, Okla.; one grandchild, Braden Konzem of St. John; four nieces; seven nephews; and beloved K-9 daughter, two sisters, Beth Carson of Great Bend, and Annette Whisnant of Bennington, Okla.; his mother, Billigene Snell of Great Bend. He was a resident of St. John.

Survivors include two sons, Nick Lomas and Alex Lomas, both of Hoisington; one daughter, Connie Konzem of St. John; two sisters, Beth Carson of Great Bend, and Annette Whisnant of Bennington, Okla.; his mother, Billigene Snell of Bennington, Okla.; one grandchild, Braden Konzem of St. John; four nieces; seven nephews; and beloved K-9 daughter, Winnie Girl. He was preceded in death by his father, Leon Lomas.

Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 31 at CharterFunerals Chapel in Great Bend with Chuck Carpenter presiding. Interment will be at the Pleasant Ridge Cemetery in Radium with full military rights at the gravesite by Fort Riley Honor Guard. Visitation will be Monday from 1 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the chapel with family receiving friends from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Funeral arrangements provided by
Charter Funerals*
2115 Washington
Great Bend, KS 67530
620-793-6161

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 29, 2006

Edna Bell Cooper 1911 - 2006

Edna Bell Cooper, 94, died on Jan. 26 at Leisure Homestead in Stafford. She was born Dec. 13, 1911, at Great Bend, the daughter of Benjaman Franklin and Mamie Rose (Mooer) Baxter. She married Albert M. Cooper on Dec. 7, 1929, in Great Bend. Formerly a resident of Great Bend, she moved to Stafford County in recent years.

Cooper was a member of Free Methodist Church in Macksville.

Survivors include two daughters, Andrea Kay Bird of Rozel, and Linda Sue Satterlee of Larned; four grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Albert M. Cooper; three sisters, Mable Barker, Ruth Miller, and Juanita Pederson; and one grandchild, Chris Alderson.

Funeral will be at 3 p.m. Tuesday at Charter Funerals Chapel in Great Bend, with the Rev. Larry Sadowski officiating. Burial will be at the Great Bend City Cemetery. Visitation will be Monday from 1 to 8 p.m., with family receiving friends from 6 to 8 p.m. Memorials are suggested to Free Methodist Church of Macksville Music Fund.

Funeral arrangements provided by
Charter Funerals
2115 Washington
Great Bend, KS 67530
620-793-6161

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 29, 2006

Rita Jewell Owens 1952 - 2006

LARNED — Rita Jewell Owens Williams, 53, died Jan. 27, 2006, at Via Christi Regional Medical Center, St. Francis Campus, Wichita. She was born May 20, 1952, at Moreland, Oklahoma, the daughter of Billy Ray and Toshie (Funo) Owens. A resident of Larned since Oct. 2005, she was a retired Licensed Practical Nurse.

Williams belonged to the First Baptist Church, and was a Sunday school teacher in Hesperia, Calif.

Survivors include four sons; William Humphrey and Christopher Humphrey of Larned, John Humphrey of Nevada, Jason Humphrey, Great Bend; Mother Toshie Owens, Larned; five children, Sushi Owens, Larned, Mary Ann Hammans Wilma Evans and Marie Janzen, all of Woodward, Okla. and Rosie Jacobs, Forgan, Okla., and six grandchildren. Graveside services will be at 11
Dorothy Jane Wagner 1923 - 2006

Dorothy Jane Wagner, 82, was born April 23, 1923, at Larned, to David and Lydia Morlong Wagner. She died Jan. 25 at Cherry Village Nursing Home, Great Bend. A long time resident of Great Bend had been a housekeeper for some special people. She loved to garden, loved to do crafts and loved to visit with all her special great nieces and nephews. Survivors include one brother, David Wagner of Kansas; two sister-in-laws, Pauline Wagner and Arlene Wagner, Great Bend; special nieces, Roberta Holden of Great Bend; niece, Valarie Wagner of Great Bend; three nephews, Larry Smith of Wichita, Rick Wagner, serving with the Army in Germany, and Lance Wagner of Louisville, Neb.; and many great and great-great nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her mother and father, two sisters, Betty Wagner and Delma Smith and two brothers, Robert and Daylon Wagner. Funeral will be at 3:30 p.m. Monday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend with Pastor David LeRoy officiating. Interment will be at the Shaffer Seventh Day Adventist Cemetery in Shaffer. Visitation will be Sunday from 1 p.m. to 9 p.m. with family to receive friends from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. and Monday from 9 a.m. to service time 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 620-799-3525 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 27, 2006

January 26, 2006

John Franklin Kuhlman 1940 - 2006

EUREKA — John Franklin Doll, 73, died at his farm home near Eureka, Kan. He was born Oct. 7, 1923 in Rice County, Kan. to John P. Doll and Margaret E. (Schartz) Doll. He was a 1950 graduate of Ellinwood High School, attended Eldorado Juco. He was a U.S. Army veteran for 15 years, formerly of Chase and Ellinwood Kan. He married Karilyn K. Willet in 1953 at Wichita. He later married Margaret Messick at Eureka. He was a farmer and also worked at the Eureka Sale Barn. Doll served in the U.S. Army in Frankfurt Germany. Survivors include three sons, Mick Doll, Raymond, Kan., Marty Doll, and Monte Doll both of Ellinwood, Kan.; four daughters, Terri Huslig, Ellinwood, Cheryl Stieggman, Lyons, Tami Campbell, Wichita Falls, Texas, and Deb Weve, Wichita, Kan. and one sister, Arleen Shipley, Deer Creek, Okla., 16 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by brothers Urban, Lot, Melvin and one grandson, Daulton Michael Doll. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at St. Joseph’s Catholic Church, Ellinwood. Memorial services 11 a.m. Saturday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Eureka, Kan. with Father Charles Mazouch and Father Mike Klag officiating. Visitation will be from 1 to 6 p.m. Thursday at Kimple Funeral Home in Ellinwood. Altar Society Rosary, at 3 p.m. Thursday at Kimple Chapel in Ellinwood. Vigil service 7 p.m. at St. Joseph’s Church in Ellinwood. Burial will be at Hilltop Cemetery in Raymond, Kan. Memorials to St. Joseph’s school endowment or Living Legacy Campaign, or St. John Catholic Church in Hamilton, Kan. Kimple, Inc Funeral Home 113 N. Ellinwood, KS 67526 620-564-2300 Great Bend (Kan) Tribune, Jan. 25, 2006

Kenneth Robert Kuhlman 1940 - 2006

STEVENSVILLE, Mich. — Kenneth Robert Kuhlman, 65, of Stevensville, Mich., passed away on Tuesday, January 24, 2006, at University of Chicago Hospital. A Celebration of Life Service will be held this Saturday, January 28, 2006, at 10:30 A.M., at Fairplain Presbyterian Church, 210 West Napier, Benton Harbor, with Rev. Dr. John Munson officiating. Burial service will follow at Hickory Bluff Cemetery in Stevensville. Friends may visit with the family on Friday, January 27, 2006, from 6 to 8 P.M., at Kerley-Starks & Menchinger Family Funeral Home, 2650 Niles Rd., St. Joseph. Memorial donations may be made to Fairplain Presbyterian Church or American Cancer Society. Friends may send the family a condolence message or sign the guest book online at www.starks-menchinger.com. Ken was born June 12, 1940, to Elton and Esther (Whitaker) Kuhlman in Great Bend, KS. He graduated from Wichita State University with a Bachelor’s Degree in Electrical Engineering in 1964. He married Judy Gordon on September 2, 1962, in Great Bend, KS. Ken greatly enjoyed his work as an engineer for Heath Company in St. Joseph for 25 years and later with Whirlpool Corporation since moving to the area in 1968, serving the church as trustee for several years. Ken was a very family and friends oriented man, and enjoyed spending time with his children, grandchildren, and with his family in Kansas. He and his wife Judy enjoyed traveling together, exploring new places, and also spending time with many treasured life-long friends who live throughout the Midwest. He restored a 1957 Austin Healey which he greatly enjoyed driving, as many people will remember seeing him “cruising” around the area. Ken is survived by his wife Judy; children Tom Kuhlman of Tampa, FL, and Molly (Bob) Rittersdorf of Kentwood, MI; grandchildren Cullen, Bracara and Daelan Rittersdorf of Kentwood; and brother Keith (Carol) Kuhlman of Wichita, KS. Ken was preceded in death by his parents and brother Jim Kuhlman. Starks & Menchinger Family Funeral Services 2650 Niles Rd St. Joseph, MI 49085 269-556-9450 Great Bend (Kan) Tribune, Jan. 25, 2006

Richard ‘Dick’ Chrest 1934 - 2006

WAMEGO — Richard ‘Dick’ Chrest, 71, died Tuesday, Jan. 24 at his home in Wamego, Kan. He was born on Dec. 16, 1934 at Louisville, Kan., the son of Joseph Dale and Juanita (Peddicord) Chrest. He attended the St. Mary’s Grade School and the Wamego High School. He graduated in 1953. He married Janice Armstrong on Nov. 11, 1955. He worked at Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company in Topeka from 1958 to 1975. He then worked at Farmers Union Co-op in Wamego for ten years. He was also a self-employed painter and contractor. Chrest was a past member of the United Rubber Workers Union. In Belvue and Wamego he attended the Methodist Churches. He was inducted into the Wamego High School Sports Hall of Fame for All-State Basketball honors. He was a member of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation. Survivors include his wife of the home, his mother, four sons; Roger Chrest, Burdett Kan., Ron Chrest, Great Bend, Kan., Rusty Chrest, and Richie Chrest; one daughter, Renee Chrest, one sister RaEtta Wilson all of Wamego. 18 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren. Funeral services will be held 11 a.m. Friday at the Stewart Funeral Home, Wamego. Burial will follow at the Wamego City Cemetery. The family will greet friends beginning at 10 a.m. Friday. He will lie in-state at the Stewart Funeral Home of Wamego on Thursday, Jan 26, from 1 to 6 p.m. Memorial contributions may be made to the Dick Chrest Memorial Fund designated for the Wamego Kansas River Front Park Boat Ramp. They may be left in care of the Stewart Funeral Home. Stewart Funeral Home P.O. Box 48 Wamego, KS. 66457 785-456-2233 Great Bend (Kan) Tribune, Jan. 25, 2006
EMPORIA — Donald W. Gibson, 72, of Emporia passed away on Tuesday, Jan. 24, 2006 at Via Christi St. Francis in Wichita, Kan. Don was born on August 4, 1933 in Emporia. His parents were Wallace Edward and Hazel Florence (Pearce) Gibson. On June 13, 1954, Don married Eva Delores Langley at Grace United Methodist Church in Emporia. She survives of the home.

Other surviving family members are, sons Stephen M Gibson of Great Bend, Kan., and Rodney E. Gibson of Wichita, Kan., daughter Tamara (Tammie) S. Bugner of Wichita Kan., brother Rolland (Ron) H. Gibson, Emporia, Kan., four grandsons; Chad, Chase, and Dalton Gibson, and Bob Galliart; four granddaughters, Stephanie, Ashley, Brooke, and Candy Bunn, Great-grandchildren, Adelyn, Jessica, Taci, and Kira, numerous nephews and nieces.

Don was preceded in death by his parents, a son Randall E. Gibson, and a brother Curtis G. Gibson.

Following high school, Don worked for Gibson Bros Hay and Grain in Emporia for 20 years. He then owned Gibson’s Hallmark Card and Gifts for 15 years in Great Bend, Kan. For 17 years he worked for the First National Bank in Great Bend. He then handled pre-need planning for Bryant-Christians Funeral Home in Great Bend, and also for Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hosiingon, Kan. from 1968 to 1998. In 1998, Don and his wife, Delores returned to Emporia to take care of pre-need planning for the Roberts-Blue-Barnett Funeral Home.

Don belonged to the following organizations of Great Bend; the Sunflower Shrine, where he served as President, and Treasurer, Masonic Lodge, Convention Bureau Board, Chamber of Commerce Board Ambassadors (President for 2 terms), United Way Board (President), Cougar Booster Club, (President), 3-Show Chairman (2 terms), Hospice Volunteer, Fund Drive Chairman of the Billy Graham Crusade, and Associate Guardian Job’s Daughters.

Don belonged to the following organizations of Emporia, Arab Shrine Temple, Arab Shrine Mini-Ts, Neosho Valley Shrine, current Vice-president, Emporia Chamber of Commerce, Lyon County Fair Board President (three terms). The family will receive friends from 7 to 8:30 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 27 at the Roberts-Blue-Barnett Funeral Home. Services will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 28 at the First United Methodist Church in Emporia.

Services conducted by Reverend Nancy Gammill, and Jayne Duncan of the Church. Interment will be at Memorial Lawn Cemetery with graveside services conducted by Emporia Masonic Lodge #12 A.F. & A.M.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are suggested to Arab Shrine Temple in Topeka, Kan., or the Arab Temple Mini-T unit in care of Roberts-Blue-Barnett Funeral Home.

Roberts-Blue-Barnett Funeral Home*
6005 State St. P.O. Box 175
Emporia, KS 66801
620-642-2134

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 25, 2006

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Thelma Bailey 1918 - 2006

ABILENE — Thelma Bailey, 87, died Jan. 23 at the Holiday Resort in Salina. She was born Sept. 29, 1918, in Dickinson County, the daughter of Harry and Phoebe Hoover Dayhoff. She married Robert D. “Bob” Bailey on Oct. 2, 1964. He died Oct. 22, 2002. They had owned and operated the Red Carpet Restaurant in Hutchinson, Bob and Thelma’s Steak House in Great Bend and the Elmore Cinnamon Shop in Salina.

Survivors include two sons, Gene Downs of Salem, Ore., and Stan Downs of Trillomock, Ore.; one daughter, Carolyn Englebach, Jamestown; five step-sons, Jim Bailey and Dennis Bailey, both of Wichita, Allen Bailey of Arco, Idaho, Robert Bailey of McPherson, and Richard Bailey of Puerto Rico; one step-daughter, Jan Srack of Salina; 36 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her first husband, Ray E. Downs.

Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Bethel Cemetery north of Detroit. Memorials are suggested to the Hospice of Salina, in care of Danner Funeral Home in Abilene.

Funeral arrangements provided by
Danner Funeral Home

P.O. Box 758 Abilene, KS 67410 785-263-1313 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 25, 2006

Lillian E. Miller 1911 - 2006

LYONS — Lillian E. Miller, 94, died Jan .23 at Hospice House in Hutchinson. She was born March 21, 1911, at Fort Supply, Okla., the daughter of Bert and Elizabeth Willinger Rice. She married Alex Miller on Sept. 14, 1929, at St. Pauls Lutheran Church in Natoma. He died Jan. 31, 1975. She was a homemaker and a resident of Lyons since 1971, formerly of St. John.

Mrs. Miller was a member of Grace Lutheran Church in Lyons. Survivors include three sons, Larry Miller of Kingman, Ariz., Al Miller and wife Karon of Lyons, and Russell Miller and wife Ella of Billings, Mont.; two daughters, Norma Beitler and husband Arlo of Pretty Prairie, and Marjorie Littlejohn and husband Robert of Richland, Wash.; one brother, Albert Rice of Ellinwood; 25 grandchildren; 42 great-grandchildren; and eight great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one son, Dwayne Miller and his wife Cynthia; one daughter-in-law, Marina Miller; two brothers, Leonard and George Rice; one sister, Ruth Krentzel; and two grandsons, Andy Miller and Lynn Miller.

Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Grace Lutheran Church in Lyons with Pastor Mike Herzberg officiating. Burial will be at Lakin-Commanche Cemetery in Ellinwood. Visitation will be today from 2 to 7 p.m. at Sillin Funeral Home in Lyons. Memorials are suggested to the Andy Miller Scholarship Fund at Lyons High School, the Hutchinson Good Samaritan Village, the Hospice House of Hutchinson, or Grace Lutheran Church, 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, Jan. 25, 2006

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Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Grace Lutheran Church in Lyons with Pastor Mike Herzberg officiating. Burial will be at Lakin-Commanche Cemetery in Ellinwood. Visitation will be today from 2 to 7 p.m. at Sillin Funeral Home in Lyons. Memorials are suggested to the Andy Miller Scholarship Fund at Lyons High School, the Hutchinson Good Samaritan Village, the Hospice House of Hutchinson, or Grace Lutheran Church, all in care of the funeral home.

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214 West Ave. South
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Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 25, 2006
Eugene Rubin Keil 1938 - 2006

Eugene Rubin Keil, 68, died Jan. 23 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. He was born Jan. 1, 1938, at Russell, the son of Rubin and Alvina Miller Keil. He was a retired truck driver for Big A Auto and a Great Bend resident for the last 40 years.

Keil was a member of Our Savior Lutheran Church in Great Bend. He was a U.S. Army veteran.

Survivors include three sons, Thomas E. Keil and wife Laura of Phenix, Ala., L. David Keil and wife Donna of Great Bend, and Steven A. Keil of Pflugerville, Texas; one brother, Gary Keil of Salina; two sisters, Alvina Nicholson of Gothenburg, Neb., and Mary Ann Keil of Salina; and five grandchildren, Emily Keil, Jordan Keil, Michael Keil, Justin Keil, and Sam Keil. He was preceded in death by two brothers.

Funeral will be at 1:30 p.m. Thursday at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Great Bend with the Rev. Garry Dassow officiating. Interment will be at Hillcrest Memorial Park in Great Bend with military honors conducted by Fort Riley Honor Guard.

Visitation will be today from 1 to 9 p.m., with family receiving friends from 7 to 8 p.m., and Thursday from 9 to 11 a.m., all at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Memorials are suggested to Our Savior Lutheran Church or American Heart Association, both in care of the funeral home.

Funeral arrangements provided by
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1425 Patton Rd.
Great Bend, KS 67530
620-783-3525
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 25, 2006

Michael Dean Gustus 1958 - 2006

GENESEO — Michael Dean Gustus, 47, died Jan. 23 at Hospice House in Hutchinson. He was born March 24, 1958, in Sterling, the son of Dean and Jane Kindle Gustus. He graduated from Geneseo High School in 1976. A lifetime resident of Geneseo, he was the owner of Gustus Backhoe & Tank Service.

Gustus was baptised in the Presbyterian Church and attended United Methodist Church in Geneseo. He was a member and former chief of the Geneseo Fire Department.

Survivors include two daughters, Callie Gustus and Haddie Gustus, both of Geneseo; his parents, of Geneseo; two sisters, Patricia “Patty” Beagley and Carolyn Gustus, both of Geneseo. He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Cyril and Olive Gustus, and Cliff and Mary Alice Kindle.

Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Sillin Funeral Home in Lyons with Davis Laughlin officiating. Burial will be at the Geneseo Cemetery. Visitation will be Friday from 2 to 7 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the Education Fund for Callie and Haddie Gustus or Hutchinson Hospice House of Reno County.

Funeral arrangements provided by
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Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 25, 2006

Lane E. Turner, M.D. 1967 - 2006

AMES, Iowa — Lane E. Turner, M.D., of Ames, Iowa, ended his life on Jan. 20 in rural Boone County, Iowa.

Dr. Turner was born Nov. 18, 1967, in Great Bend, the son of Dr. Terry and Judy (Krug) Turner. He married Amy Taylor on June 20, 1992, in Hutchinson. He graduated from Kansas State University School of Medicine and completed his ENT residency at the University of Missouri in Columbia. Dr. Turner joined the McFarland Clinic in 1999 and was recently elected to the Board of Directors. He attended Collegiate United Methodist Church and was an Alumnus of Delta Upsilon Fraternity.

Lane adored his family. Woodworking and nature were important to him. He was dedicated to the care of his patients, and regarded his colleagues as a second family.

He is survived by his wife Amy and four children: Jill, Brian and infant twins, Kelly and Eric, all of the home; parents, Dr. Terry and Judy Turner of Great Bend; brother, Tracy Turner of Dallas, Texas; sister and her husband, Libby and Eric Hartte of Dallas, Texas; father-in-law and mother-in-law, Elwyn (ET) and Lucille Taylor of Ames, Iowa, formerly of Hutchinson; two brothers-in-law and their wives, Jeff and Susie Taylor of England, and Mike and Holly Taylor of Wichita; and many nieces and nephews.

Memorial services will be at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 26, at the Collegiate United Methodist Church in Ames, Iowa.

Donations may be made to the Turner Memorial Education Fund, First American Bank, 520 Grand Avenue, Ames, Iowa 50010.

The Bacon Funeral Home and Crematory assisted with arrangements.

Funeral arrangements provided by
Bacon Funeral Homes, Inc.*
1418 Fawcett Parkway
Nevada, IA 50201
515-387-5885
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 25, 2006

January 24, 2006

Allen Lee Parks 1933 - 2006

ELLINWOOD — Allen Lee Parks, 72, died Jan. 21 at his residence in Ellinwood. He was born Feb. 25, 1933, at Macksville, the son of Frank and Lois Harmon Parks. He married Dona Sue Jones on May 19, 1959, in Batesville, Ark. She died Jan. 31, 1972. He was a self-employed carpenter and farmer and was employed as a salesman for Rainbow Bread Company. He was a resident of Ellinwood for 14 years, coming from Larned. Parks was a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean War. Survivors include two sons, Danny Parks of Batesville and Jim Parks of Evening Shade, Ark.; five daughters, Ann Rutledge and Deb Driggs, both of

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NEW RICHLAND, Minn. — David Gerald Smith, 80, was born Aug. 23, 1925, in New Richland, Minn., the son of Vernon C. and Anna Ayla and Ariana Fish, and Burch Smith; and four great-grandchildren, Tarrin and Mariah Viegra, and Ryan and James Lilley. He is also survived by many cousins, nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, grand daughter Tonia Smith, and one great-grandchild. Memorial services are to be held at the Rickett Cemetery in Little Poplar Creek, Ky. Visitation will be today from noon to 9 p.m. with the family receiving friends from 7 to 8 p.m., and Wednesday from 9 a.m. until service time at the funeral home. There will be a visitation from 5 to 9 p.m. Friday at Hampton Funeral Home in Barbourville, Ky. Memorials are suggested to Central Kansas Medical Center Foundation or 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, Jan. 24, 2006

Barbara Jean Foley Henderson 1934 - 2006

Barbara Jean Foley Henderson, 71, of Great Bend, died Jan. 23 at Central Kansas Medical Center after a long illness. She was born May 17, 1934, in Warren Camp, Ky. Barbara was the 12th child of Hugh and Amanda (Garland) Foley. She was raised in Artemus, Ky., and graduated from high school in 1952. She married Bill Henderson in December of 1952. This union was blessed with four children. Barbara spent the next years of her life as a loving wife, a devoted mother and leader in various church, women's and Girl Scout activities. Upon her husband’s retirement from the Air Force in 1970, the family moved to Great Bend. Although still busy in her roles as wife and mother, Barbara worked at Gibb's and Fuller Brush. She retired from Fuller Brush in 1991. She was preceded in death by her parents, five brothers and three sisters. She is survived by her children: Patti Caruthers and husband Dennis of Great Bend; Karen Byerly of Hays; and Billie Joe Henderson II of Greensboro, N.C. She is also survived by eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. She is survived by two sisters, Billie Bays of Artemus, Ky., and Alma Carr of Arcadia, Fla., and two brothers, James Foley of Barbourville, Ky., and Hubert Foley of Las Cruces, N.M. She will be remembered by all for her quick wit, her poetry and her love of the Lord. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Bryant Memorial Chapel in Great Bend with Rev. Dr. Doyle Smith officiating. Interment will be Saturday at 11 a.m. at the Rickett Cemetery in Little Poplar Creek, Ky. Visitation will be today from noon to 9 p.m. with the family receiving friends from 7 to 8 p.m., and Wednesday from 9 a.m. until service time at the funeral home. There will be a visitation from 5 to 9 p.m. Friday at Hampton Funeral Home in Barbourville, Ky. Memorials are suggested to Central Kansas Medical Center Foundation or 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, Jan. 24, 2006

David Gerald Smith 1925 - 2006

NEW RICHLAND, Minn. — David Gerald Smith, 80, was born Aug. 23, 1925, in New Richland, Minn., the son of Vernon C. and Anna Mae (Dutton) Smith. He graduated from New Richland High School in 1944. He married Nona Root on Sept. 15, 1946, in Wilton Township, Minn. He was a farmer for many years and carried on the family tradition of sheep shearing and wool buying. Smith was a member of the LeSueur River Lutheran Church, where he was active on the cemetery board, church council and ushering, and the New Richland American Legion. He served his country in the U.S. Navy from 1944 until 1946 during World War II. He enjoyed hunting, fishing and woodworking. His special delight was his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Survivors include his wife, Nona of the home; three sons, George and Patti Smith of Great Bend, Jeffrey and Deb Smith of Medford, Minn., and Robert and Dorine Smith of New Richland, Minn.; three daughters, Kathy and Tom Connelly of St. Thomas, Minn.; Karen and Mark Smith of Colorado Springs, Colo., Mary Ebnert of Owatonna, Minn.; one sister, Verna Mae Dixon of Greensboro, N.C.; brothers-in-law Marvin Johnson of Owatonna, David (Nikki) Root of Denver, Colo.; sisters-in-law Anita (Bill) Jeanson of Janesville, Barbara Toltzmann of Mankato, Thelma (Orville) Yess of Inver Grove Heights, Opal Hofius of Merrifield; 12 grandchildren, Tia Lilley, Tricia (Mark) Viegra, Michael, Kristin and Kara Smith, Denis and David Connelly, Kate and Toni Ebnert, Ayla and Ariana Fish, and Burch Smith; and four great-grandchildren, Tarrin and Mariah Viegra, and Ryan and James Lilley. He is also survived by many cousins, nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, granddaughter Tonia Smith, brother George Wayne Smith, sisters Helen Nelson, Margery Brown, Lois Poole and JoAnn Johnson; sister-in-law Iola Schroeder of Kansas City. Funeral services will be held at the St. Peters Cemetery in New Richland with military honors conducted by the New Richland Veterans Group. Friederich Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 24, 2006

Kelcy Louise Thompson 1949 - 2006

PAHRUMP, Nev. — Kelcy Louise Thompson, 56, died Jan. 20 at Pahrump, Nev. She was born Nov. 22, 1949, at Great Bend, the daughter of Melvin D. and Carol L. Keenan Thompson. She received a master's degree in business administration. She was a resident of Pahrump, Nev., for six years, coming from Utah. She was college administrator for CCSS. She was a member of Our Lady of the Valley church; Phi Kappa Phi, Pahrump Chamber of Commerce, and numerous Nye County community organizations. Survivors include one daughter, Polly Neal Logan Sierra of Pahrump, Nev.; her parents, Melvin and Carol Thompson of Arlington; four brothers, Daniel Thompson and his wife Kay of Radium, Kim Thompson and his wife Joy of Topeka, Randall Thompson and his wife Rita of Kingman, and Kevin Thompson and his wife Claudia of Wichita; three sisters, Kristyal Thompson and Kandi Smith, both of Fort Worth, Texas, and Karmi and her husband Randy Blumahmout of Lyons; and special friend, Monty Fisher of Nevada. She was preceded in death by her grandparents, Tom and Martha Keenan, and Ed and Catherine (Kitch) Thompson; one nephew, Justin Thompson; one niece, Kara Hogan; and one brother-in-law, Michael K. Smith. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at St. Francis Xavier Church in Seward. Burial will follow at the St. Francis Cemetery in Seward. Memorials are suggested to the
SPRINGFIELD, Mo. — James W. Dykes, 25, died Jan. 15 after battling Friedreich’s Ataxia for several years. He was born Dec. 12, 1980, in McKinney, Texas, the son of Ron and Betty Dykes. He graduated from Chanute Christian Academy, Chanute, in May 1999. He graduated from OTC in 2002 and achieved one of his lifelong goals of graduating from MSU in the spring of 2005. Following graduation, he remained active with Campus Crusade for Christ, and was a Bible study leader at the “Potter’s House.”

He was actively involved with James River Assembly of God Church for over five years. He was employed by the “Dixie Stampede Family” for five seasons, where he was honored as Cast Member of the Year in 2002. In the Fall of 2002, he was the recipient of the MDA Greater Ozarks Personal Achievement Award. Survivors include his parents, Ron and Bettie Dykes; one brother, Jason Dykes of Greenfield, Mo.; one sister, Shona Crays of Humboldt; one nephew, Devin of Humboldt; two nieces, Crystal and Rachel of Humboldt; Everett and Margaret Dykes of Great Bend; and grandmother, Wilma Marsh-Hutchings of Kansas City. He was preceded in death by one sister, Ronna; grandfather, Carl Marsh; and uncle, Randy Dykes. Funeral arrangements provided by Pahrump Family Mortuary, 544 S. Vicki Ann Rd. Pahrump, NV 89048 775-727-4099 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 24, 2006

James W. Dykes 1980 -2006

January 22, 2006

Eugene R. Keil


Sister Amadea Hauser OP 1921 - 2006

Sister Amadea Hauser, 84, died Thursday, Jan. 19, 2006, in the Dominican Sisters’ convent infirmary, Great Bend, Kan. Born March 6, 1921, at St. Leo, Kan., as Bertha Anna Hauser, Sister Amadea was the daughter of the late Edward and Mary Schnittker Hauser. She entered the Dominican Sisters’ Community Aug. 29, 1935, and pronounced her first vows Aug. 17, 1938. She celebrated 65 years of religious profession in 2003.

Sister Amadea began her ministerial life as a teacher in elementary parochial schools of Kansas, a ministry which she accomplished for seven years. Following her studies for medical technology, she served as a medical technologist for over 30 years, often supervising X-ray and Emergency Rooms in all four of the Dominican Sisters’ hospitals: St. Joseph Memorial in Larned, Kan., St. Catherine in Garden City, Kan., Sacred Heart in Larned, Colo., and Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. Sister Amadea’s last ministry was as a receptionist at the motherhouse. She retired in 2000.

Sister Amadea is survived by two brothers, Joseph Hauser of Odenton, Md., and Eugene Hauser of Nashville, Kan.; and three sisters, Eva Hauser of Lamar, Colo., Angela Scantlin of Wichita, Kan., and Sister Edith Marie of Great Bend. Sister Amadea’s body will lie in state at the hospitality area of the Dominican Chapel of the Plains, 3600 Broadway, Great Bend, until the Liturgy of Christian Burial at 3 p.m. Monday, Jan. 23, with the Rev. Gerald Hammeke presiding. A wake service will be held at 7 tonight. Both the wake and the funeral service will be held at the convent, 3600 Broadway. Burial will be in the Sisters’ Resurrection Cemetery.

Memorials in honor of Sister Amadea may be sent to: Dominican Sisters Ministry Fund, Office of Mission and Ministry,
Services for Alfred J. Yost, 75, Lawrence, will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Rumsey-Yost Funeral Home. Burial will be at Oak Hill Cemetery.
Mr. Yost died Saturday, Jan. 14, 2006, at Lawrence Memorial Hospital.
He was born June 6, 1930, in Alexander, the son of Adam John and Lydia Georg Yost. He graduated from LaCrosse High School in 1948 and the Kansas City College of Mortuary Science in 1951.
He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean conflict from January 1953 until January 1955.
He had worked for the Lamb Funeral Home in Ottawa and the Culbertson Funeral Home in Wichita. In 1964 he purchased the Fisher Funeral Home in Wellington, which became Yost Funeral Home; he owned it for 13 years. He purchased the Rumsey Funeral Home in Lawrence in 1978, which later became Rumsey-Yost Funeral Home & Crematory, where he worked until his death.
He received a 50 Years of Service award in the funeral industry in 2001.
He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Lawrence, the Sertoma Club of Lawrence, American Legion Dorsey-Liberty Post 14, Ottawa Lodge No. 18 A.F. & A.M., Kansas Funeral Directors Assn., National Funeral Directors Assn. and the Lawrence Country Club.
He married Fleda Ann “Shorty” Drake on June 5, 1955, in Ottawa. She survives, of the home.
Other survivors include two sons, Brad, Fairway, and Bart, Lawrence; a sister, Martha Nemeth, Topeka; and two grandchildren.
Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. today at the funeral home.
The family suggests memorials to the First Baptist Church or the charity of the donor’s choice, sent in care of the funeral home. Arrangements were handled by Rumsey-Yost Funeral Home.
Online condolences may be sent to www.rumsey-yost.com.
Rumsey-Yost Funeral Home *
601 Indiana St. Lawrence, Kan., 66044
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 20, 2006

Marvin W. Hicks 1931 - 2006

Marvin W. Hicks, 74, of Great Bend, died Jan. 19 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. He was born Oct. 6, 1931, at Nowata, Okla., the son of James and Lilly Adamson Hicks. He married Sharon Eckert on Jan. 8, 1955, at Great Bend. He was an oilfield roustabout and pumper, retiring from BHP Inc. He had been a Great Bend resident since 1975, coming from Hays.
Hicks was a Korean War veteran, serving with the U.S. Air Force.
He was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church, Elks Lodge No. 1127 and American Legion Argonne Post 180, all of Great Bend, and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7428, Hoisington.
Survivors include his wife, Sharon, of the home; two sons, Doug Hicks and wife Vickie, Hays, Kan., and Curtis Hicks, Wichita, Kan.; daughter, Paula Spofford and husband Jim, Conway, NH; two brothers, Max Hicks and wife Betty, Hoisington, Kan., and Alva Hicks and wife Virginia, Sarasworo, NC; two sisters, Pauline Wilson, Nowata, Okla., and Opal Heape and husband Harry, Sallisaw, Okla.; nine grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. Marvin was preceded in death by two brothers, Gene and Lyle Hicks, and three sisters, Maxine Hicks, Sarah Dodd and Edith Swalley.
Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday, Jan. 23, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Great Bend, with the Rev. James A. Strassen officiating. Interment will be at Hillcrest Memorial Park, Great Bend, with full military honors. Visitation will be from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday and 1 to 9 p.m. Sunday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend, with family to receive friends from 7 to 9 p.m. Sunday.
Memorials are suggested to Trinity Lutheran Church or Parkinson’s Disease Association, in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements are handled by Bryant Funeral Home* 1425 Patton Road Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-3525 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 20, 2006

Everett S. Brewer 1916 - 2006

OLMITZ — Everett S. Brewer, 89, died Jan. 18 at Clara Barton Hospital in Hoisington. He was born April 12, 1916 at McCracken, the son of Lester Finn and Dora Mae (Aldrich) Brewer. He married Bernice Cerin on June 19, 1941 at Yuma, Ariz. She died March 25, 1981. A resident of Olmitz since 1982, coming from El Cerrito, Calif., he retired from the U.S. Navy after 20 years of service, served in the Navy Fleet Reserve for 10 years and then was employed as a civilian with the U.S. government as a certified boiler inspector and engineer. Brewer was a lifetime member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and American Legion in California, a member of the Clara Barton Foundation and a benefactor to many children organizations. He was a veteran of World War II and the Korean Conflict. Survivors include a son, Steve Brewer of El Cerrito; a brother, Jack Brewer of Hogansville, Ga.; two sisters, La Dene Broughton of Larned and Dolores Lindsay of Olmitz; three grandchildren and numerous nieces. He was preceded in death by an infant daughter, Sheila Brewer and two sisters, Vera Branyan and Elva Schugart. Services will be at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington with the Rev. Ultan Murphy officiating. Burial will be at the Hoisington Cemetery in Hoisington with military graveside rites by the U.S. Navy and American Legion Post No. 286 and VFW Post No. 7428. Friends may call from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. today and 9 a.m. until service time on Saturday at the funeral home.
Memorials are suggested to Clara Barton Foundation in care of the funeral home. Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home 415 North Main - P.O. Box 146 Hoisington, Kan., 67544 620-653-4165 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 20, 2006
Elizabeth G. Taylor 1928 - 2006

CASPER, Wyo. — Memorial services for Elizabeth G. Taylor, 77, formerly of Great Bend, will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 21, 2006, at Bustard’s Funeral Home by Pastor Rob Peterson. She passed away on Jan. 14, 2006, at the Central Wyoming Hospice Home in Casper. Mrs. Taylor was born on May 2, 1928, in Great Bend, Kan., the daughter of Ira L. and Inez (Davis) Thomason. She was raised and attended school in Great Bend. On May 30, 1951, she married G.V. Taylor in Chase, Kan., and the couple’s union was blessed with four children. She moved to Casper in 1978. Her interests included taking care of her family, reading, singing, sewing, going places, and visiting with friends and family. She possessed a great sense of humor and loved her family dearly. Early on, Elizabeth was a hard worker, performing housekeeping and taking in ironing. During her later years, she had Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD). Survivors include her two daughters, Artydia Kay Briscoe of Cody, Wyo., and Llewetta Windsor of Casper; her son George V. Taylor III of Casper; her four grandsons, Charles Henderson Jr., Reggie Henderson and George Windsor, all of Casper, and Jerry D. Briscoe of Shell, Wyo.; and her sister Darlene Creacy of Great Bend, Kan. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, one daughter, one granddaughter, two brothers and three sisters. The family has requested that memorials be made to the Central Wyoming Hospice Home, 319 S. Wilson, Casper, WY 82001.

Funeral arrangements provided by Bustard Funeral Home*

P.O. Box 2176
Casper, WY 82002
307 234-7223

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 20, 2006

Charlene C. Williams 1927 - 2006

Charlene C. Williams, 78, of Great Bend, died Jan. 18 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. She was born Oct. 24, 1927, at Cresco, Iowa, on a farm, the daughter of Charles “Sam” and Clara E. VanDan Acker Wonsetler. A resident of Great Bend since 2000, formerly of Hutchinson and Larned, she was a retired secretary at the Larned State Hospital until she retired in 1980. She was a graduate of Larned High School, class of 1945. She married William Oetken on July 22, 1947 at Albert. He died Dec. 1, 1968. On Feb. 23, 1980, she married Donald Williams at Larned. Mrs. Williams was a member of St. Patrick’s Catholic Church in Great Bend. Survivors include her husband of the home; three sons, Steve Oetken of Great Bend, Bob Oetken of Sealy, Texas, and Charles Oetken of Larned; a daughter, Marcia French of Great Bend; four step-daughters, Kathy Weaver, Debra Miller and Velma Colorado all of Lyons and Anita Gates of Memphis, Tenn.; one brother, Charles M. Wonsetler of Larned; one sister, Mary Spence of Lewis; eight grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and 30 step-grand and great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two sons, Kevin and David Oetken; two brothers, Robert and Remigius “Bud” Wonsetler; and two sisters, Savanah and Lavita Wonsetler. Cremation has taken place. A Memorial Funeral Mass will be held at 10 a.m. on Monday at the church with Rev. Ted Stoecklein officiating. Inurement will be in the Larned Cemetery. Friends may sign a registrar from 12 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday at Morell Funeral Home in Larned. Memorials are suggested to the church or donor’s choice in care of the funeral home.

Morell Funeral Home
P.O. Box 124 Larned, Kan., 67550-0124 620-285-2177 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 20, 2006

January 19, 2006

Fern Nairn Walden 1908 -2006

EVERETT, Wash. — Fern Nairn Walden, 98, died Jan. 12, 2006, at her home in Alaska. She was born Sept. 20, 1908, in Barton County, the daughter of Charles “Sam” and Clara E. Evangeline Nairn. She was a homemaker, and lived most of her life in Everett, Wash. Survivors include a son, Dennis Walden of Alaska; a sister, Elva Petez of Overland Park; brothers John W. Nairn of Arroyo Grande, Calif., Loren R. Nairn and Nolen Gene Nairn of Great Bend; and two grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Harry Walden, who died in 1978. Services were held at the Floral Hills Mortuary in Everett, Wash., on Jan. 19.

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 19, 2006

Betty Jean Hachenberger 1923 - 2006

Betty Jean Hachenberger, 82, of Great Bend, died Jan. 17, 2006, at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. She was born April 26, 1923, at Des Moines, Iowa, the daughter of Lewis E. and Aurora V. White Weigel. She married Robert L. Hachenberger on Nov. 1, 1946, in Hutchinson, Kan. He died May 12, 1996. A resident of Great Bend since 1982, coming from Mobile, Ala., she was a homemaker, beloved wife, mother and grandmother.

Mrs. Hachenberger was a member of First Christian Church and the American Legion Auxiliary, both of Great Bend. Survivors include a daughter, Sharon and husband William R. Ward, Dallas, Texas; a grandson, Robert Blake Ward; and a granddaughter, Katherine R. Ward. She was preceded in death by two sisters, Bobby Woodward and Ruth Heidebrecht.

Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at First Christian Church in Great Bend, with the Rev. William F. Johnson officiating. Interment will be in the Great Bend Cemetery, Great Bend. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday at First Christian Church in Great Bend, with the Rev. William F. Johnson officiating. Inurement will be in the Larned Cemetery. Friends may sign a registrar from 12 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday at Morell Funeral Home in Larned. Memorials are suggested to the church or donor’s choice 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, Jan. 19, 2006

Alma Elizabeth Romeiser 1914 - 2006

MCPHERSON - Alma Elizabeth (Betty) Romeiser, 91, of McPherson died Jan. 16, 2006, at The Cedars, McPherson. She was born Nov. 26, 1914 in Ottawa, Ill., the daughter of Allen A. and Ina (Hursh) Juef. She graduated from McPherson High School, class of 1932. She was a 1936 Graduate of McPherson College and received her MS in 1957 from Fort Hays State
Charlene C. Williams

Charlene C. Williams, 78, of Great Bend, died Jan. 18 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Morell Funeral Home, Larned.

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 19, 2006

Raymond L. Watts 1919 - 2006

BENNINGTON — Raymond L. Watts, 86, died Jan. 17 at Minneapolis. He was born June 4, 1919, at Bennington, the son of Harry L. and Bertha M. (Bright) Watts. He married Phyllis J. Collins on Dec. 1, 1942, in Salina. A Bennington resident, he was a farmer and delivered meals for the Bennington Senior Center.

Survivors include his wife of the home and son Curtis Watts of Great Bend.

Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Shields Funeral Home in Minneapolis. Burial will be at the Bennington Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. today at the funeral home. Memorials may be left in care of the funeral home to assist the family with expenses.

Funeral arrangements provided by
Shields Funeral Home
405 Argyle
Minneapolis, KS 67467
785-392-2131

January 18, 2006

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 18, 2006
She was born Oct. 23, 1939, at Spearville, the daughter of John V. and Clara C. Hines Slattery. She moved to Dodge City.

DOROTHY ANN SCHALLER

DOROTHY ANN SCHALLER 1939 - 2006
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785-483-2212
Russell, Kan. 67665
610 North Maple Street
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610 No. Maple Street
Russell, KS 67665
785-483-2212
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 18, 2006
Memorials have been established for St. Judes Hospital in care of the mortuary.
Funeral services are scheduled for 2 p.m., Thursday at Pohlman-Heise Mortuary in Russell, with the family receiving friends from 6 to 8 p.m. Memorials have been established for St. John Lutheran Church or the Rebecca Morrison House, Salina, in care of the mortuary.
Funeral arrangements provided by Pohlman-Heise Mortuary & Monuments
610 North Maple Street
Russell, Kan. 67665
785-483-2212
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Jan. 18, 2006
Marie Ella Duke 1912 - 2006
RUSSELL — Marie Ella Duke, 93, died Jan. 15 in Lindsborg. She was born March 16, 1912, at Vivian, La., the daughter of Thomas Jefferson and Ruby Ella (Owens) Latham. She was a homemaker and resident of Russell.
Survivors include two sons, James Earl Powell, of Hardner, and Dan Powell, of Russell; three daughters, Mary Nell Fisher, Albany Ore.; Betty Marie Swicegood, Santa Rosa Beach, Fla.; and Vera Joyce Denny, Salina; one sister, Allie Mae Chiles, Bossier City, La.; 14 grandchildren, and numerous great-grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren.
She was preceded in death by a brother, Harold Bender, and a sister, Tabea Bender.
Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at the church in Russell, with the Rev. Peter Rupprecht officiating. Burial will follow at the St. John Lutheran Cemetery. Visitation will be from noon to 8 p.m. today at Pohlman-Heise Mortuary in Russell, with the family receiving friends from 6 to 8 p.m. Memorials have been established for St. John Lutheran Church or the Rebecca Morrison House, Salina, in care of the mortuary.
Funeral arrangements provided by Pohlman-Heise Mortuary & Monuments
610 North Maple Street
Russell, Kan. 67665
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Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 18, 2006
Dorothy Ann Schaller 1939 - 2006
DODGE CITY — Dorothy Ann Schaller, 66, died Tuesday, Jan. 17, 2006, at the Good Samaritan Center, Dodge City.
She was born Oct. 23, 1939, at Spearville, the daughter of John V. and Clara C. Hines Slattery. She moved to Dodge City after graduating from Spearville High School and worked at the Water Department for the City of Dodge City for 13 years before her health declined. She enjoyed bowling, her children and grandchildren.
She was a member of the Cathedral of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Dodge City. Survivors include: three sons, Mitch, Springfield, Mo., George, Meade, Kan., and Rodney and wife Karla, Kirwin, Kan.; a daughter, Chris Peters and husband Gary, Dodge City; her brother, Alvin Slattery, Dodge City; her sister, Leona Duft, Ellinwood, Kan.; 12 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.
She was preceded in death by her son Geno and two brothers, Vincent and John Slattery.
Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Thursday at Burkhardt-Ziegler Funeral Chapel, Dodge City. Funeral Mass will be at 10 a.m. Friday at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Guadalupe with Fr. Wesley W. Schawe presiding. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday at Burkhardt-Ziegler Funeral Chapel. Burial will be in St. John Cemetery, Spearville.
The family suggests memorials to March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation in care of the funeral chapel. Personal condolences may be sent to www.burkhart-ziegler.com.
Funeral arrangements provided by Burkhardt-Ziegler Funeral Chapel
1901 N. 14th Ave.
Dodge City, KS 67801
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 18, 2006
January 17, 2006
Arturo “Arthur” Jesus Ramirez 1947 - 2006
Arturo “Arthur” Jesus Ramirez, 58, of Great Bend, died Jan. 14 at Harry Heinz Memorial Hospice in Wichita. He was born June 20, 1947, at San Antonio, Texas, the son of Frank and Lottie Saucedo Ramirez. He was a resident of Great Bend. Survivors include three brothers, Frank Ramirez, Rudy Ramirez, and Harry Ramirez, all of San Antonio, Texas; and three sisters, Mary Lou and Janie, both of Great Bend, and Gloria of San Antonio, Texas. A private family service will be held at a later date. There are no visitations as cremation has taken place. Memorials are suggested to Hungry Heart Soup Kitchen 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, Jan. 17, 2006
January 17, 2006
Marilyn Adele Keller 1930 - 2006

Marilyn Adele (Zickeloose) Keller found her heavenly peace on Sunday, January 15, 2006. She died in her home with her daughters by her bedside. Her sons and grandchildren were able to say their goodbyes to Marilyn the previous day. Marilyn was born in Denver, Colorado on August 13, 1930 to parents, Franklin Arr Zickeloose and Opal Jane Sparks Zickeloose. She spent her childhood days growing up in Oakley and Winona, Kansas. Her marriage to John Frederick Keller in 1947 took them from Page City, Kansas, Garden City, Kansas to Lawrence, Kansas and finally to Great Bend, where Marilyn lived from 1952 to the present. Along the way, four children were born to this union. They include Jon Randall Keller (and wife Mary) of Topeka, Christine Adele Keller of Kansas City, Missouri, Patricia (Patti) Sue (Keller) Atkinson (and husband Don) of Great Bend, and Kurt Mitchell Keller (and wife Mary), of Marshall, Missouri. Cherished and loved grandchildren are Jessica (Keller) Davis (and husband Andy), John Layne Keller (and wife Aleasha), Jared Keller, Kaci (Atkinson) Guthrie (and husband Dustin), Rachel Keller, Madelyn Keller and Rebecca Keller. Marilyn was also the proud great-grandmother of Sydney Davis and Aaron Davis. Marilyn fought her lymphoma courageously for many years, and then made a brave and selfless decision to discontinue treatment this winter when her doctor informed her the cancer had become quite aggressive. Marilyn loved her family, her church family, and her pets. Duke, her beloved poodle, survives her. She was passionate about her hobbies, including playing games and cards with her family and friends, traveling, painting, doing needlework, cooking, reading, listening to music and PLAYING BRIDGE. Marilyn just enjoyed having fun and you knew from her great smile and wonderful dimples that fun was being had. Her mother, Opal, and her husband John, preceded her in death, both in 2000. Funeral will be at 1:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 19, 2006 at First Congregational United Church of Christ, Great Bend, Kansas, with the Reverend Diana Coberly officiating. Visitation will be Wednesday, Jan. 18, 2006, from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. and Thursday, January 19, 2006, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at Bryant Funeral Home. Memorials are suggested to First Congregational United Church of Christ or the Leukemia Lymphoma Society in care of the home. Interment will be at Hillcrest Memorial Park, Great Bend, Kansas. Funeral arrangements provided by Bryant Funeral Home* 1425 Patton Rd. Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-3525 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 17, 2006

January 15, 2006

Vivian Lee Bunn 1944 – 2006

TULSA, Okla. — Vivian Lee Bunn, 61, went to be with her Lord on January 12, 2006 at the Tulsa Regional Medical Center in Tulsa, Okla. She was born on November 30, 1944 in New York City, New York, the daughter of Kenneth Pugh and Evelyn (Ludwig) Pugh. She graduated from West High School in Wichita Kansas in 1962. Vivian went on to graduate from Sterling College at Sterling, Kan. with a B.A. Degree in Education. She married Richard Bunn on June 27, 1964 at Wichita. She was a member of the Calvary Missionary Baptist Church in Pryor, Oklahoma where her husband, Richard serves as Pastor. Vivian was a wonderful supportive minister’s wife in every way. She loved to cook and was famous for her yeast rolls. An accomplished seamstress, she also enjoyed arts and crafts of all kind. A loving wife, mother and grandmother who leaves a wonderful legacy of faith for her family to follow until they meet again. She is survived by her husband, Pastor Richard Bunn of the home; two sons, Roger and his wife, Candy Bunn of Great Bend and Troy and his wife, Janet Bunn of Pueblo, Colo.; one daughter, Karen and her husband, David Wright of Kenwood, Mich.; her grandchildren, Jessica, Cody, Taycee, Danielle, Kiralynn and Timothy. She was preceded in death by her parents, one sister, Charlotte McKelvey and an infant brother. Funeral Services will be held at 1 p.m., Monday, January 16, in the Calvary Missionary Baptist Church with Reverend David Wright officiating. Graveside Services will be held at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, January 17, in the Kechi Township Cemetery at Park City. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that memorials be made to the Calvary Missionary Baptist Church Building Fund at P.O. Box 493, Pryor, Okla., 74362. Sunday visitation will be from 1 p.m. until 4 p.m. at the funeral home and from 6 until 8 p.m. at the church. Arrangements are under the direction of Shipman’s Jim Green Funeral Home. Funeral arrangements provided by Shipman’s Jim Green Funeral Home* P.O. Box 217 Pryor, Okla. 74362 918-825-2465 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune

Virginia Rose Houghton 1921-2006

SATELLITE BEACH, Fla. — Virginia Rose Houghton, 84, died Jan. 14, at Clara Barton Hospital, Hoisington. She was born Feb. 6, 1921, in Attleboro, Mass., the daughter of Barney and Gertrude (Rushlow) Tolchinsky. She married Thomas E. Houghton, June 13, 1942, at Attleboro, Mass. He died Oct. 7, 1970. She was a sales clerk for Puritan Clothing, Hyannis, Mass. She had been a resident of Satellite Beach, Fla., for 15 years. Mrs. Houghton was a member of The Republican Party of Brevard County, Fla. and was a clerk for the Phi Beta Kappa in Washington, D.C. Survivors include Michael and his wife, Julie Houghton, of Alexandria, Va., daughters Judith and husband Jerry Collier, Indialantic, Fla.; Karen and husband Tom) Van Brimmer, Hoisington, four grand-children and nine great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two brothers, John and Robert Tolchinsky, and one sister Beatrice Beaulieu. Memorial services will be held in Mansfield, Mass., burial at St. Mary’s Cemetery, in Mansfield. Memorials are suggested to the American Heart Association or donor’s choice in care of Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home, Hoisington. Funeral arrangements provided by Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home* 415 N. Main P.O. Box 146 Hoisington, Kan. 67544 620-653-4165 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune

Alene E. Fuller 1913 - 2006

STAFFORD — Alene E. Fuller, 92, died Jan. 12 at Leisure Homestead, Stafford. She was born Dec. 26 1913 at Rhea, Okla., the daughter of Tommie and Sallie (Canada) Ferrell. She married Keith E. Fuller at Taloga, Okla. He preceded her in death on Sept. 20 1988. She was a sales manager for Fuller Brush, and a substitute teacher. Fuller was a member of the Church of Christ, Pilot Club and E.H.U. in Pratt. She was a life member of the Order of the Eastern Star, Sarah E. Stewat Chapter of Pratt. She volunteered for the American Red Cross, the Family Crisis Center and taught sunday school. Survivors include four sons, Pete Fuller of Stafford, K.O. Fuller of McPherson; one daughter, Karen M. Jean of Pampa, Texas; brother, A.J. Ferrell of Great Bend; ten grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren. Visitation will Sunday, 1 to 8 p.m. at Larrison Mortuary, Pratt. Funeral will be Monday, at 2 p.m. at Larrison Mortuary. Burial will be at Greenlawn Cemetery, Pratt. Memorials suggested to the Maude Carpenter Children’s Home or Leisure Homestead, Stafford in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Larrison Mortuary, LTD 300 Country Club Rd Pratt, Kan. 67124 620-672-6436 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune
Charlotte Rose Green 1927-2006

ST. JOHN — Charlotte Rose Green, 78, died Jan. 12 at Central Kansas Medical Center, Great Bend. She was born Nov. 9, 1927 at Callao, Mo. to L.D. and Lena Maude (Wilkes) Hughes Humphreys. A homemaker and resident of St. John since 1944. She married Berton Green March 11 1947 in Oklahoma, he preceded her in death. Green was a member of the New Hope United Methodist church, rural St. John. Survivors include one son, Bruce Green, Great Bend, daughter, Cynthia May, Sterling, Colo, brother Warren Humphreys, Banning Calif., four grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a son Edward W. Green, brother Rex Hughes, and a sister Jeanne McKisson. Funeral services will be Monday, 10 a.m. at Minnis Chapel, St. John with Pastor Wade Russell presiding. Burial will be in Fairview Park cemetery, St. John. Visitations is Sunday 1 to 8 p.m. at Minnis Chapel. Memorials to the American Diabetes Association. Funeral arrangements provided by Minnis Chapel 526 E. 4th St. John, Kan. 67576 620-549-3556 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune

Edna E. Key 1921 - 2006

GREAT BEND — Edna E. Key, 84, died Jan. 13. She was born March 17, 1921 at Beaver, Kan., the daughter of C.W. Chris and Stella Mae (Parker) Christians. She married Roy Key Jr. Sept. 14, 1942 in Beaver. She was a homemaker and a resident of Great Bend moving from Oklahoma City in 1963. Key was a member of the First Christian Church, Martha’s Group of the church, former Garden Clubs, and Cowboy Sam’s Camper Club. Survivors include her husband, Roy Key Jr. of the home; a son, Larry Key of Camano Island W.Va.; a daughter, Dr. Deanie Wright of Edmond Okla.; three brothers, John Christians of Houisington, Albert “Chris” Christians of Lindsborg, Clarence Christians of Beaver; two grandchildren, Todd Dillen and Piper Strick; and five great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by brothers, Roy and Glen Dale Christians, sisters Laura Christians, Elia Jones and a grandson Scott Dillen. Funeral services will be 1:30 p.m. Wednesday at the First Christian Church, Great Bend, burial in the Hillcrest Cemetery in Great Bend. Visitation will be from 3 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the First Christian Church. The family will receive friends from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Memorials may be given to the church or American Diabetes Association. Funeral arrangements provided by Christians Funeral Home* 103 N Washington P.O. Box 396 Lindsborg, Kan. 67456 785-227-2400 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune

January 13, 2006

Charlotte Rose Green

ST. JOHN — Charlotte Rose Green, 78, died Jan. 12 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. Funeral is pending with Minnis Chapel in St. John. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 13, 2006

January 12, 2006

Vera Leone Melton 1914 - 2006

CONCORDIA — Vera Leone Melton, 91, died Jan. 10 at Cloud County Health Center in Concordia. She was born Dec. 15, 1914, in Mitchell County, the daughter of Charles Martin Overman and Sylvia Belle Dawes. She graduated from Simpson High School in 1932 and earned her Teacher’s Certificate from the State of Kansas. She married William N. Melton on Oct. 18, 1933, in Concordia. He died March 21, 1992. She was a homemaker and had lived in the Concordia area most of her life.

Melton was a member of Prairie Point Sunday School, Friendship Club, a 4-H leader and served on the District 9 school board, and attended First Baptist Church in Concordia. Survivors include two sons, William Melton of Rush Center, and Jerry Melton of Vicksburg, Miss.; four daughters, Linda Essmiller of Great Bend, Janet Haney of Wichita, Janie Shilling of Atlanta, Ga., and Vera Brichalli of Springfield, Mo.; two sisters, Avis Twaddell of Beloit and Mary Ozmun of Corona, Calif.; 11 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one brother, Orlin; and one sister, Marjorie.

Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Saturday in the First Baptist Church in Concordia with the Rev. David Fabarez and Dr. Warren Freeborn officiating. Burial will be at the Glasco Cemetery in Glasco. Visitation will be Friday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. with the family receiving friends from 7 to 8 p.m. at Chapet-Buoy Funeral Home. Memorials are suggested to the Baptist church or the donor’s choice in care of the funeral home. 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, Jan. 12, 2006

James “Tom” Thomas Maxwell 1927 - 2006

PAWNEE ROCK — James “Tom” Thomas Maxwell, 78, died Jan. 10 at Great Bend Health and Rehabilitation in Great Bend. He was born Nov. 25, 1927, in Plant, Ark., the son of William Samuel and Joanna Gates Maxwell. He married Donna Griffin on Aug. 16, 1951, at Clinton, Ark. He was a Larned resident moving to Pawnee Rock in 1970, he was a Foreman for Road Construction for Broce and Smith and Venture Corp. for 48 years.

Maxwell was a former member of the Loyal Order of the Moose in Concordia. Survivors include his wife; one son, Jim A. Maxwell of Odin; two daughters, Vicky Clark of Aztec, N.M., and Linda Klug of Odin; one brother, Billy Joe Maxwell of Clinton, Ark.; seven grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one sister, Lillian Lay.

Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Friday at the Beckwith Mortuary Chapel will Don Paden officiating. Burial will be at the Pawnee Rock Cemetery. Visitation will be today from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Friday 9 a.m. to service time, all at the mortuary. Memorials are suggested to the Ronald McDonald House of Wichita or the Pawnee Rock Christian Church, both in care of
Delbert Lee Wikel 1954 - 2006

LA CROSSE — Delbert Lee Wikel, 51, died Jan. 10 at his home in La Crosse. He was born March 1, 1954, at La Crosse, the son of Cecil W. Wikel and Dessie L. (Cravens) Wikel. He was a lifelong resident of La Crosse. Survivors include his mother; three brothers, Roger Wikel of Albany, Ore., Melvin Wikel of Salem, Ore., and Paul Wikel of Port Townsend, Wash.; and one sister, Elaine Meyer of Great Bend. He was preceded in death by one brother, Terry Wikel.

Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Janousek Funeral Home in La Crosse with the Rev. Marilyn Christmore officiating. Burial will be at the La Crosse City Cemetery. Visitation will be Friday from 1 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home with the family to receive friends from 6 to 8 p.m. The casket will remain closed. Memorials are suggested to the Humane Society Inc. in Great Bend or the South Wind Hospice in Russell.

Funeral arrangements provided by Janousek Funeral Home
719 Pine
La Crosse, KS 67548
785-222-2517

Alvina Templeton 1920 - 2006

RUSSELL — Alvina Templeton died Jan. 9 at Wheatland Nursing Center, Russell, at the age of 85. The daughter of William and Lydia (Templing) Karst, she was born Jan. 21, 1920, near Milberger. She was baptized into the Lutheran faith. She attended country school in the Milberger area. She married Homer Eurich in 1940. He died in 1942. She married Calvin Templeton Oct. 24, 1945. She was a lifelong resident of Russell. She was a homemaker all her life. She was a lifelong member of St. John Lutheran Church and the Veterans of Foreign Wars Ladies Auxiliary.

Preceding her in death, were her parents, both husbands, and three brothers. Survivors include: four children: LoAnn Sechtem, Russell; Mari Reinhardt, Denver, Colo.; Diana Lynn Brown and her husband Jerry, Central City, Neb.; and Todd Alan Templeton, Russell, whom Alvina and Calvin adopted in 1963; a sister, Ruth Miller, Russell; a brother, Donald Karst, Russell; numerous nieces and nephews; six grandchildren; two great-grandchildren.

Memorial services will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 12, at St. John Lutheran Church in Russell. Burial will be at St. John Cemetery. Visitation is today, from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., at Russell Funeral Home in Russell. The family will receive guests from 7 to 9 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorials contributions may be made to St. John Lutheran Church and the Russell Senior Citizens Center, both of Russell. Funeral arrangements provided by Russell Funeral Home* 610 North Elm St. / P.O. Box 566 Russell, KS 67665 785-483-4399 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 11, 2006

Jose Angel Acosta 1963 - 2006

MACKSVILLE — Jose Angel Acosta, 42, died Jan. 7 at Pratt. He was born Aug. 2, 1963, at San Juan De Guadalupe Durango, Mexico, the son of Jesus and Irene (Balderas) Acosta. He married Gabriela Padilla on Jan. 4, 1990. He was a farm laborer and a resident of Macksville for 16 years. Acosta was a member of the St. Bernard Catholic Church in Belpre. Survivors include his wife of the home; three children, Omar, Laura and Allen Acosta, all of the home; his parents; six brothers, Jesus, Hector, Enrique, Gerardo, Gustavo and Javier Acosta; and three sisters, Maria del Rosario, Maria de Jesus and Maria Guadalupe. Burial services will be held in La Escalera, Mexico, at a later date. Funeral arrangements provided by Minnis Chapel, Inc. 526 E. 4th St. John, KS 67576 620-549-3556 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 11, 2006

Kevin Dale Doty 1959 - 2006

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas — Kevin Dale Doty, 46, died Jan. 8. He was born Oct. 26, 1959, in Great Bend, the son of John W. Doty Jr. and Joanne Thilie Doty. He was a Baptist.

Survivors include two brothers, Steve Doty Sr. of Corpus Christi, Texas, and Doug Doty of Great Bend; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Graveside service will be at 3 p.m. Friday at the Duncan Cemetery in Corpus Christi, Texas. Visitation will be Thursday at the Sawyer-George Funeral Home in Corpus Christi.

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 11, 2006

Hazel Inez Grow 1914 - 2006

Hazel Inez Grow, 91, of Great Bend, died Jan. 7 at Wesley Medical Center in Wichita. She was born Aug. 29, 1914, in rural Ellinwood, the daughter of John Henry and Rose Magdalene Stoskopf Kimber. She married Marion Asa Grow on Jan. 20, 1935, in Great Bend. She was a homemaker and helped her husband with farming and custom cutting. She was a lifetime resident of Stafford and Barton Counties. Survivors include her husband, of the home; two sons, Keith Grow and Gene Grow, both of Hudson; four daughters, Sharon Smiley of Texhoma, Okla., Marilyn Fulton of Junction City, Rita Jones of Wichita, and Linda Elliot of Wichita; one sister, Avis Rosin of Lynnwood, Wash.; 18 grandchildren; and numerous great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by three brothers, Floyd Kimber, Warren Kimber and Howard Kimber; three sisters, Donna Southern, Daisy Evers and Grace Fanshier; and four grandchildren. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend with the Rev. Paul Clifton officiating. Burial will be at the Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m.
to 9 p.m. Wednesday, with the family receiving friends from 7 to 8 p.m., at the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Bryant Funeral Home 1425 Patton Rd. Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-3525 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 10, 2006

Ellen A. Koci 1910 - 2006

LA CROSSE — Ellen Wilson Koci was a women born before her time. She was spirited, feisty and proud and stood up for equal rights for women long before most women ever thought of it. She was a shrewd businesswoman with a sterling set of ethics and high expectations for others. Heaven help anyone who tried in any way to short-change her or anyone else! She was fiercely proud of her Scottish heritage on the Wilson side of her family and often talked about the brothers who came from Scotland to escape poverty, worked in the mines in Pennsylvania and finally moved out West to find their fortune. She was equally proud of being a descendent of Denham and Ellen Stubbs, who helped found La Crosse and made the community prosper. Ellen attended college and thought of a career at a time when most women were thinking of a husband. She taught two years in a county school before Milo E. Koci came along and changed her plans. But Milo was poor, there was a depression across the land, and at that time, a married woman was deemeed unfit to teach children. Ellen knew that rules were meant to be broken. She married Milo and kept it secret until they could get on their feet. Married life and getting started on their own farm was not easy. The Dust Bowl descended and Ellen had to cover the crib of her first-born daughter, Avanelle, with a wet sheet so she could keep breathing. Ellen scrubbed, fed farm hands and managed the business end of the farm while Milo applied his excellent skills to making the farmland grow good crops and increase in size. She figured out when to sell the wheat for the best price and pinned every penny until it screamed so that each piece of land and, eventually, what they called “the home place” was paid for outright. She and Milo never bought anything on time, took out a loan or owed a credit card. By the time their other daughters Gaynelle and Lois were born, they had moved to a slightly better house. the linoleum on the kitchen floor only raised a couple of inches when cruel winds swept across the prairie. Their fierce belief in the value of education brought many benefits to the little one-room school on the hill a half-mile east of their farm. The teacher stayed in the best bedroom of their small farmhouse and Ellen kept the hectograph ready in the refrigerator for duplicating the next day’s lessons. By 1948 Ellen and Milo could afford their own farm home and bought the property on Highway 183 where they lived for many years. They worked hard and paid their way no matter what. Their two children, Rand and Jamie, had meningitis illnesses, polio, and all three of their children went to college. In 1967 when Milo moved into La Crosse, Milo continued to farm their land for several years and Ellen continued to help those in need, furnish food for church functions, and had more time for playing bridge, one of her favorite pursuits until she was more than 90 years old. After Milo’s death in 1989, Ellen continued to manage the farmland and kept what one accountant termed “the best books in the country”. She never stopped fighting for the rights of women and fair treatment for all people. Her daughter Avanelle is married to Michael Joynt of Naples, Florida, Gaynelle and her husband Oren Campbell live in Everett Washington, and Lois and Robert Kershner live in Brandon, Florida. Ellen will be missed by her children, five grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren, two great-grandchildren and hopefully, all of the women who profited by her sense of independence and men who learned from it. A graveside celebration of Ellen’s life will be held at 10 a.m. today at the La Crosse City Cemetery. Friends are invited to continue the discussion at the family home at 410 Fairview in La Crosse. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials to South Wind Hospice, 410 N. Main, Russell or a charity of their choice given in Ellen’s name. Funeral arrangements provided by Janousek Funeral Home 719 Pine / P.O. Box 550 La Crosse, KS 67548 785-222-2517 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 10, 2006

Adolph Binder 1914 - 2006

HAYS — Adolph Binder, 91, died Jan. 5 at his home in rural Hays. He was born June 12, 1914, in Munjor, the son of Joseph and Margaret (Befort) Binder. He married Eleanor Marie Pfannenstiel on May 9, 1938, in Hays. She died Dec. 12, 1997. He was a lifelong dairy farmer. Binder was a member of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church, the Ellis County Soil Conservation District, the American Milk Producers Inc., and the Kansas Western Horsemans’ Association. Survivors include one son, Don Binder of Montrose, Colo.; three daughters, Elaine Home of Cortez, Colo., Kathleen Ward and Barb Elliott, both of Hays; two brothers, Paul Binder of Hays, and Julius Binder of Madris, Ore.; two sisters, Helen Gross of Hays and Bertha Drees of Hosington; nine grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife, two brothers, Isidore Binder, Alois Binder and Adolf Binder; and one sister, Mary Lafferty. Funeral 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. Friends may call from 8:30 a.m. to service time at the Hays Memorial Chapel Funeral Home. Memorials are suggested to the Hospice of Hays Medical Center or to the Hospice of Hays Medical Center, Memorial Fund, 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, Jan. 10, 2006

Bertha D. Keyes 1916 - 2006

Bertha D. Keyes, 89, died Jan. 7 at Cheyenne Meadows Living Center in Hosington. She was born Dec. 10, 1916, in Hartford, Conn., the daughter of John and Anne Peterlates Dubiskas. She married James J. Keyes on Oct. 31, 1942, at Bloomfield, Conn. He died April 9, 1998. A resident of Great Bend since 1969, coming from Maplewood, N.J., she was a book keeper and owner of Scrantron Machine and Supply, Inc. Survivors include two daughters, Linda Schraeder of Great Bend, and Judy Svec of Westminster, Colo.; seven grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two sons, John (infant) and Gary Keyes. There will be no visitation or services as cremation has taken place. Memorials are suggested to the Brit Spaugh Park and Zoo in care of Bryant Funeral Home. Funeral arrangements provided by Bryant Funeral Home 1425 Patton Road Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-3525 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 10, 2006

Eleanor R. Hamilton 1919 - 2006

Eleanor R. Hamilton, 86, of Great Bend, died Jan. 7 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. She was born Oct. 16, 1919, in Galatia, the daughter of Charles Arthur and Hattie Mabel Gustin Myers. She married Charles Sanford Hamilton on Jan. 21, 1947, in Great Bend. He died Aug. 14, 1995. A lifetime area resident, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Hamilton was a member of First United Methodist Church in Great Bend. Survivors include numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by two brothers, Clarence Myers and Alfred Myers; and three sisters, Lucile Durheim, Frances Durheim and Yula Jean Hertel. Funeral will be at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend with the Rev. Gary Brooks officiating. Burial will be at the 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., and Wednesday from 9 a.m. to service time, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the American Diabetes Association or Commission on Aging / Mini Bus, 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, Jan. 10, 2006

Nadine Avis Alexander 1926 - 2006

BUSHTON — Nadine Avis Alexander, 79, died Jan. 6 in Wichita. She was born Nadine Avis Wire on Aug. 19, 1926 in rural Russell County. She married Donald S. Alexander on Feb. 27, 1947. She was preceded in death by her husband, Donald and son Craig.
Charlene Ann Reiser 1933 - 2006

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 10, 2006

Charlene Ann Reiser, 72, died Jan. 8 at Cedar’s Health Care Center in McPherson. She was born June 17, 1933, at Sterling, the daughter of Charles and Zella Ann (Blades) Lyon. She attended the Sterling elementary schools and graduated from Sterling High School in 1951. She married Norman Glen Reiser on May 22, 1955, at Sterling. A resident of McPherson since 1970, a homemaker and member of the Sterling United Methodist Church, she passed away on Jan. 8, 2006. Survivors include a son, Dennis Reiser of Hutchinson; two daughters, Barbara McNichols of Inman and Brenda Shober of McPherson; 10 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. She also served as a Girl Scout Troop 133 leader and a Den Mother for Cub Scouts in McPherson. Survivors include her husband of the home; one son, Dennis Reiser of Hutchinson; two daughters, Barbara McNichols of Inman and Brenda Shober of McPherson; 10 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her mother, a sister, and a brother. She is also survived by a daughter, Lois Gitchell and

Alice Taft Dobbs

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 8, 2006

Alice Eugenia Taft Dobbs died Wednesday, Jan. 4, 2006, at 1 p.m. at Glidden-Edigar Chapel in McPherson. Services will be held on Saturday, Jan. 7 at 2 p.m. at Grace Fellowship Church in McPherson. Memorials are suggested to the Alzheimer’s Association of McPherson County or the McPherson United Methodist Church. Alice was born Jan. 1, 1924, at McPherson, the daughter of John P. and Mary Russell Taff, the daughter of Charles and Zella Ann (Blades) Lyon. She attended the Sterling elementary schools and graduated from Sterling High School in 1951. She married Norman Glen Reiser on May 22, 1955, at Sterling. A resident of McPherson since 1970, a homemaker and member of the Sterling United Methodist Church, she passed away on Jan. 8, 2006. Survivors include a son, Dennis Reiser of Hutchinson; two daughters, Barbara McNichols of Inman and Brenda Shober of McPherson; 10 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. She also served as a Girl Scout Troop 133 leader and a Den Mother for Cub Scouts in McPherson. Survivors include her husband of the home; one son, Dennis Reiser of Hutchinson; two daughters, Barbara McNichols of Inman and Brenda Shober of McPherson; 10 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her mother, a sister, and a brother. She is also survived by a daughter, Lois Gitchell and
Lonita R. Holland 1953 - 2006

HUTCHINSON - Lonita Holland, 52, died Jan. 6 at Reno County Hospice House, Hutchinson. Born May 2, 1953 at St. John to Norman Eugene and Avilla V. (Dome) Nelson. She was a past resident of St. John where she attended the First Missionary Baptist Church. A graduate of Satanta High School in 1971. Most recently, she was a housekeeper and resident of Hutchinson for 15 years.

Survivors include, companion Dennis Cunningham, Hutchinson, brother, Carl Nelson and wife Lorelei of St. John, and numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband, Gary Holland, and brother, Larry Nelson. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Fairview Park Cemetery, St. John with Pastor Wade Russell presiding. Family will receive friends on Monday from 1 p.m. until service time at Minnis Chapel, St. John.

Memorials to Reno County Hospice House in care of the funeral home.

Funeral arrangements provided by Minnis Chapel, Inc.

526 E 4th Ave
St. John, KS 67576
620-786-9440

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 8, 2006

Jerry “Jerry” Urban

Jerome “Jerry” Urban, Loretto, KS, died Saturday at the Rush County Nursing Home, La Crosse, Kan. Services are pending with the Janousek Funeral Home, La Crosse, Kan.

Great Bend (Kans.) Tribune, Jan. 8, 2006

Helen A. Hoener Hester 1913 - 2006

HUTCHINSON — Helen A. Hoener Hester, 92, died Jan. 4 at Oliver and Helen Hester Care Center, Wesley Towers. She was born Dec. 21, 1913, at Blue Rapids, the daughter of Joseph H. and Rebecca Billingsley Elliott. She was a Hutchinson resident since 1970 moving from Great Bend. She was a graduate of Stafford High School. She had taught at a country school in the Stafford area and had been employed by the Central Kansas Library Book Processing Center in Great Bend.

She was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church, Hutchinson, where she was a member of the Togethers Sunday School Class. She had been a Brownie and Girl Scout Leader and Superintendent of the Primary Department at the First United Methodist Church in Great Bend. She was a 50 year member P.E.O., Chapter B.Y. She and her husband Oliver were great supporters of Hutchinson, through the Hutchinson Community Foundation, and were avid World travelers, including such destinations as Athens, Tahiti and the Canary Islands.


Survivors include one son, Joseph E. Hoener and wife Janet of Hutchinson; one daughter, Sarah E. Shirer and husband Brad of Great Bend; one brother, Roland Elliot of Hutchinson; one sister, Elizabeth Smith of Huntsville, Texas; grandchildren, Susan Robertson, William Sowles, Samuel Hoener, Augusta Hoener, Cpl. Anthony Dart III USMC and Mary Dart; and great-grandchildren, Aaron Robertson, Nathan Robertson, Logan Robertson, Cody Robertson, David Sowles, Conner Sowles, and Alyssa Sowles. She was preceded in death by two brothers, Franklin and Samuel Elliott; and son-in-law, Bill Sowles. The Funeral was at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at Trinity United Methodist Church with the Rev. Nick Warner officiating. Burial was at the Stafford Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to Trinity United Methodist or Kansas Cosmosphere and Space Center or Wesley Towers in care of Elliott Mortuary.

Funeral arrangements provided by Elliott Mortuary* 1219 N. Main Hutchinson, KS 67501 620-663-3327 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 8, 2006

Theresa Stadler

TOPEKA - Theresa Stadler, 78, died Jan. 5. Topeka, Kan. Survivors include her children, Mary Albright, Great Bend, Ruth Holmes, Albany Ore, Theresa Huslig and Paul Stadler II, both of Wichita, Gina Scott, Manhattan, Margaret McDonald, Berryton, and Barb Hilger, Inola Okla., one sister, Kathleen Browne and one brother, Florian Browne, both of Topeka, and 27 grandchildren. Mrs. Stadler will lie in state from 3-7 p.m. Monday at Sacred Heart Church, Topeka. A rosary will be at 6 p.m. Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at Sacred Heart Church. Burial will follow at Mt. Calvary Cemetery. Memorial contributions are suggested to Sacred Heart Church and Hayden High School, sent in care of Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home. Funeral Arrangements provided by Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home 2801 S W Urish Rd Topeka, KS 66614 785-727-7888 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 8, 2006

Edna B. Oberle 1919 - 2006

GREAT BEND - Edna B. Oberle, 86, died Jan. 6 at Ellinwood District Hospital, Ellinwood. Born September 19, 1919 to Edward and Bertha (Kratky) Blazek. She was a resident of Great Bend, a member of the Catholic community of Great Bend St. Rose and St. Rose Altar Society. She married George B. Oberle on April 20, 1937 at St. Peter and Paul Church, Ellinwood. He died Nov. 4, 1998. She worked as a homemaker Survivors include one son, Larry Oberle, Ellinwood, daughter Marlene Schwartz, Houston, Texas, three brothers, Ernie Blazek, Great Bend, Richard Blazek, Great Bend, Eddie Blazek, Mission, Texas, one sister, Leonan Kaiser, Ellinwood, eight grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one son, Robert G. Oberle, and one sister, LaVerne Gardner. Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church, Great Bend, Father Reginald A Urban presiding. Interment at Great Bend Cemetery. Visitation Sunday Jan. 8 from 3-9 p.m. and Monday from 9-9 p.m. at Bryant Funeral Home. Memorial contributions may be made to the Golden Belt Home and Hospice or 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, Jan. 8, 2006
HOISINGTON - Ralph E. Richardson, 65, died Jan. 7, at Medicalodge of Douglas, Douglas, Kan. Born Oct. 8, 1940 at Huron S.D. to J. Harold Richardson and Neva L. (Hill) Richardson. He was a graduate of Hoisington High School in 1959, attended South Dakota State University and Sterling College, Sterling, Kan. He was a longtime resident of Hoisington, and employee of the Hoisington Cheese Plant. Richardson attended the former Vine United Methodist Church of Hoisington, and was a member of the Great Bend Racquet Club. Survivors include his sister Joyce Richardson, Hoisington and several cousins. Visitation will be 1-8 p.m. Saturday and 9 a.m. until the time of services. Funeral services will be Monday, 1:30 p.m. at the Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home, Rev. Wayne Flanders officiating. Burial will be at the Hoisington Cemetery. Memorials are donors choice 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, Jan 8, 2006

Minnie A Schenk 1910 - 2006

LACROSSE - Minnie A Schenk, 95, died Jan. 6 at Rush County Memorial Hospital Long Term Care, La Crosse, Kan. Born March 2, 1910 at Olmitz, Kan to John Schenk and Lucy (Kittel) Schenk. She was a Barton County resident before moving to La Crosse in 1985. Miss Schenk was a member of St. Ann's Catholic Church, Olmitz, and St. Michael's Catholic Church in LaCrosse. Survivors include two sisters, Theresa Riedi, Wichita, and Anna Schenk, La Crosse. She was preceded in death by one brother, Herman Schenk. Visitation will be Sunday from 1-6 p.m. at the Janousek Funeral Home in La Crosse, with the family receiving friends from 4 - 4:30 p.m. A vigil service and rosary will be at 4:30 p.m. Funeral services will be Monday at 10:30 a.m. at St. Michael's Catholic Church, LaCrosse, Father Ultan Murphy officiating. Interment will be at La Crosse City Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Rush County Memorial Hospital Long Term Care, or the Alzheimer's Association. Funeral Arrangements provided by Janousek Funeral Home 719 Pine

P.O. Box 550 La Crosse, KS 67548 785-222-2517 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan 8, 2006

January 6, 2006

Marjorie Ann Wildgen

LAWRENCE — Marjorie Ann Wildgen, 90, was born July 6, 1915, in Greeley, the daughter of Chris and Mariee (Rees) Wustefeld. She was a graduate of Mt. St. Scholastica in Atchison with a B.S. in Music. She married Henry C. Wildgen on Jan. 17, 1945, in Greeley. He died in 1970. She taught school in Greeley High School and St. John the Evangelist Catholic School in Hoisington and retired in 1989. Wildgen was a former member of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Hoisington and Lawrence. Survivors include four sons, Mike of Lawrence, Maurice of Rockville, Md., Paul of Overland Park and Patrick Wildgen of Baltimore, Md.; one sister, LoRess Wallman of Minnetonka, Minn.; and grandchildren. A rosary service will be at 6:45 p.m. today with the family greeting friends following at Warren-McElwain Mortuary in Lawrence. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. today at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Lawrence. Burial will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at the St. John the Evangelist Catholic Cemetery in Hoisington. The family suggests memorials to St. John Campus Library/Technology Fund or Benedictine College Endowment Fund in Atchison in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Warren-McElwain 120 W. 13th St. Lawrence, KS 66044 785-843-1120 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 6, 2006

January 6, 2006

Alberta Mae Cravens 1929 - 2006

ST. JOHN — Alberta Mae Cravens, 76, died Jan. 4 at Cherry Creek Care Home in Wichita. She was born Feb. 21, 1929, near Butler, Okla., the daughter of John Valentine and Cora Rachel (Willis) Ramsey. She was a homemaker, housekeeper, nurses aide and licensed psychiatric nurse. She was a past resident of Anthony, St. John, Medicine Lodge and currently of Wichita. Survivors include four sons, Russ Cravens of Helena, Mont., Dan Cravens of Harlingen, Texas, Rex Cravens of Rockaway Beach, Mo.; two daughters, Sheila Haase of Wichita, and Hope Budge of Pretty Prairie; two brothers, John Ramsey, Jr. of Watonga, Okla., and Don Ramsey of Mulvane; three sisters, Eylene Ray of Clinton, Okla., Louise Stratton of Bakersfield, Calif., and June Shaull of Dayton, Nev.; 18 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at the St. John United Methodist Church in Great Bend. There will be no visitation. Memorials are suggested to USD 350, St. John/Hudson Education Foundation. Funeral arrangements provided by Minnies Chapel, Inc. 616 E. 4th St. John, KS 67576 620-549-3556 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 6, 2006

January 5, 2006

Helen A. Hoener Hester 1913 - 2006

HUTCHINSON — Helen A. Hoener Hester, 92, died Jan. 4 at Oliver and Helen Hester Care Center, Wesley Towers. She was born Dec. 21, 1913, at Blue Rapids, the daughter of Joseph H. and Rebecca Billingsley Elliott. She was a Hutchinson resident since 1970 moving from Great Bend. She was a graduate of Stafford High School. She had taught at a country school in the Stafford area and had been employed by the Central Kansas Book Library Processing Center in Great Bend. She was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church, Hutchinson, where she was a member of the Together Sunday School Class. She had been a Brownie and Girl Scout Leader and Superintendent of the Primary Department at the First United Methodist Church in Great Bend. She was a 50 year member P.E.O., Chapter B.Y. She and her husband Oliver were great supporters of Hutchinson, through the Hutchinson Community Foundation, and were avid World travelers, including such destinations as Athens, Tahiti and the Canary Islands. She married Grant L. Hoener on Aug. 18, 1936, at Stafford. He died April 9, 1967. She later married Oliver R. Hester on March 28, 1970, at Hutchinson. He died Dec. 1, 1997. Survivors include one son, Joseph E. Hoener and wife Janet of Hutchinson; one daughter, Sarah E. Sherrer and husband Brad of Great Bend; one brother, Roland Elliot of Hutchinson; one sister, Betty Elizabeth Smith of Huntsville, Texas; grandchildren, Susan Robertson, William Sowles, Samuel Hoener, Augusta Hoener, Cpl. Anthony Dart III USMC and Mary Dart; and great-grandchildren, Aaron Robertson, Nathan Robertson, Logan Robertson, Cody Robertson, David Sowles, Conner Sowles, and Alyssa Sowles. She was preceded in death by two brothers, Franklin and Samuel Elliott. Funeral will be at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at Trinity United Methodist Church with the Rev. Nick Warner officiating. Burial will be at the Stafford Cemetery. Friends may call today from 5-9 p.m. and Friday 9-9 p.m. Memorials are suggested to Trinity United Methodist or Kansas Cosmosphere and Space Center or Wesley Towers in care of Elliott Mortuary. Funeral arrangements provided by Elliott Mortuary 1219 N. Main Hutchinson, KS 67501 620-663-3327 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 5, 2006

January 5, 2006

Marjorie Ann Wildgen

LAWRENCE — Marjorie Ann Wildgen, 90, was born July 6, 1915, in Greeley, the daughter of Chris and Mariee (Rees)
MCPHERSON — Charles Alfred Mog, 92, died Jan. 3 at Memorial Hospital in McPherson. He was born May 19, 1913, in Ellsworth County, the son of Edward and Mary (Kodyek) Mog. He attended Blackwell schools in Blackwell. He married Viola Clara Panzer on June 5, 1937, at Ellsworth. She died on Nov. 3, 2000. He start working for Boeing of Wichita as a machinist during World War II. He then started Mog Construction Company in Great Bend until he sold his business and moved his family to California. He then began working for Mendelson/McCarthy Company doing machine work. He later worked for North American Aviation as a quality control inspector until his retirement in 1974. Mog was a member of Holy Redeemer Lutheran Church in Bellflower, Calif., and Masonic Lodge in Great Bend and in California.

Survivors include three daughters, Delores Harrison of Norwalk, Calif., Shirley Corbus of McPherson, and Barbara Mog of McPherson; two sisters, Evelyn Grubb of Hays, Mo., and Caroline Vickers; and one grandson, David Corbus.

Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Countryside Covenant Church in McPherson with Tim Holgerson officiating. Burial will be at the McPherson Cemetery. Friends may call Sunday from 1-5 p.m. with the family present from 3-5 p.m. at Gladen-Ediger Chapel. Memorials are suggested to McPherson Shrine Childrens Fund in care of the funeral home.

Funeral arrangements provided by
Glidden-Ediger Funeral Home
RUSSELL — Ronn D. Heise, age 44, of Russell, passed away on Monday, Jan. 2 at Hays Medical Center. Ronn was born on July 5, 1961, at Westmoreland, the son of Harold and Theresa (Navinskey) Heise. He was baptized into the Catholic Church on July 9, 1961. He grew up in El Dorado and was a 1979 graduate of El Dorado High School. He continued his education at Butler County Community College and graduated with a Degree in Mortuary Science from Kansas City Kansas Community College in 1981. He started his career in the funeral business at the age of fourteen, at the Kirby-Morris Funeral Home in El Dorado. Ronn continued to work in El Dorado after he received his degree until he joined the Lamb-Roberts Funeral Homes of Ottawa, Baldwin City and Overbrook, Kansas in 1989. He owned these businesses from 1990 until purchasing the Pohlman-Heise Mortuary & Monuments located in Russell and Natoma, Kansas in 2003. The most important things in Ronn’s life were God, his family and his work. Ronn’s passion was in hunting with his boys, his high school buddies and his dogs. He especially enjoyed spending time with his children on ski trips, watching Ashley’s dances and softball games, Kyle in his baseball games and golf tournaments, Brad in his football games and helping coach Alexis in t-ball and duck-calling. Ronn and Ty, enjoyed praying, working, traveling and raising their family together. Ronn was a member of the St. Mary’s Catholic Church and the 4th Degree Knights of Columbus in Russell. In Ottawa, he was a member of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church. He was a former member of the Ottawa Library Board; the Ottawa Elks Lodge; the Fraternal Order of the Eagles, Aerie 2700; the Ottawa-Franklin County Economic Development Board; and the Knights of Columbus. In both Ottawa and Russell, Ronn was active in Ducks Unlimited and was responsible for helping to raise thousands of dollars for the creation & sustaining of habitat for waterfowl in both areas. He was a member and past president of the Ottawa Rotary Club and the Ottawa Chamber of Commerce. In Russell, he was a member of the Russell Rotary Club and the Russell Chamber of Commerce. He was a member of the National Funeral Directors Association and was serving as Vice President on the Board of Directors of the Kansas Funeral Directors and Embalmers Association. He had also served KFDA as the Chairman of the Medical Liaison Committee. Ronn is survived by his family; his wife, Ty R. Heise of the home; two daughters, Ashley Heise of Manhattan, and Alexis Heise of the home; two sons, Bradley Heise of the home and Kyle Fettets of Manhattan; his parents, Harold and Theresa Heise of El Dorado; brother and sister-in-law, Rick and Jane Heise of Augusta; several nieces and nephews and numerous family members of Ty’s from St. Joseph, Mo. Ronn is preceded in death by his first wife Paula (Wise) Heise, maternal grandparents John & Lucille Navinsky, paternal grandparents Edward and Georgianna Heise, sister-in-law Kathe (Wise) Justice, and former father-in-law Raymond Dale Wise. Ronn will lie in state from 1-8 p.m. today at the Pohlman-Heise Mortuary in Russell. A vigil & Knights of Columbus Rosary will be recited at 5:30 p.m. followed by a service of Memorial tributes lead by Rev. Kevin Hopkins. On Friday, Jan. 6, Ronn will lie in state from 3-9 p.m. at the Lamb-Roberts Funeral Home in Ottawa. A Rosary will be recited at 6 p.m. followed by a service of Memorial tributes and sharing stories of time spent with Ronn led by Rev. Henry Roberts. A mass of Christian burial will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 7 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Ottawa. Burial will follow at Highland Cemetery in Ottawa. The family suggests memorials in his name to the Children’s Education Fund: Baptismal Fount at St. Mary’s Catholic School in Russell or the Sacred Heart School in Ottawa, and may be sent in care of the Pohlman-Heise Mortuary. Funeral arrangements provided by Pohlman-Heise Funeral Home* 610 North Maple Street Russell, KS 67655 785-483-2212 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 5, 2006
Clara B. Steiner 1908 - 2005

HOISINGTON – Clara B. Steiner, 97, died Dec. 31, 2005, at Leisure Homestead in St. John. Born Clara B. Meyeres on Nov. 5, 1908, at Beaver, she was the daughter of Nick John and Annie Elizabeth (Arends) Meyeres. She married Leo Steiner Feb. 4, 1929, at Beaver. He preceded her in death on Feb. 2, 1975. A lifetime resident of the Redwing-Hoisington area, she was a member of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church and the Altar Society, both of Hoisington. She was homemaker. Survivors include one son, Larry Steiner of Hoisington; three daughters, Gladys Byers of Hoisington, Bernadine Muller of New Orleans, La., and Joyce Steiner-McBroom of LakeWaukomis, Mo.; 19 grandchildren; 31 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild. She was preceded in death by one son, Harold Steiner; two sons-in-law, Paul Muller and Roy Byers; one granddaughter, Sharon Byers; six brothers, Nick, Matt, Ben, Leo, Rudy and Lawrence Meyeres; and two sisters, Mame Kaiser and Cecelia Kallaus.

Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. today with the vigil service at 7 p.m. followed by an Altar Society Rosary, all at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at the church with the Rev. Pascal Klein officiating. Burial will be at St. John Church Cemetery in Hoisington. Memorials are suggested to the church or Leisure Homestead, both in care of the funeral home.

Wilma Hazel Campbell 1926 - 2005

RUSSELL — Wilma Hazel Campbell, 79, died Dec. 27 at Clara Barton Hospital in Hoisington. She was born July 27, 1926, at Berryville, Ark., the daughter of Thomas and Catherine (Cheeseman) Barker. She graduated from Russell High School. She married Gail W. Campbell on Oct. 7, 1944, at Wichita. She was a homemaker, worked as a waitress for many years, assisted with the operation of the Service Station in New Mexico, and was a bookkeeper.

Survivors include her husband, of the home; five sons, Edward Campbell of Moriarty, N.M., Jack Campbell of Long Beach, Calif., Rich Campbell of Los Angeles, Calif., Mark Campbell of Bremerton, Wash., and Casey Campbell of Edgewood, N.M.; two daughters, Cheryl Voos of Russell, and Julita Biles of Hoisington; two sisters, Sybil Hayes of Wamego, and Pauline Bender of Russell; 14 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one brother, three sisters, and one grandson.

Graveside service will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at the Russell City Cemetery with the Rev. Wayne Flanders officiating. Funeral arrangements provided by Pohlman-Heise Mortuary 610 N. Maple Street Russell, KS 67665 785-483-2212

Carol Swenson 1936 - 2005

WAGONER, Okla. — Carol Swenson, age 69, passed away Wednesday, Dec. 21, 2005, in Wagoner, Okla. Carol was born May 6, 1936, in Alden, to Herman and Louise (Adams) Estabrook. After receiving her education Carol met, and later married, Arthur Paul Swenson on Sept. 14, 1955. Carol worked as a homemaker, and together they raised their family of three daughters. Carol lived in Gilcrest, Colo., where she began to work as a CNA and a Phlebotomist for the North Colorado Medical Center from 1986-2001. Carol enjoyed taking care of her family, and in her spare time she enjoyed bowling. Carol was on several different bowling leagues and was even a part of a bowling championship held in Nevada. In 2001 Carol moved to Wagoner, Okla., to be near her daughter and grandchildren. Carol was both a people and animal lover. She enjoyed being surrounded by the love of her family and friends, and the company of her many pets. She will be deeply missed by all those blessed to have known her.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Herman and Louise Estabrook, and her husband Arthur Paul Swenson.

Left to cherish her memory are her three daughters, Teresa Casey and her husband Paul of Milton, Wash., Camille Peck and her husband Brian of Wagoner, Okla., and Michelle Sagakhaneh and her husband Mohammad of Manchester, Mo.; five grandchildren, Shanan Smith, Amanda Rotert, Zachary Casey, Victoria Casey and Amir Sagakhaneh; two great-grandchildren, Austin and Chelsea Peck. She is also survived by other relatives and dear friends who are sure to miss her.

A memorial service in honor of Carol is scheduled in Alden at a later date.

Funeral arrangements provided by Shipman Funeral Home & Crematory* P.O. Box 1135 Wagoner, OK 74477 800-658-1502 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 4, 2006

January 3, 2006

Jon Harrell, O.D. 1945 - 2006
HOISINGTON – Clara B. Steiner, 97, died Dec. 31, 2005, at Lisure Homestead in St. John. Born Clara B. Meyeres on Nov. 5, 1908, at Beaver, she was the daughter of Nick John and Annie Elizabeth (Arends) Meyeres. She married Leo Steiner Feb. 4, 1929, at Beaver. She preceded her in death on Feb. 2, 1973. A lifetime resident of the Redwing-Hoisington area, she was a member of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church and the Altar Society, both of Hoisington. She was a homemaker.

Survivors include one son, Larry Steiner of Hoisington; three daughters, Gladys Byers of Hoisington, Bernadine Muller of New Orleans, La., and Joyce Steiner-McBroom of Lake Waukomis, Mo.; 19 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild. She was preceded in death by her husband; two brothers, Robert Rohr and Cyril Rohr; three sisters, Odilla Rohr, Rubina Ziegler and her husband, Leo of Hays; Juliana Urban and her husband, Paul and Albertina "Tina" Geist, all of Victoria; and one infant daughter, Nicholas Rohr. She was preceded in death on Feb. 2, 1975. A lifetime resident of the Redwing-Hoisington area. She and her husband were caretakers of St. Fidelis Cemetery, Victoria, for 34 years. She was a member of St. Fidelis Catholic Church and St. Fidelis Christian Mothers both Victoria. Survivors include two sons, Alfred "Fritz" Braun and his wife Anita of Victoria; Robert Braun of Hays; four daughters, Rubina Ziegler and her husband, Leo of Hays; Juliana Urban and her husband, Paul and Albertina "Tina" Geist, all of Victoria; Charlene Unrein and her husband, Frank, of Gorham; four brothers, Alfred "Fred" Rohr of Victoria, Nick Rohr of Gorham, Victor Rohr of Ellsworth, and Alvin Rohr of El Dorado; one sister, Clarita Braun of Victoria; 27 grandchildren, 67 great-grandchildren, 19 great-great-grandchildren, 8 step grandchildren, and 8 step great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; two brothers, Harold Steiner; two sons-in-law, Paul Miller and Roy Byers; one granddaughter, Sharon Byers; six brothers, Nick, Matt, Ben, Leo, Rudy and Lawrence Meyer; and two sisters, Mame Kaiser and Cecelia Kallaus. Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. today followed by an Altar Society Rosary at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at the church with the Rev. Pascal Klein officiating. Burial will be at St. John Church Cemetery in Hoisington. Memorials are suggested to the church or Lisure Homestead, both in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home.

Clementine Braun 1909-2006

VICTORIA — Clementine Braun, age 96, died Jan. 1, at St. John’s Nursing Home in Victoria. She was born Feb. 18, 1909, in Antonino, to Peter P. and Mary (Klaus) Rohr. She married Adam J. Braun on May 13, 1929, at Victoria. He died Feb. 28, 1991. She spent her lifetime in the Victoria area. She and her husband were caretakers of St. Fidelis Cemetery, Victoria, for 34 years. She was a member of St. Fidelis Catholic Church and St. Fidelis Christian Mothers both Victoria. Survivors include two sons, Alfred "Fritz" Braun and his wife Anita of Victoria; Robert Braun of Hays; four daughters, Rubina Ziegler and her husband, Leo of Hays; Juliana Urban and her husband, Paul and Albertina "Tina" Geist, all of Victoria; Charlene Unrein and her husband, Frank, of Gorham; four brothers, Alfred "Fred" Rohr of Victoria, Nick Rohr of Gorham, Victor Rohr of Ellsworth, and Alvin Rohr of El Dorado; one sister, Clarita Braun of Victoria; 27 grandchildren, 67 great-grandchildren, 19 great-great-grandchildren, 8 step grandchildren, and 8 step great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; two brothers, Harold Steiner; two sons-in-law, Paul Miller and Roy Byers; one granddaughter, Sharon Byers; six brothers, Nick, Matt, Ben, Leo, Rudy and Lawrence Meyer; and two sisters, Mame Kaiser and Cecelia Kallaus. Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. today followed by an Altar Society Rosary at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at the church with the Rev. Pascal Klein officiating. Burial will be at St. John Church Cemetery in Hoisington. Memorials are suggested to the church or Lisure Homestead, both in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home.

Cline’s Mortuary

P.O. Box 252 Hays, KS 67601 785-628-8822 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 3, 2006

Donald D. Keller 1938 - 2005

ST. JOHN — Donald Dean Keller, 67, died Dec. 31, 2005, at Veterans Hospital in Wichita. He was born Oct. 29, 1938 at St. John, the son of Jim and Essie (Hoyt) Keller. He worked at Fort Dodge Veterans Hospital, Fort Dodge, and was a resident of St. John for five years, having moved here from Dodge City. He was a Marine Corps veteran.

Survivors include one son, Danny Krankenberg of Hays; one daughter, Debbie Miller of Johnson City, Texas; one sister, Ruth Campbell of St. John; four grandchildren and three great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Paul Keller and Wayne Keller. A graveside service will be at 10:30 a.m. today at Fairview Park Cemetery, St. John with Rev. Wade Russell officiating. Memorials are suggested to the donor’s choice. Funeral arrangements provided by Minnis Chapel

526 E. Fourth Avenue
St. John, KS 67576

ST. JOHN — Paul Keller, 75, died Dec. 31, 2005, at Veterans Hospital in Wichita. He was born May 10, 1930 at St. John, the son of Jim and Essie (Hoyt) Keller. He worked at Fort Dodge Veterans Hospital, Fort Dodge, and was a resident of St. John for five years, having moved here from Dodge City. He was a Marine Corps veteran.

Survivors include three sons, Paul Keller of St. John; one brother, Wayne Keller; and one sister-in-law, Ruth Campbell of St. John. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Paul Keller and Dean Keller; and one sister, Jackie Keller. A graveside service will be at 10:30 a.m. today at Fairview Park Cemetery, St. John with Rev. Wade Russell officiating. Memorials are suggested to the donor’s choice. Funeral arrangements provided by Minnis Chapel

526 E. Fourth Avenue
St. John, KS 67576
Viola Ethel Jewell 1932 - 2005

Viola Ethel Jewell, 73, of Great Bend, died Dec. 30 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. She was born July 20, 1932, at Hays, the daughter of George and Marcella (Von Felt) Armstrong. She was a 1965 graduate of La Crosse High School. She married Jerry Jacobs and was later divorced. She married Donald Reiter on Nov. 15, 1994, at Great Bend. A homemaker, she was a lifelong resident of Ellis and Rush counties. She was a member of the Hays City Sportsman's Club, Kansas Trap Association, Kansas Women’s Bowling Association, and the Amateur Trap Association. Survivors include three sons, Tavis Jacobs of Mill Creek, Wash.; Trevor Jacobs of Hays; and Kelly Jacobs of Wichita; one daughter, Addie Jacobs of Independence, Mo.; one brother, Arlin Armstrong of Houston, Texas; one sister, Adele Komarek of Ellinwood; and one granddaughter. Memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at St. Michael’s Catholic Church in La Crosse, with Rev. Ulton Murphy officiating. Friends may call from 3 to 8 p.m. today at Janousek Funeral Home in La Crosse, with the family receiving friends from 6 to 7 p.m. A vigil service will be held at 7 p.m. Memorials are suggested to St. John’s of Victoria Nursing Facility in Victoria. Funeral arrangements provided by Janousek Funeral Home 719 Pine Street La Crosse, KS 67548 785-222-2517 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 3, 2006

Lorann M. Reiter 1946 - 2005

Lorann M. Reiter, 59, La Crosse, died Dec. 30, 2005, at St. John’s of Victoria Nursing Facility in Victoria. She was born July 20, 1946, at Hays, the daughter of George and Marcella (Von Felt) Armstrong. She was a 1965 graduate of La Crosse High School. She married William Jay Jewell on Dec. 22, 1949, at Raton, N.M. He died Jan. 6, 1999. A resident of Great Bend since 1967, coming from Ulysses, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Jewell was a member of King Memorial United Methodist Church, Great Bend. Survivors include two sons, William Greg Jewell of Merriam, and Michael Alan Jewell of Park City; two daughters, JoAnn Marsh and Teri Briel, both of Great Bend; three sisters, Emogene Walkinshaw of Holly, Colo., Alice Albers of Garden City, and Mary Woodward of Port Orchard, Wash.; five grandchildren and one great-grandchild. She was preceded in death by two sisters, Pauline Walkinshaw and Twila Thon. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. today at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend, with the Rev. Scott Tempero and the Rev. Gary Brooks officiating. Interment will be at Hillcrest Memorial Park, Great Bend. Memorials are suggested to the church. Funeral arrangements provided by Bryant Funeral Home 1425 Patton Road Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-3039 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 3, 2006

Viola Ethel Jewell 1911 - 2005

Viola Ethel Jewell, 73, of Great Bend, died Dec. 30, 2005, at St. John’s of Victoria Nursing Facility in Victoria. She was born July 20, 1932, at Hays, the daughter of George and Marcella (Von Felt) Armstrong. She was a 1965 graduate of La Crosse High School. She married Jerry Jacobs and was later divorced. She married Donald Reiter on Nov. 15, 1994, at Great Bend. A homemaker, she was a lifelong resident of Ellis and Rush counties. She was a member of the Hays City Sportsman’s Club, Kansas Trap Association, Kansas Women’s Bowling Association, and the Amateur Trap Association. Survivors include three sons, Tavis Jacobs of Mill Creek, Wash.; Trevor Jacobs of Hays; and Kelly Jacobs of Wichita; one daughter, Addie Jacobs of Independence, Mo.; one brother, Arlin Armstrong of Houston, Texas; one sister, Adele Komarek of Ellinwood; and one granddaughter. Memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at St. Michael’s Catholic Church in La Crosse, with Rev. Ulton Murphy officiating. Friends may call from 3 to 8 p.m. today at Janousek Funeral Home in La Crosse, with the family receiving friends from 6 to 7 p.m. A vigil service will be held at 7 p.m. Memorials are suggested to St. John’s of Victoria Nursing Facility in Victoria. Funeral arrangements provided by Janousek Funeral Home 719 Pine Street La Crosse, KS 67548 785-222-2517 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 3, 2006

Sylvia Lyda 1911 - 2005

Sylvia Lyda, 94, died Dec. 30, 2005, at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. She was born Sept. 28, 1911 in Rush Center, the daughter of Frank and Anna (Vondrakec) Martinec. She married Carl Lyda on Oct. 3, 1938 at St. Francis. He died Jan. 23, 1999. Mrs. Lyda was a lifelong resident of Rush Center and a homemaker. She was a 1929 graduate of Roy High School in Roy. She was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and the Order of the Eastern Star, both of Rush Center. Survivors include one son, Gary Lyda of Twin Falls, Idaho; one daughter, Janet Herdman, of McCracken; one brother, Lewis Martinec of Lewiston, Mont.; one sister, Albena Bawden of Lewiston, Mont.; six grandchildren; and 16 great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by four brothers, Steve Martinec, Jim Martinec, Henry Martinec, and Eddie Martinec; and five sisters, Lillian Pospersil, Mary Rellick, Millie Griffith, Rose Knap, and Ruth Long. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at the United Methodist Church in La Crosse with Rev. Marilyn Christmore officiating. Burial will be in Locust Hill Cemetery, Rush Center. Friends may call from 4-8 p.m. Wednesday at Janousek Funeral Home in La Crosse and from 9 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. Thursday at the church, and family will receive friends from 6-7 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Rush County Nursing Home or the church. Funeral arrangements provided by Janousek Funeral Home 719 Pine La Crosse, Ks., 67548 785-222-2517 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 3, 2006

Della Lola Ella Lamb 1918-2005

Della Lola Ella Lamb, 87, died Dec. 31, 2005, at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. She was born Dec. 31, 1918 at Wellington, Col., she was the daughter of Joseph Henry and Ida Mae (Hibbs) Smith. She married Raymond Alfred Lee Lamb Nov. 20, 1937, at Tonganoxie, Wyo. He preceded her in death on Dec. 7, 1983. A resident of Great Bend since 1951, coming from Pratt, she was a member of First Bible Baptist Church in Great Bend. Mrs. Lamb had worked for Wiley’s Department Store in Great Bend and later operated a day care in her home for 25 years and she was a homemaker. Survivors include four sons, Ronald Lee Lamb and Steven Douglas Lamb, both of Ellinwood, Stanley Dewayne Lamb of Great Bend; and Marvin Ray Lamb of Topeka; three daughters, Leona Mae Newcomb of Strong City, Lola Jean Lamb of Great Bend and Marcia Ann Harrell of Tuttle, Okla.; one sister, Dorothy “Temple” Repp of Coflax, Wash.; 14 grandchildren; and 28 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two sons, Harold James Lamb and Richard Joseph Lamb; three brothers, seven sisters, one granddaughter and one great-granddaughter. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. today at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the funeral home with the Rev. Karl Harmony officiating. Burial will be at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday at Maude Cemetery in Cunningham. Memorials are suggested to the church. Funeral arrangements provided by Bryant Funeral Home 1425 Patton Road Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-3039 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 3, 2006

Irene M. Kemmerer 1908-2005

Irene M. Kemmerer, 97, died Dec. 31, 2005, at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. Born Dec. 31, 1918 at Wellington, Col., she was the daughter of Joseph Henry and Ida Mae (Hibbs) Smith. She married Raymond Alfred Lee Lamb Nov. 20, 1937, at Tonganoxie, Wyo. He preceded her in death in 1977. A resident of Holyrood since 1972, having moved from Oklahoma, she was a member of the Great Bend Seventh Day Adventist Church. She was a homemaker. Survivors include one son, Terry L. Kemmerer of Maritt Island, Wash.; one daughter, Betty Koch (Harold) of Holyrood; one brother, O.E. Blanke of Holyrood; two grandsons, Rob Koch (Kathy) of Holyrood, and Doug Kemmerer of Colorado Springs, Col.; two granddaughters, D.J. Nash (Don) of Holyrood, Cherie Dvorak (Joe) of Colorado Springs, Colo., and Tracy Reynolds of Salina; eight great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild. She was preceded in death by her husband; a son, Hoyt R. Jr., in 1975; and one brother, Herman “Boog” Blanke. Friends may call from 1 to 4 p.m. today at Parsons Funeral Home in Elssworth. Family will greet friends from 1 to 2 p.m. Graveside service will be at 3 p.m. Wednesday at Martin Cemetery in Nowata, Okla., with the Rev. Jan Follett officiating. Memorials are suggested to Enterprise Academy, 701 Bridge, Enterprise, Kan., 67441. Funeral arrangements provided by Parsons Funeral Home’ 307 N. Lincoln Ave.
Joseph P. Kratky 1911-2005

WILSON – Joseph P. Kratky, 94, died Dec. 31, 2005, at Ellsworth County Medical Center in Ellsworth. Born Feb. 20, 1911, in Lincoln County, the son of William and Agnes (Jarus) Kratky, he was a lifetime resident of the Wilson area. He married Sylvia Bartunek. He was a member of the Monsignor John F. McManus American Legion Post 262, the Wilson Knights of Columbus and St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church in Wilson. He was a farmer and stockman.

Survivors include his wife of the home; two sons, Marvin J. Kratky of Hesston and Gary M. Kratky of Wilson; one daughter, Rose M. Hansen of Concordia; two sisters, Mary Soukup and Theresa Kasper, both of Wilson; seven grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two brothers, two sisters, three infant children and one grandchild.

Funeral was Monday at the church with the Rev. David Metz officiating. Burial was at St. Wenceslaus Cemetery.

Memorials are suggested to the Wilson Knights of Columbus or the Wilson Nursing Center.

Funeral arrangement provided by
Foster Funeral Home
Box 533
Wilson, KS 67490
785-658-2345

Ned M. Brown 1918-2006

LARNED — Ned M. Brown, 87, died Jan. 1, at Country Place Senior Living, Larned. He was born Oct. 3,1918, at Larned, the son of Ned McKinley and Mary Jane (Kimmel) Brown. A lifetime resident of Larned, he worked for Doerr Mercantile for over 40 years and was the retail sales manager when he retired.

He belonged to the First Presbyterian Church, former member and past president of the Rotary Club, VFW, American Legion and member of the Jordaan Committee all of Larned, and was a past Larned mayor for two terms. He was in the U.S. Army during WW II, and retired as a major from the U.S. Army Reserves.

On January 25, 1942, he married Harriet Grove, at Larned. She survives. Other survivors include two sons, Michael G. Brown and wife D.J. of Kansas City, Mo., and Robert Ned Brown of Larned; one daughter, Debra Jan Converse and husband Arlyn of Leawood; one sister, Barbara Martin of Ulysses; eight grandchildren; and six great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by an infant brother, Bobbie Lee Brown.

Funeral, will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at the church with Rev. Dennis Scheibmeier officiating. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. until 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, the family will receive friends from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Morell Funeral Home, Lamed. Burial in the Lamed Cemetery with military graveside rites by Fort Riley Honor Guard. Memorials may be sent to the First Presbyterian Church in care of Morell Funeral Home, P.O. Box 124, Lamed, Kan. 67550-0124.

Funeral arrangement provided by
Morell Funeral Home
P.O. Box 124
Lamed, KS 67550
620-285-2177

Elida “Leia” Guzman Gutierrez 1931 - 2005

Elida “Leia” Guzman Gutierrez, a longtime local restaurant owner, devout Catholic and loving mother, died Thursday, Dec. 29, 2005, from a cerebral aneurysm. She was 74. Lela, who was born in Weslaco, Texas, on Jan. 19, 1931, moved to Russell from Edinburg, Texas, in 1968 with her husband Ramiro E. Gutierrez and their eight children. She began work as a kitchen manager and cook in 1971 and, in 1973, Gutierrez opened Gutierrez Mexican Restaurant. The restaurant was later expanded to multiple locations in Kansas, including Salina, Hays, Great Bend, Lawrence and Baldwin City, and operated by her children.

She retired from the restaurant business in 1990, but remained active in the Russell Community through the Catholic Church and various charitable organizations. She regularly offered in-home support to friends and others, delivered Meals-on-Wheels and recently served as president of the SCCC-WiSalina Council of Catholic Women. She was a member of the Ladies Guild at St. Mary’s Catholic Church, in Russell, as well as several other religious groups.

A highlight in her life was traveling to Medjugorje, Yugoslavia, with the church in 1989. Gutierrez enjoyed cooking, reading and spoiling her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Family and friends will remember her for her generosity, committed faith, resolute work ethic and one-of-a-kind tamales.

“Mom had a way of making people feel like they were part of our extended family,” said her son, Steve Gutierrez. She and her husband, who were married February 28, 1949, moved to Lawrence in 2004 to be closer to family. Gutierrez is survived by her husband, Ramiro, of Lawrence; their eight children: Richard of Lawrence; Norma Peck, of Manhattan; Dalia Hale, of Wichita; Steve of Lawrence; Mario of Hays; Teresa Graf of McAlester, Okla.; Jerry of Salina; and Martin of Towanda, and their respective spouses.

She is survived as well by 23 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Additional survivors also include her brother Raul of McAllen, Texas; sisters Irene Balderas, of Edinburg, Texas; Elvira Martinez of Boise, Idaho; Beatriz Noriega, of Mercedes, Texas; and Modie Guzman Lindemann, of Edinburg, Texas; and
Viola E. Jewell

Viola E. Jewell, 73, died Dec. 30 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. Services are pending with Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend.

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 1, 2006

Fred D. Rankin, Sr. 1919 - 2005

Fred D. Rankin, Sr., 86, died Dec. 28 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. He was born March 12, 1919, in Brownell, the son of Abraham Theodore and Sarah Ann (Bridgeman) Rankin. He married Meda Ulanda Whitsel on July 28, 1938, in Lyons. He was a resident of Great Bend and worked for Acme Pipe and Supply, CV Cale and Kelly Water Well Service.

Rankin served in the Army during World War II.

Survivors include three sons, Richard “Butch” Rankin of Aurora, Colo., Freddie Daniel Rankin, Jr. of Great Bend, and Melvin E. Rankin of Ellinwood; three daughters, Phyllis Hopkins of Walnut Grove, Mo., Gloria Ann Reynolds of Great Bend, and Darleta Chism of Great Bend; 18 grandchildren; 42 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife, Meda Ulanda (Whitsel) Rankin; six brothers, Charley Rankin, Earl Rankin, Richard “Dick” Rankin, Perry Rankin, Jesse “Jess” Rankin and Elmer Rankin; five sisters, Lula, Sarah, Lottie, Nellie, and Mattie; two step-brothers, Frank and Eliz; and one step-sister, Eppy.

Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Charter Funerals Chapel in Great Bend with the Rev. Dick Ogle officiating. Burial will be at the Great Bend Cemetery with Military Honors conducted by Fort Riley Honor Guard. Visitation will be today from 1-8 p.m. with the family receiving friends from 6-8 p.m. at Charter Funerals Chapel. Memorials are suggested to American Diabetes Association or the American Alzheimer’s Association 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, Jan. 1, 2006

Ida Mae Bieber 1923 - 2005

TIMKEN — Ida Mae Bieber, 82, died Dec. 29 at the Rush County Nursing Home in La Crosse. She was born May 4, 1923, in Timken, the daughter of Charles Kraisinger and Flora (Erb) Kraisinger. Mrs. Bieber was a lifelong resident of Timken. Mrs Bieber was a 1941 graduate of Bison High School in Bison. Mrs. Bieber supervised the school lunch program for USD #403 before her retirement. She was a member of United Methodist Church, Bison; United Methodist Women, Bison; Monday Evening Card Club, Timken; and Joy Club, Bison. She married Vernon L. Bieber on Nov. 4, 1945, in Bison. Survivors include one son, Mike Bieber of Beloit; one daughter, Jane Stephens and her husband Mike Stephens of La Crosse; one brother, Virgil Kraisinger of La Crosse; two grandchildren, Natalie James of Bono, Ark., and Jeff Stephens of Salina; and one great-grandchild, Ethan James of Bono, Ark. She was preceded in death by her parents, Charles and Flora (Erb) Kraisinger; and her husband, Vernon L. Bieber (Jan. 29, 1986). Funeral will be Tuesday, Jan. 3 at 10 a.m. at the United Methodist Church, Bison, with the Rev. Marilyn Christmore officiating. Burial will be at the La Crosse City Cemetery in La Crosse. Visitation will be Monday from 1 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Janousek Funeral Home in La Crosse with the family receiving friends from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Church visitation will be Tuesday from 9 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. at the United Methodist Church in Bison. Memorials are suggested to the Rush County Nursing Home in La Crosse or the United Methodist Church in Bison. Funeral arrangements provided by Janousek Funeral Home* 719 Pine La Crosse, KS 67548 785-222-2517 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 1, 2006 February 28, 2006
Helen M. Larson 1917 - 2006

WICHITA — Helen Marie Larson, 88, died Feb. 25 at Maria Court Assisted Living Center in Mulvane. She was born Nov. 27, 1917, near Hoisington, the daughter of Charles and Evangeline Natteford Stoskopf. She attended Wichita Business College. She married Jack K. Larson on March 24, 1961. She was a retired office worker for Beech Aircraft and Wesley Hospital.

Survivors include her husband of the home; three daughters, Marlene Beneke of Overland Park, Wanda Warren of Wichita, and Sandra Pecenka of Mulvane; one sister, Edith Crossland of Great Bend; 10 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

Funeral will be at 11 a.m. at the Mulvane United Methodist Church. Friends may call from 2 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday at Hillside Funeral Home East, with the family present from 5 to 8 p.m. Memorials are suggested to Heartland Home Care and Hospice or Alzheimer’s Association.

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Ruth Davis 1924 - 2006

LARNED — Ruth Davis, 81, died Feb. 26 at Via Christi Medical Center - St. Francis - Harry Hynes Hospice Unit. She was born April 17, 1924, at Honey Grove, Texas, the daughter of Alfred A. and Myrtle Gray Piland. She married Jodie Meers Davis on March 1, 1952, at Rockwall, Texas. He died Jan. 27, 2003. A resident of Larned since 2000, previously of Garfield, she was a CMA-nurses aid.

Mrs. Davis was a member of the Assembly of God Church in Larned. Survivors include one son, Joe Davis of Lewis; one daughter, Dyann Twitchell of Larned; two brothers, John Piland of San Angelo, Texas, and Charles Piland of Fresno, Calif.; one sister, Dora Morgan of Jacksonville, Texas; six grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by three brothers, Harvey, Henry and Eli Piland; and one sister, Evelyn Smith.

Funeral will be at 2 p.m. on Wednesday at Morell Funeral Home in Larned with the Rev. Ryan Webster officiating. Burial will be at the Garfield Cemetery in Garfield. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. on today at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the Assembly of God Church in care of the funeral home.

Funeral arrangements provided by Morell Funeral Home
1021 Broadway St.
Larned, KS 67550
620-285-2177

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 28, 2006

Opal V. Meier 1918 - 2006

ROZEL — Opal V. Meier, 87, died Feb. 25 at Newton Medical Center in Newton. She was born May 14, 1918, at Alexander, the daughter of Frank and Effie L. Riggs Price. She married S. Emil Meier on July 10, 1935, at Scott City. He died Nov. 16, 1994. A longtime resident of rural Rozel, living a short time in La Crosse and Newton, she was a homemaker.

Mrs. Meier was a member of Hope Lutheran Church and Hope Lutheran Ladies Aid, both of Rush Center; Lincoln Banner EHU; and a past leader for Lincoln Livewires 4-H Club, both of Rozel. Survivors include one son, Ken Meier of La Crosse; one daughter, Rhonda Tillberg of Newton; one sister, Ola Wolter of La Crosse; 10 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and six great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two sons, Clarence and Errol; one daughter, Marianne Meyer; seven brothers; and four sisters.

Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. today at Hope Lutheran Church in Rush Center with the Rev. Maurice Schaus officiating. Burial will be in Hope Lutheran Cemetery. In lieu of flowers memorials are suggested to the church in care of Morell Funeral Home.

Funeral arrangements provided by Morell Funeral Home
P.O. Box 124 Larned, KS 67550 620-285-2177

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 28, 2006

G. Louise McAdams 1913 - 2006

MANHATTAN — G. Louise McAdams, 92, died Feb. 25 at the Meadowlark Hills Health Care Center/Lyle House in Manhattan. She was born Dec. 18, 1913, at Medicine Lodge, the daughter of H. U. and Lena Baier Magnison. She attended local schools in Medicine Lodge and was a graduate of the Medicine Lodge High School. She married Verl E. “Mac” McAdams on June 30, 1935, at Medicine Lodge. He died Jan. 13, 1991. She was a homemaker and following her husband’s County Extension Agent career, had lived in Medicine Lodge, Great Bend and Abilene before moving to Manhattan in 1952. Mrs. McAdams was a member of the First United Methodist Church, United Methodist Women, Methodist Church Dinner Club, AARP, RSVP, Riley County Senior Service Center and the FCE Extension Unit. She was a volunteer leader with 4-H, did volunteer work at the Mediowlark Hills Retirement Community and coordinated reception and other occasions at the First United Methodist Church. The kitchen facilities at the church are named in her honor. Survivors include two daughters, Shirley Postier, and Janet Medley, both of Topeka; one sister, Jo Ann Stolp of Medicine Lodge; five grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband; two brothers, John and Pete Magnison; one sisters, Opal Spencer; and one granddaughter, Angela Marie Medley. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Friday at the First United Methodist Church in Manhattan with the Rev. Jim Reed, Moon-Hee Chung and Russell Stolp officiating. Burial will follow at the Sunrise Cemetery in Manhattan. The family will receive friends for an hour preceding the service in the Fellowship Hall of the church. Memorials are suggested to the First United Methodist Church or Homecare and Hospice in care of Irvin-Parkview Funeral Home. Funeral arrangements provided by Irvin-Parkview Funeral Home
Albert Malone 1921 - 2006

FORD — Albert Malone, 84, died Feb. 24 at his daughter’s home in Great Bend. He was born May 1, 1921, in Kansas City, Mo., the son of Joseph Albert and Nina (Drake) Malone. He married Ruby Schmidt on Dec. 19, 1948, at Ford. A lifetime Ford resident, he was a farmer.

Malone was a member of Ford Community Church and has served on the board of trustees, as well as serving as a Sunday school teacher for many years. He was also a member of the Ford Lions Club and had served on election and township boards for over 30 years.

Survivors include his wife of the home; two daughters, JoElan Hanschu of Kansas City, and Mary Wilson of Great Bend; four grandchildren; three step-grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and nine step-great-grandchildren.

Funeral will be at 2:30 p.m. today at the Ford Community Church in Ford with the Rev. Jim Polhom officiating. Burial will be at the Ford Cemetery in Ford. Memorials are suggested to Parkinsons Foundation or the Ford Community Church Building Fund, both in care of Minnis Mortuary.

Funeral arrangements provided by
Minnis Mortuary

P.O. Box 516 Bucklin, KS 67834 620-826-3302

Thomas William Hipp 1937 - 2006

ODIN — Thomas William Hipp, 68, died Feb. 26, at his home in Odin. He was born May 24, 1937, in rural Odin, the son of William and Regina (Schneweis) Hipp. He married Janet Keeley on Oct. 12, 1963, at Seward. She survives. A lifetime resident of rural Odin, he was a farmer.

Mr. Hipp was a member of the Holy Family Catholic Church, Knights of Columbus Council #2630, both of Odin; and a Cheyenne Township Trustee.

Survivors include his wife, Janet Hipp of the home; four sons, Mike Hipp and his wife Patty of Claflin, Brian Hipp and his wife Debbie of St. Louis, Mo., Chris Hipp and his wife Jody of Smith Center, and Scott Hipp and his wife Carey of Ellsworth; one brother, Larry Hipp of Great Bend; two sisters, Ann Bahr and Carol Lamatsch both of Claflin; seven grandchildren, Allie, Katie, Keeley, Elizabeth, Gabriele, Ashley and Benjamin Hipp. He was preceded in death by two sisters, Betty Hammemeke and Eleanor Hekele.

Funeral will be at 10 a.m. today at Holy Family Catholic Church in Odin with Father Pascal Klein officiating. Interment will be at the Holy Family Church Cemetery in Odin. Memorials are suggested to Clara Barton Foundation or the Claflin Ambulance service, 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

Ida Neill Balman 1919 - 2006

LARNED — Ida Neill Balman, 86, died Feb. 26 at St. Joseph Memorial Hospital in Larned. She was born Aug. 15, 1919, in Caldwell Co., Ky., the daughter of Herbert Augustus “Gus” and Bassil Edwards Boitnott. She married Richard Collins Browne on May 23, 1941, at Burdett. He was killed in action in France during World War II. She marred John Allan Balman on April 30, 1948, at Great Bend. He died March 23, 1973. A Pawnee County resident since 1927, moving from Kentucky, she was a retired secretary at Larned State Hospital, after working for 15 years.

Mrs. Balman was a member of the Kansas Arabian Horse Association and past member of the Larned Saddle Club and Fort Larned Sweet Adelines.

Survivors include one son, Michael C. Browne of Irrigon, Ore.; three daughters, Kathryn Browne of Los Angeles, Calif., Mary B. Gargas of Glendale, Ariz., and Nancy B. Barnes of Kinsley; three grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one sister, Velma Greet.

Graveside service will be at 2 p.m. on Wednesday at the Larned Cemetery with the Rev. John Grummon officiating. Friends may sign the register today from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Wednesday from 9 a.m. until noon. The casket will remain closed. Memorials are suggested to the Pawnee County 4-H Foundation or to the donor’s choice in care of Beckwith Mortuary.

Funeral arrangements provided by
Beckwith Mortuary

P.O. Box 477 Larned, KS 67550 620-285-2121

February 26, 2006

Stewart N. Abbott 1923 - 2006

CLAFLIN — Stewart N. Abbott, 82, died Feb. 21 at his residence in Claflin. He was born Nov. 12, 1923, at Gretna, the son of Henry Burt and Bessie E. (Stewart) Abbott. He married Dixie D. Lane on March 27, 1947, at Phillipsburg. She survives. He was retired after 35 years as a lease operator for ARCO. He had been a resident of Claflin since 1966 coming from Plainville and Phillipsburg. He was a member of United Methodist Church, Claflin, Isis Shrine Temple, Salina; Shrine Club, Russell; past president of Lions Club, past master Masonic Lodge #290, Plainville and Knights Templar of Hays. Survivors include his wife, Dixie Abbott of the home; two daughters, Diane and husband Leonard Kretet of Great Bend, and Kathy E. Abbott of Salina; two grandchildren, Terry Kretet and wife Amy of Claflin, and Dana Dallen and husband Richard of Wuerzburg, Germany; and five great-grandchildren,
Brittney Taylor and Krista Dallen; and Trustin and Alyssa Kreft. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Leslie Abbott and Estel Abbott; and four sisters, Dorothy Beach, Florence Wilson, Burtline Vanover and Mildred Britt. Funeral will be at 11 a.m., Monday at United Methodist Church in Claflin with the Rev. Sarah Hickson de Salazar with Masonic Services by Mason Lodge #424, Claflin. Memorials are suggested to the American Diabetes Association or Isis Shrine or Claflin Ambulance Fund in care of Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home.

Funeral arrangements provided by Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home • 415 N. Main • P.O. Box 146 Hoiisngton, KS 67544 620-653-4165 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 26, 2006

Amanda M. Morgenstern 1920 - 2006

HUTCHINSON — Amanda M. Morgenstern, 85, died Feb. 23 at her home in Hutchinson. She was born July 20, 1920, in Russell County, the daughter of Samuel and Lena Morgenstern. She was a graduate of Sallt City Business College in 1943. A resident of Hutchinson since 1943, she was a secretary for Bunge Grain Corporation, retiring in 1985. Morgenstern was a member of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church. Survivors include two brothers, Martin and Luther Morgenstern, both of Great Bend; and special friends, the Al and Terri Wasinger family. She was preceded in death by one brother, Ralph. Funeral will be at 1 p.m. Monday at the Elliott Chapel with the Rev. Thomas Mendenhall officiating. Burial will be at 3 p.m. at the Great Bend City Cemetery. Friends may call Sunday from 4 to 9 p.m. at Elliott Mortuary. Memorials are suggested to Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in care of the mortuary.

Funeral arrangements provided by Elliott Mortuary 1218 N. Main Hutchinson, KS 67501 620-663-3327 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 26, 2006

Michael A. Snell 1961 - 2006

GREAT BEND - Michael A. Snell, age 44, died Feb. 24, at Harry Haynes Memorial Hospice, Wichita, Kan. He was born April 8, 1961, at Dothan, Ala., the son of Jesse James Snell and Bertha Lee Culver. He married Mary E. Newman on July 1, 1995 at Great Bend. She survives of his home. He was a resident of Great Bend, since 1987, coming from Fort Collins Colo. He was a cook at the Rack Billiard Cafe in Great Bend. Mr. Snell was an Army veteran during peace time from 1980 to 1983. He was of the Muslim faith.

Survivors include a step-son Tyson Newman, Great Bend; daughter Michelle Annette; seven brothers, Kevin Snell, Charles Snell, Willie Snell, all of Naples Fla.; Eddie Snell of Dothan, Ala, RD Snell, and Bobby Snell of Rochester, N.Y., and Floyd Snell, of Indianapolis, Ind. He was preceded in death by his parents, a step-son James Ray Newman, and a brother Joseph Snell. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home, Hoisington, with the Rev. Loyce Clay presiding. Burial will be at Ashford Ala. Friends may call from 1 to 8 p.m. Monday, and from 9 a.m. until the service on Tuesday at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home. Memorials are suggested to the Michael Snell Burial Fund in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home 415 N. Main/P.O. Box 146 Hoiisngton, KS 67544 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 26, 2006

Opal Juanita Weil 1920 - 2006

ST. JOHN — Opal Juanita Weil, 85, died Feb. 23 at Leisure Homestead in Stafford. She was born Oct. 20, 1920, at rural St. John, the daughter of A.L. and Leona B. (Davidson) Campbell. She was a graduate of St. John High School in 1938. She married Harry L. ‘Roy’ Weil on June 15, 1941, at Wichita. A lifetime resident of St. John, she was a legal secretary for Garvin-Garvin-Paulsen attorneys for over 50 years.

Survivors include her husband, Harry Weil of the home; three sons, Jerry Weil and Jeff Weil, both of Great Bend, and John Weil of Flower Mound, Texas; one brother, Eugene Campbell of St. John; one sister, Dena Mansel of St. John; six grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two brothers, Lawrence and Edward Campbell.

Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Minnis Chapel in St. John with George Shelton officiating. Burial will be at Fairview Park in St. John. Visitation will be Sunday from 1 to 8 p.m. at the chapel. Memorials are suggested to Leisure Homestead Special Care Unit in St. John.

Funeral arrangements provided by

Minnis Chapel, Inc.
526 E. 4th St.
Great Bend, KS 67576
620-549-3556

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 26, 2006

Reverend Carolyn (Mather) Winters 1910 - 2006

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. — Reverend Carolyn (Mather) Winters, 95, Maranatha Village, Springfield, Mo., formerly of Burdett, died at 6:10 p.m., Feb. 23 at Maranatha Lodge. She was born Sept. 20, 1910, in Burdett to Guy Francis and Della Jane (Notstine) Mather, both of whom were from pioneer families that came to Browns Grove (now Burdett) early in its history.

She graduated from Burdett High School in 1929. She then graduated from Kansas State University in 1933 and was employed as a teacher in the Garden City school system. She later would vividly describe the extreme dust storms that she experienced while she was in Garden City.

In 1936, she married Floyd Gerald Winters who preceded her in death, Dec. 21, 1979. They moved to his farm south of Altmon in the Fairview community. There she was active in family, community, and church activities. They had one son, Murl Winters, Springfield, Mo.

Her testimony was that she was diagnosed with leukemia around 1950. After being prayed for she rejoiced in renewed health which continued over the years.

Later, she and her husband attended Southwestern Assemblies of God University, Waxahachie, Texas, graduating in 1960. Together they pastored churches in Arkansas, Missouri, and Kansas.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her brother, Bruce Mather, and his wife, Ora. Survivors include Murl Winters and wife Marlene; three grandchildren and their spouses, Kimberly and Craig McJunkin, Rachel and Gary McJunkin, and Stephen and Debbie Winters; six great-grandchildren, Caleb, Joshua, Elizabeth, David, Grace and Benjamin McJunkin and Hannah Winters; and a host of family and friends.

Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at the United Methodist Church, Burdett, with Pastor Mitch Reece presiding. Visitation will be from noon until 8 p.m. Sunday at Morell Funeral Home, Larned. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 8
Opal Juanita Weil

ST. JOHN - Opal Juanita Weil, 85, died Feb. 23 at Leisure Homestead, Stafford. Funeral services are pending with Minnis Chapel, St. John.

Nettie Marie Asher 1918 - 2006

ST. JOHN - Nettie Marie Asher, 87, died Feb. 23, at Pratt Regional Medical Center, Pratt, Kan. She was born Aug. 24, 1918 at Stafford County, Kan., the daughter of John Calvin and Laura Alice (Johnson) Fisher. She attended Emporia Teacher's College. She married Howard D. Asher on Feb. 8, 1948 in St. John. She was a lifetime resident of St. John, a former school teacher and cook for St. John Schools.

Mrs. Asher was a member of the First United Methodist Church, and charter member of Progressive Mother's Club, both of St. John.

Survivors include one son, David Asher, Wichita; a daughter, Lynn McConaughy, Hutchinson; seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, four brothers, Earl, Ellis, Boyd, and Harvey Fisher.

Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Minnis Chapel, St. John with Rev. Robbie Fall presiding. Burial will follow in Fairview Park Cemetery, St. John. Friends may call from 1 to 8 p.m. Friday at Minnis Chapel. Memorials are suggested to the church in care of the funeral home.

Funeral services provided by Minnis Chapel
526 E 4th Ave/P.O. Box 34
St. John, KS 67576
620-549-3556

February 22, 2006

Stewart N. Abbott 1923 - 2006

CLAFLIN — Stewart N. Abbott, 82, died Feb. 21 at his home in Claflin. He was born Nov. 12, 1923, at Gretna, the son of Henry Burt and Bessie E. Stewart Abbott. He married Dixie D. Lane on March 27, 1947, at Phillipsburg. A resident of Claflin since 1966, coming from Plainville and Phillipsburg, he was retired after 35 years as a lease operator for ARCO. Abbott was a member of United Methodist Church, Claflin; Isis Shrine Temple, Salina; Shrine Club, Russell; Past President of Lions Club; Past Master Masonic Lodge No. 290, Plainville, and Knights of Templer, Hays. Survivors include his wife of the home; two daughters, Diane and husband Leonard Kraft, Great Bend, and Kathy E. Abbott, Salina; two grandchildren, Terry Kraft and wife Amy, Claflin, and Dana Dallen and husband Richard, of Wuerzburg, Germany; and five great-grandchildren, Brittny, Taylor, and Krista Dallen; and Trustin and Alyssa Kraft. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Leslie Abbott and Estel Abbott, and four sisters, Dorothy Beach, Florence Wilson, Burtline Vanover and Mildred Britt. Cremation has taken place. A memorial service will be scheduled at a later date. Memorials are suggested to the American Diabetes Association, Iris Shrine, or Claflin Ambulance Fund, in care of the
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. 22, 2006

Sarah L. Hauser 1927 - 2006

SALINA — Sarah L. Stockhouse Hauser, 78, of Salina and formerly of Ellinwood, died Feb. 20. She was born Nov. 30, 1927, at Earlsboro, Okla. She was a retired bookkeeper. Survivors include two sons, Mark W. Hauser, Overland Park, and Bryon K. Hauser, Franklin, Ohio; seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Virgil Keith Hauser, in 1973, and a son, Niles Hauser, in 2001. Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Ray Mortuary in Salina, followed by a graveside service at 2:30 p.m. at the Lakin-Comanche Cemetery in Ellinwood. The family will receive friends from 6 to 8 p.m. today at the mortuary. Memorials are suggested to the Ellinwood Library Foundation, in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Ray Mortuary 137 N. 8th Salina, KS 67401 (785) 823-6363 www.ryanmortuary.com Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 22, 2006

Ray C. “Bud” Hadley 1926 - 2006

HOISINGTON — Ray C. “Bud” Hadley, 79, died Feb. 21 at his home in Hoisington. He was born Sept. 26, 1926, at Enid, Okla., the son of Ray and Velva Horsley Hadley. He married B. Claire Sargant on Jan. 21, 1950, at Guthrie, Okla. A resident of Hoisington since 1970, coming from north of Ellinwood, he was the owner of Hadley Roofing Company. Hadley was a member of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, Hoisington, Hoisington Chamber of Commerce, and former member of the Hoisington City Council and the Zoning and Planning Commission. He was a veteran of World War II. Survivors include his wife, of the home; two daughters, Susan Wendel, Great Bend, and Tammy Alexander, Mullinville; one son, Curtis Hadley, Houston, Texas; a sister, Joan Hergert, Hennessey, Okla.; six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a brother, Bob Hadley. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington, with the Rev. Paula Bell officiating. Burial will be at Hoisington Cemetery. Friends may call from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday and 9 a.m. until service time Friday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Great Bend Home Health and Hospice, 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. 22, 2006

Mary Louise Lawrence 1943 - 2006

HOLYROOD — Mary Louise Lawrence, 63, died Feb. 20 at her home in Holyrood. She was born Aug. 26, 1943, at Wichita, the daughter of Franklin J. and Marie V. Friedel Letourneau. She graduated from Claflin High School in 1962. She married LeRoy Lew Lawrence on Jan. 6, 1962, at Claflin. He died April 7, 1992. A lifetime resident of Barton and Ellsworth counties, she was a caregiver and former owner/operator of L&L Cafe in Holyrood.

Mrs. Lawrence was a member of St. Mary’s Catholic Church in Holyrood.

Survivors include a son, Richard Lawrence of Bennington; a daughter, Diane Lawrence of Holyrood; a brother, Richard Letourneau of Claflin; and four grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a daughter, Donna; a son, David; and sisters Margaret Cameron and Joan Mullis. Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Claflin, with the Rev. Dan Scheetz officiating. Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Thursday at Kimple Funeral Home in Ellinwood. Burial will be at Claflin Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to St. Mary’s Catholic Church in Holyrood or the Lawrence Family 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. 22, 2006

February 21, 2006

Correction

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Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 21, 2006

Donald A. Summers

LA CROSSE — Donald A. Summers died Feb. 18. Services are pending with Janousek Funeral Home in La Crosse. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 21, 2006

Carl H. Thielenhaus 1924 - 2006

BISON — Carl H. Thielenhaus, 82, died Feb. 19 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. He was born Jan. 22, 1924, in rural Bison, the son of John W. and Frieda (Hildebrand) Thielenhaus. Mr. Thielenhaus was a lifetime resident of Bison and Rush County. He graduated from Bison High School with the class of 1941. Mr. Thielenhaus was a farmer and stockman. He was a member of First Baptist Church, Bison; Sunday School Superintendent; Sunday School Teacher; Church Deacon; Board Member/Rush County Farm Bureau; President/Rush County Farm Bureau Board; Member/High Plains Barber Shop Chorus; and Rush County Commissioner from 1980-1992. He married Ruth Etta Scheuerman on Oct. 21, 1944, in rural Bison. Survivors include a son, Richard Lawrence of Bennington; a daughter, Diane Lawrence of Holyrood; a brother, Richard Letourneau of Claflin; and four grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a daughter, Donna; a son, David; and sisters Margaret Cameron and Joan Mullis. Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Claflin, with the Rev. Dan Scheetz officiating. Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Thursday at Kimple Funeral Home in Ellinwood. Burial will be at Claflin Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to St. Mary’s Catholic Church in Holyrood or the Lawrence Family 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. 22, 2006

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Carl H. Thielenhaus 1924 - 2006

BISON — Carl H. Thielenhaus, 82, died Feb. 19 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. He was born Jan. 22, 1924, in rural Bison, the son of John W. and Frieda (Hildebrand) Thielenhaus. Mr. Thielenhaus was a lifelong resident of Bison and Rush County. He graduated from Bison High School with the class of 1941. Mr. Thielenhaus was a farmer and stockman. He was a member of First Baptist Church, Bison; Sunday School Superintendent; Sunday School Teacher; Church Deacon; Board Member/Rush County Farm Bureau; President/Rush County Farm Bureau Board; Member/High Plains Barber Shop Chorus; and Rush County Commissioner from 1980-1992. He married Ruth Etta Scheuerman on Oct. 21, 1944, in rural Bison. Survivors include one son, Carl H. Thielenhaus Jr. and his wife Terry K. Thielenhaus of Bison; one daughter, Peggy A. Young and her husband Guy H. Young of Bison; two sisters, Martha Fritch of Chanute and Clara Schultz of Plainville; seven grandchildren, Richard L. Thielenhaus, Lukes J. Thielenhaus, April K. Barnett, Erik W. Thielenhaus, Alan W. Foust, Brian H. Foust, and Chad L. Foust.; and 12 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, John W. and Frieda (Hildebrand) Thielenhaus; his wife, Ruth Etta (Scheuerman) Thielenhaus (May 22, 2005); and three brothers, William Thielenhaus, Fred Thielenhaus, and Elmer Thielenhaus. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the United Methodist Church in Bison with the Rev. Arlyn Thielenhaus officiating. Interment will be at the Baptist Cemetery in Bison. Visitation will be today from 1 to 8 p.m. at the Janousek Funeral Home in La Crosse with the family receiving friends from 7 to 8 p.m. Church visitation will be Wednesday from 9 to 9:45 a.m. at the United Methodist Church in Bison. Memorials may be made to Rush County Wellness Center or the Central Rush County EMTs. Funeral arrangements provided by Janousek Funeral Home* 719 Pine La Crosse, KS 67548 785-222-2517 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 21, 2006

Elsie Christina Wondra 1907 - 2006

Elsie Christina Wondra, age 98, died Feb. 16, 2006, at the Central Kansas Medical Center, Great Bend, Kan. She was born Nov. 28,
1907, in Barton County, Kan., the daughter of Joseph and Mary Cook Skolaut. She married Andrew Wondra on April 18, 1944, at Olmitz, Kan. He preceded her in death on Dec. 19, 1964. She was a lifetime resident of the Barton County area. She was a homemaker, a registered nurse and worked as a private nurse in Great Bend and Dodge City, Kan. Mrs. Wondra was a member of the St. Patrick Catholic Church, Daughters of Isabella and the St. Rose School of Nursing Alumni Association. Survivors include two daughters, Kathleen Shuck and husband, Tim Shuck, Lexington, Ky.; Alice Wondra and husband Bill Moyes, Columbia Mo.; two sisters, Bertha Haberman, Great Bend, and Minnie Mauler, Olmitz; one granddaughter, Cyndi Shuck, Omaha, Neb.; and one grandson, Ryan Shuck, Omaha. She was preceded in death by her parents and one brother, Joseph Skolaut. Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at the St. Ann’s Catholic Church, Olmitz, with Father Ultan Murphy presiding. Burial will follow at St. Ann’s Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Wednesday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday, followed by a Daughters of Isabella Rosary at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the St. Ann’s Cemetery fund in care of the funeral home. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 21, 2006

Steven Lenhardt Homeier 1956 - 2006

RUSSELL — Steven Lenhardt Homeier, Russell, died Feb. 19 at the age of 46. He was the son of Lenhardt and Alice (Zeman) Homeier of Wilson. He was born Oct. 11, 1956, in Ellsworth. Homeier lived his early life on the family farm and graduated from Dorrance High School. He attended Culinary Arts School in Wichita before moving to San Francisco, Calif., where he lived for several years. His adult years were split between Kansas and Colorado, where he was employed in food service and bartending occupations. He was active in fundraising efforts for several hospices and the Colorado AIDS Project. Preceding him in death was a brother, Robert. Survivors include his parents, Alice and Lenhardt Homeier of Wilson; six sisters, Rita (Richard) Habbart, Mary Lee (Sonny) Bohnen, and Donna Fay (Ron) Major of Dorrance, Barb (Jim) Bowman of Russell, Alice Mae (Terry) Prestor of Lyons, and Betty Jo (Tom) Lloyd of Parker, Colo.; two brothers, Will (Sherry) Homeier of Russell, and Ralph (Debbie) Homeier of Dorrance; and longtime companion David Weiland of Russell. Survivors would like to recognize many dear friends in the Russell area as well as in Denver and Florence, Colo. A Gathering will be held at the Russell Funeral Home from 8 to 10 a.m. Wednesday. Friends and relatives are welcome for this time of fellowship. Services will follow at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. Inurnment at the Catholic Cemetery in Wilson will be at a later time. Memorials are suggested to South Wind Hospice, in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Russell Funeral Home* Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune*, Feb. 21, 2006

Marie Louise Boxberger 1936 - 2006

WEST CHESTER, Pa. — Naomi Jean (Walker) Phillips, age 85, died Dec. 11, in West Chester, Pa. She was born Jan. 1, 1920, in Bonner Springs, to William and Ruth (Abbott) Walker. She married Lloyd H. Phillips on Dec. 25, 1939, at Pratt. He died March 10, 1995. She grew up in Pratt, but spent most of her lifetime in Great Bend. She owned a successful stained glass business. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Great Bend. She and her husband Lloyd retired to Florida and she was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Sarasota, Fla.

Survivors include one son, Martin E. Phillips and his wife Jeanne of Westville, Texas; one sister, Patricia Decker of Cheyenne, Wyo.; eight grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren. A Celebration of Life was held on Saturday, Jan. 7, at the Terraces condominium, 5400 Ocean Blvd., Siesta Key, Sarasota, Fla. In lieu of flowers, please consider a gift in memory of Jean Phillips to one of these two organizations: Neighborhood Health Agencies Inc.; Hospice; 785 Marshall Street, Ste 204; West Chester, PA 19380-4412; or In Touch Ministries; Charles Stanley; P.O. Box 7900, Atlanta, Ga. 30357-9979. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 21, 2006

February 19, 2006

Marie Louise Boxberger 1936 - 2006

NATIONAL CITY, Calif. — Marie Louise Boxberger, age 89, died Feb. 14 at Friendship Manor, National City, Calif. She was born July 2, 1916 at Natoma Kan., the daughter of Chris and Anna M Strange Veh. She married Ferdinand Boxberger on May 10 1936 at Milberger, Kan. He preceded her in death on June 7, 1987. She was a resident of National City since 2003 moving from Great Bend, and was a former resident of Russell, Kan. She worked as a supervisor for United Telephone Company for many years. She worked in cosmetic sales and as an assistant in a nursing home prior to her retirement. Mrs. Boxberger was a member of the Trinity Lutheran Church, Trinity Ladies Fellowship, Lutheran Church Women, Silver and Gold Club, RSVP and AARP.

Survivors include three daughters, Nancy L. Munsch, and Jolene Bailey both of Bluffton, S.C.; Kathryn Marlene Muldowny, San Diego; one brother, John M Veh, Kansas City, Kan.; one sister Tillie M. Streeker, Va.; five grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, one great-great-grandchild. She was preceded in death by two brothers, Chris Veh, Jr., Paul H. Veh; and one sister Helen Mellott. Funeral services will be 10 A.M. on Monday at Trinity Lutheran Church, Great Bend, with the Rev. James A. Strasen. Burial will be at the Hoisington Cemetery, Hoisington, Kan. Friends may call from 4 to 9 p.m. Sunday at Bryant Funeral Home, Great Bend. Memorials are suggested to Trinity Lutheran Church or the American Heart Association. Funeral arrangements provided by Bryant Funeral Home
ELLINWOOD — Dollie Mae Bownes, age 95, died Feb. 17, 2006 at her home in Ellinwood, Kan. She was born Sept. 3, 1910, at Crossville, Tenn., the daughter of Sam and Josephine Brewer Thomas. She graduated from Watson High School, Watson, Mo. She married Clarence Raymond Bownes on Dec. 5, 1935 at Maryville, Mo. He preceded her in death on Jan. 29, 1988. She was a resident of Ellinwood after moving from Watson in 1953. She was a restaurant owner and homemaker. Survivors include one son, Ronald Bownes, Ellinwood, and one sister-in-law, Glee Thomas, Rockport, Mo., four grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by five brothers, Billie, Ben, Clay, Matt, and Homer, four sisters, Eliza, Louisa, Alice, and Trenabell. Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at Kimple Funeral Home with the Rev. Larry Young presiding. Burial will follow at Lakin-Comanche District Cemetery, Ellinwood. Friends may call from 1 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the Barton County Relay for Life, or the Ellinwood Area Health Care Foundation’s Hospital X-Ray Machine Fund.

Funeral arrangements provided by Kimple Funeral Home 113 North Main Ellinwood, KS 67526

ELLINWOOD — Jerome O. Werner, 81, died Feb. 16 at Ellinwood District Hospital. He was born Oct. 10, 1924, at Great Bend, the son of Reinhardt Werner and Eleanor Hartman. He was a 1943 graduate of Ellinwood High School. He married Peggy Josephine Smiley on Dec. 28, 1949, at Ellinwood. She died Dec. 7, 1995. He was a long-time Ellinwood resident. He was a farmer/machinist for Boeing and Cessna Aircraft, and a USD #355 School Bus driver. Werner was a member of St. Joseph’s Catholic Church, Knights of Columbus #1187 4th Degree, Ellinwood. Survivors include two sons, Gregory A. Werner and Robert M. Werner, both of Ellinwood; four daughters, Patricia L. Werner, Paula J. Murray, and Pauline M. Holton, all of Haysville, and Pamela S. Reser of Ellinwood; 27 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one son, Michael J. Werner, two brothers, Norbert and Erwin Werner; and one sister, Angela Johanning. Altar Society Rosary will be at 3 p.m. Sunday at Kimple Funeral Home in Ellinwood. Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. followed by a K of C rosary at the funeral home. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at St. Joseph’s Catholic Church in Ellinwood with the Rev. Charles Mazouch officiating. Burial will be at the Lakin-Commanche District Cemetery in Ellinwood. Friends may call Sunday from 1 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to St. Joseph’s School Endowment, American Cancer Society, or Relay for Life.

Funeral arrangements provided by Kimple Funeral Home 113 N. Main Ellinwood, KS 67526 620-564-2300

LA CROSSE — Freda R. Brauer, 68, died Feb. 14 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. She was born Oct. 2, 1937, at Nekoma, the daughter of Henry D. and Johanna A. Kolb Brauer. She was a teacher of vocal music and library, K-5 at U.S.D. 395 at La Crosse for 32 years. She retired June 1, 2001. She was a resident of La Crosse for 25 years coming from Nekoma. Brauer was a member of First Lutheran Church in La Crosse and NEA. Survivors include one brother, Frederick G. Brauer of Sacramento, Calif. She was preceded in death by two brothers, Henry P. Brauer and infant, Gerhard J. Brauer. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at First Lutheran Church in La Crosse with the Rev. Maurice Schaus officiating. Burial will be at the Union Township Cemetery in Nekoma. Visitation will be Tuesday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Memorials are suggested to Billy Graham Evangelistic Association in care of Bryant Funeral Home.

Funeral arrangements provided by Bryant Funeral Home 1425 Patton Rd. Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-3525

Robert Bogard Coyle 1932 - 2006

RUSSELL — Robert Bogard Coyle, 73, died Feb. 14 at the Russell Regional Hospital. He was born Sept. 27, 1932, at St. Joseph, Mo., the son of James and Lola (Bogard) Coyle. He received his early education at St. Joseph, Mo., and later received his GED. He married Clarice Turner on Nov. 27, 1953, at Savannah, Mo. He joined the U.S. Air Force in the early 1950s and served until he was placed on the temporary disability retired list in 1966. He worked as an aircraft mechanic...
during the Korean Conflict and the Vietnam War. He was also employed by Standard Oil, BP Hoidale, Fuller Brush, ABCO Wire, and Boeing. He was also employed by Gates-Learjet, and worked on the Space Shuttle program.

Mr. Coyle was a member of the First Southern Baptist Church and member of the VFW Post #6240, both of Russell. He was a Boy Scout leader and helped with the Girls Scouts.

Survivors include his wife, Clarice of the home; one son, Robert Steven Coyle of Topeka; two daughters, Deborah Ann Rainbolt of Larned, and Linda Kay Walton of Russell; one sister Ann Carney, Bloomfield, Iowa, one brother, Louie Coyle, Lehigh, Kan.; nine grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one brother, Richard Coyle; half-brothers, Milton, and Billy D. McGaughey, one-half sister Mildred McGauhey and one granddaughter Elizabeth Coyle.

Funeral services were Saturday at First Southern Baptist Church, with burial at the Russell City Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to the church or the Salvation Army in care of the mortuary.

Funeral arrangements provided by
Pohlman-Heise Mortuary
610 N. Maple St.
Russell, KS 67665
785-483-2212

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 17, 2006

Robert “Harold” Willard 1921 - 2006

Robert “Harold” Willard, 84, died Feb. 16 at his home in Great Bend. He was born Aug. 16, 1921, in Great Bend, the son of Bill and Gladys (Myers) Willard. He married Florence Juergensen on Oct. 27, 1940. He then married Eileen Foltmer on Feb. 24, 1964, she survives. He was a lifetime resident of Great Bend. He operated the Wards Texaco Service and Tavern from April 1946 to closing of business in August 1968 because of ill health.

In addition to his love of family, he loved his dogs, camping trips to Colorado, fishing and outdoor barbecue dinners. He was a member of Eagles Lodge, Veterans of Foreign Wars post #3111 and the DAV, all of Great Bend. He was a World War II veteran, serving three years in the South Pacific, with the 1279 combat engineers outfit, 158RTC receiving the Bronze Star and the Purple Heart.

Survivors include his spouse, Eileen Willard of Great Bend; two sons, Lloyd Willard of Manhattan, and Larry Willard of Glendale, Ariz.; three step-sons, Larry Foltmer of Billings, Mont., Nick Foltmer of Great Bend, and Jon Foltmer of Ellinwood; one daughter, Janice (Willard) Juergensen of Past Falls, Idaho; one sister, Erma V-More of Great Bend; 11 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by three brothers, Lloyd, Neil and Jack.

Funeral will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday at Charter Funerals Chapel in Great Bend with the Pastor John Grummon presiding. Interment will be at the Great Bend City Cemetery with full Military Rites conducted by Fort Riley Honor Guard. Visitation will be Monday from 1 to 8 p.m. at Charter Funerals Chapel with family receiving friends from 6 to 8 p.m. Memorials are suggested to Cheyenne Bottoms Sportsman Club or the Golden Belt Home Health and Hospice, 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, Feb. 19, 2006

Elsie Christina Wondra 1907 - 2006

Elsie Christina Wondra, age 98, died Feb 16, 2006 at the Central Kansas Medical Center, Great Bend, Kan. She was born November 28, 1907, in Barton County Kansas, the daughter of Joseph and Mary Cook Skolaut. She married Andrew Wondra, April 18, 1944 at Olmitz, Kan. He preceded her in death on Dec. 19, 1944. She was a lifetime resident of the Barton County area. She was a homemaker, a registered nurse and worked as a private nurse in Great Bend and Dodge City, Kan.

Mrs. Wondra was a member of the St. Patrick Catholic Church, Daughters of Isabella and the St. Rose School of Nursing Alumni Association.

Survivors include two daughters, Kathleen Shuck and husband, Tim Shuck, Lexington, KY, Alice Wondra and husband Bill Moyes, Columbia MO.; two sisters Bertha Haberman, Great Bend, Minnie Mauler, Olmitz; one granddaughter Cyndi Shuck, Omaha, Neb.; and one grandson, Ryan Shuck, Omaha. She was preceded in death by her parents and one brother, Joseph Skolaut.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at the St. Ann’s Catholic Church, Olmitz, with Father Ultan Murphy presiding, burial will follow at St. Ann’s Cemetery. Friends may call from 5 to 9 p.m. on Wednesday vigil service will be held 7 p.m. Wednesday followed by a D of I Rosary at Bryant Funeral Home. Memorials suggested to the St. Ann’s Cemetery fund in care of the funeral home.

Funeral arrangements provided by
Bryant Funeral Home*
1425 Patton Road
Great Bend, KS 67530
620-793-3526

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 19, 2006

February 17, 2006

Dee Anna Adams Bridges 1974 - 2006

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla. — Dee Anna Adams Bridges, 31 died Feb. 15. She was born July 10, 1974, in Liberal. She married Jess Bridges on June 4, 2005, in Oklahoma City, Okla.
Robert "Howard" Willard died Feb. 16 at his home in Great Bend. Services are pending with Charter Funerals in Great Bend. Graveside service will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Workey Cemetery in Oklahoma City, Okla. A memorial service will be at 3 p.m. Sunday at First Church of God in Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 17, 2006

Lillian Katherine Butler

MULBERRY CANYON, Texas — Lillian "Lillye" Katherine Butler died Feb. 13 at Cook Children’s Medical Center in Fort Worth, Texas. She was born Feb. 13, 2006, in Fort Worth, Texas, the daughter of Brad and Amye Butler of Merkel, Texas. Other survivors include one brother, Jake Butler of Mulberry Canyon, Texas; two sisters, Natalie Butler of Abilene, and Audye Butler of Mulberry Canyon, Texas; paternal grandparents, Bill and Sandra Butler of Mountain Home, Ark.; maternal grandparents, Gene and Iris Amerine of Merkel, Texas; great-grandparent, Dorothy Shelton of Minneola; aunts and uncles, Shelly Lundquist and Steve Debenham of Great Bend and Abilene. Sharlet and Denver Gulley of Mountain Home, Ark.; and cousins, Nathan and Brian Lundquist of Great Bend, and Shelby Hardin of Mountain Home, Ark. Graveside service was held Thursday at White Church Cemetery in rural Taylor County, Texas with the Rev. Terry Brannon officiating. In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to the Starbuck Funeral Home. Funeral arrangements provided by Starbuck Funeral Home 201 Edwards St. Merkel, TX 79536 325-928-4711 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 17, 2006

Robert Bogard Coyle 1932 - 2006

ELLINWOOD — Howard Ralph Fisher, 90, died Feb. 15 at Ellinwood Hospital Long-term Care. He was born Feb. 14, 1916, at Drumright, Okla., the son of Homer and Hilda Braum Fisher. He was a 1935 graduate of Blackwell High School in Blackwell, Okla. He married Jatta Lucille Barnes on July 5, 1939, in Great Bend. A longtime resident of Ellinwood, he was a retired oilfield worker. Fisher was a member of Calvary Baptist Church of Ellinwood. Survivors include his wife, Lucille Fisher of the home; one son, Stephen H. Fisher of Ellinwood; two daughters, Linda Orser of Pasadena, Fla., and Brenda Phillips of Topeka; seven grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren. Funeral will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at Calvary Baptist Church in Ellinwood with the Rev. Roy Savage officiating. Burial will be at the Lakin-Comanche District Cemetery in Ellinwood. Friends may call today from 9 to 8 p.m. at Pohlman-Heise Mortuary. Memorials are suggested to the church or the Salvation Army in care of the mortuary. Funeral arrangements provided by Pohlman-Heise Mortuary 610 N. Maple St. Russell, KS 67665 785-483-2212 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 17, 2006

DESOTO — Carol Jean Knupp, 63, died on Wednesday Feb. 15 at her home in DeSoto Kan. She was born April 5, 1942 in Ellinwood, Kan., the daughter of Roy and Olinda Knop Lathrop. She married Larry Knupp on Sept. 1, 1963 in Ellinwood. He survives of the home. She grew up on a farm outside of Ellinwood and attended Ellinwood High School, graduating in 1960. She attended the University of Kansas where she received a Bachelor of Science degree in Journalism in 1964. After graduating from KU, Mrs. Knupp worked at the Great Bend Tribune in Great Bend, Kan. as a reporter and education editor. She was one of the first winners of the K.N.E.A. Golden Quill Award in 1971. In 1975, Mrs. Knupp became the editor of the Ellinwood Leader in Ellinwood, Kan., when she and her husband purchased the newspaper. The newspaper won numerous awards for local journalism during her tenure as editor. Mrs. Knupp served on the Ellinwood School Board for many years including a term as the board president. In 1983 she retired and became a homemaker and free-lance writer. She wrote for many local and regional publications including the Kansas City Star and did extensive research on central Kansas folklore. She was an avid collector of antiques and vintage quilts. Survivors include one son, Justin Knupp and his wife Amy of Lawrence, brother Arlyn Lathrop, Great Bend, two grandchildren and multiple nieces and nephews. Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Monday at the Trinity Lutheran Church, Lawrence. Burial will be at the Oak Hill Cemetery, Lawrence. Memorials are suggested to the Habitat for Humanity in care of Rumsey-Yost Funeral Home. Funeral arrangements provided by Rumsey-Yost Funeral Home* 601 Indian St. Lawrence, KS. 66044 785-843-5111 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 17, 2006

Robert "Howard" Willard died Feb. 16 at his home in Great Bend. Services are pending with Charter Funerals in Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 17, 2006

Robert Bogard Coyle 1932 - 2006

RUSSELL — Robert Bogard Coyle, 73, died Feb. 14 at the Russell Regional Hospital. He was born Sept. 27, 1932, at St. Joseph, Mo., the son of James and Lola (Bogard) Coyle. He received his early education at St. Joseph, Mo., and later received his GED. He married Clarice Turner on Nov. 27, 1953, at Savannah, Ga. He owned and operated his own Fina Service Station, worked at Fuller Brush, worked in aircraft repair and sheet metal, was employed at Boeing and Learjet and most recently with Standard oil now BP Holdale petroleum in their equipment division. He retired in 1990. Coyle was a member of the First Southern Baptist Church and member of the VFW Post #6240, both of Russell. He joined the U.S. Air Force in the early 1950’s and served until he was placed on the temporary disability retired list in 1966. His service was during the Korean Conflict and the Vietnam War. Survivors include his wife, Clarice of the home; one son, Robert Steven Coyle of Topeka; two daughters, Deborah Ann Rainbolt of Larned, and Linda Kay Walton of Russell; nine grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one brother, Richard Coyle; half-brothers and sister, Milton, Billy D. and Mildred McCaughely. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at First Southern Baptist Church. Burial will follow at the Russell City Cemetery. Visitation will be today from 9 to 8 p.m., with family receiving friends from 6 to 8 p.m. at Pohlman-Heise Mortuary. Memorials are suggested to the church or the Salvation Army in care of the mortuary. Funeral arrangements provided by Pohlman-Heise Mortuary 610 N. Maple St. Russell, KS 67665 785-483-2212 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 17, 2006

Robert "Howard" Willard died Feb. 16 at his home in Great Bend. Services are pending with Charter Funerals in Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 17, 2006

Carol Jean Knupp 1942 - 2006

Howard Ralph Fisher 1916 - 2006

Robert "Howard" Willard
William “PeeWee” Clifton Morgan 1941 - 2006

HUDSON — William “PeeWee” Clifton Morgan, 64, died Feb. 15 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. He was born Aug. 21, 1941, at Vernon, Texas, the son of William A. and Alta King Morgan. He married Linda Christian on Oct. 12, 1968, at Saginaw, Mich. He had worked as a driller in oilfields in Oklahoma, Texas, Michigan, New York, Wyoming, Colorado, Utah and Kansas before retiring in 1983. He was a resident of Hudson for five years moving from Turon. Survivors include his wife, Linda; two sons, James Morgan of Grainvalley, Mo., and David Morgan of Hudson; two daughters, Christina Shaver of Trimble, Tenn., and Elizabeth Morgan of Oilmount, Mont.; one brother, Richard Morgan of Elgin; two sisters, Belinda Fox of Byron, Okla., and Sandy Bearden of Skiatook, Okla.; and seven grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one grandson, Waylon Peltier.

Memorial service will be at 4 p.m. Sunday at the Highland Hotel and Convention Center in Great Bend.

Funeral arrangements provided by
Minnis Chapel
125 N. Main
Stafford, KS 67578
620-234-5261
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 17, 2006

February 16, 2006

Marie Louise Boxberger 1916 - 2006

Marie Louise Boxberger, 89, of Great Bend, died Feb. 15 at Friendship Manor in National City, Calif. Services are pending with Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend.

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 16, 2006

Freda R. Brauer 1937 - 2006

LA CROSSE — Freda R. Brauer, 68, died Feb. 14 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. Services are pending with Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend.

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 16, 2006

Ruby M. Carder 1921 - 2006

ELLSWORTH — Ruby M. Carder, 84, died Feb. 14. She was born Ruby M. Kelley on June 30, 1921, in Salina. She was a cook at Elmore Cafeteria for 25 years, and a retired cafeteria worker for the Salina school district. Survivors include two sons, Stanley E. Carder of California, and Dick F. Carder of Georgetown, Texas; one daughter, Nancy C. Schmidt of Ellsworth; two brothers, Bob Kelley of San Antonio, Texas, and Ray Kelley of Manhattan; eight grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Floyd E. “Shorty” Carder, who died in 1998.

Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Roselawn Heights Memorial Chapel in Salina. Burial will be at the Roselawn Memorial Park. Visitation will be today from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the chapel, with the family to receive friends from 6 to 8 p.m. Memorials are suggested to the American Cancer Society.

Funeral arrangements provided by
Roselawn Mortuary
1307 S. Santa Fe Ave.
Salina, KS 67401
785-825-8231
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 16, 2006

Clara Kuntz 1918 - 2006

LARNED — Clara Kuntz, 87, died Feb. 14 at St. John’s Health Care in Hays. She was born Oct. 31, 1918, at Ness City, the daughter of Jacob Michael and Frances Dechant Paul. She married Andy W. Kuntz on Aug. 18, 1949, at Cherokee, Okla. He died Sept. 11, 1991. A longtime resident of Larned, she was a homemaker. Kuntz was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church and Altar Society in Larned.

Survivors include two sons, Thomas Michael of Independence, Mo., and Andrew David of Hays; and five grandchildren. She was preceded in death by three brothers, Phillip Paul, John Paul, and Mike Paul; and four sisters, Margaret Curtis, Susanna Shanahan, Dorothy Rohr and Pauline Rotenburg.

Vigil and Rosary services will be at 7 p.m. Friday at Morell Funeral Home in Larned. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Larned with the Rev. Anthony Suellentrop officiating. Burial will be at the Larned Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the American Diabetes Association in care of the funeral home.

Funeral arrangements provided by
Morell Funeral Home

Virginia T. Reif 1925 - 2006

WICHITA — Virginia T. Reif, 81, died Feb. 15 at Wesley Medical Center in Wichita. She was born Jan. 1, 1925, in rural Barton County, the daughter of Joe C. and Emma (Courage) Reif. She was a 1942 Hoisington High School graduate and a 1945 graduate of St. Francis Hospital School of Nursing in Wichita. She was a retired registered nurse at Wesley Medical Center in Wichita, and she was also employed with the American Red Cross for 10 years. She had been a resident of Wichita since 1960, coming from Hoisington.
Reif was of the Catholic faith.
Survivors include one brother, Don E. Reif of Hoisington; one sister, Yvonne Lang of Perry; and numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by two brothers, Alvin Reif and Joe Reif Jr., and two sisters, Frances McDonald and Dorothy Hommon.
Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Friday at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Hoisington with the Rev. Pascal Klein officiating. Burial will be at Golden Belt Cemetery in Barton County. Visitation will be from 1 to 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Rosewood Services or American Diabetes 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, Feb. 16, 2006

February 15, 2006

JoAnn Crabb 1930 - 2006

BROKEN ARROW, Okla. — JoAnn Crabb, 75, retired bookkeeper for Eversharp Tool, died on Friday, Feb. 10, at the home of her daughter in Broken Arrow, Okla. She was born to Leslie V. and Glenda B. (Barngrover) Curry in Great Bend on Oct. 31, 1930.
She is survived by three daughters, Joni Boggs and husband Al, Jana Differ and husband Randy, and Jeramie Butcher and husband Tim; seven grandchildren; sister, Norma Yancey; and brother, Dean Curry. She was preceded in death by her husband, Jimmie Gean Crabb, parents, Leslie V. and Glenda B. Curry, and brother, Bob Curry.
Funeral service was held Feb. 13 at St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, with interment at Memorial Park Cemetery. All arrangements were entrusted to the Nick Reynolds Funeral Service in Tulsa, Okla.
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune*, Feb. 15, 2006

Clarence Victor Flegler 1925 - 2006

RUSSELL — Clarence Victor Flegler, 80, died Feb. 13 at the Russell Regional Hospital in Russell. He was born Aug. 24, 1925, at Russell, the son of Jacob and Hannah (Deines) Flegler. He attended West Kenneback School. He married Gertrude Madden on Jan. 28, 1951, in rural Russell. He was an active farmer and stockman for many years. He also worked as custodian for the school district for about 10 years, retiring in the 1980s.
Flegler served in the U.S. Army during World War II in Europe during the Battle of the Bulge. He was also a prisoner of war for about four months.
Survivors include his wife, of the home; one son, Bob Flegler of Minneapolis; one daughter, Mitzi Harrison of Lindsborg; one brother, Vernon Dean Flegler of Russell; three grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by an infant daughter, Nancy Jo; and one sister, Dora Lee Miller.
Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at St. John Lutheran Church in Russell, with the Rev. Peter Rupprecht officiating. Burial will be at Trinity Bender Hill Lutheran Cemetery in rural Russell. Visitation will be today from noon to 8 p.m. at Pohlman-Heise Mortuary in Russell. Memorials are suggested to the American Heart Association or St. John Lutheran Church in Russell, in care of the mortuary.
Funeral arrangements provided by
Pohlman-Heise Mortuary
610 N. Maple St.
Russell, KS 67665
785-483-2212
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 15, 2006

Boyd E. Morris 1931 - 2006

OLATHE — Boyd E. Morris, 74, passed away peacefully on Feb. 13 in Olathe. Funeral services will be held at 7 p.m. today at Westside Church of the Nazarene in Olathe. The family will receive friends following the service. Burial will be at Oak Lawn Memorial Gardens at 1 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 16. The family suggests memorials to the church building fund. To leave a special message for the family, please visit the Web site at www.penwellgabel.com.
Boyd was born April 6, 1931, one of eight children. He is survived by his loving wife of 41 years, Grace. He leaves behind five children, Jane and husband John Fortin of Overton, Neb., Don and wife Alberta Morris of Hays, Terri and husband Doug Main of Portales, N.M., Cathy Anazao of Alamogordo, N.M., and Denise Morris of Tokyo, Japan; 15 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren. He also leaves four brothers, Neil and wife Betty Morris of Lenexa, Robert and wife Geneva Morris of Ingalls, Virgil and wife Jean Morris of Johnson, and Jim and wife Jean Morris of Ulysses; three sisters, Maureen and husband Jim Main of Phoenix, Ariz., Shari and husband Dennis Massion of Scottsdale, Ariz., Nita Killman of Indianapolis, Ind.; and a loving church family.
Boyd attended Southern Nazarene University and was a proud U.S. Marine veteran. He was an active member of Westside Church of the Nazarene. He leaves a legacy of joy, integrity and kindness. He was a strong pillar of the family, devoted husband, loving father, grandfather and a very generous spirit. Boyd also leaves behind a loving church family, all whom will dearly miss him.
Funeral arrangements provided by Penwell-Gabel Funeral Home* 14275 Blackbob Rd. Olathe, KS 66063 913-768-6777 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 15, 2006

February 14, 2006

Juanita Yarmer 1927 - 2006
ELLINWOOD — Juanita Yarmer, 79, died Feb. 13 at Hutchinson Hospital in Hutchinson. She was born Aug. 15, 1927, at Tusculum, Ala., the daughter of Ben Berry and Lili Streeter. She married Jack Yarmer on Oct. 30, 1950, in Clayton, N.M. She was an Ellinwood resident for the past 20 years, formerly of Singapore, Malta, Turkey, and Los Palmas in the Canary Islands. She was a homemaker. Survivors include her husband of the family and nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by one brother, Ben Berry, Jr.; and two sisters, Betty Graber and Annie Graber. Altar Society Rosary will be at 3 p.m. today at Kimple Funeral Home. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Ellinwood with the Rev. Charles Mazouch officiating. Burial will be at the Lakin-Comanche District Cemetery in Ellinwood. Friends may call from 1 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the Ellinwood Heritage Club. Funeral arrangements provided by Kimple Funeral Home 113 N. Main Ellinwood, KS 67526 620-564-2300 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 14, 2006

Esther K. Batt 1912 - 2006

ENCINITAS, Calif. — Vera Myers Benedict passed away of natural causes in Encinitas, Calif., on Jan. 26, 2006, after living in Long Beach, Calif., for over 60 years. Vera was born in Galatia on April 7, 1915, to Ben and Rosie Myers. She was raised on a farm in Kansas with three sisters, Helen, Marcia, and Virginia (all deceased) and a brother and attended and experienced a loving childhood. In 1942, she moved to Long Beach, Calif., to work at the Douglas Aircraft Company where she met her future husband, Mark Benedict. Vera and Mark were married on June 5, 1943, and took up residence in Belmont Shore. The couple had two sons, Jim and Jeff. Vera was primarily a homemaker and was active in the PTA and scouts while her sons were growing up and later involved with the Women’s Republican Party. Vera was a devoted wife, mother and grandmother who cherished her family and enjoyed life. She was preceded in death by her husband Mark in 1989; and is survived by her sons and daughter-in-laws Jim (Tina) Benedict and Jeff (Katie) Benedict; grandchildren, Lindsay, Kelly and Eric; and several nieces and nephews. Services will be private. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 14, 2006

Martha E. Merten 1932 - 2006

GREENSBORO, N.C. — Martha E. Merten died at her home in Greensboro, N.C., Saturday morning, Feb. 11. She is survived by her companion of 50 years, Marilyn L. Miller. Born in 1932 in Great Bend, Martha was the daughter of the late Lloyd W. and Margaret D. Merten. Her surviving family includes three sisters, Mary Anne Mull of Great Bend, Rachael Miller of Eufaula, Okla., Rebecca Modica (husband, Joseph) of Tampa, Fla.; and a brother, Robert Merten (wife, Karol) of Denver, Colo.; and 17 nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews. She was predeceased by a sister, Sally, a victim of multiple sclerosis, as was Martha. Martha graduated from Great Bend High School in 1950; received her baccalaureate degree from Oklahoma College for Women in 1954; and received a master’s degree in reading development from the University of Michigan in 1960. Her growing up on a farm in the rolling wheat fields of central Kansas and her love of books shaped her life as a person and as a teacher in Kansas (1954 to 1968) and Michigan (1968 to 1977). Her work with middle and high school students revolved around her philosophy that reading brings joy as well as learning, information, and success. Her health forced her retirement in 1977. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice or to the Marilyn L. Miller Scholarship Fund, School of Education, UNCG. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 14, 2006

Esther K. Batt 1912 - 2006

RUSSELL — Esther K. Batt, 93, died Feb. 12 at the Russell Regional Hospital in Russell. She was born July 4, 1912, in Russell, the daughter of Conrad and Anna (Krug) Elsasser. She attended the rural Milberger Elementary School. She married Herman Batt on Nov. 6, 1938, in rural Russell County. She lived most of her life on the family farm south of Russell and was a homemaker. Mrs. Batt was a member of the Trinity Bender Hill Lutheran Church until its closing and then became a member of United Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Milberger. Survivors include one son, Garry of Russell; one daughter, Shirley DeWald of Russell; four grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband; an infant daughter, Arletta; two brothers, Leo and Alvin Elsasser; and one infant brother. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday at Pohiman-Heise Memorial Chapel in Russell with the Rev. Peter Rupprechting officiating. Burial will be at the Russell City Cemetery. Friends may call today from noon to 8 p.m. at the mortuary. Memorials are suggested to a charity designated later by the family in care of the mortuary. Funeral arrangements provided by Pohiman-Heise Mortuary 610 N. Maple St. Russell, KS 67665 785-483-2212 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 14, 2006

Elizabeth “Betty” Marie Tonne 1909 - 2006

BELoit — Elizabeth “Betty” Marie (Boehner) Tonne, 96, died Saturday, February 11, 2006, at Mitchell County Hospital, Beloit. She was born Dec. 6, 1909, on a farm south of Cawker City, Kansas, the fifth child of David and Dorothea Krauter Boehner. She was baptized and confirmed at the Zion Lutheran Church, Tipton, and later joined the Zion Lutheran Church, Beloit. She grew up in the Mitchell County area, and graduated from Cawker City High School in the Class of 1927. After her husband’s death a lot of her time was spent helping with field work and cattle. After moving to Beloit, she spent many hours babysitting in addition to raising her daughters, as well as cleaning at the nursing home, and working in the kitchen at the Mitchell County Hospital. She spent more than 30 years volunteering at the Economy Shop, with hospice, working as a Pink Lady at the hospital, as well as delivering Meals on Wheels. She enjoyed quilting at the Lutheran Church for many years, and spent countless hours making lap quilts for the nursing homes and tied quilts for Lutheran World Relief. Her daughters and families were her pride and joy, and they all received quilts that she pieced and quilted. In her later years, she embroidered, crocheted pillowcases for her family and friends. She also enjoyed her flowers from the first blooms of the season until the frost arrived. On Feb. 24, 1932, she married Louie Tonne in Tipton. He died March 15, 1950. The couple was privileged to spend 18 years of marriage together on a farm near Glen Elder until Louie’s death, when she moved back to Beloit. She was also preceded in death by two brothers, Fred and John Boehner; two sisters, Sophia Gertje, Elsie Gertje, and a grandson, Loren Albert. Survivors include: two daughters, Marlene Albert and her husband John, Larned, Linda Bowers and her husband, Charley, Beloit; 6 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; 2 great-great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, and friends. Funeral will be at 2 p.m., Feb. 14, 2006, at the Zion Lutheran Church, Beloit, with Pastor Bruce Keck presiding. Friends may call from 1 to 8 p.m. at McDonald-Roberts Funeral Home, Beloit. Burial will be in the Ellinwood Cemetery, Beloit. Memorials may be sent to the church or the Mitchell County Hospital, both in care of McDonald Roberts Funeral, 910 N. Campbell, Beloit, KS 67420.

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 14, 2006

Norma Lee Reed Crawford 1925 - 2006
LARNED — Norma Lee Reed Crawford, 80, passed away Feb. 11 at Country Place Senior Living in Larned. She was born April 25, 1925, in Larned, the daughter of Harvey Leon and Hazel Mae Couchman Reed. A lifetime Larned resident, she was a mother and a homemaker.

She graduated from Larned High School and attended Colorado Women's College in Colorado Springs, Colo., Stephens College in Columbia, Mo., and Kansas University before becoming a stewardess with American Airlines. She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church, Daughters of the American Revolution, Larned Country Club and the Garden Club, all of Larned.

On Nov. 15, 1946, she married Walter M. Crawford in Larned. He passed away April 22, 2005.

Survivors include two sons, Walter Leon Crawford and wife Judy of Prescott, Ariz., and Robert Reed Crawford of Larned; a daughter, Diane Crawford Ward and husband Brian Longmont, Colo.; a sister, JoAnn Cole of Hutchinson; six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the Beckwith Mortuary Chapel in Larned with Pastor Dennis Scheibmeir presiding. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. today and 9 a.m. until service time Wednesday at the mortuary. Burial will be at the Larned Cemetery.

Memorials may be sent to the Southwind Hospice of Pratt in care of the Beckwith Mortuary. Personal condolences may be sent and this notice viewed at www.beckwithmortuary.com.

Funeral arrangements provided by Beckwith Mortuary*

P.O. Box 477 Larned, KS 67550 620-285-2121 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 14, 2006

LaVern G. Bowyer 1933 - 2006

LaVern G. Bowyer, 72, of Great Bend, died Feb. 12 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. He was born Feb. 28, 1933, at Pawnee Rock, the son of William Thomas and Louise Bertha Schroeder Bowyer. He married Jane Homburg on June 5, 1955, in rural Ellis. He was a retired farmer and dairyman and former owner of the Jayhawker Motel. He was a resident of Great Bend since 1987, coming from Pawnee Rock.

Bowyer was a member of Peace Lutheran Church in Albert. He served as church council president, Sunday school superintendent and was a Luther League sponsor. He was a former member of Great Bend Convention Bureau, Chamber of Commerce, all of Great Bend and former board member of Farmer Grain, Pawnee Rock.

Survivors include his wife of the home; two sons, Vernie Bowyer and Ernie Bowyer, both of Great Bend; one brother, Eugene Bowyer of Chico, Texas; and one grandson.

Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Peace Lutheran Church in rural Albert with the Rev. Robert Kreier officiating. Burial will be at Peace Lutheran Cemetery in Albert. Friends may call today from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. at Bryant Funeral Home, with family receiving friends from 6 to 8 p.m. Memorials are suggested to Oaks Indian Mission or Peace Lutheran 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. 14, 2006

February 12, 2006

George H. Crone 1960 - 2006

PAWNEE ROCK — George H. Crone, 46, died Feb 9, at his home. He was born the son of Roy and Hazel Alberta (Payne) Crone on June 20 1960 in Great Bend. He was a resident of Pawnee Rock, Kan., a pilot, truck driver, and heavy equipment operator.

Crone was a member of the Aircraft Owners Pilots Association, AOPA, and the Arbor Day Foundation.

Survivors include companion Bonnie Furrey, Pawnee Rock; two sons, Jamie Crone and Casey Crone, both of Dundee, Kan.; daughter Kayla Crone, Moses Lake Wash.; two brothers Cliford Crone, Irvin Crone, of Great Bend; four sisters, Virginia Jacobs, Hazel Johnson, Tammy Hammond, all of Pawnee Rock, Darlene Kaupke, Stillwater, Okla; and his parents, Roy and Hazel Alberta Crone; and two grandchildren.

Memorial services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the First Untied Methodist Church, Great Bend with the Rev. Don Paden officiating. Inurnment will be in Great Bend cemetery. Memorials are suggested to the Rosewood, Roots and Wings Foundation in care of the funeral home.

Funeral services provided by
Charter Funeral*
2115 Washington
Great Bend, KS 67530
793-6161
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 12, 2006

Shirley S. Dickerson 1928 - 2006

HAYS — Shirley S Dickerson, 77, died Feb. 9 at Hays Medical Center in Hays, Kan. She was born Oct. 13, 1928 in Lyons, Kan. the daughter of Cecil and Marguerite (Webb) Hass. She married Robert P. Dickerson on March 23, 1947 in Lyons. He preceded her in death in 1970. She moved to Hays in 1987 and was a registered nurse in the Emergency Department of St. Anthony Hospital.

Mrs. Dickerson was a member of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Hays, and the VFW Auxiliary in Geneseo, Kan. Survivors include one son, Aaron Dickerson of Eudora, Kan.; three daughters, Deborah Boling, Hays, Jocelyn Dickerson,
Colorado Springs, and Mary Jo Stack, Palm Beach Garden, Fla.; one brother, Kenneth Hass, Lyons and six grandchildren. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. on Monday at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, Hays. Graveside services will be held at 2 p.m. Monday in the Lyons Municipal Cemetery, Lyons. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Sunday, and from 9 to 9:45 a.m. Monday at Brock’s North Hill Chapel. There will be a parish vigil service at 7 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home. The family suggests memorials to the TMP-Marion music department. Funeral services provided by Brock’s North Hill Chapel 22509 Vine St/P.O. Box 86 Hays, KS. 67601 785-625-3215 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 12, 2006

Dorrace A. Dirks 1925 - 2006

LARNED — Dorrace A. Dirks, 80, died Feb. 11 at St. Joseph Memorial Hospital, Larned, Kan. She was born May 17, 1925 in Larned, the daughter of Adolph Lawrence and Susie Ruth Koehn Jantz. She married Dean D. Dirks on June 9, 1946. He preceded her in death on June 1, 2002. She was a longtime resident of Pawnee County, a farm wife and worked at the Air Base in Great Bend during WWII. Mrs. Dirks was a member of the United Methodist Church, the WSCS, a 4-H Leader, and Pawnee County Election Board Member, all in Larned. Survivors include two daughters, Carol Vrooman and husband Dennis, Tulsa Okla.; Judy Dirks-Cole and husband Jess, Mission, Kan.; one brother, Bruce Jantz, Larned; a sister, Dorothy Schurmann, Spencer, Iowa; two grandchildren, Alison and Carson Vrooman, Tulsa; two step-grandchildren, Jason Cole, Kansas City, Mo., Melissa Hogue, Gardner, Kan.; and two step-great grandchildren, Caroline and Olivia Hogue, Gardner. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Monday at the Beckwith Mortuary Chapel, Larned with Pastor Tim Ault-Duell presiding. Friends may call from 1 to 8 p.m. Sunday and 9 a.m. until service time Monday at the Beckwith Chapel. Burial will be in the Larned Cemetery, Larned. Memorials may be sent to the United Methodist Church, Larned in care of Beckwith Mortuary Chapel. This notice may be read and personal condolences sent at www.beckwithmortuary.com Funeral services provided by Beckwith Mortuary Chapel* P.O. Box 477 Larned, KS. 67550 620-285-212 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 12, 2006

Floyd A. Treece 1914 - 2006

Floyd A. Treece was born April 27, 1914, near Leslie, Ark., in Searcy County, to Noah Christopher and Auslie Griffin Treece. After his father died he moved to St. John where his sister, Hazel lived so he could learn to become an auto mechanic under the tutelage of his brother-in-law, Jim Staton. He worked for the Gillmore Osborne Motor Co. until he moved to Great Bend. On Nov. 14, 1940 he married Edith June Smith Treece at the First Christian Church parsonage in St. John. They moved to Great Bend in January of 1941, for Floyd to take a job with Davis-Child Chevrolet, Olds, Cadillac which later was known as Davis Child or Moore or Taylor Motor before becoming Bob Reiter Chevrolet. He retired from Reiters in 1981 and worked temporarily at Dee Dove’s. He worked at Gen. Motors dealerships for over 43 years. On Sept. 19, 1942, he enlisted in the U. S. Army Air Corps where he served for Panther Parents and took tickets at football games. He is survived by his wife of over 65 years, Edith; a son, Randall of Great Bend during WWII. Mrs. Dirks was a member of the United Methodist Church, the WSCS, a 4-H Leader, and Pawnee County Election Board Member, all in Larned. Survivors include two daughters, Carol Vrooman and husband Dennis, Tulsa Okla.; Judy Dirks-Cole and husband Jess, Mission, Kan.; one brother, Bruce Jantz, Larned; a sister, Dorothy Schurmann, Spencer, Iowa; two grandchildren, Alison and Carson Vrooman, Tulsa; two step-grandchildren, Jason Cole, Kansas City, Mo., Melissa Hogue, Gardner, Kan.; and two step-great grandchildren, Caroline and Olivia Hogue, Gardner. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Monday at the Beckwith Mortuary Chapel, Larned with Pastor Tim Ault-Duell presiding. Friends may call from 1 to 8 p.m. Sunday and 9 a.m. until service time Monday at the Beckwith Chapel. Burial will be in the Larned Cemetery, Larned. Memorials may be sent to the United Methodist Church, Larned in care of Beckwith Mortuary Chapel. This notice may be read and personal condolences sent at www.beckwithmortuary.com Funeral services provided by Beckwith Mortuary Chapel* P.O. Box 477 Larned, KS. 67550 620-285-212 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 12, 2006

February 10, 2006

George H. Crone


Delwin Ernest Lumpkins 1934 - 2006

LIBERTY, Texas — Delwin Ernest Lumpkins, of Liberty, Texas, formerly of Holyrood passed away on Feb. 8 after a brave battle with cancer. Delwin was a retired Superintendent for the Samson Companies. He was born Jan. 15, 1934, to Irwin Roy and Delila May Lumpkins, who both preceded him in death. He was united in marriage on May 3, 1951, with Ramona E. Gates, and they had six children who all survive him: Leanna Davis and husband, Ed, of Nacogdoches, Texas; Delwin Eugene Lumpkins and wife, Jill, of Hutchinson; Ronald Lumpkins of Russell; Dwight Lumpkins and wife, Nancy, of Liberty, Texas; Loren Lumpkins of Liberty, Texas, and Lonnie Lumpkins and wife, Mandy, of Kilgore, Texas. He is also survived by two brothers, Earl Lumpkins and wife, Juana, of Palco; Keith Lumpkins and wife, Grace, of Chase; and also two sisters, Virginia King and husband, Daryl, of Parker, Colo.; and Loma Kay Lumpkins of Hays. He was also preceded in death by a sister, Royalyn Nelson, a grandson, Michael Shane Lumpkins, and a granddaughter, Lauren Rose Lumpkins. He is survived by 19 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren, and numerous cousins, nieces, nephews, and friends. A funeral service will be held at St. Stephen’s Episcopal Church in Liberty, Texas, on Thursday, Feb. 16 at 10:30 a.m. A graveside service will be held on Saturday, Feb. 18 at 11 a.m., at St. Paul’s United Church of Christ cemetery in Holyrood. For those wishing to honor Delwin’s memory, in lieu of flowers, the family is requesting donations to the M.D. Anderson Cancer Center, P. O. Box 4486, Houston, Texas, 77210-4486. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune*, Feb. 10, 2006

February 9, 2006

Garry Stephenson

RUSSELL — Garry Stephenson, 48, died Jan. 6 at his home in Russell. Arrangements are pending with Pohlman-Heise Mortuary, 610 No. Maple St., Russell, KS 67665. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 9, 2006
Iris Verle Price 1921 - 2006

INMAN — Iris Verle Price, 84, died Feb. 8 at Pleasant View Home in Inman. She was born July 21, 1921, at Chester, Okla., the daughter of Floyd H. and Blanche E. VanSickle Kelley. She graduated from Hutchinson High School in 1939. She married Kelly P. Price on April 28, 1947 at Wichita. He died in April 1989. She was a longtime Great Bend resident. She operated her own beauty salon in Great Bend.

Mrs. Price was a member of the Methodist Church and had attended Trinity and Faith United Methodist Churches in Hutchinson.

Survivors include one sister, Ila Briggs of Windom; three nephews, Mike Price, Randy Price and John Price, all of Texas; four nieces Bonna Shell and husband Jerry, and Beverly Janssen and husband Royce, both of Inman, Janet Stroberg and husband Tom of Hutchinson, and Teresa Cochrane of Texas; and several great nephews and nieces. She was preceded in death by her parents and spouse.

Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Elliott Mortuary Chapel in Hutchinson with Pastor Dan Dalke presiding. Burial will be at the Andover Lutheran Church Cemetery in Windom. Visitation will be Friday from 9 to 9 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to service time at the mortuary. Memorials are suggested to the Andover Lutheran Church in Windom in care of the mortuary.

Funeral arrangements provided by
Elliott Mortuary*
1219 N. Main
Hutchinson, KS 67501
620-663-3360

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 9, 2006

Ben S. McCaskey 1917 - 2006

HUTCHINSON — Ben S. McCaskey, 88, died Feb. 8 at Hutchinson Hospital in Hutchinson. He was born April 9, 1917, in Columbus, Mont., the son of Walter Earl and Harriet Hicks McCaskey. He married Loreen Schutte on April 9, 1939 in McCracken. Formerly from Great Bend, he had been a Hutchinson resident for a year. He was a self-employed salesman in Great Bend.

McCaskey was a member of the Great Bend American Legion and the United Methodist Church in Great Bend.

Survivors include his wife, Loreen; one son, Benny McCaskey of Great Bend; two daughters, Geraldine “Geary” Brown of Spivey, and Sharon Eisler of Hutchinson; one sister, Virginia Barnes of Colorado Springs, Colo.; seven grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one brother, Walter Earl McCaskey, Jr.; and two sisters, Betty Sikes and Maurene Thompson.

Cremation has taken place. Private family services will be held at a later date. Memorials are suggested to Hospice of Reno County, in care of Penwell-Gabel Funeral Home and Crematory in Hutchinson. Personal condolences may be left for the family at www.PenwellGabel.com.

Funeral arrangements provided by
Penwell-Gabel Funeral Home
300 E. 30th Ave.
Hutchinson, KS 67502
620-662-1201

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 9, 2006

February 8, 2006

Marvin Cecil Scheuerman 1926 - 2006

JOPLIN, Mo. — Marvin Cecil Scheuerman, 79, died Feb. 2 in Joplin, Mo. He was born April 19, 1926, in Rush County, the son of Conrad D. and Rosa (Matal) Scheuerman. He graduated from Alexander High School in 1943, and Fort Hays State University in 1951.

Scheuerman was a veteran of World War II, serving in the U. S. Army and receiving a purple heart in Okinawa. He belonged to the Methodist Church.

Survivors include four brothers, Gilbert Scheuerman, Merle Scheuerman, Donald Scheuerman, Arlyn Scheuerman; and two sisters, Clarinetta Scheuerman, and Mary Ann Prose. He was preceded in death by the following brothers and sisters: Chester, Esther, Martin, Louise, Louella, Wilbert, Wilmer, Conrad, Harry, Lloyd, Benjamin, Glenn, Lindy, Freda Clark, Elvina Brazda and Velma Morgan.

Graveside services were held Feb. 4 at Baptist Cemetery in Rush County, with the Rev. Wade Russell officiating.

Janousek Funeral Home 719 Pine St. La Crosse, KS 67548 785-222-2517 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 8, 2006

W. Odell Wheat 1916 - 2006

EMPORIA — W. Odell Wheat, 89, died Feb. 7 at Stormont-Vail Regional Medical Center in Topeka. He was born Nov. 14, 1916, at Admire in Lyon County, the son of Oatie and Gertrude Isabell Wheat. He married Isabel Danford at Wichita on Oct. 8, 1947. He was a rancher and cattle buyer for 40 years, and had been retired 30 years. Wheat was a veteran of the U.S. Army, Reconnaissance Company, 66th Armored Regiment, having served in World War II in the Ardennes, Central Europe, North Africa, Normandy, Northern France, the Rhineland and Sicily. He was a life member of the Lowry-Funston Post No. 1980 Veterans of Foreign Wars in Emporia, and Moreland-Clayton-Edmunds-Thompson American Legion Post No. 389 in Allen. Survivors include his wife, of the home; a daughter, Adel Burhenn, Great Bend; four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a daughter, Sharon Borth; a brother, Buster Wheat; and a sister, Marjorie Storrer. Funeral services will be conducted by his daughter, Adel Burhenn, at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Roberts-Blue-Barnett Funeral Home in Emporia. Interment will be at the Memorial Lawn Cemetery, Emporia, with military graveside services conducted by Lowry-Funston VFW Post No. 1980, and Ball-McColm American Legion Post No. 5. Family will receive friends from 7 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Memorials have been established to the Emporia Friends of the Zoo, in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Roberts-Blue-
Norbert Krampe 1912 - 2006

SE WARD — Norbert Krampe, 93, died Feb. 6 at the Rush County Memorial Hospital in La Crosse. He was born May 12, 1912, in Rice County, the son of Bernard and Dina Deuser Krampe. He married Luella Heinz on April 24, 1946, at Bushton. A resident of Seward most of his life, he was a farmer. Krampe was a World War II veteran serving in the United States Army. He was a member of the St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church in Seward, a former member of the Radium CO-OP Board of Directors and Lincoln Township Board of Directors. Survivors include his wife, Luella Krampe of the home; two sons, Don Krampe of Great Bend; and daughter, Corinne Baldwin and husband Richard of McCracken; one sister, Elinor Krampe of Hutchinson; four grandchildren; Dena Ridgeway, Brian Krampe, Pamela David and Roger Baldwin; and one great-grandchild; Lily David. He was preceded in death by three brothers, Ben Krampe, Bill Krampe, and Frank Krampe; and seven sisters, Josephine McKee, Kathryn Mc Glynn, Elizabeth Krampe, Clara Krampe, Sophia Krampe, Helen Koch and Frances Huglig. Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 9, at Bryant Funeral Home. Funeral mass will be at 10 a.m. Friday at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Great Bend, with Father Reginald Urban officiating. Interment will be at the Lakin-Comanche District Cemetery in Ellinwood at 12:30 p.m. with Father Charles Maz ouch officiating. Visitation will be Thursday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church in Seward or Catholic Community of Great Bend. Funeral arrangements provided by Bryant Funeral Home* 1425 Patton Rd. Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-3525 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 8, 2006

Leo Steinert 1911 - 2006

OVERLAND PARK — Leo Steinert, 94, died Feb. 7 at Rose Estates Assisted Living in Overland Park. He was born April 15, 1911, at Milberger, the son of Emanuel and Lydia Whittman Steinert. He married Louise E. Timken on Aug. 19, 1934, at Bisen. She died Jan. 19, 2000. He was co-owner of Steinert Furniture with his wife Louise for over 50 years. He was a lifelong Barton and Russell county resident. Steinert was a member of First United Methodist Church, Noon Lions Club and Great Bend Chamber of Commerce. Survivors include one son, Dale L. and wife Nola Steinert of Clinton, Iowa; one daughter, Norma L. Moffet of Overland Park; one grandson; one granddaughter; and seven great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Leland and Hubert Steinert; one step-brother, Lewis Steinert; and one step-sister, Viola Darby. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at First United Methodist Church in Great Bend, with the Rev. Gary Brooks officiating. Interment will be at the Great Bend Cemetery. Visitation will be Friday from noon to 9 p.m., with family to receive friends from 7 to 8 p.m., all at Bryant Funeral Home. Memorials are suggested to First United Methodist Church in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Bryant Funeral Home* 1425 Patton Rd. Great Bend, KS 67560 620-793-3525 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 8, 2006

February 7, 2006

Floyd Alfred Treece 1914 - 2006

Floyd Alfred Treece, 91, died Feb. 4 at his home in Great Bend. He was born April 27, 1914, at Leslie, Ark., the son of Noah Christopher and Aulsie (Griffin) Treece. He married Edith June Smith on Nov. 14, 1940, at St. John. He was an auto mechanic for Gilmore Osborne Motor Company in St. John. He was a resident of St. John from 1936 to 1941, and of Great Bend from 1941 to present. Treece was a member of the First Christian Church in Great Bend, where he was a Deacon Emeritus. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army Corps from 1942 to 1945. Survivors include his wife, Edith, of the home; one son, Randall Treece of Wichita; and one sister, Maxine Davis of San Diego, Calif. He was preceded in death by one daughter, Linda Treece; two brothers, Lloyd and Cedric Treece; and two sisters, Hazel Staton and Gladys Torrance. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the church, with the Rev. William Johnson officiating. Burial will be at the Fairview Park Cemetery in St. John. Visitation will be Wednesday from 10:30 a.m. until noon at the church. Memorials are suggested to the church or Great Bend Humane Society, in care of Minnis Chapel in St. John. Funeral arrangements provided by Minnis Chapel, Inc. 526 E. 4th St. John, KS 67576 620-549-3556 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 7, 2006

Nevia J. Nelson 1917 - 2006

MACKSVILLE — Neva J. Nelson, 88, died Feb. 2 at Life Care Center in Cheyenne, Wyo. She was born Aug. 22, 1917, in Haskell, the daughter of Fred and Iva (Chase) Anderson. She graduated from Macksville High School in 1937. She married Paul Nelson on May 23, 1937. A longtime resident of Macksville, she was a homemaker. Survivors include one son, Alan; three brothers, Don of McPherson, Arden of Stockton, Calif., and Alvin of Yuba City, Calif.; one sister, Dorothy Patterson of Ripon, Calif.; two grandsons; and two great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband; one brother, Albert; and one sister, Vera Gorrell. Graveside service will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Farmington Cemetery in Macksville, with the Rev. Harold Wilcox officiating. Visitation will be today from 1-5 p.m. at Minnis Chapel in Macksville. In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to Grace United Methodist Church in Macksville, in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Minnis Chapel, Inc. 205 N. Main St. Macksville, KS 67557 620-348-2285 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 7, 2005

Rose Wilhemina Naylor 1910 - 2006

Rose Wilhemina Naylor, 95, died Feb. 4 at Cherry Village Nursing Home in Great Bend. She was born April 10, 1910, at Olmitz, the daughter of Thomas and Camilla Klein Machal. She married T. S. “Spud” Naylor on May 22, 1928, at Dodge City. He died in 1950. She lived in Great Bend until 1956, when she moved to Denver, Colo. In Denver she was an insurance representative and legal secretary. She was known in Great Bend as the owner/operator of “Spuds” Hideaway located on West Tenth Street in the late forties and early fifties. She returned to Great Bend in 2001 to live with her son, Terry and daughter-in-law, Karen Naylor. Mrs. Naylor was a member of the Catholic Community of Great bend at St. Rose. Survivors include one son, Terry Naylor and wife Karen of Great Bend; one grandson, Kevin Naylor of Tokyo, Japan; and one granddaughter, Taryn Naylor of Portland, Ore. She was preceded in death by two sons, Charles L. Naylor and Jan Allen Naylor; one brother, Joe Machal; and one sister, Adella Brenner. Graveside service will be at 11:30 a.m. Friday at the Great Bend Cemetery, with Father Reginald A. Urban officiating. Th ursday, as creation has taken place. Memorials are suggested to Great Bend Humane Society or Jerry Deutsch Scholarship Fund, in care of Bryant Funeral Home. Funeral arrangements provided by Bryant Funeral Home* 1425 Patton Rd. Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-3525 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 7, 2006
February 5, 2006

Joseph John Schiller 1926 - 2006 GREAT BEND — Joseph John Schiller, age 80, died Feb. 4 at his residence in Great Bend. He was born Jan. 12, 1926, in Holsington, the son of Otto A. and Mary (Heger) Schiller. He married Joyce J. Kaiser on Aug 25, 1954 in Great Bend. He was a lifetime resident of Barton County, as a farmer. Mr. Schiller was a member of the Catholic Community of Great at St. Patrick. He was a member of the Sunflower Polka Club also of Great Bend. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son Paul Joseph Schiller and wife Lynn, one daughter, Ruth Ann Bealer and husband Richard all of Great Bend; four grandchildren, Lisa Schiller, Jenni Schiller, Zach Bealer, and Ryan Bealer. He is preceded in death by two brothers William and Charles Schiller, two sisters Marie Roberts and Frances Kimmer. A rosary will be held at 7:30 p.m. Monday at Bryant Funeral Home, Great Bend. Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at the St. Patrick Catholic Church with Father Reginald A Urban presiding. Internment will follow at the Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call from 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday and 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday at the Bryant Funeral Home. Memorials are suggested to the Catholic Community at St Patrick in care of the Bryant Funeral Home. Funeral services provided by Bryant Funeral Home # 1425 Patton Road Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-3525 Great Bend (Kan) Tribune, Feb 5, 2006

ST. JOHN - Dorothy Mae Steinman, age 87, died Feb. 1, at Leisure Homestead in Stafford. She was born Dec. 10, 1918, at Macksville, the daughter of William Phillip Helwig and Ardana A (Hardie) Helwig. She attended school at Valley Center and Hickory Ridge School in Stafford County, and graduated from Grant County Rural High School in 1934. She attended Salt City Business College in Hutchinson and from 1964 to 1966 attended Fort Hays State College. She married Henry Clay Fenwick, Jan. 1, 1938 in Eldorado, Kan. He died Nov. 11, 1948. She then married Blackburn Lightle, in Osborne, Nov. 18, 1961. He died May 25, 1962. She then married Edgar T. Preston, in Macksville, on Nov. 23, 1972. He died June 4, 2002. She lived in Ulysses, Osborne, Hays and Macksville. She worked as a dental assistant, postal clerk, veterinarian assistant, clerk of the Board of Education, and secretary for USD 351.

Mrs. Preston was a member of the Macksville Christian Church, Grace Methodist Church, U.M.W. Eastern Star, and Kansas Secretarial Association.

Survivors include sons Kenneth and Larry, Dr. Richard Preston, David Preston, Michael K. Preston, Dr. Kevin L. Preston; three grandchildren, 16 step-grandchildren, three great-grandsons, and 19 step-great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at the Grace United Methodist Church, Macksville with Rev. Elaine Lord presiding. Burial will be in the Farmington Cemetery, Macksville. Visitation will be from 1 to 6 p.m. Sunday and Monday at Minnis Chapel, Macksville. Memorials to the church or Central Kansas Medical Center both in care of the funeral home.

Funeral services provided by
Minnis Chapel, Inc.
205 N Main
Macksville, KS. 67557
620-348-2285

February 3, 2006

Dorothy Mae Steinman 1918 - 2006

ST. JOHN - Dorothy Mae Steinman, age 87, died Feb. 1, at Leisure Homestead in Stafford. She was born Dec. 10, 1918, at Great Bend, the daughter of John and Anna (Gallon) Wesley. She graduated from Great Bend High School. She married Richard Wayne Steinman on Feb. 8, 1938. He preceded her in death on Dec. 2, 1997. She was a longtime resident of St. John, a homemaker and nurse’s aide at St. John District Hospital.

Mrs. Steinman was a member of the First United Methodist Church in St. John.

Survivors include two sons, Jerry Wayne Steinman, Stafford and Norman Dean Steinman, Tulsa, Okla.; one daughter, Norma Jean Ford, Kernersville, N.C.; seven grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by five brothers, Duke, Paul, Bliss, Harold and Lloyd Wesley; five sisters, Margareette Wesley, Zazel Underwood, Barbara McQuerter, Harriet Nichols and Cleone Fradd.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. on Saturday at Minnis Chapel in St. John with Rev. Robbie Fall presiding. Burial will be at the Fairview Park Cemetery in St. John. Friends may call from 1 to 8 p.m. on Friday at the chapel. Memorials are suggested to the American Red Cross in care of the funeral home.

Funeral services provided by
Minnis Chapel
526 E 4th Ave.P.O. Box 34
St. John KS 67576
620-549-3556

February 3, 2006

Norma Louise Kohler 1923 - 2006

ELLINWOOD - Norma Louise Kohler, age 82, died Jan. 30 at Scripps Mercy Hospital in San Diego, Calif. She was born Sept. 11, 1923, in Ellinwood, the daughter of Fred and Frances (Demel) Kohler. She was a 1940 graduate of Ellinwood High School and a graduate of Adela Hale Private Secretarial School in Hutchinson. She was a resident of Ellinwood and Hutchinson and moved to San Diego in 1946. She was a legal secretary for Higgs, Fletcher and Mack in San Diego and for Martinell, Carey, Brown & Brabets in Hutchinson.

She is survived by her cousins.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. on Monday at Kimple Funeral Chapel in Ellinwood, with Rev. Larry Young officiating. Burial will be in the Lakin-Comanche District Cemetery in Ellinwood. Friends may call from 9 a.m. until service time on Monday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Ellinwood Public Schools and Library Foundation.

Funeral services provided by
Kimple Funeral Home
113 N. Main
LAS VEGAS — Daniel Brian Sanford, born June 9, 1982, in Provo, Utah, passed away on Tuesday, Jan. 31 in Pittsburgh, Penn.

Daniel grew up in and loved Las Vegas, Nev. He graduated from Green Valley High School, Henderson, Nev., in 2000 and graduated with a B.A. degree from Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah, in 2005, majoring in philosophy. He served an L. D. S. mission in the Oslo Norway Mission from 2001 to 2003. He touched the lives of many people and was beloved by his fellow missionaries. He was a zone leader. He was unusually proficient in the Norwegian language, speaking it like a native.

Daniel was the son of Dr. Brian Glen and Linda (Woodfield) Sanford of Henderson, Nev. On June 23, 2005, Daniel married his sweetheart and the love of his life, Traci Jo Summers in Salt Lake City, Utah. He was a most devoted and loving husband, and Traci was a most devoted and loving wife. He was looking forward to the birth of their first son, Jack, in May 2006.

In addition to his wife, Traci, and his parents, he is survived by his two sisters, Erin Melinda and Kaitlyn Olivia of Henderson, Nev. He adored them and they adored him. He is survived by his grandparents, Glen J. and Vonda (Clayson) Sanford of Las Vegas, Nev., Floyd J. and Clara (Williams) Woodfield of St. George, Utah. He is also survived by his father and mother-in-law Cliff and Janell Summers of Colorado; two brothers-in-law Shane (Angie) Summers of Colorado, Dustin (Briannie) Summers of Idaho; two sisters-in-law Stephanie Summers of Arizona, Liberty (Scott) Miller of Utah; and five nephews and three nieces.

In the fall of 2005 Daniel was admitted to law school at the University of Pittsburgh in Pennsylvania. He finished his first semester with high grades. Daniel was a most handsome young man. He loved life; he loved his church; he loved his family; he loved his wife; he loved sports and loved to play golf. He was an avid supporter of the St. Louis Cardinal baseball team. We will all miss you, Daniel!

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 4 at the Legacy Ward Chapel, 920 E Wigwam Ave., Henderson, Nev. The viewing will be from 6 to 8 p.m. on Friday at the Palm Mortuary, 7200 S. Eastern Ave., Las Vegas. The burial will be at the Evergreen Cemetery in Springville, Utah.

Condolences for Traci Sanford may be sent to the home of her parents at 2504 Rail Ave., Rifle, Colo. 81650. In lieu of flowers, a fund has been established for Jack and Traci Sanford with Bank of America.

“Each time we embrace a memory, we meet again with those we love...for the heart never forgets.”

Funeral arrangements provided by
Palm Mortuary, Inc.
7600 S. Eastern Ave.
Las Vegas, NV 89123
702-464-8500
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 3, 2006

February 2, 2006

Fleta C. Collicott

WICHITA — Fleta C. Collicott, 90, homemaker, died Jan. 30. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Friday at West Side Church of the Nazarene, Wichita. Burial will follow at 2 p.m. at the Great Bend Cemetery. She was preceded in death by her husband, Stacey, and one grandson. She is survived by her sons and daughters-in-law, Larry and Vivian Collicott and Olin and Dianne Collicott, all of Salina; daughter and son-in-law, Janice and Robert Beehler of Wichita; five brothers; three sisters; seven grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Funeral arrangements provided by
Broadway Mortuary
1147 S. Broadway
Wichita, KS 67211
316-262-3435
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 2, 2006

February 3, 2006

Harold Lee “Herk” McAlexander 1927 - 2006

HOISINGTON — Harold Lee “Herk” McAlexander, 78, died Tuesday, Jan 31, at Clara Barton Hospital in Hoisington. He was born March 28, 1927, at Lycan, Colo., the son of John C. and Minnie (Fenton) McAlexander.

He married Billie Luder on Aug. 18, 1945, at Paris, Texas. She survives. A resident of Hoisington for 56 years, moving from Waldo, he was a bricklayer and masonry contractor.

He was a veteran of World War II, serving as a Staff Sergeant in the US. Army. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church, life member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 7428, and life member of the American Legion Post No. 286, of Hoisington. He was also a life member of the Bricklayer and Allied Craftman Union, Local No. 2, and former chairman of the Trustees of the Vine United Methodist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Billie McAlexander of the home; two sons, K.C. McAlexander and wife Suzanne of Huntingtown, Md., and Don McAlexander and wife Celeste of Nashville, Tenn.; one brother, Charles J. McAlexander of Security, Colo.; five grandchildren, Caltrin, Noel, Ian, Anne and Alice McAlexander.

Funeral will be at 1:30 p.m. Friday at First United Methodist Church in Hoisington with the Rev. Wayne Flanders officiating. Interment services will be at the Hoisington Cemetery with military graveside rites by VFW Post 7428 and American Legion Post 286. Visitation will be from 1 p.m. to 9 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Friday at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington, and from noon until service time Friday at the church. The family will receive friends Thursday from
7:30 to 9 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the First United Methodist Church or Kansa for Kids 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, Feb. 2, 2006

Lillie May Cline 1910 - 2006

WAKEENEY — Lillie May Cline, 95, died Jan. 31 at the Lutheran Home in WaKeeney. She was born Aug. 8, 1910, in Pratt, the daughter of Alfred Albert and Rachel Emma (Rich) Seidel. She married John Henry Cline on July 22, 1929, in Coldwater. He died July 16, 1979. She was a homemaker and had lived in Ness County since 1940, moving to WaKeeney in March of 1999. Mrs. Cline was a member of the Baptist Church. Survivors include two sons, James A. Cline of Beaver, and John Cline Jr. of WaKeeney; one daughter, Luella “Lu” Fercking of Hoisington; one brother, Arthur Seidel of Tucson, Ariz.; and numerous grandchildren; great-grandchildren; and great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two sons, Jack and Jerry Cline; a daughter, Florence Stiawalt; her sisters, Faye Zansler, Cora Ritter, Louise Dodson, and Inez Wasinger; brothers, Everett, Alvin, Albert, and Alfred “Bus” Seidel; and grandsons, John Allen Cline and Delvin Dean Fercking. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at First Baptist Church in Ness City with the Rev. Russell King officiating. Burial will be at the Ness City Cemetery. Friends may call today from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. at Fitzgerald Funeral Home in Ness City and Friday at the church until service time. Memorials are suggested to the First Baptist Church in Ness City and the Lutheran Home in WaKeeney. Funeral arrangements provided by Fitzgerald Funeral Home 207 N. Pennsylvania / P.O. Box 96 Ness City, KS 67560 785-798-3243 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 2, 2006

Doris (McPhail) Watt 1917 - 2006

HARPER — Doris (McPhail) Watt was born in 1917 in Meade to the late William Burnett and Anna Bell Busing. Doris was adopted at the age of 11 by Barney and Ola Dinkins, of Sawyer, after being orphaned due to the death of both parents. She was preceded in death by five brothers and three sisters, first husband Theron (Mac) McPhail and husband Charles Watt, son Virgil (Mac) McPhail and wife Nancy, son-in-law Joseph Stos and grandson Steven Graves. Doris married Theron (Mac) McPhail in 1934 in Purdy, Mo., and relocated to Wichita when he became affiliated with Boeing. Doris was widowed in 1955 and remained in Wichita with her four children. Ten years later she married Charles Watt and moved to Harper, where they lovingly shared 37 years before losing Charles in 2002 in an auto accident. Since then Doris has resided in the Arkansas City area to be close to her children. Left to fondly cherish her memory are her daughters Judy Sternberger and husband Roger of Arkansas City, Sharlet McKinney and husband Bill of Ponca City, Okla.; Anita Stos and partner Greg Saffa of Great Bend; two step-children, Robert Watt of Houston, Texas and Carol Babcock and husband David of Chandler, Okla.; nine grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren; and many others who adored her. Doris was a former member of Sunnyside Baptist and Olivet Baptist in Wichita, and most recently a member of Chicksask Baptist of Harper. Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday in the Prairie Rose Funeral Home at Harper with Pastor Jim Poland officiating. Steve Butler will serve as soloist and accompany himself. Casket bearers are John McPhail, Danny McPhail, Stan McPhail, Kevin Lamont, Chad Babcock and Stan Watt. Graveside services will be at 3:30 p.m. Saturday at Wichita Park Cemetery, two blocks north of 21st St. on Hillside in Wichita, with Pastor Gale Rider officiating. Memorials have been established with Hospice Care of Kansas in memory of Doris. Funeral arrangements provided by Prairie Rose Funeral Home* 613 W. 14th Harper, KS 67058 620-896-2900 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 2, 2006

February 1, 2006

Anna Helen Brockel 1917 - 2006

HOISINGTON — Anna Helen Brockel, 88, died Jan. 30 at Cheyenne Meadows Living Center in Hoisington. She was born Feb. 11, 1917, at Barton County, the daughter of Joseph and Aurelia (Zorn) Reif. She married A.J. (Al) Brockel on Dec. 26, 1945, at Hoisington. He preceded her in death on June 7, 1988. She was a homemaker and lifetime Barton County resident. Mrs. Brockel was a member of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, past president of the Altar Society and RCIA of Hoisington. Survivors include one daughter, Ruth Zohnner and husband Joe of Penokee; one sister, Eleanor Aylward of Hoisington; four grandchildren, Karla Hemphill and husband Kevin of Strasburg, Colo.; Anne Maxwell and husband Doug of Andale, Justin Zohnner and wife Courtney of San Antonio, Texas, and Adam Zohnner of Andale; and six great-grandchildren, Abbie, Natalie and Zoe Maxwell; Josie and A. J. Hemphill, and Jeff Zohnner. She was preceded in death by her husband, Al Brockel; one son-in-law, Mathilda Brockel and Mary Finger. Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Thursday followed by an Altar Society rosary at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Friday at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Hoisington with Reverend Father Pascal Klein officiating. Burial will be at St. John Cemetery in Hoisington. Visitation will be from 1 to 9 p.m. today and 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the St. John Cemetery Fund or Hoisington Ambulance Service, 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, Feb. 1, 2006

Albert P. Tinkel 1920 - 2006

CLAFLIN — Albert P. Tinkel, 85, died Jan. 31 at Hays Medical Center in Hays. He was born May 16, 1920, at Barton County, the son of Frank and Anna (Hoffman) Tinkel. He married Laura Birzer on Nov. 27, 1945, at Saints Peter and Paul Church in rural Ellinwood. She survives. He was a farmer/stockman and road patrolman for Cleveland Township for 50 years. He was a lifetime resident of Barton County. Tinkel was a member of the Immaculate Conception Church, Claflin; former member of St. Catherine Catholic Church, Dubuque; former member of the Holy Name Society, Dubuque; former board of director of the Holyrood Co-op; past commander American Legion Post No. 200, Holyrood; member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 7428, Hoisington; and member of Columbus Council No. 2630. He was a World War II veteran. Survivors include his wife Laura of the home; one son, Louis Tinkel and wife Janice of Hoisington; two daughters, Arlene Friedly and husband Douglas of Bonner Springs, and Alvita Cates and husband Bob of Claflin; three sisters, Elizabeth Zorn of Claflin, Anna Urban of Hoisington, and Bernice Zorn of Smith Center; six grandchildren, Shawn Tinkel, Shannon Short, Duane Friedly, Dawn Pretz, Trevor Cates and Tamara Dody; and four great-grandchildren, Alex and Katie Tinkel, Ethan Short and James Smith. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Tony Tinkel and Frank Tinkel and two sisters, Mary Redetzke and Regina Birzer. Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. today followed by a Knights of Columbus rosary at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. Funeral service will be at 7:30 a.m. today at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Claflin with Father Charles Mazouch officiating. Burial will be at the Claflin Cemetery. Visitation will be today from 1 to 9 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the St. Catherine Heritage Fund or the Claflin Ambulance Service, 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, Feb. 1, 2006

Fleta C. Collicott
WICHITA — Fleta C. Collicott, 90, homemaker, died Jan. 30. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Friday at West Side Church of the Nazarene, Wichita. Burial will follow at 2 p.m. at the Great Bend Cemetery. She was preceded in death by her husband, Stacey, and one grandson. She is survived by her sons and daughters-in-law, Larry and Vivian Collicott and Olin and Dianne Collicott, all of Salina; daughter and son-in-law, Janice and Robert Beehler of Wichita; five brothers; three sisters; seven grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren. Funeral arrangements provided by Broadway Mortuary* 1147 S. Broadway Wichita, KS 67211 316-262-3435 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 1, 2006 March 31, 2006
Cara Lea Stephens 1962 - 2006

Cara Lea Stephens, 44, of Great Bend died March 27 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. She was born Jan. 17, 1962, at Ellinwood, the daughter of Charles E. and Carol A. (Fahlsing) Banks. A resident of Great Bend, she was a homemaker.

Survivors include her companion, Mike Adams of Great Bend; ex-husband, Clark Funk of Galatia; one son, Curtis Funk of Great Bend; one daughter, Heather Crawford-Madrid of Great Bend; one brother, Mark Banks of Great Bend; one step-brother, Richard War of Great Bend; her father, Charles E. Banks of Albany, Ore.; her mother, Carol A. Cook of Great Bend; her step-father, Dennis Cook of Great Bend; and step-father Philip L. Ward of Great Bend; three grandchildren, Arazeli Madrid, five years old, Alejandra Madrid one and one half years old, and Abiram Madrid six months old, all of Great Bend. She was preceded in death by paternal grandmother, Ester Banks; paternal grandfather, W.F. Banks; maternal grandmother, Daisy Smith; maternal grandfather, Lance Smith; two uncles, Chris Banks and Jimmy Banks.

Memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at the Seventh Day Adventist Church, 1435 19th Street, with Pastor Richard Bernal officiating. Memorials are suggested to Shriners 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, March 31, 2006

Terry L. Koett 1953 - 2006

LARNED — Terry L. Koett, 53, died March 29 at Via Christi Regional Medical Center-St. Francis Campus in Wichita. He was born March 10, 1953, at Kinsley, the son of John Bernard and Marcella E. Schmitt Koett. A resident of Larned, he was a Juvenile Corrections Officer I, at the Larned Juvenile Corrections Facility.

Koett was a member of St. Bernard Catholic Church in Belpre.

Survivors include one brother, John S. of Belpre; and four nephews.

Parish rosary will be at 10 a.m., Saturday at the church, funeral will follow at 10:30 a.m. with the Rev. Bernard Felix officiating. Burial will be at the Belpre Cemetery. Friends may call today from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. at Morell Funeral Home in Larned.

Memorials are suggested to the church or the Donor’s Choice in care of the funeral home.

Funeral arrangements provided by Morell Funeral Home
P.O. Box 124 Larned, KS 67550 620-285-2489

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 31, 2006

March 30, 2006

Leo Emil Schneweis 1928 - 2006

HOISINGTON — Leo Emil Schneweis, 77, died March 27 at the Hutchinson Hospital in Hutchinson. He was born July 18, 1928, in Beaver, the son of John and Margaret Boor Schneweis. He married Beatrice Maneth on May 28, 1952, at Olmitz. A resident of Hoisington since 1952, he was the retired owner of Schneweis Construction, Schneweis Plumbing, Schneweis Bait & Tackle, and Schneweis Retail Liquor Store. Schneweis was a member of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church and Knights of Columbus, both of Hoisington. He was a World War II Army veteran. Survivors include his wife, Beatrice Schneweis of Hoisington; one son, Eugene Schneweis of Hoisington; one daughter, Patty Quade of Hoisington; three brothers, Francis Schneweis of Guymon, Okla., Gerald “Jack” Schneweis of Beaver, and Herman “Butch” Schneweis of Hoisington; six sisters, Dorothy Maneth of Liberal, Margaret “Marge” Hitzschmann of Hoisington, Bernice Huslig of Great Bend, Mary Lou Stewart of Great Bend, Rita Klug of Hoisington, and Judy Nimmer of Fruitland, Idaho; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. Vigil service will be today at 7 p.m. followed by K of C rosary, both at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at the church with the Rev. Pascal Klein officiating. Burial will be at the St. John Cemetery in Hoisington. Visitation will be today from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Friday from 9 a.m. until service time 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 / P.O. Box 146 Hoisington, KS 67544 620-653-4165

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 30, 2006

Mary Lois Stone 1926 - 2006

ELLINWOOD — Mary Lois Stone, 79, died March 29 at the Ellinwood District Hospital. She was born May 26, 1926, in rural Rice County, the daughter of John Augusta Malone and Sylvia Frank. She was a 1944 graduate of Ellinwood High School. She married Harold D. Stone on June 22, 1953, in Ellinwood. A lifetime resident of Rice and Barton Counties, she was a postal clerk and bank teller.

Stone was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church and Grove Park Golf Club.

Survivors include her husband of the home; one son, Taylor Dean of Wichita; one daughter, Carol Sue Stone of Aurora, Colo.; one sister, Marcella Grandcolias of Shawnee Mission; and three grandchildren; She was preceded in death by two sisters, Doloris and Doris Elaine Gohrman.

Altar Society rosary will be at 3 p.m. and vigil service at 7:30 p.m. Friday, both at Kimple Funeral Home. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at the church with the Rev. Charles Mazouche officiating. Burial will be at the Lakin-Comanche District Cemetery. Friends may call from 1 to 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to American Cancer Society and Ellinwood Hospital Auxiliary. Funeral arrangements provided by Kimple Funeral Home 415 N. Main / P.O. Box 146 Hoisington, KS 67544 620-653-4165

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 30, 2006

February 22, 2006
GIRARD — Johnnie Agnes Pyle, 92, died March 29 at Cheyenne Meadows Living Center in Hoisington. She was born June 11, 1913, at Gary, Ind., the daughter of William Edward and Sadie Amelia Johnson Baker. She married Elmer William Johnson on Aug. 27, 1933, at Hobart, Ind. He passed away in February, 1983. She was a homemaker and had been a resident of Hoisington since 1995, coming over from Overland Park and Hobart, Ind.

She was a member of First Christian Church, Hoisington. She also volunteered as a Pink Lady at Clara Barton Hospital and participated in quilting with the sewing group at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, all of Hoisington.

Survivors include one son, Allen Johnson and wife Nancy of Portage, Ind.; one daughter, Elaine (Clemens) Johnson of Hoisington; one brother, Everitt Baker and wife Mim of Dallas, Texas; one sister, Lois Wilson of Hobart, Ind.; five grandchildren, Debra Payeur and husband Robert of Olathe, Deanna Dayhuff and husband Tim of Gerradstown, W. Va., Delora “Lori” Harting and husband Barry of Hoisington, Jennifer Carpenter and husband Jon of Valparaiso, Ind., and Margaret Burns and husband Eric of Tucson, Ariz.; and 11 great-grandchildren.

Funeral arrangements provided by
Smith-Carson-Wall Funeral Home
518 W. St. John Ave.
Girard, KS 67544
620-674-2145
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 30, 2006

HOISINGTON — Wilma Mae Johnson, 92, died March 29 at Cheyenne Meadows Living Center in Hoisington. She was born June 11, 1913, at Gary, Ind., the daughter of William Edward and Sadie Amelia Johnson Baker. She married Elmer William Johnson on Aug. 27, 1933, at Hobart, Ind. He passed away in February, 1983. She was a homemaker and had been a resident of Hoisington since 1995, coming over from Overland Park and Hobart, Ind.

She was a member of First Christian Church, Hoisington. She also volunteered as a Pink Lady at Clara Barton Hospital and participated in quilting with the sewing group at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, all of Hoisington.

Survivors include one son, Allen Johnson and wife Nancy of Portage, Ind.; one daughter, Elaine (Clemens) Johnson of Hoisington; one brother, Everitt Baker and wife Mim of Dallas, Texas; one sister, Lois Wilson of Hobart, Ind.; five grandchildren, Debra Payeur and husband Robert of Olathe, Deanna Dayhuff and husband Tim of Gerradstown, W. Va., Delora “Lori” Harting and husband Barry of Hoisington, Jennifer Carpenter and husband Jon of Valparaiso, Ind., and Margaret Burns and husband Eric of Tucson, Ariz.; and 11 great-grandchildren.

Funeral arrangements provided by
Smith-Carson-Wall Funeral Home
518 W. St. John Ave.
Girard, KS 67544
620-674-2145
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 30, 2006

Valeria C. Malek 1913 - 2006

ALBERT — Valeria C. Malek, 92, died March 29 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. She was born Dec. 11, 1913, in rural Olmitz, the daughter of John J. and Sophia Gleissner Bahr. She married Joe Malek on June 29, 1943, at Olmitz. He died June 21, 1988. A resident of Barton County all of her life, she was a homemaker. Malek was a member of St. Ann Catholic Church in Olmitz, St. Ann Senior Society, Albert Senior Center and a volunteer at Great Bend Health and Rehabilitation Center and Cherry Village Nursing Home.

Survivors include one sister, Florence Schaffer of Great Bend; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by one brother, Paul Bahr; and four sisters, Irma Von Pessl, Matilda Spicka, Marie Maneth and Margaret Wendel.

Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. today with Altar Society rosary to follow at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at the church with the Rev. Utlan Murphy officiating. Burial will be at St. Ann’s Cemetery in Olmitz.

Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. today at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to St. Ann Catholic Church or the Catholic Community Great Bend, St. Patrick, 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 30, 2006

March 29, 2006

Richard “Dick” Stremel 1919 - 2006

Richard “Dick” Stremel, 86, of Great Bend, died March 25 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. He was born Oct. 18, 1919, at Loretto, the son of John R. and Susan Haberkorn Stremel. He married Ada Smith on Aug. 20, 1971, at Great Bend. He was the owner of Dick Stremel Welding Service, retiring in 1978. He was a resident of Great Bend most of his life, coming from Loretto. Stremel was a member of the Catholic Community of Great Bend at St. Patrick, Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie No. 646, Sunflower Polka Club, and lifetime member of American Legion Post No. 180, and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 3111, all of
Chapel in St. John.

There will be no visitation. Memorials are suggested to the church or Cimarron Point Care Home, both in care of Minnis.

Funeral was held at 2 p.m. March 27 at the church. A private burial will be at the Farmington Cemetery in Macksville.

Robert David O’Connor, 89, died March 24 at Cimarron Point Care Home in Mannford, Okla. He was born Nov. 10, 1916, at rural Macksville, the son of Edward John and Edith Bernilla (Eckart) O’Connor. He attended Kansas State University for one year. He married Eva Christine Abrahamson on April 17, 1938, at Macksville. A lifetime resident of the Macksville area, he was a farmer/stockman.

O’Connor was a member of Macksville Christian Church, Farmington Township board, Stafford County Council on Aging, and the VIP Center, and was a 4-H worker.

Survivors include his wife, of the home; three sons, Michael Kent O’Connor of Greenville, Texas, Nicholas David O’Connor of Waco, Texas, and Lance Robert O’Connor of Luling, La.; one daughter, Rebecca Diane Trentman of Hominy, Okla.; one sister, Marjorie Smith of Wichita; seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one brother, Edward J. O’Connor; and two sisters, Frances Potts and Elizabeth O’Connor.

Funeral was held at 2 p.m. March 27 at the church. A private burial will be at the Farmington Cemetery in Macksville. There will be no visitation. Memorials are suggested to the church or Cimarron Point Care Home, both in care of Minnis Chapel in St. John.
Survivors include three sons, Donald Craven of Oregon, Russell Craven of Sterling, and Kevin Brewington of Rush Center; and Vera Grace (Brown) Wilson. She was a resident of Great Bend.

Annabelle Brewington, 66, died March 16 at Wichita. She was born Oct. 22, 1939, at Great Bend, the daughter of Eugene Annabelle Brewington 1939 - 2006 and Kathryn (Brown) Wilson. She was a resident of Great Bend.

Bruce Memorial Fund, in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Janousek Funeral Home 719 Pine — P.O. Box 477 Larned, KS 67550 (620) 285-2122 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 26, 2006

LARNED — Chris L. “Bratty” Bruce, 25, of Rush Center, died March 22 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. He was born Aug. 5, 1980, at Zumbrota, Minn., the son of Robert William Bruce Sr. and Kathleen Marie (Kennedy) Bruce. A resident of Pawnee and Rush counties since the age of 6, Bruce was a 1999 graduate of Pawnee Heights High School. He received his Certified Nurses Assistant degree in 2002, and had been a CNA at the Rush County Memorial Hospital, La Crosse, since 2005.

Survivors include his parents; brother Robert “Bobby” Bruce Jr., Rush Center; four sisters, Helen Brown, Paris, Calif., Linda Walker, Paris, Calif., Tina Sisson, Bemidji, Minn., and Betty Bergman, Kooski, Idaho; maternal grandmother Lela Kennedy, Pine Island, Minn., and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his maternal grandfather, Robert Kennedy, and his paternal grandparents, William Henry and Henrietta H. (Hoakimer) Bruce. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Janousek Mortuary Inc. in care of the mortuary. Condolences may be left and this notice viewed at www.beckwithmortuary.com. Funeral arrangements provided by Beckwith Mortuary P.O. Box 477 Larned, KS 67550 620-285-2121 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 24, 2006

Grace O. Keller 1903 - 2006

LARNED — Grace O. Keller, 103, died March 22 at the St. Joseph Memorial Hospital, Larned. She was born Jan. 28, 1903, in Ringwood, Okla., the daughter of Herman Henry and Margaret Elizabeth Welch Henning. She married William J. Keller on Aug. 22, 1928, at Sharon Springs, Colo. He died January 11, 1980. She was a teacher and taught in several school systems including, Macksville, Minneola, Belpre and Montezuma. Keller was a member of the Belpre Woman’s Federated Club, and was the first to receive the 4-Star-Book award. She was also a member of Belpre’s Woman’s Club, Rachel Fellowship, Larned, Moose Lodge, Dodge City, Order of the Easter Star 458, Ensign, The Affiliated Rose of Sharon 356, Macksville, and the Belpre Beautiful Prairie EHU. Survivors include, two sisters, Dora L. Bowman and Christabelle Huck, both of Larned. She was preceded in death by two brothers, David and Mark Henning; and four sisters, Mabel Storey, Augusta Bowilus, Emma Holland, and Clara G. Buhrer. Funeral will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at the Beckwith Chapel in Larned with the Rev. Tim Ault-Duell officiating. Burial will be at Belpre Cemetery in Belpre. Friends may call today from noon to 8 p.m., and 9 a.m. until service time Saturday at the mortuary. Memorials are suggested to Larned United Methodist Church, or Larned Emergency Medical Service, in care of the mortuary. Condolences may be left and this notice viewed at www.beckwithmortuary.com. Funeral arrangements provided by Beckwith Mortuary P.O. Box 477 Larned, KS 67550 620-285-2121 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 24, 2006

Norman Herbert Rodie 1927 - 2006

LARNED — Norman Herbert Rodie, 78, died March 21 at the Galicia Heart Hospital in Wichita. He was born July 5, 1927, in Rush County, the son of Peter and Amalia (Dreith) Rodie. He attended rural Otis elementary schools and graduated from High School at Otis. He married Martha Ann Cruse on Feb. 5, 1950, at Otis. He worked in the oil fields and worked on a fishing tools rig for many years. At the time of his retirement in 1996, he was superintendent for Graham-Michaelis in the Russell area. He had been a resident of Russell since 1982, coming from Great Bend.

Rodie was a member of St. John Lutheran Church at Russell. Survivors include his wife, Ann of the home; four daughters, Diania Miller of Hutchinson, Sue Ellen Bennett of Mayetta, Lisa Lovins of Scott City, and Amy McCormick of Andale; one brother, Walter Rodie of Colorado Springs, Colo.; 15 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one son, Alan. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Monday at St. John Lutheran Church. Burial will be at the Great Bend Cemetery. Visitation will be from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday and from 9 a.m. to noon Monday at the Pohlman-Heise Mortuary. Memorials are suggested to the church in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Pohlman-Heise Mortuary 610 N. Maple St. Russell, KS 67665 620-785-483-2212 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 24, 2006

Chris L. “Bratty” Bruce 1980 2006

RUSH CENTER — Chris L. “Bratty” Bruce, 25, of Rush Center, died March 22 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. He was born July 5, 1980, at Zumbrota, Minn., the son of Robert William Bruce Sr. and Kathleen Marie (Kennedy) Bruce. A resident of Pawnee and Rush counties since the age of 6, Bruce was a 1999 graduate of Pawnee Heights High School. He received his Certified Nurses Assistant degree in 2002, and had been a CNA at the Rush County Memorial Hospital, La Crosse, since 2005.

Survivors include his parents; brother Robert “Bobby” Bruce Jr., Rush Center; four sisters, Helen Brown, Paris, Calif., Linda Walker, Paris, Calif., Tina Sisson, Bemidji, Minn., and Betty Bergman, Kooski, Idaho; maternal grandmother Lela Kennedy, Pine Island, Minn., and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his maternal grandfather, Robert Kennedy, and his paternal grandparents, William Henry and Henrietta H. (Hoakimer) Bruce. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Janousek Funeral Home Chapel in La Crosse. Burial will be at Pine Island Cemetery, Pine Island, Minn. Visitations will be from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday at the funeral home, with the family receiving friends from 10 to 11 a.m. Memorials are suggested to the Christopher L. Bruce Memorial Fund, 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, March 24, 2006 March 23, 2006

Annabelle Brewington 1939 - 2006

Annabelle Brewington, 66, died March 16 at Wichita. She was born Oct. 22, 1939, at Great Bend, the daughter of Eugene and Vera Grace (Brown) Wilson. She was a resident of Great Bend.

Brewington was a member of First Bible Baptist Church, Senior Companion and Foster Grand Parent, all of Great Bend.

Survivors include three sons, Donald Craven of Oregon, Russell Craven of Sterling, and Kevin Brewington of Rush Center;
two daughters, Tracy Zahnter of Great Bend, and Lisa Drake of Wichita; one brother, Eugene Wilson, Jr. of Salina; two sisters, Wynona McMullen of Oregon, and Debbie Horton of Missouri; 14 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at First Bible Baptist Church in Great Bend with the Rev. Darrell Grimm officiating. Memorials are suggested to the church, Arrangements where provided by All Faiths Funeral Service, 3717 W. Central Ave., in Wichita.

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 23, 2006

The Rev. Earl F. McGinness 1915 - 2006

LYONS — The Rev. Earl F. McGinness, 90, died March 22 at the Good Samaritan Center in Lyons. He was born Oct. 10, 1915, at Aulne, the son of William and Nancy Larsen McGinness. He was a graduate of Marion High School, Southwestern College and Garrett Evangelical Seminary in Chicago. He married Katharine Dayton on Dec. 20, 1942, at Haviland. She died May 24, 1998. A retired Methodist Minister, he was a resident of Lyons for two years, formerly of Great Bend, Newton and Bushton.

McGinness was a member of United Methodist Church in Pomdeterre Lake, Mo.; Ministerial Alliance of Barton and Rice counties; and Kansas United Methodist Conference.

Survivors include two sons, Michael McGinness of Maxwell, Iowa, and Clare McGinness of Tulsa, Okla.; three daughters, Betty Braker of Arlington Heights, Ill., Trish Frees of Bushton, and Ina McMullen of Portales, N.M.; one brother, Edward McMinness of Aulne; nine grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. He was preceded in death by one sister, Dorothy Steinert.

Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at the United Methodist Church in Aulne with the Rev. Bethann Black officiating. Burial will be at the Peabody Cemetery in Peabody. Memorials are suggested to the Alzheimer’s Foundation in care of Sillin Funeral Home.

Funeral arrangements provided by 
Sillin Funeral Home 
214 West Ave. South 
Lyons, KS 67554 
620-257-2211

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 23, 2006

Ronald F. Batchman 1941 - 2006

ELLINWOOD — Ronald F. Batchman, 64, died March 21 at his home in Ellinwood. He was born July 27, 1941, in Great Bend, the son of Ernest E. Batchman and Mary L. (Bonnie) Baxter. He married Corrine M. Bieberle on Jan. 20, 1962, in Ellinwood. A lifetime resident of Ellinwood, he was a retired parts manager working at Stueder Contractors Inc. for seven years in Great Bend and had also worked at Big A Auto Parts in customer service for 13 years.

Batchman was a member of St. Joseph’s Catholic Church in Ellinwood. He attended St. Joseph’s Catholic School and Ellinwood High School.

Survivors include his wife, Corrine of the home; one son, Darin Batchman of New York City, N.Y.; one daughter, Brenda Watson of Aurora, Colo.; his mother, Bonnie Batchman of Ellinwood; two brothers, William Batchman of Bushton, and Ed Batchman of Otis; and one grandchild.

Altar Society rosary will be at 3 p.m. today followed by a vigil service at 7 p.m., both at Kimple Funeral Home in Ellinwood.

Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at the church with the Rev. Charles Mazouch officiating. Burial will be at the Lakin-Commanche District Cemetery in Ellinwood. Friends may call today from 1 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the church or Golden Belt Home Health and Hospice.

Funeral arrangements provided by 
Kimple Funeral Home 
113 N. Main 
Ellinwood, KS 67526 
620-564-2300

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 23, 2006

Laura Geralyn Buckman 1958 - 2006

LARNED — Laura Geralyn Buckman, 47, died March 21 at Via Christi St. Francis Campus in Wichita. She was born April 2, 1958, in Larned, the daughter of LeRoy P. and Frieda Ann Hipp Hammeke. She married Chris Eugene Buckman on April 20, 1985, at Larned. A resident of Conway Springs, moving from Larned two and a half years ago, she was an administrative assistant for Kansas Wealth Management in Larned.

Buckman was a member of the St. Peters Catholic Church in Schulte; Sunflower EHU, and Sacred Heart Catholic Church Altar Society, both of Larned.

Survivors include her husband, Chris; two brothers, Joe A. Hammeke of Belpre, and Steve Hammeke of Bonner Springs; four sisters, Diane Green of Alvarado, Texas, Cathy Beaman, Janet Horton of Pratt, and Amy Froetschner of Garfield.

Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Friday at the Beckwith Mortuary Chapel in Larned. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Larned with the Rev. Bernard Felix officiating. Burial will be at the Larned Cemetery. Visitation will be today and Friday from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the mortuary. Memorials are suggested to the Larned Sacred Heart Catholic Church or the American Heart Association 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, March 23, 2006

March 22, 2006

Dorothy Frances Hemken 1922 - 2006

OTIS — Dorothy Frances Hemken, 83, died March 19 at Clara Barton Hospital in Hoisington. She was born Oct. 14, 1922,

He was born Jan. 25, 1937, in Webster, the son of Dona and Nathelie Asselin Roy. Albert is a member of Mother Teresa Catholic Church and the Knights of Columbus in Phillipsburg.

He was married to Roberta Berland on July 19, 1955, at Damar. They divorced. He married Karen E. Moten on Jan. 25, 1983, at Otis. He preceded her in death on Nov. 23, 2000. She was a Grocery Store owner and lifetime resident of Rush County.

Survivors include one son, William Steierl of Buhler; two daughters, Jane Ann Cruse of Great Bend, and Jean Welch of Ellinwood; one brother, John Steierl of Hutchinson; one sister, Donna Smith of Meade; 13 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

HUTCHINSON — Clifford V. “Bud” Steierl, 84, died March 19 at Good Samaritan in Hutchinson. He was born Oct. 22, 1921, at rural Sterling, the son of John C. and Vesta G. Hawver Steierl. He was a 1940 graduate of Nickerson High School. He married Vera Jane Cruth on July 28, 1943, at Raymond. She died Feb. 20, 2005. A longtime resident of Hutchinson, he was a papermaker and farmer.

Steierl was a member of First Southern Baptist Church in Hutchinson. He was a U.S. Army Air Corps World War II veteran.

Survivors include one son, William Steierl of Buhler; two daughters, Jane Ann Cruse of Great Bend, and Jean Welch of Ellinwood; one brother, John Steierl of Hutchinson; one sister, Donna Smith of Meade; 13 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at the church with the Rev. Ray E. Kempel officiating. Burial will be at Fairlawn Cemetery in Hutchinson with military graveside honors by Fort Riley Honor Guard. Friends may call today from 1 to 9 p.m., with the family receiving friends from 6 to 8 p.m., at Elliott Mortuary Chapel in Hutchinson. Memorials are suggested to the National Stroke Association, in care of the mortuary.

Funeral arrangements provided by
Elliott Mortuary
1219 N. Main
Hutchinson, KS 67501
620-663-3327
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 22, 2006

Albert O. “Bert” Roy 1937 - 2006
LARNED — Mabel Frances Thomas, 89, died March 21 at St. Joseph Memorial Hospital in Larned. She was born March 20, 1917, at Gove, the daughter of Frank E. and Flora Jane Thompson Batman. She married Clarence Thomas on June 20, 1936, at Gove. He died April 1986. A resident of Larned since 1964, she was a retired Psychiatric Aid at the Larned State Hospital.

Mrs. Thomas was a member of Assembly of God Church in Larned.

Survivors include one son, Myron of Larned; two daughters, Myrna Flora Miller and Lanet Rose Farmer, both of Larned; three sisters, Nora Parsons of Colby, Larree Goertzen of Aurora, Neb., and Mary Engelhart of Mingo; five grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one son, Michael Nuss; three brothers, Bob, Clarence and Elmer Nuss; and one sister, Lucille Chaffee.

There will not be any visitation or a memorial service, as cremation has taken place. Memorials are suggested to Kans for Kids 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 22, 2006

BUSHTON — Bonnie Lee Volkland, 84, died March 9 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. She was born Jan. 16, 1922, at Bushton, the daughter of William F. and Mary (Schwerdtfeger) Volkland. She was a retired employee of the Bushton State Bank and a lifetime resident of Bushton. Volkland was a member of United Methodist Church, Bushton; Salt City Chapter of the American Business Women’s Association and member of the Mutual Improvement Club of Bushton. Survivors include one nephew, Steven Chapelle of Phoenix, Ariz.; and one niece, Beth Chapelle of Phoenix, Ariz. She was preceded in death by one brother, Whila M. Chapelle. Funeral will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington with the Rev. John Grummon officiating. Memorials are suggested to Central Kansas Medical Center-Intensive Care Unit or Bushton First Responders, 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, March 22, 2006

Louise Faye McCuller 1935 - 2006

WHITE OAK, Texas — Louise Faye McCuller passed away at home with her loved ones March 20. She was born Dec. 28, 1935, in Macksville, as the fourth of six children to Martin and Nellie Suiter. She moved to East Texas in her early 20s and devoted her life to helping disadvantaged children in the medical and educational fields. Louise will be remembered as one who always placed the needs of others before herself. She will be missed by friends, colleagues, patients and students who she touched during more than 25 years of service with Dr. George Hoover, and over 20 years with the White Oak and Sabine school systems. Louise was a longtime resident of White Oak where for years she was a passionate Roughneck fan and fixture at the football home game ticket booth. She also placed high value on civic duty and never missed an opportunity to vote while also volunteering time to monitor local elections for more than 20 years. Louise was preceded in death by her above mentioned parents, a brother, Dick Suiter and sisters, Arlene Shelton and Shirley Sprout. She is survived by a daughter and son-in-law, Cindy and Mike Browning of White Oak, a daughter and son-in-law, Kim Sewing and Darren Dove, a granddaughter, Ashley Sewing, a sister, Jeannie Aves, and a brother, Lee Suiter, all of Macksville. The family wishes thanks to Dr. Frase and the staff of Longview Cancer Center, Good Shepard Home Health Services and Great Hospice of Texas for the care provided to Louise through the years and in her final days. Funeral services will be at noon today at the First United Methodist Church in Longview with the Rev. Jerry Turner officiating. Burial will follow in New White Oak Cemetery under the direction of Rader Funeral Home. Funeral arrangements provided by Rader Funeral Home* 1617 Judson Rd. Longview, TX 75601 903-753-3373 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 22, 2006

March 21, 2006

Dorothy Frances Hemken 1922 - 2006

OTIS — Dorothy Frances Hemken, 83, died March 19 at Clara Barton Hospital in Hoisington. She was born Oct. 14, 1922, at Hosiington, the son of Henry and Mollie (Schneider) Nuss. He graduated from Hoisington High School in 1942. A lifetime resident of Hoisington, he was a retired office manager for O’Neill Tank Co. of Great Bend and Hoisington. Nuss was a member of Concordia Lutheran Church, life member of Assembly of God Church in Larned; a retired office manager for O’Neill Tank Co. of Great Bend and Hoisington. Nuss was a member of Hoisington, he was a retired office manager for O’Neill Tank Co. of Great Bend and Hoisington. Nuss was a member of Hoisington, he was a retired office manager for O’Neill Tank Co. of Great Bend and Hoisington. Nuss was a member of Assembly of God Church in Larned.

Survivors include one son, Douglas Kaiser of Austin, Texas; two daughters, Janice Higgason of Horseshoe Bay, Texas; and Linda Kenyon of Otis; seven grandchildren, Laura Wallace, Sarah Kaiser, John Highfill, Katy Hayden, Ann Kenyon, William Kenyon, and Kara Kenyon; and 10 great-grandchildren, Cameron and Christian Wallace; Brianne Highfill, Taylor Van Highfill and Roland Highfill; Meron Hayden and Gage Hayden; Maxwell Percy; and Ava Kenyon and Lela Kenyon. She

March 21, 2006
Margaret L. Boor 1919 - 2006
OODIN — Margaret L. Boor, 86, died March 18 at Kansas Heart Hospital in Wichita. She was born Sept. 17, 1919, at Barton County, the daughter of Frank and Mary (Schon) Axman. She married Mathias “Matt” Boor on Sept. 9, 1941, at Olmitz. He survives. She was a homemaker and bookkeeper for the farm and a lifetime resident of Barton County. She was a member of Holy Family Catholic Church, Altar Society and member of the Holy Family Cemetery Board, all of Odin; and former DCCW member and officer. She was very prayerful and devoted to her faith and was an avid bread maker. Survivors include her husband, Matt of the home; one son, Larry and his wife Doreen Boor of Great Bend; three daughters, Loretta and her husband Robert “Jose” Finger of Hoisington, Judy and her husband Kirby Conley of Wichita, and Donna and her husband Gary Bates of Hoisington; 12 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two sons, Jim and Gerry Boor; one brother, Frank Axman; an infant sister; and one sister, Major Mary Axman. Vigil service will be 7 p.m. today followed by an Altar Society rosary, and Thursday from 9 a.m. until service time at the church. The family will receive friends from 7 to 9 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Trinity Lutheran 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, March 21, 2006

Irene Marie Herman 1926 - 2006
NESS CITY — Irene Marie Herman, 79, died March 18 at the Via Christi Medical Center in Wichita. She was born May 25, 1926, near Ness City, the daughter of Carl and Anna Doerfler Stecklein. She married Edwin Herman on Dec. 30, 1946, at Ness City. He died Aug. 26, 2000. She was a homemaker and lifetime resident of Ness City.

Mrs. Herman was a member of the Sacred Heart Church and the Altar Society of Ness City and the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary of Ransom.

Survivors include two sons, Jerry Herman of Hays, and Larry Herman of Stafford; one daughter, Connie Ashlock of Wichita; two brothers, Eddie Stecklein and Fritz Stecklein, both of Ness City; one sister, Lorene Pfannenstiel of Ness City; nine grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by three brothers, Henry, George and Isidore Stecklein; and three sisters, Josephine Gabel, Trillie Dinges and Bonita Stecklein.

Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. today at the Sacred Heart Church in Ness City with the Rev. Henry Hildebrandt and Rev. Warren Stecklein officiating. Burial will be at the Sacred Heart Cemetery in Ness City. Friends may call today until 10 a.m. at the Fitzgerald Funeral Home in Ness City. Memorials are suggested to the Ness City American Legion in care of the funeral home.

Funeral arrangements provided by Fitzgerald Funeral Home

P.O. Box 96 Ness City, KS 67560 785-798-3243 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 21, 2006

Lila Lee Spears 1905 - 2006
HOISINGTON — Lila Lee Spears, 100, died March 19 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. She was born Sept. 9, 1905, at Osawatomie, the daughter of William Andrew and Lula (Baker) Bevis. She attended Ottawa University. She married Richard O. “Dick” Spears on May 11, 1935, at Clearwater. He died Aug. 23, 1981. She worked as a clerk for the Missouri-Pacific railroad for over 30 years and was a longtime resident of Hoisington. Mrs. Spears was a member of the First Christian Church in Hoisington and 50-year member of the Order of Eastern Star Una Chapter No. 119. Survivors include two cousins, Robert Baker and Shirley Baker, both of St. Louis, Mo. She was preceded in death by two brothers. Funeral will be at 1:30 p.m. Thursday at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington with the Rev. Paula Bell officiating. Burial will be at the Hoisington Cemetery in Hoisington.

Visitation will be Thursday from 9 a.m. to service time at the funeral home. Memorial services will be at the First Christian 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, March 21, 2006

Margaret L. Stecklein 1915 - 2006
NESS CITY — Margaret Lee Stecklein, 91, died March 18 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. She was born Sept. 12, 1914, near Ness City, the daughter of Carl and Anna (Axman) Stecklein. She married Warren Stecklein on Nov. 12, 1934, at Ness City. He died March 13, 1979.

She was a homemaker and a lifetime resident of Ness City. She was a member of the Altar Society of Ness City, the First Christian Church and was a member of the Holy Family Cemetery Board.

Survivors include her son, James and his wife Judie of Ness City; two daughters, Donna and her husband Gary Bates of Hoisington, and Carol and her husband Jerry Stecklein of Ness City; one brother, Larry Axman of Ness City; five grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and three sisters, Josephine Gabel, Trillie Dinges and Bonita Stecklein.

Memorial service will be 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at the First Christian Church in Ness City in care of the family. Burial will be at the Sacred Heart Cemetery in Ness City. Memorials are suggested to Holy Family Cemetery Fund or Holy Family Church Organ Fund in care of the family.

Funeral arrangements provided by Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home

P.O. Box 96 Ness City, KS 67560 785-798-3243 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 21, 2006

Lila Lee Spears 1905 - 2006
HOISINGTON — Lila Lee Spears, 100, died March 19 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. She was born Sept. 9, 1905, at Osawatomie, the daughter of William Andrew and Lula (Baker) Bevis. She attended Ottawa University. She married Richard O. “Dick” Spears on May 11, 1935, at Clearwater. He died Aug. 23, 1981. She worked as a clerk for the Missouri-Pacific railroad for over 30 years and was a longtime resident of Hoisington. Mrs. Spears was a member of the First Christian Church in Hoisington and 50-year member of the Order of Eastern Star Una Chapter No. 119. Survivors include two cousins, Robert Baker and Shirley Baker, both of St. Louis, Mo. She was preceded in death by two brothers. Funeral will be at 1:30 p.m. Thursday at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington with the Rev. Paula Bell officiating. Burial will be at the Hoisington Cemetery in Hoisington.

Visitation will be Thursday from 9 a.m. to service time at the funeral home. Memorial services will be at the First Christian 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, March 21, 2006

Margaret L. Boor 1919 - 2006
OODIN — Margaret L. Boor, 86, died March 18 at Kansas Heart Hospital in Wichita. She was born Sept. 17, 1919, at Barton County, the daughter of Frank and Mary (Schon) Axman. She married Mathias “Matt” Boor on Sept. 9, 1941, at Olmitz. He survives. She was a homemaker and bookkeeper for the farm and a lifetime resident of Barton County. She was a member of Holy Family Catholic Church, Altar Society and member of the Holy Family Cemetery Board, all of Odin; and former DCCW member and officer. She was very prayerful and devoted to her faith and was an avid bread maker. Survivors include her husband, Matt of the home; one son, Larry and his wife Doreen Boor of Great Bend; three daughters, Loretta and her husband Robert “Jose” Finger of Hoisington, Judy and her husband Kirby Conley of Wichita, and Donna and her husband Gary Bates of Hoisington; 12 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two sons, Jim and Gerry Boor; one brother, Frank Axman; an infant sister; and one sister, Major Mary Axman. Vigil service will be 7 p.m. today followed by an Altar Society rosary, and Thursday from 9 a.m. until service time at the church. The family will receive friends from 7 to 9 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Holy Family Cemetery Fund or Holy Family Church Organ 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, March 21, 2006

W. Richard Shull 1951 - 2006
W. Richard Shull, 55, died March 18 at Central Kansas Medical Center - ER in Great Bend. He was born Feb. 19, 1951, at Great Bend, the son of William A. and Elizabeth J. Sturm Shull. He married Linda J. Duneback on May 23, 1971, at Great Bend. She survives. He was a property appraiser for the State of Kansas - Department of Revenue and owner of BHNC Video Productions. He was a former lieutenant with the Great Bend Police Department and former Country/Western Dance instructor. He was a lifelong resident of Great Bend. He was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church and Kansas Professional Video Association. Survivors include his wife, Linda Shull of the home; his mother, Betty J. Shull of Great Bend; one son, Brian R. Shull of Hult; two daughters, Christy L. Creacy of Garden City, and Tracy L. Miller of Great bend; one brother, Kevin R. Shull of Hult; and four grandchildren, Nicole A. Creacy, Evan T. Creacy, Elii E. Miller, and Jonathan B. Shull. He was preceded in death by his father, W. A. Shull. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Trinity Lutheran Church in Great Bend with the Rev. James A. Strasen officiating. Interment will be at the Great Bend Cemetery North in Great Bend. Visitation will be today from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. with the family to receive friends from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m., all at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Memorials are suggested to the Trinity Lutheran 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, March 21, 2006

Angeline P. Gustin 1906 - 2006
GALITIA — Angeline P. Gustin, 97, died March 19 at Woodhaven Care Center in Ellinwood. She was born Oct. 31, 1908, at Holsington, the daughter of John and Mollie (Habsman) Budig. She married Clarence W. Gustin on Sept. 20, 1927, at Great Bend. He died Feb. 4, 1984. She was a homemaker and a resident of Great Bend since 1980, moving from the family farm near Galatia.

Mrs. Gustin was a member of First United Methodist Church in Holsington. Survivors include two sons, Charles Gustin of Olmitz, and Larry Gustin of Rose Hill; six grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one brother, Frank Budig; and five sisters, Florence Degner, Hilda Gerritzen, Gertrude Holder, Bess Riedl and Caroline Dressler. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Holsington with the Rev. Wayne Flanders officiating. Burial will be at the Fairview Cemetery in Galatia. Visitation will be today from 11 to 9 p.m. and Wednesday from 9 a.m. to service time at the funeral home. Family will receive friends today from 7 to 9 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to First United Methodist Church of Holsington or the Galatia Fire Department in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home 415 N. Main / P.O. Box 146 Holsington, KS 67544 620-653-4165 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 21, 2006

Harvey Eugene Converse 1914 - 2006

Harvey Eugene Converse, 92, died March 19 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. He was born on Feb. 18, 1914, at Pawnee Rock, the son of Charles Wesley and Effa May Rice Converse. He married Marcile Elaine Ray on Nov. 7, 1936, at Great Bend. She died Dec. 18, 2001. He was a farmer and a lifetime Great Bend area resident. Converse was a member of First United Methodist Church, past board member of Kansas Food Association, Kansas Pest Control Association, city council member 1968-1969, Chamber of Commerce and Lions Club. He was an aircraft maintenance inspector at the Great Bend Air Base during World War II. Harvey and Marcile received the Recognizing Outstanding Service to Education Award on Oct. 15, 1992. Survivors include two daughters, Jean Armstrong of Humboldt, and Patricia Sue Kuster of Rochester, N.Y.; one brother, Howard A. Converse of Great Bend; and two grandchildren. Funeral will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend with the Rev. Gary Brooks officiating. There will be no visitation as cremation has taken place. Inurnment will be at Great Bend Municipal Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to First United Methodist Church or Altera Sterling House 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 21, 2006

Elsie Willan Heinrich 1911 - 2006

LA CROSSE — Elsie Willan Heinrich, 94, died March 18 at Rush County Memorial Hospital in La Crosse. She was born Dec. 7, 1911, at Gate, Okla., the daughter of Roy and Maude (McPherson) Coppock. She was a graduate from KU with a Masters Degree in Social work in 1958. She married John Willan, and later married Dan Heinrich on Dec. 9, 1963, at Las Vegas, Nev. He died Oct. 12, 2004. A resident of La Crosse since 1996, formerly of Great Bend, she was a retired social worker and homemaker. Mrs. Heinrich was a member of the United Methodist Church in Medicine Lodge and Eastern Star. Survivors include one daughter, Laura Johnson of Medicine Lodge; two brothers, Roy Jack Coppock of Oklahoma City, Okla., and William Coppock of Yuma, Ariz.; seven grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one brother, Roy Coppock, and one sister, Helen Coppock. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday United Methodist Church in Medicine with the Rev. Frank DeFisher officiating. Burial will be at the Highland Cemetery in Medicine Lodge. Visitation will be today from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. at Larrison Funeral Home in Medicine Lodge. Memorials are suggested to the church in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by 120 E. Lincoln Ave. Medicine Lodge, KS 67104 620-886-5641 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 21, 2006

March 19, 2006

Herman Krug


Herman was born in Holsington, resided in Denver, Colo. Herman was well loved and we will miss him dearly. Viewing was held Friday morning at 9:30-10:30, services were at 11:00 held at: Trinity Lutheran Church, 4225 W. Yale Ave., Denver, Co 80919-5710, 303-934-2103. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 19, 2007

Wilma Utherta Stephens 1927 - 2006

HOISINGTON — Wilma Utherta Stephens, 78, died March 16 at Cheyenne Meadows Living Center in Hoisington. She was born Oct. 23, 1927, at Randolph County, Ark., the daughter of Everett and Della (Hall) Mitchell. She was a homemaker and a resident of Hoisington for three years coming from Randolph County.

Stephens was a member of the Freewill Baptist Church in Elm Store, Ark. Survivors include her mother, Della Mitchell of Hoisington one brother, Larry Mitchell of San Antonio, Texas; one sister, Doris Simmons of Hoisington; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by one brother, Robert Mitchell.

Funeral arrangements are pending with McNabb Funeral Home in Pocahontas, Ark.

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, March 19, 2006

Agnes Louise Condit 1917 - 2006

Agnes Louise Condit, 88, died March 15 at Catholic Care Center in Bel Aire, Kan. She was born March 28, 1917 in Hays Kan., the daughter of Amistas and Agnes (Dinkle) Leiker. She married Eddie LeRoy Condit on Sept. 6, 1937 in Hays. He preceded her in death on June 10, 2004. She was a homemaker and resident of Bel Aire, formerly of Great Bend. Survivors include four sons, William Joseph Condit, and Jerry Condit, both of Wichita, Larry Condit of Tucson Arizona, and Eddie Foy Condit of Kansas City, Mo.; two daughters, Debra Lancaster, Offerle Kan., MaDonna Condit, Wichita; 19 grandchildren, and 24 great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one son, Richard Condit.
Funeral services will be 11 a.m. on Tuesday at the Charter Funerals Chapel, Great Bend with the Rev. Ted Stoecklein officiating. Burial will follow at the Hillcrest Memorial Park Cemetery, Barton County. Visitation will be from 1 to 8 p.m. Monday. A vigil service will be held at 7 p.m. Memorials are suggested to the Alzheimer’s Association, or the Hospice Care of Kansas, in care of the funeral home.

Funeral arrangements provided by
Charter Funerals
2115 Washington
Great Bend, KS 67530
620-793-5161

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 19, 2006

Helen J. Menzer 1915 - 2006

OLMITZ - Helen J. Menzer died March 16 at the Medical Lodge of Goddard in Goddard Kan. She was born August 1 1915 in Claflin, the daughter of John and Helen (Huschka) Jarmer. She married Charles M. Menzer on Sept. 30, 1935 at Olmitz. He preceded her in death Feb. 4 1971. She married Alvin R. Menzer July 3 1974 in Olmitz. He died Feb. 18, 1983. She was a homemaker and resident of Goddard for the past eight years coming from the farm near Otis. Mrs. Menzer was a member of St. Ann’s Catholic Church and the St. Ann Altar Society both of Olmitz.

Survivors include one son, Donald D. Menzer and wife Marsha of Goddard; two grandchildren, Cynthia Menzer-Jones and husband Randy, Highland Village, Texas, Michelle Oesterreicher and husband Scott, McKinney, Texas; and three great grandchildren, Kaitlin, Nicole and Julia Oesterreicher. She was preceded in death by one son, Charles M Menzer, Jr; four brothers, Joe, Herman, Al and John Jarmer.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at the St. Ann Catholic Church, Olmitz, with Father Ultan Murphy officiating. Burial will follow at the St. Ann Cemetery. Visitation will be today from 1 to 8 p.m. Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. followed by Altar Society Rosary both at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home, Hoisington. Memorials are suggested to St. Ann Catholic 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*, March 19, 2006

March 17, 2006

John W. Proberts

SILSBEE, Texas — John W. Proberts, 71, formerly of Great Bend, died at his home in Silsbee, Texas on March 5. Services were held Wednesday, March 8 at the Farmer Funeral Home in Silsbee, Texas.

John was a Navy Veteran of the Korean War, and was a retired manager for Wal-Mart.

Survivors include his wife, Ona of Silsbee; daughter and son-in-law, Donna and Daniel Dove of Magnolia, Texas, two sons Mark Proberts of Groveton, Texas and John Todd Proberts of Silsbee, brother, Howard Proberts of Naperville, Ill.; sister, Donna Thompson of Great Bend; and grandson, James Dove of Houston, Texas.

Condolences will be accepted at timeformemory.com/farmer.

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune*, March 17, 2006

Harvey David Jackson 1951 - 2006

PAWNEE ROCK — Harvey David Jackson, 54, died Feb. 13 at his home in Pawnee Rock. He was born Oct. 31, 1951, at Great Bend, the son of Harvey J. and Joyce Marie Peterson Jackson. He married Dora J. McNutt on Aug. 12, 1999, at Kinsley. A resident of Pawnee Rock, he was a laborer.

Jackson was of the Christian faith.

Survivors include his wife; two daughters, Tina Jackson and Brenda Jackson, both of Great Bend; two brothers, Terry Jackson and James Jackson, both of Great Bend; and one sister, Vickie Alsup of Pawnee Rock.

Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Morell Funeral Home in Larned with the Rev. Don Paden officiating. Burial will be at the Garfield Cemetery in Garfield. Memorials are suggested to the donor’s choice in care of the funeral home.

Funeral arrangements provided by
Morell Funeral Home
1021 Broadway
Larned, KS 67550
620-285-2177

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 17, 2006

Agnes L. Condit

BEL AIRE — Agnes L. Condit, formerly of Great Bend, died March 15. Services are pending with Charter Funerals in Great Bend.

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 17, 2006

Herman Krug
DENVER, Colo. — Herman Krug, 92, died March 13 at his home in Denver, Colo. He was born in Hoisington.
Survivors include his wife, Tillie; one son, Jack Krug; and one grandson.
Funeral will be at 11 a.m. today at Trinity Lutheran Church in Denver, Colo. Visitation will be today from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 17, 2006
March 16, 2006

Lester Giesick 1915 - 2006

HUTCHINSON — Lester Giesick, 90, died March 15 at Hutchinson Hospital. He was born Aug. 21, 1915, at rural Albert, The son of Jacob and Eva Katherine Foos Giesick. He married Isal Lorraine Hergert on Oct. 12, 1946, at La Crosse. She died July 24, 2003. He was born one mile west of Albert on the farm where he was to make his lifetime occupation. He was a resident of Hutchinson for four years coming from Albert. He was a U. S. Army veteran of World War II, where he earned a purple heart when the ship he was on crossing the English Channel met with a mine. He was honorably discharged. He was a member of Albert Methodist Church, Albert, and V.F.W., La Crosse.
Survivors include one son, Robert Giesick and wife Norma of Hutchinson; three daughters, Mary Anne Depperschmidt and husband LeRoy of Wichita; Karen Schroeder and husband Troy of Albert; Beverly Ruder of Lewisville, Texas; six grandchildren; three step-grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; three step-great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a brother, Elmer Giesick and son-in-law, Kenneth Ruder.
Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, March 18 at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend with the Rev. Gary Brooks officiating. Burial will be at Otis Methodist Cemetery in Otis with full Military Honors conducted by Fort Riley Honor Guard. Visitation will be Friday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. with family to receive friends from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at Bryant Funeral Home. Memorials are suggested to the Hutchinson Good Samaritan Center 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 16, 2006

Floyd A. Riemann 1914 - 2006

CLAFLIN — Floyd A. Riemann, 91, died March 13 at Ellsworth County Medical Center. He was born Oct. 30, 1914, at Claflin, the son of John D. and Mary J. (Markel) Riemann. He married Stella Arensman on Aug. 27, 1948, at Ellsworth. She died Aug. 25, 2003. He was a retired farmer and a lifetime rural resident of Claflin.
Riemann was a member of United Methodist Church, Claflin; and DAV Chapter 27, Great Bend. He was a World War II Army veteran, having served in the 127th Infantry 32 Division-Red Arrow in Australia, New Guinea, and the Philippines from 1941 to 1945 as a machine gunner, and was a recipient of the Purple Heart.
Survivors include one son, Ralph Riemann of Great Bend; one brother, Vernon Riemann of Claflin; five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one daughter, Velma Panzer; one brother, Harold Riemann; and one sister, Elva Brinson.
Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at the church with the Rev. Sarah Hickson de Salazar officiating. Burial will be at the Claflin Cemetery with military graveside rites by Fort Riley Honor Guard. Visitation will be today from 1 to 8 p.m. at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington and Friday from 9:30 a.m. to service time at the church. Memorials are suggested to the church or Claflin Ambulance Fund in care of 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, March 16, 2006

Minnie Vera Kaufman 1919 - 2006

RUSSELL — Minnie Vera Kaufman, 86, died March 13 at the Main Street Manor in Russell. She was born June 23, 1919, in rural Russell, the daughter of John and Kate (Meier) Luerman. She attended elementary school at Fort Hills Rural School. She married August Kaufman on Aug. 4, 1936, at Dubuque. He died Jan. 9, 1987. She was a homemaker.
Mrs. Kaufman was a member of St. John Lutheran Church.
Survivors include one son, Gary Kaufman of Great Bend; two sisters, Eunice McBroon and Irene Snook, both of Russell; three grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.
Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Pohlman-Heise Mortuary in Russell. Burial will follow at the Dubuque Cemetery southeast of Russell. Visitation will be today from 2 to 8 p.m. at the mortuary. Memorials are suggested to the Dubuque Lutheran Cemetery Fund in care of the mortuary.
Funeral arrangements provided by
Pohlman-Heise Mortuary
610 N. Maple St.
Russell, KS 67655
785-483-2112
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 15, 2006

Vera Recka Mulder 1921 - 2006

EDGERTON, Minn. — Vera Recka Mulder was born to Joseph and Emma (Becker) Foelgner, Sr., on April 7, 1921, in Ely,
Richard Albert Schmidt 1927 - 2006

RUSSELL — Richard Albert Schmidt, 78, died March 13 at Russell Main Street Manor. He was born July 28, 1927, in Catherine, the son of Albert and Wilhelmina “Minnie” (Kinderknecht) Schmidt. He attended Hays High School. He married Alice Pfeifer on June 27, 1951, at Hays. He was an employee of the Farley Machine Works Company, retiring on May 31, 2001. Schmidt was a member St. Mary’s Catholic Church and the Knights of Columbus in Russell, and was a life member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion. Survivors include his wife, of the home; two sons, Phil Schmidt of Seiling, Okla., and Greg Schmidt of Edmond, Okla.; three daughters, Susan Becker of Milbridge, Shelley Dougherty and Margie Schmidt, both of Russell; three brothers, Melvin Schmidt of Catherine, William Schmidt of Westminster, Colo., and Howard Schmidt of Hays; four sisters, Mary Ann Stecklein of Arvada, Colo., Zita Dreiling of Hays, Gladys Jacobs of Wichita, and Carol Canfield of Fayetteville, Ark.; 11 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; one daughter-in-law, Julie Mulder; and one sister-in-law, Kay Foelgner. Funeral service will be Friday at 10:30 a.m. at Bethel Christian Reformed Church in Edgerton, Minn. Burial will be in Hillside Cemetery, Edgerton, Minn. Visitation will be Thursday from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Colonial Funeral Home in Edgerton, Minn.

Funeral arrangements provided by Hartquist Funeral Home Colonial Chapel 504 4th Ave. Edgerton, MN 56128 507-825-5411 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 15, 2006

Floyd A. Riemann 1914 - 2006

CLAFLIN — Floyd A. Riemann, 91, died March 13 at Ellsworth County Medical Center. He was born Oct. 30, 1914, at Claflin, the son of John D. and Mary J. (Markel) Riemann. He married Stella Arensman on Aug. 27, 1948, at Ellsworth. She died Aug. 25, 2003. He was a retired farmer and a lifetime rural resident of Claflin. Riemann was a member of United Methodist Church, Claflin; and DAV Chapter 27, Great Bend. He was a World War II Army veteran, having served in the 127 Infantry 32 Division-Red Arrow in Australia, New Guinea, and the Philippines from 1941 to 1945 as a machine gunner, and was a recipient of the Purple Heart. Survivors include one son, Ralph Riemann of Great Bend; one brother, Vernon Riemann of Claflin; five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one daughter, Velma Panzer; one brother, Harold Riemann; and one sister, Elva Brinson. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at the church with the Rev. Sarah Hickson de Salazar officiating. Burial will be at the Claflin Cemetery with military graveside rites by Fort Riley Honor Guard. Memorials are suggested to the church or Claflin Ambulance Fund 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, March 15, 2006

Funeral arrangements provided by Pohlman-Heise Mortuary 610 N. Maple St. Russell, KS 67665 786-483-2212 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 15, 2006
**HOISINGTON —** Louise Bohn, 72, died March 12 at St. John’s of Hays Nursing Home. She was born July 19, 1916, in Schoenen, the daughter of Joseph and Margaret (Kuhn) Schreiner. She married Jerome A. “Jerry” Befort on May 15, 1939, in Schoenen. He died on May 17, 1996. She was a homemaker and worked as a baker in the Student Union at Fort Hays State University prior to her retirement. Mrs. Befort was a member of St. Joseph's Church in Hays. Survivors include four sons, Charles Befort of Larned, Dennis Befort of Bartlesville, Okla., the Rev. Earl Befort of Hays, and David Befort of Houston, Texas; two daughters, Janice Deal of Garden City and Sharon Ruder of Hays; four brothers, Bill Schreiner of Albany, Ore., Dan Schreiner of Hays, Joe Schreiner of Las Vegas, Nev., and Herb Schreiner of Albuquerque, N.M.; three sisters, Irene Burgardt of Offerle, Helen Schwarzenberger of Olathe and Adeline Saia of Topeka; 10 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by three brothers, Albert, Gerry and Eddie Schreiner; and one sister, Josephine Kramer. Parish vigil service will be at 7 p.m. today at Brock’s North Hill Chapel in Hays. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the church, with the Rev. Paul Coakley, the Rev. Earl Befort, the Rev. Mike Scully, fellow Capuchin Priests and other clergy officiating. Burial will be at St. Joseph’s Cemetery in Hays. Friends may call today from 3 to 6 p.m. and Wednesday from 8:45 to 9:45 a.m. at the chapel. Memorials are suggested to TMP-Marian High School or the Capuchin Province of Mid-America. Funeral arrangements provided by Brock’s North Hill Chapel 2509 Vine St. / P.O. Box 86 Hays, KS 67601 785-626-3215 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 14, 2006

**BEAVER, Okla. —** Barbara Kay Friedel, 64, was born Feb. 27, 1942, at Hoisington, the daughter of G. C. and Katherine Ellen (Jacoby) Clift. She was a graduate of Hoisington High School. She married Larry Friedel on Aug. 20, 1960. She was a resident of Hoisington. She was a Nurse’s Aid at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend and a long-time resident of Hoisington. Mrs. Friedel was a member of the St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Hoisington. Survivors include two sons, Fred Daniel Bohn of Ellinwood and John Raymond Bohn of Pawnee Rock; three daughters, Karolyn Kay Stevenson and Marilyn Faye Little, both of Hoisington, and Frances Arlene Rome of Ellinwood; five brothers; two sisters; 11 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. Vigil service will be today at 7 p.m. at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at the church with the Rev. Pascal Klein officiating. Burial will be at the St. John Church Cemetery in Hoisington. Visitation will be today from 1 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to St. Jude’s Children in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home 415 N. Main / P.O. Box 146 Hoisington, KS 67550 620-653-4165 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 14, 2006

**LARNED —** Maudie Marie Seeman, 65, died March 8 at Larned Healthcare Center. She was born Sept. 17, 1920, at Larned, the daughter of Andrew D. and Mary Edison Hill. She married Andy Seeman Jr. on April 30, 1939, in Wichita. He died Jan. 2, 2003. A lifetime resident of Pawnee County, living in Ash Valley Township for 49 years, she moved to Larned in 1987. She was a homemaker. Mrs. Seeman was a member of the First Presbyterian Church and Presbyterian Women’s Association, both of Larned. Survivors include three sons, Patrick Seeman and Steven Seeman, both of Larned, and Mark Seeman of Salina; two daughters, Jo Ann Crosby of Diamond Head, Miss., and Susan Smith of Larned; nine grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one son, John and daughter-in-law, Katie Lewis Seeman; one brother, John William Hill; and three sisters, Bettie Lee Hill, Amber Tribble and Faye McDonald. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Friday at the church with the Rev. Dennis Scheibmeier officiating. Burial will be at the Larned Cemetery. Friends may call Wednesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorial arrangements provided by Morell Funeral Home 86 Hays, KS 67601 785-626-3215 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 14, 2006

**TIMKEN —** Lorraine Helen Serpan, 78, died March 9 at Hays Medical Center in Hays. She was born July 14, 1927, on a farm near Otis, in Barton County, the daughter of William Max Krmela and Helen Magdalene (Kittel) Krmela. Mrs. Serpan was a lifelong resident of Rush County. The Serpans lived in the Otis/Olmitz area until 1951, when they moved to Timken. Mrs. Serpan received her education at District No. 42 in Barton County. Mrs. Serpan was a homemaker, and for many years, she was a cook for the Timken Grade School in Timken. She was a member of Holy Trinity Catholic Church, Timken; St. Ann’s Altar Society, Timken; American Legion Auxiliary Unit #96, Bison; VFW Auxiliary, La Crosse. She married Emil Edward Serpan on Jan. 29, 1946, at St. Ann’s Catholic Church in Olmitz. Survivors include her husband, Emil Serpan of Timken; one daughter, Carol Bieber and her husband Richard Bieber of Larned; three sons, Patrick Seeman and Steven Seeman, both of Larned, and Mark Seeman of Salina; two grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one son, John and daughter-in-law, Katie Lewis Seeman; one brother, John William Hill; and three sisters, Bettie Lee Hill, Amber Tribble and Faye McDonald. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the church with the Rev. Dennis Scheibmeier officiating. Burial will be at the St. John Cemetery in Timken. Memorial arrangements provided by Morell Funeral Home 86 Hays, KS 67601 785-626-3215 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 14, 2006
Great Bend; one brother-in-law; Robert Kraisinger of Kinsley; two sisters, Magdalene “Peggy” Olson of Russell, and Jane Behr and her husband Max Behr of Oklahoma City, Okla.; two grandchildren, Brent Bieber of Lakewood, Colo., and Candice Hirsh and her husband Darrin Hirsh of Great Bend; and three great-grandsons, Easton Hirsh, Garrett Hirsh, and Gavin Hirsh, all of Great Bend. She was preceded in death by her parents, William Max and Helen Magdalene (Kittel) Krmeila; one sister, Angie Kraisinger; one brother, Raymond Krmeila; one brother-in-law, Verlan Olson; and one sister-in-law, Kathleen Krmeila.

Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at the Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Timken with Father Ultan Murphy officiating. Interment will be at Holy Cross Cemetery in Timken. Visitation will be today from 1 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Janousek Funeral Home in La Crosse with the family receiving friends from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. A vigil service and rosary will be at 7 p.m. Memorials may be made to the Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Timken, or St. Ann’s Altar Society in Timken.

Funeral arrangements provided by Janousek Funeral Home*
719 Pine
La Crosse, KS 67548
785-222-2517

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 12, 2006

Arnold C. “Arnie” Carpenter, Sr. 1917 - 2006

Arnold C. “Arnie” Carpenter, Sr., 88, died March 10 at Great Bend Health and Rehabilitation in Great Bend. He was born July 3, 1917, at South Berwick, Maine, the son of Charles C. and Gladys Evelyn Ferris Carpenter. He married Alvena Carr on April 23, 1947, at South Berwick, Maine. She died May 7, 2004. He was the owner of Arnie’s Corner and Arnie’s Malt Shop in Otis and had also worked for the Otis Helium Plant. He had been a lifelong resident of Otis, living in Great Bend the last six years.

Carpenter was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Otis; American Legion #286 and VFW #7428, both of Hoisington. He was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II. He was a survivor of Pearl Harbor and a witness to the Tokyo Bay Peace Treaty signing.

Survivors include two sons, Chuck Carpenter of Great Bend, and Curt Carpenter of Olathe; one daughter, Carol Schmidt of Salina; one sister, Emma Goodwin of South Berwick, Maine; eight grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by three brothers, Alvin C., Freeman L., and Melvin E. Carpenter.

Funeral will be 10 a.m. Monday at Otis United Methodist Church in Otis with the Rev. Marilyn Christmore officiating. Burial will be at the Otis Methodist Cemetery in Otis with full military honors conducted by American Legion #286 and VFW #7428. Visitation will be today from 1 p.m. to 9 p.m. with family receiving friends from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m., all at Bryant Funeral Home. Memorials are suggested to the Otis EMT or Otis Methodist 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, March 12, 2006

Bonnie Lee Volkland 1922 - 2006

BUSHTON — Bonnie Lee Volkland, 84, died March 9 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. She was born Jan. 16, 1922, at Bushton, the daughter of William F. and Mary (Schwerdtfeger) Volkland. A lifetime resident of Bushton, she was a retired employee of the Bushton State Bank.

Volkland was a member of United Methodist Church in Bushton; Salt City Chapter of the American Business Women’s Association and member of the Mutual Improvement Club of Bushton.

Survivors include one nephew, Steven Chapelle of Phoenix, Ariz.; and one niece, Beth Chapelle of Phoenix, Ariz. She was preceded in death by one sister, Whila M. Chapelle.

Cremation has taken place. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Memorials are suggested to Central Kansas Medical Center-Intensive Care Unit, or Bushton First Responders 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, March 12, 2006

Maye Dupree 1925 - 2006

WICHITA — Maye Dupree, 81, died March 9 at College Hill Nursing and Rehabilitation in Wichita. She was born Jan. 25, 1925, at Pratt, the daughter of Henry and Jessie Calbell Blanton. She married John Dupree at Pratt. He preceded her in death. She was a homemaker. She was a resident of Wichita most of her life.

She was a member of St. Paul A.M.E. of Wichita. Survivors include one brother-in-law, Sylvester Bibbs of Aurora, Colo.; and two nieces, Magda Dolatshahi of Great Bend, and Donna Lee Schoeller of Aurora, Colo. She was preceded in death by a brother, Thomas Blanton, and three sisters, Evalee Briscoe, Cecil Young and Bessie Bibbs.

Funeral will be at 1:30 p.m. Monday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend with the Rev. Loyse Clay officiating. Interment will be at the Great Bend Cemetery North in Great Bend. Visitation will be today from 1 p.m. to 9 p.m. and Monday from 9 a.m. to service time at Bryant Funeral Home.

Funeral arrangements provided by
Bryant Funeral Home*
1425 Patton Rd.
Great Bend, KS 67530
620-793-3525
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 12, 2006

March 10, 2006

Robert F. "Bob" Schenk 1926 - 2006

HOISINGTON — Robert F. “Bob” Schenk, 79, died March 8 at Clara Barton Hospital in Hoisington. He was born Dec. 6, 1926, at Olmitz, the son of William and Emily (Spitzka) Schenk. He married Mildred Ludington Hett Daniel on Dec. 10, 1968, at Hoisington. He was a resident of Hoisington since 1991 coming from Olmitz. He was a farmer, retiring in 1991. Schenk was a member of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Hoisington, and Knights of Columbus Council #2100 in Olmitz. He was a U.S. Army veteran. Survivors include his wife of the home; three step-daughters, Martha Haberman of Great Bend, Jacque Byers of Salina, and Susie Strosnider of Salina; three brothers, Harold Schenk and Bernard Schenk, both of Great Bend, and Edwin Schenk of Olmitz; 11 step-grandchildren; and 29 step-great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one brother, William Schenk; and two sisters, Christine Steiner and Magdalene Steiner. Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. today followed by a K of C rosary, both at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Hoisington with the Rev. Pascal Klein and Rev. Ultan Murphy officiating. Burial will be at St. Ann Cemetery in Olmitz with military graveside rites by Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #7428 and American Legion Post #286. Visitation will be today from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the church, American Heart Association or American Diabetes Association, 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, March 10, 2006

Weston Joseph Hendrickson 1934 - 2006

HUTCHINSON — Weston Joseph “Wes” Hendrickson, 72, died March 6 at his home in Hutchinson. He was born Jan. 2, 1934, at Ford, the son of Ralph Henry and Elizabeth Anne Tockert Hendrickson. He was a 1952 graduate of Hutchinson High School. He married Shirley Ann Hurt on May 25, 1962, in Newton. A life long Hutchinson resident, he was a Locomotive Engineer for Santa Fe Railroad for 40 years. Hendrickson was a member of American Legion Lysle Richel Post #58, and United Transportation Union. He was in the Kansas Army National Guard. Survivors include his wife; two sons, Wayne Ehret and his wife Melissa of Houston, Texas, and Robert Ehret and his wife Letha of Amarillo, Texas; two daughters, Deanna and her husband Ray Nulf of Hutchinson, and Debra and her husband Gene Jones of Dumas, Texas; and seven grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents. Funeral will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at Elliott Mortuary Chapel in Hutchinson with Chaplain Frederick J. Obold officiating. Burial will be at the Memorial Park Cemetery. Friends may call today from 9 a.m. until the time of service. Burial will be at the White City Cemetery in White City. Memorials are suggested to the Hospice of Reno County, or the grandson of Weston J. Hendrickson, Joshua Ehret’s Kidney Transplant Fund C/O First National Bank, all in care of Elliott Mortuary. Funeral arrangements provided by Elliott Mortuary* 1219 N. Main Hutchinson, KS 67501 620-663-3237 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 10, 2006

Beverly June Werle 1933 -2006

HERINGTON — Beverley June Werle, 72, formerly of White City, died March 8 at the Herington Municipal Hospital in Herington. She was born June 16, 1933, in Auckland, New Zealand, the daughter of Henry Charles and Ina McCarthy Dwyer. She married Guy Davis Werle on Aug. 11, 1951, in Auckland, New Zealand. He died Nov. 23, 1991. Survivors include two sons, Paul W. Werle of Ogden, and Stephen J. Werle of Wichita; five daughters, Adrienne K. Johnson of Herington, Donna-Marie Selle of Great Bend, Elizabeth A. Robertson of New Zealand, Sandra D. McKenzie of Parkerville, and Debbie Bell of Junction City; two brothers, Barry Dwyer of New Zealand, and Brent Thomassen of Australia, one sister, Karen Maxwell of Australia 13 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Penwell-Gabel Herington Chapel. She will lie in state that day from 9 a.m. until the time of service. Burial will be at the White City Cemetery in White City. Memorials are suggested to the Dickinson County Hospice in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Penwell-Gabel Funeral Home
404 S. Broadway
Herington, KS 67449
785-258-2244
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 10, 2006

March 9, 2006

Ramon LeRoy Knox 1926 - 2006

HEIZER — Ramon LeRoy Knox, 79, died March 6 at the Hutchinson Hospital in Hutchinson. He was born Nov. 20, 1926, at Denver, Colo., the son of Velma Knox. He married Evelene Marie Horyna on Aug. 2, 1953, at Great Bend. He was a resident of Heizer since 1968, coming from Larned. He was a truck driver for Murphy Tractor and retired in 1989. Knox was a member of St. Mark’s Lutheran Church and the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3111. He was a World War II veteran serving with the U.S. Navy. Survivors include his wife, of the home; two sons, Brian L. Knox of Guam, and Wesley Knox of Heizer; one half-brother, James Dawson of Garden City; one half-sister, Maxine Atkinson of Garden City; and two grandchildren. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend with the Rev. Adam Wutka officiating. There will be no visitation as cremation has taken place. Memorials are suggested to Heartland Cancer Center in care of the funeral home.
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 9, 2006
Lillian Margueritte Doherty 1914 - 2006

Lillian Margueritte “Margie” Doherty, 91, died March 7 in Mulvane. She was born Oct. 4, 1914, at Eddy, Okla., the daughter of Daniel W. Hannegan and Eva Mae Steele. She was a 1932 graduate of Lamont, Okla., High School and a graduate of Oklahoma Academy of Beauty in Ponca City, Okla. She married John Henry Doherty on Feb. 17, 1941, at Great Bend. He died Oct. 15, 1997. She was a resident of Mulvane for the past six years, formerly of Ellinwood and Great Bend. She was a beautician at Irene’s Beauty Shop in Great Bend for over 20 years.

Doherty was a member of St. Rose Catholic Church in Great; Alter Society and Daughters of Isabella.

Survivors include three sons, Bernie Doherty of Vacaville, Calif., Michael Doherty of Great Bend, and Daniel Doherty of Gering, Neb.; four daughters, Chris Mohn of Evansville, Ind., Katherine Sanford of Harlingen, Texas, Paula Stone, Derby, and Susan Beck of Mulvane; 14 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one son, Stephen; four brothers, Harry, Glenn, Dee and Roger; and one sister, Velma.

Alter Society rosary will be at 3 p.m. Friday followed by D or I rosary and a vigil service at 7 p.m. Friday at Kimple Funeral Home in Ellinwood. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at St. Rose Catholic Church in Great Bend with the Rev. Reggie Urban officiating. Burial will be at the Hillcrest Cemetery in Great Bend. Friends may call Friday from 1 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Villa Maria Nursing Home in Mulvane.

Funeral arrangements provided by
Kimple Funeral Home
113 N. Main
Ellinwood, KS 67526
620-564-2300

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 9, 2006

Kenneth Ray LeRoy 1932 - 2006

PLAINVILLE — Kenneth LeRoy passed away on March 7 at the Rooks County Nursing Home, Plainville. He was the only son born to Ray and Anna Blanch (Batman) LeRoy on April 22, 1932, in Great Bend. He graduated from Hudson High School in 1950 and entered the Army shortly thereafter. He married Orpha Alice Witt in June, 1952. He was stationed at the military bases in Fort Riley, El Paso, Texas, and Fairbanks, Alaska, and was discharged from the Army in 1956. Kenneth lived most of his life on the family farm near Seward. He was a member of Peace United Church of Christ in Hudson. In 1989, he suffered from a stroke and had to leave the farm for health reasons. He resided at Cherry Village Nursing Home, Great Bend and Rooks County Nursing Home, Plainville, until his death.

He was preceded in death by his parents and sister, Marian Silln. He leaves behind four children, Kathy Marren of Fort Collins, Colo., Mike LeRoy (Jessie) of Saint John, Kristy Moore (Mark) of Fort Collins, Colo., and Karen Westhusin (Fred) of Plainville. He also leaves behind a sister, Norma Fischer (Herman, Jr.) of Seward; nine grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services are to be held at Charter Funeral Home in Great Bend on Saturday, March 11, at 1 p.m. with Pastor Wade Russell presiding, burial at the Great Bend cemetery with military honors provided by Fort Riley. Visitation will be 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Friday, March 10, at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, the family requests any memorials to be given to Rooks County Nursing Home, Plainville.

Funeral arrangements provided by
Charter Funerals
2115 Washington
Great Bend, KS 67530
620-793-6161

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 9, 2006

Maudie Marie Seeman

LARNED — Maudie Marie Seeman, 85, died March 8 at Larned Healthcare Center. Arrangements are pending with Morell Funeral Home in Larned.

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 9, 2006

V. Dale Smith 1921 - 2006

BENKLEMAN, Neb. — V. Dale Smith, 84, died Sunday, March 5 at Sarah Ann Hester Memorial Home in Benkelman, Neb. He was born July 18, 1921, on his family’s farm north of Benkelman, Neb., to Clarence Wilson and Velma (Stevens) Mullanix, and spent many childhood years with his Grandma Stevens.

On Sept. 17, 1942, he was married to Ernestine Little of Benkelman, Neb., and to this union four daughters were born; Joan Kay, DeVonna Gene, LaVern Gay, and Jacqueline Elaine. Dale and Ernie moved north of Haigler, Neb., in 1949 where they farmed until 1959. They then moved to Haigler, Neb., where Dale became the custodian and a bus driver for the Haigler Public School. Dale had a positive effect on the hundreds of students and teachers who passed through the halls of the Haigler School. He never met a stranger and enjoyed conversing with this multitude of family and friends. After 27 years of service, Dale retired in 1986 and he and Ernie began traveling over the United States. Dale was baptized in the Zion Lutheran Church in Haigler, Neb. He and Ernie enjoyed dancing in neighborhood towns as they socialized with friends. Dale spent many hours on his woodworking projects and on an occasional fishing trip.

Preceding him in death are his parents, Velma Mullanix and Clarence Wilson; brother, LeRoy Smith; mother-in-law, Lela and Arthur Little; brothers-in-law, and sister-in-law, Harry Stamm, Clyde and Maxine Watters, and Ivil Pursley.

Survivors include his wife, Ernestine Smith of Benkelman, Neb.; four daughters, Kay Hulse and husband, Gail of Great Bend, DeVonna Haines and husband, Stan of Benkelman, Neb., LaVern Schorzman and husband, Mick of Tucson, Ariz., Jackie Bachman and husband, Mike of Golden, Colo.; 11 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law, June Stamm, Geraldine Lahman, Ned and Colleen Little, Joyce and Norman Vincent; and numerous other relatives and friends. As Grandpa has reached his Heavenly Home, we celebrate his life, but will miss and love him for always. Funeral services will be Thursday, March 9, at 10:30 a.m. at Forch Funeral Chapel in Benkelman, Neb., with Rev. George Matthews officiating. Interment
will follow services at the Benkelman Cemetery. There will be no visitation. Memorials may be given in his name. Funeral arrangements provided by Forch Funeral Chapel, Inc.

P.O. Box 683 Benkelman, NE 69021-0683 308-423-2300 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 9, 2006

Dora Alvena Brauer 1919 - 2006

LAKEWOOD, Colo. — Dora Alvena Brauer was born Dec. 8, 1919, at Burdett, the daughter of Frederick and Margaretha Folkerts Ideker. She was baptized Jan. 4, 1920, at Hope Lutheran Church in Rush Center and confirmed April 8, 1933, at the same place.

She married Herbert Emil Brauer on June 12, 1942, at Emanuel Lutheran Church in Wichita. Together they were blessed with three daughters, Ellen, Carol and Cathy. She lived in Kansas till 1976, when they moved to Lakewood, Colo. She was presently a member of St. Luke’s Lutheran Church in Golden, Colo., and the Lutheran Women’s Missionary League. She is survived by her daughters, Ellen Knack and her husband, Ed of Lakewood, and Cathy Evans and her husband Karl of Lakewood; three step-grandchildren; and six step-great-grandchildren. Visitations will be Thursday, March 9, from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. at Advantage Runyan-Stevenson, Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at St. Luke’s Lutheran Church, 13119 W. 20th Ave., Lakewood. Entombment will be Crown Hill Cemetery. Mrs. Brauer was a resident of Lakewood, Colo., at the time of her death. Funeral arrangements provided by Advantage-Runyan-Stevenson* 6425 W. Alameda Ave. Lakewood, CO 80226 303-233-3333

March 8, 2006

Ramon LeRoy Knox 1926 - 2006

HEIZER — Ramon LeRoy Knox, 79, died March 6 at the Hutchinson Hospital in Hutchinson. He was born Nov. 20, 1926, at Denver, Colo., the son of Velma Knox. He married Evelene Marie Horyna on Aug. 2, 1953, at Great Bend. He was a resident of Heizer since 1968, coming from Larned. He was a truck driver for Murphy Tractor and retired in 1989. Knox was a member of St. Mark’s Lutheran Church and the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3111. He was a World War II veteran serving with the U.S. Navy.

Survivors include his wife, of the home; two sons, Brian L. Knox of Guam, and Wesley Knox of Heizer; one half-brother, James Dawson of Garden City; one half-sister, Maxine Atkinson of Garden City; and two grandchildren. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend with the Rev. Adam Wutka officiating. There will be no visitation as cremation has taken place. Memorials are suggested to Heartland Cancer Center 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 8, 2006

Glenn Edward Balman 1916 - 2006

VALLEY, Neb. — Glenn Edward Balman, age 89, a resident of Valhaven Care Center of Valley, Neb., left us to be with his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on Thursday, March 2 at Valhaven Nursing Center. A Memorial Service was held on Tuesday, March 7, at 2 p.m. at Valhaven Care Center, 300 W. Meigs, Valley, Neb., with the Rev. Carl Ratcliff officiating. A Celebration of Life Service will be held at the United Methodist Church, Rozel, on Saturday, March 11, at 1 p.m. with the Rev. Mary Ohlemeier and the Rev. Duane Harms officiating. Family visitation will be held at the church one hour prior to the service. Interment will be at the Larned Cemetery, Larned. Memorials may be sent to the United Methodist Church or the Volunteer Fire Department, both of Rozel, in care of the Beckwith Mortuary.

P.O. Box 477, Larned, KS 67550. Mr. Balman was born Nov. 9, 1916, on his father’s farm north of Rozel. He was raised on the family farm and attended the local schools. On Oct. 10, 1940, he married Viola Louise Spreier of rural Rozel. Mr. Balman lived and farmed most of his life in Pawnee County where he and his wife, Viola, raised their seven children. In 1966, following the death of their son, Clyde Wesley, Glenn moved his family into Rozel from the family farm. For two winters in the mid to late 1960s he was employed by Doerr Manufacturing in Larned. From 1970 to 1974, Glenn and his wife, Viola, owned and operated the Rozel grocery store. From 1974 until his retirement, he owned and operated, along with his son Stanley, G & S Repair, an automotive repair shop in Rozel. His wife Viola passed away in July 1977. In 1980, he married Florence Zellner of Great Bend and retired from farming in 1981. Florence passed away in 1986. Glenn was a long-time member of the Rozel United Methodist Church, and later transferred his membership to the Valley United Methodist Church in Valley, Neb., which recently merged with another local church and has become the United Faith Community Church. Glenn served on the rural Rozel Township board and maintained the local township roads for 14 years. He was a former member of the Rozel Lions Club and the Rozel City Council. He and his wife, Viola, served as foster parents to several children in the Pawnee County area. In the spring of 1994, Glenn moved to Valley, Neb, to live with his daughter, Kaye and her husband Chuck. He enjoyed many hours of fishing with his friends along the Platte River. It was a joy for him to ride his Sears lawn tractor, when the weather permitted, up town to have breakfast with friends at the local cafe. Following surgery in January 2000, he entered Valhaven Care Center. There he enjoyed his many friends coming in to play cards twice a week, playing checkers with his dear friend Gib Hall, and watching the Atlanta Braves play baseball. For three years he raised a small garden to supply fresh tomatoes and cucumbers for the facility kitchen and the staff. Throughout his life, Glenn shared his love of music with others as he played his harmonica. In August of 2003, he was invited to share his gift with hundreds of listeners of the Desert Ministries Radio Hour. When he was asked what he wanted to play, Glenn responded “Just how I feel, ‘How Great Thou Art.’” Because of his health, Glenn had not been able to play his harmonica very much, but on that day he didn’t miss a note. During the course of his stay at Valhaven, Glenn enjoyed visiting and joking with the staff. They in turn gave him love, laughter, kindness and wonderful care. Survivors include three sons, David Edward of Larned, Richard Lee (Jane) of Liberal, and Stanley Ray of Hutchinson; three daughters, Mrs. Charles (Katherine Louise) Dutton of Valley, Neb., Mrs. Jerry (Patricia Ann) Watts of Rose Hill, and Mrs. Ricky (Glenda ViAnn) Gibson of Chula, Mo.; 10 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; several nieces, nephews, cousins and many friends. Mr. Balman was preceded in death by his parents, John Edward and Martha Lee (Evans) Balman; his wife Viola Louise; a son, Clyde Wesley; a daughter-in-law, Mrs. Richard (Anita Conrardy) Balman; his second wife, Florence Zellner; two brothers, Wayne and Melvin; and four sisters, Mrs. Harold (Lois) Arnold, Mrs. Guy (Velma) Patterson, Mrs. Karl (Laura) Smith, and Mrs. Henry (Elaine) Harmon. Funeral arrangements provided by Beckwith Mortuary.

P.O. Box 477 Larned, KS 67550 620-285-2121 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 8, 2006

Cecilia Mary Ankerholz 1923 - 2006

VAN BUREN, Ark. — Cecilia Mary Ankerholz, 83, died March 5 at Van Buren, Ark. She was born Jan. 10, 1923, in Brooklyn, N.Y., the daughter of Otto and Kathleen (Marsh) Berg.

Mrs. Ankerholz was a member of thill 1976, when they moved to the Catholic faith.

Survivors include two sons, Alfred Ankerholz of Great Bend, and Richard Ankerholz of Lawrence; one daughter, Irene Willbanks of Spiro, Okla.; five grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Lee Roy Ankerholz; three brothers; and three sisters.

There are no services scheduled.
Funeral arrangements provided by
Mallory Funeral Home
P.O. Box 530 Spiro, OK 74959 918-962-2555 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 8, 2006

March 7, 2006

Emery Jack Jenks, Sr. 1918 - 2006

Emery Jack Jenks, Sr., 87, of Great Bend, died March 6 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. He was born Aug. 14, 1918, at Hiawatha, the son of Frank and Laura Barrett Jenks. He married Verne Mae McKay on March 22, 1942, at Vancouver, Wash. She died March 2, 1997. He was a painting contractor. He worked for Nash Finch Company and C.O. Mammal. Jenks was a member of the First Church of God and a former Boy Scout Leader for Troop No. 177. He was a U.S. Army veteran in World War II. Survivors include two sons, Jack Jenks, Jr., of Ellinwood, and Frank Jenks of Gentry, Mo.; nine grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild. He was preceded in death by one sister, Minnie Brown. Funeral will be at 1:30 p.m. Thursday at the church, with the Rev. Dick Oglet officiating. Burial will be at the Great Bend Cemetery with military honors conducted by Fort Riley Honor Guard. Visitation will today from noon to 9 p.m. and Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. at Bryant Funeral Home. Memorials are suggested to the Great Bend Senior Center 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 7, 2006

Mark Edward Sellens 1967 - 2006

CULVER — Mark Edward Sellens, 39, died March 2 at the Cancer Center of America at Tulsa, Okla. He was born Jan. 18, 1967, at Hays, the son of Robert Joseph and Joyce Irene (Ehrlich) Sellens. He was a graduate of Russell High School and attended Beloit Vocational Technical School where he received his certification as a diesel mechanic. He married Lisa Rupp in Dorrance. He worked for the CISCO group and had been self employed with his partner in the Lift Truck Specialist Company in Salina for the past 10 years. Survivors include two daughters, Amy and Dana Sellens, both of Enterprise; his father, Robert J. Sellens of Russell; his mother, Joyce Wilhelm of Dorrance; one brother, Joe Sellens of Auburm; and one sister, Teresa Davis of Dorrance. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. today at the First Lutheran Church in Dorrance with the Rev. Diane Wagner officiating. Burial will follow at the Dorrance City Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to the American Cancer Society in care of Pohlman-Heise Mortuary. Funeral arrangements provided by Pohlman-Heise Mortuary 610 N. Maple St. Russell, KS 67665 785-483-2212 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 7, 2006

Robert A. Rupp 1923 - 2006

HOISINGTON — Robert A. Rupp, 82, died March 5 at Clara Barton Hospital in Hoisington. He was born Sept. 16, 1923, at Kansas City, Mo., the son of Louis and Clara (Wolf) Rupp. He married Dorothy M. Engel on Jan. 12, 1957, at Springfield, Minn. She died May 21, 2001. He was a contract brick layer, retiring in 1986. He was a Hoisington resident since 1957, coming from Hays, where he grew up and graduated in the Hays High class of 1941. Rupp was a member of the St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 7428, both of Hoisington, and Goldcard member of the Local 14 Bricklayer Union.-Kansas and Missouri. He was an Army veteran of World War II. Survivors include one sister, Lillian Foster of Fort Collins, Colo.; one brother, Melvin Rupp and his wife Rosemary of Hays; and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by one sister, Garneth Minor, Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. today at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Hoisington with Father Pascal Klein officiating. Burial will be at St. John Cemetery in Hoisington with full military graveside rites by VFW Post No. 7428 and American Legion Post No. 286, both of Hoisington. Visitation will be today from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. 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 / P.O. Box 146 Hoisington, KS 67544 620-653-4165 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 7, 2006

Vera Arlene Schindler 1913 - 2006

STOCKTON — Vera Arlene Schindler, 92, died March 4 at the Rooks County Health Center in Plainville. She was born Oct. 7, 1913, in Sugar Loaf township, northwest of Stockton, the daughter of Alpha and Florence (Waters) Arrington. She married Ray A. Schindler on May 21, 2001. He was a contract brick layer, retiring in 1986. He was a Hoisington resident since 1957, coming from Hays, where he grew up and graduated in the Hays High class of 1941. Rupp was a member of the St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 7428, both of Hoisington, and Goldcard member of the Local 14 Bricklayer Union.-Kansas and Missouri. He was an Army veteran of World War II. Survivors include one sister, Lillian Foster of Fort Collins, Colo.; one brother, Melvin Rupp and his wife Rosemary of Hays; and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by one sister, Garneth Minor. Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. today at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Hoisington with Father Pascal Klein officiating. Burial will be at St. John Cemetery in Hoisington with full military graveside rites by VFW Post No. 7428 and American Legion Post No. 286, both of Hoisington. Visitation will be today from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. 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 / P.O. Box 146 Hoisington, KS 67544 620-653-4165 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 7, 2006

John William Atwell 1927 - 2006

LARNED — John William Atwell, 78, died March 1 at St. Joseph Memorial Hospital in Larned. He was born May 25, 1927, at Alamota, the son of James William and Zelma B. Shover Atwell. He married Greta S. Worster on May 28, 1947, at Fort Collins, Colo. A resident of Larned since 1972, moving from Oxnard, Calif., he was retired from the U.S. Navy, serving in World War II, Korean Conflict and the Viet Nam War. He belonged to the Fleet Reserve Association. Survivors include his wife of the home; two sons, John W. Atwell Jr., Larned, and Samuel R. Atwell, Colorado; two daughters, Zelma Sophia Desfosses, San Miguel, Calif., and Blanche Marie Padron, Larned; two brothers, Samuel Thomas Atwell, Cheyenne, Wyo., and Max Raymond Atwell, Tuscon, Ariz.; one sister, Levena Marie Wyatt, Laramie, Wyo.; 16 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a sister, Lodema L. Traficanti, and a granddaughter, Ashley Mae Althof. Private family services will be held at a later date. Memorials are suggested to the donor's choice, in care of Morell Funeral Home in Larned. Funeral arrangements provided by Morell Funeral Home
P.O. Box 124, 1021 Broadway Larned, KS 67550-0124 620-285-2177 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 5, 2006
LARNED — W. Harold Haun, 96, died March 2 at St. Joseph Memorial Long Term Care, Larned. He was born Jan. 17, 1910, in rural Pawnee County, the son of W.R. and Gertrude Gill Haun. He married Edith M. Dryden on Aug. 20, 1931, at the Dryden Farm home in rural Larned. A lifetime resident of Pawnee County, he was a retired farmer and dairyman. Haun was a member of First United Methodist Church, Larned, and was active in the Ash Valley Methodist Church and Pleasant Hill Methodist Church before their closings. He was also a member of the first 4-H club organized in Pawnee County. Survivors include his wife of the home; two sons, Donald Haun, Larned, and Winston Haun, San Marcos, Texas; two daughters, Joann Mason, Thousand Oaks, Calif., and Shirley Smith, Pagosa Springs, Colo.; 11 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild. He was preceded in death by a brother, Eugene Haun, and sisters Gladys Kirby, Marie Cosman and Eunice Fox.

Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the church in Larned, with the Rev. Tim Au-Duell officiating. Burial will be in the Larned Cemetery. Friends may call from noon to 8 p.m. today and 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday at Morell Funeral Home in Larned. Memorials are suggested to the church Missions and Ministry Fund or the church Radio Fund, in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Morell Funeral Home P.O. Box 124, 1021 Broadway Larned, KS 67550-0124 620-285-2177 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 5, 2006

Jackie R. Lemuz 1951 - 2006

ROZEL — Jackie R. Lemuz, 54, died March 2 at St. Francis Medical Center in Wichita. She was born April 24, 1951, at Dumas, Texas, the daughter of Roy and Maggie Ellison Froetschner. A lifetime Pawnee County resident, she was a mental health specialist at the Larned State Hospital in Larned. Lemuz was a member of the United Methodist Church in Larned. Survivors include her parents; a son, Jason Lemuz and wife Cathy, Rozel; daughter Melanie Lemuz and companion Linda Brickley, Texas, the daughter of Roy and Maggie Ellison Froetschner. A lifetime Pawnee County resident, she was a mental health specialist at the Larned State Hospital in Larned. Lemuz was a member of the United Methodist Church in Larned. Survivors include her parents; a son, Jason Lemuz and wife Cathy, Rozel; daughter Melanie Lemuz and companion Linda Brickley, Texas; two brothers, Clayton Akers, Radium, and Robin Froetschner, Great Bend; two grandchildren, Taylor Lemuz and Cagney Lemuz, Rozel; and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her father, J.D. Akers. Funeral will be at 3 p.m. Tuesday at the Beckwith Mortuary Chapel, Larned, with Pastor Ken Walker presiding. Friends may call from 1 to 8 p.m. today, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday and until service time Tuesday at the mortuary. Burial will be in the Larned Cemetery. Memorial services may be sent to the American Heart Association in care of Beckwith Mortuary Inc. Condolences may be left and this notice viewed at www.beckwithmortuary.com. Funeral arrangements by Beckwith Mortuary P.O. Box 477, 924 Main Street Larned, KS 67550 620-285-2122 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 5, 2006

Donald L. Williams 1937 - 2006

Donald L. Williams, 69, of Great Bend, died March 1 at Cherry Village Nursing, Great Bend. He was born Jan. 25, 1937, at Sterling, the son of Henry David and Elsie Clara Goudy Williams. He married Charlene C. Oetken on Feb. 23, 1980, at Larned. She died Jan. 18, 2006. A resident of Great Bend since 2000, formerly of Hutchinson and Larned, he was retired from the U.S. Marines and Army Reserve. He was a graduate of Sterling High School. Williams was a member of St. Patrick’s Catholic Church, Great Bend. Survivors include four daughters, Kathy Weaver, Debra Miller and Velma Colorado, all of Lyons, and Anita Gates, Memphis, Tenn.; three stepsons, Steve Oetken, Great Bend, Bob Oetken, Sealy, Texas, and Charles Oetken, Larned; and one stepdaughter, Marcia French, Great Bend; two sisters, Glenna Williams, Tucson, Ariz., and Mildred Vaughn, Wichita; 15 grandchildren, eight step-grandchildren, 26 great-grandchildren, seven step-great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren. Memorial Funeral Mass will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the church with the Rev. Ted Stecklein officiating. Cremation has taken place. Inurnment will be in the Larned Cemetery. Memorials may be sent to the church or the donor’s choice, in care of Morell Funeral Home in Larned. Funeral arrangements provided by Morell Funeral Home P.O. Box 124, 1021 Broadway Larned, KS 67550-0124 620-285-2177 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 5, 2006

Helen W. Baier 1914 - 2006

SEWARD — Helen W. Baier, 91, died March 2 at her home in Seward. She was born Oct. 20, 1914, in Greenfield, Ill., the daughter of John and Mabelle Cole Robbins. She married Charles M. Baier on June 12, 1941, at Seward. He died in May 1992. A 62-year resident of Seward, she was a homemaker and secretary for Larned State Hospital. She was a graduate of Seward High School and attended business school in Wichita. Mrs. Baier was a member of St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church and Alter Society, Seward, and served as church organist for over 55 years. She was also a member of EHU and a past member of First United Methodist Church in Larned. Survivors include two sons, Charles M. “Mick” Baier Jr., Lecompton, and William H. “Hank” Baier, Ramona, Calif.; two daughters, Sharon Hays, Wellington, and Barbara J. Braddy, Seward; two sisters, Alice Lucy Tempel, Leoti, and Wilma “Billy” Beck, Urbana, Ill.; 11 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren and five step-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a brother, Raymond Cole Robbins, and two sisters, Margaret Ruthie Duncan and Marian Frances Robbins. Funeral Mass will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at the church in Seward with the Rev. Rene Guesnier officiating. Burial will be at Xavier Cemetery in Seward. Friends may call from 1 to 7 p.m. Monday with Rosary at 7 p.m. at Minnis Chapel in St. John. Memorials are suggested to the Alter Society at the church, in care of Minnis Chapel. Funeral arrangements provided by Minnis Chapel 526 East 4th Street St. John, KS 620-549-3556 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 5, 2006

Vincent C. Spiers 1955 - 2006

ANDALE — Vincent C. Spiers, 50, of Andale, died March 3. He was born, Nov. 30, 1955. He was a mechanic at RSC Equipment Rental Corporation. Vincent was a U.S. Army Veteran of the 82nd Airborne Division and lifetime member of the American Legion, Thomas Hopkins Post No. 4, and a proud member of the Patriot Riders. Vincent wanted to be remembered as a person who always tried to do the right thing, and was known by some of his friends as the gentle giant. Vincent was preceded in death by his mother, Neil Dyson, and sister, Rhonda Spiers. Survivors include: a daughter, Miriah Spiers of Seattle, Wash.; son, Devon Bayle of Andale; father and step-mother Bud and Virginia Spiers of Wichita; brothers and sisters, Buford C. Spiers, Ill, Gail Klienfield, Susie Spiers and Bridgette Dyson, all of Picayune Miss., Karla Cravens and Brian Spiers, both of Haysville, Andrew Mullen and Carol Smith, both of Wichita; and loving companion, Kathy Twitchell, of Hoisington; and a host of nieces and nephews. Memorial services will be at 3 p.m. Monday at Downing & Lahey West Mortuary in Wichita. Tributes may be sent to the family via www.downingandlahey.com. Funeral arrangements provided by Downing & Lahey Mortuary P.O. Box 124, 1021 Broadway Larned, KS 67550 800-369-8784
SEWARD — Helen W. Baier, 91, died March 2 at her home in Seward. Funeral service is pending with Minnis Chapel in St. John.

Donald L. Williams

Donald L. Williams, 69, died March 1 at Cherry Village Nursing in Great Bend. Arrangements are pending with Morell Funeral Home in Larned.

Janell Lee Bowman 1930 - 2006

Janell Lee Bowman, 75, died March 1 at the Great Bend Health and Rehabilitation Center in Great Bend. She was born May 15, 1930, at McPherson, the daughter of Walter Jerome and Murial Lee Ittel Sission. She married Donovan Ernest Bowman on Aug. 5, 1951, in Great Bend. He died Aug. 7, 1978. She was a Program Director for a day care. She was a longtime resident of Great Bend. She was a member of First Christian Church. She worked with the Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Brownies and Great Bend Recreation Commission.

Survivors include three sons, Don Bowman and wife Gloria of Olathe, T. R. Bowman and wife Sharron of Sierra Vista, Ariz., and Shane Bowman and wife Darcy of Pawnee Rock; one daughter, Cynthia Gilman of Kansas City; three sisters, Jeanette Tammen of Timken, Shirley Burhenn of El Dorado, and JoHannah Sisson of Laguna Beach, Calif.; six grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by four brothers, Walter T. Sisson, William F. Sisson, John M. Sisson, and Lawrence J. Sisson; and one sister, Lois W. Seago.

Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend with the Rev. William F. Johnson officiating. Interment will be at the Great Bend Cemetery. Visitation will be today from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to American Parkinson Disease Association in care of the funeral home.

Funeral arrangements are provided by
Bryant Funeral Home
1425 Patton Rd.
Great Bend, KS 67530
620-793-3525

Rosalee Reeves 1939 - 2006

McCRACKEN — Rosalee Reeves, 66, died March 1 at her home in McCracken. She was born Sept. 20, 1939, at Weston, the daughter of William Harold and Iola Cahali Schultz. She married James Reeves on Dec. 29, 1956, at Stockton. She was a homemaker and had lived in McCracken for the past 20 years.

Survivors include her husband, James Reeves; one son, Alan Reeves of Cheyenne, Wyo.; three daughters, Debra Wilken of Bazine, Diana Reeves of Great Bend, and Julie Elias of McCracken; her mother, Iola Depperschmidt of Ransom; one brother, Gary Schultz of Arizona; two sisters, Bernadine Schultz of McCracken, and Sheryl Salonski of Grand Island, Neb.; and numerous grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one granddaughter, Brianna Wilken.

Cremation has taken place. There will be a private family service at a later date.

Funeral arrangements provided by
Fitzgerald Funeral Home
207 N. Pennsylvania / P.O. Box 96
Ness City, KS 67560
785-798-3243

Jose Francisco “Frank” Barragan 1918 - 2006

ST. JOHN — Jose Francisco “Frank” Barragan, 87, died Feb. 28 at Hutchinson Hospital in Hutchinson. He was born Aug. 20, 1918, at Ario Santa Monica, Michoachan, Mexico, the son of Ramon and Esther (Rodriguez) Barragan. He married Otilia Ballin on May 1, 1943, at Larned. He was a resident of St. John most of his life coming from Pratt and Stafford. He was a self-employed landscaper and worked for Jennie Owens, Doctor Louis Graves and Mary Ann Heyen. Mr. Barragan was a member of St. John the Apostle Catholic Church in St. John.

Survivors include two sons, John Barragan of Hutchinson, and Paul Barragan of Great Bend; two brothers; one sister, Sarah Bryant of St. John; seven grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife; one son, Raymond Barragan; and one daughter, Lydia Barragan.

Funeral will be at 10 a.m Saturday at St. John the Apostle Catholic Church in St. John with the Rev. Rene Guesnier officiating. Burial will be at the Greenlawn Cemetery in Pratt. Visitation will be today from 1 to 7 p.m. with Rosary at 7 p.m., both at the Minnis
March 2, 2006
Jose Francisco “Frank” Barragan

ST. JOHN — Jose Francisco “Frank” Barragan, 87, died Feb. 28 at Hutchinson Hospital. Funeral service is pending with Minnis Chapel in St. John Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 2, 2006

March 1, 2006

Lurena "Lou" Grizzell 1921 - 2006

MACKSVILLE — Lurena “Lou” Grizzell, 85, died Feb. 26 at Altamonte Springs, Fla. She was born Feb. 10, 1921, at Macksville, the daughter of Arthur Clinton and Molly Myrl Shottenkirk DeBusk. She married Everett William Grizzell on Aug. 6, 1939, at Great Bend. He died May 25, 1994. A longtime Macksville resident, she had lived in Colorado, Arizona, Texas and Florida. Survivors include one daughter, Rebecca Kay O'Neal, San Antonio, Texas; three grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild. She was preceded in death by one daughter, Sandra Sue; and three sisters, Lavona Dobbins, Ruth Miller, and Bonnie Miller. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Friday at the Beckwith Mortuary Chapel in Larned with the Rev. Dan Lundgren officiating. Burial will be at the Farmington Cemetery in Macksville. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. today and Thursday at the mortuary. Memorials are suggested to the Shriners, 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, March 1, 2006

April 30, 2006

Ona Mae McMillan 1918 - 2006

Ona Mae McMillan, 87, went to be with the Lord on Feb. 27, 2006. She was born May 23, 1918 to Rankin and Sadie Smith Wilson in Crescent, Okla. Ona Mae retired from The Fuller Brush Company in 1987 after 15 years of service. She was one of the first group of 12 employees hired by Fuller for the new factory in Great Bend. Ona Mae also worked for the C.O. Mammel’s grocery stores after being a homemaker for many years. She was a member of Faith Community Church for many years, and loved the Lord with all her heart. Ona Mae was preceded in death by her mother, father, husband, two sisters and two brothers. Ona Mae married Virgil McMillan on Feb. 10, 1938, and lived in Oklahoma and Illinois before moving to Great Bend in 1940. She is survived by her daughters, Sue Krueger and husband Jerry of Great Bend and Tricia Birkes and husband Gary of Wichita; five grandchildren, Chris Krueger and wife Brenda, Great Bend, Patrick Birkes and wife Christy, Bethany Strange and husband Brian of Wichita, Jason Birkes and wife Alicia of Belle Plaine and Darren Birkes and wife Phoebe of Wichita; 21 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren. The family extends a special thank you to caregiver Shirley Arnel and the many others who cared for our mom. Friends may call Wednesday, March 1 from noon to 5 p.m. and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., all at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Graveside services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, March 2, at Bethany Cemetery in Hallett, Okla. Memorials are suggested to Great Bend Humane Society or Faith Community Church in care of Bryant Funeral Home. Funeral arrangements provided by Bryant Funeral Home* 1425 Patton Rd. Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-3525 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 1, 2006

April 30, 2006

Karl H. Pfeiffer Ill 1951 - 2006

HOISINGTON — Karl H. Pfeiffer III, 54, died Feb. 26 at his home in Hoisington. He was born Aug. 15, 1951, at Great Lakes, Ill., the son of Karl H. Pfeiffer Jr., and Gertrude L. (Stock) Pfeiffer. He was a cook at the Larned State Hospital in Larned. He was a Hoisington resident for the past 10 years.

Pfeiffer was a member of the Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Hoisington. He was was an Army veteran during peace time and Kansas National Guard for a total service time of 32 1/2 years.

Survivors include two brothers, David L. Pfeiffer of Illinois, and Kenneth J. Pfeiffer of Arkansas; and one sister, Catherine L. Ray of Fort Lewis, Wash. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Nicholson-Riche Funeral Home in Hoisington with the Rev. Richard Monson officiating. Burial will be at the Hoisington Cemetery. Friends may call from 1 to 5 p.m. today and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the American Heart Association or American Cancer Society, 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, March 1, 2006

March 2, 2006

Chapel in St. John. Memorials are suggested to the church in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Minnis Chapel 526 E. 4th St. John, KS 67576 620-549-3556 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 3, 2006
Great Bend Tribune

Marilyn (Decker) Kellogg

Marilyn (Decker) Kellogg, 73, of Great Bend died April 19. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. May 1 at First Christian Church in Great Bend with the Rev. William F. Johnson officiating. Burial will be at the Berghal Mennonite Cemetery in Pawnee Rock. There will be no visitation as cremation has taken place. Memorials are suggested to the Radium Rangers Senior Center or Kans for Kids 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, April 30, 2006

Hilmer Gene Brack 1942 - 2006

PAWNEE ROCK - Hilmer Gene Brack, 64, died April 25 at his home. He was born Mar. 9 1942 in Great Bend, the son of Phillip J. and Suzanna “Susie” (Brack) Brack. He married Emmalenea Horton Sept. 16, 1985, at Bentonville Ark. She preceded him in death on Oct. 20, 2005. He was a mental health aide at Larned State Hospital and a lifetime resident of the area. Brack was a member of the Christian Church in Pawnee Rock and a member of the National Rifle Association. Survivors include one step-son Rola Horton of Pratt; three daughters Sandra Lynn Brack of McPherson, Sherrie Rene Brack of Muldren Okla., Shannon Elaine King of Great Bend; three brothers Reverend Orlett Brack of Sioux Falls, S.D., LaVern Brack of Las Vegas Nev., Billy Brack of Great Bend; one sister Velda Hess of Rose Hill. and five grandchildren. He was preceded in death by three brothers Virgil, J. Dean, and Maynard Brack, and two sisters Lola Veda Brack and Shirley Brack. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at the church with the Rev. Don Paden presiding. Intermment will follow at the Pawnee Rock cemetery. There will be no visitation, cremation has taken place. Memorials are suggested to the Barton County Relay for Life or Alcohol Anonymous in care of Bryant 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, 2006

Phyllis R. Rathbun 1924 - 2006

GENEVA Ill. - Phyllis R. Rathbun, at age 81 of Geneva formerly of Chicago passed away Thursday April 27 at Central Dupage Hospital in Winfield. She was born July 29, 1924 in Taris Pa., the daughter of Howard and Irene (Thomas) Lowsetter. Mrs. Rathbun worked as a phlebotomist at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. She was a devoted wife, mother, and grandmother. She was also an avid baseball fan, especially the Cubs She is survived by her daughter Jacqueline Weltmer of Geneva; two sons John (Kathy) of Lawrence and Jeffery (Lesley) of Charleston, S.C.; six grandchildren Stacey and Britton Weltmer; Kelly, John, Chase, and Lauren Rathbun; two sisters Jean Jaram of Ohio, and Norma Tebbs of Fla. She was preceded in death by two brothers Kenny and Thomas Lowsetter; daughter Jeanne Ann Rathbun and her husband Harry. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Monday at the United Methodist Church of Geneva with the Rev. William Oballil officiating. Intermment will be private. Visitation will be from 2 to 6 p.m. today at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the American Heart Association, 3816 Paisagher Circle, Chicago, or the United Methodist Church of Geneva 211 Hamilton St. Geneva Ill., 60134. Information can be obtained by calling 630-232-8233. Funeral arrangements provided by Malone Funeral Home* 324 E. State Street Geneva Illinois 60134 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 30, 2006

Orland H. Krug 1919 - 2006

LEAGUE CITY, Texas — Orland was born January 31, 1919 in Holsington, Kansas to Philip Krug and Anna Siegfried Krug. He was baptized into the Christian faith in 1919 at Emmanuel Lutheran Church where later he stated his confirmation vows. After graduating from Wichita State University he attended Duke University School of Law for one semester before being inducted into the Army-Air Corp in June, 1940 as a 2nd Lieutenant. He remained on active duty through World War II and in the Air Force Reserves until January 1979 when he was discharged at the rank of Colonel. While stationed at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri, Orland met and married 2nd Lieutenant Leone Marie Halvorson on Valentine’s Day, 1942. Their marriage was blessed with four children, Kurt, Karen, Julie and Mike. Orland worked at Liberty Mutual Insurance Company in Kansas City, Missouri; Boston, Massachusetts; San Francisco, California; and Atlanta, Georgia. He and Leone retired to Florida in 1982 where they lived until moving to League City in 2003. Throughout his life, Orland had a deep faith in Christ and actively served to grow the Church. Currently a member of Gloria Dei, he served in the prayer note writing ministry. On April 21, 2006, Orland was called home to be with his Lord. He is survived by his beloved wife of 64 years, Leone, their children; Kurt Krug and wife Jan; Karen Plansky and husband Tony; Julie Requadt and husband, Chuck; and Mike Krug and wife Jan; 8 grandchildren. 4 grand sons-in-law, 6 great grandchildren; his sister, LaVeria Sullivan and sister-in-law, Margaret Krug. Orland’s life was richly blessed by the love of his relatives and many friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers, Harold Krug and Robert Krug; and two sisters, Olive Krug and Catherine Ragan. Church services were held at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church at 10:30 a.m. April 24, 2006. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the building fund of Good Shepard Lutheran Church 439 E. Norvell Bryant Hwy, Hernando Fla. 34442

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune*, April 30, 2006

Gladys White 1912 - 2006

Great Bend Health and Rehabilitation. She was born Aug. 24 1912 in Madison County Ark., the daughter of George Augustus and Maud (Brown) Ledbetter. She married Frank White Mar. 1 1930. He preceded her in death in 1985. She was meat wrapper at Dillons for 18 years and resident of Great Bend. Survivors include one brother Paul Ledbetter of Santa Clara, Calif., five grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by three brothers George, William, and Guy Ledbetter; five sisters Alva, Ehel Overy, Beulah, Gladys, and Velma Howlen. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at the Church of Christ in Great Bend with Bill Buggeln officiating. Intermment will follow at the Great Bend City cemetery. Visitation will be from 1 to 7 p.m. today at the Charter Funerals Chapel. Memorials are suggested to the Church of Christ in care of the funeral home.

Funeral arrangements provided by

Charter Funerals
2115 Washington
Great Bend, KS. 67530
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 30, 2006
Lloyd M. Davis 1916 - 2006

Lloyd M. Davis, 90, died Saturday in Brush Colo. Graveside services in Great Bend are pending.
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 30, 2006

Viola Gemeinhardt 1914 - 2006

CLAFLIN - Viola Gemeinhardt, 92, died April 27 at Clara Barton Hospital in Hoisington. She was born Feb. 6, 1914, in Pratt, the daughter of William Tritsch and Bertha (Stueder) Tritsch. She married George W. Gemeinhardt on November 10, 1943.

He preceded her in death on Feb. 5, 1999. She was homemaker and resident of Claflin since 1950. Mrs. Gemeinhardt was a member of the Zion Lutheran Church in Claflin. Survivors include one son Paul and his wife Lou Gemeinhardt of Belton Mo.; one brother Milton Tritsch of Holyrood; grandson Todd and his wife Nicole Gemeinhardt of Raymore, Mo.; one granddaughter Stacy Gemeinhardt of Ames Iowa; and one great-granddaughter Madelyn Gemeinhardt. She was preceded in death by one brother Norman Tritsch.

After a committal service at the Claflin Cemetery, a memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, May 1, at the Zion Lutheran Church with the Rev. John Sharp officiating. There will be no visitation as the casket will remain closed. In lieu of flowers memorials are suggested to the Zion Lutheran Church or OZANAM both in care of Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home.

Funeral arrangements provided by
Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home*
415 N. Main
Hoisington, KS. 67544
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 30, 2006

April 28, 2006

May Gibler 1912 - 2006

CLAFLIN — May Gibler, our beloved Mother passed away at 8 a.m. Wednesday, April 26, 2006. She had spent the past few years in Colorado Springs with her two daughters, Shirley Meddles and Nancy Shannon. Another daughter, Betty Placek preceded her in death. May is also survived by three sons-in-law, 11 grandchildren, 24 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandson.

Her husband, August Stickney, preceded her in death after 21 years of marriage. She later married Marvin Gibler, who also preceded her in death.

May was born July 12, 1912, in Barton County to George W. and Mary Jane Boyle and lived in the general area her entire life. She was preceded in death by two brothers, Howard and Bill Boyle and one sister, Irene Boyle. Her vocation in life was first of all a mother and homemaker. Friends will always remember her wonderful cooking. She spent many years cooking at Centerview School.

She touched many people’s lives with the love of Jesus and was always a lady throughout her lifetime. We will always remember her kindness and gentle demeanor. Words cannot describe how much we will miss her.

Services will be held at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at the United Methodist Church in Claflin with the Rev. Fred Kirkpatrick officiating. Burial will be in the Claflin Cemetery, Claflin.

Friends may call from 1 p.m. until 8 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. Saturday at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home, Hoisington, and from 12:30 p.m. until service time at the Church.

Memorials are suggested to the United Methodist Church in care of Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home, Hoisington.

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 28, 2006

Edna Mildred Disque 1916 - 2006

CLAFLIN — Edna Mildred Disque, 90, died April 27 at the Central Kansas Medical Center, Great Bend. She was born Feb. 24, 1916, in Rural Barton County, the daughter of Adam A. Disque and Margaret Caroline Radenberg. She was a retired U.S. Postal Clerk and lifetime resident of Claflin. Disque was a member of St. Paul United Church of Christ, Holyrood, Order of the Eastern Star, Claflin, Barton County Historical Society, State Center Community Club, and Birthday Coffee Club of Claflin.

Survivors include six brothers: Charles, Edgar, and Walter Disque all of Claflin, Marlin Disque of Hoisington, Herman Disque of Lyons, and Harvey Disque of Salina; two sisters Mable Flickinger of Hutchinson, Aline Howser of Chandler, Okla.; 17 nieces; 11 nephews; and several great-nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by: Three sisters, Velma and Grace Disque, and Leona Welch; and two brothers Clarence and Martin Disque. Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at the church with the Rev. Debra Rains officiating. Burial will follow at the Claflin Cemetery. Visitation will be from 1 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home, and from 9:30 a.m. until service time Saturday at the church. Family will receive friends from 6:30 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to St. Paul United Church of Christ 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 28, 2006
April 27, 2006

Joseph R. Barrientos 1927 - 2006

LYONS — Joseph R. Barrientos, 78 years, died April 25, 2006, at Hospice House in Hutchinson.

He was born Dec. 6, 1927, at Lyons the son of John and Isidra Barrientos. A lifelong resident of Lyons, he retired from American Salt Company in 1989 after a 37 year career in salt mining.

He belonged to First United Methodist Church, VFW Post 3184 and was past member of the American Legion. During World War II he served with the U.S. Army Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 60th Regiment, 9th Infantry Division, in the European Theater.

As an accomplished and avid gardener, he was successful in growing numerous varieties of ornamental flowers and trees not commonly found in Central Kansas. He delighted in having unexpected visitors, especially young people, when he was working in his gardens, and always would take time to discuss his plant growing techniques. He was a prolific reader and greatly enjoyed discussions of history and current events. He was a loyal K-State football fan and attended all home games during the past several years.

He is survived by his wife and best friend Della, whom he married in Lyons on Dec. 2, 1961. Other survivors include: Son, Bill Sanford and wife Gwyn, Naples, Fla.; six sisters, Frances Barrientos, Isabel Cadena, husband John, Beatrice Rau, Caroline Palacioz, husband Felix, Betty Harkrader, husband Ronald, all of Lyons, and Odelia Avila, Wichita; two brothers, Daniel Barrientos, Lyons, and Louis Barrientos, wife Helen, Broomfield, Colo.; seven grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, and numerous nephews, nieces, cousins, and other close friends and relatives.

Funeral Services will be 11 a.m., Saturday at First United Methodist Church, Lyons, with the Revs. Gary Karas and Andrew Stover presiding. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m., Friday at Sillin Funeral Home, Lyons.

Burial will be in Lyons Municipal Cemetery, Lyons, with military honors by Fort Riley Honor Guard.


Funeral arrangements provided by Sillin Funeral Home*

214 West Ave. South
Lyons, KS 67554
620-257-2211

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 27, 2006

Ruby Jeanette Tiede 1911 - 2006

Ruby Jeanette Tiede, 95, of Great Bend, died April 26 at Great Bend Health and Rehabilitation in Great Bend. She was born April 1, 1911, at Marionville, Mo., the daughter of Daniel and Nettie (Swaney) Branstetter. She married Ernest Tiede of Billings, Mo. He died March 27, 1979. She was a resident of Heizer since 1952, coming from Mt. Vernon, Mo., and a resident of Great Bend since 1992. She was a homemaker.

Survivors include four sons, Harold Edward Tiede of Heizer, and Ray Eugene Tiede, Wallace Jay Tiede, and James Roger Tiede, all of Great Bend; two daughters, Helen Irene Tiede of Great Bend, and Jeannette Ruth Cribbs of Roswell, N.M.; one step-daughter, Ernestine Marie Butler of Republic, Mo.; one sister, Opal Cantrell of Eureka, Calif.; 15 grandchildren; eight step-grandchildren; numerous great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; two brothers, William Theodore Branstetter, and Charles Howard Branstetter; two sisters, Aurelia Ann, who died in infancy, and Helen Savaria; two stepsons, Richard Tiede, and Leo Tiede; and one granddaughter, Kimberly Kay Rummel.

Funeral will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at Charter Funeral Chapel in Great Bend with the Rev. Don Paden officiating. Interment will be at the Great Bend City Cemetery in Great Bend. Visitation will be 1 to 8 p.m. Friday with family receiving friends from 7 to 8 p.m., at Charter Funerals Chapel in Great Bend. Memorials are suggested to Shriners of Great Bend 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, April 27, 2006

May Gibler

May Gibler, 93, of Claflin, died April 26, 2006, at Liberty Manor Nursing Home, Colorado Springs, Colo. Services are pending with Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington.

April 26, 2006

Jay Harding Bricker 1920 - 2006

RUSSELL — Jay Harding Bricker, 85, of Russell died Monday, April 24 at the Russell Regional Hospital. Funeral services are scheduled for 1:30 p.m., Thursday, April 27 at Pohiman-Varner-Peeler Mortuary Chapel. Interment will follow at Luray Cemetery. Pastor Julie Shields is officiating the service. Visitation will be from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. today at the mortuary in Russell. The family will be present to greet friends from 6 to 7 p.m.

Jay was born Nov. 2, 1920, in Fairport, the son of William R. and Edna Mae (Yeadon) Bricker. He grew up in Fairport and attended school there. Jay served his country in the U.S. Army during World War II. He was with the 531st Anti-aircraft Artillery Battalion. He was involved with the Battle of the Bulge and received the Bronze Star. He was united in marriage to
Ruth Wilma Petty on Aug. 20, 1946, in Salina. They lived in Lancaster, Calif., for three years, then returned to Kansas where he worked for the Double S. Ranch in Russell and for Jack Beverly Sr. in Luray and Salina. In 1961, he began working for the grain elevator in Waldo. He retired in 1985 as the manager of the Co-op.

Jay was a member of the Presbyterian Church in Fairport. He also belonged to the Waldo-Paradise Lions Club and was a life member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 6240 in Russell. He enjoyed reading, fishing, and spending time with his family.

Surviving family include his wife, Wilma of the home; sons, Michael Bricker and wife Kathryn of Ft. Collins, Colo., and Jerry Bricker and wife Darlene of Frontenac; daughter, Susan Gaito and husband Anthony of Great Bend; brother, Melvin Bricker of McAllen, Texas; sister, Mary Katherine Slimmer of Golden, Colo.; grandchildren, Michelle Rosenberg, Daniel Bricker, Brice Gaito and Dustin Gaito; and great-grandchildren Lane and Katelynn Rosenberg. He was preceded in death by his parents, three sisters and five brothers.

A memorial has been established with the Waldo Senior Center. Contributions and condolences may be left with Pohlman-Verner-Peeler Mortuary in Russell.

Funeral arrangements provided by
Pohlman-Verner-Peeler Mortuary*
610 N. Maple
Russell, KS 67665
785-483-2212
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 26, 2006

Maurine Dutt 1913 - 2006

RUSSELL — Maurine Dutt, 92, died April 24. She was born Nov. 21, 1913, in Hoisington, the daughter of Henry and Ella Virginia “Bagley” Vladar.

She was a graduate of Hoisington High School and moved to Russell in 1931. She married Charles B. Dutt on May 25, 1932. He died Aug. 13, 1984. She lived and worked as a beautician in Russell most of her life.

Survivors include one nephew, Stephen Pilkington of Denver, Colo.; one niece, Theresa Vladar-Rathbun of Westwood; and one sister-in-law, Eileen Vladar of Russell. She was preceded in death by one brother, Howard Vladar; and one sister, Doris Pilkington.

Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at the Pohlman-Verner-Peeler Mortuary in Russell. Cremation will follow the service.

Friends may call from 2 to 8 p.m. today. Memorials are suggested to the Bible Baptist Church and can be left with the mortuary.

Funeral arrangements provided by
Pohlman-Verner-Peeler Mortuary
610 N. Maple
Russell, KS 67665
785-483-2212
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 26, 2006

Hilmer Gene Brack

PAWNEE ROCK — Hilmer Gene Brack, 64, died April 25 at his home. Services are pending and will be announced by Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend.

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 26, 2006

Lola G. Glick 1905 -2006

PITTSBURG — Lola G. Glick, 100, of Pittsburg, died April 25 at the Vintage Place, Pittsburg. She was born June 14, 1905, at Pittsburg, the daughter of Omri Osmer and Abigail Ann Wills Lance.

After graduating from Pittsburg High School in 1923, she attended Kansas State Teachers College, now Pittsburg State University, earning a Life Certificate in Music. She married John William Glick on Nov. 1, 1930, at Fall River. He died on Oct. 30, 1955. She returned to Kansas State Teachers College in 1956 and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in 1958.

Mrs. Glick then completed her library science hours at Emporia State University in 1962.

Mrs. Glick began her teaching career in Fall River. She then taught in Cherokee, Pittsburg and Arma. She taught music until she earned her hours in library science, and then set up a new library system in the school in Arma. Part of her music activities, while teaching in Arma, included directing the drum corps. She taught in the Arma School District for 17 years, retiring in 1975.

She was a member of the First United Methodist Church, the United Methodist Women’s Association, Pittsburg Treble Clef Club, a sponsor of the Junior Treble Clef Club, served on the State of Kansas Board of School Librarians, United Commercial Travelers, Retired Teachers Association, was a former Girl Scout Leader, and a committee member of the William Allen White State selective committee for elementary school reading program.

Survivors include a son, John W. Glick Jr. of Leesburg, Fla.; four daughters, Gretchen Glick Gahagan of Ottawa, Janice Glick McGregor of Pittsburg, Phyllis Glick Cheek of Bradenton, Fla., and Marcia Glick Johnson of Great Bend; 12 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a sister, Ethel Lance Glennon.

Services will be at 1:30 p.m. Friday at the Brenner Mortuary in Pittsburg with the Rev. Thomas Sims of the church officiating. Burial will be in the Highland Park Cemetery. Friends may call from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday at the mortuary.

The casket will be closed.

Funeral arrangements provided by
Brenner Mortuary
114 E. 4th Street
Pittsburg, KS 66762
620-231-5600
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 26, 2006
Shawn M. Cook 1972 - 2006

BAZINE — Helen J. Gross, 90, died April 22 in Clinton, Mo. She was born Aug. 5, 1915, near Bazine, the daughter of Charles and Bessie Gray Meyer. She married Adam L. Gross on June 8, 2002, at Hays. He preceded her in death. A lifetime resident of the Bazine area, moving to Clinton in August of 2004, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Gross was a member of the First Baptist Church in Bazine. Survivors include one son, Larry C. Gross of Clinton, Mo.; six grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one daughter, Connie Kleweno; and one brother, Harold Meyer. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at St. Paul’s Congregational Church in Bazine with the Rev. Sam Flick officiating. Burial will be at the Bazine Cemetery. Visitation will be from 2 to 9 p.m. today with the family receiving friends from 7 to 9 p.m., all at Fitzgerald Funeral Home in Ness City. Memorials are suggested to the Bazine Senior Center.

Funeral arrangements provided by Fitzgerald Funeral Home 207 N. Pennsylvania / P.O. Box 96 Ness City, KS 67560 785-798-3243 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 25, 2006

Ralph F. Johnson 1922 - 2006

LARNED — Ralph F. Johnson, 83, died April 21 at Wesley Medical Center in Wichita. He was born in June of 1922, at rural Garfield, the son of Carl and Cora Mae McDowell Johnson. He married Wanda Arlynne Hall on Nov. 2, 1947. She died Dec. 22, 2003. A lifetime Larned resident, he was water superintendent for the City of Larned. Johnson was a member of the United Methodist Church in Larned; Larned Fire Department for 43 years and fire chief from 1979 to 1999; and the National Rifle Association. He was a World War II veteran serving in the European and Panama theaters. Survivors include three sons, Thomas Johnson of Larned, Brian Johnson of Great Bend, and Roger Johnson of Pawnee Rock; two daughters, Marilyn Perez and Becky Kwiatkowski-Gabel, both of Larned; one sister, Lois Grandon of Enid, Okla.; 14 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one son, Gary Marc Johnson, and one brother, Edwin Johnson. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at the Beckwith Mortuary Chapel in Larned, with the Rev. Tim Ault-Duell and the Rev. Ken Walker officiating. Burial will be at the Larned Cemetery, with Military Graveside rites. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. today at the mortuary. Memorials are suggested to the Larned Fire Department, 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, 2006

Shawn M. Cook 1972 - 2006

HAYS — Shawn M. Cook, 33, died April 15 at his home in Hays. He was born Sept. 8, 1972, in Wichita, the son of Dennis E. Cook and Ann Spacil. He married Nicole Schafer on June 8, 2002, at Hays. He was a teacher and coach at TMP-Marian High School and also a teacher at Holy Family Catholic Grade School, both in Hays. He was a 1991 graduate of Larned High School and a 1996 graduate of Fort Hays State University. Funeral services were held April 20, 2006, in Hays. He was cremated. Shawn will be laid to rest Friday, April 28, at the Lakin-Comanche Cemetery in Ellinwood. Graveside services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, officiated by the Rev. Charles Mazouch. The family will receive friends immediately following the service at the graveside. Memorials are suggested to the Alivia Cook Education Fund, in care of Nicole Cook, 320 W. 20th, Hays, KS 67601. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 25, 2006

August L. “Buck” Schulte 1934 - 2006

RUSSELL — August L. “Buck” Schulte, 71, died Thursday, April 20, at the Russell Regional Hospital. Buck was born Dec. 28, 1934, the son of August Frank and Rose Susan (Keiter) Schulte. He grew up in Pratt and attended the Sacred Heart School. Buck was united in marriage to Barbara Parr on April 3, 1959, in Tucumcari, N.M. He started working as a derrick hand in the oil fields. He worked for Lubar Pipe & Supply as a pipe tester. In 1964, Lubar moved Buck and his family to the Russell area. In 1979, he purchased the company from Specter Pipe & Supply. Buck was the owner and operator of the Schulte Pipe and Supply Inc. for many years. He was a member of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church of Pratt. Buck loved the outdoors; he enjoyed fishing, hunting, and watching his grandkids at ball games. He also was a member of the Betty’s Round Table at Gorham Cafe. Buck is survived by his wife of 47 years, Barbara of the home; son, Greg Schulte and wife Denise of Clifton; daughter, Susan Schulte and fiancé Wes Regensberg of Hugoton; son-in-law, Steve Gier of Rose Hill; daughter-in-law, Phyllis Schulte of Russell; brothers, Bob Schulte of Wichita, and Ed Schulte of Yukon, Okla.; sisters, Connie Mobley and Peggy Bradley, both of Wichita; grandchildren, Nathan Schulte, Brent Schulte, Jake Schulte, Jarett Schulte, David Gier, Trey Schulte, Tyler Nuss and Sonja Nuss; and great-grandson, Logan Schulte. He was preceded in death by one daughter, Debra Kay Schulte-Gier; brothers, Gene Schulte and Jerry Schulte; and sisters, Melva Scarbrough and Patty Lehr. The Funeral Mass was Monday at St. Mary’s Catholic Church of Russell. The graveside committal was Monday at Highland Cemetery in Medicine Lodge. Recital of the Rosary was Sunday evening at Pohlman-Vaner-Peeler Mortuary in Russell. Memorials have been established with the St. Mary’s Catholic Church building fund or the American Cancer Society. Contributions and condolences may be left with Pohlman-Vaner-Peeler Mortuary. Funeral arrangements provided by Pohlman-Vaner-Peeler Mortuary 810 N. Maple Russell, KS 67656 785-453-2212 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 25, 2006

Keith Charles Eisen 1965 - 2006
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 25, 2006

**Rose P. Kempke**

Great Bend, the son of Nick and Helen (Pohl) Elsen. Keith was employed by Central State Hose of Denver, Colo. Keith attended St. Patrick’s Catholic Grade School and was a 1983 graduate of Great Bend High School. He was of the Catholic faith. Surviving family includes three daughters, Keisha, Kendra and Emily Elsen, all of Denver, Colo.; five brothers, Mark and wife Pam Elsen of Albert, Brian Elsen of Estes Park, Colo., Jerry Elsen of Great Bend, and Dennis and wife Rachel Elsen of Beloit; one sister, Denise Scott of Wichita; and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by one brother, Michael Elsen; maternal grandparents, Henry and Agnes Pohl; and paternal grandparents, Nicholas and Emelia Elsen.

 Funeral Services will be held at 1 p.m. Mountain Time today at the Parker Funeral Home in Parker, Colo., with Father Marty Hunkler presiding. Burial will be in Elizabeth Church Cemetery, Elizabeth, Colo. Memorial Services to be held in Great Bend will be announced at a later date. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune*, April 25, 2006

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**Ralph F. Johnson**

LARNED — Ralph F. Johnson, 83, died April 21 at Wesley Medical Center in Wichita. Arrangements are pending with Beckwith Mortuary in Larned.

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 23, 2006

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**Ruby Lucille Strube**

KINGMAN - Ruby Lucille Strube, 90, was born on January 8, 1916, to Willie Hix Teel and Emma Jane (Broce) Teel in Emporia. Ruby was a loving mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and sister who will always have a special place in so many people’s lives.

Ruby was a member of St. Paul’s United Church of Christ, Holyrood, Kan., a past worthy matron of Eastern Star, a member of the Belmont Better Homes Club and the WTK club. She was an active 4-H leader while her children were in 4-H. Ruby

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**Ola I. Wolter**

LA CROSSE — Ola I. Wolter, 91, died Friday, April 21, at Rush County Memorial Hospital Long Term Care in La Crosse. She was born Jan. 24, 1915, in Rush County, the daughter of Frank Price and Effie I. (Riggs) Price. A lifelong Rush County resident, Mrs. Wolter was the Rush County Register of Deeds Deputy Clerk for eight years, and the Rush County Register of Deeds for 10 years.

She was a very active member of First Christian Church, and a member of Volunteer/Post Rock Museum, both of La Crosse.


Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. today at the Janousek Funeral Home Chapel in La Crosse, with Pastor Troy Schroeder officiating. Burial will be at the La Crosse City Cemetery in La Crosse. Memorials may be made to First Christian Church in La Crosse.

Funeral arrangements provided by Janousek Funeral Home* 719 Pine La Crosse, KS 67448 785-222-2517 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 25, 2006

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**Ruby Lucille Strube**

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**Ruby Lucille Strube**

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was a homemaker and took care of John’s books for his pumping career. Ruby lived in Kingman for the past 35 years. Ruby passed away on April 20, 2006, at the St. Francis Hospital in Wichita. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband John, daughter Jo Ann Siemsen, son John Strube, and sister Ruth Mayberry. She will be greatly missed by sister Helen and husband Maurice Shaw of Roswell, N.M.; son-in-law Robert and wife Judy Siemsen of Holyrood; daughter-in-law Sandy and husband Steve Mohasci of Modesto, Calif.; granddaughters Deborah and husband Mike Volavka of Caldwell, Kan., Julie and husband Bob Nienke of Lorraine, Kan.; grandsons Steve and wife Sherry Siemsen of Holyrood, Roger and wife Jeni Siemsen of Salina, Kan., John and wife Teresa Strube of Merced, Calif., Sam and wife Kate Strube of Livermore, Calif., Matt and wife Kris Strube of Austin, Texas; two step-granddaughters Sheila and husband Dave Schad of Great Bend and Sheri and husband Brian Yager of Great Bend, 16 great-grandchildren and seven step-great-grandchildren. Memorial services may be made to St. Paul’s United Church of Christ, Holyrood or Anthony Community Care Center, Anthony, Kan. Memorial services will be Monday, April 24, 2006 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Paul’s United Church of Christ, Holyrood, Kan., with interment in St. Paul’s Cemetery. Visitation will be today from 4 -8 p.m. at Parsons Funeral Home, Ellsworth, and Monday, 9:30 -10:30 a.m. at the church. Funeral services provided by Parsons Funeral Home* 307 N. Lincoln Ellsworth, KS. 67439 785-472-3861 Good Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 23, 2006

Raymond Hink Quasebarth

WICHITA — Raymond Hink “Ray” Quasebarth, 75, retired service manager for Victor L. Phillip Co., died Wednesday, April 19, 2006. Visitation with the family will be 7:00 -8:30 p.m., today at Downing & Lahey Mortuary East. Service will be at 10:30 a.m., Monday, April 24, at Holy Cross Lutheran Church. Ray retired January 2, 1996. Preceded in death by his parents, Henry and Anna (Hink) Quasebarth, brothers, Marion and Harold and sisters, Ellen, Martha, Margaret and Esther. Survivors: wife, Delores (Manke) Quasebarth; sons, Scott Alan of Overland Park, KS and Michael Ray of Baltimore, MD; daughter and son-in-law, Susan Renee and J.M. Cox of Andover, KS; grandson, Chance Cox; brothers, Henry and George Quasebarth, both of Bucklin, KS; sisters, Lavada Engelhardt of Hutchinson, KS and Izola Jorns of Preston, KS. Memorials have been established with Lutheran Braille Workers, Inc., and The Lutheran Hour Radio Ministry, both in care of Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 600 N. Greenwich, Wichita, KS, 67206. Tributes may be sent to the family via www.downingandlahey.com. Funeral arrangements provided by Downing & Lahey Mortuary East* 6555 E. Central Ave. Wichita, KS 67206 316-682-4553 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 23, 2006

John Theron White 1914 - 2006

COLDWATER — John Theron White, 91, died Friday, April 21 at Pioneer Lodge in Coldwater. He was born July 3, 1914, on the family farm northwest of Coldwater, the son of Arthur Jesse and Anna (Maris) White. He married Doris Pauline Tinker on Jan. 1, 1937 in Pratt. He was a farmer. He was a lifetime resident of Comanche County, Kansas. He attended Pleasant Ridge Rural School and graduated from Coldwater High School in 1934. He attended Kansas State College in Manhattan, KS. He was a member of the Coldwater United Methodist Church. Other memberships include: 50 year member of Coldwater Masonic Lodge #295; Order of Eastern Star #224; Comanche County Farm Bureau; and he was an active board member for the local Co-Ops. He is survived by three sons: Ronald A. White and wife Pat of Coldwater, KS., Marlan J. White and wife Betty of East Lansing, Michigan, and Theron E. White and friend Maria Cardozo of Pompano Beach, Florida; two daughters: Anita M. Jennison and husband Don of Arvada, Co. and Dolores P. Baker and husband John of Great Bend, KS.; one sister; Nada Darlene Jarnagin of Conway, Arkansas; twelve grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife on June 20, 2005. In addition to his wife, he was preceded in death by two brothers: Maris E. White and Wallace M. White; and two sisters: Alice Stell and Emma White. Funeral service is at 2:00 p.m., Monday, April 24, 2006, at the United Methodist Church in Coldwater, KS. with the Rev. Sue Talbot presiding. Burial will be at the Crown Hill Cemetery in Coldwater, KS. Friends may call from 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Sunday, at Hatfield-Prusa Funeral Home, Coldwater, KS. Memorials have been established with Lutheran Braille Workers, Inc., and The Lutheran Hour Radio Ministry, both in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Hatfield-Prusa Funeral Home* 785-472-3861 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 23, 2006

April 21, 2006

Joseph L. Sauer 1956 - 2006

THORNTON, Colo. — Joseph L. Sauer, 49, of Thornton, Colo., died April 4, 2006, at Kaiser Exempla Hospital, Lafayette, Colo. He was born Nov. 18, 1956, in La Crosse, the son of Edward and Mildred (Dempewolf) Sauer. He was a 1975 graduate of La Crosse High School in La Crosse. He worked for more than 20 years as a welder for Ornamental Iron Co., in Denver, Colo. Survivors include his mother, Mildred Sauer of La Crosse; one son, Travis and his wife Amanda and their son Holden of Belden, Miss.; two brothers, Jim and his wife Judy of Wichita and Mike and his wife Jana of Gering, Neb.; five sisters, Cheryl and her husband Terry Conrad of Timken, Gloria and her husband Lance Morgan of Alexander, Marie and her husband Jim Herrman of Sharon, Okla., Deann and her husband Pat Mahoney of Geary, Okla., and Suzanne Sauer and Jim Harrell of La Crosse; many nieces and nephews and great-nieces and great nephews. He was preceded in death by his father Edward Sauer, April 8, 1990. A Memorial Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. on April 29 at St. Michael Church, La Crosse. Memorials are suggested to Rush County Memorial Hospital, in La Crosse.

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune* April 21, 2006

Marilyn (Deckert) Kellogg 1933 - 2006
Marilyn Kellogg, 73, of Great Bend died Wednesday at Cheyenne Meadows Living Center in Hoisington. She was born Jan. 10, 1933, at Radium, the daughter of Willie Green and Aurice Parrish Estes. She married Eugene Deckert on June 13, 1948, in Radium. He preceded her in death on May 1, 1976. She married Everett Kellogg on Feb. 2, 1979, in Spearville. He preceded her in death on Aug. 21, 1998. She was a homemaker and resident of Great Bend since 1999, moving from Harlingen, Texas.

Mrs. Kellogg was a member of the First Christian Church in Great Bend, and a member of the Radium Rangers Senior Center.

Survivors include two daughters, Trudy Winsor of Caney, and Donna Spencer of Mesa, Ariz.; one step-daughter Veanna Rousseau of Auburn; one brother Glen Estes of Sherwood, Ariz.; two sisters Orva Jean Oehler, of Elfers, Fla., and Dolores Crawford, of Hoisington; five grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; four great-great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two half-brothers Even B. Estes and Ray Estes; one sister Carol Moore, and two half-sisters Hazel Barstow, and Opal Brannan.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. on May 1 at the church with the Rev. William F. Johnson presiding. Burial will follow at the Bergthall Mennonite Cemetery in Pawnee Rock. There will be no visitation; as cremation has taken place. Memorials are suggested to the Radium Rangers Senior Center or Kans for Kids in care of the funeral home.

Funeral arrangements provided by Bryant Funeral Home
1425 Patton
Great Bend, KS 67530
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 21, 2006

April 20, 2006

Allan D. Evans 1922 - 2006

RUSSELL — Allan D. Evans, 83 of Russell, Kansas died Monday, April 17, 2006 at Russell Regional Hospital, after a short illness. Evans was born December 5, 1922 on the family farm near Columbus, Kansas, the second son of Allie A. and Gertrude (Lopp) Evans. His parents, brother, Marion and sister, Anna Maude Bauer all preceded him in death. Survivors are: wife, Evelyn (Ralston) of the home; son, David A. Evans and wife Cindy of Russell; daughter, Diana L. Maier and husband Richard of Kechi, Kansas; granddaughter, Danni Eldred and husband Jon and family Chad, Ruby, and Katy of Yorktown, Virginia; granddaughter, Ariane Evans and husband James of Chicago, Illinois; granddaughters Michelle (Keenan) Casey and husband Spencer and family Laura and Hailey of Hays, Kansas; granddaughter, Ariane Evans and Brandon Evans, both of St. Louis, Missouri. Evans was the General Manager of the Russell Daily News, the Russell Record and the Natoma-Luray Independent, of Natoma, Kansas, and a stockholder of Russell Publishing Company, Inc., for 42 years. In 1969, is lifelong partner, Russell T. Townsley, sold his interests in the publishing company and retired. Evans then became both publisher and general manager until he sold the newspapers in May of 2000. From 1987 forward the Kansas Press Association considered him the “Dean of Kansas newspaper publishers.” Evans attended rural, elementary and high school in Columbus. Early in his life he became involved with the Columbus Daily Advocate, first carrying newspapers, then becoming a printer’s devil and later a Linotype operator during his high school years. After graduation from Cherokee County Community High School, Evans was recruited by Thomas Ritter, Superintendent of the William Allen White School of Journalism print shop to go to Lawrence, Kansas, and work as a Linotype operator while attending the University of Kansas. When WWII erupted, Evans enlisted in the U.S. Naval Air Corps to become a pilot. Later, he had Naval training at William Jewell College in Liberty, Missouri and was transferred out of the Naval Air Corps and into Quartermaster’s School at the Naval Training Station at Great Lakes, Illinois and Midshipmen’s School in Chicago, Illinois. Evans became the USS Kingsbury’s Navigation officer and third in command. Evans returned to Columbus and became publisher and general manager of the Modern Light, a small weekly newspaper. During that time he met Evelyn, who began working for him at the paper and they were married later, November 28, 1946. Evans was a life member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #6240 and VFW Auxiliary. Two grandchildren, Danni Eldred and Brandon Evans, both of St. Louis, Missouri. Evans was a member of the Masonic Lodge, the Russell Elks Lodge, Loin Club of Columbus, 56 year member of Russell Noon Kiwanis, Toastmasters International, an Eagle Scout and advancement co-chairman for two Russell Boy Scout Troops, Lake Wilson Development Association, Russell Junior Chamber of Commerce, Russell representative on Central Kansas Industrial Development Committee.
Edna Elizabeth Morsbach 1912 - 2006

TUCSON, Ariz. — Edna Elizabeth Morsbach, 93, died April 17 at Great Bend Health and Rehabilitation Center, Great Bend. Ms. Morsbach was a member of the First Congregational Church of Russell and at age 16 became a deacon in the First Christian Church of Columbus. Evans was commander of Post #99 during 1975-76 and was instrumental in the creation of the Avenue of Flags along the outside perimeter at the Russell City Cemetery. The funeral services are scheduled for 11:00 am Friday, April 21, 2006 at the First Congregational Church of Russell. Pastor Steve Culver is officiating the services. Interment will follow at the Russell Cemetery. Visitation is scheduled to be today 10 am to 8 pm. The family will be present to greet family and friends from 6:30 to 8 pm. A memorial has been established with the Russell Regional Hospital. Contributions and condolences may be left with Pohlman-Varner-Peeler Mortuary who is assisting the family with these arrangements.

Funeral arrangements provided by
Pohlman-Varner-Peeler Mortuary
610 N. Maple
Russell, KS 67665
785-483-2212
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April 19, 2006

Lester Melvin Ochs 1921 - 2006

TUCSON, Ariz. — Lester Melvin Ochs, 84, died April 5 at Villa Carondalet Nursing Home in Tucson, Ariz. He was born May 27, 1921, in Barton County, the son of Benjamin and Elizabeth (Karst) Ochs. He was a graduate of Hoisington High School. He married Rosetta Stettinger on Dec. 8, 1943. He later married Myra Polly on Sept. 4, 1966. She died July 15, 2005. He was an automobile finance representative in the Hays area until 1960 when he moved to Salina, he later moved to Tucson, Ariz., where he worked in the automobile business until his retirement.

Ochs was a member of the Fountain of Life Lutheran Church in Tucson, Ariz. He was a U.S. Army Air Force veteran of World War II.

Survivors include one son, Darrel Ochs of Lenexa; one daughter, Connie Riedel of Hays; one step-son, Ralph Polly of Salina; one step-daughter, Marilyn Myers of Salina; one brother, Hubert Ochs of Wichita; two sisters, Ruth Brack of Hoxing, and Nadine Abel of Cadiz, Ky.; three grandchildren; eight step-grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; nine step-great-grandchildren; and one step-great-great-grandchild. He was preceded in death by his wife, Myra Ochs; an infant brother, Clifford Ochs; and an infant grandchild, Jessica Smith.

Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington with the Rev. Wayne Flanders officiating. Burial will be at the Hoisington Cemetery with military rites by Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 7428 and American Legion Post No.286. Family will receive friends from 10 a.m. until service time Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorials are suggested to the Fountain of Life Lutheran Church in Tucson, Ariz., or First United Methodist Church in Hoisington in care of the funeral home.

Funeral arrangements provided by
Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home
145 N. Main / P.O. Box 146
Hoisington, KS 67544
620-653-4165
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 19, 2006

Adolph William Stueckemann 1924 -2006

GARFIELD — Adolph William Stueckemann, 81, died April 18 at Edwards County Hospital in Kinsley. He was born Aug. 10, 1924, at Ellinwood, the son of Gustav W. and Augusta H. Junghaertchen Stueckemann. He married Patricia Anne Howe on Aug. 10, 1952, at Ellinwood. He was a retired farmer.

Stueckemann was a member of the Garfield United Methodist Church, Garfield Township Board and past member of the Garfield School Board.

Survivors include his wife, of the home; three daughters, Lee Anne Williams and Laura Kirkwood, both of Larned, and Layna Dechant, Gold Canyon, Ariz.; one brother, Walter Stueckemann, Hutchinson; one sister, Johanna Stueckemann, Apple Valley, Minn.; six grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Morell Funeral Home in Larned with the Rev. Ken Walker officiating. Burial will be in the Garfield Cemetery. Friends may call from 2 to 8 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. until 8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are suggested to the church or the donor’s choice, 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, April 19, 2004

Edna Elizabeth Morsbach 1912 - 2006

HOISINGTON — Edna Elizabeth Morsbach, 93, died April 17 at Great Bend Health and Rehabilitation Center, Great Bend. She was born June 23, 1912, in Greeley County, Kan., the daughter of Harry E. Waldren and Emma E. Jones. She married Jesse T. Morsbach on Dec. 12, 1951, at Raton, N.M. He preceded her in death on May 12, 2001. A resident of Hoisington since 1970, coming from Tribune and Scott City, Kan., she was a homemaker and a retired nurse’s aid.

Mrs. Morsbach was a member of the First Christian Church and the Missouri-Pacific Women’s Club, both in Hoisington. She loved gardening, flowers and crocheting.

Survivors include a son Jim Bivins and his wife Sue, Four Seasons, Mo.; niece Donita Price and her husband Jack J., Lamar, Colo.; special person Kathy Rose, whom she regarded as the daughter she never had; three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a son, Mike Bivins; a brother, Lloyd Waldren; three sisters, Leta Davison, Juanita Smith and Lucile Sauder; and infant daughter Faye Charlene Bivins.

Funeral will be at 2 p.m. today at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington with the Rev. Paula Bell officiating. Commital service will follow at 4 p.m. today at Lyons Municipal Cemetery in Lyons. Friends may call from 11 a.m. until
RUSSELL — Marvin E. Thompson, 85, of Russell, died Tuesday morning, April 11, 2006, at the Russell Regional Hospital in Russell, Kan. Memorial services are scheduled for 4:30 p.m. Friday, April 21, at Pohlman-Varner-Peeler Mortuary Chapel in Russell. A reception will be held at the Russell Elks Lodge No. 1715 following the services. Cremation has preceded the services.

Mr. Thompson was born May 5, 1920, in Belton, Mo., the son of Harry and Eudora (Sappington) Thompson. At an early age, Marvin and his family moved to the Paola, Kan., area where he grew up. He graduated from Paola High School. He went on to graduate from the University of Kansas in 1944 and the University of Kansas Law School in 1946. After graduation, he worked as a law clerk from 1946 to 1947 for The Hon. Arthur J. Mellott, U.S. District Court Judge for the District of Kansas. In 1947 Marvin began his law practice in La Crosse, Kan., and moved to Russell in 1950, where he continued his law practice until his retirement from the firm of Thompson, Arthur & Davidson in 2002. He was united in marriage to Maxine Snow on Nov. 14, 1942. Maxine preceded him in death on March 20, 1991. Marvin was united in marriage to Armella M. Wasinger on Feb. 14, 1992, in Hays, Kan. Marvin was admitted to practice law in the Kansas Supreme Court, the U.S. District Court of Kansas, U.S. Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals and the U.S. Tax Court. His professional associations include the Kansas Bar Association, where he served as president from 1972 to 1973 and as a member of the executive council from 1959 to 1974; Fellow of the Kansas Bar Foundation; American Bar Association; Fellow of the American Bar Association; Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers; and Russell County Bar Association. He also served on the Kansas Judicial Council from 1969 to 2000, where he served as a member of the Probate Code Advisory Committee, the Lien Law Advisory Committee, the Title Standards Advisory Committee, the Care & Treatment/Guardianship Advisory Committee; the Continuing Legal Education Advisory Committee, and the Governmental Immunity Advisory Committee. He served for several years as chairman of the Probate Code Advisory Committee and of the Governmental Immunity Advisory Committee. He also served on the Russell County Zoning Commission for a number of years. Marvin was a member of the First Congregational Church of Russell, the Russell Elks Lodge No. 1715, the Russell Masonic Lodge, and the Isis Shrine. Surviving family include his wife Armella of the home; son, David Thompson and wife Myra of Russell; daughter, Patricia Hubert of Greenfield, Mass.; step-daughters, Ruth Heckman and husband Jim of Guilford, Conn., Mary Kay Kimmitt and husband Jim of Roswell, Ga., and LuAnn Wasinger of Ft. Collins, Colo.; sister, Lucy Roark of Paola; nine grandchildren; eight step-grandchildren and five step-great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Harry and Harold.

In lieu of flowers, the family has established memorials with Shriner’s Burn Center, South Wind Hospice, the Kansas Bar Foundation and St. Mary’s Catholic Church Building Fund. Contributions and condolences may be left with Pohlman-Varner-Peeler Mortuary, which is assisting the family with arrangements.

Funeral arrangements provided by
Pohlman-Varner-Peeler*
610 N. Maple
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Allan Dale Evans

RUSSELL — Allan Dale Evans, 73, died April 17 at the Russell Regional Hospital. Services are pending with Pohlman-Varner-Peeler Mortuary.

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Claire Geraldine Buehler 1920 - 2006

CLAFLIN — Claire Geraldine Buehler, 85, died April 15, 2006, at River Bend Assisted Living in Great Bend. She was born April 25, 1920, at Fall River, Mass., the daughter of Jeremiah A. and Norah Roach Malvey. She married Frank Buehler on June 14, 1946, in Ladue, Mo. She was a resident of Claflin since 1946, coming from Fall River, Mass. She was a registered nurse and a homemaker.

She was a veteran of World War II, serving in the U.S. Army Nurse Corps. Frank and Claire met during World War II while serving in the South Pacific.

Mrs. Buehler was a member of Claflin United Methodist Church, United Methodist Women, Veterans of Foreign Wars and American Legion. She was preceded in death by one brother, Joseph Malvey, one sister, Mary Malvey, and one grandson, Joel Todd Buehler.

Survivors include her husband, Frank Buehler of the home; two sons, John M. Buehler and wife Susan of Baldwin City, Kan., Jere K. Buehler and wife Bonnie of Claflin; daughter, Clarice B. and husband Mark Miller of Denver, Colo.; sister, Ruth Duggan of Framingham, Mass.; grandchildren, Gretchen Bixler, T. J. Buehler, B. J. Buehler, Tim Pflughoeft, Jeremy Pflughoeft and Heath Buehler; and great-grandchildren, Claire Buehler, Jackson Buehler, Brooklyn Buehler, and Bailee
CLAFLIN - Lavina Mae Klima, 80, died Friday at her residence in Claflin. She was born March 17, 1926, in Rice County, the daughter of James Arthur Belote and Lavina (King) Belote. She married Vernon G. Klima, April 1, 1951, at Lyons. He preceded her in death May 26, 1999. She was a homemaker and a resident of Claflin after moving from Holyrood in 1963. Mrs. Klima was a member of the First Baptist Church in Claflin. Survivors include her husband, Nicole Cook, and daughter, Alivia Cook, both of the home; his father and step-mother, Dennis E. and Carole Cook, Great Bend; his mother and step-father, Ed and Ann Haremza, Larned; two step-brothers, Jay Dee and his wife Dena Haremza, Larned, and John and his wife Jill Haremza, Garden City; and four step-sisters, Brenda Haremza, Shelli Haremza, Jill E. Klima and Amy Haremza, all of Larned. He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Lawrence and Mildred (Simpson) Spacil, and Alec and Myrtle (Boyle) Cook; and foster grandparents, Earl and Louise Hall. His body was cremated and a funeral Mass will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at the Al Billinger Field House at TMP-Marian Campus, Hays. Inurnment will be at the Lakin-Comanche Cemetery in Ellinwood at a later date. A rosary will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday at Cline’s Mortuary of Hays, 1919 East 22nd Street, in Hays. The family will receive friends from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the mortuary and from 9 to 10 a.m. Thursday at the Al Billinger Field House. Memorials are suggested to the Alivia Cook Education Fund, in care of the mortuary.

Funeral arrangements provided by Cline’s Mortuary of Hays

P.O. Box 252 Hays, KS 67601 785-628-8822 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 18, 2006

April 16, 2006

Claire Buehler

Claire Buehler, 85, died Friday at River Bend Assisted Living in Great Bend. Arrangements are pending and will be announced later by Bryant Funeral Home Great Bend.

Lavina (Mae) Klima 1926 - 2006

CLAFLIN - Lavina Mae Klima, 80, died Friday at her residence in Claflin. She was born March 17, 1926, in Rice County, the daughter of James Arthur Belote and Lavina (King) Belote. She married Vernon G. Klima, April 1, 1951, at Lyons. He preceded her in death May 26, 1999. She was a homemaker and a resident of Claflin after moving from Holyrood in 1963. Mrs. Klima was a member of the First Baptist Church in Claflin. Survivors include four sons, Dennis Klima and Gary Klima, both of Great Bend, Ernest Klima, Hutchinson; and Jim Klima, Claflin; four daughters, Carol Graves, Hutchinson, Donna Briggeman, Iuka, Veral Blair, and Carole Cook, Great Bend; his mother and step-father, Ed and Ann Haremza, Larned; two step-brothers, Jay Dee and his wife Dena Haremza, Larned, and John and his wife Jill Haremza, Garden City; and four step-sisters, Brenda Haremza, Shelli Haremza, Jill E. Klima and Amy Haremza, all of Larned. He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Lawrence and Mildred (Simpson) Spacil, and Alec and Myrtle (Boyle) Cook; and foster grandparents, Earl and Louise Hall. His body was cremated and a funeral Mass will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at the Al Billinger Field House at TMP-Marian Campus, Hays. Inurnment will be at the Lakin-Comanche Cemetery in Ellinwood at a later date. A rosary will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday at Cline’s Mortuary of Hays, 1919 East 22nd Street, in Hays. The family will receive friends from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the mortuary and from 9 to 10 a.m. Thursday at the Al Billinger Field House. Memorials are suggested to the Alivia Cook Education Fund, in care of the mortuary.

Funeral arrangements provided by Cline’s Mortuary of Hays

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April 16, 2006

Claire Buehler

Claire Buehler, 85, died Friday at River Bend Assisted Living in Great Bend. Arrangements are pending and will be announced later by Bryant Funeral Home Great Bend.

Lavina (Mae) Klima 1926 - 2006

LIBERAL - Joan Cooper, 74, died Wednesday at Southwest Medical Center in Liberal. She was born Aug. 23, 1931 in Larned, the daughter of Elmer and Lena (Lipsack) Mauolf. She was a 1949 graduate of Otis High School, attended Kansas University, and completed her Bachelors degree in education at Fort Hays State University in 1954. She married Glen Edward Cooper August 23, 1954, at Albert. He preceded her in death on Nov. 7, 1976. She was a homemaker and also an assistant librarian at Liberal High School. Mrs. Cooper was a member of the First Untied Methodist Church and SCCC Booster Club, both in Liberal. Survivors include two sons, Craig Cooper of Gunnison, Colo., Scott Cooper of Chicago, Ill.; one daughter, Christy Cooper of Orange Calif.; step mother, Alberta Mauolf, Albert, and one sister, Dee Ochs, Colorado Springs, Colo. She was preceded in death by her parents. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Monday at the church with Rev. Ken Hathaway presiding. Visitation will be from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday at the Kitch-Brenneman Funeral Home, Liberal. Memorials are suggested to the church, or the Glen and Joan Cooper Memorial Scholarship Fund at Liberal High School or to SCCC Lady Saints Basketball in care of the funeral home.

Funeral Arrangements provided by Kitch-Brenneman Funeral Home 1212 W 2nd Liberal, KS. 67901 800-640-9205 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune April 16, 2006

Joan Cooper 1931 - 2006

Kathryn “Kay” Orth Habiger 1911 - 2006

BUSHTON - Kathryn “Kay” Orth Habiger, 94, died Saturday at Good Samaritan Center in Lyons. She was born Dec. 18, 1911 at Bushton, Kan., the daughter of Henry and Margaret Finnin Orth. She graduated from St. John School of Nursing at Marymount College in Salina. She married Lawrence J. Habiger Feb. 12, 1945, at Bushton. He preceded her in death on Mar. 18, 2005. She was a retired registered nurse for Rice and Barton Co. hospitals and nursing homes. She was a resident of Lyons since 2005, formerly a longtime resident of Bushton. Mrs. Habiger was a member of the Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Church and Holy Name of Jesus Altar Society, and an avid card player all in Bushton. Survivors include three daughters, Margarette Feist of Ellinwood, Zoe Miner of Lyons, Bridget Habiger, of Denver, Colo.; one sister, Magdalene Cerar of CarlINVille, Ill. She was preceded in death by two
brothers John Orth and Felix Orth, four sisters Louise Slansky, Josephine Flanders, Mary Link and Nancy Lee Neaslooney. Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at the church with Revs. Steve Scheier, James Roth, and Juan Garza presiding. Burial will be at the church cemetery. Visitation will be from 2 to 5 p.m. Monday at the Sillim Funeral Home, Lyons, and at 6 p.m. at the church, rosary will follow at 7:30 p.m. Memorials are suggested to the church Cemetery Fund or the Bushton First Responders in care of the funeral home. Funeral Arrangements provided by Sillim Funeral Home & Granite Memorials 214 West Ave. South Lyons, KS. 67554 620-257-2211 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune April 16, 2006

Opal Knappenberger 1913 - 2006

OLATHE - Opal Clara Katherine Knappenberger, 92, died Thursday at Stafford District Hospital. She was born Oct. 13, 1913, in Haven, the daughter of Albert and Florence (Wotstoff) Schlickau. She graduated from Haven High School and Kansas State University. She married Dr. Joseph Knappenberger on Dec. 26, 1935 in Akron, Ohio. He preceded her in death in 1992. She was a homemaker and owner of Knappenberger Veterinary Clinic in Hutchinson from 1937 to 1948 before moving to Olathe in 1948. Mrs. Knappenberger was a member of the Zeta Tau Alpha sorority at K-State, member of the St. Marks Lutheran Church, Olathe; an active 4-H and Extension leader in Reno and Johnson counties and local and state Kansas Extension Homemakers Assoc, and life member of Kansas Veterinary Medical Assoc... Auxiliary. Survivors include two sons Dr. Tom Knappenberger of Olathe, Don Knappenberger of St. John; two daughters Janice Dunn of St. John, May Janssen of Sheridan, Ind., ten grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. on Tuesday at the Lerado Cemetery near Penalosa. There will be public visitation. A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. in the Trinity United Church of Christ, Hudson, with Lay minister John Schlickau presiding. Memorials are suggested to the Stafford District Hospital or St. Marks Lutheran Church, Olathe both in care of Minnis Chapel, St. John. Funeral Arrangements provided by Minnis Chapel, Inc. 526 E 4th St. John, KS 67576 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune April 16, 2006

Charles McKinley Cooper Jr. 1924 - 2006

HUTCHINSON - Charles McKinley Cooper Jr., 81, died Thursday at the Hutchinson Hospital. He was born June 3, 1924, in Hutchinson, the son of Charles M. Cooper Sr. and Marguerite Elsie Heim. He graduated Langdon High School. He married Fern M. Smith on April 21, 1958, in Nickerson. She preceded him in death on Dec. 9, 1996. He was a retired weighmaster for Farmland Industries and a longtime resident of Hutchinson. Mr. Cooper was a member of the St. Paul’s United Church of Christ, American Legion Lloyd F. Schroeder Post 200, Sons of the American Legion all of Holyrood, V.F.W. Post 6485 and Masonic Lodge # 146 both of Ellsworth and a veteran of WWII in the United States Navy. Survivors include two sons Charles Howard of Hutchinson, Duth Mannel of Holyrood; one brother Joseph Cooper of Grand Island, Neb.; one sister Leverna Burrow of Columbia, Tenn., six grandchildren and several great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by brother Jackie Dean Cooper, two sisters Virginia Thomas, Lucille Drake, an infant sister, and stepchildren Robert and Margaret Howard. Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at Fairlawn Cemetery with the Rev. Debra Rains presiding. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. at Elliott Mortuary, Hutchinson. Graveside rites conducted by Hutch-Reno Masonic Lodge #124, A.F. and a.M. and Ft Riley Honor guard. Memorials are suggested to the American Legion Post 200 in care of the funeral home. Funeral Arrangements provided by Elliott Mortuary 1219 North Main Hutchinson, KS. 67501 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune April 16, 2006

Phyllis Barrow 1928 - 2006

ELLINWOOD - Phyllis Barrow, 78, died Friday at Woodhaven Care Center in Ellinwood. She was born Oct. 12, 1928, in Great Bend, the daughter of Elmer Lawrence and Florence Ann Johnson Barrow. She was a lifetime resident of Barton County. Miss Barrow was a member of the Immanuel United Church of Christ in Ellinwood. Survivors include two brothers Bob Barrow of Great Bend, Jack Barrow of Cypress, Texas; one sister Shirley Christiansen, Lake of the Ozarks, Mo.; and nieces and nephews. Funeral service will be at 1:30 p.m. Monday at the church with the Rev. Larry Young presiding. Visitation will be from 5 to 8 p.m. today and 9 to 11 a.m. Monday at the Kimple Funeral Home, Ellinwood. Burial will follow at the Hillcrest Cemetery in Great Bend. Memorials are suggested to the church. Funeral Arrangements provided by Kimple Funeral Home 113 North Main Ellinwood, KS 67526 620-257-2211 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune April 16, 2006

William L. Norris 1924 - 2006

LARNED - William L. Norris, 81, died Friday at Oak Manor Nursing Home, Largo, Fla. He was born Aug. 6, 1924, in Erie, the son of James L. and Lelia Pearl Inman Norris. He married Florence Mardell Augustine on Jan. 10, 1948, in Kansas City, Kan. He was a retired employee of the Skelly/ Getty Oil Company and a resident of Larned after moving from Chace in 1964. Mr. Norris was a member of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Larned. Survivors include his wife, one son Larry Norris Largo; five brothers, Kenneth J., Erie, Bernard T., Lynwood, Wash., and triplets Raymond E., Del City, Okla., Harold, Gerard, and Charles, both of Austin, Texas; twin sisters Loraine Westhoff, Walnut, and Loretta Guy, Mesilla Park, N.M.; one sister, Mildred Birzer, Ellinwood; three grandsons and three great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one daughter Susan Denise Norris. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at the Morell Funeral Home with the Rev. Bernard Felix presiding. Cremation took place. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the Alzheimer’s Disease Association or Hospice of Florida Sun Coast both in care of the funeral home. Funeral Arrangements provided by Morell Funeral
Helen Southern 1920 - 2006

Hutchinson — Helen Southern, 85, died April 12 at her home in the Hester Care Center at Wesley Towers in Hutchinson. She was born Dec. 18, 1920, at Portland, Ore., the daughter of Ernest C. Heidbrink and Ida Elizabeth Seidenburg. She graduated from Washington High School and attended the University of Washington. She married William S. Southern in October of 1942. He died March 20, 2001. A resident of Hutchinson since 2001, moving from Wichita in 1972 and formerly of Ellinwood from 1945-1972, and Portland, Ore., she worked at the Sedgwick County Treasurer’s Office as a secretary and tax clerk.

Mrs. Southern was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Wichita and served on the Altar Guild and taught Bible School.

Survivors include one son, William S. Southern, Jr. of Hutchinson; two daughters, Joan Pivonka of Ellinwood and Nancy Southern of Deer Harbor, Wash.; and one brother, Bill Heidbrink of Portland, Ore.; four grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two sisters, Esther Fort and Ruth Phipps.

Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday in the chapel at Wesley Towers in Hutchinson with Art Maddock officiating. Burial will be held in Ellinwood at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to Wesley Tower’s Employee Scholarship Fund or a charity of the donor’s choice.

Funeral arrangements provided by
Kimple Funeral Home
113 N. Main
Ellinwood, KS 67526
620-564-2300

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 14, 2006

Jonas Lane Morin 15 days

Pawnee Rock — Jonas Lane Morin died April 12 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. He was born March 28, 2006, at Great Bend, the son of Jason C. and Heather G. Trimmer Morin.

Survivors include his parents, Jason and Heather Morin of the home; three brothers, Drew Trimmer, Cole Morin and Ian Trimmer, all of the home.

Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Pawnee Rock Christian Church in Pawnee Rock with the Rev. Don Paden officiating. Burial will be at the Pawnee Rock Cemetery. There will be no visitation.

Funeral arrangements provided by
Bryant Funeral Home
1425 Patton Rd.
Great Bend, KS. 67530
620-793-3525

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 14, 2006

Jon Joseph Kunzelmann 1938 - 2006

Albany, Ore. — John died Saturday in Albany, Oregon. He was born in St. Joseph, Missouri, the son of Harold Peater and Kathryn Mary (Fulton) Kunzelmann. He moved to Great Bend, Kansas at three years of age and grew up there.

He moved to Seattle, Washington in the mid 1960’s and served in the Merchant Marines. He moved to Albany in 1968.

John married Judy Larsen on November 26, 1970 in Reno, Nevada.

He was a member of the Catholic Church, the Eagles Lodge and American Legion, Post 10. He worked as a welder. He used to build dirt track race cars in Kansas.

John is survived by his wife, Judy Kunzelmann of Albany, son and daughter-in-law, Erik and Deena Kunzelmann serving in the U.S. Navy, grandson, Kurt Kunzelmann and brother, Harold Peater Kunzelmann of Great Bend.

Memorial services will be held later.

Funeral arrangements provided by
Fisher Funeral Home*
306 SW Washington
Albany, OR 97321
541-928-3349

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 14, 2006

April 13, 2006

Bernadine M. Pahls 1920 - 2006

Cawker City — Bernadine Margaret Baker was born September 5, 1920, at Marienthal, Kansas, at the home of her parents, Anton and Caeccilia Baier Baker. She passed away on Friday, April 7, 2006, at the Long Term Care Unit of the Mitchell County Hospital in Beloit, Kansas, at the age of 85 years, 7 months, and 2 days.

Bernadine was the oldest child of the large family. She grew up on a farm and ranch in rural Wichita County and was a member of St. Mary’s Catholic Church. She enjoyed music — playing guitar, and spending time with her sisters and brothers as she was growing up. She attended Marienthal Grade School before graduating from Leoti High School in the Class of 1940 after three years of course work. Following graduation, she worked as a bookkeeper for the Theo Boulware Hardware Company in Marienthal.

After World War II, she met Edwin A. Pahls of Cawker City in 1946 at the Denver Stock Show at a ballroom dance. They were married on August 20, 1946, at St. Mary’s Church in Marienthal. Three sons and two daughters were born to this
a farm South of Cawker City and soon moved to a farm West of Cawker City where they lived for the past fifty-four years. Bernadine enjoyed traditional farm life and worked hard raising hundreds of chickens every year and she always loved having a barn full of cats waiting for fresh milk for their dinner. But her favorite pets were her dogs, Lady, her Chihuahua, and Mitzi, a Brittany Spaniel.

Bernadine loved sewing and was an accomplished seamstress, and she made most of the clothing for her children as they were growing up, everything from suits and prom dresses to quilts for her family. She also enjoyed cooking and canning and planted a large garden every summer. She enjoyed reading and music and loved to dance.

Bernadine was a true farm wife and partner in farming with her husband Edwin, but most important to her was her faith in the Lord. She was a Past President of the Ladies Guild for Sts. Peter and Paul’s Catholic Church at Cawker City, Kansas, and often gave rides to Mass for widows and elderly church members. She also helped the Sisters at St. Theresa’s School with their wonderful Christmas Pageants each year, making costumes and even providing live animals for skits. She was a member of the Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church for the past fifty-four years, the Ladies Guild, the Legion Auxiliary, and the VFW Auxiliary.

Bernadine and Edwin celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with their children, grandchildren, family members, and friends and relatives in August of 1996 at a dinner, dance, and reception. In September of 2000, Bernadine celebrated her 80th Birthday with a very special dinner planned by her sisters and they all traveled to Cawker City to be with her.

Bernadine was preceded in death by her parents, a sister, Elizabeth Geyer and her husband Elmer Geyer, Jr., a brother-in-law, Louis Zellner, and infant brother and sister, Anthony and Pauline. She is survived by her husband, Edwin, of the home; three sons, Edwin Terrance and his wife Sue of Garden City, Dennis Raymond of Cawker City, and Galen Louis and his wife Jane of Jewell; two daughters, Janet Marie Rose and her husband David of Great Bend, and Faye Ann Caecilia Toepfer of Fenton Missouri. She is also survived by six sisters, Marquerite Zellner, Mary Ann Winter and husband Joseph, Florence Zellner and her husband Joseph, Celine Wimmer and here husband Jack, Imelda Smith and her husband Gerald, and Inella Scheffe and her husband Clyde, all of Marienthal. Her surviving brothers are Joseph Baker and wife Virginia of Washington, Kansas, Louis Baker and wife Betty of Marienthal, and Bernard Baker and wife Theresa of Colby. Her grandchildren are Mike and Laura Pahls, Garden City, Nathan and Marisa Rose, Great Bend, and Katelyn, Gabriel, and Nicholas Pahls of Jewell. Additional survivors are step-grandchildren Rachel Chapman of Hays, and Angie Williams of Cimarron, and four step-great grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews, and friends. The funeral service was held on Monday, April 10, at Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church, Cawker City, Kansas, with interment at Sts. Peter and Paul Cemetery. Memorials are to the church. Arrangements were by McDonald-Roberts Funeral Service, Beloit, Kansas. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune*, April 13, 2006

Jo May Bowsher 1909 - 2006

Jo May Bowsher, 96, died April 12 at Cherry Village Nursing Home in Great Bend. She was born Sept. 13, 1909, in Ardmore, Okla., to Minnie and J. S. Bowsher. She married John N. Bowsher on Aug. 3, 1933. She then married Don Bowsher, Sr. on July 21, 1972. He passed away Oct. 30, 1983. She was a resident of Great Bend. Jo May graduated from Phillips University with a Masters Degree in Education. Jo May was a teacher for 42 1/2 years. She taught in a variety of positions including Vice President of Transmission and Distribution as the company transformed from being a local utility to becoming a subsidiary of a central corporation based in Chicago. After his retirement and until his death Jerry continued to serve the power industry as a consultant advising on issues ranging from wind and solar energy to nuclear power. Jerry taught a variety of electrical classes for the Adult Evening Division at Barton County Community College from 1970 to 1991. He then began teaching again in 2003 and 2004; teaching customized electrical classes including basic Electricity, Electrical Training, Technical Math and DC Electric. Jerry was a member of the Great Bend Kiwanis for over 20 years serving as President of Cimarron, and four step-great grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews, and friends. The funeral service was held on Monday, April 10, at Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church, Cawker City, Kansas, with interment at Sts. Peter and Paul Cemetery. Memorials are to the church. Arrangements were by McDonald-Roberts Funeral Service, Beloit, Kansas. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune*, April 13, 2006

Nancy Lou Nelson 1953 - 2006

Nelson, Nancy Lou, 53, of Great Bend, Great Bend Tribune delivery employee, died Tuesday, April 11, 2006 at the Robert J. Dole Veterans Administration. Living Center in Wichita. Nancy was born January 5, 1953 in Ellinwood, Kans., to Norman and Victoria (Peterson) Nelson. Nancy served in the US Army from 1974 to 1977. Survivors include: Son, Richard Dickerson of Great Bend; daughter, Anita Smith of Denver, Colo.; brothers, Rusty Nelson of Canby, Ore., Ron Nelson of Newton, Kan., Rick Nelson of California and Mitch Monday of New York; sister, Denise Jordan of Dodge City, Kan.; and five grandchildren. A memorial service will be held on Friday, April 14, 2006, at the Concordia Lutheran Church, 460 W. 8th Street, Hoisington, Kan. Military honors, provided by the United States Army Honor Guard, will follow the service at the church. Cremation has been effected. Funeral arrangements provided by Advantage Funeral & Cremation Services* 4408 W. Central Ave., Wichita, KS 67212 316-945-8108 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 13, 2006

Jerry E. Felkel 1934 - 2006

Jerry E. Felkel age 71, of Great Bend, Kansas, died April 10, 2006, at Hutchinson Hospital, Hutchinson, Kan., of a prolonged pulmonary infection illness complicated with an upper respiratory infection. Jerry was born July 16, 1934, in Dodge City, Kan., the son of Gene and Florence (Gaunt) Felkel. Jerry attended Dodge City High School and Dodge City Community College. He was very active in football, basketball and baseball. He moved to Great Bend where he self taught a career in electrical engineering beginning with the then named regional utility Western Power and Gas. He continued his service through 40 plus years working in a variety of positions including Vice President of Transmission and Distribution as the company transformed from being a local utility to becoming a subsidiary of a central corporation based in Chicago. After his retirement and until his death Jerry continued to serve the power industry as a consultant advising on issues ranging from wind and solar energy to nuclear power. Jerry taught a variety of electrical classes for the Adult Evening Division at Barton County Community College from 1970 to 1991. He then began teaching again in 2003 and 2004; teaching customized electrical classes including basic Electricity, Electrical Training, Technical Math and DC Electric. Jerry was a member of the Great Bend Kiwanis for over 20 years serving as President of Cimarron, and four step-great grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews, and friends. The funeral service was held on Monday, April 10, at Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church, Cawker City, Kansas, with interment at Sts. Peter and Paul Cemetery. Memorials are to the church. Arrangements were by McDonald-Roberts Funeral Service, Beloit, Kansas. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune*, April 13, 2006

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along with various community projects including the Bicycle Races for youths. He also was active in Big Brother/Big Sisters, the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers, the American Association for the Advancement of Science and the Southwest Power Pool. Jerry and his fiancee Shirley participated in Biking Across Kansas for several years from 1994 through 2005. He is survived by: one son Stephen Felkel of Pittsburg, Penn.; one daughter Brenda Seidel of Tulsa, Okla.; fiancee Shirley Gingerich of Dodge City, Kan.; one brother John Felkel of San Bernadino, Calif.; two grandchildren, Thomas and Jacob; nieces and nephews, Carly, Kim, Shell, Kerri, Lari, and Gregg; and his aunt Carol Jean Felkel of Mildred Furse. Jerry is preceded in death by his parents, and brother Joseph. A Memorial service will be Friday, April 14, 2006, at 9 a.m. at Mariah Hills Golf Course Club House basement, Dodge City, Kan. In lieu of flowers memorials may be given to Barton County Community College Foundation in care of Garnand Funeral Home. Funeral arrangements provided by Garnand Funeral Home* 405 W. Grant Ave. Ulysses, KS 67880 620-356-1445 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 13, 2006

Vera Eileen Ewalt 1926 - 2006
Vera Eileen Ewalt, died at her home on April 11, 2006, in McPherson, Kan. She was born April 29, 1926, in Ness County, Kan., the daughter of Burton Irvan Sr. and Mary Marie (Sears) McJunkin. She graduated in 1943 from Bazine High School, Bazine, Kan. On July 30, 1949, she married John Howard Ewalt in Great Bend. She survives.
Other survivors include her children; John R. Ewalt, (Caroline), Patrick Ewalt (Elaine), Candy Sikkink (John), Max Ewalt (Christine), grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and a brother Ivar McJunkin. She is preceded in death by siblings, Gladys, Mabel, Floyd, Hazel, Reina, Maurice, infant boy, Burton, Rex, and Ivan. Vera lived in Great Bend, Arvada, Colo., and McPherson. She was a homemaker and a really good one. She also enjoyed her pet Chihuahuas, reading, and the Denver Broncos. Memorial services will be held at 6 p.m. today at the Wheatland Baptist Church, 1139 McKinley, McPherson. Graveside services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday at Crandell Union Cemetery, Ness County. In Lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to Hospice Care of Kansas, 3154 N. Main, McPherson, or Evelyn Hess Scholarship, in care of Memorial Hospital, 1000 Hospital Drive, McPherson. Funeral arrangements provided by Heritage Funeral Home*
528 N Main
Hutchinson, KS. 67501
620-662-6720
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 13, 2006

April 12, 2006

William "Bill" George Jones

Visitation will be Thursday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. with family receiving friends from 6 to 8 p.m. at Bryant Funeral Home.
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Jerry E. Felkel

Jerry E. Felkel, 71, died April 10 at Hutchinson Hospital in Hutchinson. Arrangements will be announced by Garnand Funeral Home in Ulysses.
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 12, 2006

Gene F. Juno 1945 - 2006

GARDEN CITY — Gene F. Juno, 61, died on Monday, April 10, 2006, at St. Catherine Hospital in Garden City. He was born on Feb. 12, 1945, in Great Bend, the son of Frank and Anna (Schneider) Juno. He graduated from La Crosse High School, received his Bachelor of Arts degree from St. Mary’s College in Dodge City, and his MBA degree from Fort Hays State University. He also attended the University of Arkansas and Emporia State University.
Gene taught at Dodge City Community College, was business manager at Trinity Hospital in Dodge City and at Galveston County Hospital in Texas City, Texas, and as hospital administrator at St. Joseph Hospital in Larned. He worked as business manager at car dealerships in Dodge City, Texas City, Texas, and Fort Worth, Texas. A Garden City resident since 1989, Gene was business manager at Automart until his health caused him to retire. He received a heart transplant at Via Christi St. Francis Hospital in Wichita on Holy Saturday, March 30, 1991. Throughout his retirement, he spent many hours doing volunteer work for various organizations including Midwest Organ Transplant of Wichita and Terrace Garden Care Center of Garden City and the Knights of Columbus. He served on the Dodge City Diocese Council and St. Dominic Catholic Church Parish Council. He became an Associate of the Dominican Sisters of Great Bend in 2005.
Gene founded the Retirement Center Movie Committee in 1996. Hundreds of nursing home residents were able to have a special outing to see a movie and enjoy popcorn and a Coke at the Sequoia Theater because of his efforts. He enjoyed time with his family and friends. His hobbies were drawing up house plans, working on the computer, and collecting car brochures. His greatest joy was the time spent with his grandchildren.
On Aug. 19, 1968, Gene married JoAnn McCarthy in Hays. She survives. Other survivors include his mother, Anna Juno of Garden City; his daughter, Danna Mustard of Dodge City; his son, Gene Juno, Jr. of Kalvesta; and two grandsons, Justin Juno and Devon Mustard, both of Garden City. He was preceded in death by his father, and by his sister, Mary Ann Juno, who died shortly after birth.
Vigil service and rosary will be held at 6:30 p.m. today at St. Dominic Catholic Church in Garden City. Funeral service will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, April 13, at St. Dominic Catholic Church in Garden City with Father Joseph Bahr presiding. Burial will follow at Valley View Cemetery in Garden City. Memorials are suggested to St. Dominic Catholic Church or to the Dominican Sisters of Great Bend, both in care of Garnand Funeral Home of Garden City. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. today at Garnand Funeral Home of Garden City. Condolences may be e-mailed to garnandfh@sbcglobal.net.
Jerry Dean Bosack 1959 - 2006

ALDEN — Jerry Dean Bosack, 46, died April 9 at Lyons District Hospital in Lyons. He was born April 26, 1959, in Cadillac, Mich., the son of Cecil Gordan and Corine Mildred Boyer Bosack. He married Penny Lynn Crawford on Aug. 21, 1982, in Manton, Mich. A resident of Alden for three months, formerly of Michigan, he was a construction laborer.

Survivors include his wife, Penny Lynn Bosack of the home; two sons, Cecil Edward Bosack and Matt Lee Bosack, both of the home; one daughter, Cory Marie Bosack of the home; three brothers, Wayne Bosack of Great Bend, Gary Bosack of Cadillac, Mich., and Gordon Bosack of Lake City, Mich.; and three sisters, Beverly Sutton of Manton, Mich., Linda Barber of Cadillac, Mich., and Lois Mishler of Branch, Mich.

Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Sillin Funeral Home in Lyons with the Rev. Gary Karas officiating. Burial will be at a later date. Visitation will be Friday from 11 a.m. to service time at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the children’s education fund in care of the funeral home.

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Lawrence E. Reif 1919 - 2006

HOISINGTON — He died unexpectedly Saturday afternoon, April 8, 2006, at Clara Barton Hospital in Hoisington, due to heart failure.

Lawrence was born Oct. 3, 1919, at Odin. He was the son of Alois F. and Anna M. Hitschmann Reif. He married Mathilda H. Rziha on Oct. 6, 1947. He was a farmer and stockman. Larry attended Odin Grade School. He attended high school at St. Joseph Military Academy, and Jr. College at Hays. Larry was a veteran of World War II serving in the Aleutian Theater. He was a member of the Hoisington Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Great Bend American Legion. He was a current member of St. John Catholic Church in Hoisington. Before moving to Hoisington in 1995, he was a member of the Holy Family Church of Odin. He served on the Holy Family Church Committee, Odin Grand Knights for five years and was president of the Holy Family Cemetery Committee. He was the president of the Odin Parents and Teachers Association, and served on the school board of Odin School District 54. He was vice president and director for Farmers State Bank in Beaver. Larry was an agent, director and secretary/treasurer for Farmers Mutual Insurance Company in Ellinwood. He loved playing cards, a good game of baseball and bowling with the guys on Thursday nights.

He is survived by his wife of the home, a daughter Susan, her husband Ron and their two children Kyle and Kristi Jensen of Odin; his son Tim, his wife Sheryl and their children Hayley Reif, step grandchildren Cherie and Kenny Empey of Plano, Texas; his brothers Frank of Cunningham, Tony of Claflin and his sister Geraldine of Great Bend.

He was preceded in death by his two infant sisters Maria and Virginia; Emma Prossor and Irene Polzin; and his brother Monsignor Steve Reif.

Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. today at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Hoisington with Father Pascal Klein officiating. Burial will be at Holy Family Cemetery in Odin with Military Graveside Committal Rites conducted by American Legion Post No. 286 and V.F.W. Post No. 7428, both of Hoisington. Memorials are suggested Odin Cemetery Fund and to the Holy Family Cemetery Fund in care of Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home.

Funeral arrangements provided by
Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home*  
415 N. Main / P.O. Box 146  
Hoisington, KS 67530  
620-765-4165

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 11, 2006

Jerry Dean Bosack 1959 - 2006

ALDEN — Jerry Dean Bosack, 46, died April 9 in Lyons. Funeral arrangements are pending with Sillin Funeral Home in Lyons.

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Lester Melvin Ochs 1921 - 2006

TUCSON, Ariz. — Lester Melvin Ochs, 84, died April 5 at Tucson, Ariz. Services are pending with Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington.

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William “Bill” George Jones 1934 - 2006

William “Bill” George Jones, 71, of Great Bend, died April 9 at Kansas Heart Hospital in Wichita. He was born July 29, 1934, at Great Bend, the son of William Jefferson and Willa Mae “Billie” Pfister Jones. He married Mary E. Cook on Oct. 8, 1955, at Edgerton, Mo. He was an owner and operator of Bill Jones Welding and M & B Trucking and Supply. He was a lifetime resident of Great Bend.
Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Donald Jones of Great Bend; three daughters, Kathy Ward, Karen Hickel and Lisa Jones, all of Great Bend; one sister, Velda Roberts of Tonganoxie; three grandchildren; five step-grandchildren; and 10 step-great-grandchildren.

Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Burial will be at the Great Bend Cemetery. No visitation as cremation has taken place. Memorials are suggested to the Great Bend Humane Society, Kansas Oil and Gas Museum and American Lung Association in care of the funeral home.

Funeral arrangements provided by
Bryant Funeral Home
1425 Patton Rd.
Great Bend, KS 67530
620-793-355
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 11, 2006

Christopher A. Hildenbrand 1921 - 2006

HUTCHINSON — Christopher A. Hildenbrand, 84, died April 9 at Hutchinson Hospital. He was born Dec. 23, 1921, at Kinsley, the son of Christopher and Fern Keith Hildenbrand. He graduated from Great Bend High School in 1940; Yankton College in Yankton, S.D., in 1945 with a B.A. in social studies; Fort Hays State in 1965 with a M.A. in English. He married Mary Duba in 1944. He married Kathleen Hirsch on Feb. 25, 1966, in Wichita.

A resident of Hutchinson for 21 years, he was a retired teacher who taught American and world history, English and journalism; coached football, basketball, track and cross country; facilitated secondary gifted students; and served as a teacher and administrator in Minnesota and South Dakota. He taught at Kinsley, Ellinwood, Kingman and Greeley, Colo. High Schools; High Plains and Reno County Educational Co-ops; Dodge City, Lamar, Garden City and Colby Community Colleges. He also worked for the Great Bend Daily Tribune, Great American Life Ins., Financial Industrial Fund and as an independent professional photographer.

Hildenbrand was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church; Ancient Free and Accepted Masons; past high priest of the Royal Arch Masons; past commander of St. Omar Commandery; served on the Great Bend Library Board; was deacon of United Church of Christ; former chairman of the Sports Committee of Great Bend Chamber of Commerce; and past president of the Great Bend Junior Chamber of Commerce. In 1957 he was awarded Outstanding Young Man of the Year by the Great Bend Chamber of Commerce. He was a member of Hutchinson Downtown Kiwanis Club; United Methodist Men; Seeker's Sunday School Class and Sunday school teacher, all of the church.

Survivors include his wife of the home and one daughter, Star Celeste Hildenbrand of Wichita. He was preceded in death by his parents and step-mother, Blanche Hildenbrand.

Funeral will at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday at Trinity United Methodist Church with Rev. Nick Warner officiating. A private family burial will be held at a later date. Friends may call from 5 to 9 p.m. today at Elliott Mortuary. Memorials are suggested to the church in care of the mortuary.

Funeral arrangements provided by
Elliott Mortuary
1219 N. Main
Hutchinson, KS 67501
620-663-3327
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Major Lawton Dangerfield 1938 - 2006

DUMAS, Texas — Major Lawton Dangerfield died April 2 in Dumas, Texas. He was born March 28, 1938, in Topeka, the son of Major Lawton Dangerfield Sr. and Virginia Dangerfield McClanahan. He was a graduated from Topeka High School in 1956. He worked as a mechanic and refrigeration engineer and also had been an EMT in Dumas, Texas.

Dangerfield was a member of Central Park Christian Church.

Survivors include two sisters, Carol Dangerfield Scheuerman of Great Bend, and Joyce Dangerfield Longsdorf of Rio Linda, Calif.

Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home of Dumas, Texas, is in charge of arrangements.

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Eva Marie Miller 1921 - 2006

LARNED — Eva Marie Miller, 84, died April 6 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. She was born July 14, 1921, at Palco, the daughter of Paul and Ida I. Benoitt Bedore. She married Robert J. Miller on Jan. 3, 1967, in Larned. A longtime resident of Larned, she was a retired Nurses Aid.

Miller was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church and Altar Society in Larned.

Survivors include her husband; three sons, James R. Crosby of Larned, Gary Crosby of Medicine Lodge, and Robert Crosby of Gatesville, Texas; three daughters, Judy Angel and Jane Smart, both of Medicine Lodge, and Crystal Schearer of Great Bend; one sister, Mary Davis of Newton; 24 grandchildren; 39 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one daughter, Rose Marie Crosby; six brothers; five sisters; and two great-grandchildren.

Graveside service will be at 3 p.m. Monday at Larned Cemetery in Larned with the Rev. Bernard Felix officiating. Cremation has taken place. Friends may call Monday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Morell Funeral Home in Larned. Memorials are suggested to the Kansas State University basic Cancer Research in care of the funeral home.

Funeral arrangements provided by
Morell Funeral Home
Twins Wyatt and Austin Fischer, died April 7 at Central Kansas Medical Center, Great Bend. There were born April 7, 2006, at Great Bend to Tom A. and Jennifer L. Carper Fischer.
They are survived by: Their parents, Tom and Jennifer Fischer; paternal grandparents, Dennis and Ellen Fischer, Great Bend; maternal grandparents Chuck and Gerri Carper, La Crosse; uncle and aunt Brett and Kari Carper, Great Bend; paternal great-grandparents Frankie Keffer, Great Bend, and Donna Fischer, Seward; and maternal great-grandparents Edna Ruble, Great Bend, and Millie Ideker, La Crosse.
Graveside services will be 2 p.m. Monday at the Peace United Church of Christ Cemetery in Hudson with the Rev. Don Paden presiding. Interment will be at Peace United Church of Christ Cemetery in Hudson. Visitation will be 9 a.m. to noon on Monday at Bryant Funeral Home. Memorials are suggested to Wyatt and Austin Fischer Memorial Fund

Funeral arrangements provided by
Bryant Funeral Home
1425 Patton Rd.
Great Bend, KS 67530
620-793-3525

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 7, 2006

LARNED - Ella Beye, 97, died April 7, in Lincoln Neb. Cremation has taken place. Memorial service will be at a later date. Arrangements pending with Morell Funeral Home, Larned.

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Mary Jo Boisse 1948 - 2006

Mary Jo Boisse, 57, died April 5 at Via Christi St. Francis Regional Medical Center in Wichita. She was born Sept. 25, 1948, at Dodge City, the daughter of Emery and Margaret Mary Heinz Dalton. She was a retired counselor at Larned Correctional Mental Health Facility in Larned and caregiver to her daughter, Michelle, who was born with Cerebral Palsy. She had been a resident of Great Bend since 2000, coming from Larned.
Boisse was a member of the Catholic Community of Great Bend at St. Patrick and Altar Society.
Survivors include one son, Michael Gene Boisse of Larned; one daughter, Michelle Renee Boisse of the home; her mother, Margaret Mary Heinz of Canyon City, Colo.; two brothers, Emery Evan Dalton of Canyon City, Colo., and Jimmy Mestas of Flagstaff, Ariz.; and two sisters, Sharon Dalton, and Rita Mestas, both of Canyon City, Colo. She was preceded in death by one infant daughter, Mikaela Marie Boisse; and one brother, Alva Jacob Dalton.
Altar Society will be at 4 p.m. today followed by a vigil service at 6:30 p.m., all at Bryant Funeral Home. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Great Bend with the Rev. Ted Stoecklein officiating. Graveside service will be at 1 p.m. MST Monday at Union Highland Cemetery in Florence, Colo. Visitation will be today from 1 to 9 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the Michelle Renee Boisse Medical Expense Fund.

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1425 Patton Rd.
Great Bend, KS 67530
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Joshua Cole Demel 2004-2006

SALINA — Joshua Cole Demel, age 22 months, died April 3 at Salina.
Joshua was born June 7, 2004, at Salina. He was the son of Duane and Deb Demel of Salina.
Other survivors in addition to the parents include: His brother, Caleb of the home; his grandparents, Lawrence and Sidone Demel of Holsington, Claudia Rockwell of Irving, Calif., and Michael and Susan Mohler of Metamora, Ill.; his great grandparents, Merle and Muriel Rockwell of Denver, Colo., and Red and Phyllis Guillford of Grand Junction, Colo.; and many aunts, uncles and cousins.
The Funeral Mass will be 10 a.m. today at the St. Mary Queen of the Universe Catholic Church, 230 E. Cloud St., Salina. Burial will be in the All Saints Catholic Cemetery, Salina. A Vigil Service was held at 6:30 p.m. Thursday evening at the Ryan Mortuary, 137 North Eighth St., Salina. Memorials are suggested to the Infant Child Development Program at the Salina Regional Health Center, Salina. Visitation was held Thursday at 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the Mortuary. For more information and condolences, visit www.ryanmortuary.com.

Funeral arrangements provided by
Ryan Mortuary, Inc.
137 N. Eighth Street
Salina, KS 67401
785-825-4242

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Erma Jean Sawaya 1926 - 2006

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Ella Beye
Erma Jean Sawaya, 79, died April 5 at Great Bend Health and Rehabilitation Center in Great Bend. She was born Oct. 24, 1926, at Wilsey, the daughter of John and Ruth Buckley Gordon. She married Emerson D. Sawaya on June 20, 1957, in Salina. A resident of Great Bend since 1960, coming from Salina, she was a homemaker. Sawaya was a member of the Church of Christ.

Survivors include her husband, Emerson Sawaya of the home; one son, John Risk Sawaya of Great Bend; and one daughter, Diana Lynn Summers of California. She was preceded in death by three brothers, Paul Gordon, Neil Gordon and Dean Gordon; and one sister, Betty Fick.

Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend with Chuck Marshall officiating. Burial will be at the Great Bend Cemetery North in Great bend. There will be no visitation as cremation has taken place. 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
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Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 7, 2006

Gary Wade Bates 1952 - 2006

HOISINGTON — Gary Wade Bates, 53, died April 3 at Clara Barton Hospital in Hoisington. He was born Oct. 9, 1952, at Great Bend, the son of Melvin Bates and Gladys (Marcum) Bates. He married Donna Boor June 11, 1977, at Odin. She survives. He was Senior O & M Technician for Northern Natural Gas Co., Bushton. He was a lifetime resident of Hoisington.

He was a member of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Hoisington and former member of the Church finance committee. Gary was faithful and a faith filled servant of God.

He was preceded in death by his father, two brothers, Owen Stanley Bates and Allan Bates.

Survivors include his wife, Donna Bates of Hoisington; one son, Neal Bates of Lawrence; two daughters, Jordan Bates of Lawrence and Jacqueline Bates of Syracuse, N.Y.; his mother, Gladys Voos of Hoisington; and one sister, Tammy Nuss of Russell.

Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Friday at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Hoisington with Father Pascal Klein officiating. Interment will be at Holy Family Cemetery in Odin. Visitation will be today from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home. Memorials are suggested to the Bates Children Education Fund in care of Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home.

Funeral arrangements provided by
Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home*
415 N. Main
Hoisington, KS 67544
620-653-4165

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 6, 2006

Kenneth Lee Querry

LARNED — Kenneth Lee Querry, 60, died April 3 at St. Mary’s Hospital at Enid, Okla. Service is pending and will be announced by Beckwith Mortuary Chapel in Larned.

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 5, 2006

April 5, 2006

Samuel Schlegel 1919 - 2006

OTIS — Samuel Schlegel, 86, died April 2 at Great Bend Health and Rehabilitation Center in Great Bend. He was born Oct. 7, 1919, in Otis, the son of Phillip and Lydia (Moore) Schlegel. He married Margaret H. Lebsack on Oct. 6, 1946, at Otis. She survives. A lifetime resident of Otis, he was a retired farmer.

He was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church and lifetime member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 9137, all of Otis. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II. Survivors include his wife, Margaret Schlegel of the home; one son, Don W. Schlegel and his wife Donna of Otis; one daughter, Connie L. Galusha of Otis; three step-grandchildren, Gerald A. Evans, Steven L. Evans, and David L. Evans, all of West Virginia; one grandson, David A. Galusha and his wife Stephanie of Otis; one great-granddaughter Adison Galusha; and six step-great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by 10 brothers and three sisters.

His body was donated to the University of Kansas Medical School in Kansas City. Internment will be at a later date at the
Lutheran Cemetery in Otis. Memorials are suggested to the Otis Fire Department or the donor’s choice in care of Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home. Memorial arrangements provided by Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home* 415 N. Main / P.O. Box 146 Hoisington, KS 67544 620-653-4165 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 4, 2006

Zita M. Carlson

DERBY — Zita M. Carlson, 71, homemaker, passed away March 30. Visitation was held 1 to 8 p.m. on Sunday at Smith Mortuary in Derby. Rosary is at 9 a.m. today with funeral mass at 10 a.m. today, both at St. Mary Faith Center in Derby. Internment will follow at El Paso Cemetery. Zita was preceded in death by her parents, Don and Mamie Neeland; her first husband, Paul Kreutzer, Jr.; and brother, Mike Neeland. Survivors include her husband, Norman Carlson of Wichita; two daughters and sons-in-laws, Paula and Jed Delmore and Karla and Alvin Vance all of Wichita; siblings and their spouses, John and Emma Neeland of Colorado; Paul and Bernice Neeland of Great Bend and Chris and Charley Keeler of Great Bend; four grandchildren, Ryan, Shawn, Rachel and Kacie. Memorials have been established with St. Mary Faith Center Building Fund, 2300 E. Meadowlark Road, Derby, Kan. 67037 and Harry Hynes Memorial Hospice, 313 South Market, Wichita, Kan. 67202. Send condolences to smithfamilymortuaries.com. Funeral arrangements provided by Smith Mortuary* 1415 N. Rock Rd. Derby, KS 67037 316-788-2828 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 4, 2006

John Scott Gruber 1974 - 2006

John Scott Gruber, 31, died April 2 at his residence in Great Bend. He was born Sept. 24, 1974, at Great Bend, the son of John F. Gruber, Sr. and Betty A. Noblitt Jurgensen. He married Brandi Shuey on March 6, 2000, at Pawnee Rock. She survives. He was a technician for Primus, Inc. in Great Bend. He was a resident of Great Bend for 15 years, coming from Salina. He was a member of International Motor Contest Association and a long-time popular Kansas dirt track race and overall motor sports enthusiast. Survivors include his wife, Brandi Gruber of the home; two sons, Kameron Scott Gruber and Chase Michael Gruber of the home; one daughter, Alex Dawn Gruber of the home; his father, John F. Gruber of Great Bend; his mother Betty A. Jurgensen and husband, Perry L.; of Salina; two brothers, John F. Gruber, Jr. “Skeeter” of Wichita, and Zachary Lee Jurgensen of Hays; two sisters, Amanda Gruber of Hays, and Desirea D. Gruber of Salina; two grandmothers, Vada Gruber of Great Bend, Pat Noblitt of Great Bend; two nieces, Mackenzie L. Gruber of Salina, and Dylan N. Haas of Hays; and one nephew, Jaxon R. Romburg of Salina. He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Vernon Gruber and George O. Noblitt. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend with the Rev. Don Paden officiating. Interment will be at Great Bend Cemetery in Great Bend. Friends may call from noon to 9 p.m. on Wednesday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the Children’s Educational 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, April 4, 2006

Fredrick F. Gleissner 1924 - 2006

TOPEKA — Fredrick F. Gleissner, 82, died April 3 in Topeka. He was born March 5, 1924, in Olmitz, the son of Frank and Josephine Haberman-Gleissner. He grew up in Olmitz, graduated from Otis High School in Otis, and attended Fort Hays State College before serving in both the Merchant Marines and the Army. He married Loretta Griesbaum in 1949 at Great Bend. They had one son, Carl, who died in 1967. After the passing of his second wife, he married for the third time, Betty Jurgensen. He was active in the First Christian Church of Larned. He later became a member of the First Christian Church in Garden City. On April 15, 1934, she married Jesse “Duke” Pinkston in Great Bend. He died June 6, 1980. Survivors include a son, Larry and wife Luanna of Clearwater; a daughter, Viann Brougher and husband Joe of Hutchinson; four grandchildren, Sherri Massey of Hutchinson, Vicki Brown of Tomball, Texas, Patti Patzell of Canal Fulton, Ohio, and Toni Rice of Great Bend; nine great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a brother, Raymond; and three sisters, Nora Williams, Vera Crouse

Viola “Vi” Pinkston 1914 - 2006

LARNED — Viola “Vi” Pinkston, 91, died March 31 at Wesley Towers in Hutchinson. She was born Nov. 15, 1914, in Milberger, the daughter of Samuel and Johanna Nuss Radke. A longtime resident of the Great Bend, Larned and Radium Communities, she was a cosmetologist at Bob’s Beauty Shop, Melba’s Beauty Shop, Alice’s Beauty Shop, and Dorothy’s Beauty Shop. She was very active in the First Christian Church of Larned. She later became a member of the First Christian Church in Garden City. On April 15, 1934, she married Jesse “Duke” Pinkston in Great Bend. He died June 6, 1980. Survivors include a son, Larry and wife Luanna of Clearwater; a daughter, Viann Brougher and husband Joe of Hutchinson; four grandchildren, Sherri Massey of Hutchinson, Vicki Brown of Tomball, Texas, Patti Patzell of Canal Fulton, Ohio, and Toni Rice of Great Bend; nine great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a brother, Raymond; and three sisters, Nora Williams, Vera Crouse
Henry Bernard Commerford 1921 - 2006

Henry Bernard Commerford, 84, of Great Bend died April 1 at Central Kansas Medical Center. He was born August 27, 1921 at Salina, the son of Edward and Ruby Berg Commerford. He married Patricia Ann Whitehair on April 29, 1950 in Abilene. A longtime resident of Great Bend, he was a retail sales manager for Duckwalls and later Alco for 40 years. Commerford was a member of the Catholic Community of Great Bend at St. Patrick, Knights of Columbus, and Elks Lodge No. 1127, all of Great Bend. He was a Cpl. in the Army Air Corp serving in WWII. Survivors include his wife of the home, three sons, Paul M. Commerford, Albuquerque, N.M., Bernard M. Commerford, Norfolk, Neb., Matthew J. Commerford, Denver; two daughters, Anne L. Reif, and Suzanne E. Bussen, both of Great Bend; one sister Suzanne Gallion, Steamboat Springs Colo.; 13 grandchildren, two great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by four brothers, James, Edward, Charles, and Thomas Commerford; and two sisters, Mary Huffman, and Helen Maxwell. Vigil service and K of C rosary will be at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. Visitation will be 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday. Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at the church with Rev. Reginald A. Urban officiating. Burial will be at the Great Bend Cemetery with full military honors provided by Fort Riley Honor Guard. Memorials are suggested to the Holy Family School Endowment Fund or Catholic Community of Great Bend. Funeral arrangements provided by Bryant Funeral Home 1425 Patton Rd. Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-3525 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 2, 2006 May 31, 2006
LYONS — Winifred Hope Stockstill, 77, died May 29 at HCA Wesley Hospital in Wichita. She was born June 19, 1928, at Lyons, the daughter of Henry Franklin and Edith Grigsby Temple. She married Bobby G. Stockstill on Aug. 24, 1956, in Oklahoma. He died Aug. 25, 1993. A lifetime resident of Lyons, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Stockstill was a member of First Christian Church, Veterans of Foreign Wars Ladies Auxiliary and American Legion Ladies Auxiliary, all of Lyons. Survivors include two daughters, Vicky Badgett and Jody Lindsay, both of Lyons, two grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one brother, Rex Temple; three sisters, Myrte Nichols, Charlyne Tipton, and Verne Kite; and two granddaughters, Stacy Jo Badgett and Shelby Lynn Badgett. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at the church in Lyons with the Rev. Tom Eastman officiating. Burial will be at the Lyons Municipal Cemetery. Friends may call from 2 to 7 p.m. Thursday at Sillin Funeral Home in Lyons. Memorials are suggested to the church or Bell & Star Fund 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 31, 2006

May 30, 2006

Paul Jason “PJ” Wilson 1975 - 2006

HOISINGTON — William A. Linsner, Jr., 73, died May 28 at his home in Hoisington. He was born Oct. 29, 1932, at Redwing, the son of William H. and Eleanor Hickel Linsner. He was a lifetime resident of rural Hoisington and a retired farmer and operated the Cheyenne Township grader for many years. Linsner was an Army veteran of the Korean Conflict. He was a member of Holy Family Catholic Church and Knights of Columbus Council #2630, both of Odin; and of American Legion Post #286, and VFW Post #7428, both of Hoisington. Survivors include his mother, Eleanor Linsner, of Hoisington; three sisters, Marilou Axman, of Hoisington; Eleanor Witchey, of St. John, and Gerri West, of Larned; and two nephews and one niece. He was preceded in death by his father, William H. Linsner. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the church with Rev. Pascal Klein officiating. Rosary will be at 7 tonight at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home. Burial will be at Holy Family Cemetery in Odin with military graveside rites by VFW Post #7428 and American Legion Post #286. Friends may call from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Disabled American Veterans or Holy Family Cemetery Fund, in care of the funeral home, Box 146, Hoisington. Funeral arrangements provided by Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home 415 North Main Hoisington, KS 67544 620-653-4165 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 30, 2006

C. Linzie Williams 1925 - 2006

LARNED — C. Linzie Williams, 80, died May 28, at Larned Health Care Center. He was born Oct. 20, 1925, at Larned, the son of John Norman and Lora V. Roberts Williams. A longtime Larned resident, he was a power plant manager for the city of Larned. He graduated from Larned High School and spent three years in the Navy during WW II. In 1946 he returned to Larned and went to work in the Larned Power Plant. In 1952 he became the superintendent of all the city utilities. From 1960 to 1966 he was the manager of the Pratt Power Plant and from 1966 until 1987 he was manager of power production for Muscatine, Iowa. He was member of the First Christian Church, Larned, where he served as moderator of the board, deacon, and elder. He was a Boy Scout leader of Troop #423 from 1952 to 1960. In 1959 and 1961 he served as president of the Kansas Association of Municipal Utilities. From 1980 until 1984 he sat on the board of directors of American Public Power. He served six years as a city councilman, was on the Larned Cemetery Board, Larned Power Plant Board, he drove and was past president for the Friendship Meals on Wheels, Larned, an engineer of the Schnack Express miniature railroad, and was a caretaker for the Schnack Memorial Rose Garden. On April 9, 1944, he married Betty Nan Hall at Larned. She survives. Other survivors include, three sons, Charles Michael Williams, of Westminster, Colo., Richard Norman Williams, of Omaha, Neb., and Warner Kent Williams, of El Dorado; one daughter, Laurie Kristine Williams, of Lakewood, Colo.; eight grandchildren, Marsha Carabetta, Mandy Anderson, Steven Williams, Becky Williams, Jennifer Tellingshusen, Daniel Williams, Travis Johnson, Jeffrey Johnson; and two great-grandchildren, Lucas and Cody Williams. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Beckwith Mortuary Chapel, in Larned with Rev. Dan Lundgren and Rev. Johnny Augmon, officiating. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. today at the mortuary. Burial will be in Larned Cemetery. Memorials may be sent to the First Christian Church or the American Cancer Society in care of Beckwith Mortuary, Inc., P.O. Box 477, Larned, 67550. Condolesnces may be left and this notice viewed at www.beckwithmortuary.com Funeral arrangements provided by Beckwith Mortuary P.O. Box 477 Larned, KS 67550 620-285-2121 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 30, 2006

Joey Melton 2006

LYONS – Joey Lee Melton, stillborn baby, died May 29 at Central Kansas Medical Center, Great Bend. Survivors include: Parents Agnes K. Smith and Stephen P. Melton; grandparents Genna M. and Lance R. Smith, of Lyons, and Daniel S. and Dianne E. Melton, of Nickerson; great-grandparents Ray Smith, of Conroe, Texas, and Don and Helen Melton, of Kingman; and numerous aunts and uncles. He was preceded in death by great-grandparents Margaret Smith, of Chase, Michael and Sharon Alexandra, of Amorita, Okla., and Margaret Melton, of Kingman. Graveside service will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Walnut Hill Cemetery, Kingman. Livingston Funeral Home, Kingman, is in charge of arrangements. Livingston Funeral Home 1830 N. Main St. Kingman, Kan. 67668 620-532-3322 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 30, 2006

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May 28, 2006

Carol J. Sehl 1918 - 2006

HUGOTON — Carol J. Sehl, 87, died May 26 at Pioneer Manor Nursing Home in Hugoton. She was born Dec. 21, 1918, in Hesston, the daughter of Luther E. Zimmerman and Juletta Huffman. She married Edward G. Sehl on Sept. 12, 1937, in Bazine. He died in 1969. She was a school bus driver, and worked at Central Kansas Medical Center for eight years as a Registered Nurse until she retired in 1986. She had been a resident of Hugoton since 2000. Mrs. Sehl was member of the United Methodist Church of Alexander, a 4-H leader and a volunteer at the Barton County Museum. Survivors include two sons, Jerry Sehl of Clifton, Colo., and Thomas E. Sehl of Ness City; two daughters, Edwina Daharsh of Hugoton, and Nadine McGrady of Morgantown, N.C.; 11 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two brothers; three sisters; one grandson; and one great-grandson and one great-granddaughter. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at the church, with the Rev. Deb Harvey and Floyd Daharsh officiating. Burial will follow at the Alexander Cemetery. Visitation will be from 2 to 8 p.m. today, with family receiving friends from 4 to 6 p.m., and from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday, all at Garman Funeral Home in Hugoton. Memorials are suggested to the church in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Garnand Funeral Home 415 North Main Hugoton, KS 67544 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 28, 2006

Chet Erin Gisick 1976 - 2006

Chet Erin Gisick, 29, of Great Bend, died May 27 at St. Joseph Medical Center in Larned, as the result of a truck accident. He was born Nov. 27, 1976, the son of Roger and Coletta (Kaiser) Gisick Debes. He was a 1995 graduate of Claflin High School. He married Elizabeth Behnke of Great Bend. He was a truck driver for MAB of Garden City, and a longtime resident of Claflin before moving to Great Bend. Gisick was a member of the Holy Family Catholic Church in Odin. Survivors include his wife of the home; son Gavin Gisick, Great Bend; daughter Erika Gisick, Claflin; his parents, and stepfather Robert “Bob” Debes of Claflin; two brothers, Chad Gisick and Josh Gisick, both of Odin; sister Joy Gisick of Salina; grandmother Pauline Kaiser of Claflin; and numerous aunts and uncles and cousins. He was preceded in death by his father, Roger Gisick. Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at the church in Odin with the Rev. Pascal Klein officiating. Burial will follow at the Holy Family Cemetery. Vigil services will be at 7:30 p.m. Monday at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. Visitation will be from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Gavin and Erika’s Educational Fund, in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home 415 North Main Hoisington, KS 67544 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 28, 2006

Benjamin “Ben” Dumler 1913 - 2006

HOISINGTON — Benjamin “Ben” Dumler, 93, died May 26 at the Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. He was born April 5, 1913, in Russell County, the son of John George Dumler and Emma (Wegele) Dumler. He married Rosa A. Niedens on Sept. 6, 1936, in Russell County. She preceded him in death on June 14, 1981. He later married Isabelle Karst Deutsch on Nov. 24, 1984, in Hoisington. He was a retired farmer and longtime resident of Russell County, moving to Hoisington in 1997 after his retirement.

Dumler was a member of the Concordia Lutheran Church, Hoisington, and a former member of the United Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Milberger. Survivors include his wife of the home; son Larry D. and wife Judy Dumler of Dodge City; daughter Verna and husband Al Maier of Great Bend; step-son Melvin and wife Dianna Deutsch of Lawrence; two step-daughters, Barb and husband Roy Nolte of Hoisington, and Jolene and husband Paul Hindman of Claflin; two brothers Alvin Dumler of Milberger and Victor L. Dumler of rural Russell; five grandchildren, 10 step-grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, and 14 step-great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Paul Dumler and Solomon Dumler, and two sisters, Agnes Radke and Bertha Krug. Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at the Concordia Lutheran Church with Deacon Luke Brown presiding. Burial will be at the Hoisington Cemetery. Visitation will be from 3 to 6 p.m. today, and from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. The family will receive friends from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the Concordia Lutheran Church in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home 415 North Main Hoisington, KS 67544 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 28, 2006

Marilyn White 1932 - 2006

ROYSE CITY, Texas — Marilyn White passed away peacefully at her home in Royse City, Texas, on May 26, 2006, at the age of 73. She was born Oct. 26, 1932, on a rural homestead in Otis, Kan., to Dan and Lydia (Muth) Brack. Mrs. White is survived by her husband, Robert White; son J.D. White and wife Rhonda; two daughters, Roberta Norton and husband Steve of Luther Okla., and Cheryl McFarland of Enid Okla.; grandson Michael Norris of Royse City; three brothers, Wilber Brack and wife Dianne, and Dan E. Brack Jr. and wife Dixie, all of Farmington N.M., and Tom Brack and wife Sharon of Great Bend, Kan.; two sisters, Wilma Cody and husband Bill of Welaka, Fla., and Deanna Robinson and husband Tom of Broken Arrow, Okla.; four grandchildren, Billy McFarland, Lydia Weiler, Jodi Norton and Daniel Dean; and six great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her sister Bonnie Flowers, Delores Fricks and Evelyn Deines. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, May 30, 2006, at Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel in Rockwall, Texas. Interment will follow in Royse City Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 560089, Dallas TX 75356-0089. Funeral arrangements provided by Rest Haven Funeral Home* P.O. Box 1119 Rockwall, TX 75087 972-771-8641 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 28, 2006

May 26, 2006

Orville W. Richert 1928 - 2006

DURHAM — Orville W. Richert, 78, died May 25 at Salina. He was born Feb. 23, 1928, in rural Durham, the son of Peter and Linda Jantz Richert. He married Delores Jantz on June 10, 1949, in rural Tampa. He was a farmer. Richert was a member of Central Heights Mennonite Church.

Survivors include his wife, Delores Jantz Richert; two sons, Verlin Richert of Assaria, and Bentley Richert of Abbyville; two daughters, Krystal Jensen of Roxbury, and Annette Goering of Great Bend; one sister, Lillian Peters of North Newtown; eight grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at First Mennonite Church in Hillsboro. Burial will be at the Peace Valley Cemetery in rural Durham. Visitation will be from 7 to 9 p.m. today at Jost Funeral Home in Hillsboro. Memorials are suggested to the Central Heights Cemetery Fund.
Connie Ann Kennedy, 71, of Great Bend died May 24, at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. She was born May 9, 1955, in Norton, Kansas. She was the daughter of Kenneth Steven and Esther (Langer) Thompson. He was a graduate of Norton Community High School and attended the Northwest Kansas Technical College in Goodland. He married Kristy Tharp on Jan. 25, 1997, in Lyons. A resident of Lyons, he was a diesel mechanic. Thompson was a member of the Catholic Church in Lyons, and National Guard Pellet Rifle Team. For years he was the head dog trainer for the Southern Police Dog Association. He was also the owner of Elliott’s Police K-9 and his certificates include patrol, narcotics, tracking and explosives. Rick was the greatest man many of us have ever known. He was loved and respected by everyone who ever met him. He was also one of those people who had the distinct ability to stand strong yet still show compassion in his eyes. Everywhere that he went, he tended to draw everyone around him closer as they were absorbed by his jokes and various stories. He is survived by his sister Janice; brother Phillip; loving wife Cammie, and his two sons Dustin and Landon. Funeral services will be held at 9 a.m. Saturday at the Hutchinson High School Salt Hawk Activity Center. Burial will be at the Fairlawn Burial Park, Hutchinson. Visitation will from 2 to 8 p.m. today with family present from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Heritage Funeral Home. The Kansas Police Dog Association has set up a fund for his memorials at the Hutchinson Government Employee Credit Union. Funeral arrangements provided by Heritage Funeral Home and Cremation services* 528 N. Main Hutchinson, KS. 67501 620-662-6720 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 26, 2006

Richard M. Elliott 1955 - 2006

HUTCHINSON - Richard M. Elliott, 50, of Hutchinson died May 24 in his home. He was born Oct. 10, 1955, in Marlin, Texas. He was be beloved son of Felton and Mildred Elliott, both who survive him. He was the head K-9 handler for the Hutchinson Correctional Facility, Judge for the Kansas Police Dog Association, and held and hosted several dog seminars for them. For years he was the head dog trainer for the Southern Police Dog Association. He was also the owner of Elliott’s Police K-9 and his certificates include patrol, narcotics, tracking and explosives. Rick was the greatest man many of us have ever known. He was loved and respected by everyone who ever met him. He was also one of those people who had the distinct ability to stand strong yet still show compassion in his eyes. Everywhere that he went, he tended to draw everyone around him closer as they were absorbed by his jokes and various stories. He is survived by his sister Janice; brother Phillip; loving wife Cammie, and his two sons Dustin and Landon. Funeral services will be held at 9 a.m. Saturday at the Hutchinson High School Salt Hawk Activity Center. Burial will be at the Fairlawn Burial Park, Hutchinson. Visitation will from 2 to 8 p.m. today with family present from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Heritage Funeral Home. The Kansas Police Dog Association has set up a fund for his memorials at the Hutchinson Government Employee Credit Union. Funeral arrangements provided by Heritage Funeral Home and Cremation services* 528 N. Main Hutchinson, KS. 67501 620-662-6720 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 26, 2006

May 25, 2006

Scott S. Thompson 1974 - 2006

LYONS — Scott Steven Thompson, 31, died May 21 at Via Christi Medical Center in Wichita. He was born Oct. 2, 1974, in Norton, the son of Kenneth Steven and Esther (Langer) Thompson. He was a graduate of Norton Community High School and attended the Northwest Kansas Technical College in Goodland. He married Kristy Tharp on Jan. 25, 1997, in Lyons. A resident of Lyons, he was a diesel mechanic. Thompson was a member of the Catholic Church in Lyons, and National Guard Pellet Rifle Team. Survivors include his wife of home; two daughters, Katelyn and Patricia Thompson, both of Lyons; his parents; one brother, Eric Thompson of Norton; and three sisters, Monica Bach of Woodruff, Natalie Wallace of Garden City, and Paula McKenna of Selden. Funeral arrangements provided by Bryant Funeral Home* 1425 Patton Road Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-3525 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 26, 2006

Vera Spangler Calloway 1914 - 2006

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Vera Spangler Calloway, 91, formerly of Nevada, Mo., died May 10 at Truman Care Center Lakewood in Kansas City, Mo. She was born Dec. 21, 1914, near Belpre, the daughter of Ovville Dewey and Emma Bridges Clark. She married Joe Curtis Spangler in 1934 in Belpre. He died March 16, 1963. She married Woodrow Colloway in 1971 in Sugar Creek, Mo. He died in 1987. She was a psychiatric aide at the Nevada State Hospital for many years. She had been a resident of the Kansas City, Mo. area for the last 20 years. Mrs. Calloway was a member of the Christian Church. Survivors include one son, Roy Spangler of Kingsville, Mo.; three step-children, Mildred Coleman and Madalin Marshall, both of El Dorado Springs, Mo., and Laura Wyatt of St. John; one brother, Walter Clark of Herrington; one sister, Lois Gilmore of Manhattan; and numerous grandchildren, step-grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and step-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one son, Louis Spangler; and one daughter, Lois Shepard. Graveside services were held on May 15 at the Moore Cemetery in Nevada, Mo., with Walter Clark officiating. Ferry Funeral Home of Nevada, was in charge of arrangements. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 25, 2006

Lois Ann Jerke 1947 - 2006

Lois Ann Jerke, 58, of Great Bend, died May 23 at the Hutchinson Hospital. She was born Sept. 4, 1947 in Yankton S.D. the daughter of Elmer and Ethel Muhmel Magstadt. She married Harlen H. Jerke on June 16, 1968 at Scotland S.D. He survives. She
was a devoted and nurturing wife, mom, grandma, and daughter. She had been a vocal music instructor before being a secretary for Harlen's Thrivent Insurance office for 31 years. She was also the co-owner of Quality Music Center. She was a resident of Great Bend since May of 1973 coming from Fort Riley, Dunlap Iowa, and Scotland S.D. She was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church where she was Choir Director and musician, former children's music leader and Stephen's minister, including making shut in communion calls. She also served on various other church and community committees. Survivors include her husband, Harlen Jerke of the home, father Elmer Magstadt, of Scotland S.D.; three sons Travis and wife Kathy Jerke of Bloomington, Ind., Chad and wife Christy Jerke of Great Bend, Eric and wife Nina Jerke of Folsom Calif.; two brothers Ray and wife Cathy Magstadt of Elk Point, S.D. Rick and wife Sharon Magstadt of Grinnell Iowa; eight grandchildren Alyssa Jerke, Cassidy Jerke and Meghan Jerke of Bloomington, Kaitlyn Jerke, Max Jerke, Zoe Jerke, and Noah Jerke of Great Bend, and Rylee Jerke of Folsom. She was preceded in death by her mother, Ethel Magstadt. Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at the Trinity Lutheran Church, Great Bend with the Rev. James A Strasen and Rev. Kris Bjerke-Ulliman. Burial will follow at the Great Bend Cemetery North. Visitation will be from 1 to 9 p.m. today with family receiving friends from 6 to 8 p.m. at Bryant Funeral home. Memorial are suggested to the Trinity Lutheran Church or Kans for Kids 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 25, 2006 Clarification

May 24, 2006

Colonel Albert D. Aberson 1918 - 2006

SHREVEPORT, La. — Col. Albert D. Aberson, 88, died May 19. He was born in Ennis, Texas, on Feb. 19, 1918, the son of Franklin Albert and Jerrel Blanche Nelson Aberson. He graduated from Ennis High School and attended the University of Texas at Austin majoring in petroleum engineering. He entered the U.S. Army Air Corps as an aviation cadet Jan. 16, 1942. He graduated from pilot training on Oct. 9, 1942, as a second lieutenant and was awarded the Silver Wings as a pilot. His first duty station was MacDill Field, Fla., where he received training in the Martin B-26 bomber. He was assigned to the 386th Bomb Group, 555th Bomb Squadron on Dec. 1, 1942. He flew his airplane to England in May 1943 and flew 66 combat missions over Europe, returning to the United States in July 1944. He made the U.S. Air Force his career, retiring a colonel in 1971 as commander of Peterson Field, Colo. After retiring, he worked in the oil industry as vice president with an independent oil company.

During his career he served in several positions, including Commander 1603 Support Squadron, Military Transport Command, Nouasseur Air Base Casablanca, North Africa; Chief of Training, Mitchell Air Force Base, Long Island, N.Y.; Chief of Sector Crew Training (SAGE), Gunter Air Force Base in Montgomery, Ala.; Commander of the 641st Air Control (Air Defense Command), Goose Air Force Base, Labrador; Surveillance Systems Division Pentagon, Washington D.C.

His awards and citations are too numerous to mention, but he was most proud of his having been in D-Day operations and flying his B-26 bomber back to base from France on one engine after a direct hit in the right engine. He was awarded his first D.F. Cross for that mission. His Legion of Merit medal was awarded at his retirement in Colorado Springs, Colo. Col. Aberson was a 50-year member of the Masons and a current member of Broadmoor Masonic Lodge-Shreveport; a 50-year member of the Scottish Rite Bodies; a Knight Commander of Court of Honor; a 50-year member of the Ancient Order, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, El Karubah Temple, the Legion of Honor Unit, the National Sojourners and The Retired Officers Association.

He was predeceased by his parents and his first wife, Dorothy Simmons Aberson of Shreveport, La. He is survived by his loving wife, Marjorie M. Aberson of Winston-Salem, N.C.; his daughter, Diana F. Deutsch and her husband Mel, of Lawrence, Kan., their children: Michelle Lang (Keith) and Mike Deutsch of Kansas and their children also of Kansas; his son, Albert D. Aberson Jr. and wife Beverly, and granddaughter Amanda D. Aberson, all of Marietta, Ga. Also surviving him are two stepdaughters; Lynn B. Weston and husband Tom of Sarasota, Fla., their children: T. J. Weston of Atlanta, Ga. and Wes Weston of Sarasota, Fla.; Cathe B. Hege and husband Ed of Advance, N.C., their children: Erin Hege of Winston-Salem, N.C. and Will Hege (Leslie) of Clemmons, N.C.; one sister, Mrs. Anna Jerrel Cress of Dallas, Texas; nephew, Jerrel Cress and niece, Karen (Mike) Partin.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials be made to Shriner’s Hospital, 3100 Samford Avenue, Shreveport, LA 71103, or to Mount Tabor United Methodist Church, 3543 Robinhood Rd. Winston-Salem, NC 27106, of which Col. Aberson was a member.

The family will receive friends from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday, May 25, at Osborn Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Friday at Osborn Funeral Home, followed by a Masonic Graveside service with Military Honors at Forest Park Cemetery, Shreveport, La. Pallbearers will be his sons-in-law and grandsons. A "Celebration of Life" will be held at the El Karubah Temple following the burial service. Funeral arrangements provided by Osborn Funeral Home* 3631 Southern Ave. Shreveport, LA 71104 318-865-8426 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 24, 2006

Lois Ann Jerke 1947 - 2006

Lois Ann Jerke, 58, died May 23 at Hutchinson Hospital in Hutchinson. Arrangements are pending with Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend.

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 24, 2006

Tyler John Dino 1978 - 2006

Tyler John Dino, 28, died May 22 at his residence in Great Bend. He was born April 24, 1976, at Liberal, the son of Gary P. and Mary J. Stos Dino. He married Stacy Rowe on April 23, 2005, at Great Bend. A lifetime resident of Great Bend, he was employed with Asplund Tree Service. Dino was a member of the Catholic Community of Great Bend at St. Patrick, and Town and Country Racquet Club, Great Bend.

Survivors include his wife, of the home; one son, Cayden Dino of the home; his parents, Gary and Mary Dino of Great...
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Apparel Master and Cintas of Hoisington, Kan., after 35 years of service.

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Daniel Louis Lowery of Columbia, Mo.; one brother, John Kasper and his wife Lynn of Wilson; one sister, Mary Vopat and her

an active member of the St. Thomas Moore Newman Center, Midway Heights Elementary PTA, serving as membership chair, and

he was a chiropractor, retiring in 1990 after 30 years. Dr. Slough was a member of the United Methodis Church, 50 year Lions

on Oct. 18, 1986, in Wilson. Mrs. Lowery worked as a computer s upport specialist for the University of Missouri System. She was

Mrs. Lowery is survived by her parents, Louis and Theresa Kasper of Wilson; her

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COLUMBIA, Mo. — Loretta Ann Lowery, 45 of Columbia, died Friday, May 19, 2006, at the University of Missouri Hospital in

Loretta Ann Lowery 1960 - 2006

Kimple Funeral Home 113 N. Main Ellinwood, KS 67526 620-564-2300 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 23, 2006

Ellinwood. Memorials are suggested to the United Methodist Church or the Heritage Club. Funeral arrangements provided by

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in care of Parker Funeral Service in Columbia. Tributes may be left online at www.parkerfuneralservice.com. Funeral arrangements provided by Parker Funeral Service 22 N. 10th St. Columbia, MO 65201 573-449-4153 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 23, 2006

Earl L. Homewood 1932 - 2006

RUSSELL — Earl L. Homewood, 73, died May 20 at the Hays Medical Center in Hays. He was born Oct. 3, 1932, on the farm family near Luray, the son of Frank H. and Anna Belle (Reed) Homewood. He was a graduate of Luray High School. He married Kay Brehm on Aug. 26, 1956, in Luray. He worked for the United Telephone Company until he joined the U.S. Army in 1953. After his military duty, he started working for the Union Pacific Telegraph, and then worked for the City of Russell in the Electrical Department, retiring in 1997 as the director after 41 years.

Homewood was a member of the St. John's Lutheran Church, president of the Kansas Municipalities, co-chairman of the Oil Patch Museum, American Legion, and was on the Historical Society Board. Survivors include his wife, Kay of the home; two daughters, Cindy Peterson of Camarillo, Calif., and Tracy Feil of Darwin, Iowa; his step-mother, Melba Homewood of Larned; two brothers, Alvin G. Homewood of Halstead, and Gerald L. Homewood of Phoenix, Ariz.; one sister, Gloria Amen of Aurora, Colo.; three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one brother. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. today at the church in Russell with the Rev. Jim Strasen officiating. Burial will be at the Russell City Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to the Russell Regional Hospital's EMT Department. Funeral arrangements provided by Pohlman-Varner-Peeler Mortuary 610 N. Maple Russell, KS 67665 785-483-2212 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 23, 2006

Nathalia "Dollie" Niedens 1907 - 2006

HOISINGTON — Nathalia “Dollie” Niedens, 98, died May 20 at Cheyenne Meadows Living Center in Hoisington. She was born Aug. 29, 1907, in Russell County, the daughter of Gottfried and Juliana (Weimer) Dumler. She married Rudolph Niedens on March 8, 1931, in Russell County. He died Oct. 9, 1987. A lifetime resident of Russell and Barton counties, she was a homemaker and a nurses aide. Mrs. Niedens was a member of the Concordia Lutheran Church and LWML of Hoisington. Survivors include three sons, Herman “Lou” Niedens of Kansas City, Kan., Robert Niedens of Park City and Don Niedens of Great Bend; one daughter, Bernice Deines of Hoisington; one brother, Paul Dumler of Mesa, Ariz.; 11 grandchildren, seven step-grandchildren and many great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two infant sons, Paul L. and Gale F. Niedens; four brothers, Fred, Henry, Sam and Rudolph Dumler; and four sisters, Susanna Miller, Katie Herdt, Anna Strecker and Othella “Tillie” Niedens. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. today at the church in Hoisington with Deacon Luke Brown officiating. Burial will be at St. John Cemetery in Susank. Friends may call from 9 a.m. until service time today at the church. Memorials are suggested to the Concordia Lutheran Church Maintenance Fund. 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 23, 2006

May 21, 2006

John “Jack” Edward Hester 1911 - 2006

LARNED — John “Jack” Edward Hester, 95, died May 18 at his home in Larned. He was born Jan. 1, 1911, in Hoisington the son of Edward and Lunda Lane Coburn Hester. A longtime Larned resident, he was with the Federal Land Bank of Wichita for 37 years, making and servicing farm and ranch loans. He retired from the Federal Land Bank in 1976 as president of the Larned-area office. After retiring, he was a land appraiser. He graduated from Hoisington High School then attended Kansas State University. He was a member of the Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity. A World War II veteran in the European Theater for 26 months, he served in the Signal Corps in North Africa, Italy, France and Germany. He was involved in eight battle campaigns and was awarded the Bronze Star. He was also a member of the First Baptist Church, Larned, where he served as deacon for many years, a 50-year member of the Larned Kiwanis Club serving as president in 1976, a lifetime member of the Larned Veterans of Foreign Wars, and an active member of the Gideons. On Oct. 27, 1945, he married Christine C. Crouch at Charlotte, N.C. She died Aug. 30, 1997. Survivors include: A daughter, Judy Eshelman and her husband, Jon, Tulsa, Okla.; grandchildren Sharla Hester and her husband, Jon, Tulsa, Okla.; granddaughter, Amanda Hester; grandsons Ryan Eshelman and his wife, Rachel; granddaughters, Shari and her husband, Dave, Ottawa, Kansas; and detector Squares. He was preceded in death by his wife; two sisters, Doris Jean Smith and Marian Hester Petracek. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at the First Baptist Church, Larned, with the Rev. Jerry Leever presiding. Friends may call from 1 to 6 p.m. Sunday and 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday with family receiving friends from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Burial with military honors provided by Ft. Riley will be in the Great Bend Cemetery, Great Bend. Memorials may be sent to the Larned First Baptist Church or The Gideons in care of Beckwith Mortuary, Inc., P.O. Box 477, Larned, Kan. 67550. Condolences may be sent and this notice viewed at www.beckwithmortuary.com. Funeral arrangements provided by Beckwith Mortuary *

P.O. Box 477 Larned, KS 67550 620-285-2121 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 21, 2006

Edward Joe ‘Ed’ Jecha 1926 - 2006

TIMKEN — Edward Joe “Ed” Jecha, 80, died May 19 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. He was born Feb. 16, 1926, in rural Rush County, the son of Joe Edward Jecha and Anna (Oborny) Jecha. He married Rosarie Baxa on May 4, 1948, in Larned. A lifelong resident of Rush County, Jecha was a 1944 graduate of La Crosse High School and received his certificate for the completion of the electronics course from The DeVry Technical Institute. He worked at the Timken State Bank, later becoming a licensed television serviceman and serving as Timken City Clerk and water person for 27 years. In 1989, he retired from serving as a rural mail carrier. Jecha was a member of Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Timken and was a past board member for this church. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus Council No. 2100 in Olmitz; Catholic Workman Lodge and life member and past adjutant for American Legion Post No. 353, both in Timken; and was a member and past leader of Recovery Inc. in Great Bend. He enlisted in the U.S. Navy during World War II. Survivors include his wife of the home; two sons, Thomas E Jecha of Viola and Edward F. Jecha of Hutchinson; five daughters, Cecilia J. May of Lawrence, Margaret M. Waterman of Bonaire, Ga., Mary E. Casselman of Arlington, Texas, Rita J. Andress of Great Bend and Jane M. Jacobs of Garden City; a sister, Blanche A. Tomecek of Timken; and 13 grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a son Joseph V. Jecha.

Vigil service and rosary will be held at 7 p.m. Monday. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Timken with the Revs. Henry Baxa, Jack Cuddigan, Charles Mazouch and Ultran Murphy officiating. Burial will be at Holy Cross Cemetery in Timken, Great Bend. Friends may call from 7 to 9 p.m. Monday at the Jolivette Funeral Home, La Crosse. Family will be present from 9:30 to 9:50 a.m. Tuesday at the church. Memorials are suggested to the city of Timken, the church or the Otis EMTs. Funeral arrangements provided by Jolivette Funeral Home 719 Pine

P. O. Box 550 La Crosse, KS 67548 785-222-2517 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 21, 2006
Norman Glenn Spillman 1927 - 2006

TOPEKA — Norman Glenn Spillman, 79, died May 17 at Topeka. He was born March 5, 1927, in Selden, the son of Glenn R. and Myrtle Fern Auymiller Spillman. He attended schools in Hoxie and Hutchinson. He married Judy Donnelly, who preceded him in death. Spillman served in the U.S. Army during World War II, with the Air Force in the Vietnam conflict and then retired as a master tech sergeant with the Air National Guard after 32 years of military service. Survivors include his son, Kevin Glenn Spillman of Albany, Ore.; two daughters, Aneta Lee Bonham of California and Star Lyn Roberson of Hardtner; two stepdaughters, Cynthia Bailey of Germany and Michelle Majeroni of Topeka; and a stepson Tim Donnelly of Arizona; two brothers, Ronald Spillman and Stanton B. Spillman both of Hutchinson; two sisters, Arthid Marcum and Carolyn Miller both of Hutchinson; eight grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife, C. Gertrude Ann Tolbert.

HAYS — Richard Dean Sanders Sr. died May 19 at Hays Medical Center in Hays. He was born Jan. 17, 1941, in Lamar, Colo., the son of Adam Sanders and Violet Sanders. He married Pattie Hatten, Nov. 4, 1960, in Lamar. He was known for his love of sports, watching his children then grandchildren in sports. He was an avid hunter and fisherman. Anyone who knew him when they saw him would say, “been fishing?” “caught any fish today?” or “got your deer yet?” He loved gardening and the outdoors. He was a member of Cornerstone Fellowship Church in Great Bend. Survivors include his wife Pattie of the home; two sons, Richard Sanders Jr. and Sharon of Hoisington and Ron Sanders and Lori of Hoisington; a daughter Tanya Sanders of Hesperia, Calif.; 10 grandchildren, Liz Lindsner of Hoisington, Ben Sanders of Great Bend, Justin Sanders of Dexter, Mo., Jessica McNaught of Hesperia, Richard Dean Sanders III of Hoisington, T.J. McNaught, Angel McNaught and Shelby McNaught of Hesperia; two great-grandchildren, Austin Lindsner of Hoisington, Ben Sanders of Great Bend; and one brother, Tony Sanders of Lamar, Colo. He was preceded in death by his parents and two sisters, Doris Blume and Eiline Haugen. He will be remembered by all who loved him. Funeral service will be at 1 p.m. on Monday, May 22, at Charter Funerals Chapel in Great Bend, with Pastor Curtis Reinhardt officiating. Interment will be at the Great Bend Cemetery North in Great Bend. Visitations will be from 1 to 7 p.m. today, with family receiving friends from 5 to 7 p.m. at Charter Funerals Chapel in Great Bend. Memorials are suggested to the donor’s choice. Arrangements by Charter Funerals.

Richard Dean Sanders Sr. 1941 - 2006

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Keith Charles Elsen 1965 - 2006

A memorial mass for Keith Charles Elsen who died April 22 will be held at 4 p.m. Friday at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Great Bend. Memorials are suggested to the Crystal Dawn Memorial Prayer Garden or the Emily Elsen Education Fund. Funeral service and burial has already taken place in Elizabeth, Colo.

Keith Charles Elsen 1965 - 2006

Gertrude Ann Tolbert


Survivors include two sons, Mark Stephen Tolbert and John David Tolbert; one daughter, Sue Carol Huff; one brother, Victor Hochstatter; eight grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, C. Wayne Tolbert.

Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Murphy Funeral Home in Arlington, Va. Burial will be at 1 p.m. at Quantico National Cemetery. Visitation will be from 4 to 6 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to the Capital Hospice, 4715 N. 15th St., Arlington, VA 22205, or to the American Heart Association, P.O. Box 5216, Glen Allen, VA 23058-5216.

Funeral arrangements provided by Murphy Funeral Home

4510 Wilson Blvd.

Arlington, VA 22205

703-920-4800

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May 17, 2006

Margaret Jane "Janie" Stein 1915-2006
DODGE CITY — Margaret Jane “Janie” Stein, 90, died May 12, 2006, at Western Plains Medical Complex, Dodge City, Kan.
She was born Sept. 14, 1915, in Thayer, Kan., the daughter of Samuel Fell and Mary Anastasia (O’Donnell) Jones. A Dodge City resident since 2004, she had previously lived in Ashland, Kan., for 50 years, and also in Fairfield, Iowa, and Great Bend, Kan. She was a dental assistant with her son Stephen, and secretary for Howell Insurance in Ashland before retiring in 1980.
She was president of the Ashland Chamber of Commerce, a member of the 20th Century Study Club, Silver-Haired Legislature, Grandmothers for Peace, Big Basin Foundation, Dominican Associates, D.A.R., Ashland Study Club, and the Tuesday-Nighters Bridge Club.
Survivors include four sons: Stephen F. and wife Jane, Richard J. and wife Peggy, all of Dodge City, Cletus G. “Jerry” Stein, Amarillo, Texas and John Paul Stein, Liberal, Kan.; two daughters: Marianne S. Wancura, Salida, Colo. and Janie Marie Stein and husband Martin Bates, Salina, Kan., 11 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.
She was preceded in death by two brothers, Joseph Jones and Richard Jones, a sister, Sister Cyrilla Jones, CSJ, and a grandson, Patrick Stein.
Vigil service will be 7 p.m. Friday at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Dodge City. The Funeral Mass will be 10 a.m. Saturday at the cathedral with Fr. Ted A. Skalsky presiding. Committal (burial) service will be at 3 p.m. in St. Joseph Cemetery, Ashland. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Friday, to sign the book at Burkhart-Ziegler Funeral Chapel, Dodge City. The family will welcome visitors from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, at the church. Cremation has taken place. The family suggests memorials to Manor of the Plains, Hospice of the Prairie, or food items to Manna House, all in care of the funeral home. Personal condolences may be sent to www.burkhart-ziegler.com Funeral arrangements provided by Burkhart-Ziegler Funeral Chapel* 1901 N. 14th Ave. Dodge City, KS 67801 620-225-0518 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 17, 2006
Glenda C. Hoofnagle 1927 - 2006
Glenda C. Hoofnagle, 79, of Great Bend, died May 16 at Cherry Village Nursing Home in Great Bend. She was born April 10, 1927, at Dodge City, the daughter of Glenn and Mable Gillette Hoofnagle. A resident of Great Bend since 1978, coming from Dodge City, she was a homemaker. She was a member of Faith Community Church in Great Bend. Survivors include two nieces, Kristi Krause, Salina, and Linda Basye, Great Bend, and one nephew, Kevin Kirkpatrick, Hays. She was preceded in death by a sister, Sally Kirkpatrick.
Graveside service will be at 1:30 p.m. Thursday at Maple Grove Cemetery in Dodge City, with the Rev. Fred Kirkpatrick officiating. Friends may call from noon to 9 p.m. today 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 Road Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-3525 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 17, 2006
May 16, 2006
Leo Charles Green 1916 - 2006
ST. JOHN — Leo Charles Green, 89, died May 12 at Stafford District Hospital in Stafford. He was born Aug. 21, 1916, at St. John, the son of Frank Leo and Carolyn Rose (Hundt) Green. He graduated from St. John High School in 1934. He married Patty Walker on Dec. 25, 1940, at Stafford. She died Dec. 31, 1993. A lifetime resident of Stafford County, he was a farmer/stockman, bicycle repairman, worked at St. John Elevator, Boeing of Wichita, mechanic at Ford Garage and was a school bus driver for 25 years at St. John Schools. Green was a member of the New Hope United Methodist Church and Veterans of Foreign Wars of St. John. He was a World War II Air Corp, Veteran flying 35 missions over Europe.
Survivors include two daughters, Susan Wood of Mesquite, Texas, and Karen Ferguson of McPherson; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one son, Robert Charles Green; and one brother, Franklin Green. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. today at Bryant Funeral Home in St. John with the Don Paden officiating. Burial will be at Fairview Park in St. John with full military honors. Memorials are suggested to Stafford District Hospital in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Minnis Chapel 526 E. 4th St. John, KS 67576 620-549-3556 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 16, 2006
James T. Bowen Jr. 1952 - 2006
WINFIELD — James T. Bowen Jr. died May 3 in Phoenix, Ariz. He was born Aug. 4, 1952, in Hutchinson. He graduated from Hoisington High School, and attended Fort Hays State and Wichita State Universities. He enlisted in the Air Force Band in 1974 and was stationed at Luke Air Force Base as a member of their band. Bowen was a member of the Argonne Rebels Drum and Bugle Corp during High School out of Great Bend. Survivors include his mother, Betty P. Bowen; and one sister, Jackie Volbrecht of Wichita. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Friday at the Highland Cemetery in Winfield. Funeral arrangements provided by Swisher-Taylor and Morris Funeral Home 803 Loomis St. Winfield, KS 67156 620-221-2211 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 16, 2006
Esther E. (Kart) Scheuereman 1919 - 2006
RUSSELL — Esther E. (Kart) Scheuereman, 86, died May 11 at the Russell Regional Hospital. She was born July 17, 1919, in Milberger, the daughter of John Jacob and Amalia (Keil) Karst. She attended area schools in Milberger and Russell. She married Alfred Scheuereman on May 2, 1943, in Otis. He died Sept. 4, 2002. A resident of Russell, coming from Powin and Milberger, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Scheuereman was a member of the United Emmanuel Lutheran Church of Milberger and the women’s group of the church. Survivors include two sons, Larry Scheuereman of Russell, and Don Scheuereman of Albuquerque, N.M.; one brother, Herbert Karst of Newton; and two sisters, Elsie Brack of Russell, and Elma Morgenstern of Overland Park. She was preceded in death by two brothers, Albert Karst and Paul Karst; and three sisters, Doris Koch, Clara Eacret, and Martha Brack.
Funeral was held May 15 at the church in Milberger, with the Rev. Amy Truhe officiating. Burial followed at the Milberger Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to the church in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Pohlman-Vaner-Peeler Mortuary 610 N. Maple Russell, KS 67665 785-483-2212 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 16, 2006
Ola Gertrude Wallace 1906 - 2006
OSBURNE — Ola Gertrude Wallace, 98, died May 15 at Great Bend Health & Rehabilitation Center. She was born Feb. 6, 1908, at Brown County, Kan., the daughter of Lewis Daniel and Emma Idella Rork Keiswetter. She moved with her family at a young age to Graham County. She married Castle Wallace on April 11, 1934, at Phillipsburg, and moved to Osborne County. They made their home in the Altton Community for the next 53 years. They moved to Osborne, where Ola lived for 10 years before moving to Great Bend to be closer to her family. Her husband died March 4, 1992. She was a homemaker and was married to Don and Nelva Wallace. Mrs. Wallace was a member of Altton United Methodist M.E. Church, joining in 1947. Survivors include one daughter, Nelva
Grimes and husband Merlin, Great Bend; six grandchildren; two step grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her son Don Wallace, six brothers, Charley, Walter, Richard, Frank, Arthur and Noble Keiswetter, and two sisters, Enda Hall and Bretha Rose. Funeral will be at 1 p.m. Friday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend with the Rev. Paxton Jones officiating. Intermment will be at Sumner County Cemetery, Alton, Kan., at 3:30 p.m. 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 are suggested to Alton United M.E. Church or First Christian Church Building Fund, 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, May 16, 2006

Morris E. “Bud” Wagner 1923 - 2006

HOISINGTON — Morris E. “Bud” Wagner, 82, died May 12 at Oak Manor Nursing Home, Columbus, Ga. He was born Dec. 29, 1923, at Bison, the son of George and Martha (Seuser) Wagner. He married Jo Ann Tindall on Aug. 16, 1953, at Hoisington. She died Dec. 11, 2003. He was the retired former owner of Hoisington Appliance, Hoisington, Kan., and former manager of Marlon Industrial Park, Orlando, Fla. A resident of Hoisington until 1989, then moving to Revido, Fla., in 1999 he moved to Columbus, Ga. Wagner was a member of First Christian Church, Mason Lodge No. 331 A.F. & A.M., former city councilman and assistant fire chief of the Hoisington volunteer fire department, member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 7428 and American Legion Post No. 286, all of Hoisington; and Scottish Rite, Wichita. He was a World War II Marine veteran. Survivors include two sons, Lewis G. Wagner and wife Vickie, Midland, Ga., and Morris E. Wagner II and wife Gail, Corpus Christie, Texas; one brother, George Wagner, Phoenix, Ariz., two sisters, Ann Geckles, Larned, and Marjorie Niewald, Larned; four grandchildren, Mattie Long, DeeAnn Wagner, Jill Wagner and Jamey Bryant. He was preceded in death by one daughter, DeeNese Long. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at First Christian Church in Hoisington with the Rev. Paula Bell officiating. Burial will be at Hoisington Cemetery, with Kansas and Masonic Graveside Services by Masonic Lodge No. 331 A.F. & A.M. Friends may call from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. today, with the family receiving friends from 6 to 8 p.m., at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. Memorials are suggested to the Hoisington Fire Department of Masonic Lodge No. 331 A.F. & A.M., 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, May 16, 2006

Marilyn E. Koci 1932 - 2006

BISON — Marilyn E. Koci, 73, died May 11 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. She was born June 1, 1932, in La Crosse, the daughter of Lawrence R. and Grace (Edwards) Alger. She married Glenn D. Koci on Jan. 30, 1954, at La Crosse. A longtime resident of Bison, moving to Great Bend in 2004, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Koci was a member of the United Methodist Church in La Crosse; a Meals on Wheels volunteer; and member of PRIDE in Bison. Survivors include her husband, Glenn Koci of the home; two sons, Lyle Koci of Great Bend, and Donald Koci of Wichita; one daughter, Linda Koci of Bison; one brother, Wayne Alger of Lakewood, Colo.; two sisters, Crystal Dellett of Hays, and Carol Wolseiffer of Salina; and two grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one brother, Gilbert Alger; and one sister, Joann Murray. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington with the Rev. Ultan Murphy officiating. Burial will be at the La Crosse Cemetery. Visitation will be today from 1 to 8 p.m. and Monday from 9 a.m. to service time at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to ElderCare 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, May 14, 2006

Carolyn L. Wheeler 1939 - 2006

Carolyn L. Wheeler, 66, died May 12 at her home in Great Bend. She was born Oct. 15, 1939, at Anthony, the daughter of James Howard and Edith Maxine Edmonds Phye. She married Jerry A. Wheeler on Dec. 21, 1967, at Great Bend. She was a resident of Great Bend most of her life. She was a homemaker. Survivors include her husband, of the home; two daughters, Marllynn S. Culver and Terri Merritt, both of Great Bend; one brother, Joe Phye of Clearwater; and one granddaughter. She was preceded in death by one brother, James H. Phye. There will be no visitation or services as cremation has taken place. Memorials are suggested to the Libbie S. Merritt Education Fund in care of Bryant Funeral Home. Funeral arrangements provided by Bryant Funeral Home 1425 Patton Rd. Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-3525 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 14, 2006

Patrice "Patty" Heinz Lorence 1950 - 2006

BUSHTON — Patrice "Patty" Heinz Lawrence, 55, died May 11 at Ellsworth Hospital in Ellsworth. She was born Oct. 7, 1950, at Great Bend, the daughter of Casper A. and Loretta Heinz. She was a graduate of Bushton High School, Barton County Community College and Fort Hays State University with BS and MS degrees. A resident of Bushton, formerly of Ellsworth, she was an Elementary Special Education Teacher in Ellsworth and Kanopolis.

Mrs. Lawrence was a member of the Holy Name Catholic Church in Bushton.

Survivors include one brother, Mark Heinz of Ellinwood; and one sister, Mary Smith of Wichita.

Parish Rosary will be at 7 p.m today at Kimple Funeral Home in Ellinwood. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Holy Name Catholic Church in Bushton with the Rev. Steve Scheier officiating. Burial will be at the Holy Name Cemetery in Bushton.

Friends may call today from 3 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Bushton First Responders or to Holy Name Church in Bushton.

Funeral arrangements provided by Kimple Funeral Home
113 N. Main
Ellinwood, KS 67526
620-564-2300
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 14, 2006

Helen Southern 1920 - 2006

ELLINWOOD — Helen Southern, 85, died April 12 at Wesley Towers in Hutchinson. She was born Dec. 18, 1920, at Portland, Ore., the daughter of Ernest C. Heidtbrink and Ida Elizabeth Seidenburg. A resident of Hutchinson since 2001, coming from Portland, Ore., Wichita, and Ellinwood, she was a secretary and tax clerk with the Sedgwick County Treasurer's Office.

Mrs. Southern was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Wichita.

Survivors include one son, W. S. Southern Jr. of Hutchinson; two daughters, Joan Pivonka of Ellinwood, and Nancy Southern of Eastsound, Wash.; one brother, Bill Heidtbrink of Portland, Ore.; one sister, Esther Fort of Portland, Ore.; four grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Immanuel United Church of Christ in Ellinwood with the Rev. Larry Young officiating. Burial will be at the Lakin-Comanche District Cemetery in Ellinwood. In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to the Wesley Tower’s Employee Scholarship Fund or the donor’s choice.

Funeral arrangements provided by Kimple Funeral Home
113 N. Main Ellinwood, KS 67526 620-564-2300 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 14, 2006

Morris "Bud" Wagner 1923 - 2006

COLUMBUS Ga. - Morris "Bud" Wagner, 82, died May 12 in Oak Manor Nursing Home, Columbus. Services are pending with Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 14, 2006

Cecil Joe Ellison 1924 - 2006 ANADARKO, OKLA. — Cecil Joe Ellison, 81, formerly of Great Bend, died May 10 at Anadarko, Okla. He was born June 9, 1924, in Duncan, Okla., the son of John Lawrence and Julia (Humphreys) Ellison. He married Doris Taylor on Dec. 24, 1982, at Reynosa, Old Mexico. She died Nov. 17, 2003. A resident of Anadarko, Okla., since 2005, moving from Great Bend, he was a retired auto salesman. Mr. Ellison was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Great Bend. Survivors include one son, Perry Ray Ellison of San Antonio, Texas; one step-son, Wendell Phillip Taylor of Ft. Collins, Colo.; one step-daughter, Sharon Schmidt of Olathe; and one grandson. A private burial will be at the Belleville Cemetery in Belleville. Visitiation will be Tuesday from 4 to 7 p.m. at Christians Funeral Home in Lindsborg. Memorials are suggested to the donor’s choice. Funeral arrangements provided by Christians Funeral Home 103 N. Washington / P.O. Box 386 Lindsborg, KS 67456 785-227-2400 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 14, 2006

William Louis Hiss

William Hiss, a retired professional geologist/hydrologist with the U.S. Geological Survey and successful second-career stockbroker, died Wednesday, April 12, in Villa de Antofagasta de la Sierra, Catamarca, Argentina. He was 75. At the time of his death, William was participating in a field trip to study the geology of the Andes. He died of natural causes. He is survived by his companion, Shela Greenlaw of Clayton, Calif. Other immediate family include his brother, George Hiss of Wichita, Kan. and his wife Judy and their two sons Jeff and Kurt; his brother “Gene” Hiss (deceased) and daughter Kathy and sons Mike and Bruce; two daughters, Lisa Willow of Albuquerque, N.M. and Amy Hiss of Davis, Calif.; one son, Eric Hiss, of San Francisco, Calif.; and three grandchildren: Ben Willow, Cooper Reynolds, and Finn Hiss. Others that were especially important to him in recent years included Jennifer Ma Rechenbach and daughter Zoey and Valentina Kostenko. Bill was born in Great Bend, Kan., in 1931. His parents, Rosa and William Hiss, were farmers during the Great Depression, and the rough times experienced by Bill and his family and others made a lasting impression on him that influenced him deeply. He had great respect for those that struggled against adversity and gave generously to those that he felt deserved some extra help. He left the family farm determined to make a go of it, and talked his way into his first job, building a bridge as part of a construction crew. A quick study, he learned basic carpentry skills on the fly, and convinced others he knew what he was doing. Through grit and determination he was able to get into college. Bill graduated from Kansas State University in 1953 with a degree in Geology. He entered the Air Force in 1953, was trained as a meteorologist at Texas A&M, and served as a weather reconnaissance officer at Burtonwood R.A.F. Station in Warrington, England. He said that attempting to predict the weather for pilots toughened him up more than any other experience against adversity and gave generously to those that he felt deserved some extra help. He left the family farm determined to make a go of it, and talked his way into his first job, building a bridge as part of a construction crew. A quick study, he learned basic carpentry skills on the fly, and convinced others he knew what he was doing. Through grit and determination he was able to get into college. Bill graduated from Kansas State University in 1953 with a degree in Geology. He entered the Air Force in 1953, was trained as a meteorologist at Texas A&M, and served as a weather reconnaissance officer at Burtonwood R.A.F. Station in Warrington, England. He said that attempting to predict the weather for pilots toughened him up more than any other experience. In collaboration with others, he developed a large number of computer applications used to store and analyze data on groundwater resources in New Mexico and west Texas, primarily for modeling the Capitan Reef and a variety of hydro-geologic applications and complex groundwater systems. After leaving the Survey, he embarked on a new career as a geologic applications and complex groundwater systems. After leaving the Survey, he embarked on a new career as a
stockbroker. He was very interested in the world around him and had diverse interests. He was a member of the Northern California Geological Society, the Geological Society of America, the Mineralogical Society of America, and the Berkeley Camera Club, where he recently won several awards for photographs of his travels to exotic places. He loved ballroom dance and he collected minerals and crystals and books from around the world. He was the founder of the William Hiss Award for “Creativity in the Earth Sciences” at the University of Colorado, Boulder, where he received his Ph.D. He will be remembered fondly by his friends and family for his intellect, good humor, his love of natural science, his gracious manner and warm conversation, and his love of animals. Memorial services are pending. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 11, 2006 Albertine M. Kreutzer 1911 - 2006

LIEBENTHAL — Albertine M. Kreutzer, 95, died May 12 at the Rush County Memorial Hospital Long Term Care in La Crosse. She was born March 2, 1911, in Spearville, the daughter of John Peter Legleiter and Lillie Mathilda Niedns Ashe. She married James Harvey Sargent on April 15, 1937, at St. John, Kan., and died on April 20, 1980. She married Jake DeThample in 1946 at Phillipsburg, Kan. He died Oct. 20, 1980. She was preceded in death by two half brothers, George Joseph Lloyd and Ira Lee Lloyd; a great-grandson, Dustin Scott Kipp; and an infant sister, Gladys Ashe. Survivors include one daughter, Betty “Jeanie” Kipp of Great Bend; one brother, Bill Drewmond of Great Bend; four grandchildren, Wanda Irene Becker, DeAnn Marie Stanley, Martin Portenier and Lorrie Little; nine great-grandchildren, Nicole Becker, Nathan Becker, Terra Keil, Jerrid Kipp, Zachary Becker, David Stanley, Shane Stanley, Matthew Stanley and Rylee Stanley; and one great-great-grandchild, Skyler Kipp. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at the church with Rev. Jack Cuddigan presiding. Burial will follow at St. Joseph’s cemetery in Liebenthal. Memorial services will be from 1 to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home with the family receiving friends from 6 to 7 p.m. A vigil service and St. Ann’s Altar Society Rosary will be held at 7 p.m. Memorials may be sent to the St. Joseph’s Heritage Association, Liebenthal, or Masses.

Funeral arrangements provided by Janousek Funeral Home 719 Pine La Crosse, KS 67548 785-222-2517 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 14, 2006

May 12, 2006

Irene Josephine Sargent 1922 - 2006

Irene Josephine Sargent, 83, died May 11 at Great Bend Health and Rehabilitation Center in Great Bend. She was born June 7, 1922, at Great Bend, the daughter of Edward Randolph and Lillie Mathilda Niedns Ashe. She married James Harvey Sargent on April 15, 1937, at St. John, Kan., and died on April 20, 1980. She married Jake DeThample in 1946 at Phillipsburg, Kan. He died Oct. 20, 1980. She was preceded in death by two half brothers, George Joseph Lloyd and Ira Lee Lloyd; a great-grandson, Dustin Scott Kipp; and an infant sister, Gladys Ashe. Survivors include one daughter, Betty “Jeanie” Kipp of Great Bend; one brother, Bill Drewmond of Great Bend; four grandchildren, Wanda Irene Becker, DeAnn Marie Stanley, Martin Portenier and Lorrie Little; nine great-grandchildren, Nicole Becker, Nathan Becker, Terra Keil, Jerrid Kipp, Zachary Becker, David Stanley, Shane Stanley, Matthew Stanley and Rylee Stanley; and one great-great-grandchild, Skyler Kipp. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at the church with Rev. Jack Cuddigan presiding. Burial will follow at St. Joseph’s cemetery in Liebenthal. Memorial services will be from 1 to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home with the family receiving friends from 6 to 7 p.m. A vigil service and St. Ann’s Altar Society Rosary will be held at 7 p.m. Memorials may be sent to the St. Joseph’s Heritage Association, Liebenthal, or Masses.

Funeral arrangements provided by Janousek Funeral Home 719 Pine La Crosse, KS 67548 785-222-2517 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 14, 2006

May 12, 2006

Harold E. Erway 1926 - 2006

LARNED — Harold E. Erway, 79, died May 11 at Hutchinson Hospital in Hutchinson. He was born Sept. 29, 1926, in Pawnee County, the son of Edgar Earl and Hermenia Bruntzel Erway. He married Donna Joy Howell on Oct. 2, 1948, in Larned. She died Oct. 23, 2003 A lifetime Pawnee County resident, he was an insurance agent for State Farm Insurance for 35 years. He was also a stockman and a real estate developer. Erway was a member of the United Methodist Church, Larned Fire Department and Chamber of Commerce, serving on various church committees, and was a former member of the USG 495 school board and Kiwanis, all of Larned. Survivors include two sons, Lyle Erway and Kyle Erway, both of Larned, a daughter, Beth Zook, Larned, a sister, Velda Updegrove, Lewis; five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a brother, Marvin Erway, and two sisters, Verda and Ersel Yost. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the church in Larned with the Rev. Ryan Warrington officiating. Burial will be at the Larned Cemetery. Friends may call from noon to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home. Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at the church with Rev. Jack Cuddigan presiding. Burial will follow at St. Joseph’s cemetery in Liebenthal. Memorial services will be from 1 to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home with the family receiving friends from 6 to 7 p.m. A vigil service and St. Ann’s Altar Society Rosary will be held at 7 p.m. Memorials may be sent to the Harold Erway Memorial Fund in care of the mortuary.

Funeral arrangements provided by Beckwith Mortuary P.O. Box 477 Larned, KS 67550 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 12, 2006

May 11, 2006

William Louis Hiss

William Hiss, a retired professional geologist/hydrologist with the U.S. Geological Survey, and successful second-career stockbroker, died Wednesday April 12, in Villa de Antofagasta de la Sierra, Catamarca, Argentina. He was 75. At the time of his death, William was participating in a field trip to study the geology of the Andes. He died of natural causes. He is survived by his companion, Shela Greenlaw of Clayton, CA. Other immediate family include his brother, George Hiss of Wichita, KS and his wife Judy and their two sons Jeff and Kurt; his brother “Gene” Hiss (deceased) and daughter Kathy and sons Mike and Bruce; two daughters, Lisa Willow of Albuquerque, NM and Amy Hiss of Davis, CA; one son, Eric Hiss, of San Francisco; and three grandchildren: Ben Willow, Cooper Reynolds, and Finn Hiss. Others that were especially important to him in recent years included Jennifer Ma Rechenbach and daughter Zoey and Valentina Kostenko. Bill was born in Great Bend, Kansas in 1931. His parents, Rosa and William Hiss, were farmers during the Great Depression, and the rough times experienced by Bill and his family and others made a lasting impression on him that influenced him deeply. He had great respect for those that struggled against adversity and gave generously to those that he felt deserved some extra help. He left the family farm determined to make a go of it, and talked his way into his first job, building a bridge as part of a construction crew. A quick study, he learned his basic carpentry skills on the fly, and convinced others he knew what he was doing. Through grit and determination he was able to get into college. Bill graduated from Kansas State University in 1953 with a degree in Geology. He entered the Air Force in 1953, was trained as a meteorologist at Texas A&M, and served as a weather reconnaissance officer at Burtonwood R.A.F. Station in Warrington, England. He said that attempting to predict the weather for pilots toughened him up more than any other experience and prepared him well for his dissertation defense. His weather predictions were based on the available technology of the day (thus not always on the mark) leaving many a pilot ill-tempered and quite vocal about their displeasure. After leaving the Air Force in 1957, he joined the reserves, where he was promoted to the rank of Major. He received a M.S. in Geology from the University of Oklahoma in 1960, and was an active member of the Flat Earth Society. He studied
Elizabeth Susan "Betty" Funk 1924 - 2006

RUSSELL — Elizabeth Susan “Betty” Funk, 82, died May 5 at the Russell Regional Hospital. She was born Jan. 8, 1924, on the family farm near Paradise Creek, the daughter of Clarence A. and Lola E. (Dunkel) Shaffer. She graduated from Russell High School in 1941, then attended a year at Kansas State University. She married Clyde Bryon Funk on April 30, 1944, in Russell. He died July 24, 2004. She was a homemaker and ran an in-home daycare in Russell for over 20 years.

She was the founder of the William Hiss Award for “Creativity in the Earth Sciences” at the University of Colorado, Boulder, where he received his PhD.

Mrs. Funk was a member of the Waldo United Methodist Church and was the treasurer and secretary for the Sunday school for many years. She was also a member of Paradise-Dell 4-H club, Russell Garden Club and Paradise-Dell EHU.
Club.
Survivors include three sons, Allen Funk and Clarence Funk, both of Russell, and Larry Funk of St. George; three sisters, Agnes Sims of Headville, Vivian Ganoung of Plainville, and Patricia Quinn of Salina; six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one son, Lloyd Funk; three brothers, Lloyd Shaffer, Earl Shaffer and Charles Shaffer; and three sisters, Fern, Wilma and Louise.

Funeral will be at 11 a.m. today at the Pohlman-Varner-Peeler Mortuary in Russell with the Rev. Peter Rupprecht officiating. Burial will be at the Russell City Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to the Betty Funk Memorial Fund in care of the mortuary.

Funeral arrangements provided by
Pohlman-Varner-Peeler Mortuary
610 N. Maple
Russell, KS 67665
785-483-2212

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 9, 2006

Kathleen Marie Casey 1929 - 2006

Kathleen Marie Casey, 76, of Great Bend, died May 7 at Alterra Sterling House of Great Bend. She was born Aug. 1, 1929, at Great Bend, the daughter of Frank J. and Hazel Wood Keenan. She married Martin J. Casey on Feb. 7, 1952, at Great Bend. He died on Jan. 9, 1998. A homemaker and surgical nurse, she was a lifetime resident of Great Bend.

Mrs. Casey was a member of the Catholic Community of Great Bend at St. Patrick, Altar Society, a former Campfire Leader and a volunteer at Cherry Village Nursing Home.

Survivors include two sons, Kevin Casey and Shawn Casey, both of Great Bend; two daughters, Caron Zager, Great Bend, and Connie Jones, Overland Park; two brothers, Francis “Red” Keenan, Coffeyville, and Tom Keenan, Great Bend; a sister, Bev Schaub, Great Bend; six grandchildren, Corey Carver, Jarrod Carver, Kaylin Zager, Miles Casey, Cameron Casey and Edward Jones; two step-grandchildren, Zac Zager and Tony Zager; and two great-grandchildren, Callan Carver and Rykan Carver.

Altar Society Rosary will be at 4 p.m. Wednesday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Vigil service will be at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Great Bend, with Father Reginald A. Urban and Father Ultan Murphy officiating. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. Memorial are suggested to Holy Family School Endowment Fund or Golden Belt Home Health & Hospice or Daniel R. Trickey Memorial Life Giving 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, May 9, 2006

Mary Ann Lonnon 1934 - 2006

BELLEVILLE, ILL. — Mary Ann Lonnon, nee Stueve, of Belleville, Ill., born Nov. 11, 1934, in Maple Hill, Kan., died Sunday, May 7, 2006, at Four Fountains Convalescent Center, Belleville, Ill.

Mrs. Lonnon was a member of St. Luke Catholic Church, Belleville, and the Altar Sodality at the church.

She was preceded in death by a son, Eric Leon Lonnon; a grandson, Brian E. Lonnon; her parents, Allie and Anna, nee Wagner, Stueve; a brother, Raymond Stueve; and a sister, Rita May Stueve.

She is survived by her husband of 45 years, Gerald L. Lonnon, whom she married June 10, 1961; a daughter, Lynn (Terry) Smith of Belleville, Ill.; a daughter-in-law, Nyla Lonnon of Hoisington, Kan.; seven grandchildren, David Smith, Teresa Smith, Kara A. Lonnon, Amanda Lonnon, Dawn (Jay) Holloway, Randi Meridith and Doug Meridith; a great-granddaughter, Montana P.; three brothers and two sisters, Francis Stueve, Gerald E. Stueve, Eileen E. (Marvin) Willis, Henry L. Stueve, and Kathleen I. Stueve; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Southern Illinois.

Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, at George Renner & Sons Funeral Home, Belleville, Ill.

Funeral procession will leave at 10:45 a.m. Thursday from the funeral home, for an 11 a.m. Mass of Christian Burial at St.
Marie K. Myers 1913 - 2006

Marie K. Myers, 92, of Great Bend, died May 8 at her home in Great Bend. She was born Dec. 30, 1913, at Ellinwood, the daughter of Peter and Katherine Schermuly Klepper. She married Alfred A. Myers on Feb. 3, 1937, at Ellinwood. He died on Sept. 26, 1992. A lifetime area resident, she was a homemaker.

Mrs. Myers was a member of the Catholic Community of Great Bend at St. Patrick, Altar Society and Daughters of Isabella, all of Great Bend.

Survivors include three sons: Charles Myers, Kansas City, Kan., Tom Myers, Yorba Linda, Calif., and Bill Myers, Salina; two daughters, Donna Stout, Queen Creek, Ariz., and Kathy Myers, Kansas City, Kan.; 16 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one brother, Nick Klepper, and two sisters, Helen Sams and Elizabeth Rickert.

Altar Society Rosary will be at 4:30 p.m. Wednesday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Vigil service and Daughters of Isabella Rosary will be at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Great Bend. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at the church, with the Rev. Reginald A. Urban officiating. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home and 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday at the church. 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, May 9, 2006

Ricky A. Heuer 1957 -2006

WICHITA — Ricky A. Heuer, 48, died Tuesday at Via Christi Hospital in Wichita. He was born Oct. 9, 1957, in South Dakota, the son of Arlen and Margaret Skinner Heuer. He was a resident of Wichita for two years, coming from Great Bend.

Heuer was a U.S. Army veteran, serving during the Vietnam War.

Survivors include: six sons, Rick Heuer Jr. of Mary Ester, Fla., Shawn Heuer, Kyle Heuer, Cody Heuer, Jack Heuer and Steve Heuer, all of Great Bend; four daughters Tyra Heuer, Tiffany Heuer, Amber Heuer and Lisa Heuer, all of Great Bend; two brothers, Brad Heuer of San Antonio, Texas, and Randy Heuer of Austin, Texas; and five sisters, Donna Sargent of San Antonio, Texas, Dawn Belko of Brooklyn Minn., Cindy Frovarp of Las Vegas, Nev., Vicki Herbst of Abilene, Texas, and Jackie Kusser of Wall, S.D.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Byrant Funeral Home, Great Bend, with the Rev. Gary Brooks officiating. Visitation will be from 5 to 9 p.m. today. Memorials are suggested to the Ricky Arlen Heuer Memorial Fund, in care of the funeral home.

Funeral arrangements provided by
Bryant Funeral Home
1425 Patton Road
Great Bend, Kansas 67530
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune May 7, 2006

Mary Lou Bronson 1927 - 2006

Mary Lou Bronson, 79, died Wednesday, May 3. She was born March 7, 1927.

Survivors include three sons, Gary Baird of Texas, Robert Baird of Pratt and Jimmie Baird of Great Bend; five daughters, Eta Mae Walty of Stevens Wash., Karen Sisler of Wichita, Linda Beauchaine of California, Gloria Schroeder of Florida and Roberta Logan of Andover; two sisters, Katie Schridde of Forsythe, Mo., and Shirley Edgerton of Lawrence; and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert Leo Baird, son Daniel Baird, daughter Georgia Baird, and numerous grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Monday at All Faiths Funeral Services in Wichita.

Funeral arrangements provided by
All Faiths Funeral Services
3717 W. Central
Wichita, KS.
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune may 7, 2006

Loren “Babe” Minnis 1926 - 2006

Minnis served in the U.S. Army, and his career as a U.S. Postal Service worker spanned over 25 years. He was an avid social activist and held several key positions in the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, Optimist Club, Pratt Historical Society, Kansas Silver-Haired Legislature, Retired Senior and Volunteer Program and Pratt Senior Citizens. He participated in the Pratt USD 362 after-school literacy program and taught at Pratt Junior College. Loren also found time to deliver Meals on Wheels and in his senior years had a key role in a Broadway production of “Hello Dolly.”

Survivors include: Two daughters, Janice N. Minnis-Guice and husband Michael Guice, and Monica G. Minnis; two sons, Randall A. Minnis, and Loren “Dino” E. Minnis and wife Regina M. Gutierrez; and stepdaughter Francine “Fran” Thompson. Sibling survivors include two brothers, Frank B. Minnis Jr. and wife Josephine, and Paul V. Minnis Sr. and wife Beverly: four sisters, Mercielle Eloise Minnis-Felder and husband Clarence Felder, Juenda M. Minnis-Magby, Peggy J. Minnis-Marks and husband Leroy Marks, and Theresa Minnis-Klugh and husband James Klugh; seven grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces, nephews, family and friends. Loren was preceded in death by two brothers, Ivan K. Minnis (Earlhill Bynum) and Kenneth McKenzie (Rosemary McKenzie).

Homecoming service will be at noon Friday, May 12, at the Independent Missionary Baptist Church, 601 Pottawatomie, Leavenworth, Kan. Visitation will be from 10 a.m. to noon on Friday at the church. Burial will follow at the Leavenworth National Cemetery.

Funeral arrangements provided by

Davis Funeral Chapel

531 Shawnee Street
Leavenworth, KS 66048

785-662-5523

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune May 7, 2006

Hilda M. Jones 1914 - 2006

LIBERAL — Hilda M. Jones, 92, Liberal, died May 5 at Southwest Medical Center in Liberal. She was born Feb. 4, 1914, in the Beaver community near Susank, the daughter of Jacob and Anne Daubert Maier. She attended school in Hoisington.

She later attended beauty school and was a beauty operator in Great Bend. She married Roden Jones on Dec. 1, 1945, at Union Springs, Ala. Moving to Liberal in 1959, she worked in the offices of Vance Hobble and Neubauer, and later cared for many children for many years.

Mrs. Jones was a member of Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church in Liberal.

Survivors include one son, Ronald Jones of Liberal; four daughters, Barbara Dudley, Woodward, Okla., Cheryl Parsons, Hugoton, Debra White, Richfield, and Marla Bennett, San Antonio, Texas; two brothers, Sam Maier, Great Bend, and Eddie Maier, Russell; four sisters, Martha Bender, Leona Slankard and Elhora Postlethwaite, all of Great Bend, and Edna Nuss, Hoisington; 15 grandchildren and 29 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by three brothers and one sister.

Mrs. Jones was a member of Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church in Liberal.

Memorial Gardens. Friends may call from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday and 8 to 11 a.m. Tuesday at Miller Mortuary in Liberal.

Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of the mortuary.

Funeral arrangements provided by Miller Mortuary 908 N. Lincoln Liberal, KS 67901 (888) 624-3844 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 7, 2006

James Wilde 1939 - 2006

JAMES WILDE — James Wilde, 67, Great Bend, died May 1 at Hutchinson Hospital in Hutchinson. He was born Feb. 22, 1939, at Providence, R.I., the son of James H. and Yvonne (Dionne) Wilde. Wilde was a member of Sunflower Polka Club, Trinity Lutheran Church and the Fraternal Order of Eagles, all of Great Bend. He is survived by a sister, Janet Fernandes, of Pawtucket. R.I. He was preceded in death by a brother, Paul Berube. Cremation has taken place. No services as planned honor of his wishes. Memorials are suggested to Trinity Lutheran Church, 2701 24th Street, Great Bend, Kan. 67530. Funeral arrangements provided by Charter Funerals 2115 Washington Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-6161 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune May 7, 2006

Lisa D. Herber 1969 - 2006

HOLYOOOD — Lisa D. Herber, 37, of Holyrood, died Wednesday at the Ellsworth County Medical Center, Ellsworth. She was born March 11, 1969, in Fort Meyers, Fla., the daughter of Willard Kizzire and Carole Wolfe. She married Tim Herber on Nov. 15, 2003.

She was an Emergency Medical Technician. She grew up in the Ft. Meyers, Fla., area moving to Holyrood three years ago. Mrs. Herber was a member of St. Pauls Church of Christ in Holyrood. Survivors include: Her husband of the home; mother of Holyrood; two brothers, Bob Kizzire and Tim Kizzire, both of Cape Coral Fla.; sister DebbieAnn Lannen of Ft. Meyers; two sons, Tristan Bryant Lawson and Stevven Chantz; and daughter Jordyn Skylar Lawson, all of Holyrood. Funeral services were held Saturday. Memorials are suggested to the Ellsworth County Emergency Medical Services in care of Foster Mortuary in Wilson.

Funeral arrangements provided by Foster Mortuary, Inc. 610 24th street Wilson, KS. 67490 785-658-2345 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune May 7, 2006

Dorothy "Ruth" Jaco 1926 - 2006

Dorothy “Ruth” Jaco, 79, of Great Bend, died May 6 at Alterra Sterling House. Arrangements are pending with Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend.

May 5, 2006

William "Bill" Moeder 1917 - 2006

LA CROSSE — William “Bill” Moeder, 89, died Wednesday, May 3 at his home in La Crosse. He was born February 25, 1917, in rural Rush County, the son of Pius Moeder and Mary (Steiner) Moeder. Mr. Moeder was a lifelong Rush County resident. Mr. Moeder was a 1937 graduate of La Crosse High School. Mr Moeder worked 37 years at the Farmers & Merchants State Bank...
before his retirement in 1984. Mr. Moeder was a member of St. Michael’s Catholic Church, and Lifetime Member/Knights of Columbus #2670, a Lifetime Member/VFW Post #3147 all of La Crosse. He was a member of the United States Army serving February 18, 1941 to October 31, 1945 in the European Theater. He received the Good Conduct Medal and the American Defense Service Ribbon. He served in Campaigns in Normandy, Northern France, Rhineland, Ardennes, and Central Europe. Mr Moeder married Emma Herrman on January 22, 1946 at St. Michael’s Church in La Crosse. Survivors include his wife, Emma Moeder of La Crosse; two sons, Norbert and his wife Cheryl Moeder of La Crosse, and Bennett Moeder and his wife Alisa Moeder of Otis; four daughters, Linda Martin of Overland Park, Barbara Beran and her husband Ken Beran of Hays, Patricia Haberman and her husband Maurice Haberman of Great Bend, and Carol Scott and her husband Joe Scott of Sublette; one brother, Rudy Moeder of Wichita; one sister, Sister Scholasticia Moeder of Wichita; 14 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, Pius and Mary (Steiner) Moeder; one grandson, Philip Scheuerman; three brothers, Leo Moeder, Albert Moeder, and Thomas Moeder; and one sister, Monica Moeder. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. today, at St. Michael’s Catholic Church in La Crosse with Father Ullman Murray officiating. Burial will be at the La Crosse City Cemetery. Church visitation will be 10 a.m. to 10:50 a.m today at St. Michael’s Catholic Church in La Crosse. Memorials may be made to St. Michael’s Catholic Church in La Crosse or the La Cross Youth Programs Administered by the Lions Club in La Crosse. Funeral arrangements provided by Janousek Funeral Home* 719 Pine La Crosse, KS 67548 765-222-2517 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 5, 2006

Jay M. Fields 1960 - 2006

CIMARRON — Jay M. Fields, 45, died Wednesday, May 3 at Lenexa. He was born June 11, 1960, at Syracuse, the son of Merle and Selma (Brehm) Fields. He grew up in Holcomb and moved with his family to Missouri in 1975. Jay was a graduate of Birchtree Mountain View High School in Mountain View, Mo. He married Tosha Salem on Oct. 12, 1985 in Cimarron. A Cimarron resident he was the owner and operator of Fields Trucking in Cimarron. He was a member of National Rifleman’s Association. Survivors include his wife, Tosha Fields of Cimarron; four sons, William Fields and Ben W. Shumate, both of Great Bend, Jeremy Fields and Zachary Fields, both of the home; three daughters, Shaminy Fields and Jane L. Shumate, both of Great Bend, and Lindsay Fields of the home; his mother, Selma Brown of Syracuse; two brothers, Joe Fields of Pueblo, Colo., and John Fields of Mountain View, Mo.; and grandchildren, Damien A. Clone, Shelby M. Fields, Hadleigh R. Thome-Shumate, Sara M. Fields, Mario B. Leon-Fields, Aaron B. Shumate and Bradley A. Shumate. Visitation will be at Swaim Funeral Chapel in Cimarron from noon to 8 p.m. today. Funeral service will be held at the First Christian Church of Cimarron at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 6 with Mr. David Johnson presiding. Burial will follow at Cimarron Cemetery in Cimarron. Memorials can be made to Field’s Children Education Fund in care of the funeral home. Personal condolences may be left at www.swaimfuneralhome.com. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 5, 2006 Rick Arlan Heuer 1957 - 2006 WICHITA — Rick Arlan Heuer, 48, of Wichita, died May 2, 2006, in Wichita. Arrangements are pending with Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 5, 2006

Katherine Malone 1917 - 2006

TOPEKA - Katherine Malone, 88, of Topeka, died May 3 in her residence. She was born Sept. 23, 1917 in Rice County the daughter of Thomas and Doris Kahler Buss. She graduated from Chase High School in 1935. She married Anthony Link on January 12, 1937 in Chase. He died August 24, 1952. She married Francis Malone on Nov. 16, 1956 in Chase. He died June 26, 1987. She was a resident of Topeka for 11 years after moving from Great Bend. She was a retired nurse at Lyons District Hospital and a volunteer at Central Kansas Medical Center, Great Bend, and St. Francis Hospital in Topeka. Mrs. Malone was a member of St. Mary’s Catholic Church, Chase; Catholic Community of Great Bend at St. Patrick, Most Pure Heart in Topeka, St. Mary’s Altar Society, St. Patrick Altar Society, V.F.W. Post 3111 Auxiliary and Center Kansas Medical Center Auxiliary. Survivors include two sons Dean Link and wife Brenda of Topeka, Anthony (Tony) Link and wife Mary Jane of Midland Ga.; three daughters Kay Armbrust and husband Sam Feist of Arkansas City, Dorothy Lamb and husband Marvin, of Topeka, Nina Malone Svoboda and husband Steve of Laguna Nigel, Calif.; eleven grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents and an infant son, Thomas Link. Funeral services will be held 10:30 a.m. Saturday at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church, Great Bend with Father Ted Stoecklein presiding. Graveside service will be 2 p.m. at St. Mary’s Catholic Cemetery, Chase with Father Regional Urban presiding. Visitation will be from noon to 5 p.m. today. Altar Society Rosary will be at 4 p.m. today with vigil service at 6:30 p.m. at Bryant Funeral Home. Memorials are suggested to Midland Hospice. Topeka 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 5, 2006

May 4, 2006

William "Bill" Moeder

LA CROSSE — William “Bill” Moeder died May 3 at his home in La Crosse. Services are pending with Janousek Funeral Home in La Crosse. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 4, 2006

Helen F. Stallings 1921 - 2006

TOPEKA — Helen F. Stallings, 85, Topeka, died Sunday, April 30, 2006, at Aldersgate Village, Topeka. Mrs. Stallings was a homemaker, bridge teacher, avid golfer, school teacher, and a manager at the Kansas Department of Labor, Employment Security Division, from which she had retired. She was born Jan. 21, 1921, to Ernest and Florence Frack Reiman on a farm near Byers and was raised there. She received a bachelor’s of science degree from Kansas State University. Mrs. Stallings was a lifetime active member of Lowman United Methodist Church. She married John R. (Jay) Stallings on June 1943, in Manhattan, Survivors include a son, Dennis Stallings, Baton Rouge, La.; two nieces, Margo Anthony, Colorado Springs, Colo., and Nancy Mason, Orlando, Fla., and a nephew, Rodney Reiman, Dodge City. She was preceded in death by her daughter, Cynthia Stallings on Dec. 22, 1986, and her husband, Jay Stallings on Oct. 29, 1998. Services will be held at 10:30 am Saturday at Lowman United Methodist Church. Interment will be in Mt. Hope Cemetery. Mrs. Stallings will lie in state after 9 a.m. Friday at Penwell-Gabel Mid Town Chapel. Memorial contributions may be made to Lowman United Methodist Church, 4000 SW Drury Lane, 66604. To leave a special message for the family online, visit www.PenwellGabel.com. Funeral arrangements provided by
GLenn Highfill, and his wife, Rosemary Highfill, of Otis; one daughter, Sue B’lann Thorne, and her husband, Harry O. Thorne.

Survivors include his wife of the home; two sons, Terry Van Highfill, and his wife, Peggy Highfill, of La Crosse; and Dale

He married Patty A. Jett on May 23, 1948 in Jet, Okla. Mr. Highfill was a U.S. Army veteran, serving with the Occupation Forces of Japan during World War II.

Mr. Highfill was a graduate of Deer Creek High School, Great Bend; IOOF Valley Lodge No. 95; PM’s No. 18 and Encampment No. 91. He served on the school board for District No. 14 in rural Great Bend.

He was a member of Wellspring Baptist Church of Flagler, Colo. The son of Roy M. and Osa Ola (Price) Davis, he spent his grade school years in Hotchkiss, Colo.; middle school and most of his adulthood in Great Bend, and his last 10 years in Colorado.


Lloyd was preceded in death by his parents. He is survived by his wife, Bernadine; son Wayne and wife Carolyn; daughter Karen and husband Jack; 11 grandchildren; three step-grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; and seven step-great-grandchildren.

Lloyd will be buried with graveside services at 10 a.m. Saturday in the Great Bend Cemetery. The family requests no flowers. Memorials may be sent to EbenEzer Lutheran Care Center, 122 Hospital Road, Brush, Colo., 80723.

BRUSH, Colo. — Lloyd Milton Davis, age 90, born March 2, 1916, in Great Bend, died April 29, 2006 in Brush, Colo., at East Morgan County Hospital.

Lloyd made most of his living as a dairyman for 20 years and he farmed for 60-plus years. He loved horses, fishing and golf in his early years. He was a former member of the United Methodist Church, Great Bend; IOOF Valley Lodge No. 95; PM’s No. 18 and Encampment No. 91. He served on the school board for District No. 14 in rural Great Bend.

Lloyd was preceded in death by his parents. He is survived by his wife, Bernadine; son Wayne and wife Carolyn; daughter Karen and husband Jack; 11 grandchildren; three step-grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; and seven step-great-grandchildren.

Lloyd will be buried with graveside services at 10 a.m. Saturday in the Great Bend Cemetery. The family requests no flowers. Memorials may be sent to EbenEzer Lutheran Care Center, 122 Hospital Road, Brush, Colo., 80723.


Ratliff was a member of the First Presbyterian Church and Noon Lions Club, both of Larned; and the Elks Club No. 2103, Carmichael, Calif. He served in the U.S. Navy during the Korean Conflict. Other survivors include: two sons, Robert D. Ratliff Jr. and wife Vicki, Citrus Heights, Calif., and Ronald D. Ratliff and wife Myla, Elk Grove, Calif.; two daughters, Sonya Kay Snow and companion Jerry Harp, Elk Grove, Calif., and Janice Lynn Price and husband Randy, Citrus Heights, Calif.; two step-sons, D.J. Chance and wife Ann, Claremore, Okla., and Cory Chance and wife Holly, Colorado Springs, Colo.; three step-daughters, Carol Vratil, Loveland, Colo., Cristi Carr and husband Terry, Wichita, and Cathy Allison and husband, Doug, South Lake, Texas; two sisters, Iva Behrens and Patricia Ann Miller, both of Great Bend, and 15 step-grandchildren.

Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at the First Presbyterian Church in Larned, with Pastor Dennis Scheibeir presiding. Burial will be at Calvary Cemetery, Sacramento, Calif. Friends may call from noon to 6 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday at Morell Funeral Home in Larned. Memorials may be sent to the church, in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Morell Funeral Home*

WILSON — Robert L. Whitmer, 94, died Saturday, April 29, 2006, at Salina Regional Health Center in Salina. He was born July 3, 1911, at Dorrance, the son of George Whitmer and Anna Wenger. A lifetime resident of Dorrance, he was a farmer/stockman. He married Cora Duryee on July 16, 1935.

He was a member of the Wilson United Methodist Church, and Beulah Lodge #291 in Bunker Hill. Survivors include three sons, Richard L., Eldon L., and Lionel, all of Wilson; one daughter, Iris J. Mog of Wilson; 18 grandchildren; and 21 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife, Cora R. on March 3, 1974; and one son, George M. in 1996.

Services were held at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Foster Mortuary Chapel in Wilson with Pastor Kris Bair officiating. Interment was at the Dorrance City Cemetery in Dorrance with Masonic Graveside Rites. Memorials are suggested to the Wilson Senior Center or the Wilson United Methodist Church.


Ratliff was a member of the First Presbyterian Church and Noon Lions Club, both of Larned; and the Elks Club No. 2103, Carmichael, Calif. He served in the U.S. Navy during the Korean Conflict. Other survivors include: two sons, Robert D. Ratliff Jr. and wife Vicki, Citrus Heights, Calif., and Ronald D. Ratliff and wife Myla, Elk Grove, Calif.; two daughters, Sonya Kay Snow and companion Jerry Harp, Elk Grove, Calif., and Janice Lynn Price and husband Randy, Citrus Heights, Calif.; two step-sons, D.J. Chance and wife Ann, Claremore, Okla., and Cory Chance and wife Holly, Colorado Springs, Colo.; three step-daughters, Carol Vratil, Loveland, Colo., Cristi Carr and husband Terry, Wichita, and Cathy Allison and husband, Doug, South Lake, Texas; two sisters, Iva Behrens and Patricia Ann Miller, both of Great Bend, and 15 step-grandchildren.

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Ill. of La Crosse: seven grandchildren, Maj. John D. Highfill, Katy Hayden, Amy Sue Thorne, Dakota J. Thorne, Sierra C. Thorne, Hank A. Highfill, and Emma Rose Highfill; and five great-grandchildren, Brianne Highfill, Taylor-Van Highfill, Rowan Highfill, Meron Hayden and Gage Hayden. He was preceded in death by his parents, Alvin Lloyd and Meron (Hays) Highfill; two brothers, Cleal “Dick” Highfill, and Jack Highfill; and three sisters, Leona McCarthy, Frankie Lance, and Pauline Sharp.

Memorial service will be Thursday, May 4, 2006 at 10:30 a.m. at the Janousek Funeral Home Chapel, La Crosse. Inurnment will be at Pleasantview Cemetery, Jet, Okla. Memorials made be made to United Methodist Church, La Crosse, or the La Crosse Country Club, La Crosse.

Funeral arrangements provided by Janousek Funeral Home* 719 Pine La Crosse, KS 67548 785-222-2517

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Clyde “Bill” Denney 1930 - 2006

SALINA — Clyde “Bill” Denney, 76, died May 1, 2006. He was born March 4, 1930, in Great Bend. Denney was a former policeman and construction worker. He retired in 2002 from his job as a maintenance and construction supervisor at K-State Salina.

Denney was a veteran of the U.S. Marines. Survivors include his wife of 34 years, Ginny, of the home; son Mark Denney, of Dallas, Texas; step-daughters Cheryl Hedge and husband Troy of Royce City, Texas, and Natalie Akin of Colorado Springs, Colo.; brother Larry Denney and wife JoAnn; sisters Betty Wood and husband Charley, and Norma Wilson; six children, Molly Denney, Josh Hedge, Jeremy Hedge, Brandon Francisco, Lindsay Francisco and Ashlee Francisco, and three step grandchildren, Alex Hedge, Tyler Hedge and Olivia Hedge. He was preceded in death by his parents, Cecil and Gladys (McBride) Denney, and a stepson, Gregory Francisco.

Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Roselawn Heights Memorial Chapel, 1920 E. Crawford, Salina. Friends may call from 1 to 9 p.m. Thursday at the chapel, with the family receiving from 7 to 9 p.m. Memorials are suggested to Hospice or the American Lung Association. For online condolences visit www_roselawnsalina.com.

Funeral arrangements provided by Roselawn Mortuary* 1307 S. Santa Fe Salina, KS 67401 785-825-8231 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 3, 2006

May 2, 2006

Martha C. Brack 1920 - 2006

RUSSELL — Martha C. Brack, 85, died April 26 at the Allen County Hospital in Iola. She was born Nov. 22, 1920, in rural Russell, the daughter of John Jacob and Amalia (Keil) Karst. She graduated from Russell High School and attended Fort Hays State College for one year where she completed her education and obtained her teaching certificate. She married Verrel J. Brack on Sept. 19, 1943. He died on Nov. 6, 1977. She taught at Mt. Streeker school in Milberger for three years, was a riveter for Boeing during World War II, managed a cleaning service at a Russell motel for many years. She was a resident of Russell coming from Galatia and Milberger. Survivors include one son, Leon Brack of Iola; one brother, Herbert Karst of Newton; three sisters, Elsie Brack and Esther Scheuerman, both of Russell, and Elma Morgenstern of Overland Park; and two grandsons. She was preceded in death by one daughter, Vesta Faith Brack; two brothers, Albert and Paul Karst; and two sisters, Doris Koch and Clara Eacret.

Funeral was held at 10:30 a.m. Monday at St. John’s Lutheran Church in Russell. Burial followed at Hillcrest Memorial Park in Great Bend. In lieu of flowers the family requests memorials be given to the church in care of Pohlman-Varner-Peeler Mortuary.

Funeral arrangements provided by Pohlman-Varner-Peeler Mortuary 610 N. Maple Russell, KS 67530 785-483-2212 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 2, 2006

May 3, 2006

Dionicio Trevino 1930 - 2006

ST. JOHN — Dionicio Trevino, 75, died April 29 at his home in St. John. He was born May 23, 1930, in Rosebud, Texas. He served in the U.S. Army, was a landscaper and a 16-year resident of St. John. He married Angela Jurrez in 1955, she preceded in death. Survivors include two sons, Felipe Trevino of St. John, and Jaime Trevino of San Marcos, Texas; two brothers, Frank Trevino of St. John, and Guadalupe Trevino of San Marcos, Texas; four sisters, Evangelina Gutierrez of Odessa, Texas, Mary Argnello of Wichita, Genevia Trevino of Dodge City, and Sylvia Trevino of Garden City; six grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one brother, Felipe Trevino; and one sister, Judy Delgado. Rosary will be 7 p.m. Wednesday at Minnis Chapel in St. John. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at the chapel with the Rev. Rene Guesnier officiating. Burial will be at the Fairview Park Cemetery in St. John. Visitations will be from 4 to 8 p.m. today and 1 to 7 p.m. Wednesday at the chapel. Memorials are suggested to South Wind Hospice or St. John The Apostle Catholic Church, both in care of the chapel. Funeral arrangements provided by Minnis Chapel 526 E. 4th St. John, 67576 620-549-3556 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 2, 2006

Ralph H. Misegadis 1910 - 2006

RUSH CENTER — Ralph H. Misegadis, 95, died Sunday, April 30, 2006, at Rush County Memorial Hospital Long Term Care in La Crosse. He was born Oct. 5, 1910, on a farm South of Rush Center in rural Rush County, the son of George Misegadis and W. Marie (Frerichs) Misegadis. Mr. Misegadis was a lifelong Rush County resident. Mr. Misegadis was a plumber’s assistant before his retirement. He was a member of Hope Lutheran Church, Rush Center; member Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 3147, La Crosse. Mr. Misegadis was a member of the U.S. Army serving as a firefighter in Tinian during World War II. He received his training at Walker Air Force Base. Survivors include one brother, Dale Misegadis of Topeka; two sisters, Maud Snyder of Nashville, Tenn, and Mae Schlegel of La Crosse; two sisters-in-law, Irma Misegadis of La Crosse, and Pauline Misegadis of Bazine; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, George and W. Marie (Frerichs) Misegadis; three brothers, Dick Misegadis, Frank Misegadis, and Ray Misegadis; and an infant sister. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, May 3, 2006, at the Janousek Funeral Home Chapel, La Crosse, with Pastor Maurice Schaus officiating. Burial will be at Nekoma Union Township Cemetery in Nekoma. Visitations will be to 7 p.m. today at the Janousek Funeral Home, La Crosse. Memorials are suggested to Walnut Valley Senior Center, Rush Center or the Hope Lutheran Church, Rush Center. Funeral arrangements provided by Janousek Funeral Home* 719 Pine La Crosse, KS 67548 785-222-2517 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 2, 2006
James Wilde

James Wilde died May 1, 2006, at Great Bend. Services are pending with Charter Funerals.
June 30, 2006

Michael Reese
KEVIL, Ky. — A memorial service for Michael H. Reese, 59, a resident of Kevil, Ky., formerly of Holyrood, was held at 1 p.m. Sunday, June 18, 2006, at Grace Valley Independent Baptist Church in Kevil, Ky.

Mr. Reese passed from this world at his residence at 5:55 p.m. Thursday, June 15, 2006. His request to be a body donor to the Genesis Gift of Life Program of the Medical Education and Research Institute in Memphis, Tenn., was accomplished.

He served his country in Vietnam in the U.S. Army 1st Airborne Cavalry Division.

Surviving are his wife, Celia (Duncan) Reese; daughters and sons-in-law, Marjorie and Rusty Smith of Paducah, Ky., Leora and Gene Patton of Arlington, Texas; a son, Brian Reese of Kevil, Ky., grandson, Eric Patton of Arlington, Texas; mother, Leora Reese Simpson of Owasso, Okla.; sisters and brothers-in-law, Carolyn and Don Wilson of Owasso and Karen Hudson of Port Orchard, Wash.; brothers and sisters-in-law, Don and Beverly Reese of Casper, Wyo., and Lloyd and Mary Reese of Columbus, S.C.; mother-in-law, Marjorie Cotton of Hoisington; sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law, Gaylene and Brian Thayer and Vickie and Steve Basye, all of Hoisington, and Denise and Nick Bertram of Great Bend; and many nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father, Everett Reese, and sisters, Mary Hendrix and Sue Laine Reese.

Expressions of sympathy may take the form of contributions to the American Cancer Society, 3140 Parisa Drive, Paducah, KY 42003; or Project Hope Non-Kill Animal Shelter, P.O. Box 125, Metropolis, IL 62960.

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Karl L. Fisher 1948 - 2006

BEAUMONT, Calif. — Karl L. Fisher, 58, died June 21 at Beaumont, Calif. He was born Jan. 17, 1948, in Kansas City, Mo. He was a Sales Territory Manager for 40 years, employed by R.D.O. Equipment in Riverside, Calif. He had been a resident of Loma Linda, Calif. for 10 years.

Survivors include his wife, June Fisher of the home; two sons, Aaron W. Fisher of Andover, and Eric L. Fisher of Grand Terrace, Calif.; and one sister, Sharon Bowers of Great Bend.

Graveside service will be at 11:30 a.m. Monday at the Claflin Cemetery with the Rev. Sarah Hickson de Salazar officiating. Memorials are suggested to the American Cancer Society or the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, in care of Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington.

Funeral arrangements provided by
Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home
415 N. Main / P.O. Box 146
Hosston, KS 67544
620-653-4165

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Mildred B. Mull 1915 - 2006

Mildred B. Mull, 91, of Great Bend, died June 28 at her home. She was born May 11, 1915, in Great Bend, the daughter of August Henry and Anna Marie Gagelman Werhahn. She married Elmer Mull Nov. 4, 1934, in Great Bend. He died Feb. 14, 1983. She was a homemaker and lifetime resident of Great Bend.

Mrs. Mull was a member of the Trinity Lutheran Church, Mini Study and Ladies Church Circle.

She is survived by one son, Gene Mull and wife Patsy, daughter-in-law Kay Mull, brother Gus Werhahn, and sister Mable Hiss, all of Great Bend; Natalie Dueser and husband Terry, of Wichita, and Tobin Mull and wife Jerri Ann, of Great Bend; nine great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild. She was preceded in death by one son, Bill Mull, and two sisters, Margaret Werhahn and Eufreda Walker.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at Trinity Lutheran Church, with the Rev. James A. Strasen officiating. Burial will follow at the Great Bend cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday and from 1 to 9 p.m. Sunday, with family receiving friends from 6 to 8 p.m., at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Memorials are suggested to the Trinity Lutheran Church or Golden Belt Home Health and Hospice, in care of the funeral home.

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SHAWNEE — Robert E. “Bob” Mohr, 70, passed away on June 29, 2006, at Shawnee, Kan. He was born on Feb. 23, 1936, in Great Bend, Kan., the son of Carl Sidney and Zoe Vivian (Hull) Mohr. He graduated from Great Bend High School in 1954. After high school he was employed as a printer at the Hutchinson News and Loewen Printing Company. In 1976, he was employed by the Seventh Day Adventist Church in literature evangelism ministry. He served as pastor of the Seventh Day Adventist Church in the Atlanta, Iowa, District from 1992 to 1997. From 1997 until retirement in March, 2006, he was pastor of the Seventh Day Adventist Church in the Gallatin, Mo., District.

On May 15, 1977, he married Norma Jean Field Withrow in Hutchinson, Kan., where they made their home. She survives, along with four sons from a previous marriage, Carl Mohr and his wife Karen, Redondo Beach, Calif., Scott Mohr, Lincoln, Neb., Kenneth Mohr, Spanaway, Wash., and Sam Mohr, Omaha, Neb.; two daughters, Mandy Rebachek and her husband Roger, and Melody Rockefeler and her husband John, both of Shawnee, Kan.; four brothers, Carl “Buddy” Mohr of
Pasadena, Texas, James "Jimmy" Mohr of Woodbine, Kan., Richard Mohr of Great Bend, Kan., and Thomas "Tommy" Mohr, Houston, Texas; four sisters, Virginia Sharp of Wichita, Kan., Joyce Lofland and Rosilyn Kruckenberg, both of Great Bend, and Marilyn Kae Bird of Nashville, Tenn.; 13 grandchildren and one great-grandchild. He is also survived by a large extended family and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his son, Joe Mohr, and his brother, Douglas Mohr.

Friends may call from 4 to 7 p.m. Friday at Chapel Oaks Seventh Day Adventist Church, 6245 Monticello Rd, Shawnee, Kan. Penwell-Gabel Funeral Home & Crematory-Olathe Chapel will assist the family in Shawnee. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. on Monday at Penwell-Gabel Funeral Home & Crematory-Hutchinson Chapel, where visitation will be from 8 a.m. until service time. Interment will be in Fairlawn Burial Park, Hutchinson. Memorial contributions may be given to the Kansas City Hospice, 9221 Ward Parkway, Ste. 100, Kansas City, MO 64114, or left in the care of either funeral home. Personal condolences may be left at www.penwellgabel.com.

Funeral arrangements provided by
Penwell-Gabel Funeral Home
14275 S. Blackbob Rd.
Olathe, KS 66062
913-768-6777

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John L. Liston 1927 - 2006

GREAT BEND — John L. Liston, 79, died June 26 at Lake Wilson. He was born March 10, 1927, at La Crosse, the son of Jack and Anna Stremel Liston. He attended Great Bend High School. He married Ruth E. Vogel on May 16, 1950, in Topeka. He worked in the oil industry for Peters Drilling Company for over 30 years, and then worked as a senior production superintendent for Williams Brothers Engineering out of Tulsa, Okla., for six years. After retiring he did consulting work. He was a longtime resident of Great Bend.

Liston was a member of the Catholic Community of Great Bend at St. Rose, where he served as Eucharist Minister, served on the Parish Council and on other Diocesan committees. He was also a member of Knights of Columbus and American Legion Argonne Post 180 all of Great Bend. He was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II. Survivors include his wife, of the home; three sons, John C. Liston, Kevin M. Liston and Mathew P. Liston, all of Larned; three daughters, Mary Ellen Liston McDonald of Reseda, Calif., Kathleen McGahee of Woodstock, Ga., and Patricia Neybert of Ellijay, Ga.; three sisters, Anne Owens of Eskridge, Susan Horn of Topeka, and Helen Horsley of Bedford, Texas; seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Vigil service with Knights of Columbus rosary will be at 7:30 p.m. Thursday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church in Great Bend with the Rev. Reginald A. Urban officiating. Burial will be at the Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call today from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the Catholic Community of Great Bend in care of the funeral home.

Funeral arrangements provided by
Pohlman-Varner-Peeler Mortuary
610 N. Maple
Russell, KS 67665
785-483-2212

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Elsie (Niedenthal) Janke 1905 - 2006

RUSSELL — Elsie (Niedenthal) Janke, 100, of Russell, died Monday afternoon, June 26, at the Main Street Manor of Russell Regional Hospital. Elsie was born Dec. 13, 1905, in Russell County, the daughter of Michael and Katherine (Schwien) Niedenthal. She grew up in Russell and graduated from Russell High School. Elsie worked at the Bankers Department Store in Russell as a clerk in the clothing department for many years. She was united in marriage to David H. Janke on Sept. 24, 1939, in Russell. David’s job took them to Roswell, N.M. Elsie was a devoted homemaker. They moved back to the Russell area in the mid ’70s. David preceded her in death on July 5, 1978. Elsie was a member of the St. John Lutheran Church. She enjoyed singing in the church choir when she was younger. She also enjoyed bowling and was known as a wonderful seamstress. She is survived by many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; three brothers, Ferdinand, Emil, and Frederick; and three sisters, Amalia “Molly” Stricker, Pauline Deines and Hannah Niedenthal.

Funeral services are scheduled for 2 p.m. on Friday, at the Pohlmant-Varner-Peeler Mortuary of Russell. Interment will follow at the Russell City Cemetery. Pastor Peter Rupprecht will be officiating the services. Visitation will be Thursday, at the mortuary; the casket will be closed. A memorial has been established with the St. John’s Lutheran Church. Contributions and condolences may be left with Pohlmant-Varner-Peeler Mortuary, which is assisting the family with these arrangements.

Funeral arrangements provided by
Pohlmant-Varner-Peeler Mortuary
610 N. Maple
Russell, KS 67665
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Mildred B. Mull 1915 - 2006

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She was survived by one son, Gene Mull and wife Patsy, daughter-in-law Kay Mull, brother Gus Werhahn, sister Mable Hiss all of Great Bend, four grandchildren Tamzen Bright and Husband Todd, of Dallas, Texas; Ty Mull and wife Shannon,
Brothers Engineering out of Tulsa, Okla., for six years. After retiring he did consulting work. He was a longtime resident of Great Bend, industry for Peters Drilling Company for over 30 years, and then worked as a senior production superintendent for Williams Stremel Liston. He attended Great Bend High School. He married Ruth E. Vogel on May 16, 1950, in Topeka. He worked in the oil WILSON — John L. Liston, 79, died June 26 at La Crosse, the son of Jack and Anna Reseda, Calif., Kathleen McGahee of Woodstock, Ga., and Patricia Neybert of Ellijay, Ga.; three sisters, Anne Owens of Eskridge, sons, John C. Liston, Kevin M. Liston and Mathew P. Liston, all of Larned; three daughters, Mary Ellen Liston McDonald of Great Bend. Liston was a member of the Catholic Community of Great Bend at St. Rose, where he served as Eucharist Minister, served on the Parish Council and on other Diocesan committees. He was also a member of Knights of Columbus and American Legion Argonne Post 180 all of Great Bend. He was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II. Survivors include his wife, of the home; three sons, John C. Liston, Kevin M. Liston and Mathew P. Liston, all of Larned; three daughters, Mary Ellen Liston McDonald of Reseda, Calif., Kathleen McGahee of Woodstock, Ga., and Patricia Neybert of Ellijay, Ga.; three sisters, Anne Owens of Eskridge, Susan Horn of Topeka, and Helen Horsley of Bedford, Texas; seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Vigil service with Knights of Columbus rosary will be at 7:30 p.m. Thursday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church in Great Bend with the Rev. Reginald A. Urban officiating. Burial will be at the Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the Catholic Community of Great Bend 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 28, 2006

June 27, 2006

John P. Meister 1918 - 2006

ONTARIO, Calif. — Richard Lee Christiansen, 64, died June 1 at Ontario, Calif. He was born July 5, 1941, in Great Bend, the son of Ralph and Elsie Christiansen. He attended schools in Great Bend. He served in the U.S. Navy from 1959 to 1963 as a submariner. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, John Gregory Meister and three sisters, Florence Meister, Helen Meister and Margaret Meister. Vigil service will be at 7:30 p.m. today with Knights of Columbus Rosary at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church in Great Bend, with the Rev. Reginald A. Urban officiating. Burial will be at the Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. today at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Great Bend Public Library or Catholic Charities 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 27, 2006

June 28, 2006

Richard Lee Christiansen 1941 - 2006

WILSON — John L. Liston, 79, died June 26 at Lake Wilson. He was born March 10, 1927, at La Crosse, the son of Jack and Anna Christiansen Liston. He attended Great Bend High School. He married Ruth E. Vogel on May 16, 1950, in Topeka. He worked in the oil industry for Peters Drilling Company for over 30 years, and then worked as a senior production superintendent for Williams Brothers Engineering out of Tulsa, Okla., for six years. After retiring he did consulting work. He was a longtime resident of Great Bend. Liston was a member of the Catholic Community of Great Bend at St. Rose, where he served as Eucharist Minister, served on the Parish Council and on other Diocesan committees. He was also a member of Knights of Columbus and American Legion Argonne Post 180 all of Great Bend. He was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II. Survivors include his wife, of the home; three sons, John C. Liston, Kevin M. Liston and Mathew P. Liston, all of Larned; three daughters, Mary Ellen Liston McDonald of Reseda, Calif., Kathleen McGahee of Woodstock, Ga., and Patricia Neybert of Ellijay, Ga.; three sisters, Anne Owens of Eskridge, Susan Horn of Topeka, and Helen Horsley of Bedford, Texas; seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Vigil service with Knights of Columbus rosary will be at 7:30 p.m. Thursday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church in Great Bend with the Rev. Reginald A. Urban officiating. Burial will be at the Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the Catholic Community of Great Bend 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 28, 2006

John L. Liston 1927 - 2006

John P. Meister, 87, of Great Bend, died June 25 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. He was born Aug. 13, 1918, at Sterling, Colo., the son of Andrew G. and Anna T. Niemeth Meister. He married Dorothy Koch on April 8, 1947, in Great Bend. She died in October 1982. Meister married Florine Koochel on Aug. 10, 1985, in Timken. A resident of Great Bend for most of his life, he was a postal clerk. Meister was a member of the Catholic Community of Great Bend at St. Rose; Knights of Columbus and was a fourth degree knight; American Legion Argonne Post No. 180; Veterans of Foreign Wars No. 3111, all in Great Bend; and the National Association of Retired Federal Employees. He was a veteran of World War II, serving in the Army Air Corp. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Jeffery L. Meister of Reston, Va.; two daughters, Rosemary Luthi of Kinsley, and Barbara Schul of Garden City; four step-sons, Michael Koochel and Patrick Koochel, both of Great Bend, Mark Koochel of Albert, and Kevin Koochel of Salina; three step-daughters, Karen Axman of Osmolitz, Jane Brady of Albert, and Judi Webster of Hutchinson; three grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; 20 step-grandchildren; nine step-great-grandchildren; and one step-great-great-grandchild. He was preceded in death by one son, John Gregory Meister and three sisters, Florence Meister, Helen Meister and Margaret Meister. Vigil service will be at 7:30 p.m. today with Knights of Columbus Rosary at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church in Great Bend, with the Rev. Reginald A. Urban officiating. Burial will be at the Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. today at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Great Bend Public Library or Catholic Charities 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 27, 2006 Carl W. Krieger 1930 - 2006

HOISINGTON — Carl W. Krieger, 76, died June 25 at Great Bend Health and Rehabilitation Center. He was born Jan. 19, 1930, at Hoisington, the son of Herman E. and Mary (Duncan) Krieger. He married Lucinia Burtnett on Nov. 9, 1970, at Hoisington. A lifetime Hoisington resident, he worked as an oil field roughneck for 28 years and retired from the city of Hoisington at the power plant. Krieger was a member of the St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 7428, American Legion Post No. 286, all of Hoisington; and a member of the Golden Belt Motor Railroad Club in Great Bend. He was an Army veteran of the Korean Conflict. Survivors include his wife of Great Bend; two sons, Carl Krieger, Jr. of Arkansas, and Daniel Krieger of Ottumwa, Iowa; two step-sons, Darren Marsell of Ottawa, and Douglas Marsell of Gorham; one step-daughter, Rhonda Jean Caryer of Ogden; four grandchildren; and eight step-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one brother, Francis “Bud” Krieger; and four sisters, Alice Marie Elyh, Marge Nettleingham, Barbara Jones and Betty Bickel. Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. on Wednesday followed by a rosary at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. on Thursday at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Hoisington, with the Rev. Pascal Klein officiating. Cremation will follow the service with burial at a later date. Friends may call from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Wednesday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to
St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church or Golden Belt Motor Railroad Club 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, June 27, 2006

Muriel Peters Green

Muriel Peters Green, of Great Bend, died June 24 at Alterra Sterling House of Great Bend. She was born May 3 at Cedar Vale, the daughter of James and Ethal Bray Whited. She had been married to John Shaffer who is deceased, Arch Peters, deceased and Larry Green, deceased. She was a buyer for Komarek Jewelry in Great Bend. She was a resident of Great Bend for 70 years, coming from Oklahoma City, Okla. Mrs. Green was a member of First Presbyterian Church, Glamour Club, Bridge Club and Golden Belt Country Club, all in Great Bend.

Survivors include several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by four brothers, Lloyd Whited, Tillmen Whited, Roland Whited and Mitchell Whited; and five sisters, Alice Hammel, Mildred Hasty, Ruby Stabelor, Ruth McLaughlin and Cleo Fuller.

Graveside service will be at 9 a.m. at the Great Bend Cemetery, with the Rev. Hal Staats officiating. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. today at Bryant Funeral Home. Memorials are suggested to First Presbyterian 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 27, 2006

Marilyn L. Zimmerman 1933 - 2006

Marilyn L. Zimmerman, 72, of Great Bend, died June 25 at Hospice of Reno Co., Hospice House in Hutchinson. She was born Dec. 5, 1933, in Hoisington, the daughter of Roy and Beulah (Colhour) Stoskopf. She married Theodore “Jay” Zimmerman on Feb. 17, 1952, at Hoisington. He died Feb. 2, 2001. A rural Great Bend resident, she was a former employee of Midplains Finance in Great Bend and the former owner/operator of Jamar Transportation Incorporation, Dodge City. Mrs. Zimmerman was of the Methodist faith and a member of Great Bend Karting Association in Great Bend.

Survivors include two daughters, Brenda Zimmer-man of Plevna, and Debbie Zimmerman of Arlington; one brother, L.R. Stoskopf of Hoisington; one sister, Beverly Tauscher of Ark City; six grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Preceded in death by a son Greg Zimmerman.

Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington, with the Rev. Wayne Flanders officiating. Burial will be at the Hoisington Cemetery. Friends may call from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. today and 9 a.m. to service time on Wednesday 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
415 N. Main / P.O. Box 146
Hoisington, KS 67530
620-653-4165

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 27, 2006

Elizabeth Alice Wade 1920 - 2006

ELLIS — Elizabeth Alice Wade, 85, Ellis, died Friday, June 16, at Ellis Good Samaritan Center. She was born Dec. 26, 1920, in Great Bend to Harry H. and Elizabeth C. (Monger) Frey. She married George Wade on June 8, 1943. He preceded her in death March 16, 1945. She was retired from Hadley Regional Medical Center as a licensed mental health technician and also was a self-employed seamstress. She was a member of the United Methodist Church Ministries.

Survivors include three sons, Ronald Wade and wife, Marguerite, of Lafayette, La., Donald Wade and wife, Marie, of Dodge City, and Gordon Wade, of Topeka; one daughter, Cindy Siemers and husband, Tom, of Topeka; one daughter-in-law, Sandy Wade, of Ellis; 11 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, Bill Wade.

Her body was donated to KU Medical Center. A memorial service will take place at a later date.

Memorials are suggested to Ellis Good Samaritan Center or First United Methodist Church of Hays or Great Bend and may be sent directly to your choice in her memory.

Funeral arrangements provided by
Wasinger-Keithley Funeral Chapel
400 E. 17th
Ellis, KS 67637
785-726-4400
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 27, 2006

June 25, 2006

Roosevelt B. "Rosie" Henderson, Jr. 1937 - 2006

RUSSELL — Roosevelt B. “Rosie” Henderson, Jr., 69, died June 22 at the Hays Medical Center in Hays. He was born Jan. 16, 1937, in Mansfield, La., the son of Roosevelt, Sr. and Bessie Mae Colbert Henderson. He attended schools in Mansfield. He married Donna Sue Roberson on Oct. 20, 2005 in Russell. A resident of Russell, he worked in the concrete business.
Survivors include his wife, Donna of the home; his children, Tyrone and Stacey Henderson of the home; Gregory Henderson of Russell, Roosevelt Tyree Henderson, Troy Henderson, Tracey Henderson, Tony Henderson, Lyria Henderson and Olivia Henderson, all of Moore, Okla.; his mother, Bessie Colbert of Las Vegas, Nev.; and numerous grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one sister, Lois Taylor and his father.

Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, July 1 at the Pohlmian-Vanmer-Peeler Mortuary in Russell. Cremation has taken place. Visitation will be Friday, June 30 from 8:30 to 5 p.m. at the mortuary. Memorials are suggested to the Rosie Henderson Memorial.

Funeral arrangements provided by Pohlmian-Vanmer-Peeler Mortuary 610 N. Maple Russell, KS 67665 785-483-2212 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 25, 2006

Bea Nain 1924 - 2006

Bea Nain, 82, of Great Bend died June 23 at the Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. She was born May 12, 1924, in Larned, the daughter of Warren and Mae Foster Gilmore. She married Daryl L. Nairn on Nov. 23, 1963 at Pawnee Rock. He died March 31, 1992. She was a retired bookkeeper for the First National Bank in Great Bend retiring in 1972. She was a lifetime area resident.

Mrs. Nairn was a member of the Christian Faith.

Survivors include one son Curtis L. Nairn of Great Bend; one daughter Caryl Ward of Ellinwood; five grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a daughter Diane Mae Story.

Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at the Great Bend cemetery with the Rev. Don Paden officiating. Burial will be at the Great Bend cemetery. Visitation will be from 1 to 9 p.m. today with family receiving friends from 7 to 8 p.m. at Bryant Funeral Home.

Memorials are suggested to the 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 620-785-3225 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 25, 2006

Ruthetta L. Hursh 1937 - 2006

HOISINGTON - Ruthetta L. Hursh, 81, died June 23 at Great Bend Health and Rehabilitation Center in Great Bend. She was born July 31, 1924, in Lacrosse the daughter of Chester H. and Ollie V. (Butler) Crotenger. She married Arthur H. Kreie on June 14, 1950 at Sharon Springs. He preceded her in death on July 23, 1954. She married Samuel L. Hursh on April 7, 1969 at Bisons. He preceded her in death on April 7, 1986. She was a long time resident of Hoisington coming from Lincoln, Neb. She worked for Miller-Paine, was a retired kitchen aid for the Lincoln General Hospital in Lincoln, and was a caregiver to children in their home.

Mrs. Hursh was a member of the Salvation Army, Life member of DAVA #7, National Order of Alley Cats #334, American Legion Auxiliary #342, all of Lincoln, and was a 50 year member of Silver Leaf #464 in Hutchinson. Survivors include one brother Ned Crotenger of Alexandria, Ind.; two sisters Beth Schneider and Fern Axman both of Great Bend; eight stepchildren; ten step grandchildren; eight step-great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home, Hoisington with the Rev. Uttan Murphy presiding. Burial will be at Locust Hills Cemetery, Rush Center. Visitation will be from 9 a.m to 8 p.m. Monday and from 9 a.m. until service time on Tuesday 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 Hoisington, KS. 67544 602-653-4165 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 25, 2006

Karl L. Fisher 1948 - 2006

Karl L. Fisher, 58, Beaumont, Calif., died June 21, services are pending with Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home.

June 23, 2006

Karen Meyeres Thompson Yeager 1947 - 2006

HOISINGTON — Karen Meyeres Thompson Yeager, 59, died June 20 at Mercy Health Center at Manhattan. She was born Jan. 29, 1947, at Hoisington, the daughter of Leo C. Meyeres and Felicitas (Ohnmacht) Meyeres. She married Benny Thompson May 10, 1970, at Hoisington. They were divorced. She later married Craig A. Yeager in February 1996 at Las Vegas, Nev. Karen was the former co-owner of the Trend Setter in Hoisington and The Hair Company at Joplin, Mo. She graduated from Mount St. Scholastica Academy in Atchison. She was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary of Hoisington. A longtime resident of Hoisington, she had lived in Joplin, Mo., and Wamego. Survivors include her husband, Craig A. Yeager of the home; one son, Lennie Thompson and wife Lynae of Hoisington; one brother, Francis (Joe) Meyeres and wife Monica of Olathe; two sisters, Beth Schneider and Fern Axman both of Great Bend; eight stepchildren; ten step grandchildren; five great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews. She was a member of the Salvation Army, Life member of DAVA #7, National Order of Alley Cats #334, American Legion Auxiliary #342, all of Lincoln, and was a 50 year member of Silver Leaf #464 in Hutchinson. Survivors include one brother Ned Crotenger of Alexandria, Ind.; two sisters Beth Schneider and Fern Axman both of Great Bend; eight stepchildren; ten step grandchildren; eight step-great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home, Hoisington with the Rev. Uttan Murphy presiding.

Memorials will be at St. Joseph Cemetery in Beaver. There will be no visitation as cremation has taken place. Memorials are suggested to Karen Yeager Medical Fund that has been established with the Hoisington National Bank. Memorials may be sent to Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home or the Hoisington National Bank. Funeral arrangements provided by Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home 415 N. Main / P.O. 146 Hoisington, KS 67544 620-653-4165 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 23, 2006

June 22, 2006

Verrill Emit Vanaman 1941 - 2006

ULYSSES — Verrill Emit Vanaman, 65, died June 20 at Stanton County Long Term Care Unit in Johnson. He was born Feb. 9, 1941, at Shirley, Ark., the son of Ernest and Julia (Matei) Vanaman. He married Dorothy May Lohr in 1967. She died in 1987. A resident of Ulysses since the early 1970’s coming from Great Bend, he owned and operated Vanaman Heating and Air Conditioning and Plumbing until 1987. Survivors include two sons, Darrell Vanaman of Denver, Colo., and Daniel Vanaman of Honolulu, Hawaii; three brothers, Tony Vanaman of Sarasota, Fla., Jimmy Vanaman of Rogersville, Mo., and Bobby Vanaman of...
BELPRE — Irene Marie Davidson, 87, died June 20 at Trinity Medical Center in Carrollton, Texas. She was born June 28, 1918, in Walker, the daughter of Joseph and Katherine Schmidtberger Weigel. She married Robert Gaylord Davidson on Aug. 8, 1942, at Vancouver, Wash. He died Sept. 17, 1989. A longtime resident of Belpre, she had moved to Great Bend, and then Carrollton, Texas. She was a homemaker.

Mrs. Davidson was a member of the St. Bernard Catholic Church, Altar Society and past member of the Federated Women’s Club, all of Belpre; and the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary in Russell.

Survivors include one son, William Davidson of Willow, Alaska; one daughter, Cathy Edwards of Coppell, Texas; and one granddaughter. She was preceded in death by one son, Robert Joseph Davidson.

Parish vigil will be at 7 p.m. Friday at Morell Funeral Home in Larned. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at St. Bernard Catholic Church, with the Rev. Bernard Felix officiating. Burial will be at the Belpre Cemetery. Friends may call from 12 to 8 p.m. on Friday at the funeral home. 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, June 22, 2006

Carol McWilliams 1922 - 2006

EUGENE, Ore. — Carol McWilliams, 83, died June 22 of a stroke. She was born Dec. 3, 1922, in Oklahoma City, Okla., the daughter of James and Nell Rockey Evans. She married William Johnson in May 1943 in Norman, Okla. He died in 1944. She married Jim McWilliams in Sept. 1948 in Norman. He died in 1993. She worked as a choral director, realtor, writer and inventor.

Survivors include three sons, Bruce MacWilliams of Noble, Okla., Scott MacWilliams of Eugene, Ore., and Matthew MacWilliams of Austin, Texas; two daughters, Joanna Jones of Waldoboro, Maine, and Sally Thorpe of Nevada, Mo.; one brother, Robert of Lawrence; eight grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one sister, June Evans McNatt of Midland, Texas.

Funeral will be held today at Central Presbyterian Church in Eugene. Burial will be at Fairlawn Memorial Cemetery in Oklahoma City, Okla. Memorials are suggested to Relief Nursery, First Place Family Center or the Oklahoma University Foundation in care of the funeral home.

Funeral arrangements provided by England’s Eugene Memorial Chapel

1125 Olive St.
Eugene, OR 97401
541-586-2035
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 22, 2006

Lois Marie Tucker 1918 - 2006

ELLINWOOD — Lois Marie Tucker, 87, died June 20 at Woodhaven Care Center in Ellinwood. She was born Nov. 7, 1918, in Sterling, Ill., the daughter of Fred and Johanna Onchen Beuttel. A resident of Great Bend since 1957, coming from St. John, she had been a Sears sales clerk for 24 years and formerly taught at Hudson School District 95 in the late 1930s. She was a member of First Christian Church, the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 3111 Auxiliary and Social Circle Card Club all of Great Bend.

Survivors include two daughters, JoLana Beuttel and Pam Switzer and husband Roger of Great Bend; one brother, Delmont Beuttel of Morton, Pa.; one sister Glennis Doll of Great Bend; three granddaughters, Tera Switzer of Ft. Gratiot, Mich., Angela Dougherty and husband Brian of Great Bend and Lacey Dearmore of Wichita; and a great-granddaughter, Taylor Dougherty. She was preceded in death by one daughter Janice Faye Tucker, one brother Wayne Beuttel and two sisters, Almeda Christiansen and Donna Kipler.

Funeral will be held at 1:30 p.m. on Friday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend, with the Rev. William F. Johnson and the Rev. Arlyn Thielenhaus officiating. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. today, with family receiving friends from 7 to 9 p.m. at the funeral home. Interment will be at Fairview Park Cemetery in St. John. 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, June 22, 2006

June 21, 2006


PRATT — Richard “Rich” W. Parson, 38, died June 19 at Pratt Regional Medical Center in Pratt. He was born Jan. 13, 1968, at Wellington, the son of Richard A. and Elva V. Parson. He graduated from Pratt High School in 1986. He married Crystal “Chris” Dean on Feb. 14, 1994, in Las Vegas, Nev. A resident of Pratt, he was the owner and operator of The Concrete Guys. Survivors include his wife, Chris of Pratt; one son, Richie of Pratt; three daughters, Alisha McGuire and Amber Spike, both of Wichita, and Brooke Hammonds of Great Bend; his parents; one brother, Dion Rose of Grand Junction, Colo.; one foster brother, Brian Shore of Hutchinson; one sister, Melinda McBee of Council Grove; and three grandchildren. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Larrison Mortuary in Pratt with the Rev. Dallas Hull officiating. Burial will be at Greenlawn Cemetery in Pratt. Visitation will be Thursday from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the mortuary. Memorials are suggested to the Rich Parson Memorial Fund in care of the mortuary. Funeral arrangements provided by Larrison Mortuary 300 Country Club Rd. Pratt, KS 67124 620-872-6436 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 21, 2006
Karen Suszanz Yeager 1947 - 2006 WAMEGO — Karen Suszanz Yeager, 59, died June 20 at Mercy Regional Health Center in Manhattan after a long illness. She was born Jan. 29, 1947, in Hoisington, the daughter of Leo C. and Felicitas T. (Ohnmacht) Meyer. She graduated from Hoisington High School and attended Cosmetology school. She married Craig A. Yeager in February, 1996. She owned and operated a beauty salon in Hoisington for many years. She and her husband lived in Joplin, Mo., for several years before moving to Wamego in 2003. Survivors include her husband, Craig of the home; one son, Lenny Thompson of Hoisington; one brother, Joe Meyer of Olathe; four sisters, Laree Conners of Kansas City, Mo., Nellie Gilkey of Garfield, Mary Balderson of Beaver, and Barbara Urban of Hoisington; and two grandchildren. Cremation has taken place. A memorial service will take place at a later date in Hoisington. Funeral arrangements provided by Stewart Funeral Home 4370 Salzer Rd and Hwy. 24 Wamego, KS 66547 785-456-2233 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 21, 2006

June 20, 2006

Peter Kunzelmann Jr. 1936 - 2006

Harold Peter Kunzelmann Jr., 70, of Great Bend, died June 17 at Fort Dodge Soldiers Home in Fort Dodge. He was born June 6, 1936, at St. Joseph, Mo., the son of Harold P. and Kathryn M. Fulton Kunzelmann Sr. He served one term in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. After his discharge he worked with mentally challenged children and was instrumental in developing Precision teaching. After returning to Great Bend, he owned and operated Harold’s Hearing Aid Center in Great Bend until he became ill. Kunzelmann was a lifetime member of the American Legion Argonne Post No. 180, and helped to send young men to Boys State. Survivors include a sister-in-law, Judy Kunzelmann of Albany, Ore.; nephew Eric Kunzelmann and his wife Dena of Bowie, Va.; and great-nephew Kurt Kunzelmann of Bowie, Va. He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Jon Kunzelmann. Memorial service will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend, with the Rev. William F. Johnson officiating. There will be no visitation as cremation has taken place. A private family inurnment will be held at a later date. Memorials are suggested to American Legion Boys State 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, 2006

June 18, 2006

Janette Sue Arnold 1944 - 2006

ELLINWOOD — Janette Sue Arnold, 62, died June 16 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. She was born Sept. 10, 1944, at Bristow, Okla., the daughter of Claude E. Summers and Billye Bodine. She married Rex Arnold on Oct. 10, 1968, in Ellinwood. An Ellinwood resident most of her life, also residing in Hutchinson and Bay Springs, Miss., she was a waitress at Alcove in Ellinwood and delivered the Hutchinson News and Wichita Eagle. Survivors include her husband of the home; one son, Bill Wedgeworth of Bay Springs, Miss.; one daughter, Tamara Okon of Ellinwood; one sister, Ramona Schiotthauer of Ellinwood; 11 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. She was preceded in death by two brothers, Charles and Jack Summers. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. on Monday at Kimple Funeral Chapel in Ellinwood, with the Rev. Victor Williams officiating. Burial will be at Lakin-Comanche District Cemetery in Ellinwood. Friends may call today from 1 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the Ellinwood Area Health Care Foundation. Funeral arrangements provided by Kimple Funeral Home 113 N. Main Ellinwood, KS 67526 620-564-2300 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 18, 2006

June 18, 2006

Norman F. Komarek 1916 - 2006
ELLINWOOD — Norman F. Komarek, 89, died June 16 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. He was born July 1, 1916, at Ellinwood, the son of Frank and Emilie (Peschka) Komarek. He married Viola Ann McCready on Dec. 2, 1945, at Emporia. He lived most of his life in Ellinwood, and 13 years in Sterling. He retired in 1979 as a tour engineer and field guar with Arapahoe Pipe Line Co. Komarek was a member of Immanuel United Church of Christ, American Legion Post No 180 and Veterans of Foreign Wars No. 5657, all of Ellinwood, and he was a Boy Scout Commissioner. He served in the U.S. Air Force during World War II in the 8th Air Depot Group. Survivors include his wife of the home; two sons, Paul Komarek of Great Bend, and Ann Engel of Topeka; one brother, Donald Komarek of Great Bend; and one grandchild. He was preceded in death by a brother, Franklin Komarek; and a sister, Verline Petz. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. on Monday at Immanuel United Church of Christ 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. today at Immanuel Funeral Home in Ellinwood and from 11 a.m. to service time on Monday at the church. Memorials are suggested to the Immanuel United Church of Christ Organ Fund. Funeral arrangements provided by Kimple Funeral Home 113 N. Main Ellinwood, KS 67526 620-564-2300 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 18, 2006

Verna Lee Kern 1928 - 2006

LYONS — Verna Lee Kern, 78, died June 16 at Lyons District Hospital. She was born May 6, 1928, in Morrison, Okla., the daughter of J.V. and Vinna (Swearingen) Adams. She married Paul E. Kern on May 10, 1946, in Wichita. A lifetime resident of Lyons, she graduated from Lyons High School in 1945. She was a 27-year employee of the Kansas State Agriculture Statistics Service. She was a member of First Christian Church in Lyons. Mrs. Kern was also a member of Rice County Democrat Women, the Foretravel Motorcoach Club, Family Motorcoach Association and Escapes R.V. Club. She was a former U.S. Census supervisor for Rice County and volunteered at the Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument in Arizona for nine winters. Survivors include her husband of the home; four sons, Michael D. Kern of Belleair Beach, Fla., Edward W. Kern of Chase, Richard F. Kern of Hollywood, Fla., and James P. Kern of Salem, Va.; two brothers, J. T. Adams of Pawnee, Okla., and William Adams of Walnut Creek, Calif.; nine grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday at the First Christian Church in Lyons, with the Rev. Tom Eastman officiating. Burial will be at Lyons Municipal Cemetery. Friends may call from 2 to 5 p.m. on Monday at the funeral home. Memorial are suggested to Rice/Reno County Hospice or Center for Basic Cancer Research at Kansas State University in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Sillian Funeral Homes and Granite Memorials 214 W. Ave. South Lyons, KS 67554 620-257-2211 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 18, 2006

Clarence W. Hokr 1926 - 2006

HOLYROOD — Clarence W. Hokr, 79, died June 17 at his home in Holyrood. He was born Aug. 23, 1926, in Kanopolis, the son of William B. and Mary L. (Novotny) Hokr. He married Norma Yvonne Crane on Feb. 25, 1951, in Geneso. He was a lifetime resident of Ellsworth County, he was an oilfield and farm laborer. He was a member of the Ellsworth County Historical Society. Mr. Hokr was a U.S. Navy veteran. Survivors include his wife of the home; two daughters, Mari Purdy of Russell and Patti Blackwell of Great Bend; one sister, Mary Adams of Pawnee, Okla.; and nine grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. Funeral will be at 1 p.m. on Tuesday at St. Paul’s United Church of Christ in Holyrood, with the Rev. Deborah Rains officiating. There will be no visitation. Memorial are suggested to St. Paul’s United Church of Christ or Ellsworth County Historical Society in care of the funeral home. Memorial are provided by Parsons Funeral Home 307 N. Lincoln Ellsworth, KS 67439 785-472-3861 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 18, 2006

Harold L. Becker 1915 - 2006

Harold L. Becker, 90, died June 15 at his residence in Great Bend. He was born June 19, 1915 in rural Great Bend, the son of Lewis L. and Ellen Howard Becker. He married Lois Gilbert on June 14, 1936 at Pawnee Rock. She survives. A lifetime resident of Barton County, he was founder of Becker Tire and Treading, Inc. Becker was a member of First United Methodist Church and Elks Club both of Great Bend. He was a member of the National Tire Dealers and Retreaders Association where he served on the executive board for many years. Survivors include his wife of 70 years, Lois of the home; one son Wayne Becker and wife Karen of Great Bend; three daughters, Linda Sisson of Great Bend and her son-in-law, Larry Sisson; and their family, Pam Sisson Schenck, and a great-grandson, Aaron Sisson. Funeral will be at 1 p.m. on Monday at the First United Methodist Church in Great Bend, with the Rev. Gary Brooks officiating. Burial will be at the Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call from 1 to 9 p.m., Sunday with the family receiving friends from 7 to 9 p.m. at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Memorial are suggested to the First United Methodist Church or C.K.M.C. Foundation for the benefit of 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 620-783-3225 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 18, 2006

Glen E. Jurgensen 1929 - 2006

HUTCHINSON — Glen E. Jurgensen, 77, died June 16 at his home. He was born Feb. 12, 1929, in Barton County. He was the son of Frederick H. and Alma (Schuster) Jurgensen. He was a retired lithographer for the Bank of America printing department. He was a member of the Evangelica United Bretheran Church in Great Bend. He was an Army Korean War veteran. On March 4, 1956, he married Lois D. Adams at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Great Bend. She survives. Other survivors include a son, Mark E. Jurgensen of Denver, Colo.; a daughter, Lisa R. Hatcher and her husband Terry of Hutchinson; a brother, Roy Lee Jurgensen of Great Bend; a sister Mable Ankerholz of Great Bend; two grandchildren, Tyler J. and Sara Hatcher. He was preceded in death by his parents and three brothers, Lester, Howard and Melvin Jurgensen. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. on Monday at the 10th Avenue United Methodist Church in Hutchinson, with the Rev. Steve Schmidt presiding. Visitation will be from 1 to 7 p.m. on Monday at the 10th Avenue United Methodist Church in Hutchinson, with the Rev. Gary Brooks officiating. Burial will be at the Hutchinson Cemetery. Memorial are suggested to the Hutchinson Community Foundation. Memorial are provided by Heritage Funeral Home and Cremation Services* 528 N. Main Hutchinson, KS 67501 620-662-6720 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 18, 2006

David E. Schmidt 1921 - 2006

CLAFLIN — David E. Schmidt, 85, died June 8 at Cheyenne Meadows Living Center in Hoisington. He was born May 12, 1921, in Dorrance, the son of Reinhardt Schmidt and Katherine (Millerberg) Schmidt. He married Patricia L. Jenkins on June 30, 1948, at Dorrance. She died May 24, 2005. A resident of Claflin since 1968, coming from Dorrance, he was retired from the oilfield and Fry’s Tank Service. Schmidt was a member of Zion Lutheran Church and the Ralph B. Praeger Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 8068 of Claflin and a former member of the American Legion. He was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force, serving in World War II. He
was an avid auction attender and loved St. Louis Cardinal baseball, fishing and lottery tickets. Survivors include three sons, Gregory Schmidt and Michael Schmidt and wife Sue all of Raleigh, N.C., and David Schmidt and wife Patricia of Claflin; a daughter, Cassandra Shuey of Russell; a brother, Willis “Bill” Schmidt of Dorrance; three sisters, Helen Ginter of Russell, Leona Herpel of Dorrance, Edna Kruckenberg of Wilson; an aunt, Mary Blehm of Salina; six grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one brother, Alvin Schmidt. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday at Zion Lutheran Church in Claflin, with the Rev. John Sharp officiating. Burial will be at Claflin Cemetery in Claflin with military graveside rites conducted by the Ralph B. Praeger VFW Post No. 8668 of Claflin and VFW No. 7428 and American Legion Post No. 256 both of Hays. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Monday, with family receiving friends from 6 to 8 p.m. at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home, and from 9:30 a.m. until service time on Tuesday at the church. Memorials are suggested to the American Diabetes Association or Claflin Ambulance Service in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home* 415 N. Main
P.O. Box 146 Haysington, KS 67544 620-653-4165 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 18, 2006

Jerry Altenhofen

WICHITA — Jerry Altenhofen, 69, former resident and retired manager for Credit Union of America in Great Bend and Beneficial Finance in Wichita died June 16.
Rosary will be at 7 p.m. today at Downing and Lahey Mortuary West in Wichita. Service will be at 10 a.m. on Monday at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church in Wichita. The graveside service will be held at 2 p.m. on Monday at St. Mary’s Cemetery in Newton.
He was preceded in death by his parents, Edmond and Gertrude; a brother, Dean; and a sister, Delores Peterson.
Survivors include his wife, Pat; his children, Regina (Cecil) Arroyo of Derby, Ryan of Wichita, Barb (Nigel) Carlton of Elon College, N.C., Karen (Brett) McNally of Newton, and Mike (Sharon) of York, Neb.; sisters and brothers, Pat, Maribeth Peyton and Bill, all of south Carolina; and 12 grandchildren. Memorials are suggested to Harry Hynes Memorial Hospice, 313 S. Market, Wichita 67202. www.downingandlahey.com.
Funeral arrangements provided by Downing & Lahey Mortuary*
6555 E. Central
Wichita, KS 67206
316-682-4553
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 18, 2006

Loraine K. Anderson 1922 - 2006

ELLINWOOD — Loraine K. Anderson, 83, of Ellinwood, died on June 14 at her summer home in Coeur d’Alene, Idaho. She was born June 17, 1922, at Ost, Kan., the daughter of Michael May and Whilmine (Thimmesch) May. She married Donald E. Anderson in San Francisco. He died March 11, 1999.
She was preceded in death by an infant son, Michael Patrick Anderson; brothers, Nick May, Cy May and Larry May; and sisters, Sister Angelica May, Florence (May) Rupp and Inez (May) Jacobs.
Survivors include brothers, Clem May of El Dorado, Mike May of Santa Fe, N.M., and Matthew May of Andale; sisters, Rita (May) Craft of Grand Junction, Colo., Martha (May) Flaherty of Wichita and Mary Ann (May) Bailey of Westlake, Texas; three sons, Richard of Hutchinson, William of San Francisco, and Robert of Ellinwood; six grandchildren, John Anderson and Justin Anderson both of Kansas City, Mo., Stephen Anderson of Lafayette, Calif., Jennifer (Anderson) Dyer of Ellinwood, Don Anderson of Scottsdaile, Ariz., and Robert A. Anderson Jr. of Great Bend; and four great-grandchildren, Isabella and Beau Anderson of Kansas City, Mo., and Braydon and Ashton Dyer of Ellinwood.
A resident of Ellinwood, for five years, formerly of Carefree, Ariz., she was retired from retail sales and was an active member of the Altar Society and Daughters of Isabella at St. Joseph’s Church, the Heritage Club in Ellinwood and a volunteer at the Ellinwood Food Bank. Visitations will be from 1 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday at the Kimple Funeral Home in Ellinwood. After Society rosary will be at 3 p.m. on Wednesday and a vigil service will be at 7 p.m. on Wednesday at the funeral home. Funeral mass will be at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday at St. Joseph’s Catholic Church in Ellinwood, with Father Charles Mazouch of St. Joseph’s Catholic Church presiding. Graveside service will be at 3 p.m. on Thursday at St. Joseph’s Catholic Cemetery, in Ost, with Father Ivan C. Eck, V.F., St. Joseph’s Church in Ost presiding. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to the endowment fund, St. Joseph’s Church in Ellinwood or St. Joseph’s Catholic School in Ost. Funeral arrangements provided by Kimple Funeral Home* 113 N. Main
Ellinwood, KS 67526 620-564-2300 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 18, 2006

June 16, 2006

Harold L. Becker 1915 - 2006

Harold L. Becker, 90, died June 15 at his residence in Great Bend. He was born June 19, 1915 in rural Great Bend, the son of Lewis L. and Ellen Howard Becker. He married Lois Gilbert on June 14, 1936 at Pawnee Rock. She survives. A lifetime resident of Barton County, he was founder of Becker Tire and Treading, Inc. Becker was a member of First United Methodist Church and Elks Club both of Great Bend. He was a member of the National Tire Dealers and Retreaders Association where he served on the executive board for many years. Survivors include his wife of 70 years, Lois of the home; one son Wayne Becker and wife Karen of Great Bend; three daughters, Linda Sisson of Great Bend, Jean Radke and husband Ron of Great Bend, and Ann Engel and husband Al of McPherson; one brother, Larry L. Becker and wife Joy of Papillion, Neb.; nine grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one brother, Elmer Becker; son-in-law, Larry Sisson; one granddaughter, Pam Sisson Schenk, and a great-grandson Aaron Sisson. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at the First United Methodist Church in Great Bend, with the Rev. Gary Brooks officiating. Burial will be at the Great Bend Cemetery.
Friends may call from 1 to 9 p.m. on Sunday with the family receiving friends from 7 to 9 p.m. at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Memorials are suggested to the First United Methodist Church or C.K.M.C. Foundation for the benefit of 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 620-793-3225 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 16, 2006
Marvin Lamatsch 1943 - 2006

CLAFLIN — Marvin Lamatsch, 62, died June 14 at Via Christi Regional Medical Center St. Francis in Wichita. He was born Sept. 17, 1943, at rural Odin, the son of Clement and Anna (Sauber) Lamatsch. He married Carol Hipp on April 20, 1963, at Odin. A longtime resident of rural Claflin and Odin area, he was a farmer and stockman. Lamatsch was a member of Holy Family Catholic Church in Odin, and a 4th degree member of the Odin Knights of Columbus Council #2630 and trustee of the Cleveland Township and also served in the Army National Guard. Survivors include his wife, Carol Lamatsch of Claflin; five sons, David Lamatsch, Greg Lamatsch, and John Paul Lamatsch, all of Odin, Robert Lamatsch of Pratt, and Matt Lamatsch of Beloit; four daughters, Kathy Vopat of Great Bend, Patti Lane of Hays, Debbie Schindler of Paola, and Vicki Manke of Scott City; three sisters, Lou Ann Morgenstern of Hoisington, Doris Ross of Wichita, and Mary Davenport of Manhattan; and 17 grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one brother, James Lamatsch; and one granddaughter, Elizabeth Mayorga. Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. tonight at the church in Odin, followed by a Knights of Columbus Rosary. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Holy Family Catholic Church at Odin with the Rev. Pascal Klein officiating. Burial will be at the church cemetery in Odin. Visitation will be today from 9 to 5 p.m. at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington and from 6:30 to 9 p.m. at the church. In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to Harry Hynes Hospice in Odin, K of C #2630, or Claflin Ambulance Service in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home 415 N. Main / P.O. Box 146 Hoxington, KS 67544 620-653-4165 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 16, 2006

Nina Potter Nicholson 1905 - 2006

HOISINGTON — Nina Potter Nicholson, 101, died June 14 at Great Bend Health and Rehabilitation Center in Great Bend. She was born March 19, 1905, in Rinehart, Missouri, the daughter of George and Lillian (Greg) Potter. She married Lee S. Nicholson on August 3, 1927, at Richards, Mo. He preceded her in death Dec. 20, 1976. She was an elementary school teacher from USD #431, retiring in 1972. She was a Hoisington resident since 1948 coming from Nevada, Missouri. Mrs. Nicholson was a member of the First United Methodist Church, Charter member P.E.O. Chapter GG. Sunday school teacher, Library board, Civic Club and Alturian Club all of Hoisington. Also a member of the Order of the Eastern Star. She was a 1961 graduate of Fort Hays State University. She was preceded in death by a daughter, Lillian Kay Nicholson, sister Maxine Potter Maxwell and Granddaughter, Becky Nicholson. Survivors include two sons, Bill Nicholson and his wife Pattie of Hoisington, and Larry Nicholson and his wife Carla of Hays; one sister, Madge Potter Cox of Wichita; grandchildren, Michael Nicholson and his wife Tammy of Great Bend, Eric Nicholson and his wife Tracy of Ames, Iowa and Jill Nicholson-Crotty and her husband Sean of Columbia, Mo.; great grandchildren, Ryan Drew, Jordan, Addy Lynn, Noah Nicholson; step grandchildren Barry Tarlton and his wife Debbie of Woodstock, Ga. and Kris Tarlton and his wife Sara of Hoisington; and step great grandchildren, Macy and Luke Tarlton. Funeral will be at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, June 17, at First United Methodist Church in Hoisington with the Rev. Wayne Flanders officiating. Burial will be at Hoisington Cemetery in Hoisington. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. today with the family receiving friends from 7 to 8 p.m. and 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Saturday, all at the funeral home. The casket will be closed at the church. Memorials are suggested to Kans for Kids or the Hoisington City Library in care of Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home, P.O. Box 146, Hoisington, KS 67544.

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, June 16, 2006

June 15, 2006

Nina Potter Nicholson 1905 - 2006

HOISINGTON — Nina Potter Nicholson, 101, died June 14 at Great Bend Health and Rehabilitation Center in Great Bend. Arrangements are pending with Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 15, 2006

Mathilda "Tillie" A. Meyeres Luerman 1906 - 2006

Mathilda "Tillie" A. Meyeres Luerman, 100, died June 12 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. She was born June 11, 1906, in Dubuque, the daughter of Pete J. Meyeres and Elizabeth (Korkish) Meyeres. She married Herman C. Luerman on April 28, 1931, at Hoisington. He preceded in death on August 24, 1994. She was a homemaker. She was a lifetime resident of Barton County. She was a member of the St. Patrick Catholic Church, Altar Society and Eagles Auxiliary, all of Great Bend. Survivors include one son, John Luerman, Sr. of Susank; three sisters, Teresa Prosser of Great Bend, Clara Steiner of Great Bend, and Ann Hitschmann of Odin; three grandchildren, John Luerman, Jr., Andy Luerman and Billy Luerman; and six great-grandchildren, Anthony Luerman, Damon Luerman, J.J. Luerman, Shyla Luerman, Jay Luerman and Shelby Luerman. She was preceded in death three brothers, Frank, William and Steve Meyeres; and two sisters, Sophia Habiger and Marie Marquis. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Hoisington with Father Pascal Klein officiating. Vigil service will be Wednesday at 7 p.m. at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. Burial will be at the Holy Family Cemetery in Odin. Visitation will be Wednesday 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home. Memorials are suggested to the Holy Family Cemetery in care of Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home, P.O. Box 146, Hoisington, KS 67544.

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 14, 2006

Dorothy Mildred Sutton 1917 - 2006

HOISINGTON — Dorothy Mildred Sutton, 89, died June 12 at Hutchinson Hospital in Hutchinson. She was born Feb. 15, 1917, at Pawnee, Okla., the daughter of Homer H. and Martha (Duckworth) Benson. She was a graduate of Winfield High...
School. She married Daniel Boone Sutton on July 3, 1940, at Pawnee, Okla. He died Dec. 9, 1988. She was the retired owner of Dorothy’s Beauty Shop.

Mrs. Sutton was a member of the First United Methodist Church, past matron of the UNA Chapter #119 Order of the Eastern Star, past president of Business Professional Women and member of the Heritage Club, all of Hoisington.

Survivors include two sons, Jerry Sutton of Hoisington, and Jonny Sutton of Flower Mound, Texas; two daughters Judy Sandritter of Hoisington, and Janie Reichuber of Wichita; seven grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one sister, Dora Hines.

Graveside service was held June 14 at the Hoisington Cemetery with the Rev. Wayne Flanders officiating. Burial was at Hoisington Cemetery in Hoisington. Memorials are suggested to American Heart Association or American Diabetes Association, both 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, June 15, 2006

June 14, 2006

Mathilda “Tillie” A. Meyers Luerman 1906 -2006

Mathilda “Tillie” A. Meyers Luerman, 100, died June 12 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. She was born June 11, 1906, in Dubuque, the daughter of Pete J. Meyers and Elizabeth (Korkish) Meyers. She married Herman C. Luerman on April 28, 1931, at Hoisington. He preceded her in death on August 24, 1994. She was a homemaker. She was a lifetime resident of Barton County.

Mrs. Luerman was a member of the St. Patrick Catholic Church, Altar Society and Eagles Auxiliary, all of Great Bend. Survivors include one son, John Luerman, Sr. of Susank; three sisters, Teresa Proffer of Great Bend, Clara Steiner of Odin; three grandchildren, John Luerman Jr., Andy Luerman and Billy Luerman; and six great-grandchildren, Anthony Luerman, Damon Luerman, J.J. Luerman, Shyla Luerman, Jay Luerman and Shelby Luerman. She was preceded in death by three brothers, Frank, William and Steve Meyers, and two sisters, Sophia Habiger and Marie Marquis.

Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Hoisington with Father Pascal Klein officiating. Vigil service will be at 7 tonight at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. Burial will be at the Holy Family Cemetery in Odin. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the Holy Family Cemetery 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, June 14, 2006

June 14, 2006

Larry Batt 1951 - 2006

HOLYROOD — Larry Batt, 55, died June 12 at his residence in Holyrood. He was born Feb. 9, 1951, in Great Bend, the son of Robert and Alice (Ochs) Batt. He attended Police Academy in 1974 and Sheriff School in 1976. He married Carla Phillips on Dec. 9, 1973, at Russell. He was the Chief of Police of Holyrood. He was formerly employed by the Ellsworth County Sheriff’s office and Beloit Police Department, and former sheriff of Russell County.

Batt was a member of St. Paul’s United Church of Christ in Holyrood where he served on the Church Council on the building and grounds committee. He was a former member of Zion Lutheran Church in Beloit where he also served on the Church Council on the building and grounds committee. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Tim Batt of Bushton; one daughter Laurie Ann McQuade of Victoria; his mother, Alice Batt of Russell County; two brothers, Dale Batt of Russell County, Eugene Batt of Hoisington; two grandchildren; one step-granddaughter.

Prayer service will be at 7 p.m. Thursday at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at the church with the Rev. Debra Rains and the Rev. Mary Lou Klein officiating. Burial will be at the Hoisington Cemetery. Visitation will be today from 5 to 8 p.m., and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., both 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 N. Main / P.O. Box 146
Hoisington, KS 67544
620-653-4165

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 14, 2006

June 14, 2006

Verne “Lynn” Schmitt 1946 - 2006

HAYS — Verne “Lynn” Schmitt, 59, died June 12 at Hays Good Samaritan Center in Hays. He was born Nov. 30, 1946, at Great Bend, the son of Verne G. and Nelle Aline Austin Schmitt. He was a graduate of Great Bend High School, Kansas School of Barber in Kansas City and a diesel mechanics school in Kansas City. He was a diesel mechanic for Dowell Chemical from 1969 through 1987. He had been a Hays resident for three years, coming from Great Bend.

Schmitt was of the Methodist faith and was a lifetime member of the American Legion Argonne Post No. 180 in Great Bend. Survivors include three sons, B.J. Schmitt and Eric Schmitt, both of Hays, and Ty Schmitt of Fayetteville, Ark.; two
daughters, Monnie Schmitt of Hays and Kalli Schmitt of Louisburg; one brother, Robert Schmitt of Mission; and four grandchildren.

Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Friday at the First United Methodist Church in Great Bend with Pastoral Assistant Steve Thaden officiating. Interment will be at Pawnee Rock Cemetery in Pawnee Rock. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend, with family to receive friends from 6 to 8 p.m. Memorials are suggested to Multiple Sclerosis Foundation or to the Family of Verne Lynn Schmitt, 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 14, 2006

June 13, 2006

Ronald Eugene Ostrander 1937 - 2006

LARNED — Ronald Eugene Ostrander, 69, died June 11 at St. Joseph Long Term Care, Larned.
He was born April 28, 1937, at Lewis, the son of Ralph E. and Fern Eva Atwood Ostrander. A longtime resident of Larned, he was a retired equipment operator at the Larned State Hospital. He belonged to the Church of the Nazarene, Larned. On June 21, 1964, he married Judy Marie Fuhrman at Dodge City. She died Oct. 20, 1993. Survivors include two sons, Billy and wife Stephanie and Todd, all of Larned, one daughter, Lori Ostrander, Dodge City, one brother, Kenneth, Garfield, one sister, Coletta Meier, Larned, and three step grandchildren, Tiffany, Christopher and Amanda. He was preceded in death by a brother, Donald.

Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Church of the Nazarene, Larned, with Pastor Leroy E. Lyon presiding. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. until 8 p.m. today. Burial will be in Wayne Cemetery, Lewis. Memorials may be sent to the church in care of Morell Funeral Home, P.O. Box 124, Larned, Kan. 67550-0124.

Funeral arrangements provided by
Morell Funeral Home*
P.O. Box 124 Larned, KS 67550 620-285-2177
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 13, 2006

Donna Marie (Ritz) Bradt 1940 - 2006

FORSYTH, Mo. — Donna Marie (Ritz) Bradt, 65, died June 10. She was born Dec. 19, 1940, at Eureka, the daughter of Jonnie and Margaret (Smith) Jones. She graduated from Ellinwood High School in 1957. She moved to Parsons in 1966 and attended the Labette Community College where she obtained an associate’s degree in business. She married William “Bill” Bradt on Feb. 27, 2005. She worked 20 years at Columbia Tec Tank as a secretary, retiring on June 1, 2005. Mrs. Bradt was a member of the First Foursquare Church at Parsons. Survivors include her husband of the home; three sons, Lee Ellis, James Ellis, and Matt Ellis, all of Parsons; one daughter, Lisa Ogdatah of Milaca, Minn.; four step-sons, Scott Bradt, Clarksville, Tenn., Brian Bradt of Humansville, Mo., Howard Bradt of Forsyth, Mo., and William J. Bradt of Canyon, Texas; one step-daughter, Michele Moshier of Canyon; one brother, Jonnie Jones of San Diego, Calif., one sister, Joyce Epperson of Noel, Mo., 25 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one sister, Cheryl Lumpkins. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Center Bethel Church with the Rev. Jack Blackwell officiating. Burial will be at a later date in western Kansas. Friends may call from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Carson-Wall Funeral Home. Memorials are suggested to the Rock Youth Center of Parsons in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Carson-Wall Funeral Home 112 N. 26th St. Parsons, KS 67357 620-421-2280
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 13, 2006

Frank Petz 1913 - 2006

ELLINWOOD — Frank Petz, 93, died June 11 at Woodhaven Care Center in Ellinwood. He was born Jan. 13, 1913, at Ellinwood, the son of Edwin A. Petz and Margaret Klepper. He married Vera Holloway. She died. He married Katherine Krom Hickel. She died in 2005. A lifetime Barton County resident living in Great bend and Ellinwood, he was retired from Barton County Highway Department.
Mr. Petz was a member of St. Joseph’s Catholic Church in Ellinwood. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II serving with the 119th Infantry in the European Theater. Survivors include two sons, Cleo and Mike Petz of Great Bend; one daughter, Janet Maneth of Great Bend; one step-son, Jerry Hickel of Great Bend; one step-daughter, Patty Green of Olathe; two brothers, Ray Petz of Ellinwood and Bob Petz of Ardmore, Okla.; one sister, Lorraine Petz of Ellinwood; six grandchildren; two step-grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and four step-great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Elmer (Bud) and Edward; and one sister, LaVerna Herdt. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. today at St. Joseph’s Catholic Church in Ellinwood with the Rev. Charles Mazouch officiating. Burial will be at Lakin-Comanche District Cemetery in Ellinwood. Memorials are suggested to Sunflower Diversified Foundation.
Funeral arrangements provided by
Kimple Funeral Home
113 N. Main
Ellinwood, Ks 67526
620-564-2300
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 13, 2006

Richard Lee Christiansen 1941 - 2006
ONTARIO, Calif. — Richard Lee Christiansen, 64, died May 31, 2006, at Ontario, Calif. He was born June 5, 1941. Survivors include three brothers, Ralph Christiansen of Murdock, and Jesse Christiansen of Great Bend, and Gerald Christiansen of Hosington; and one sister Mae Bollinger of Utica. Cremation has taken place. A memorial service was held Monday at Draper Mortuary in Ontario, Calif. Draper Mortuary was in charge of arrangements. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 13, 2006

June 11, 2006

Paul D. Margheim 2006

ANDOVER — Paul D. Margheim, 51, a construction supplies sales manager, died Wednesday, June 7. A visitation with the family will be held from 6-8 p.m. Monday, with funeral services scheduled for 11 a.m. Tuesday, both in the Garden Chapel at Watson Funeral Home. Interment will follow at El Paso Cemetery in Derby. He graduated from University of Kansas in 1979. He is survived by his loving wife, Debra; daughters, Nicole (Kurt) Brundage, Wichita, Mollye of the home; son, Jacob, of the home; parents, Marcie and Leonard Margheim, Derby; granddaughter, Kaylyn Brundage, Wichita; sisters, Patricia (Bob) Edwards, Mulvane, Lois (David) Sukolicas, Overland Park; maternal grandmother, Edna Manke, Lyons; numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Margheim Children’s Educational Fund, c/o Intrust Bank. An online guest book is available at www.watsonfuneral.com. Funeral arrangements provided by Watson Funeral Home*
3201 S. Webb Rd.
Wichita, KS 67210
316-618-9898
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 11, 2006

June 9, 2006

Mary Juanita Austin 1917 - 2006

Mary Juanita Austin, 89, beloved mother and grandmother, was born March 13, 1917 in Red Oak, Okla., the third child of Delbert Porter Whiteside and Effie Rebecca (Booth) Whiteside. She was a retired seamstress who worked many years at St. Joseph Medical Center in Wichita. She joined our Lord and Savior on Thursday, June 8, after suffering a stroke several weeks earlier. Mary was a lifelong member of the United Methodist Church and attended faithfully until her health declined. Most recently, she was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church in Great Bend. She is survived by her two sons and their wives; Harry and Carolyn Austin of Kansas City, and Gary and Audrey Austin of Great Bend; four grandchildren; Carrie (Austin) Arganbright, and Brian, Anne and Kelsey Austin; a sister; Robbie Jean Dunlap of Sand Springs, Okla.; and numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband of 47 years, Ernest Austin; her brother J. R. Whiteside; and sister Leah Pickle. Services were Saturday at Lakeview Funeral Home Chapel. Memorials can be made in her loving name to: Wheat State Manor, 601 S. Main, Whitewater, Kan., 67154. To share a memory or to leave an online condolence, please visit www.mylakeviewfuneralhome.com. Funeral arrangements provided by Lakeview Funeral Home*
12100 E. 13th St.
Wichita, KS 67206
316-684-8200
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 11, 2006

June 8, 2006

Juanita A. Brack 1915 - 2006

OTIS — Juanita A. Brack, 91, died June 8 at Rush County Memorial Hospital in La Crosse. She was born April 11, 1915, in rural Otis, the daughter of Peter P. Brack and Emma (Hergart) Brack. She married Herman K. Brack on Feb. 27, 1938, in Otis. He died March 23, 2002. A lifelong resident of Otis, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Brack was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church and Women of Trinity, both of Otis. Survivors include two nephews, Leon Brack of Iola, and Harry Schneider of Otis; and four nieces, Shirley Remmert of San Antonio, Texas, Wilma Marshall of Russell, Ann Robertson of Thornville, Ohio, and Marsha Gullickson of Bloomington, Minn. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, and three brothers, Roy E. Brack, Clifford G. Brack, and Verrel Brack. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Otis with Rev. Bruce Adamson officiating. Burial will be at Otis Lutheran Cemetery. Visitation will be today from 1 to 8 p.m. at Janousek Funeral Home in La Crosse with the family receiving friends from 6 to 7 p.m., and Monday from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m. at the church. Memorials are suggested to the church or Otis EMTs. Funeral arrangements provided by Janousek Funeral Home 719 Pine La Crosse, KS 67548 785-222-2517 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 11, 2006

June 6, 2006

L. Keith Phillips 1949 - 2006

CHANUTE — L. Keith Phillips, 57, rural Chanute, passed away June 8 at his home. Keith was born in Russell, the son of Loyo Phillips and Lawanda (Batman) Phillips. He graduated high school in 1967 and worked as a bartender for over 30 years at the Quarry Stone Country Club in Chanute. He was a veteran of the United States Army. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 10, 2006

June 5, 2006

E. S. “Ted” Molling 1915 - 2006

MURDOCK — E. S. “Ted” Molling, 91, Murdock, died May 31, 2006, at his home. He was born May 10, 1915, in Murdock. He was married to Pauline Hargrave on April 12, 1941. She died July 2004. He was graduated from University of Kansas in 1938. He is survived by one son, John (Connie) Molling of Murdock; three daughters, Linda (Terry) Whetten of Wichita, Carol (Jim) Duff of Lawrence, and Sally (Karl) Trapp of Fort Worth, Tex.; seven grandchildren; ten great-grandchildren; and two sisters, Mary Ann (Lynn) Sisk of Theresa, Wis., and Betty Jean (Bill) Moore of Joplin, Mo. E. S. was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, and two brothers, Kenneth Molling and Elwood Molling. Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Draper Mortuary in Great Bend. Burial will be in the Murdock Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to the Great Bend Humane Society. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 7, 2006

June 1, 2006

James C. Grad 1933 - 2006

GRADY — James C. Grad, 73, died May 30, 2006, at his residence. He was born May 30, 1933, in Winfield. He was a graduate of the University of Kansas in 1959. He is survived by his wife, Phyllis Grad; two sons, Mark Grad of Great Bend, and John (Sandra) Grad of Lawrence; and two grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, James W. Grad and Vera (Etters) Grad. A visitation will be held from 1 to 8 p.m. Thursday with a graveside service at 2 p.m. Friday at the Smith County Memorial Cemetery in Smith Center. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 2, 2006

May 30, 2006

Austin Johansen 1958 - 2006

MURDOCK — Austin Johansen, 48, died May 30, 2006, at his residence. He was born Jan. 1958, in Winfield. He was a graduate of the University of Kansas in 1980. He is survived by his wife, Sherri Johansen; two sons, Jonathan and Jordan Johansen; his mother, Margaret (Johansen) Johnson; and his father, John Johansen. He was preceded in death by his grandfather, Errol Johansen; and his brother, Joel Johansen. He was a former Special Education teacher with USD 129. Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the First Grace Lutheran Church in Great Bend. Memorials are suggested to the First Grace Lutheran Church. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 1, 2006

May 30, 2006

Marvin F. “Sonny” Friesenhahn 1948 - 2006

GREAT BEND — Marvin F. “Sonny” Friesenhahn, 58, died May 30, 2006, at St. Francis Hospital in Wichita. He was born Oct. 6, 1948, in Great Bend. He was a graduate of the University of Kansas in 1971. He is survived by his wife, Marci Friesenhahn; two sons, Ryan Friesenhahn of Great Bend, and Scott Friesenhahn of Austin; one daughter, Lindsey Friesenhahn of Buena Vista, Colo.; his parents, Marvin and Gladys (Friesenhahn) Friesenhahn; and a brother, Mike Friesenhahn of Great Bend. He was preceded in death by his father, his mother, and a brother, Jay Friesenhahn. Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Great Bend United Methodist Church. Memorials are suggested to the Great Bend United Methodist Church. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 1, 2006
He married Pamela Hammans Johnson in Chanute, on April 15, 1989. He attended First Christian Church and enjoyed hiking, his dogs and family vacations to Florida. He is survived by his wife of the home; mother, LaWanda Farrell, Sierra Vista, Ariz.; sons, Jeremy Johnson, of Nevada, Mo., Jason Johnson and wife Carrie of Pittsburg; daughters Dr. Crystal Phillips Hill and her husband Sam, of Emporia, Jerica Essig and husband John Ray of Fort Sill, Okla., and Amy Johnson of Chanute; one brother, Lonnie Phillips and his wife Carla, of Globe, Ariz. and one sister, Angie Mosiej and her husband Brandon, also of Arizona; and seven grandchildren.

The funeral service will be 2 p.m., Monday at First Christian Church in Chanute. Inurnment will be at a later date.

Visitation will be from 7 to 8 p.m. today at Penwell-Gabel Gibson Chapel. To leave a message for the family on-line, visit www.PenwellGabel.com.

Funeral arrangements provided by Penwell-Gabel - Gibson Chapel
16 North Forest
Chanute, KS
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 11, 2006

Leonora E. Donovan 1909 - 2006

HOISINGTON — Lenora E. Donovan, 96, died June 8 at Clara Barton Hospital in Hoisington. She was born Sept. 4, 1909, in Russell County, the daughter of Denver Newton Cromwell and Ettie E. “Stephenson” Cromwell. She married Jerome “Jerry” Donovan on Oct. 18, 1931, at Hoisington. He preceded her in death on May 24, 1988. She was a homemaker and worked with her husband on the Donovan family farm. She was a longtime resident of rural Hoisington.

She was an active member of the Vine United Methodist Church (both of Hoisington), she was a Sunday School teacher and served the Vine Church for over 70 years. She was a member of the Women’s Missionary Society, RSVP and served Friendship Meals for over 10 years. She also was involved with reading to second graders in USD #431 for several years.

Survivors include one son, Gerald D. and wife, Donna Donovan of Hoisington; one daughter, Delora M. Donovan of Wichita; one son-in-law, Edson Merlau of Hoisington; three sisters-in-law, Marion Keller of Oakley, Mary Hazel Donovan Hoffman of Great Bend, and Esther Cromwell of Hosiington; 12 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; and 16 great-great-grandchildren. She was also survived by her canine friend, Buffy, and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by a son, Marvin Lee Donovan; a daughter, Melva Jean Merlau; four brothers, Myrl, Ira, Oscar and Ray Cromwell; two sisters, Alpha Morrison and Alice Donovan Graham and a great-grandson, Ryan Merlau.

Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at First United Methodist Church in Hoisington with Rev. Wayne Flanders officiating. Burial will be at the Hoisington Cemetery. Visitation will be today from 1 to 8 p.m. at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home with the family receiving friends from 6 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the First United Methodist Church Finn-Donovan Scholarship or Kans for Kids both in care of Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home, P.O. Box 146, Hoisington, Kan., 67544.

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, June 11, 2006

Helen M. Schwartzkopf

LARNED – Helen M. Schwartzkopf, 95, died Saturday at Hospice House in Hutchinson. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Grace Lutheran Church in Larned. Morell Funeral Home in Larned is in charge of arrangements.

Funeral arrangements provided by Morell Funeral Home

June 8, 2006

Irene C. McGaughey 1916 - 2006

HUTCHINSON — Irene C. McGaughey, 90, died June 6 at the Wesley Tower’s Hester Care Center in Hutchinson. She was born Jan. 18, 1916, in Ness County, the daughter of Henry Michael and Mary Helena Weirman McGaughey. She was a graduate of McCracken High School. She had been a bookkeeper for the McCracken Telephone Co. for five years, Pegues for 10 years, and Carey Salt for 28 years.

Mrs. McGaughey was a member of Holy Cross Catholic Church, where she was a member of the Alter Society and served as a sacristy minister for 16 years.

Survivors include numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by five brothers, Martin, Lester, Francis, Chester, and Eugene; and three sisters, Pearie McGaughey, Ethel Smith, and Ruth McGaughey.

Rosary will be at 7 p.m. Friday at Penwell-Gabel Funeral Home in Hutchinson. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Holy Cross Catholic Church in Hutchinson with the Rev. Stuart Smelter officiating. Burial will be at the Penwell-Gabel Cemetery and Mausoleum in Hutchinson. Friends may call from 1 to 9 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to the church in care of the funeral home.

Funeral arrangements provided by Penwell-Gabel Funeral Home
300 E. 30th Ave.
Hutchinson, KS 67502
WAUNAKEE, Wis. — Betty Painter died in the comfort of her own home on Friday, May 26, 2006. Betty was born in Vernice, Calif., in 1928. Betty married Richard S. Painter in 1950 and their 56 years together took them to Great Bend, Kan.; Mankato, Minn.; Topeka, Kan.; Morris, Minn.; Sedona, Ariz.; and Madison, Wis. While living in Great Bend in the early 1960's Betty became one of the first women in broadcasting to host her own radio program. With the move to Mankato in 1969, Betty's “Coffee Talk” on KYSM-AM became a cornerstone of the community. Her warm, relaxed style charmed the likes of Hubert H. Humphrey, Hank Aaron and a long list of local and national newsmakers. Betty's 15 years on-the-air left a legacy that is remembered still.

Betty is loved, missed and remembered by her devoted husband, Dick; her daughter Diane; her sons Chris, wife Denise and grandchildren Lindsey and Zachary; Greg, Rick, wife Linda; and her Aunt Jeanne. Despite her daily struggle with emphysema and dementia Betty's inquisitive nature, sense of humor and generous spirit were present to the end. Everyone’s needs came before hers. We feel so blessed to have had her at the heart of our family.

In lieu of flowers please send memorials to your local Hospice organization.

Cards may be sent to Dick Painter, 5477 Westshire Circle, No. 301, Waunakee, Wis. 53597.

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune*, June 7, 2006

Carol Ann Heim 1946 - 2006

Carol Ann Heim, 59, of Great Bend died June 6 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. She was born Sept. 15, 1946, in Colby, the daughter of Roy and Jeane Carr Searls. She married Fred Heim April of 1990 in Great Bend. He survives. She worked for CPI Qualified Plan Consultants Inc. in pension administration. She was a resident of Great Bend after coming from Atwood in 1979.

Mrs. Heim was a member of the First Church of God in Great Bend.

Survivors include her husband, parents, one son Tim Laurent of Lawrence; one daughter, Sharie Laurent of Wichita; one step-daughter Tina Heim of Fort Riley; two brothers, Dan Searls of Ponca City, Okla., and Kenny Searls of Quinter; sister Debby Sandoval of Wichita; two grandchildren Macie Laurent and Jonathan James Heim. She was preceded in death an infant daughter.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at the church with the Rev. Tom Swain presiding. Interment will be at 3 p.m. at the Russell Cemetery in Russell. There will be no visitation. Cremation has taken place. Memorials are suggested to the Carol A. Heim Memorial Fund or Barton County Relay for Life in care of the funeral home.

Arrangements provided by Bryant Funeral Home
1425 Patton Road
Great Bend, KS. 67530
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 7, 2006

Virginia K. Shearrer 1943 - 2006

Virginia K. Shearrer, 63, died June 5 at Via Christi Regional Medical Center, St. Francis Campus, Wichita. She was born Jan. 11, 1943 in Larned, the daughter of Raymond and Margaret Wagaman Swartz. She married Charles "Leon" Shearrer in Larned on June 10, 1962. He survives. She was the EMS director for the city of Larned. Mrs. Shearrer was a member of the First Christian Church of Larned.

Survivors include three daughters Rebecca Knauf of Rozel, Jennifer Eakin, and Stacy Shearrer both of Lawrence; four brothers J.R. Swartz, Ron Swartz, Bob Swartz of California, and Richard Swartz of Springdale, Ark.; two sisters Carolyn Hunt of Larned, Betty Hood of Great Bend and four grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a brother Billy Swartz.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Friday at the Beckwith Mortuary Chapel in Larned with the Revs. Dan Lundgren and Jack Hopkins presiding. Burial will be at the Larned Cemetery. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday at the mortuary. Memorials may be sent to the Larned Emergency Medical Services in care of the funeral home. Condolences may be sent and notice viewed at www.beckwithmortuary.com. Arrangements provided by Beckwith Mortuary 916 Main St. Larned, KS. 67550 620-285-2121 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 7, 2006

June 6, 2006

Hanna L. Scott 1910 - 2006

PAYSON, Ariz. — Hanna L. Scott, 95, Payson, Arizona, died Tuesday, May 30 in Payson, Arizona. She was born Sept. 15, 1910, in Otis, Rush County, Kan., the daughter of Henry S. and Anna Marie (Scheuerman) Ochs. She was a longtime resident of La Crosse and had lived in Arizona since 1990. She was a member of United Methodist Church in La Crosse.

On Jan. 6, 1938, she married H.E. (Scotty) Scott in La Crosse. She was a life-long wife, mother and homemaker.

Survivors include one son, Charles W. Scott and his wife Boonnom of San Antonio, Texas; one daughter, Marla Niedens and her husband Leonard of Payson, Ariz.; one brother, Milton Ochs of Ransom, Kans.; seven grandchildren and nine great grandchildren.
She was preceded in death by her husband on June 17, 1982; two children, five sisters and four brothers.

Memorial services will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, June 8, at the United Methodist Church in La Crosse. The Rev. Marilyn Christmore will officiate. Inurnment will be in La Crosse City Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations are suggested to the American Diabetic Association.

Funeral arrangements provided by Janousek Funeral Home* 718 Pine / P.O. Box 550 La Crosse, KS 67548 785-222-2517 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 6, 2006

H. Leland Wiebe 1930 - 2006

HAVEN — H. Leland Wiebe, 75, died June 4 at Hutchinson Hospital in Hutchinson. He was born Sept. 18, 1930, at Haven, the son of Henry John and Edna Clara Schlickau Wiebe. He married Anna Lee Fishburn on Nov. 30, 1952, at Haven. A lifetime resident of the Haven area, she was the owner of Wiebe’s Wood-N-Things and retired from Cesna/Eaton Mfg. Corporation in 1991. Wiebe was a member of St. Paul’s Lutheran Church in Haven, where he served as a trustee, and on the School Board and Cemetery Board. Charter member of the Devil’s Ditch Renegade Black Powder Club and Master Instructor for Hunter Safety. Survivors include his wife Anna; two sons, Duane Wiebe of Haven, and Mike Wiebe of Emporia; one daughter, Cindy Nech of Larned; six grandchildren; 10 step-grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and numerous step-great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one brother, Wayne Wiebe and one great-granddaughter, Tracy Nall. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at St. Paul’s Lutheran Church with the Rev. Daniel Galchutt officiating. Burial will be at the church cemetery. Visitation will be from 3 to 8 p.m. today at the Van Campen Funeral Home in Haven, with the family present from 6 to 7 p.m. Memorials are suggested to the church building fund or to the Haven Ambulance in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Van Campen Funeral Home 102 No. Wichita / P.O. box 217 Haven, KS 67543 620-465-3511 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 6, 2006

Virginia K. Shearrer

LARNED — Virginia K. Shearrer, 63, died June 5 at Via Christi Regional Medical Center St. Francis Campus in Wichita. Service is pending and will be announced by Beckwith Mortuary Inc. in Larned. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 6, 2006 Mary Ruth Andress 1936 - 2006 GREENSBURG — Mary Ruth Andress, 70, died Monday, June 5, 2006, in Wichita, Kan. She was born Jan. 20, 1936, in Pratt, Kan., the daughter of Ralph and Betty (White) Warta of Newton, Kans. She was a retired maintenance supervisor for the J.C. Penny Company, and resident of Great Bend since moving from Salina in 1962. She married Charles Andress on June 16, 1959, in Great Bend, Kan. She survives her parents, three siblings, eight grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren. Memorial services will be held at 1 lam. Monday at St. Patrick Church of Great Bend with the Rev Gary Brooks presiding. Burial will be at 3:30 p.m. at the Brookville City Cemetery, Brookville, with Military Rites conducted by the Fort Riley Honor Guard. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday. Memorials are suggested to the United Methodist Church in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Fleener Funeral Home* P.O. Box 763 Greensburg, KS 67504 620-723-2741 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 6, 2006

June 4, 2006

Frances Mary Koett 1913 - 2006

Frances Mary Koett, 93, of Great Bend died June 1 at the Central Kansas medical Center in Great Bend. She was born Jan. 29, 1913, in Kinsley, the daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth Hahn Schmittle. She married Lawrence Koett on April 16, 1940, in Kinsley. He preceded her in death on May 31, 1978. She was a homemaker and resident of Great Bend coming from Larned in 1987. Mrs. Koett was a member of the Catholic Community of Great Bend at St. Patrick, Altar Society and Daughters of Isabella. Survivors include two sons, Larry Koett of Owensboro, Ky., Ron Koett of Bradenton, Fla.; three daughters, Marilyn and husband Harold Hammerschmidt of Littleton Colo., Dolores McConnaugly, of Great Bend, and Imelda Koett of Olney Md.; nine grandchildren Ken, Bobbie Gretchen, Kevin, Brian, Nicki, Suzzane, Deanna and Chris; eight great-grandchildren Ethan, Tyler, Karis, Ashley, Tyler, Katelyn, Gaven, and Emma. She was preceded in death by three brothers, Joe, Austin, and Robert Schmitt, and two sisters Florence Solomon and Marcella Koett, and a grandson Scott Koett. Altar Society Rosary will be at 4 p.m. today with vigil service at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Bryant Funeral Home. Visitation will be from 1 to 9 p.m. today at the funeral home. Funeral service will be at 9 a.m. Monday at St. Patrick Church of Great Bend with the Revs. Ted Stoecklin and Steven Scheier presiding. Burial will follow at 11 a.m. at the Bel Pre Cemetery in Bel Pre. Memorials are suggested to the 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 6, 2006

June 2, 2006

Cloyd Peterson 1920 - 2006

Cloyd Peterson, 85, of Great Bend died June 3 at the Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. He was born Sept. 15, 1920, at Hoxie, the son of Louis and Clair Pittaway Peterson. He was a retired maintenance supervisor for the J.C. Penney Company, and resident of Great Bend since moving from Salina in 1962. He married Dorothy Warta on June 16, 1944, in Salina. She survives. Mr. Peterson was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Great Bend, and a U.S. Army Veteran of World War II landing on Normandy Beach and receiving the Purple Heart. Survivors include his wife, three sons Eugene “Gene” Peterson of Salina, Doug Peterson of Wichita, and Warren Peterson of Great Bend; eight grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by three brothers Gene, Pete, and John Peterson; and two sisters Edith Brady and Lillian Cole. Funeral service will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday at the Bryant Funeral Home with the Rev Gary Brooks presiding. Burial will be at 3:30 p.m. at the Brookville City Cemetery, Brookville, with Military Rites conducted by the Fort Riley Honor Guard. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday. Memorials are suggested to the United Methodist 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, June 4, 2006

June 2, 2006

John Steven Frickey 1948 - 2006

ARKANSAS CITY — John Steven Frickey, 57, died May 29 at his home in Arkansas City. He was born Nov. 23, 1948, in McCook, Neb., the son of John Harold and Fiona E. (Davis) Frickey. He attended the Oberlin elementary schools and graduated from McPherson High School. He attended McPherson College and Brown Mackie College in Salina. He married Carol Ann Baker on Nov. 4, 1972, at McPherson. He worked as a truck driver for Groendyke Transport Company, Inc. in McPherson, worked for
Kingsport Regional Medical Center as the Manager of Technical Support in Kingsport, Tenn., and worked for the City of Nashville in computer management in Nashville, Tenn. He had been a resident of Arkansas City since February, coming from McPherson. Frickey was a member of Cherry Street Church of God in McPherson; and Moose Lodge of Hutchinson and Kingsport, Tenn.

Survivors include his wife, Carol; one son, Justin John Frickey of Fort Benning, Ga.; one daughter Jenny J. Frickey of Moundridge; one brother, James Frickey of McPherson; one sister, Judy Shean of Hutchinson; and two grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one sister, Marilyn Mines. Funeral will be at 7 p.m. Monday at Glidden-Ediger Chapel in McPherson with the Revs. Chuck and Andrea Baker officiating. Burial will be at the Oberlin City Cemetery. Friends may call from 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday, with the family present from 3 to 5 p.m. at the chapel. Memorials are suggested to the John Frickey Memorial Fund in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Glidden-Ediger Funeral Home 222 W. Euclid St. McPherson, KS 67460 620-241-2560 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 2, 2006

Barbara Nadine Barry Scheufler 1929 - 2006

VICTORIA — Barbara Nadine Barry Scheufler, 77, died May 31 at St. Johns Rest Home in Victoria. She was born April 27, 1929, at Chautauqua, the daughter of William Bryan Barry and Pauline Mary Sterling. She was a 1947 graduate of Ellinwood High School. She married Max Ladan Scheufler in May 1947, at Great Bend. He died March 23, 1989. A longtime resident of Ellinwood, moving to Victoria, she was a manufacturing laborer at Fuller Brush in Great Bend. Mrs. Scheufler was a member of Ellinwood Saddle Club and Eagles Lodge of Great Bend. Survivors include one brother, Patrick Barry of Bad Vilbel, Germany; two sisters, Dorothy Churchill and Betty Wenke, both of Ellinwood; one nephew, Jerry Wenke; and three nieces, Rozann Espino, Kim Churchill, and Lonna Mead. She was preceded in death by one brother, Lonny; and one nephew, Buck Churchill. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Kimple Funeral Chapel in Ellinwood with the Rev. Vernon Maetzer officiating. Burial will be at the Lakin-Comanche District Cemetery in Ellinwood. Friends may call from 9 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the Barton County Relay for Life or Ronald McDonald House. Funeral arrangements provided by Kimple Funeral Home 113 N. Main Ellinwood, KS 67526 620-564-2300 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 2, 2006

June 1, 2006

Charlie Moore 1940 - 2006

Charlie Moore, 66, of Great Bend died May 30, at his home in Great Bend. He was born Jan. 2, 1940, in Great Bend, the son of Benjamin and Elaine Devine Moore. He married Judy Burgett on Nov. 26, 1960, in Great Bend. She survives. He was a lifetime resident of Great Bend, the owner of Chasmo’s Greyhounds and former owner of A-1 Auto and Truck, and Consolidated Trash. Moore was a member of the Catholic Community of Great Bend, the owner of Chasmo’s Greyhounds and former owner of A-1 Auto and Truck, and Consolidated Trash. Moore was a member of the Catholic Community of Great Bend at St. Rose, the Knights of Columbus in Great Bend, and a member of the National Greyhound Association. Survivors include his wife, mother and step-father Glenn Moore of Albert; two sons Michael Moore and wife Jill, Craig Moore and wife Renea, all of Great Bend; one daughter Shelley Hejny and husband Jim of Galatia; five grandchildren, Brindon Hejny, Justin Hejny, Lake Moore, Luke Moore and Raegan Moore; two step-grandchildren Daniel Immediato, and Brandy Loomis; and two step-great-grandchildren Emma Loomis and Hannah Loomis. He was preceded in death by his father Benjamin Moore and an infant son Charles Edward Moore II. Vigil services with Knights of Columbus Rosary will be at 7 p.m. Friday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church with the Rev. Ted Stoecklein presiding. Burial will follow at the Great Bend cemetery. Visitation will be from 4 to 9 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to Central Kansas Medical Center Foundation for the Benefit of Golden Belt Home Health and Hospice or Great Bend Humane Society, 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, June 1, 2006 July 30, 2006
James L. Feist 1941 - 2006

ELLINWOOD — James L. Feist, 65, died July 27 at Ellinwood District Hospital in Ellinwood. He was born July 25, 1941, in rural Ellinwood, the son of Henry L. and Margaret M. (Heinz) Feist. A graduate of Claflin High School and Fort Hays State University, he was a custodian for the past 10 years at Great Bend High School and had also worked for the Kansas State Highway Department in highway maintenance. Feist was a member of St. Joseph’s Catholic Church and Knights of Columbus No. 1187, both in Ellinwood. He was in the U.S. Air Force. Survivors include his mother of the home, four brothers, Aaron Feist of Sharon Springs, J. Alan Feist of Downs, Donald Feist of Ellinwood and Kenneth Feist of Chetopa; and a sister Marlene Feist of Great Bend. Altar Society Rosary will take place at 3 p.m. with a Vigil Service at 7 p.m. followed by a Knights of Columbus Rosary today at Kimple Funeral Home. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. on Monday at St. Joseph Catholic Church, with the Rev. Charles Mazouch officiating. Burial will be at Sts. Peter and Paul Cemetery, north of Ellinwood. Friends may call from 1 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to St. Joseph’s School Endowment Foundation in care of the funeral home. Kimple Funeral Home 113 N. Main Ellinwood, KS 67526 620-564-2300 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 30, 2006

Raymond “Mick” Chadd 1919 -2006

MANTECA, Calif. — Raymond “Mick” Chadd passed away July 14 at Manteca Care Center located in Manteca, Calif. He was born in Seward, Aug. 11, 1919, to Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Chadd. He was raised in Seward and left in 1941 to join the Army where he stayed for four years. Most of his life he resided in Mountain View, Calif. He was a veteran of World War II. Mick was a car salesman for the majority of his life. Survivors include his brother Dean Chadd of Tulare, Calif.; a nephew Larry Chadd of Macksville; and many nieces and nephews in the California area. He is also survived by Lonnie L. Chadd of Manteca, Calif., his cousin and caregiver for the last seven years. Mick was a very special and giving person who loved deeply and cared for his family. Parkview Funeral Home* Manteca, California 209-982-1611 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 30, 2006

Barbara Leah Allen 1943 - 2006

Barbara Leah Allen, 63, of Great Bend, died July 29 at Hospice House of Reno County in Hutchinson. She was born Feb. 22, 1943, at Sedalia, Mo., the daughter of Chester and Amy Null Feaster. She married Archie G. Allen on Jan. 1, 1963, in Windsor, Mo. She was a homemaker, living in Great Bend for three years, coming from Bozeman, Mont. Survivors include her husband of the home; a son Curtis Allen of Redmond, Wash.; and a daughter Leanna Allen of Seattle, Wash. There will be no visitation, as cremation has taken place. Bryant Funeral Home 1425 Patton Road Great Bend, KS 67530 793-3525 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 30, 2006

Delia M. Blakesley 1912 - 2006

HUTCHINSON — Delia M. Blakesley, 94, formerly of Hays, died July 27 at Dillon Living Center in Hutchinson. She was born June 15, 1912, in Alton, the daughter of James Elum and Louise Maude (Wertenburger) Bull. On June 15, 1931, she married Vernon M. Blakesley. Delia was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Hays, the United Methodist Women and was active as a senior companion and Hadley Hospital Auxiliary volunteer. Survivors include a son Claude R. Blakesley; a daughter Louisa B. Morain; a sister Dorothy Skalla.

Jack L. Neighbors 1933 - 2006

No. 3111 and the Masonic Lodge. He helped build the first race track in Great Bend and the Aviation Club in Great Bend. Survivors include his wife Kay Neighbors of the home; five sons, Brad Neighbors of Boise, Idaho, Brett Neighbors of El Dorado, Brian Wilson, of Enid, Okla., Kent Bowersox of Hesperia, Calif., and Arthur Bowersox of Shawnee, Okla.; three daughters, Breta Neighbors of Wichita, Laryssa Howard of Burlington, Colo., and Jana Britt of Great Bend; a sister Betty Tarman of Brush, Colo.; 15 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a brother Jim Neighbors and a sister Dorothy Skalla.

Funeral will be at 10 a.m. on Saturday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend, with the Rev. Phil Tarman officiating. Burial will take place at Great Bend Cemetery North in Great Bend. There will be no visitation as cremation has taken place.

Memorials are suggested to Barton County Relay for Life in care of the funeral home. Bryant Funeral Home† 1425 Patton Road Great Bend, KS 67530 793-3525 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 30, 2006

July 28, 2006

Alice A. Ward 1941 - 2006
HOISINGTON - Alice A. Ward, 65, died July 18, at Via Christi Regional Medical Center St. Francis, Wichita. She was born May 29, 1941 in Odin, the daughter of W. J. Gerritzen and Mary Zeman Gerritzen. She married Milton B. Ward Jan. 27, 1961 in Salina. He preceded her in death on July 27, 1999. A resident of Hoisington after moving from Hutchinson in 2001, she was a cook and caregiver for the mentally handicapped.

Mrs. Ward was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Hoisington, A.A. since 1970, and Big Sisters. Formerly a member of the Kansas Activity Directors Association. Survivors include three sons Steve B. Ward, Robert M. Ward both of Hutchinson, and Mark G. Ward of Salina; one brother, Leo Gerritzen of Denver, Colo.; five sisters Frances Aumiller, Mary Alexander, both of Hutchinson, Margaret Bieberle of Lorraine, Virginia Gross of Little River, and Dorothy Jordan of O'Fallon Mo.; eight grandchildren and two great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by three brothers William A., Lawrence and Francis Gerritzen.

Funeral services will be at 7:30 p.m. Saturday at the church with the Rev. Wayne Flanders officiating. Inurnment will be at Holsapple Freeman Cemetery in St. Clair County. There will be no visitation. Memorials are suggested to the Hoisington Food Bank in care of Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home.

Funeral arrangements provided by
Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home
415 North Main
Hoisington, KS. 67544
620-653-4165

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Boese was a World War II Army veteran.

Survivors include three sons Dwight W. Boese of Ellinwood, Douglas E. Boese of Auburn, Wash., and Delbert S. Boese of Luka; one daughter, Debra Gassmann, of McKinley, Ill.; one brother, Dr. Kenneth Boese of Manhattan, 11 grandchildren, 21 great grandchildren, and three great-great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a son, Duane H. Boese.

Graveside services will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at the Hoisington Cemetery, Hoisington with the Rev. Dale Curtis presiding. Military graveside rites will be by Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 7428, and American Legion Post No.286. Visitations will be from 1 to 8 p.m. Sunday at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home, Hoisington. Memorials can be made to the Christian Motorcycle Association 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, July 28, 2006

Jack Neighbors

Jack Neighbors, 73, Great Bend died July 27, at Hutchinson Hospital, Hutchinson. Arrangements are pending with Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend.

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July 27, 2006

Marguerite Maria Lynch 1908 - 2006

Marguerite Prather was born to Charles Daniel and Maude May (Jones) Prather on May 5, 1908 in Billings, Mont. where her father was a stock raiser and cattle buyer for the bank. She was raised on the Eagle Rock Ranch, Musselshell, Mont., where her mother ran a stagecoach stop in addition to ranch work. Marguerite and her older sister, Elsie, picked chokecherries, buffalo berries, and service berries and made jellies that they sold to stagecoach passengers. They and their brother Tom were educated on the ranch by a hired teacher. When she was around twelve years of age her mother and the three children left the ranch and made their way first to Collinsville, Okla. Later they moved to Wayside where she completed high school and met her future husband. After high school she completed one year of teacher training at Pittsburgh Teachers College in Kansas. She taught elementary school from 1927 – 1929 in a one room school near Wayside. In 1930, she returned to the ranch with her mother and taught high school at Melstone, Mont. where she was also coach for the girl’s basketball team. It was not uncommon for her to break her way through snow drifts on the way to school in a Model A.

She married Ben Spencer Lynch on June 18, 1931 in Forsyth, Mont. They returned to Wayside where she taught elementary school from 1932-1935. Their first son, Dennis Lee was born in 1937, followed by Jerry Pat in 1939 at Coffeyville. During World War II the family moved to Oregon where daughter Lynda Lou was born in 1944. She returned to elementary school teaching in 1947 at Welches, Ore. She taught there until 1952 when the family moved to Springfield, Ore. where she taught. In 1954, she was among the first to begin teaching special education in public schools, this time in Great Bend. She completed a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education in 1958 at Fort Hays State College and a Master of Science in Special Education in 1964. This was done while she was also employed as a full time special education teacher. In 1984-85 she was Director of Special Education
in Topeka schools. Following the death of her husband in 1965, she moved to Fort Collins, Colo. and taught special education in Poudre R-1 schools. She became Assistant Director of Special Education for the Colorado Department of Education 1967-1972. She then directed special education programs for the Board of Cooperative Services, Fort Morgan, Colo. She was appointed an Instructor in Special Education at the University of Idaho, where she taught for several years prior to retirement. She authored several publications on classes for educationally handicapped and identifying potential learning disabilities in children. She was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, Delta Kappa Gamma, and the American Association of University Women. She retired to Loveland, Colo. and was active in Faith Evangelical Presbyterian Church ladies groups. She is survived by her children and their spouses as well as four grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. A Funeral Service was held July 25, at Allnutt-Hunter Chapel. Intermont was at the family plot at Harrisonville Cemetery, Kan. next to her strongest supporter and faithful husband, Ben Lynch. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Larimer County in care of Allnutt-Hunter Chapel. Please view the online obituary, send condolences and sign the family guest book at www.allnutt.com. Funeral arrangements provided by Allnutt Hunter Chapel.

July 26, 2006

Pearl C. Mettscher 1908 - 2006

HUTCHINSON — Pearl C. Mettscher, 97, died July 21 at Thorne Care Center in Hutchinson. She was born Sept. 30, 1908, in Dighton, the daughter of Pearl and Elfie Seaman Clark. She married Henry G. Mettscher on July 10, 1927, in Hudson. He died Dec. 15, 1983. She was a homemaker and a resident of Hutchinson since moving from western Kansas in 1931. Mrs. Mettscher was a member of the First Church of the Nazarene in Hutchinson. Survivors include two sons Marvin Mettscher of Hutchinson, and Ivan Mettscher of Great Bend, one daughter Joan “Jodie” Taylor of Hutchinson, five grandchildren, 11 great grandchildren, and 4 great-great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a brother Clifford Clark and sisters Margaret, Marjorie, Greta, and twin Murel Anna Smith. Funeral services were Monday July 24 at the church with the Rev. R. Kendall Franklin presiding. Burial was at Trinity cemetery. Memorials are suggested to the First Church of the Nazarene in care of Elliott Mortuary. Funeral arrangements provided by Elliot Mortuary.

July 26, 2006

Judith Rose (Herrmann) Cross 1956 - 2006

LEWIS — Judith Rose (Herrmann) Cross, 49, died July 23 at the SouthWind Hospice House in Pratt, after bravely battling breast cancer since September 2005. She was born Sept. 7, 1956, in Kinsley, the daughter of Joe H. and Rosemary E. Miller Herrmann. A resident of Lewis for 14 years, she was a homemaker and ranch manager. Mrs. Cross was a member of St. Bernard’s Catholic Church in Belgrade, Franklin FCE, the American Quarter Horse Association and Edwards County Soil Conservation. On Aug. 4, 1992, she married Robert L. Cross at Lewis. He survives. Other survivors include: a son, Gage of the home; Rosemary E. Johnston; two nephews, Joe Steven and John Herrmann of Stowe; and many uncles, aunts, cousins and dear friends. She was preceded in death by her father and two brothers, Terrance and Jerome. Funeral services were Monday July 24 at the church with the Rev. Robert Castile, First Church of the Nazarene officiating. Interment will be at the Great Bend city cemetery. Memorials are suggested to the First Church of the Nazarene in care of Elliott Mortuary. Funeral arrangements provided by Elliot Mortuary.

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Gary Ellis both of Great Bend, one niece, and six nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and sister-in-law Vera Mae Beckwith. Funeral Services will be 10 a.m. Friday at Charter Funeral Chapel in Great Bend with Rev. Robert Castile, First Church of the Nazarene officiating. Interment will be at the family plot at Harrisonville Cemetery, Kan. next to her strongest supporter and faithful husband, Ben Lynch. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Larimer County in care of Allnutt-Hunter Chapel. Please view the online obituary, send condolences and sign the family guest book at www.allnutt.com. Funeral arrangements provided by Allnutt Hunter Chapel.

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P.O. Box 477, Larned, Kan. 67550 620-285-2121 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 26, 2006

Walter Holly Ellis 1940 - 2006

Walter Holly Ellis, 65, of Great Bend died July 24 at the Central Kansas Medical Center, Great Bend. He was born Oct. 31, 1940 in Texarkana, Ark., the son of Richard and Lucile Mae (Titsworth) Ellis. He married Yoshie, March 11, 1963 in Fukuoka, Japan. She survives. He was a resident of Great Bend and worked at Great Bend Packing, and Essex Group Inc. Mr. Ellis was a member of the American Legion Post #180, and served in the Navy for 20 years. Survivors include, his wife, two brothers Jimmy Ellis and Gary Ellis both of Great Bend, one niece, and six nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and sister-in-law Vera Mae Ellis. Funeral Services will be 10 a.m. Friday at Charter Funeral Chapel in Great Bend with Rev. Robert Castile, First Church of the Nazarene officiating. Intermont will be at the Great Bend city cemetery. Visitation will be from noon to 5 p.m. Thursday with the family receiving friends from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the American Cancer Society, or to the American Heart Association. Funeral arrangements provided by Charter Funeral Home.

July 26, 2006

Anna Bell Brewer 1914 - 2006

LARNED — Anna Bell Brewer, 91, died July 23 at St. Joseph Memorial Hospital, Larned. She was born July 25, 1914, in Heflin, La., the daughter of Make and Sarah Collins White. She married James G. Brewer. He died March 25, 1985. She was a homemaker and resident of Larned since 1946. Mrs. Brewer was a member of the Escue Chapel CME Church and Welcome Inn Seniors both of Larned. Survivors include 1 son, Bishop Moore, of Larned; 11 grandchildren, 18 great grandchildren; and 6 great-great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a son, Jean Moore and 2 daughters, Sarah Hutcherson and Rosa Newhouse; 7 brothers and 4 sisters. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Morell Funeral Home, in Larned with the Rev. Anthony Hill and Rev. Damon Bradley officiating. Burial will be in the Larned Cemetery. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Wednesday and Thursday at the funeral home. Memorials may be sent to the church in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Morell Funeral Home.

July 25, 2006

Margaret C. Hedge 1931 - 2006

WAKEENEY — Margaret C. Hedge, 75, who died July 23, is preceded in death by 2 great-grandchildren, Tatan McDermott and Nathanial Burbach. Funeral Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Morell Funeral Home, in Larned with the Rev. Anthony Hill and Rev. Damon Bradley officiating. Burial will be in the Larned Cemetery. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Wednesday and Thursday at the funeral home. Memorials may be sent to the church in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Morell Funeral Home.

July 25, 2006

Margaret C. Hedge 1931 - 2006

WAKEENEY — Margaret C. Hedge, 75, who died July 23, is preceded in death by 2 great-grandchildren, Tatan McDermott and Nathanial Burbach. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 26, 2006

July 27, 2006

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 27, 2006
Terry Martin McGreevy 1941 - 2006

LYONS — Terry Martin McGreevy, 64, died July 21 at Lyons as the result of an auto accident. He was born Dec. 14, 1941, at Canton, Okla., to Carl and Gladys (Edsall) McGreevy. A resident of Lyons since his retirement in 1996, he was a teacher, coach and administrator at Buffalo, Okla., St. John-Hudson, Rosehill and Ellinwood Schools. He graduated high school in 1960 at Canton, Okla., and received his bachelor's and master’s degrees in education from Southwestern Oklahoma State University, Weatherford, Okla.

McGreevy served in the U.S. Navy from 1960 to 1964 on the USS Midway. He was a member of the Central Community Church in Wichita, the Kansas Association of Retired School Principals and the Lyons American Legion Post No. 28.

On Nov. 4, 1960, he married Yvonne King at Watonga, Okla. She survives, of the home. Other survivors include: a son, Kyle McGreevy and wife Tami and children Kyli and Jace of Ellsworth; a daughter, Darla McGreevy and children Alicia, Jarett and Krista of Lyons; and two sisters, Judy Pyron of Weatherford, Okla., and Mary Bailey of Gracemont, Okla.

Funeral will be at 11 a.m. today at the Christian Church in Lyons, with Pastors Tom Eastman and Linda Toms presiding. Burial will be in the Lyons Cemetery in Lyons. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. until service time today at Christian Church in Lyons. Memorials may be sent to the Kansas State University Center for Basic Cancer Research or Reno County Hospice, both in care of Minnis Chapel in St. John.

Funeral arrangements provided by
Minnis Chapel
526 E. 4th St.
St. John, Kan. 67576
620-549-3556

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 25, 2006

Penny Jane McClung 1948 - 2006

ATTICA — Penny Jane McClung, 58, died July 21 at her home in Attica. She was born July 2, 1948, in Great Bend, the daughter of Jesse Glenn and Bessie Omelia (Smith) Neal. She married Perry McClung on Dec. 22, 1970, at Wichita. She was a homemaker.

Survivors include her husband, of the home; one son, Patrick Dean McClung of Booneville, Ark.; two brothers, Cecil Neal of Odgeon, Wis., and Willis Neal of Overland Park; three sisters, Glenna Neal Schneedes of Tribune, Sally Neal Hager of Claflin and Phyliss Neal Luerman of Hoisington; and one granddaughter. She was preceded in death by one brother, Bill Neal; and two sisters, Twila Neal Smith and Jessie Neal Kasselbaum.

Graveside services were at 2 p.m. Monday at the Attica Cemetery, with the Rev. Jeri Smith officiating. Memorials are suggested to the Penny McClung Memorial Fund, in care of Prairie Rose Funeral Home, Williams Chapel, 602 E. Main St., Anthony, KS 67003.

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 25, 2006

Judith Rose (Herrmann) Cross 1956 - 2006

LEWIS — Judith Rose (Herrmann) Cross, 49, died July 23 at the SouthWind Hospice House in Pratt, after bravely battling breast cancer since September 2005. She was born Sept. 7, 1956, in Kinsley, the daughter of Joe H. and Rosemary E. Miller Herrmann. A resident of Lewis for 14 years, she was a homemaker and ranch manager.

Mrs. Cross was a member of St. Bernard’s Catholic Church in Belpre, Franklin FCE, the American Quarter Horse Association and Edwards County Soil Conservation.


Other survivors include: a son, Gage of the home; two brothers, Steven and wife Catherine Herrmann of Stowe, Mass., and Joe and wife Julie of Johnston, Iowa; a sister-in-law, Dora Herrmann of Las Vegas, Nev.; three nieces, Alex Herrmann of Stowe, Jennifer and Jana Herrmann of Johnston; two nephews, Joe Steven and John Herrmann of Stowe; and many uncles, aunts, cousins and dear friends. She was preceded in death by her father and two brothers, Terrance and Jerome.

Funeral Mass will be at 2 p.m. on Wednesday at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Larned, with Father Bernard Felix presiding. Please join the family for refreshments after the service. Friends may sign the register from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. today at Beckwith Mortuary Chapel in Larned. Private burial will be held at a later time. Memorials may be sent to the St. Nicholas School or SouthWind Hospice or the donors’ choice, in care of the funeral home. This notice may be viewed and condolences left at www.beckwithmortuary.com.

Funeral arrangements provided by Beckwith Mortuary, Inc.*
P.O. Box 477, Larned, Kan. 67550 620-285-2121 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 25, 2006

Anna Bell Brewer

LARNED — Anna Bell Brewer, 89, died July 23 at St. Joseph Memorial Hospital in Larned. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Morell Funeral Home in Larned.

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 25, 2006

Margaret C. Hedge 1931 - 2006

WAKEENEY — Margaret C. Hedge, 75, died July 23 at Trego Lemke Memorial Hospital in WaKeeney. She was born on July 23, 1931, in Park, the daughter of Andrew and Teresa (Foster) Weber. She divorced her first husband Buel Taylor and on Oct. 25, 1974, she married Everett C. Hedge in Phillipsburg. He died on Feb. 17, 1979. A waitress and cook at Quality Cafe in WaKeeney, she retired in 2003.

Mrs. Hedge was a member of the WaKeeney Fraternal Order of Eagles No. 3774 Auxiliary and the Senior Companions Program at Fort Hayes State University.
Survivors include two sons, Jerry Taylor of Fulton, Mo., and Jim Hedge of Lincoln; six daughters, Shirley Eichman of WaKeeney, Linda Reynolds of Rotan, Texas, Donna Buchholz of Plainville, Cindy Hashenberger of Plainville, Susan Boyle of Hoisington and Patricia Anderson of Great Bend; 15 grandchildren; and 21 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a daughter, Margaret Mary Chase; a grandchild, Shelly Eichman; a brother, Leo Weber; and two sisters, Nettie Hahn and Agnes Weber.

Funeral will be at 10 a.m. on Thursday at Schmitt Funeral Home in WaKeeney, with the Rev. Harold Demoret officiating. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday at the funeral home. Interment will be at Memorial Lawn Cemetery in Hill City. Memorials are suggested to the Lutheran Home in care of the funeral home.

Funeral arrangements provided by Schmitt Funeral Home
336 N. 12th
WaKeeney, Kan. 67672
785-743-6761

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 25, 2006

Robert R. Jordan 1926 - 2006


Jordan served in World War II from 1944 to 1946, in Germany.

Survivors include his wife of the home; a daughter, Connie Brockhausen of Great Bend; a son, Dr. Stephen Jordan of Cape Girardeau, Mo.; two brothers; four sisters; five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

A graveside service will at 11 a.m. on Wednesday at Fairview Cemetery in Phillipsburg. A memorial service will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday at First Christian Church in Great Bend, with Dr. Paxton Jones, Kansas Deputy Regional Minister, and the Rev. William (Bill) Johnson officiating. Memorials are suggested to First Christian Church Scholarship Fund, 5230 Broadway, Great Bend, KS 67530.

Funeral arrangements provided by Olliff-Boeve Memorial Chapel
P.O. Box 563,
Phillipsburg, Kan. 67661
785-543-5311

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 25, 2006

Richard LeRoy McMillan 1927 - 2006

GARDEN CITY — Richard LeRoy McMillan, 79, died July 22 at St. Catherine Hospital in Garden City. He was born June 3, 1927, in Trego County, the son of Robert Carl and Leona Fern (Squire) McMillan. He married Kathleen Stickney on Feb. 17, 1951, at Hoisington. A graduate of Hoisington High School and the University of Kansas, he moved to Garden City in 1959 and was the owner/operator of McMillan Plumbing, Electric, Heating and Air Conditioning.

McMillan was a member of St. Mary Catholic Church, the Knights of Columbus and Harry H. Renick American Legion Post No. 9, all of Garden City. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict and as a member of the Finney County Sheriff's Posse for many years.

Survivors include his wife, of the home; his mother, Leona McMillan; 10 sons, Stan McMillan of Louisville, Colo., Fred McMillan, Mark McMillan, Sam McMillan and Charles McMillan, all of Garden City, Ricki McMillan of Minneapolis, Minn., Randy McMillan, stationed in Iraq; Rod McMillan, Los Angeles, Calif., James McMillan, Montezuma, and Peter McMillan, Lawrence; five daughters, Marcy Sim of Los Angeles, Calif., Judy Smith of Holcomb, Ceci Van Voorhees, San Francisco, Calif., Teresa Prochaska, Lawrence, and Mary Beth Pinkney, Garden City; a brother, Wayne McMillan, Garden City; 35 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

A vigil service will take place at 8 p.m. today at the church, with the funeral Mass at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, with the Rev. James E. Baker officiating. Burial will be at Valley View Cemetery in Garden City. Memorials are suggested to St. Mary School Endowment or Emmaus House, in care of Garnand Funeral Home in Garden City.

Funeral arrangements provided by Garnand Funeral Home
412 N. 7th St.
Garden City, KS 67846
620-276-3219

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 25, 2006

Sharon Kay Contrerez 1948 - 2006

LARNED — Sharon Kay Contrerez, 57, died July 20 at the Hutchinson Hospital in Hutchinson. She was born Nov. 12, 1948, in Salida, Colo., the daughter of Donald Edwin and Ruby Helen Martin Hollister. On Oct. 20, 1969, she married Steven Contrerez at Kinsley. A longtime resident of Larned, Kinsley and Great Bend, she was a cashier at Wal-Mart of Great Bend. Survivors include her husband of the home; a son, Steven Lee Contrerez, and a daughter, Shawna Kay Contrerez, both of the home; four sisters, Joyce Hollister of Caldwell, Idaho, and Linda Cunningham, Juanita Lemon and Melody Gibson, all of Larned. She was preceded in death by a brother, Craig Hollister. Funeral was on Monday at Beckwith Mortuary Chapel in Larned, with the Rev. Mark Cowell presiding. Burial was in Larned Cemetery in Larned. Memorials may be sent to the American Cancer Society in care of the funeral home.

Funeral arrangements provided by Beckwith Mortuary, Inc.
July 23, 2006

Terry Martin McGreevy

Terry Martin McGreevy, 64, died July 21, 2006, at Lyons. Funeral arrangements are pending and will be announced by Minniss Chapel Inc. in St. John.

Paul F. Dolechek 1914 - 2006

HOISINGTON — Paul F. Dolechek, 92, died July 21 at Clara Barton Hospital in Hoisington. He was born June 29, 1914, in Dubuque, Kan., the son of Paul and Anna Weber Dolechek. He married Teresa Miller on May 27, 1941, at Claffin. A retired farmer and stockman, he was a lifelong resident of Barton County, moving to Hoisington in 1974. Dolechek was a member of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church and Knights of Columbus, both of Hoisington. Survivors include his wife, of the home; son Danny Dolechek of Hoisington; four daughters, Carol Schreiber and husband Joe of Arlington, Texas, Connie Peterson and husband Bob of Albert, Joni Lawrence and husband Brian of Lawrence, and Paula Lumley and husband David of Olpe; a sister, Theresa Ney of Hoisington; 13 grandchildren and three step-grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren and four step-great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by four brothers and eight sisters. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Hoisington with Father Meinrad Miller and Father Pascal Klein officiating. A family rosary will be at 7:30 tonight and a vigil service at 7 p.m. Monday, followed by the Knights of Columbus rosary, all at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. Burial will be at St. John Church Cemetery in Hoisington. Friends may call from 1 to 8 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the St. John Church Cemetery Fund or Kans for Kids, 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, 2006

Hattie Tinkel 1919-2006

Hattie Tinkel, 86, of Great Bend, died July 20 at Kansas Heart Hospital in Wichita. She was born Oct. 15, 1919, at Odin, the daughter of Nicholaus and Emilia Penka Tockert. She married Anthony Tinkel on April 18, 1945, at Odin. He died Jan. 11, 1966. A longtime resident of Great Bend, moving from Claflin, she was a retired hostess for the Holiday Inn in Great Bend. Mrs. Tinkel was a member of the Catholic Community of Great Bend and St. Rose Altar Society, both of Great Bend. Survivors include a son Jerry and his wife Jill Tinkel, Topeka; four daughters, Carol Hazen and husband Doc, Gloverville, N.Y., Mary Lou Letourneau and husband Rich, Claflin, Jolene Clarke and husband Bill, McPherson, and Dolores Nienke and husband, Fred, Harding, Ill.; 15 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by four brothers and eight sisters. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Claflin with Father Charles Mazouch officiating. A family rosary will be at 7:30 tonight and a vigil service at 7 p.m. today at the Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. Burial will be at Claflin Cemetery in Claflin. Friends may call from 1 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church or Great Bend 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, July 23, 2006

Eugene Robert Hurst 1933 - 2006

NEWTON — Robert Eugene Hurst, 72, died July 21 at his home in Newton. He was born Dec. 22, 1933, at Albert, the son of William “Tim” and Hilda Matilda (Trower) Hurst. He was a 1952 graduate of Great Bend High School. On Oct. 16, 1969, he married Thelma and Eugene later had one son together. Eugene retired as a manager for Wonder Bread in 1994. He was a member of the former Peace Lutheran Church in Newton and sang in the church choir. He enjoyed completing puzzles and following his sports teams, the Denver Broncos and St. Louis Cardinals. Eugene entertained children and adults by playing Santa Claus for many years. He greatly enjoyed spending time with his wife, children and their families, and with his many friends. He was a U.S. Navy veteran. Survivors include his wife, Thelma Hurst, of the home; son John F. Crotts of Great Bend; son Craig and Trisha Hurst of Great Bend; daughter Debbie Wheat and Pete Reyes of Albuquerque, N.M.; daughter Sonya and Reuben Gomez of Brandon, Miss.; brother Walter “Walt” Hurst of Las Vegas, Nev.; sister Dorothy “Dot” Tourneur of Great Bend; 21 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his father, William “Tim” Hurst; mother, Hilda Matilda Hurts; and grandson Darren Blackburn.

Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Petersen Funeral Home in Newton, with the Rev. Mike Fibrinz of Trinity Lutheran Church in McPherson officiating. Burial will be at Greenwood Cemetery in Newton. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, and from 1 to 9 p.m. Tuesday, all at Petersen Funeral Home in Newton. The family will receive friends at the funeral home from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Tuesday.

Memorials are suggested to Hospice Care of Kansas, 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, July 23, 2006

July 21, 2006

James R. “Jim” Rainbolt 1924-2006

LARNED - James R. “Jim” Rainbolt, 82, died July 19 at St. Joseph Long Term Care in Larned. He was born March 31, 1924, at Garfield, the son of Clyde K. and Laura V. Randles Rainbolt. He was a longtime resident of Larned and was self-
employed as a dirt contractor.

Mr. Rainbolt belonged to the First United Methodist Church, Ft. Larned Lions Club and past USD 495 school board member all of Larned, and was a member of the Eagles Lodge in Great Bend.

On Sept. 24, 1950, he married Joan R. Flick at Pawnee Rock. She survives. Survivors include three sons Randy and wife Debbie, Gary and wife Terry, and Kale all of Larned; two brothers Clyde of Pocomoke City, Tenn.; one sister, Ethel Petersily of Topeka, six grandchildren, James, April, Garrett, Karlee, Kiah, Onya, and twin great-grandchildren Hayleigh and Taylor. He was preceded in death by a brother, Donald, two sisters, Irene Norwood, and Ruth Syproplis.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at the First United Methodist Church, Larned with Pastor Tim Ault-Duell presiding. Visitation will be from noon until 8 p.m. today, 9 a.m. until 8 p.m. on Saturday and from noon until 8 p.m. Sunday at Morrell Funeral Home, Larned. The family will receive friends from 6 until 7 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home. Burial will be in Pawnee Rock Cemetery. Memorials may be sent to the church in care of the funeral home.

Funeral arrangements provided by
Morrell Funeral Home
1021 Broadway
Larned, KS 67550
620-28-2489
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 21, 2006

July 20, 2006

James R. Rainbolt

LARNED — James R. Rainbolt, 82, died July 19 at St. Joseph Long Term Care in Larned. Services are pending with Morell Funeral Home in Larned.
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 20, 2006

Rosezella “Rosie” I. Cruth 1931-2006

STERLING — Rosezella ‘Rosie’ I. Cruth, 75, died July 18 at her residence in Sterling. She was born on Feb. 23, 1931, in Hutchinson, the daughter of Harvey and Emma White Postier. She married Robert “Bob” Cruth on June 13, 1948, in Hutchinson. A longtime Sterling resident, she was a homemaker.

Mrs. Cruth was a member of the Calvary Baptist Church, Silver Threads and Friendship Meals, all of Sterling. She was also a Silver Hair Legislator, a long-term care ombudsman, and PTA member.
Survivors include her husband of the home; three daughters, Penny Dill of Colorado Springs, Colo., Brenda Dabelko of Colorado Springs and Becky Boeken of Sterling; seven grandchildren; and 21 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a brother Delmer Postier; two sons-in-law Harvey Boeken and Carl Dill; and a great-grandson Dylan Boeken.

Funeral will be at 2 p.m. on Saturday at the United Presbyterian Church in Sterling, with the Rev. Lloyd Gross officiating. Burial will be in Sterling Community Cemetery in Sterling. Friends may call from 2 to 6 p.m. on Friday at Sillin Funeral Home in Sterling. Memorials are suggested to the Calvary Baptist Church Building Fund in care of the funeral home.
Sillin Funeral Homes & Granite Memorials
7th and Jefferson
Sterling, Kan. 67579
620-278-3531
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 20, 2006

Nicholas “Nick” Stecklein 1928-2006

Nicholas ‘Nick’ Stecklein, 77, of Great Bend and a former longtime Munjor resident, died July 19 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. He was born on Oct. 29, 1928, in Munjor, the son of John and Mary (Wasinger) Stecklein. He was an Army veteran of the Korean Conflict. He married Almeda Kuhn on Feb. 4, 1961, in Victoria. He was a truck driver for Ellis County prior to his retirement and was a member of St. Francis Church in Munjor.
He is survived by his wife, Almeda, of the home in Great Bend; one daughter Jolene Stecklein of Great Bend; one sister-in-law Sylvia Stecklein of Pratt; and by numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. on July 22 at St. Francis Church in Munjor. Burial will be in St. Francis Cemetery in Munjor. Friends may call from 3 to 8 p.m. on Friday and from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. on Saturday at Brock’s North Hill Chapel in Hays. There will be a Parish Vigil Service at 7 p.m. on Friday at the funeral home. The family suggests memorials to St. Francis Church, the American Diabetes Association or for masses.
Brock’s North Hill Chapel*
P.O. Box 86 2509 Vine Street Hays, Kan. 67601 785-625-3215 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 20, 2006 July 19, 2006

Marvin D. Basye 1935-2006

STAFFORD — Marvin D. Basye, 70, died July 13 at his home in rural Stafford. He was born Sept. 30, 1935 at Kanopolis, the son of Richard George and Viola (Kempke) Basye, both deceased. He attended both Hitchman and Holyrood schools. He married Eunice (Brack), now Dreher in Hoisington on Oct. 23, 1955. She survives in Great Bend. He married Pamela (McAfee) King at St. John on Dec. 5, 1980. She survives of the home. He was a resident of Stafford since 1966 coming from Hoisington. He was a retired owner/operator of Basye Well Service in Stafford.

Mr. Basye was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church and River Bend Country Club, both of Brownsville, Texas. He was a member of the Stafford Country Club in Stafford.

Survivors include his wife Pamela Basye of the home; mother Velma (Anderson) Basye of Great Bend; son Aaron King and wife Lisa of Hutchinson; four daughters, Kim Hession of Newton, Gina Gould and husband Steve of Cheney, Amy Harris and husband Jami of Stafford, April Green and husband Darren of Nickerson; seven brothers Dick of Hoisington, Lewis of
Smithville Mo., Del of Kemp, Texas, Jim of Cassville, Mo., Ronnie of Waco, Texas, Dennis of Sedwick, Garlan of Alvin, Texas; two sisters, Janet Stephens of Fairfax, Okla., Jan Martin of Larned, 12 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a son Bryon “Butch” Basye, and two sisters, Roxie and Alissa Basye.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Minnis Chapel in Stafford with Rev. Eric Taylor presiding. Burial will be in the Stafford Cemetery. Visitation will be from 1-8 p.m. today at the Chapel. Memorials are suggested to USD 349 Educational Foundation in care of the funeral home.

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 19, 2006

Alice A. Ward 1941 - 2006

HOISINGTON — Alice A. Ward, 65, died July 18 at Via Christi Regional Medical Center St. Francis Campus in Wichita. She was born May 24, 1941, in Odin, the daughter of W. J. and Mary (Zeman) Gerritzen. She married Milton B. Ward on Jan. 27, 1961, at Salina. He died July 27, 1999. A resident of Hoisington since 2001, coming from Hutchinson, she was a cook and caregiver for the mentally handicapped.

Mrs. Ward was a member of First United Methodist Church in Hoisington; AA since 1970; and Big Sisters. She was a former member of the Kansas Activity Directors Association.

Survivors include three sons, Steve B. Ward, and Robert M. Ward, both of Hutchinson, and Mark G. Ward of Hays; one brother, Leo Gerritzen of Denver, Colo.; five sisters, Frances Aumiller, and Mary Alexander, both of Hutchinson, Margaret Bieverle of Lorraine, Virginia Gross of Little River, and Dorothy Jordan of O’Fallon, Mo.; eight grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by three brothers, William A., Lawrence and Francis Gerritzen.

Following cremation, a memorial service will be held at a later date. Memorials are suggested to the Hoisington Food Bank 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, July 19, 2006

Coette Elaine Litzenberger 1938 - 2006

WAYNOKA, Okla. — Funeral services for Coette Elaine Litzenberger, 67, will be 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, July 19, 2006, at the Waynoka First United Methodist Church with Rev. Marvin Stuckey officiating. Interment will be 3:30 p.m. at the Claflin Cemetery under the direction of Marshall Funeral Home of Alva.

Coette Elaine Litzenberger, daughter of the late Benjamin Theodore and Thelma Elaine (Jacobs) Strube, was born Oct. 2, 1938, in Emporia and passed away July 16, 2006, at Edmond, Oklahoma, at the age of 67 years, 9 months, and 14 days. Coette graduated from Claflin High School. On June 17, 1956, she was united in marriage to Morris Gene Litzenberger at the Methodist Church in Claflin. They lived in Great Bend until 1973 when they moved to Waynoka where they established Litzenberger Construction Company and Exploration where she worked in the office.

She was a member of the Waynoka First United Methodist Church. She was also a member of P. E. O. and the Waynoka Historical Society. She loved to cook and collect cookbooks. She enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren and attending their activities.

Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Morris, in 1996; one son, Scott Litzenberger in 1978; and two brothers, Dale Strube and Robert Strube.

Coette is survived by one son David Litzenberger and his wife, Susan, of Waynoka; one daughter, Shelly Fees and her husband, Scott, of Edmond; five grandchildren, Karissa Litzenberger of Enid, Benjamin, Heath, and Danielle Litzenberger of Waynoka, and Jessica Fees of Edmond, Oklahoma; two brothers, Joseph Strube of Claflin, and Arthur Strube and his wife, Donna, of Claflin; other relatives and friends.

Memorial contributions may be made through the funeral home to the Alzheimer’s Association, the Waynoka FFA, or the Waynoka Historical Society.

Remembrances may be shared with the family at www.marshallfuneralhomes.com.

Funeral arrangements provided by
Marshall Funeral Home
230 Flynn
Alva, OK 73717
580-327-2311
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 19, 2006

July 18, 2006

Terri Lynn (Sanders) Kowalsky 1950 - 2006

ELLINWOOD — Terri Lynn (Sanders) Kowalsky died peacefully at home on July 15. A long-time resident of Barton County, she was born July 10, 1950, in Hays, to Don L. and Agnes (Karlin) Sanders. After graduating from Great Bend High School in 1968, Terri worked for the State of Kansas Department of Motor Vehicles. In 1971, she married Kenneth Kowalsky of Ellinwood, who survives her, along with their two sons Kevin Kowalsky of Hutchinson and Kyle Kowalsky of the home.

Terri devoted her life to family, spending the last 30 years exclusively caring for her son Kyle at home, despite the demands of his autism. Her patience and dedication have always been an inspiration to others.

Terri is survived by a large and loving family: parents Don and Agnes Sanders; sister Sheila Helm and her husband Mark Helm; brothers John Sanders, and Mike Sanders and his wife Jeanette, all of Great Bend, and Richard of Roanoke, Texas; and sister Julia Novak and her husband Phillip Novak of Pleasant Hill, Calif.
She is also survived by nieces Rachel and Sara Linenberger, and Cyandra Sanders, all of Great Bend; niece Takowa Sanders of Wichita; nephew Trevor Sanders of Canon City, Colo.; nieces Katia and Zoe Novak of Pleasant Hill, Calif.; niece Jannea Sanders Wright and husband Chris Wright; grandniece Katie Wright of Arlington, Texas; and nephew J. Michael Sanders and wife Marian of Dallas, Texas.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents Peter and Julia Sander of Victoria and Frank and Elizabeth Karlin of Catherine.

Memorial service will be at 10:30 a.m. on Friday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend, with Father Reginald A. Urban officiating. There will be a private family inurnment at Hillcrest Memorial Park in Great Bend. Memorials are suggested to the Catholic Community of Great Bend or the Terri Kowalsky Memorial Fund for the benefit of autistic children.

Funeral arrangements provided by Bryant Funeral Home*
1425 Patton Rd.
Great Bend, KS 67530
620-793-3525

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 18, 2006

Mary Louise Schmidt 1925 - 2006

Mary Louise Schmidt, 81, formerly of Great Bend, died July 16, at her residence in Salina. She was born April 4, 1925, at Hays, the daughter of John and Cecilia Brull Hertel. She married John Peter Schmidt on Nov. 17, 1948, at Hays. He died on Jan. 7, 2004. She was a homemaker and a home day care provider. She was a resident of Salina for two years, coming from Great Bend, where she had lived since 1952, and from Hays.

Mrs. Schmidt was a member of the Catholic Community of Great Bend at St. Rose, and the Altar Society.
Survivors include one son, Rick Schmidt, Shawnee, Okla.; two daughters, Sharon Smythe and husband Harlan, Salina, and Sheila Schmidt and significant other Clark E. Boeken, San Antonio, Texas; step-brother Donald Hertel, Hays; eight grandchildren, Angela Copeland and husband Nathan, Amber Patterson and husband Craig, Brandon Smythe, Brianna Smythe, Clark Boeken, Kristine Schmidt, Keith Schmidt and Devon Schmidt; and five great-grandchildren, Nashon Copeland, Dayton Copeland, Riley Patterson and Jaxon Schmidt. She was preceded in death by her parents, step-mother Clementine Fross Hertel, and step-brother Ronald Hertel.

Altar Society Rosary will be at 4 p.m. today and Vigil Service at 7 p.m., both at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend.
Funeral will be at 10 a.m. on Wednesday at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Great Bend, with Father Wesley Schawe officiating. Interment will follow at 2:30 p.m. at St. Catherine Cemetery in Catherine, with Father Earl Befort presiding.
Memorials are suggested to Cystinosis Research Network or Hospice of Salina, 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 18, 2006

Louis D. Kottmann 1918 - 2006

LYONS — Louis D. Kottmann, 88, died July 15 at HCA Wesley Medical Center in Wichita. He was born April 15, 1918, at Ellsworth, the son of Daniel H. and Anna L. Vladar Kottmann. A longtime Lyons resident, he was a retired industrial chemist from American Salt Corporation. He was a 1941 Kansas State University graduate with a degree in chemistry. Kottmann was a member of First Baptist Church, past First Baptist Church moderator, boys Sunday School teacher and choir director, and past USD No. 405 Lyons School Board member, all of Lyons.

Survivors include 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, Doris McBride of Manistee, Mich.; 12 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one daughter Margaret A. Dix; a granddaughter, Kimberly Kottmann; and a great-grandson, James Edward Cupp.

Funeral will be at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday at First Baptist Church, Taylor and Dinsmore Ave., Lyons, with the Rev. Gary Karas officiating. Burial will be at the Lyons Municipal Cemetery. Friends may call from 2 to 7 p.m. today at Sillin Funeral Home in Lyons. Memorials are suggested to Cystinosis Research Network or Hospice of Salina, 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, July 18, 2006

Vergil G. Simmons 1917 - 2006

SALINA — Vergil G. Simmons, 86, of Salina, died July 16. Mr. Simmons was born Vergil Glenn on Nov. 27, 1917, in Banner County, Neb. He was a cowboy/auto mechanic/carpenter.

Mr. Simmons was in the United States Army, serving in World War II. He was stationed at Fort Benning, Ga., and was a guard at the Japanese Prisoner Of War camp in the Allutian Islands. He enjoyed gardening, doing handywork, and volunteering at his church.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Donna Jeanne Irvine in 1979.
Survivors include two daughters, Deb Weishaar and husband Jeff of Salina, and Beth Simmons of McPherson; and four grandchildren, Adam, Alec, Alyse and Annie Weishaar of Salina.
Funeral services will be 10 a.m. on Wednesday at the Christ Cathedral Episcopal Church in Salina. Bishop Right
Reverend James Adams, Jr. and Dean Emeritis Timothy E. Kline will officiate. Inurnment will be at 10 a.m. on July 24 at the Mitchell Cemetery in Mitchell, Neb. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. today with family receiving friends from 6 to 8 p.m. at Ryan Mortuary in Salina. Memorials are suggested to the Christ Cathedral Youth Playground Fund. For more information/condolences: visit www.ryanmortuary.com. Funeral arrangements provided by Ryan Mortuary, Inc.* 137 N. Eighth Street Salina, KS 67401 785-825-4242 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 18, 2006

July 16, 2006

Marvin D. Basye 1935-2006

STAFFORD - Marvin D. Basye, 70, died July 13 at his home in rural Stafford. He was born Sept. 30, 1935 at Kanopolis, the son of Richard George and Viola (Kempke) Basye, both deceased. He attended both Hitchman and Holyrood schools. He married Eunice (Brack), now Dreher in Hoisington on Oct. 23, 1955. She survives in Great Bend. He married Pamela (McAfee) King at St. John on Dec. 5, 1980. She survives of the home. He was a resident of Stafford since 1966 coming from Hoisington. He was a retired owner/operator of Bayse Well Service in Stafford. Mr. Bayse was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church and River Bend Country Club, both of Brownsville, Texas. He was a member of the Stafford Country Club in Stafford. Survivors include his wife Pamela Bayse of the home; mother Velma (Anderson) Bayse of Great Bend; son Aaron King and wife Lisa of Hutchinson; four daughters, Kim Hessman of Newton, Gina Gould and husband Steve of Cheney, Amy Harris and husband Jami of Stafford, April Green and husband Darren of Nickerson; seven brothers Dick of Hoisington, Lewis of Smithville Mo., Del of Kemp, Texas, Jim of Casaville, Mo., Ronnie of Waco, Texas, Dennis of Sedwick, Garlan of Alvin, Texas; two sisters, Janet Stephens of Fairfax, Okla., Jan Martin of Larned, 12 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a son Bryon “Butch” Bayse, and two sisters, Roxie and Alissa Bayse. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Minnis Chapel in Stafford with Rev. Eric Taylor presiding. Burial will be in the Stafford Cemetery. Visitation will be from 1 - 8 p.m. today at the Chapel. Memorials are suggested to USD 349 Educational Foundation in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Minnis Chapel, Inc* 125 North Main Stafford, KS 67578 620-234-5261 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 27, 2006

Terri Lynn (Sanders) Kowalsky 1950 - 2006

ELLINWOOD -Terri Lynn (Sanders) Kowalsky, 56, died July 15 at her residence in Ellinwood. Arrangements are pending with Bryant Funeral Home.

Frank Dale Keeslar 1962 - 2006

SILVER SPRINGS, Fla. - Frank Dale Keeslar, 43, died Saturday, July 8, at Munroe Regional Medical Center in Ocala, Fla. He was born Nov. 15, 1962 in Monet, MO to Ruth (Dringmann) & Don Keeslar. He moved from Larned and Great Bend area to Silver Springs Fla., 30 years ago. Survivors include his wife, Tammy Keeslar, Silver Springs; sister, LaVeta Miller, Larned; and brothers, Mike Romo, Great Bend, Don Keeslar Jr., Bill Romo, Lee Basgall, Dale Basgall all of Larned and Brian Johnson, Lawrence. All Faiths Cremation Society, The Villages of Lady Lake, Florida provided information. Private services are being held by the family. Memorials are suggested in lieu of flowers to the donor’s choice. Frank suffered from diabetes, failing eye sight, kidney and heart problems. Funeral Arrangements provided by All Faiths Cremation Society 2 La Grande Blvd. The Villages, Florida 32159 1-800-843-6253 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 16, 2006

July 14, 2006

Wilma Ann Boyer 1931 - 2006

Wilma Ann Boyer, 75, of Great Bend died July 13 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. She was born April 19, 1931, at Hoisington, the son of John and Katherine Zimmerman Herdt. She married Fred Boyer on Nov. 26, 1953, at Hoisington. He died Nov. 21, 1980. She was a homemaker and a lifetime resident of Barton County. Mrs. Boyer was a member of First Assembly of God Church in Great Bend.
Survivors include two sons, Bill Boyer of Springfield, Mass., and Norman Boyer of Great Bend; one sister, Elsie Eagles of Hutchinson; three grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one son, Edward Leon Boyer; three brothers, Elmer Herdt, Herman Herdt and Leonard Herdt; and three sisters, Leona Marie Herdt, Lenora Irene Herdt, and Thelma Lane.

Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Monday at First Assembly of God Church in Great Bend with the Rev. Dwight D. Dozier officiating. Burial will be at the Hoisington Cemetery. Visitation will be Sunday from 1 to 9 p.m. 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, June 14, 2006

ELLINWOOD — Lloyd Wayburn Bryant, 79, died July 12 at his home in Ellinwood. He was born Nov. 1, 1926 at Ellinwood, the son of Delbert W. and Alice Burchart Bryant. He was a 1944 Ellinwood High School graduate and went to Electronics School in Omaha, Neb. He married Dolores Keenan on Nov. 24, 1949, at Seward. A long time Ellinwood resident, formerly of Omaha, Neb., Denver, Colo., and Lee’s Summit, Mo. He was employed by RCA Service Company, Western Electric and owner of Bryant TV and Radio in Ellinwood and owner of Riverside Petroleum.

Mr. Bryant was a member of American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars both of Ellinwood. He was a World War II Army Air Corps veteran serving from 1946 to 1948.

Survivors include his wife, Dolores Bryant of the home; two sons, Robert Bryant of Poulso, Wash., and Patrick Bryant of Derby; one daughter, Cindy Hoss of Overland Park; one mother, Alice Bryant of Ellinwood; one brother, Ralph Bryant of Hutchinson; one sister, Delores Koehn of Newton; five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Virgil and Clarence Bryant.

Funeral will be at 3 p.m. Saturday at Immanuel United Church of Christ in Ellinwood with the Rev. Larry Young and Rev. Charles Mazouch officiating. Burial will be at the Lakin-Comanche District Cemetery in Ellinwood. Friends may call today from 3 to 8 p.m. at Kimple Funeral Home in Ellinwood. Memorials are suggested to the St. Joseph’s School Endowment in Ellinwood.

Funeral arrangements provided by
Kimple Funeral Home
113 N. Main
Ellinwood, KS 67526
620-564-2300
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 14, 2006

Loren R. Nairn 1927 - 2006

Loren R. Nairn, 78, of Great Bend died July 11 at his home in Great Bend. He was born Oct. 24, 1927, at Barton County, the son of John L. and Blanche S. Ewing Nairn. A lifetime resident of Barton County, he was a custodian for the Holiday Inn.

Mr. Nairn was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Great Bend.

Survivors include two brothers, John Wendell Nairn of Arroyo Grande, Calif., and Nolan (Gene) Nairn of Great Bend; and one sister, Elva Petz of Lenexa. He was preceded in death by one brother, Darrell L. Nairn; and five sisters, Fern Walden, Violetta Schwagger, Doris Unruh, Winifred Pierce and Willa Smith.

Graveside service will be at 9 a.m. Monday at the Great Bend Cemetery with the Rev. William F. Johnson officiating.

Survivors include two sisters, Blanche S. Ewing of Ellinwood, and Alice Bryant of Ellinwood; five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one sister, Alice Bryant of Ellinwood; one brother, Ralph Bryant of Hutchinson; one sister, Delores Koehn of Newton; five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Virgil and Clarence Bryant.

Funeral will be at 3 p.m. Saturday at Immanuel United Church of Christ in Ellinwood with the Rev. Larry Young and Rev. Charles Mazouch officiating. Burial will be at the Lakin-Comanche District Cemetery in Ellinwood. Friends may call today from 3 to 8 p.m. at Kimple Funeral Home in Ellinwood. Memorials are suggested to the St. Joseph’s School Endowment in Ellinwood.

Funeral arrangements provided by
Kimple Funeral Home
113 N. Main
Ellinwood, KS 67526
620-564-2300
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 14, 2006

Betty Ruth Campbell 1932 - 2006

Betty Ruth Campbell, 74, of Great Bend died July 13, at the Kansas City Hospice House. She was born February 14, 1932, in Oil City, Okla., the daughter of Tulla Fay and Helen (Wolfe) Brown. She married David Ray Campbell on Feb. 17, 1952 at Yuma, Ariz. He preceded her in death on Sept. 21, 2003. She worked for 35 years at AT&T, Southwestern Bell, and others, retiring in 1989. She was a longtime resident of Great Bend.

Survivors include three sons, James Campbell of Independence, Mo., Michael Campbell, and Billy Campbell, both of Great Bend; one brother, Carol A. Brown of Salem, Ill.; and five grandchildren.

Betty Ruth Campbell, 74, of Great Bend died July 13, at the Kansas City Hospice House. She was born February 14, 1932, in Oil City, Okla., the daughter of Tulla Fay and Helen (Wolfe) Brown. She married David Ray Campbell on Feb. 17, 1952 at Yuma, Ariz. He preceded her in death on Sept. 21, 2003. She worked for 35 years at AT&T, Southwestern Bell, and others, retiring in 1989. She was a longtime resident of Great Bend.

Graveside services will be 10 a.m. Monday at the Hoisington Cemetery, Hoisington. There will be no visitation. Memorials are suggested to the Great Bend Humane Society in care of Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home.

Funeral arrangements provided by
Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home
415 North Main
Hoisington, KS. 67544
620-653-4165
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 14, 2006
July 13, 2006

Mary Agnes Yarmer 1927 - 2006

OLMITZ — Mary Agnes Yarmer, 78, died July 12 at her home in Olmitz. She was born August 24, 1927, in Albert, the daughter of Joseph F. and Stephanie (Bahr) Gleissner. She married Milton Yarmer on May 26, 1948, at Olmitz. She was a homemaker and lifetime resident of Barton County. Mrs. Yarmer was member of St. Ann Catholic Church and the Altar Society in Olmitz. Survivors include her husband Milton of the home; son Melvin Yarmer and wife Donave of Albert; daughter Marlene Hassenplug and husband Michael, of South Coffeyville, Okla.; son Maurice Yarmer and wife Julie, of Galatia; son Michael Yarmer and Sonja of Albert; sisters Margaret Mix, of Great Bend, Mathilda Prusa of Salina, and Marilyn Degenhardt of Great Bend; 12 grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two brothers, Joseph and Martin Gleissner. Funeral services will be at 10 to 10:30 a.m. Saturday at the church with Father Uttan Murphy officiating. Wake service will be at 7:30 p.m. Friday at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. Burial will be at St. Ann Cemetery in Olmitz. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. today, and 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the St. Ann Catholic Church or Otis Emergency Medical Services in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home of Hoisington. 415 North Main Hoisington, KS. 67544 620-285-2177

Lloyd W. Bryant

ELLINWOOD — Lloyd W. Bryant, 79, died July 12 at his home in Ellinwood. Arrangements and survivors information are pending with Kimple Funeral Home in Ellinwood.

July 12, 2006

J. B. “Buck” Mason 1929 - 2006

BURDETT — J. B. “Buck” Mason, 77, died July 9 at Burdett. He was born May 5, 1929, at Avant, Okla., the son of Albert and Alice Morris Mason. A resident of Burdett, he was a retired U.S. Air Force Weather Forecaster and later sold real estate. Mason was a member of Veterans Foreign Wars. Post 7271 and American Legion, both of Larned. Survivors include three daughters, Kathy Mostrom and Glenda Schmidt, both of Burdett, and Margaret Hall of Sonora, Calif.; two brothers; one sister; 12 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; three sons Gary, Michael and Raymond Mason; five brothers; and two sisters. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Friday with visitation from 5 to 8 p.m. tomorrow both at Lakeview Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to the Terri Lynn Anderson Trust Fund, benefiting her children in care of Emprise Bank. Funeral arrangements provided by Lakeview Funeral Home 12100 E. 13th St. Wichita, KS 67206 316-684-8200

July 12, 2006 Herbert H. “Herbie” Bender 1915 - 2006

P.O. Box 124 Larned, KS 67550 620-285-2177 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 12, 2006

Terri Lynn Anderson

WICHITA — Terri Lynn Anderson, 34, died July 10. She was a Certified Nurse Aide. Survivors include her parents, Rudy and Lynda Anderson; her children, Kristopher Charles Paul Anderson, Alexandria Mae-Pauline Anderson; and two brothers, Gary Earl and William “Billy” Charles Anderson. She was preceded in death by her grandparents, two uncles and two aunts. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Friday with visitation from 5 to 8 p.m. tomorrow both at Lakeview Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to the Terri Lynn Anderson Trust Fund, benefiting her children in care of Emprise Bank. Funeral arrangements provided by Lakeview Funeral Home 12100 E. 13th St. Wichita, KS 67206 316-684-8200

July 12, 2006

RUSSELL — Herbert H. “Herbie” Bender, 91, of Russell, died Monday morning, July 10, 2006, at his residence. Herbert was born May 2, 1915, on the family farm south of Russell, the son of Henry, Jr. and Lena (Bender) Bender. He grew up south of town and attended a country school. He left school and started working with his dad on the family farm. He was united in marriage to Viola Mostrom, and the Atlanta Braves. Herbert’s surviving family includes his son, Gerald Bender of Russell; two daughters, Lois Cave of Marysville, Wash. and Eileene Bender of Topeka, sister, Helen Maier of Hays; and one granddaughter, Alicia Cave. He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife Viola on March 5, 2002; three brothers, Thelmer, Albert and Hubert; and two sisters, Thelma Brack and Leah Stoffel. Funeral services are scheduled for 10:30 a.m. Friday at St. John Lutheran Church. Pastor Peter Rupprecht is officiating the service. Interment will follow at the Russell City Cemetery. Visitations will be from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday at Pohlman-Varner-Peeler Mortuary of Russell. The family is present to receive friends from 7 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the mortuary. Memorials have been established with the South Wind Hospice and St. John Lutheran Church. Contributions and condolences may be left with Pohlman-Varner-Peeler Mortuary, which is assisting the family with the arrangements. Funeral arrangements provided by Pohlman - Varner - Peeler Mortuary* 610 N. Maple Russell, KS 67665 785-483-2212 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 12, 2006

July 11, 2006

Waldean Walter Schwien 1924 - 2006

RUSSELL — Waldean Walter Schwien, 81 of Russell died Saturday, July 8, 2006, at the Hays Medical Center in Hays, Kan. 

Randyl William Becker, 52, of Russell, died Saturday, July 8, 2006, at his residence. Randyl was born Dec. 11, 1953, at the Russell Hospital, the son of Wesley William and Lillian Mae (Olsen) Becker. He grew up southwest of Russell and attended country schools. He graduated from Russell High School with the Class of ’72. Randyl was united in marriage to Alice Elaine Street on Aug. 11, 1973, at the First Southern Baptist Church in Russell. Randyl was a farmer and stockman most all of his life. He also was a contract oil pumper starting in the mid ’70s. He worked for the Sale Barn starting in the early ’80s and became the Yard Manager. He was a very dedicated and faithful friend to the Russell community. Randyl was a lifelong member of the Bible Baptist Church of Russell, where he was a Deacon and a board member. He also was a member of the Russell County Farm Bureau where he was the current President, the Russell County Extension Board, the Grant Township Board and the Agco Incorp. Coop Board. He loved collecting eagles, farm toys, coins and belt buckles. He was a big K-State fan. Besides farming, his children and grandchildren were his main interest. His surviving family includes his wife of 32 years, Alice, of the home; children, Brian William Becker and wife Mary of Hesston, Kan. and Julie Ann Robben and husband Shawn of Russell; father and step mother, Wesley and Irene Becker of Russell; sisters, Janet Machin and Sharon Weese both of Russell, Deanne Mills of Liberal, Kan. and Cathy Stiebens of McPherson, Kan.; and three grandchildren, Taylor, Kailey and Sophia. He was preceded in death by his mother. Celebration of Randyl’s Life is scheduled for 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at St. Johns Lutheran Church. Pastor Dale Lane will be officiating. Interment will follow at Russell City Cemetery. Visitation will be from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Bible Baptist Church of Russell. The family will be present to greet family and friends from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Bible Baptist Church. A memorial has been established with the St. John’s Lutheran Church of Russell. Contributions and condolences may be left with Pohlman-Varner-Peeler Mortuary, which is assisting the family with arrangements. Funeral arrangements provided by Pohlman - Varner - Peeler Mortuary* 610 N. Maple Russell, KS 67665 785-483-2212 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 11, 2006

HOISINGTON — Clara C. Wilhelm, 89, died July 9 at Cheyenne Meadows Living Center in Hoisington. She was born Feb. 23, 1917, in Russell County, the daughter of Henry and Lydia (Kraft) Steinert. She married Emil Wilhelm on Nov. 8, 1936, at Hoisington. He died Oct. 29, 1974. She was a homemaker and a resident of Hoisington since 1941. Mrs. Wilhelm was a member of the Concordia Lutheran Church in Hoisington. Survivors include one daughter, Geraldine Torgrimson of Spokane Valley, Wash.; one sister, Florence Stetz of Colby; and two grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two brothers, Alvin and Paul Steinert. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington with the Rev. John Sharp officiating. Burial will be at Hoisington Cemetery. Visitation will be Wednesday from 1 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the Hoisington Ambulance Service or Kans for Kids, 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, July 11, 2006

Donna J. Driscoll 1935 - 2006

J.B. “Buck” Mason 1928 - 2006

GOODLAND — Longtime Goodland, Kan., resident Richie P. Gordon, 77, died Thursday, July 6, 2006, at Salina Regional Medical Center. She was born Nov. 2, 1928, at Ashland, Va., in Hanover County, the daughter of James Richard Mallory and Ivey P. (Patterson) Mallory. She attended schools in Ashland.
In 1956, she and Norman E. Gordon were married in Ashland, Va. In 1972, they moved to Goodland.

She was a member of First Baptist Church, American Legion Auxiliary, and was a volunteer with the American Red Cross, all in Goodland.

Preceding her in death were her parents; her husband Norman E. Gordon, who died Aug. 17, 1995; and two sisters, Rosa White and Gay Johnson. Surviving family includes two daughters, Laura Gay Johnson and her husband Robert of Flat Rock, Ala., and Bonnie Peacock and her husband Randall of Great Bend, Kan.; three sons Don Gordon and his wife LeAnn of Hoisington, Kan., Norman Gordon and his wife Melissa of Senoia, Ga., and Richard Gordon and his wife Melissa of Salina; 15 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; three brothers, Jack Mallory of Ashland, Va., Wesley Mallory and his wife Judy of Morganton, N.C., and Lesley Mallory and his wife Karen of Richmond, Va.; and one sister, Frances Seay of Ashland, Va. The funeral will be Tuesday, July 11, at 10:30 AM Mountain Time, at First Baptist Church in Goodland, with Pastor Travis Blake officiating. Burial will follow in the Goodland Cemetery. Friends may share their respects at the church before the service. Memorials may be designated to the American Diabetes Association, in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Koons Funeral Home* 211 N. Main St. Goodland, KS 67530 785-890-3900

Gwennyd Gupton Gunn 1927 - 2006

Gwennyd Gupton Gunn, 78, loving wife, mother, grandmother and friend, died Thursday, July 6, 2006, at Lifecare Center of Greensburg High School, Great Bend. She was born Sept. 3, 1927, at Greensburg, the daughter of Hade and Enid Moss Gupton. After graduating from Greensburg High School, Gwen went on to the University of Kansas, where she was a member of Alpha Chi Omega sorority and received her Bachelor’s Degree in Fine Arts. It was while at KU that Gwen met Robert Ray Gunn of Great Bend, and they were married on April 22, 1951, at Greensburg. He died on Nov. 4, 2002. After college Gwen and Bob moved back to Great Bend, where they ran a successful farming operation and real estate business. A resident of Great Bend for over 50 years, Gwen was involved in many organizations, including PEO Chapter DU, Athenian Club, Panhellenic and bridge club. She was a member of First Presbyterian Church in Great Bend. Her many interests included antiquing, quarter horses and local politics.

Survivors include three sons, Robert Rock “Rocky” Gunn, Wichita, Brad G. Gunn and wife Anita, Montgomery, Texas, and Jay C. Gunn, Moundridge; one daughter, Gena G. Dillard and husband Steve, Wichita; nine grandchildren, Joe Gunn, Jennifer Gunn Doyle, Brittany Dillard, Brad Dillard, Jarrod Gunn, Jana Gunn, Jordan Gunn, Lauren Gunn and Garrett Gunn; four great-grandchildren, Braylen Gunn, Caden Lynn Doyle, Kennah Doyle and Lily Gunn; and one great-grandchild on the way.

Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Monday at First Presbyterian Church in Great Bend, with the Rev. Hal Staats officiating. Burial will be at the Great Bend Cemetery. Visitation will be from 1 to 9 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. until noon Wednesday at the funeral home. Memorials may be sent to the Presbyterian Church, Jordan Memorial Library or Alzheimer's Association in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Morell Funeral Home* 100 N. Main St. Great Bend, KS 67530 620-285-2177

July 9, 2006

Millard Dean Kelso 1940 - 2006

LYONS — Millard Dean Kelso, 65, died July 7 at Lyons District Hospital in Lyons. He was born Aug. 22, 1940, in Cleveland, Okla., the son of Raymond Garnett and Jessie Opal Raulston Kelso. A longtime Chase and Lyons resident, formerly of Wellington, he worked for many years with the family business, Kelso Casing & Pulling; in 1991 he started Mastertouch Carpet Cleaning in Wellington, retiring in 2001. He was a 1959 graduate of Chase High School. Kelso was a former member of the Wellington Chamber of Commerce.

Survivors include three sons, Ross Tye, Great Bend, Chris Kelso, Wellington, and Ed Canterbury, Houston, Texas; seven daughters, Darlene Case, Chase, Tammy Haltom, Great Bend, Rena Canterbury and Bobbi Brennan, both of Houston, Texas, Terri Schneider and Tami Maize, both of Lyons, and Kelly Ellison, Galveston, Texas; four brothers, James Kelso, Tulsa, Okla., Darrell Kelso, Lyons, Leon Kelso, Jasper, Texas, and Roger Kelso, Houston, Texas; 24 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two grandchildren.
Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Chase Springdale Cemetery in Chase, with the Rev. Gary Karas officiating. Friends may call from 9 to 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at Sillin Funeral Home in Lyons. Memorials are suggested to Center for Basic Cancer Research KSU, 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, July 9

Katherine Dorothy Markle 1943 - 2006

LYONS – Katherine Dorothy Markle, 63, died July 4 at Valley View Hospital in Goodyear, Ariz. She was born July 3, 1943, at Chilliwack, British Columbia, the daughter of John Carson and Hazel Irene Hodgson McGuire. She had been a Lyons resident since 1977, having formerly lived in Novato, Calif. in 1969, moving to Vacaville, Calif. in 1972. She was a teacher of seventh and eighth grade English at Ellinwood from 1989 to 1995. She graduated from Sterling College with a degree in education in 1988. She married Philip W. Markle on March 9, 1968, at McChord Air Force Base in Washington.

Mrs. Markle was a member of First Christian Church in Lyons, and was a former Assistant to the President of Lyons Booster Club. She became a naturalized U.S. citizen on Sept. 28, 1962.

Survivors include her husband, of the home; two sons, Brett Markle, Seattle, Wash., Brian Markle, Los Angeles, Calif.; a daughter, Brynn Bowen, Newcastle, New South Wales, Australia; and a grandson.

Memorial Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at the church in Lyons, with the Rev. Tom Eastman officiating. Private family inurnment will be at Lyons Municipal Cemetery in Lyons. Memorials are suggest to First Christian Church in Lyons, in care of Sillen 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, July 9

July 7, 2006

Virginia L. Murphy 1920 - 2006

SAWYER — Virginia L. Murphy, 86, died July 5 at Grandvilla Assisted Living in Ormond Beach, Fla. She was born April 16, 1920, at Sawyer, the daughter of Dean and Ethel Alexander Osborn. She married Eddie Murphy on Sept. 29, 1940, at Isabel, Kan. He died Sept. 13, 1993. A resident of Florida for three years, coming from Sawyer, she was a retired real estate broker and motel manager.

Mrs. Murphy was a member of the Sawyer United Methodist Church, United Methodist Women, Pratt Order of Eastern Star, and Beta Sigma Phi.

Survivors include one daughter, Judy Sullivan of Palm Coast, Fla.; one sister, Deana Henry of Sawyer; two grandchildren, Kristy Jones and Matt Sullivan; and two great-grandchildren, Courtney Jones and Deanna Sullivan.

Services will be announced at a later date. Memorials are suggested to the Sawyer United Methodist Church or South Wind Hospice, in care of Larrison Mortuary in Pratt.

Funeral arrangements provided by
Larrison Mortuary*
300 Country Club Rd.
Pratt, KS 67124
620-672-6436
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 7, 2006

Gwenndy Gupton Gunn 1927 - 2006

Gwenndy Gupton Gunn, 78, of Great Bend, died July 6 at Lifecare Center of Wichita. Arrangements are pending with Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend.

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July 6, 2006

Jerry Edwin Willis 1950 - 2006

RUSSELL — Jerry Edwin Willis, 56, died July 2 at the Russell Regional Hospital. He was born May 25, 1950, at Altus, Ark., the son of Ed and Lucille (Martin) Willis. He graduated from Catoosa High School with the class of 1968. He married Ruth Terrell on Nov. 22, 1969, in Salina. He worked for the Allied Cementing Company when he first moved to the Russell area in 1973. He was the owner/operator of Jerry’s Place, and JW Trucking. He was a resident of Russell coming from Clarksville, Ark.

Willis was a life member and past commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and a member of the Masonic Shrine in Russell. He served in the U.S. Army with the 173rd Airborne Division in Vietnam.

Survivors include his wife of the home; one daughter, Amy Dollison of Russell; his parents; two sisters, Marilyn Atchison of Fayetteville, Ark., and Janace Doughan of Gore, Okla.; and two grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one
A. “Wayne” Rusco 1937 - 2006

A. “Wayne” Rusco, 69, of Great Bend, died July 3 at Great Bend Health and Rehabilitation Center in Great Bend. He was born April 15, 1937, at Great Bend, the son of Alfred Benson and Edith Sophia Lebbin Rusco. He married Judith A. Chumley on Jan. 23, 1960, at Ellinwood. She survives. A farmer and stockman, he was a lifetime resident of Barton County. Rusco was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church and the Fraternal Order of Eagles, both of Great Bend, a charter member of FFA Alumni and an avid outdoor sportsman. Survivors include his wife, Judith A. Rusco, of the home; three daughters, Gail McDermott and husband Coop and Rural Water District No. 3, and was a Lincoln Township Trustee. He was a life member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 6240, American Legion Post No. 99 and Elks Lodge No. 1715, all of Russell.

Dale Duane Batt 1945 - 2006

RUSSELL – Dale Duane Batt died July 4, 2006, at Hays Medical Center in Hays, at age 60. He was born Aug. 13, 1945, at Great Bend, the son of Robert and Alice (Ochs) Batt. A lifetime resident of Russell County, Kan., he was a farmer and stockman.

Sophie Ann Leiker 1931 - 2006 VICTORIA — Sophie Ann Leiker, 74, died June 29 at Hays Medical Center in Hays. She was born Aug. 12, 1931, in Walker, the daughter of Herman H. and Anna Marie (Riedel) Berens. She married Julius J. Leiker on July 15, 1950, at Victoria. He died Dec. 23, 1984. She was a former member of the Sunflower Polka Club and Senior Companion. Survivors include three sons, Julius and Leon, both of Gillette, Wyo., and Robert of Sheridan, Wyo.; four daughters, Linda Lara of Great Bend, Dora Godwin of Anchorage, Alaska, Vicky Blackburn of Lake Havasu City, Ariz., and Sheri Burke of Colorado Springs, Colo.; two brothers, Severin Berens of Hays, and Jake Berens of Russell; one sister, Ventura Sander of Victoria; 20 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by four brothers, Robert Berens, Louis Berens, Julius Berens, and Arthur Berens; five sisters, Margaret Biever, Christina Bricker, Theresa Pfannenstiel, Milthilda Augustine, and Elizabeth Klaus; and three grandchildren. Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. today with Daughters of Isabella and Christian Mothers Rosary and a VFW memorial service following at 7:30 p.m., all at Cline’s Mortuary in Victoria. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Friday at St. Fidelis Catholic Church in Victoria. Burial will be at the St. Fidelis Cemetery in Victoria. Friends may call from 3 to 9 p.m. today and from 8:30 to 9:45 a.m. Friday, all at the mortuary. Memorials are suggested to St. Fidelis Church and Masses in care of the funeral home.

Funeral arrangements provided by Cline’s Mortuary

P.O. Box 252
Hays, KS 67601
785-628-8822
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 6, 2006

Zelner D. Brown 1926 - 2006

PROCTOR, Ark. – Former South Hoisington resident Zelner D. Brown, 80, died July 2. He was born in 1926, the son of Euna and Albert Brown of Proctor, Ark. He married Mable Smith of Bode. They had six children and later divorced.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Brown; step-daughter Margret Thompson of Great Bend; Zelner Brown Jr., Danville, Ill.; Morris Brown, West Memphis, Ark.; Zelma Brown, Kansas City, Mo.; Edward Brown, Memphis, Tenn.; Dr. Gilbert Brown, Bloomington, Ind.; Vernon Brown, Wichita; and Eileen Brown, Wichita; 16 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren. Funeral will be at Greater Bethlehem Church in Proctor, Ark. Memorial service is pending with Anthony’s Funeral Home of West Memphis, Ark. Burial will be at Paradise Garden.

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John of Mt. Vernon, Wash., Lynn Simpson and husband Gordan of Dodge City, and Vicki Keffer and husband Bill of Great Bend; three sisters, Marvella Radenberg and husband Glenn of Claflin, Karen Baldwin of Junction City and Renee Pike and husband Bill of Great Bend; and six grandchildren, Johna McDermott and Kylie McDermott, both of Mt. Vernon, Tyler Simpson, ATAN, U.S. Navy, Sigonella, Sicily, Brice Simpson of Dodge City, Dustin Keffer of Kansas City, Mo., and Erica Keffer of Ellinwood. He was preceded in death by his parents, Alfred and Edith Rusco, brother-in-law Howard Baldwin and a niece, Kimberly Baldwin. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. on Monday, July 10, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Great Bend, with the Rev. James A. Strasen officiating. Burial will be at Lakin-Comanche District Cemetery in Ellinwood. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Saturday, July 8, with family receiving friends from 6 to 8 p.m., at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Memorials are suggested to the Cheyenne Bottoms Visitors Center or Trinity Lutheran 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, July 4, 2006

Dorothy Dick 1925 - 2006

EL DORADO – Dorothy Dick, 80, of El Dorado, died July 2 after a long but valiant struggle with illness. She passed away peacefully in her home, surrounded by family. A rosary will be held at 7 p.m. on Wednesday at St. John’s Catholic Church, 302 N. Denver, El Dorado. Funeral Mass will be at 10 a.m. on Thursday at the church. Burial will follow in Lakin-Comanche Cemetery in Ellinwood. She was born Oct. 13, 1925, in Drumwright, Okla., to Harley and Mary (Penix) Barger. On Nov. 11, 1948, she married V.V. Dick in Ellinwood, who preceded her in death in February 1990. Also preceding her in death were her parents and a brother, Bill Barger. Survivors include her son Gary and wife Robyn Dick of El Dorado; daughters and husbands Connie and Bill Brant of Wichita, Marilyn and Denny Tuttle of Augusta and Frances Janney of El Dorado; nine grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. A memorial has been established with St. John’s Catholic Church in care of Carlson Funeral Home in El Dorado. Funeral arrangements provided by Carlson Funeral Home* 200 S. Star St. El Dorado, KS 67042 316-321-1657 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 4, 2006

Wauneta Fae Bodenhamer 1915 - 2006

ST. JOHN — Wauneta Fae Bodenhamer, 90, of Lyons, died July 2, 2006, at the Lyons Hospital in Lyons, Kan. She was born Sept. 11, 1915, at Hoisington, the daughter of Gilbert H. and Opal Mattie (Christy) Sette. She was a retired office clerk. She was a resident of St. John from 1948 to 1999, and of Lyons from 1999 to the present. Mrs. Bodenhamer was a member of the First Baptist Church in St. John. On March 14, 1933, she married Fred Wilson Bodenhamer at Wichita. He preceded her in death on Feb. 26, 1988. Survivors include a son, Richard LaRoy Bodenhamer and wife Laura Ellene of Lyons; a daughter, Wanda NaDean Bailey and husband Colin Edward Alec of Barton Mills, England; a brother, Glenn Hugh Sette, Edmond, Okla., a sister, Cleo Joyce Buckman, Buhler, four grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by both parents, her husband, and a sister, Bette Nadine Heinz. Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at First Baptist Church in St. John, with Pastor Brent Bodenhamer presiding. Burial will be in the Fairview Park Cemetery, St. John. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be given to First Baptist Church or Hospice Care of Kansas, in care of Minnis Chapel, St. John. Funeral arrangements provided by Minnis Chapel* 526 E. 4th Street. P.O. Box 34 St. John, KS 67576 620-549-3556 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 4, 2006

July 2, 2006

Barbara Seyfert 1940 - 2006

SALINA — Barbara Seyfert, 66, died June 29 at Wesley Medical Center in Wichita. She was born June 26, 1940, at Lyons, the daughter of Charles Webster and Capitola May (Boyd) Hood. She graduated from Claflin High School, then attended Oklahoma Baptist University and graduated from Emporia State University. She retired as an elementary teacher at Grace E. Stewart Elementary school in Salina. She taught her first year in Fayetteville, N.C., and the last 34 years in various Salina elementary schools. Mrs. Seyfert was a member of the National Education Association, Delta Kappa Gamma Sorority and the Alpha Delta Kappa Sorority. She attended the First Southern Baptist Church in Salina. Survivors include her husband, Ivan Seyfert, of the home; her mother; daughter Lori Radel, Salina; son Scott Seyfert, Salina; sister Patricia Boline, Austin, Texas; and three grandsons. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Monday at the church in Salina with the Rev. Larry DeLay officiating. Interment will be at the Roselawn Memorial Park in Salina. Friends may call from 1 to 5 p.m. today, with the family receiving friends from 1 to 2 p.m. at Carlson-Ford-Geisendorf Funeral Home in Salina. Memorials are suggested to Salina Education Foundation, 1511
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 2, 2006

David Stricker 1911 - 2006

HOISINGTON — David Stricker, 94, died June 30 at Cheyenne Meadows Living Center in Hoisington. He was born Nov. 3, 1911, at Happyland, Canada, the son of John Henry and Eva (Kraft) Stricker. He married Esther Rohn on April 11, 1937, at Trego Center. She died on Oct. 8, 2003. A resident of Hoisington since 2000, moving from Trego County, he was a retired farmer. Stricker was a member of the Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Hoisington. Survivors include son Ron and wife Elma Stricker of Hoisington; grandson Jerry Stricker, Hoisington; great-grandson Kyler Stricker, Royce City, Texas; and sister Mary Marcy, Leoti. He was preceded in death by four sisters, Lydia Mai, Emma Naiman, Hanna Naiman and Esther Tuxhorn; and one brother, Adam LeRoy Stricker. Funeral will be at 2:30 p.m. Monday at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington, with Pastor Richard Monson officiating. Burial will be at Hoisington Cemetery in Hoisington. Friends may call from 1 to 8 p.m. today and 9 a.m. until service time Monday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Emmanuel Lutheran Church or Kans For Kids, in care of the funeral home.

Beatrice Steinert 1919 - 2006

CLAFLIN — Beatrice Steinert, 87, died June 30 at Russell Regional Hospital in Russell. She was born Feb. 22, 1919, in Russell County, the daughter of John and Johanna E. (Donovan) Venus. She married Wilbert O. Steinert on July 26, 1938, at Longmont, Colo. He died July 19, 1981. A resident of Claflin since 1970, coming from Russell County, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Steinert was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church and Altar Society, both of Claflin. Survivors include six sons: Roger Steinert and wife Kay, Bushton, Lloyd Steinert and wife Susan, Merritt Island, Fla. Jim Steinert and wife Cheryl, Lyons, Carl Steinert and wife Clydell, Bushton, Roy Steinert and wife Jeanette, Hutchinson, and Don Steinert and wife Jane, Claflin; two daughters, Judy Schmidtberger and husband Paul, Russell, and Mary Steinert, Lawrence; a sister, Sister Venard Venus; 32 grandchildren and 32 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two brothers, Chet Venus and Raymond Venus, three grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Claflin with Father Daniel Scheetz officiating. Vigil will be at 7 tonight at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. Burial will be at Fairview Cemetery in Galatia. Friends may call from 1 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to St. Jude Children’s Hospital or Southwind Hospice or Claflin Ambulance Service, 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 2, 2006

Mildred D. Katzenmeier 1913 - 2006

CLAFLIN — Beatrice Steinert, 87, died June 30 at Russell Regional Hospital in Russell. She was born Feb. 22, 1919, in Russell County, the daughter of John and Johanna E. (Donovan) Venus. She married Wilbert O. Steinert on July 26, 1938, at Longmont, Colo. He died July 19, 1981. A resident of Claflin since 1970, coming from Russell County, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Steinert was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church and Altar Society, both of Claflin. Survivors include six sons: Roger Steinert and wife Kay, Bushton, Lloyd Steinert and wife Susan, Merritt Island, Fla. Jim Steinert and wife Cheryl, Lyons, Carl Steinert and wife Clydell, Bushton, Roy Steinert and wife Jeanette, Hutchinson, and Don Steinert and wife Jane, Claflin; two daughters, Judy Schmidtberger and husband Paul, Russell, and Mary Steinert, Lawrence; a sister, Sister Venard Venus; 32 grandchildren and 32 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two brothers, Chet Venus and Raymond Venus, three grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Claflin with Father Daniel Scheetz officiating. Vigil will be at 7 tonight at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. Burial will be at Fairview Cemetery in Galatia. Friends may call from 1 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to St. Jude Children’s Hospital or Southwind Hospice or Claflin Ambulance Service, 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 2, 2006 August 31, 2006
Richard K. "Dick" Teichgraeber 1928-2006

EUREKA — Richard K. “Dick” Teichgraeber, 77, died at his home in Eureka on Sunday, Aug. 27.

Dick was born Nov. 9, 1928, in Reece, Kan., the son of William E. and Mary Barbara (Heap) Teichgraeber. As a young adult he participated in football at Eureka High School. He earned a football scholarship at the University of Oklahoma and competed in boxing while pursuing a degree in petroleum engineering. Dick was unable to finish his degree due to financial reasons, but always maintained his Boomer Sooner pride. After college, between 1950 and 1956, Dick owned and operated restaurants in Severy, Madison and Hamilton, Kan. This experience taught him a lot about hard work and customer satisfaction and the rewards of good cooking. In January 1949 Dick married Wanda Lee Leathberry. On March 26, 1950, Dick was united in marriage to Helen Patricia Hughes. She preceded him in death on Dec. 15, 1995. In 1956 he formed a company called Eureka Drilling Company and entered the oil industry as a contract driller. The major portion of Dick’s work experience would be focused on the oil and gas industry. He owned and operated several companies over the next 50 years of his life. They included Teichgraeber Oil Company, Eureka Drilling Company, Cardwell Supply, International Petroleum Services, and Roket Well Service. During the same period of time he received numerous awards for exporting the Cardwell product line to all parts of the world. He seldom returned without an elaborate story of dealing with foreign dignitaries and new found friends. Dick’s principles were guided by Dale Carnegie and when it came to selling and negotiating he was unbeatable. Dick also excelled in ranching and horse racing.

Memberships include the Christ Lutheran Church, Board of Directors for the American Quarter Horse Association, Kansas Quarter Horse Association, Kansas Horsemens’ Association, Kansas Thoroughbred Association, Greenwood County Cattlemen’s Association, Piedmontese Association of the US, Greenwood County Midian Shrine, Babson Midwest Memorial Foundation, Butler and Greenwood county historical societies, Kansas Independent Oil and Gas Association, Eastern Kansas Oil and Gas Association, Eureka Country Club, Eureka alumni, Greenwood County Fair Association and Board Member and the International Trade Council of Mid America. He received the Kansas Quarter Horse Association President Award and Outstanding Service Award, Small Business Person of the Year, Kansas Oil Museum Hall of Fame and Republican of the Year. He was a former director of the Citizens State Bank, a spokesperson for the Houston National Bank and was a recognized force who brought pari-mutuel racing to Kansas.

Most of Dick’s passion for living was evident by his love for his family. He always had time to offer advice and support to his family and friends. Richard Koenig Teichgraeber will be fondly remembered by everyone who crossed his path. Dick was preceded in death by his sister Martha.

Survivors include two sons, William K. Teichgraeber and his wife Mary, and Arthur C. Teichgraeber and his wife Heidi, all of Eureka; two daughters, Kelly Rains of Wichita and Teresa McClanahan of El Dorado; 13 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. The Celebration of his Life will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Christ Lutheran Church in Eureka. Memorials have been established with the American Quarter Horse Association or to Christ Lutheran Church. Kirby-Morris Funeral Home in El Dorado is assisting the family with their arrangements. Condolences may be sent to kirbymorrisfuneralhome.com

Kirby-Morris Funeral Home
224 West Ash
El Dorado, Ks. 67402
(316)321-2260

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 31, 2006

David L. Harmon 1932 - 2006

CENTERTON, Ark. — David L. Harmon, 74, of Centerton, Ark., passed away Aug. 25, at his home. He was born April 15, 1932, in Great Bend, the son of Luther Harmon and Mable Schloemer Harmon.

He was a member of Rogers First Church of the Nazarene and enjoyed being outdoors, fishing and hiking. He was retired from the NCR Corporation and was an Army veteran.

He was preceded in death by his parents, one sister and two brothers.

He is survived by his wife, Betty Harmon of the home; two sons, Martin Harmon and wife Mary of Altus, Okla., and John Harmon and wife Margaret of Colorado Springs, Colo.; three daughters, Wanda Jackson and husband Dan of Omaha, Neb., Sharon Overtton and husband David of Orlando, Fla., and Katherine Barnard and husband Brian of St. Louis, Mo.; one brother, Melvin Harmon of Hoisington; and two sisters, Donna Cape of Great Bend and Hazel Lotring of Connecticut. He is also survived by 13 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

A memorial service will be held 10 a.m. Saturday at Rogers First Church of the Nazarene with Pastor Alan Johnson officiating.

Memorials may be made to Rogers First Church of the Nazarene Building Fund, 1599 W. Olive St., Rogers, AR 72756.

Funeral arrangements provided by Rollins Funeral Home*
1401 Hudson Road
Rogers, Arkansas 72756
479-631-6817
www.rollinsfuneral.com

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Louise Kimball 1912 - 2006

Louis Kimball, 94, of Great Bend, died Aug. 30 at Clara Barton Hospital in Hoisington. She was born Feb. 8, 1912, at
Mankato, the daughter of John and Glenna White Postlethwaite. She married Jay Kimball in May 1934 at Jewell. He died May 21, 1985. A longtime resident of Great Bend, she was a homemaker, bookkeeper and co-owner of Western Auto, Glenwood Springs, Colo.

Mrs. Kimball was of the Methodist faith.

Survivors include one son, Jay L. Kimball, Great Bend; one daughter, Carol Schrepel, Hoisington; one sister, Betty Postlethwaite, Denver, Colo.; six grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two brothers, Johnny Postlethwaite and Henry Postlethwaite.

Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend, with the Rev. Wayne Flanders officiating. Burial will be at the Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call from 1 to 9 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Clara

August 30, 2006

Aileen L. Spatz 1917-2006

BELOIT – Aileen L. Spatz, 88, died Aug. 28 at Mitchell County Hospital Long Term Care Unit in Beloit. She was born Nov. 8, 1917, on a farm near Beloit. She was a farm wife. Survivors include: Two step daughters, Cindy Balthazor of Russell and Sheila Hein of Hoisington; one brother, Virgil English of Beloit; two sisters, Eula Wilson of Beloit, Calif., and Vonna Nelson of Assaria; and three step grandchildren, Teryn Balthazor of Russell, and Douglas Hein and Shawn Hein, both of Hoisington. She was preceded in death by her first husband John Wilson, her second husband Ben Spatz and step grandson Kirk Balthazor. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Beloit United Methodist Church. Burial will be at Elmwood Cemetery in Beloit. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. today at McDonald Funeral Home in Beloit. Memorials are suggested to Solomon Valley Hospice or Wilson Scholarship at the church. Condolences may be sent to www.mcdonaldrobertsfuneralservices.com. Funeral Arrangements provided by McDonald Funeral Home* 910 North Campbell Beloit, Kan. 67420 785-738-2211 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 30, 2006

August 29, 2006

Charles J. Musser 1923 - 2006

Charles J. Musser, 83, of Great Bend, died Aug. 27 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. He was born on April 24, 1923, in Welch, Okla., the son of Charles D. and Grace Hawkins Hood. He married Virginia Decker on December 24, 1943 at Honda, Texas. He was a resident of Great Bend since 1983, coming from Enid, Okla. Before retiring he was a store supervisor for Everitt Lumber Company of Great Bend and Salina. Musser was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Enid. He served in the U.S. Army Air Corps in World War II. Survivors include his wife, of the home; two daughters, Barbara Anne Hill and Patricia Lou Handzo, both of Great Bend; three grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one brother, James H. Musser, and one sister, Pauline Phillips. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. on Wednesday at the Trinity United Methodist Church in Great Bend with the Rev. Julie Shields officiating. Burial will be at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday at Enid Memorial Park in Enid. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. today at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Memorials are suggested to the Alzheimer’s Association, in care of the funeral home. Bryant Funeral Home 1425 Patton Road Great Bend, Ks. 67530 620-793-3525 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Aug. 29, 2006

August 29, 2006

Charles L. Lewis 1946 - 2006

Charles L. Lewis, 59, of Great Bend, died Aug. 28 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. He was born on Oct. 18, 1946, in Kingman, the son of Imogene Mayberry. He married Pamela S. Johansen on Nov. 1, 1985, at Great Bend. He was a resident of Great Bend since 1983, coming from Hays. Lewis was the co-owner of L-L Motorsports. A member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3111, he was a veteran of the Vietnam War, serving in the U.S. Air Force as a pilot. Survivors include his wife, of the home; one son, Jeremy Lewis and wife Melanie of Great Bend; a step-brother, Harry Minor of Wichita; and two aunts, Rachel Williams and Geraldine Lawson, both of Great Bend. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. on Wednesday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend, with Pastor Chuck Smith officiating. Burial will be at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday at Floral Lawns Memorial Gardens in North Platte, Neb. Friends may call from 5 to 9 p.m. today and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Wednesday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the CKMC Foundation Inc. for the benefit of Heartland Cancer Center Patient Endowment Fund, in care of the funeral home. Bryant Funeral Home* 1425 Patton Road Great Bend, Ks. 67530 620-793-3525 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune Aug. 29, 2006

August 25, 2006

Elinor L. Haneke 1924 - 2006

Mrs. Elinor L. (Brining) Haneke, 81, Great Bend, Kan., passed away on Wednesday morning, Aug. 23, at her home. Elinor was born on Nov. 13, 1924, to Helen L. and J. Wesley Brining in Kiowa, Barber County, Kan. Elinor married Ralph Haneke on Feb. 16, 1950. In 1951, their son James Craig was born, followed by their daughter Belinda Beth in 1953. A life-long resident of Great Bend, Elinor received her bachelor’s and master’s degrees from Fort Hays State University in Hays, Kan. Except for a four-year hiatus when her children Craig and Beth were small, Elinor taught in Great Bend schools for a total of 42 years, earning the respect and admiration of her students and colleagues. In 1993 Elinor retired from teaching and devoted her time to volunteering in a variety of community organizations. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Great Bend, P.E.O., Fort Hays State Alumni board, president of the Half-Century Club Endowment Board, Red Hat Society, Great Bend Theatre Board, Golden Girls and was also a strong advocate for animal rights and nature conservancy. Elinor loved cooking, hosting and organizing parties and events, and enjoyed spending time in her many gardens, surrounded by the creatures she loved. She was also an avid reader. She was preceded in death by her parents and her daughter, Beth. She is survived by her husband, Ralph A. Haneke of the home, her son, Craig Haneke of Great Bend, her three grandchildren, Lindsey, Sarah and Jordan, and her four great-grandchildren, Connor, Cara, Kylee and Collin, all of the Kansas City area. She will be dearly missed by many family members and friends.

Visitation will be held Sunday, Aug. 27, 2006, from 2 to 8 p.m. at Bryant Funeral Home. Graveside service will be held at Monday, Aug. 28, at Great Bend Cemetery at 9:30 a.m., followed by a memorial service at 10:30 a.m. at First United Methodist Church of Great Bend with the Rev. Gary Brooks and the Rev. Steve Thaden officiating. The family invites guests to a luncheon at the Haneke home following the service.

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests memorials be given to the Elinor L. Haneke Scholarship Fund, c/o First United Methodist Church, 2123 Forest, Great Bend, KS 67530.
Eldon M. Collier 1922 - 2006

BURRTON — Eldon M. Collier, 84, died Aug. 23, at Wichita. He was born Jan. 16, 1922, at Mt. Hope, the son of William A. and Ella Fay Hulbert Collier. He married Florence Wise, who preceded him in death. He was a retired truck driver. Collier was a veteran of the U.S. Navy.

Collier is survived by three sons and their spouses, Ron Collier and Linda Clark of Lyons, Dave and Gloria Collier of Hoisington, and Bill and Dana Collier of Wichita; a daughter and her husband, Kay and Dan Rinke of Murdock; 12 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

Funeral will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at Wulf-Ast Mortuary in Mt. Hope, with the Rev. H. Gene Allen Jr. officiating. Interment will be at Mt. Hope Cemetery. Friends may call from 5 to 9 p.m. today and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorials are suggested to Haysville Senior Center, in care of the mortuary.

Funeral arrangements provided by Wulf-Ast Mortuary*
120 N. King
Mt. Hope, KS 67108
316-667-2351
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 25, 2006

Harold Dean Stude 1925-2006

GARFIELD — Harold Dean Stude, 80, died Aug. 20 at Western Plains Medical Complex in Dodge City. He was born Aug. 28, 1925, at Garfield, the son of Fred and Lena Blume Stude. He married Rose Marie Skiff on Aug. 18, 1949, at Denver, Colo. A longtime resident of Garfield, he was a farmer and stockman.

Stude was a member of the United Methodist Church, Tony Asher American Legion Post No. 300, past Lion Club, past Garfield School Board and past Orange Township Board, all of Garfield. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II. Survivors include his wife, of the home; one son Michael of Garfield; one brother Melburn of Garfield; two grandsons, Nathan of Larned and Tyrone of Chicago, Ill.; and two great-granddaughters. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Kenneth and Herman.

Friends may call from 9 a.m. until 8 p.m. Saturday at Morell Funeral Home in Larned. Memorial services will be at 10:30 a.m. on Sept. 2 at the United Methodist Church in Garfield with Pastor Ken Walker presiding. Cremation will take place after viewing. Burial will be in the Garfield Cemetery. Memorials may be sent to the Garfield United Methodist Church, 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. 24, 2006

Gregory David Richards 1984-2006

Gregory David Richards, 21, died Aug. 23 at his home in Great Bend. He was born Aug. 28, 1984, in Oahu, Hawaii, the son of John David and Karen Kinzie Richards. He married Bryanda Delgadillo on Aug. 13, 2005, at Pawnee Rock. A resident of Great Bend since 2003, coming from Houston, Texas, and Pawnee Rock, he worked for TNT Renovations. Survivors include his wife, Bryanda Richards, of the home; mother Karen Kinzie, Houston, Texas; two brothers, Jeremy Richards, Norman, Okla., and Anthony Soto, Houston, Texas; sister Taylor Richards, Norman, Okla.; grandfather Ron Richards, Larned; mother-in-law and father-in-law Gustavo and Retha Delgadillo, Pawnee Rock; brother-in-law and sister-in-law Shaun and Breuna Elmore, Great Bend; brothers-in-law Steven Delgadillo and Scott Delgadillo, both of Pawnee Rock; uncle Gaylon Harman, Lansing; aunt Sheila Richards, Pawnee Rock; nephew Alex Elmore, Great Bend; and cousins Garrett Harman, Pawnee Rock, Rachelle Harman, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and Cassandra Richards, Satana. He was preceded in death by his father, grandmother Mary Richards, and grandparents Michael and Barbara Kinzle. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend with Father Bernard Felix officiating. Interment will be at the Larned Cemetery in Larned. Friends may call from 2 to 9 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to Gregory Richards 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. 24, 2006

Elinor L. Haneke 1924 - 2006

GREAT BEND — Elinor L. Haneke, 81, died Aug. 23 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend.

Graveside service will be at 9:30 a.m. Monday at the First United Methodist Church in Great Bend. Survivors and other arrangements will be announced at a later date by Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend.

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 24, 2006

August 23, 2006

Harold Dean Stude 1925-2006

GARFIELD — Harold Dean Stude, 80, died Aug. 20 at Western Plains Medical Complex in Dodge City. He was born Aug.
28, 1925, at Garfield, the son of Fred and Lena Blume Stude. He married Rose Marie Skiff on Aug. 18, 1949, at Denver, Colo. A longtime resident of Garfield, he was a farmer and stockman. Stude was a member of the United Methodist Church, Tony Asher American Legion Post No. 300, past Lion Club, past Garfield School Board and past Orange Township Board, all of Garfield. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II. Survivors include his wife, of the home; one son Michael of Garfield; one brother Melburn of Garfield; two grandsons, Nathan of Larned and Tyrone of Chicago, Ill.; and two great-granddaughters. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Kenneth and Herman. Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday at the United Methodist Church in Garfield with Pastor Ken Walker presiding. Friends may call from 9 a.m. until 8 p.m. Saturday at Morell Funeral Home in Larned. Cremation will take place after viewing. Burial will be in the Garfield Cemetery. Memorials may be sent to the Garfield United Methodist Church, 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. 23, 2006


GREAT BEND — Jay R. Preston, 43, of Great Bend, died Aug. 20 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. He was born Oct. 6, 1962, in Lawrence, the son of Dr. Richard C. and Marilyn K. Ordway Preston. He graduated from Great Bend High School in 1980 and later graduated from Dodge City Community College. He attended the University of Kansas and transferred to Fort Hays State University. He married Celesa Hawthorne on Sept. 18, 1993, in Great Bend. A resident of Great Bend since 1997, coming from Westpoint, N.Y., he was a truck driver for Logex in Great Bend. Preston was a member of First Congregational United Church of Christ in Great Bend. Survivors include his wife of the home; two sons, Jordan and Jesse, both of the home; one daughter, Jaiden, of the home; one step-son, Timothy Schroeder of Great Bend; his parents, of Great Bend; and two sisters, Amy Guthrie of Stillwater, Okla., and Anne Paden of Great Bend. Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at the church, with the Rev. William F. Johnson officiating. Burial will be in the Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the Western Kansas Football League, Great Bend Chapter, in care of the funeral home. Bryant Funeral Home 1425 Patton Road Great Bend, Ks. 67530 620-793-3525 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 23, 2006

Eleanor V. Revell 1917 - 2006

GREAT BEND — Eleanor V. Revell, 89, of Great Bend, died Aug. 21 at Sandstone Nursing Center in Little River. She was born May 21, 1917, at Cherokee, Okla., the daughter of Elsie Stout and Roy L. Mullinix. She married Roy W. Revell on Aug. 5, 1934, in Oklahoma City, Okla. He died Jan. 22, 2000. A Great Bend resident for most of her life, she was a homemaker. Survivors include her daughter and son-in-law Rae Vivian and Gordon Zahradnik, Lyons; two grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. Graveside service will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Wilson City Cemetery in Wilson, with the Rev. Dick Ogle officiating. Friends may call from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday and 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. Friday at Foster Mortuary in Wilson. Memorials are suggested to Sandstone Heights Nursing Center in Little River, 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, Aug. 23, 2006

Joseph N. Prusa 1914 - 2006

SALINA — Joseph N. Prusa, 92, died Aug. 22 at Wichita. He was born June 3, 1914, at Dubuque. He was a retired farmer. Survivors include his wife of 60 years, Mathilda Prusa, of the home; son Joseph Edward Prusa, Desoto, Texas; five daughters, Mary Ann Bohm, Salina, Lisha Bauck, Leoti, Donna Harris, Blue Springs, Mo., Debora Bauck, Leoti, and Nancy Cowing, Leawood; 16 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Funeral Mass will be at 10 a.m. Friday at the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church in Salina. Graveside service will follow at 2:30 p.m. at the St. Catherine Catholic Cemetery in Dubuque. A vigil/rospyary service will be at 7 p.m. Thursday at the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church. Friends may call from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday at Ryan Mortuary in Salina. Memorials are suggested to the Dubuque Heritage Fund for St. Catherine’s Cemetery or to the Red Cross, in care of the mortuary. Funeral arrangements provided by Ryan Mortuary 137 North Eighth Street Salina, KS 67401-2686 785-625-4242 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 23, 2006

August 22, 2006

Harold Dean Stude

GARFIELD — Harold Dean Stude, 80, died Aug. 20 at Western Plains Medical Complex in Dodge City. Funeral arrangements are pending with Morell Funeral Home.

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 22, 2006

Jay R. Preston

GREAT BEND — Christopher Michael Clark, 38, was tragically taken from his family and friends when his motorcycle was hit by a suspected drunk driver just before midnight on Friday, Aug. 4, at the intersection of Bijou Street and Union Boulevard. Christopher joined his soul mate, Heather Hope Clark, at 12:15 a.m. on Aug. 5. Chris was born on Sept. 4, 1967, in San Diego, Calif., and was a resident of Colorado Springs, Colo., since 1981. He recently became a
welcomed member of local motorcycle enthusiasts with the purchase of his Harley-Davidson motorcycle.

Chris is survived by his mother Barbara (Bobbi) Clark of Great Bend, his grandmother Betty Bangerter of Great Bend, his stepsons Christopher Edward Smith and Austin Robert Smith of Colorado Springs, and his Uncle George Clark of Auburn, Wash. He was preceded in death by his wife Heather Hope Clark, his father Joseph Clark, his sister Kathleen Ann Clark, his paternal grandparents Alfred and Anne Clark, his uncle Father John Clark and his maternal grandfather Howard Bangerter.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Monday at St. Johns Episcopal Church, 17th and Adams, Great Bend.

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 18, 2006#

Lynette Kimzey Gearhart 1962 - 2006

HOISINGTON — Lynette Kimzey Gearhart, 43, died Aug. 17 at Cheyenne Meadows Living Center in Hoisington. She was born Oct. 19, 1962, in Wichita, the daughter of Rudy and Phyllis Patterson Gerberding. She married Tim Kimzey, and later married Brad Gearhart on Dec. 31, 2000, at Great Bend. A resident of Hoisington since 1994, she was a Licensed Practical Nurse and a homemaker.

Mrs. Gearhart attended the Hoisington Bible Church in Hoisington.

Survivors include her husband, Brad Gearhart, Hoisington; son Rudy Gearhart, of the home; daughters Sophia Kimzey and Katie Kimzey, both of the home; stepdaughters Rachael Woodman, Wichita, and Melanie Gooch, Wellington; mother Phyllis Gerberding, Caldwell; brothers Gary and wife Virginia Gerberding, Caldwell, and Mike and wife Linda Gerberding, Clearwater. She was preceded in death by her father, Rudy Gerberding.

Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at Hoisington Bible Church in Hoisington with the Rev. Gary Clark officiating. Graveside service will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Forest Park Cemetery in Anthony. Friends may call from 1 to 6 p.m. Monday at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington and from 9:30 a.m. until service time Tuesday at the church.

Memorials are suggested to Lynette Kimzey Gearhart Children Education Fund or Hoisington Bible 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. 20, 2006

Elizabeth Blanche Mize 1924 - 2006

HOLYROOD — Elizabeth Blanche Mize, 81, died Aug. 17 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. She was born Sept. 7, 1924, at Kanopolis, the daughter of Lila Wakefield and Lindon Merrill. She married Jess T. Mize Jr. on March 12, 1943, at Denver, Colo. He died July 31, 2003. A resident of Holyrood since 1950, recently moving to Great Bend, she was a medical aide at Good Samaritan Retirement Center.

Mrs. Mize was a member of St. Peter Lutheran Church, Ladies Aide and American Legion Auxiliary, all of Holyrood.

Survivors include two daughters, Lila M. Sohn and Zella Blanche Mize, both of Great Bend; a sister, Madeline Tipton, Oklahoma City, Okla.; two grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Monday at the church in Holyrood, with the Rev. John Sharp officiating. Burial will be at the Kanopolis Cemetery. Friends may call from 1 to 8 p.m. today at Parsons Funeral Home in Ellsworth, and from 9 to 10 a.m. Monday at the church. Memorials are suggested to the church, 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, Aug. 20, 2006

Milton L. Ochs 1921 - 2006

RANSOM — Milton L. Ochs, 85, died Aug. 17 at Kiowa County Memorial Hospital in Greensburg. He was born June 17, 1921, at Otis, the son of Henry S. and Anna Marie (Scheuerman) Ochs. He married Verda Bauer on Aug. 16, 1968, at Ransom. They later divorced. A lifelong resident of Rush and Ness counties, he was a motor grader operator for the Ness County Road Department before his retirement.

Ochs was a member of Zion Lutheran Church, Trego Center, and former member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Otis.

Survivors include one stepson, Douglas Gish, of Arnold; one stepdaughter, Debra Adkins, of Dighton; and three grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two step-grandchildren, Matthew Adkins and Faydawn Adkins; four brothers, Ted Ochs, Solomon Ochs, Edwin Ochs and Rueben Ochs; and six sisters, Bertha Goerlitz, Martha Scott, Hanna Scott, Nima Steinert, Elonna Ruff and Olinda Steinert.

Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at the church in Otis, with the Rev. Bruce Adamson officiating. Burial will be in the Otis Lutheran Cemetery in Otis. Friends may call from 9 to 9:50 a.m. Tuesday at the church. Memorials are suggested to the Milton L. Ochs Memorial Fund, in care of Janousek Funeral Home, La Crosse.

Funeral arrangements provided by Janousek Funeral Home
719 Pine La Crosse, KS 67548 785-222-2517

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 20, 2006

William "Bill" A. Bartholomew 1926 - 2006

YUKON, Okla. — William A. Bartholomew, 80, passed away Aug. 13 at his home in Yukon, Okla., surrounded by his loving family. He was born in Great Bend on July 3, 1926, the son of the late Frank William and Mary Vianna (Fisher) Bartholomew. He married Lois Back on Easter Sunday on April 6, 1947, in Great Bend, sharing over 59 wonderful years of marriage. A graduate of Great
Bend High School, he later was a school board member, 4-H leader and was very active in the Future Farmers of America. A devoted farmer, he was awarded the Outstanding Young Farmer Award in 1959. Upon moving to Oklahoma in 1967, Bill became a Realtor and was a member of the Board of Realtors. Bill was a member of the United Methodist Church of the Good Shepherd in Yukon and loved gardening, fishing and traveling. Survivors include his wife Lois, of the home in Yukon; two sons, Bill Bartholomew and John Bartholomew and wife Peggy, both of Yukon; one daughter, Sharon Petersen and husband Scott of Yukon; 10 grandchildren, Kelcy Thomas and husband Gack, Kim Thomas and husband Jason, Kerri Neumarr, Ryan Bartholomew and wife Randi, Brian Pardew, Mandi Riley, Ivory Petersen, Jason Moen, Chad Petersen and Preston Petersen and wife Casey; and 12 great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Clarence Bartholomew and Earl Bartholomew; one sister, Betty Deemer; and son-in-law, Gary Thomas. Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. on Wednesday at the United Methodist Church of the Good Shepherd, with Rusty Williams officiating. Burial was at the Yukon Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to the United Methodist Church of the Good Shepherd, 10928 S.W. 15th St., Yukon, OK 73099, or the American Cancer Society, 8400 Silver Xing, Ste. H, Oklahoma City, OK 73132, Funeral arrangements provided by Yanda & Son Funeral Home.

P.O. Box 851199 Yukon, OK 73065 405-350-7101 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 20, 2006

Dr. Terry J “Terry” Keith Schmitt 1943 - 2006

Dr. Terry J “Terry” Keith Schmitt, 62, of Great Bend, died Aug. 17 at Great Bend Health and Rehabilitation Center. He was born Sept. 18, 1943, at Liberal, the son of Edward Charles and Gladys Grace (Reidnour) Schmitt. He married Jeanne Muret on May 30, 1969, at Manhattan. He graduated from Liberal High School and Kansas State University, with a doctorate degree in veterinary medicine. He was formerly a veterinarian at the Hoisington Veterinary Hospital and a partner in the Ark Valley Veterinary Hospital in Great Bend. He was a resident of Hoisington from 1969 until moving to Great Bend in 1978. Schmitt was a member of First United Methodist Church, and served on the board of trustees and as chairman of the board of administration; a former member of Vine United Methodist; and a member of Kiwanis, 4-H and FFA, all of Hoisington. He was also a member of the American Veterinary Medical Association, Kansas Veterinary Association, KSU Alumni Association and was a judge for the Pony of America Association. Survivors include his wife of the home; two sons, Allen Schmitt of Manhattan and Jason Schmitt of Yukon and loved gardening, fishing and traveling. Survivors include his wife, of the home; two sons, Allen Schmitt of Manhattan and Jason Schmitt of Yukon; two daughters, Dennis Schmitt and Lynn Schmitt; Liberal; two brothers, both of Liberal; a sister, Janet Schmitt of Liberal, and a granddaughter, Caitlin Schmitt. He was preceded in death by his father, Edward C. Schmitt; a brother, Larry Schmitt; and a sister, Betty Schmitt. Funeral will be at 1:30 p.m. Monday at First United Methodist Church in Hoisington, with the Rev. Wayne Flanders officiating. Burial will be at Walnut Valley Cemetery in Barton County. Friends may call from 1 to 8 p.m. Sunday and 9 to 11 a.m. Monday at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington, and from 11:30 a.m. until service time Monday at the church. The family will be receiving friends from 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to First United Methodist Church Organ Fund or Great Bend Health and Rehabilitation, in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home.

P.O. Box 146 Hoisington, KS 67544 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 18, 2006

August 18, 2006

Lori Deanne Kilian 1963 - 2006

RUSSELL — Lori Deanne Kilian, 42, died Aug. 16 at San Luis Valley Regional Medical Center in Alamosa, Colo. She was born Oct. 19, 1963, in Russell, the daughter of Dennis H. Kilian and Anita G. (Glick) Kilian-Driscoll. She graduated from Russell High School and attended Fort Hays State University, where she received a bachelor’s degree in nursing. After graduation she moved to Wichita, where she worked as a high risk labor and delivery nurse. She moved back to Russell in 2004. Survivors include one son, Joey Aramburu of Wichita; five daughters, Kiera Hogan of Haysville, Aftan Hogan of Russell, Heidi Hogan and McKenzie Hogan, both of Valley Center, and Lexy Aramburu of Wichita; her father Dennis H. Kilian, mother Anita G. Driscoll, and step-father Jack Driscoll, all of Russell; one brother Tony Kilian of Russell; step-sister Nancy Poche of Russell; step-brother William Dole of Russell; grandmother Ada Wanamaker of Russell; one grandchild and special friend Mitch Cobb of Russell. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. on Monday at Pohlan-varner-Peeler Mortuary in Russell. Burial will follow at the Russell City Cemetery. Friends may call from noon to 8 p.m. on Sunday at the mortuary. Funeral arrangements are provided by Pohlan-varner-Peeler Mortuary & Monuments 610 N. Maple Russell, Ks. 67655 785-483-2212 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 18, 2006 Christopher Michael Clark 1967 - 2006

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. — Christopher Michael Clark, 38, was tragically taken from his family and friends when his motorcycle was hit by a suspected drunk driver just before midnight on Friday, August 4, at the intersection of Bijou Street and Union Boulevard. Christopher joined his soul mate, Heather Hope Clark, at 12:15 a.m. on Aug. 5. Chris was born on Sept. 4, 1967, in San Diego, Calif., and was a resident of Colorado Springs, Colo., since 1981. He recently became a welcomed member of local motocross enthusiasts with the purchase of his Harley Davidson motorcycle. Chris is survived by his mother, Betty Bangerter of Great Bend, his grandmother Betty Bangerter of Great Bend, his step-sons Christopher Edward Smith and Austin Robert Smith of Colorado Springs, and his Uncle George Clark of Auburn, Wash. He was preceded in death by his wife Heather Hope Clark, his father Joseph Clark, his sister Kathleen Ann Clark, his paternal grandparents Alfred and Anne Clark, his uncle Father John Clark and his maternal grandfather Howard Bangerter. A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Monday at St. Johns Episcopal Church, 17th and Adams, Great Bend. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 18, 2006

Frances Marie Habiger 1933 - 2006

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. — Frances Marie Habiger, 73, died Aug. 10 at her home in Colorado Springs of heat failure. She was born April 28, 1933, in Portsmouth, Ohio, the daughter of William and Miriam Spicer Chapman. She married George F. Habiger on April 17, 1971, in Redwood City, Calif. He died Dec. 26, 1996. She graduated from St. Mary of the Valley High School in 1952 and from Maryhurst College in Oregon. She joined the St. Mary of the Valley convent as Sister Mary Gregory until she resigned in 1961. She was a school teacher for the Department of Defense, teaching children on the Air Force Bases in Japan, France and Germany. Mrs. Habiger was a member of St. Paul’s Catholic Church in Colorado Springs, the National Education Association, the American Association of University Women and the Alzheimer’s Steering Committee of Colorado Springs. Survivors include one daughter Mary Jane Duncan, and four grandchildren, Alastair, Danika, Clara and William, all of Sequim, Wash. She was preceded in death by two brothers, Robert L. Chapman and William R. Chapman, and two sisters, Dorothy Geppert and Eileen Hexem. A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Aug. 26, at Pauline Chapel, 2 Park Ave., Colorado Springs, with Father James Roth officiating. Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. on Aug. 24 at Lyons Municipal Cemetery. She will be buried beside her husband, in lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to Rice County Community Foundation, in care of the funeral home. A special thank you goes out to family, friends and professionals who have ministered to Frances over the many years as her health continued to decline. Funeral arrangements are provided by Sillin Funeral Homes & Granite Memorials. 214 West Ave. South Lyons, Ks. 67542 620-257-2211 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 18, 2006
Father Dennis L. Reed 1941-2006

SPEARVILLE — Reverend Father Dennis L. Reed, 64, died Aug. 16 at the Catholic Care Center in Wichita. He was born on Nov. 11, 1941, in Hardtner, the son of George Franklin and Laura Margaret (Bell) Reed. Following studies at Conception Seminary, he was ordained a priest for the Diocese of Dodge City by the Most Reverend Marion F. Forst on June 7, 1969. He was assistant pastor at St. Rose in Great Bend, Sacred Heart Cathedral in Dodge City, St. Bernadette in Kansas City, Mo., and Coronation of Our Lady in Grand View, Mo. He was pastor of St. John the Apostle, St. John with St. Francis Xavier in Seward; Sacred Heart in Ness City; St. Nicholas in Kinsley with Sts. Peter and Paul, North Kinsley, St. Mary’s in Hodgeman County, and St. George in Bucklin; St. Dominic in Garden City with St. Stanislaus in Ingalls; Sacred Heart of Jesus in Larned with St. Bernard in Belpe; and St. John the Baptist in Spearville with St. Lawrence in Jetmore and St. Anthony in Hanston. During his priesthood he also served the diocese on the Liturgy Commission, Diocesan Personnel Board, Diocesan School Board, Presbyteral Council as a Consultant and the Priests Trust Fund Board. While on sabbatical studies in Rome he was received in audience by Pope John Paul II. While his greatest joys were the priestly ministry, family and friends, he was a reader of history, lover of the arts and traveled extensively. He was a Fourth Degree member of the Knights of Columbus. Survivors include one brother, Gary L. Reed of Medicine Lodge; one niece, Tracy Schmidt and her husband Jeff of Ponder, Texas; two grand-nephews, one grand-niece and many other family members, including a special aunt, Mary homemertzheim of Medicine Lodge. He was preceded in death by his parents; a nephew, Clint Alan Reed; a niece and a grand-nephew. Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. on Sunday at St. John the Baptist Church in Spearville, with Father Ted Stoecklein presiding. Funeral Mass will be at 11 a.m. on Monday at St. John the Baptist Church with Bishop Ronald Gilmore presiding. Cremation will follow with burial of ashes at St. Columba Cemetery in Conception, Mo.

Memorials are suggested to the Priests Retirement Fund, St. John the Baptist Memorial Fund or Conception Abbey in care of the funeral home. Condolences may be sent to www.minnismortuary.com. Funeral arrangements are provided by Minnis Mortuary* 516 Bucklin, Ks. 67534 620-826-3302 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 18, 2006

Dr. Terry “Terry” Keith Schmitt 1943 - 2006

Dr. Terry “Terry” Keith Schmitt, 62, of Great Bend, died Aug. 17 at Great Bend Health and Rehabilitation Center. He was born Sept. 18, 1943, at Liberal, the son of Edward Charles and Gladys Grace (Reidmore) Schmitt. He married Jeanne Muret on May 30, 1969, at Manhattan. He graduated from Liberal High School and Kansas State University, with a doctorate degree in veterinary medicine. He was formerly a veterinarian at the Hoisington Veterinary Hospital and a partner in the Ark Valley Veterinary Hospital in Great Bend. He was a resident of Hoisington from 1969 until moving to Great Bend in 1978. Schmitt was a member of First United Methodist Church, and served on the board of trustees and as chairman of the board of administration; a former member of Vine United Methodist; and a member of Kiwanis, 4-H and FFA, all of Hoisington. He was also a member of the American Veterinary Medical Association, Kansas Veterinary Association, KSU Alumni Association and was a judge for the Pony of America Association.

Survivors include his wife, of the home; two sons, Allen Schmitt of Manhattan and Jason Schmitt of Warsaw, Poland; mother Gladys Schmitt, Liberal; two brothers, Dennis Schmitt and Lynn Schmitt, both of Liberal; a sister, Janet Schmitt of Liberal, and a granddaughter, Caitlin Schmitt. He was preceded in death by his father, Edward C. Schmitt; a brother, Larry Schmitt; and a sister, Betty Schmitt. Funeral will be at 1:30 p.m. Monday at First United Methodist Church in Hoisington, with the Rev. Wayne Flanders officiating. Burial will be at Walnut Valley Cemetery in Barton County. Friends may call from 1 to 8 p.m. on Sunday and 9 to 11 a.m. on Monday at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington, and from 11:30 a.m. until service time Monday at the church. The family will be receiving friends from 6 to 8 p.m. at Sunday from the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to First United Methodist Church Organ Fund or Great Bend Health and Rehabilitation, in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home* 415 North Main, P.O. Box 146 Hoisington, KS 67544 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 18, 2006

Peggy Maxine Bachman 1925 - 2006

CLAFLIN — Peggy Maxine (Churchman) Bachman died Aug. 16 in Hutchinson surrounded by her family. She was born June 9, 1925, in Parkerville, the daughter of Lee William and Mary G. (Molly) Barber Churchman. She graduated from Parkerville High School in 1942 and worked as a payroll clerk at Ft. Riley. She attended Kansas State Teacher’s College at Emporia where she was a member of the Omega Literary Society, Future Teachers of America and Delta Sigma Epsilon Sorority. She received her Life Teaching Certificate in 1945. She married Albert George Bachman on Oct. 23, 1945, in Parkerville. He died Oct. 13, 2004. After marriage they moved to Yuba City, Calif. where she taught in the Yuba City school system for 2.5 years. In 1952, they returned to Parkerville Community Church, where she was a quilter that she made especially for him or her with loving hands. She was a devoted full time wife, mother and homemaker. Her greatest joys were the priestly ministry, family and friends, he was a reader of history, lover of the arts and traveled extensively. He was a Fourth Degree member of the Knights of Columbus. Survivors include one brother, Gary L. Reed of Medicine Lodge; one niece, Tracy Schmidt and her husband Jeff of Ponder, Texas; two grand-nephews, one grand-niece and many other family members, including a special aunt, Mary homemertzheim of Medicine Lodge. He was preceded in death by his parents; a nephew, Clint Alan Reed; a niece and a grand-nephew. Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. on Sunday at St. John the Baptist Church in Spearville, with Father Ted Stoecklein presiding. Funeral Mass will be at 11 a.m. on Monday at St. John the Baptist Church with Bishop Ronald Gilmore presiding. Cremation will follow with burial of ashes at St. Columba Cemetery in Conception, Mo.

Memorials are suggested to the Priests Retirement Fund, St. John the Baptist Memorial Fund or Conception Abbey in care of the funeral home. Condolences may be sent to www.minnismortuary.com. Funeral arrangements are provided by Minnis Mortuary* 516 Bucklin, Ks. 67534 620-826-3302 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 18, 2006

Dr. Terry “Terry” Keith Schmitt 1943 - 2006

Peggy Maxine Bachman 1925 - 2006

CLAFLIN — Peggy Maxine (Churchman) Bachman died Aug. 16 in Hutchinson surrounded by her family. She was born June 9, 1925, in Parkerville, the daughter of Lee William and Mary G. (Molly) Barber Churchman. She graduated from Parkerville High School in 1942 and worked as a payroll clerk at Ft. Riley. She attended Kansas State Teacher’s College at Emporia where she was a member of the Omega Literary Society, Future Teachers of America and Delta Sigma Epsilon Sorority. She received her Life Teaching Certificate in 1945. She married Albert George Bachman on Oct. 23, 1945, in Parkerville. He died Oct. 13, 2004. After marriage they moved to Yuba City, Calif. where she taught in the Yuba City school system for 2.5 years. In 1952, they returned to Parkerville Community Church, where she was a quilter that she made especially for him or her with loving hands. She was a devoted full time wife, mother and homemaker. Her family was her greatest joy. After the children were older, she did substitute teaching in the Hutchinson area and worked in the Interlibrary Loan Department at the Hutchinson Public Library and for Dr. Elywn Shonyo in Claflin. Mrs. Bachman was a member of the Parkerville Community Church, the Barton County Community College Faculty Wives and the Claflin Garden Club. She attended the Methodist Church in Claflin. Survivors include one daughter, Barbara Frances and her husband Mike Underwood of Tribune; three sons, Albert Bruce Bachman and his wife Betty of Hutchinson, Thomas George Bachman and his wife Rosemary of Lakin and Daniel Lee Bachman and his wife Marie of Susank; nine grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren, Ted and Brandi Underwood, Austin and Jacob of Garden City, Gina and Dewayne Bond of Tribune, Chuck and Jennifer Underwood, Chelsey and Bailey of Salina, Matthew and Andrea Bachman and Derek of Hutchinson, Sarah and Daniel Oubre, Natalie and Allison of Hutchinson, Zachary Bachman and fiancee Haylea England of Hutchinson, Heather and Brad Schuerman, Piper, Tatum and Margo of Lenexa, Molly and Danny Shelden, Ian, Ben and Leo of Lakin, Jenni and Travis Klineof of Edwardsville; and one brother William L. Churchman and his wife Frances of Pahran, Nev. Funeral service will be held at 10 a.m. on Monday at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington with the Rev. Mike Underwood presiding. Funeral Mass will be at 11 a.m. on Monday at Parkerville Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 to 8 p.m. on Sunday and from 9 a.m. to service time on Monday at the funeral home. The family will receive friends from 6 to 8 p.m. on Sunday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the Claflin Ambulance Fund or Hospice Care of Kansas in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements are provided by Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home* 415 415 North Main Hoisington, Ks. 67544 620-653-4165 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 18, 2006

Marguerite Yochum 1916 - 2006

KIOWA — Marguerite Yochum, 90, died Aug. 17. She was born July 7, 1916, in Woods County, Okla., the daughter of Henry and Edith Campbell Sternberger. She graduated from the Hardtner High School in 1934. She married George Richard Yochum on Nov. 26, 1938, at Enid, Okla. He died on Sept. 11, 1980. They lived in the Hardtner community farming and raising cattle until their retirement in 1969 when they moved to Kiowa. She was a homemaker. Mrs. Yochum was a member of the United Methodist Church of Hardtner, where she was the pianist. Upon moving to Kiowa she transferred her membership to the United Methodist
William Joel “Jody” Ditus 1944-2006

CLAFLIN - Peggy Maxine (Churchman) Bachman, 81, died Aug. 16, at her residence in Hosington. Funeral arrangements are pending with Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home.

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, August 17, 2006

Kevin Duane Popp 1967-2006

HOISINGTON — Kevin Duane Popp, 39, died at his home in Hosington on Aug. 14. He was born May 21, 1967 in Hosington, the son of Duane H. and Cheryl A (Lane) Popp. He was a elementary teacher for USD 428 and a lifetime resident of Hosington and Great Bend. He graduated from Hosington High School in 1985 and from Fort Hays State University with a bachelor of science degree in elementary education. He was a member of the Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Hosington, Kansas National Education Association, National Education Association and former member of Eureka Homesteaders 4-H and Hosington Jaycees. Survivors include his parents of Hosington; one sister, Sheila Merritt and husband Ross of Hays; one nephew, Justin Gallentine; and one niece Jacqueline Gallentine. Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at the church with the Pastor Richard Monson officiating. Burial will follow in the Hardtner-Elwood Cemetery. Friends may call from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. today, with the family present from 6 to 7 p.m. at Lanman Funeral Home in Kiowa. Memorials are suggested to the Kiowa Hospital District Manor or the Hardtner News, in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Lanman Funeral Home Inc.

P.O. Box 42, 204 North Seventh Kiowa, KS 67070 620-825-4936 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, August 16, 2006

August 17, 2006

Peggy Maxine Bachman 1925 - 2006

P.O. Box 146 Hosington, Ks. 67544 620-653-4165 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, August 17, 2006

August 16, 2006

Bill Dean Williams 1921 - 2006

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla. — Bill D. Williams, formerly of Eufaula, Okla., passed away on Sunday, Aug. 13, in Oklahoma City, Okla., at the age of 85. He was born July 12, 1921, in Wewoka, Okla., the son of Jesse J. and Georgia (Menefee) Williams. Williams served his country in the U.S. Air Force during World War II as a P-38 pilot, escorting B-29 bombers over Italy. His plane was shot down during a mission and he was held as a prisoner of war for 10 months in a German prison camp. He also flew P-51’s during the Korean War. He worked many years at FAA Aeronautical Center in Oklahoma City, as a budget/accounting officer, and earned the nickname of “Fuss Budget.” He retired in 1981. He was an avid fisherman and loved to bird hunt, especially quail. He also enjoyed woodworking, Western movies and books and family gatherings. Survivors include his son Dean Staley and his daughter Diedra Dee Staley, both of Honolulu, Hawaii; two brothers, Bobby Joe Williams and wife Melanie of Yukon, Okla., and Billy Ray McCombs and wife Phyllis of Tulsa, Okla.; his sister Dorris Bitting and husband, J.L. of Muskogee, Okla. He also leaves to mourn a special friend, Darlene Valentin of Eufaula, Okla., as well as many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and a son, James Morris Staley.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m., today at Ft. Gibson National Cemetery in Oklahoma, with full military honors. Funeral arrangements provided by Yanda and Son Funeral Home* 415 N. Main

P.O. Box 850119 Yukon, OK 73085 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, August 16, 2006

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Kevin Popp Memorial Scholarship Fund in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home*

August 15, 2006

Rodney K. Sweetman 2006

WICHITA — Rodney K. Sweetman, 74, died Aug. 12. Survivors include his wife Geneva of the home; one son Adam Sweetman and his wife Suzanne Matthews of Wichita; two daughters, Suzanne Hanson and her fiancé Mike Buchanan, and Sarah and her husband Kevin Sisney, all of Wichita; nine grandchildren, Beth and JJ Buchanan, Madeline Matthews-Janzen, Sophie and Jack Hanson, Eva Kate Sisney, Connor Sweetman, Maia Lyn and Hugh Sisney; one sister, Tammy D. Scheuerman of Fayetteville, Ark; one aunt, Mary Dorr of Edmond, Okla.; and many cousins. Rosary was on Monday. Mass will be 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church in Wichita. In lieu of flowers memorials can be made to the Guadalupe Clinic, 940 S. St. Francis, Wichita, KS 67211. Funeral arrangements provided by Resthaven Mortuary* 11800 W. Highway 54 Wichita, Ks. 67211 316-722-2100 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, August 15, 2006

William Joel “Jody” Ditus 1944-2006

William Joel ‘Jody’ Ditus, 62, died Aug. 14 at his home in Great Bend. He was born July 5, 1944, at Wichita, the son of William Carl
and Dorothy Moore Ditus. He married Leanda Ehly on April 23, 1994, at Great Bend. A resident of Great Bend since 1984, coming from Burdett, he was employed by Dillons and most recently by Sunflower Diversified Services. He attended First Southern Baptist Church and was a member of the Special Olympics, Venture Crew (Adult Boy Scouts of America Scouting Program), AKTION Kiwanis Club, and Sunflower Self-Advocacy Group at the local and state levels. Survivors include his wife of the home; a sister Patricia Bauer of McPherson; and three nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents. Funeral will be at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend, with the Rev. Dr. Doyle Smith officiating. Burial will be at Lyons Cemetery in Lyons. Friends may call from 2 to 9 p.m. today and 9 a.m. to service time on Wednesday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Sunflower Diversified Services or donor’s choice 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, August 15, 2006

August 13, 2006


WICHITA — Alexander D. Gardner, 7 months, died Aug. 9 in Wichita. He was born Dec. 23, 2005, in Wichita, the son of Eric and Shelly Gardner.

Survivors include: His parents; two brothers, Nathan and Zachary of Wichita; grandparents, Betty Gardner of Hoisington, and Larry and Joann Rutkowski of Wichita; and great-grandparents Maxine Murray of Larned and Lettie Green of Moore, Okla.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Monday at the Eastminster Presbyterian Church in Wichita.

Funeral arrangements provided by
Wulf-Ast Mortuary
911 Biermann
Garden Plain, Ks. 67050

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune August 13, 2006

Viola Vera Watkins 1923 - 2006

Viola Vera Watkins, 83, died Aug. 10 at Hospice House of Reno County in Hutchinson. She was born July 22, 1923, in Otis, the daughter of Frank J. and Pauline Serpan Suchy. She married Chester R. Watkins on Nov. 27, 1943, at LaCrosse. She lived most of her life in Great Bend and was a homemaker.

Mrs. Watkins was a member of St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church and Alter Society of Great Bend.

Survivors include: Her husband of the home; four daughters, Ruth Weber of Great Bend, Charlotte Lackey of Blue Springs, Mo., Sandy Byers of Hutchinson, and Pam Davidson of Rogers, Ark.; 11 grandchildren; five step-children; and 18 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by: A son, Gerald Dean Watkins; six brothers, Frank Suchy, Elmer Suchy, Joe Suchy, Vernon Suchy, Freddie Suchy and Al Suchy; and one great-grandson.

Altar Society Rosary will be at 4 p.m. and Vigil Service will be at 7 p.m. both today at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Great Bend with the Rev. Wesley Schawe officiating. Burial will be in the Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call from 1 to 9 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are suggested to Hospice House of Reno County in care of the funeral home.

Funeral arrangements provided by
Bryant Funeral Home
1425 Patton Road
Great Bend, Ks. 67530

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune August 13, 2006

August 11, 2006

Jolene K. “Joey” Keister 1949 - 2006

MCPHERSON — Jolene K. “Joey” Keister, 56, died Aug. 9 at her home in McPherson. She was born Sept. 4, 1949, in Bazine, the daughter of Herman Frances Rein and Martha Herman. She married Sam G. Keister on June 7, 1969, at Bazine. She was employed at the N.C.R.A Refinery in the safety and training department. She was a resident of McPherson since 1979 coming from El Dorado and Plainville.

Mrs. Keister was a member of Countryside Covenant Church. She graduated from Bazine High School in 1967. Survivors include her husband Sam of the home; two daughters Kris Rensner of Effingham, Ill., and Amy Bower of Olathe; two brothers, Ray Rein of Ness City and J.D. Rein of Great Bend; and eight grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. on Monday at Countryside Covenant Church, with the Rev. Tim Holgerson officiating.

Burial will be at the McPherson Cemetery. Friends may call from 1 to 4 p.m. on Sunday at Stockham Family Funeral Home with family present. Memorials are suggested to the Joey Keister Memorial Fund for local health and hospice agencies.

Funeral arrangements provided by
Stockham Family Funeral Home
205 N. Chestnut
McPherson, Ks. 67460
620-241-2442

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune August 11, 2006

August 10, 2006

Beryl June Shriner 1937 - 2006
Viola Watkins 1923 - 2006

Viola Watkins, 83, of Great Bend, died Aug. 10 at Hospice House of Reno County in Hutchinson. She was born on July 22, 1923. Arrangements are pending with Bryant Funeral Home of Great Bend.

August 10, 2006

Georgia B. Wehling 1935-2006

DORRANCE - Georgia B. Wehling, 71, died Aug. 7, at Via Christi Regional Medical Center in Wichita. She was born July 19, 1935, to flames, Kansas, the daughter of Gus and Goldie Belle (Salmons) Cox. She married Max Wehling on Nov. 1, 1953, in Galsburg, Kansas. He died in 1986. She was a production worker at ABCO in Russell for over 20 years and was a lifetime resident of the Dorrance/Ellsworth area. Mrs. Wehling was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Lyons, United Christian Women of Wilson and a Church Youth Group sponsor. Survivors include two sons, Larry Wehling of Grand Junction, Colo., and Ron Wehling of Russell; one daughter, Barbara Canon of Great Bend; one sister, Juanita Wilkerson of Parsons; one brother Virgil Cox of Thayer; seven grandchildren and two great grandchildren. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. on Friday at the church with Pastor Kris Bier officiating. Burial will be at the Dorrance City Cemetery. Visitation will be from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m. today at Foster Mortuary in Wilson and 9 a.m. until service time Friday at the church. Memorials are suggested to the church. Funeral arrangements provided by Foster Mortuary, Inc.* 610 24th Street Wilson, Ks. 67490-0205 785-658-2345 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, August 10, 2006

Douglas L. Sillin 1953 -2006

STERLING - Douglas L. Sillin, 52, died Aug. 9, at his residence in Sterling. He was born Sept. 14, 1953, in Hutchinson, the son of Virgil T. and Marian A. LeRoy Sillin. He graduated from Sterling High School on 1971, graduated from Pratt Junior College in 1973. He attended Sterling College, and Kansas State University, graduating from Dallas Institute of Mortuary Science in 1977. He married Christine M. Desbien Irick on June 16, 2001, in Sterling. She survives of the home. He was a resident of Sterling since 1960, and the owner and president of Sillin Funeral Homes and Granite Memorials of Sterling and Lyons. Mr. Sillin was a member of the National Funeral Directors Association, Kansas Funeral Directors Association, former president and board member of the Chamber of Commerce in Sterling, Lyons Chamber of Commerce, and Sterling High School booster club. He was an avid basketball fan, having played at Sterling High School where he still holds the highest single-game scoring record and at Pratt Junior College where he played on a basketball scholarship and Sterling College. Survivors include, his wife Christine, four daughters, Katie J. Sillin of the home, Jaclyn Dewey and husband Joel of Ellinwood, Jenifer Sillin of Sterling, and a niece Judy Rosetta. She was preceded in death by two brothers, Robert and Jerry Shriner, a sister Doris M. Mallein, a nephew Mark Phelps and a niece Judy Rosetta.

Funeral will be at 10 a.m. on Saturday at First United Methodist Church in Great Bend, with the Rev. Gary Brooks officiating. Burial will be at the Genesseo Cemetery in Geneseo. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. today, with family receiving friends from 7 to 8 p.m. Memorials are suggested to First United Methodist Church, Geneseo United Methodist Church or Shriner Family Scholarship in care of Bryant Funeral Home.

Funeral arrangements provided by Bryant Funeral Home* 1425 Patton Road Great Bend, Ks. 67530 793-3625 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune August 11, 2006

Glenn E. Hanzlick

WICHITA - Glenn E. Hanzlick, 81, retired field superintendent with Layne-Western Company, died Tuesday, Aug. 8. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Friday at Resthaven Mortuary Chapel in Wichita. He was preceded in death by his wife Edith. Survivors include his son Kip and wife Sherri of Frisco, Texas; daughter Kim Bushey and husband David of Towanda; one brother Bob Hanzlick of Salina; sister Betty Shauff of Great Bend; four grandchildren, Nathan and Hayley Mar of Towanda, and Whitney and Cole Hanzlick of Frisco, and two step-grandchildren Shelby and Cassady Bushey of Towanda. Memorial suggested with Riverside Village, 777 N. McLean Blvd. Wichita, Kan. 67203 Funeral arrangements provided by Resthaven Mortuary* 11800 W. Highway 54 Wichita, Ks 67209 316-722-2100 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, August 10, 2006

Kenneth “Bush” Cheney

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preceded in death by his wife Aileen Ruth in 1983 and three brothers Harold, Eugene, and Raymond Cheney Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday with visitation from 3 to 7 p.m. Friday, both at Lakeview Funeral Home in Wichita. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to Susan G. Komen Foundation, 5005 LBJ Fwy., Ste. 250, Dallas, TX 75244, www.komen.org or Barton County Community College Foundation 245 NE 30 Road, Great Bend, KS 67530. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, August 9, 2006* David Lee DuBois 1956 - 2006 IDAHO SPRINGS Colo. - David Lee DuBois, 47, died Aug. 9, 2006* David Lee DuBois was born on Oct. 2, 1956 in Great Bend, Kan. to Don and Mayme DuBois. DuBois lived in Great Bend and Santanta, Kan. during his childhood. DuBois then resided in Dodge City, Kan. from 1976-1978; Wichita, Kan. in 1981; Hope, Kan. from 1981-1982; Pocatella, Idaho from 1982-1983; Woodlin, Colo. from 1983-1984; Highland, Kan. from 1984-1986; Horton, Kan. from 19861989; Olsburg, Kan. from 1999-1990; Greensburg, Kan. from 1990-1991; Valley Falls, Kan. from 1991-1995; Idaho Springs, Colo. from 1995-19958; Almena, Kan. from 1998-2000; Jennings, Kan. from 2000-2002; Weskan, Kan. from 2002-2004, and Thousand Oaks, Calif. from 2004-2006. David graduated from Satanta High School in 1976, and went on to receive a bachelor's degree in secondary education from St. Mary's of the Plains College in Dodge City. DuBois later received a masters degree in administration from Fort Hays State University, and was working toward a doctorate in education at Kansas State University. He worked as a teacher, administrator and coach. He was recently hired as the Chief of Staff for the Center for Civic Education. DuBois married Tami Rae Zordel on March 25, 1982 in Herrington, Kan. They were blessed with three children. He enjoyed his children and grandchildrens, coaching football, watching sports, fishing, and entertaining with friends. DuBois is survived by his wife, Tami Rae DuBois; his parents, Don and Mayme DuBois; sons, Wes (Ann) DuBois and Clay DuBois, both of Salina, Kan.; a daughter, Whitney DuBois and fiancé, Fischer Otten; mother-in-law, Esther Zordel of Dodge City, Kan.; sister, Diane (Dennis) Fillpot of Jacksonville, N.C.; brother, Dan DuBois of Wichita; brothers-in-law, Allen Zordel of Topeka, Kan., and Michael Zordel of Idaho Springs, Colo.; one sister-in-law, Julie Zordel of Dodge City; two grandchildren, Abigail and Madison; six nieces and four nephews. Pallbearers are Bill Arnold, Bob Warmack, Alexes Washington of Idaho Springs, Jon Fore of Denver, Colo.; Bob Lemmings of Thousand Oaks Calif.; James Collins of Atchinson, Kan.; Chuck Lozer of Satanta, Tom Nelson of Olsburg, Kan., and Bob Sloop of Valley Falls, Kan.;, and Larry Lyssel, of Belleville, Kan. A viewing will be held at 9 a.m., Thursday, August 10 at Clear Creek Middle School with a memorial service at 10 a.m. Graveside services will follow at Idaho Springs Cemetery. A reception will be held at the middle school after the services. In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to the Dave DuBois Memorial Fund PO Box 892, Idaho Springs, Colorado Funeral services provided by Hegmann Funeral Service, Inc.* P.O. Box 2017 Idaho Springs, CO 80452 (303) 567-4323 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, August 9, 2006 Betty Ann Malek (Rauscher) Malek 1951 - 2006 Betty Ann Malek, 55, of Great Bend died Aug. 6, at her home. She was born January 6, 1951 in Wagner S.D. the daughter of Andrew and Lilly Mary (Kokes) Rauscher. She married Edward J. Malek Feb. 14, 1986 in Kirwin. She was a resident of Great Bend. Survivors include two sons, Jeff Rauscher of Luray, and Kevin Malek of Victoria; two daughters, Debra K. Contreras of S. D., Vern Rauscher of Juno, Alaska, and Tom Rauscher of Denison Iowa; one sister Carol Cullens of Hinton, Iowa, and seven grandchildren. She was preceded in death by an infant sister Mary Rauscher, and her father Andrew Rauscher. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, at the First Church of the Nazarene with Rev. Robert Castle presiding. Interment will be in Great Bend Cemetery North. Visitations will be 12 to 8 p.m. tomorrow with family receiving friends from 7 to 8 p.m. at Charter Funerals Chapel, Great Bend. Memorials are suggested to the Betty Ann Malek Memorial fund in care of the funeral home. Funeral services provided by Charter Funerals 2115 Washington Great Bend, KS. 67530 620-793-6161 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, August 9, 2006 Hazel E. Schroeder 1921 -2006 MCPHERSON — Hazel E. Schroeder, 85, died Aug. 8, at Infinia Health Center, McPherson. She was born June 13, 1921 in Panora, Iowa, the daughter of Herbert W. Jescite and Leota A. Bryan. She married William M. Embrey, later divorced. She then married Lawrence J. Schroeder on Nov. 14, 1987 in McPherson. He died on Dec. 11, 1990. She was a retired nurse s aid working at a hospital in Perry, Iowa, and at the Veteran’s Hospital in Des Moines, and in the kitchen of the McPherson Senior Center. She was a resident of McPherson since 1979, coming from Woodward Iowa. Mrs. Schroeder was member of the First Christian Church, and McPherson Senior Center Kichenette Band. Survivors include five sons, Lewis Embrey of Clifton, James Embrey of Council Bluffs, Iowa, Tom Embrey and John Embrey both of McPherson, and Jerald Embrey of Des Moines, three daughters, Margaret Dailey of Gilmore City, Iowa, Marilyn Hysell of Las Vegas, Nev., and Caroline Pindexter of Madrid Iowa; and brother Wayne Jescite of St. Joseph, Mo., 20 grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a daughter Mary Upchurch, step-sons Robert, Jack, and Richard Embrey, granddaughter Annette Embrey, grandson Edward Vaughn, great-granddaughters,
Jessica Marie Ivy and Jill Dailey, two sisters, Mildred Pauline Brown and Opal Scheiman, and daughter-in-law Sue Embrey

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at the church. Burial will be at Excelsior Cemetery in rural Marquette. Visitations will be from 3 to 8 p.m. Friday at Stockham Family Funeral Home. Family will be receiving friends from 6 to 8.

Memorials are suggested to the church or the Infinia Health Center. Funeral services provided by Stockham Family Funeral Home 205 N. Chestnut McPherson, KS. 67460 620-241-2442 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, August 9, 2006

Gail Wayne Campbell 1926 - 2006

RUSSELL - Gail Wayne Campbell, 80, died Aug., 4 at the Wheatland Nursing Home in Russell after a longtime illness. He was born March 22, 1926 in Caney, the son of Edward Bruce and Alice Mae (Grooms) Campbell. He lived in Texas, Oklahoma, and Kansas, attending high school in Russell. He married Wilma H. Barker on Oct. 7, 1944 in Wichita. She preceded him in death on Dec. 27, 2005. He worked as a derrick hand in the oil fields in Texas, Colorado, and Kansas, before selling insurance in Russell in 1956. In 1966 he was a surveyor for a mining company in New Mexico and Casper Wyoming. In 1977 he was the owner and operator of a service station in Los Lunas N. M. In 1987 he returned to Russell to manage the Country Lane Mobil Home Park until retiring in 1990.

Mr. Campbell served in the United States Navy during World War II. He was a charter member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Survivors include five sons, Edward Campbell of Moriarty, N. M., Jack Campbell of Long Beach, Calif., Rick Campbell of Los Angeles, Calif., Mark Campbell of Bremerton, Wash., and Casey Campbell of Edgewood, N.M.; two daughters, Cheryl Voos of Russell and Julietta Biles of Holsington; four brothers, George Campbell of Texas, Jack and Tommy Campbell both of California, and Clyde Campbell of Ariz.; 14 grandchildren, and ten great-grandchildren. He is preceded in death by a brother Eugene Campbell, and a grandson Shawn Campbell.

Funeral services will be at 9:30 a.m. Friday at the Russell City Cemetery with the Rev. Earl Haggard presiding. There will be no viewing. Friends may sign the guest book during the day on Friday.

Funeral services provided by Pohlmans Varner Peeler Mortuary and Monuments 610 N. Maple Russell, KS. 67665 785-483-2212 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, August 9, 2006

Rubye Estes Warner 1923 - 2006

Rubye Estes Warner, 83, of Great Bend, died Aug. 5 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. She was born April 15, 1923, at Henderson, Tenn., the daughter of Oliver Theodore Young and Cora Lee Nowell. She married Kenneth Morris Warner on Oct. 23, 1948, at St. Peter’s Lutheran Church in St. Louis, Mo. A resident of Great Bend since April 2006, coming from Smyrna, Ga., she was an accounting clerk and comptometer operator.

Mrs. Warner was a member of Faith Lutheran Church in Marietta, Ga., and attended Trinity Lutheran Church in Great Bend. Survivors include her husband, of the home; four sons, Gregory Albert Warner and wife Trudy, St. Louis, Mo., Steven Oliver Warner and wife Cindy, Great Bend, Mark Kenneth Warner and wife Linda, Arlington Heights, Ill., and Matthew Earl Warner and wife Kathy, Toledo, Ohio; eight grandchildren: Jennifer Skinner and husband Brent; Rebecca Warner; Anne Martin and husband Nate; David Warner; Sara Warner; Kevin Warner and wife Stephanie; Diane Guthrie and husband Jeremy; Jeremy Warner and wife Megan; three great-grandchildren: Andrew Martin, Jaci Guthrie and Addison Guthrie; and two sisters, Margie Pearl Young, of Missouri, and Maxine Ardell Young, St. Louis, Mo. She was preceded in death by five brothers, Elbert Theodore Young, Willie Thomas Young, Wilburn Robert Young, O.T. Young and Ulas Odel Young; and six sisters, Sallie Belle Mooney, Annie Mae Young, Louella Kirkman, Emmer Viola Young, Georgia Delois Young and Claudia Earl Young.

Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. today at Trinity Lutheran Church in Great Bend, with the Rev. James A. Strassen and the Rev. Kris Bjerve-Ullman officiating. There will be no visitation; cremation his taken place. Memorials are suggested to Trinklien Scholarship 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, Aug. 8, 2006

Josephine Mary McFrederick

WICHITA — Josephine Mary McFrederick, 85, died Aug. 6, 2006. Survivors include a son, Roy McFrederick, Great Bend; three daughters, Ruth McFrederick and Sr. Amy McFrederick, both of Great Bend, and Nita Trantham, Leeds, Ala.; 13 grandchildren and 24 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Roy McFrederick; son William McFrederick; and daughters Mary McFrederick and Rita McFrederick.

Rosary will be held at 7 p.m. Wednesday, with wake following, at DeVors Flanagan-Hunt Mortuary in Wichita. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at All Saints Catholic Church in Wichita. Memorials are suggested to All Saints Catholic Church, 3205 Grand, Wichita, KS 67218.

Funeral arrangements provided by
Robert "Bob" Henry English 1913 - 2006

ST. JOHN — Robert “Bob” Henry English, 93, died Aug. 5 at Hospice House in Hutchinson. He was born Feb. 10, 1913, at Macksville, the son of Joe G. and Myrtle Rixon English. He was a resident of St. John from 1939 to 1999, when he moved to Hutchinson. He graduated from Fort Collins High School, Fort Collins, Colo., and earned a bachelor’s degree in business from the University of Kansas. He married Carlene Holt on Nov. 13, 1936, at Wichita. She died Nov. 25, 1999. He was a retired St. John businessman.

English was a genuine Bible believing Christian, a member of United Methodist Church, St. John; Trinity United Methodist Church, Hutchinson; former St. John City Councilman; former Unified School District 350 St. John-Hudson School Board member; former member and president of St. John Chamber of Commerce; Lions Club; Odd Fellows; and 32nd degree Mason.

Survivors include a daughter, JoAnn Champlin and husband H.H. “Bud,” of Enid, Okla.; three sons, Tom H. English and wife Hanni, Hoisington, Tim J. English and wife Barbara, Wichita, and Joe G. English and wife Sharon, Kalvesta; “Son” Sung Kun “Sam” Kim, Washington, D.C.; sister Josephine Campbell, Hutchinson; 12 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two brothers, William T. “Bill” English and Harold English.

Graveside service will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Farmington Cemetery in Macksville, with Lusby Kirk officiating. Memorials are suggested to Bibles for America.

Funeral arrangements provided by Sillin Funeral Homes*
214 West Ave. South
Lyons, KS 67554
620-257-2211

Betty Ann Marie (Rauscher) Malek

Betty Ann Marie (Rauscher) Malek, Great Bend, died Aug. 6, 2006. Services are pending with the Charter Funerals, Great Bend.

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 8, 2006

Erika Benintendi 1932 - 2006

TOPEKA — Erika Benintendi, 74, died Aug. 4 at Stormont-Vail Hospital in Topeka. She was born Jan. 19, 1932, in Ulm, Germany. She was a Registered Nurse and resident of St. John from 1955 to 1993, of Pratt from 1993 to 1995, and of Topeka from 1995 to the present. She received a bachelor’s degree in business administration in Germany, and a nurse’s degree at Wesley School of Nursing in Wichita. She married Ray Benintendi on Feb. 7, 1955, at Ulm, Germany. He died in 1993.

Survivors include a daughter, Kathy Bassett, Topeka; four brothers, Fritz Scheck of Canada, and Adolf Scheck, Heiner Scheck and Karl Scheck, all of Germany; two grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a son, David L. Benintendi, and a sister, Traude Scheck.

Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Minnis Chapel in St. John, with the Rev. Casey Ingold officiating. Burial will be at Fairview Park Cemetery, St. John. Friends may call from 1 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Minnis Chapel. Memorials are suggested to Salvation Army or Topeka Rescue Mission, in care of the chapel.

Funeral arrangements provided by Minnis Chapel
526 E. Fourth Ave., P.O. Box 34
St. John, KS 67576
620-5493556

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 8, 2006

Edward Drees 1935 - 2006

Edward Drees, 71, of Great Bend, died Aug. 4 at St. Luke’s Hospital on the Plaza, Kansas City, Mo. He was born July 7, 1935, at Hays, the son of Fred and Bertha Binder Drees. He married Ronnie L. Boor on Jan. 4, 1984, in Reno, Nev. A resident of Great Bend since 1963, coming from Hoisington, he was a customer service technician for Southwestern Bell Co., retiring in 1997.

Drees was a U.S. Army veteran. He was a member of Telephone Company Pioneers, Great Bend Kiwanis and Great Bend Chamber of Commerce. He was a member of the Catholic Community of Great Bend-St. Patrick Church, and a church usher. He was a member of Knights of Columbus & Faithful Comptroller of 4th Degree. He was a member of Boy Scouts of America, a Vigil Honor member of the Order of the Arrow and recipient of the Silver Beaver Award.

Survivors include his wife, of the home; mother Bertha Drees of Hoisington; son Randy Drees, Sacramento, Calif.; two step-sons, Ryan C. Williams, New York, N.Y., and Gregg Williams, Virginia Beach, Va.; three daughters, Carma Strayer and husband Mark, Calhan, Colo., and Christy Harmon, Calhan, Colo.; step-daughter, Kimberly A. Williams-Cloyd and husband Raymond, Manhattan; two brothers, Kenneth Drees and wife Marla, Olathe, and Tony Drees and wife Lila, Athens, Texas; sister-in-law Donna Drees, Sacramento, Calif.; seven grandchildren, Nicholas Drees, Graham Drees, Brandi Anthony, Joshua Anthony, Conor Anthony, Charlene Harmon and Aimee Harmon; three step-grandchildren: Lauren B. Williams, Garrett W. Williams and Allisson R. Cloyd; and by his loving lab, India. He was preceded in death by his father, Fred Drees; one brother, Virgil Drees; and one sister, Norma Drees.
Vigil service will be at 7 tonight, followed by a Knights of Columbus Rosary at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Great Bend, with Father Wesley Schawe officiating. Interment will be at Great Bend Cemetery, Great Bend, with military honors conducted by Fort Riley Honor Guard. Friends may call from noon to 9 p.m. today at Bryant Funeral Home. Memorials are suggested to Great Bend Humane Society or Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, or the donor’s choice, 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. 8, 2006

Berneice Clarice Ashby 1931 - 2006

HUNTSVILLE, Ala. — Berneice Clarice Ashby, 75, of Huntsville, Ala., died July 30 in Huntsville Hospital. She was born April 6, 1931, in Hudson, the daughter of John and Ruth (Rice) Krentzel. She was a grandmother and a loving friend to all. Survivors include three daughters, Deborah Ashby of Solomon, Glenda Robinson of Colorado Springs, Colo., and Cynthia Headrick of Huntsville, Ala.; one son, Marc Ashby of Chapman; one brother, Marlin Krentzel of Sun City, Ariz.; 11 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. Graveside service was Saturday at Bluff Cemetery in Springdale, Ark. In lieu of flowers the family has requested that donations be made to the American Diabetes Association.

To sign the online guest book, go to www.nelsonberna.com.

Funeral arrangements provided by
Nelson-Berna Funeral Home
4520 North Crossover Road, P.O. Box 8982
Fayetteville, Ark. 72703-0017
479-521-5000

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 8, 2006

August 6, 2006

Jerry D. Ramey 1947 - 2006

Jerry D. Ramey, 59, of Great Bend, died Aug. 3 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. He was born March 15, 1947, at Stevens County, Ga., the son of William Paul and Mary Frances Norris Ramey. He was a 10-year resident of Great Bend, moving from Colorado. He was a diesel mechanic at R&S Repair. Ramey was a member of Toccoa Creek Church, Toccoa, Ga. Survivors include his wife, Sandy Ramey, of Pennsylvania; three daughters, Tamra Rogers and Crissy Schuster, of Toccoa, Ga., and Diane Ramey; and a sister, Joan Senth, of Lafayette, Colo. He was preceded in death by his parents; one son, Jerry Donald Ramey; and two brothers, William Paul Ramey Jr. and Noah Wesley Ramey. Cremation has taken place. Memorials are suggested to Great Bend Humane Society, in care of Charter Funerals in Great Bend.

Arrangements provided by
Charter Funerals
2115 Washington
Great Bend, KS 67530
620-793-6161

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 6, 2006

Carl J. Austermiller

FARMINGTON HILLS, MICH. — Carl J. Austermiller, age 67, of Farmington Hills, died August 2, 2006. He was born in Great Bend, Kan. Beloved husband of Sylvia for over 42 years. Loving father of Heidi (Ken) Weiss and Rebecca Austermiller. Cherished Grandfather of Haley and Hannah Weiss. Dear brother-in-law to Robert Kryvicky and Cynthia Clarahan. Also survived by his nephews James and Andrew. Funeral service will be at 1 p.m. Monday at Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, 33603 Grand River Avenue, downtown Farmington (1 blk. W. of Farmington Rd.). Visitation will be from 2-8 p.m. today. Memorial contributions may be made to the Oakland Community College Scholarship Fund, 2480 Opdyke Road, Bloomfield Hills, Mich. 48304.

Arrangements provided by
Thayer-Rock Funeral Home
33603 Grand River Avenue
Farmington, Mich. 48304
248-474-4131

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 6, 2006

Erika Benintendi

TOPEKA — Erika Benintendi, 74, died Aug. 4 at Stormont-Vail Hospital in Topeka. Funeral arrangements are pending with Minnis Chapel in St. John.
J. Patrick Hershey was born May 16, 1947, at Great Bend, the son of John and Marian Roth Hershey. He attended St. Joseph’s Catholic School and graduated from Ellinwood Rural High School in the class of 1965. A member of Delta Upsilon Fraternity, he graduated from the University of Kansas with a degree in commercial art in 1970. During the summer of 1971 he and his brother Jim backpacked around Europe and Asia. In 1972, Pat was employed in different aspects of the textile business and was pursuing opportunities in the areas of fabric importing and marketing, working for several textile importers. These job opportunities took him to Denver and several cities along the West Coast. Pat died on Aug. 24, 1985, at his brother Jim’s home in Hawaii. A celebration of his life is planned for Saturday at Sts. Peter & Paul Church north of Ellinwood at 7 p.m. Music from Jonathan Larson’s Pulitzer Prize and Tony Award winning Broadway musical “Rent” will be incorporated into the celebration of Pat’s life journey. The live music will feature vocalists from Ellinwood and Great Bend, including Fred and Murine Prosser, Hank Hayes, Kinnat Whelan, Matt Elliott, Sara Hayden, Lisa Ille, Phillip Berger, Jean Doll, Kelci Sieker and Sharon Sturgis. Pat was the step-son of Robert Southern. Survivors include his mother Marian Southern of Ellinwood; and four brothers: Jim Hershey and his wife Sue, of Claffin; a sister, Geraldine M. “Jerry” Buehler, Great Bend; and 17 nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Norman Hammeke and Dennis Hammeke.

D. of I. and Altar Society Rosary will be at 3 p.m. Sunday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Vigil service will be at 6 p.m. Sunday at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Great Bend, with Bishop Ronald M. Gilmore officiating. Interment will be at 2:30 p.m. Monday at St. Peter & Paul Cemetery, north of Ellinwood. Friends may call from 1 to 9 p.m. Saturday and 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday 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, Aug. 4, 2006

Pat Hershey 1947 - 1985

August 4, 2006

Father Gerald A. Hammeke 1927 - 2006

Father Gerald A. Hammeke, 78, of Great Bend, died Aug. 3 at the Dominican Sisters Convent Infirmary in Great Bend. He was born Dec. 29, 1927, at Clafflin, the son of Joseph M. and Mary Heinz Hammeke. Ordained on May 3, 1952, he was the first priest ordained for the Dodge City Diocese. He was assistant at the Sacred Heart Cathedral until 1956. He was pastor at St. Patrick Church in Plains from 1956-1962, at St. Joseph Church at Offerle and St. Nicholas Church at Kinsley from 1962-1965, at St. Bernard Church at Belpre from 1965-1966, at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church at Dodge City from 1966-1974, at St. John the Evangelist Church in Hoisington from 1974-1980, at St. Patrick Church in Great Bend from 1980-1991, and at St. John the Baptist Church in Spearville from 1991 to retirement in 1997. Father Hammeke started the St. Patrick School Endowment Fund in Great Bend in 1985. He was a Fourth Degree member of the Knights of Columbus, and was State Chaplain in 1981-1982.

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Survivors include a brother, Alfred Hammeke and wife Sue, of Clafflin; a sister, Geraldine M. “Jerry” Buehler, Great Bend; and 17 nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Norman Hammeke and Dennis Hammeke.

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Father Gerald A. Hammeke 1927 - 2006

August 3, 2006

Richard H. Bartel 1936 - 2006

OVERLAND PARK — Richard H. Bartel, 70, of Overland Park, Kansas went to be with his Savior on Tuesday morning, Aug. 1, 2006. Visitation will be held at the United Methodist Church of the Resurrection in Leawood from 7 to 8:30 Thursday evening. The celebration of Richard’s life will continue with funeral services on Friday morning at 10 a.m. at the church. Mr. Richard H. Bartel was born in Lyons on March 10, 1936. Richard spent his childhood in Albert. He graduated from Kansas State University in 1959 with a Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering. He applied his degree in the aerospace, animal health and pharmaceutical industries until his retirement in 2002. During retirement, Richard dedicated his time to helping at his church, playing with grandchildren, fishing with friends and watching K-State football games. Richard will be missed until he is reunited with his wife of 48 years, Phyllis Bartel, and his children Rick, Rochelle, Randy and John. Grandpa will look forward to playing with his grandchildren Caleb, Emma, Ethan, Kaylee and Laine when they see him again in heaven. In lieu of flowers the family wishes donations to be sent to Ronald McDonald House. Funeral arrangements provided by D.W. Newcomer’s Overland Park Chapel* 8201 Metcalf Ave. Overland Park, Ks. 66204 913-648-6224 (Online guest book at www.dwnewcomers.com)

Great Bend (Kan) Tribune August 3, 2006
Mae Bollinger 1932 - 2006

UTICA — Mae Bollinger, 74, died July 31 at her home in Utica. She was born on June 8, 1932, in Great Bend, the daughter of Ralph and Ella Christiansen. She married Lee Bollinger on Dec. 13, 1958. He died Nov. 10, 2001. She was a homemaker and lived in the Utica community since 1962. Mrs. Bollinger was a member of the United Methodist Church in Utica, the Utica Lions club, National Rifle Association and AARP. Survivors include two sons, Lee Allen Bollinger of Scott City, and David Hill of Colorado Springs, Colo.; three brothers, Jesse Christiansen of Great Bend, and Gerald Christiansen and Junior Christiansen, both of Hoisington; and 13 grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a daughter, Carolyn Sue Hill; one sister, Virginia Hobercht; and three brothers, Richard Christiansen, Andy Christiansen and Leslie Christiansen. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at the church in Utica, with the Rev. Jim Brackett presiding. Burial will be in the Utica Cemetery. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday at the Fitzgerald Funeral Home in Ness City, and Friday at the church until service time. Memorials are suggested to the Utica United Methodist Church 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 Great Bend (Kan) Tribune August 3, 2006

Marcella Jean (Sally) Smith 1918 - 2006

Marcella Jean (Sally) Smith, 87, of Great Bend, died July 31 at Central Kansas Medical Center. She was born on Dec. 9, 1918 in Oakland, Iowa, the daughter of Irl Daniel and Tacye Margaret (Strong) Cleveland. She married Dick E. Smith on Feb. 27, 1937 in Maryville, Mo. He died Feb. 4, 1999. Mrs. Smith was a member of the Order of Eastern Star in Oakland, Iowa, and the First United Methodist Church in Bushton. Survivors include 3 daughters, Sondra Yeager of Omaha, Neb., and Rae Murray and Sue Kaiser, both of Great Bend; 10 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a sister, LaVetta Marie Madsen. A private family service will be held at a later date. Inurnment will be at the Oakland Cemetery in Oakland, Iowa.

Funeral arrangements provided by Charter Funerals
2115 Washington
Great Bend, Ks. 67530
620-793-6161
Great Bend (Kan) Tribune August 3, 2006

Floy Louise Coddington 1922-2006

BURDETT — Floy Louise Coddington, 83, died July 31, at Newman Hospital, in Emporia. She was born November 24, 1922, south of Alexander on the family farm, the daughter of Claude T. and Creta Marie Wright Huddleston.

A longtime resident of Alexander and Burdett moving to Emporia in 2005, she was a homemaker, farm wife and electrician helper.

She belonged to Community of Christ Church of Great Bend, Shiley Township Homemakers Club EHU for 50 years, Alexander High School Alumni, charter member Alexander Golden Keys and Burdett Seniors Inc., Wet & Dry Routes of Santa Fe Trail and the Ness County Historical Society.

On August 3, 1942, she married Cecil Allen Coddington at Great Bend. He survives. Other survivors include two sons, Alan and wife Debbie, of Olathe and Dennis and wife Mary, of Emporia; two daughters, Nancy and husband Barry Romine, of Emporia and Susan and husband C.H. "Jay" Johnston, of Lindale, Texas; two brothers, Urban Huddleston, of Larned, and Alton W. Huddleston, of Alexander; one sister, Claudine Huddleston, of LaCrosse; six grandchildren, six great grandchildren, two step grandchildren and seven step great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one grandson, Matthew Johnston.

Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Morell Funeral Home, in Larned. Burial will be in Alexander Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. until 8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home, with the family receiving friends from 6 until 8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Memorials may be sent to Burdett Seniors, Inc. in care of the funeral home, P.O. Box 124, Larned, KS 67550-0124.

Funeral arrangements provided by Morell Funeral Home*
1021 Broadway
Larned, KS 67550
620-285-2489
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 2, 2006

Ray Williams Johnson Jr. 1923 - 2006

Ray Williams Johnson Jr., 82, died July 30 at his home in Great Bend. He was born Oct. 15, 1923, at Augusta, the son of Ray W. and Bessy (Ward) Johnson. He married Stella Mae Jones on Aug. 22, 1955, in Ponca City, Okla. He was preceded in death by his wife.

Cremation has taken place. A private service will be held at a later date.

Funeral arrangements provided by Charter Funerals
2115 Washington
Great Bend, KS 67530
620-793-6161
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 1, 2006

Floy Louise Coddington
BURDETT — Floy Louise Coddington, 83, died July 31, 2006, at Newman Hospital in Emporia. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Morell Funeral Home in Larned.

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 1, 2006

Marcella Jean (Sally) Smith

Marcella Jean (Sally) Smith, Great Bend, died July 31, 2006. Services are pending with the Charter Funerals in Great Bend.

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 1, 2006
Robert A. Compton 1938 - 2006

Robert A. Compton, 67, of Great Bend, died Sept. 27 at his home. He was born Nov. 8, 1938, in Allendale, Ill., to Aaron and Monzelle Wolf Compton. He married Delph Doris McDaniel Jones on June 20, 1989, at Hesperia, Calif. She died Sept. 14, 2004. He was a truck driver and a resident of Great Bend since 2000, coming from Lake Wales, Fla.

Mr. Compton was a United States Army veteran and a member of American Legion Argonne Post 180. Survivors include one son, Anthony Compton of Mt. Carmel, Ill.; two daughters, Melissa Payne of Rogers, Ark., and Michelle Wiseman of Browns, Ill.; his father Aaron Compton of Evansville, Ill.; and six grandchildren. There will be no service or visitation as cremation has taken place.

Keith W. Kirby 1923-2006

Keith W. Kirby, 83, of Great Bend, died Sept. 27 at his home. He was born July 29, 1923, at Nekoma, the son of William R. and Nellie Leona Felch Kirby. He married Thelma Wilhelm on Nov. 13, 1946, at Rush Center. She died Jan. 3, 1984. He married Wilma Nuss Fakes on Oct. 7, 1989, at Great Bend. She survives. He was a service manager for George Asher Ford Motor Company for 18 years and most recently a counter man for Big A Auto parts for 10 years. He had also worked at the CC Camp at Rozel from August 1939 to August 1940. He was a resident of Great Bend since 1979, coming from St. John. He was a veteran of World War II, serving with the rank of PFC in the United States Army. He was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church and American Legion Argonne Post 180, both of Great Bend. Survivors include his wife, Wilma, of the home; two sons, Stephen F. Kirby and wife Tanya, St. John, and Troy N. Kirby and wife Cassie, Greensburg; one daughter, Brenda Urban and husband Mitch, Claflin; one stepson, John E. Fakes and wife Sharon, Aurora, Colo.; one stepdaughter, Nancy Lucas and husband Terry, Sublette; a sister, Laura Gabbert, Flagstaff, Ariz.; six grandchildren, one great-grandson, nine stepgrandchildren and one stepgreat-granddaughter. He was preceded in death by three brothers, Kenneth, Donald and Robert. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Trinity United Methodist Church, Great Bend, with Pastor Julie Shields officiating. Interment will be in Great Bend Cemetery with military rites conducted by a Fort Riley Honor Guard. Friends may call from 5 to 9 p.m. today at Bryant Funeral Home. Memorials are suggested to Hoisington VFW Post 7428.

Winifred (Susie) Ann Messex 1921 - 2006

HOISINGTON — Winifred (Susie) Ann Messex, 84, died Sept. 28 at Clara Barton Hospital in Hoisington. She was born Oct. 3, 1921, in Minneapolis to Roy Bryne and Grace Maude (Travis) Messex. She retired from Southwestern Bell Telephone in Great Bend after 35 years. She was a Hoisington resident since 1936, coming from Arkansas City. Ms. Messex was a member of the First Christian Church, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7428 Auxiliary, American Legion Post 286 Auxiliary, and a life member of Clara Barton Hospital Auxiliary all of Hoisington, a life member of Telephone Pioneer Company and a member of the Eagles Lodge of Great Bend. Survivors include one brother, Roy John Messex of Breaux Bridge, La., and one sister, Opal Georgia McCutchen of Aransas Pass, Texas. She was preceded in death by one brother, Hiram R. Messex and one sister, Edith M. Ogle.

Winifred (Susie) Ann Messex was a member of the First Christian Church, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7428 Auxiliary, American Legion Post 286 Auxiliary, and a life member of Clara Barton Hospital Auxiliary all of Hoisington, a life member of Telephone Pioneer Company and a member of the Eagles Lodge of Great Bend. Survivors include one brother, Roy John Messex of Breaux Bridge, La., and one sister, Opal Georgia McCutchen of Aransas Pass, Texas. She was preceded in death by one brother, Hiram R. Messex and one sister, Edith M. Ogle.

Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home, Hoisington, with the Rev. Paula Bell officiating. Burial will be at Hoisington Cemetery. Friends may call from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. today and 9 a.m. until service time Saturday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Hoisington VFW Post 7428.

Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home

415 N. Main

P.O. Box 146 Hoisington, Ks. 67544 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 29, 2006

Esther M. Keevert Ewing 1912 - 2006

HUTCHINSON — Esther M. Keevert Ewing, 93, died Sept. 28 at Hester Care Center, Wesley Towers, Hutchinson. She was born Oct. 18, 1912, at Winfield, the daughter of Clinton and Ruby Seabridge Haworth. She married Charles H. Keevert on Sept. 20, 1931. He died Feb. 8, 1980. She later married Morton Ewing on Dec. 31, 1982. He died July 13, 1993. She was a Hutchinson resident since 1954, and a homemaker. Survivors include four sons, Gary of Enterprise, Ala., Charles of South Hutchinson, Ellis of Willow Springs, N.C., and Louis of Salem, Ore.; a daughter, Rita Cox of Springfield, Mo.; stepdaughters Carolyn “Kay” Case of San Jose, Calif., and Marilyn “Cookie” Jenkins of Loveland, Colo.; a brother, Chalmer Haworth of Atlanta, Kan.; and numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a son, Kenneth James “Jim” Keevert, a daughter, Betty LeAnn Vieta, brothers Shelton, Lowell and Wilber Haworth and sisters Laura Wingert and Carol Smith. Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Elliott Mortuary, Hutchinson. A graveside service will be at 2:30 p.m. Monday in the Burden Cemetery at Burden. Friends may call at the mortuary from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Memorial donations in Mrs. Ewing’s name may be made for Hospice Care of Kansas in care of the mortuary. Elliott Mortuary 1219 North Main Hutchinson, KS 67501 620-663-3327

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 29, 2006
Sister Miriam Schremmer OP 1912-2006

Sister Miriam Schremmer, 94, died Sept. 28 at the Dominican Sisters’ Convent infirmary, Great Bend. Born Mary Theresa Schremmer on Aug. 29, 1912, in Beaver, she was the daughter of the late Alois and Caroline Frenzel Schremmer. She entered the Dominican Sisters’ Community July 16, 1927, and pronounced her first vows Aug. 13, 1930. She celebrated 75 years of religious profession in 2005.

Sister Miriam ministered first as a teacher in Garden Plain. From 1937 to 1988 she worked in the health field as nurse, head nurse, floor supervisor and eventually as administrator of St. Catherine Hospital in Garden City and St. Joseph Memorial Hospital in Larned. Besides these two hospitals she also worked as a nurse in St. Rose Hospital in Great Bend and lastly at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend in the pastoral care department.

Sister Miriam also served as director of the Dominican School of Nursing in Great Bend for six years. In 1989 Sister Miriam assumed directorship of the Dominican Sisters’ International Rosary Shrine, a position she held until her retirement in 1998.

Sister Miriam is survived by two brothers, John of Gorham and Oswald of Hoisington, and a sister, Loretta Ann Maixner of Hutchinson.

Sister Miriam’s body will be brought to the hospitality area of the Dominican Chapel of the Plains, 3600 Broadway, Great Bend, at 1:30 p.m. today, where it will lie in state until the Liturgy of Christian Burial at 3:30 p.m. Saturday, with the Rev. Robert Schremmer presiding. A wake service will be held at 7:30 p.m. today. Burial will be in the Sisters’ Resurrection Cemetery. Both the wake and the funeral will be held at the convent, 3600 Broadway. Memorials in honor of Sister Miriam Schremmer may be sent to Dominican Sisters Ministry Fund, Office of Mission and Ministry, 3600 Broadway, Great Bend, KS 67530-3692. Friends may call at the convent from 5 p.m. until the time of the wake this evening, and from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday.

Bryant Funeral Home
1425 Patton Road
Great Bend, KS 67530
620-793-3525
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 29, 2006

Candelaria Quintana 1935 - 2006

Candelaria Quintana, 71, of Great Bend, died Sept. 27 at Via Christi Regional Medical Center, St. Francis Campus in Wichita. She was born Feb. 2, 1935, in Chihuahua, Mexico, to Luis and Anastacia Mata Nieto. She married Roberto Quintana in February 1957 at Chihuahua, Mexico. She was a resident of Great Bend for five years, coming from Chihuahua, Mexico. She was a homemaker.

Mrs. Quintana was a member of the Catholic Community of Great Bend at St. Rose.

Survivors include her husband, Roberto Quintana; five sons, Jesus Quintana, Roberto Quintana and Carlos Quintana, all of the home, Jose L. Quintana of Ellinwood and Ramon G. Quintana of Great Bend; one daughter, Sarah Ramirez of Great Bend; one brother, Antonio Nieto of Chihuahua, Mexico; and five grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two brothers.

Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. today at Bryant Funeral Home. Funeral service will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at Dominican Chapel of the Plains in Great Bend with Father Wesley Schawe officiating. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery North.

Friends may call from 1 to 9 p.m. today at the funeral home.
Bryant Funeral Home
1425 Patton Road
Great Bend, KS 67530
620-793-3525
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 29, 2006

September 28, 2006

Herbert Wayne McKinney 1938 - 2006

McPHERSON — Herbert Wayne McKinney, 67, died Sept. 25 at Cedars Health Care Center in McPherson. He was born Nov. 6, 1938, in Kansas City, Mo., to Leon and Olive May (Burgtorf) McKinney and graduated from Great Bend High School. He married Maxine J. Fraer on July 15, 1972, at the Congregational United Church of Christ in McPherson. He retired from the United States Army as a Class 6. He served two terms in the Korean War, one term in Germany and one term in Vietnam before retiring after 20 years in 1979 at Fort Ord, Calif. He worked as an extruder operator for Certainteed Corporation and Van Guard Plastics and retired from Ferguson Production, all of McPherson.

Mr. McKinney was a life member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2715 in McPherson. He was a member of First Congregational Church in Great Bend.

Survivors include his wife, of the home; and two sisters, Martha Musselman of McPherson and Bonnie Quinn of Omaha, Neb.

Funeral service will be at 7 p.m. today at Glidden-Ediger Chapel in McPherson, with Pastor Terry Post officiating. Military honors by members of VFW Post 2715 and American Legion Post 24. Burial will be at the Elmwood Cemetery in Lindsborg. Friends may call from 3:30 p.m. to service time today, with family present from 6 to 7 p.m. at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to Wheatland Baptist Church or VFW Post 2715, both of McPherson, in care of the funeral home.

Glidden-Ediger Funeral Home
222 West Euclid Street
McPherson, KS 67460-4207
620-241-2550
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 29, 2006
Sister Joan Forward OP 1913-2006

Sister Joan Forward, 92, of Great Bend, died Sept. 26 at Central Kansas Medical Center, Great Bend. She was born Oct. 8, 1913, in Clearwater, as Margaret Forward. Sister Joan was the daughter of the late Edward and Johanna Dugan Forward. She entered the Dominican Sisters’ Community May 23, 1928, and pronounced her first vows Aug. 17, 1931. She celebrated 75 years of religious profession this year.

Sister Joan had a teaching career that spanned the years 1932 to 1978. She taught grades one through eight in parochial schools in Kansas, Missouri and Nebraska, and was principal of eight different schools during that time. After retiring from teaching, she was an office assistant part-time at St. Joseph Memorial Hospital in Larned for two years.

Sister Joan has no surviving brothers or sisters.

Her body was brought to the hospitality area of the Dominican Chapel of the Plains, at 3600 Broadway in Great Bend, at 4:30 p.m. Wednesday. It will lie in state there until the Liturgy of Christian Burial at 3 p.m. Friday. A wake service will be held at 7 p.m. today. Friends may call at the convent from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. today. Burial will be in the Sisters’ Resurrection Cemetery. Both the wake and the funeral will be at the convent, 3600 Broadway. Memorials in honor of Sister Joan Forward may be sent to Dominican Sisters Ministry Fund, Office of Mission and Ministry, 3600 Broadway, Great Bend, KS 67530-3892. Bryant Funeral Home 1425 Patton Road Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-3525 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 28, 2006

Robert Leon Curtis 1927-2006

Robert Leon Curtis, 79, of Great Bend, died Sept. 27 at his home. He was born April 1, 1927, at Emporia, the son of Ira and Emma Hubley Curtis. He married Hazel I. Fowler Dec. 24, 1948, at Emporia. She survives. He had lived in Great Bend since 1951, coming from Emporia. He was an electronic repairman and owner of A-1 Radio and CB Service. He was a veteran of World War II, serving with the United States Navy.

Mr. Curtis was a member of First Christian Church, VFW Post 4111, American Legion Argonne Post 180, and the Fraternal Order of Eagles No. 646, all of Great Bend.

Survivors include his wife, Hazel, of the home; four sons, Robert Ira Curtis, Pawnee Rock, David Christopher Lee Curtis, Truth or Consequences, N.M., Leon Henry Curtis, Austin, Texas, and Timothy Gayle Curtis, Greenwood, Mo.; eight grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

There will be no visitation, as cremation has taken place. A private family inurnment will occur at Chicago Mound Cemetery, Emporia, at a later date.

Bryant Funeral Home 1425 Patton Road Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-3525 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 28, 2006

Janice Larie Johnson 1960 - 2006

STRAUBURG, Colo. — Janice Larie Johnson, 45, died Sept. 16 in Aurora, Colo. She was born Nov. 11, 1960, in Hastings, Neb., to Roy and Leona McConnell of Strasburg. She had lived in the Strasburg community since 1961. She was a graduate of Strasburg High School and the University of Colorado at Boulder. She was a member of the Volunteer Fire and Rescue Squad for 17 years. She worked in economic development for several government agencies including the cities of Castle Rock, Englewood and Aurora, and the governor’s office.

On Aug. 16, 1980, she married Fred Johnson, formerly of Larned. They have two sons, Brian, a student at the University of Colorado, and Kevin, a student at Strasburg High School. Jan was the youngest of five children. She was preceded in death by a brother, Ralph McConnell, and Philip Johnson.

Survivors include two brothers, Dennis McConnell (Dena) of Broomfield, Colo., and John McConnell (Cathy) of Colleyville, Texas; six nephews and four nieces. She’s also survived by Jim Johnson (Judy) of Great Bend, Bud Johnson (Brenda) of Larned and Mary Johnson of Great Bend.

She was a loving, caring person who will be greatly missed by all. She will be remembered for her beautiful smile, positive outlook, inner strength and her amazing sense of humor.

A memorial service was held at 10 a.m. Sept. 22 at the Strasburg Presbyterian Church.

A memorial fund has been established at the Guaranty Bank of Strasburg, Colo., in the name of Jan Johnson.

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 28

Ruby Jewel Smith 1920-2006

CLAFLIN — Ruby Jewel Smith, 86, died Sept. 27 at Hutchinson Hospital, Hutchinson. She was born Jan. 8, 1920, at Crowder, Okla., the daughter of Walter Harrison and Minnie “Brickey” Payne. She married Charles Smith Sept. 3, 1952, at McAlester, Okla. He preceded her in death Feb. 21, 1999. A homemaker, she was a resident of Claflin since 1952, coming from Crowder, Okla.

She was a member of the First Southern Baptist Church, Claflin.

Survivors include two sons, Mark Smith, Claflin, and Danny Smith, Olmitz; a daughter, Cindy Smith, Claflin; three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two brothers and a sister.

A graveside service will be at 10 a.m. Friday in the Claflin Cemetery, Claflin, with Keith Bryant officiating. There will be no visitation. Memorial donations are suggested to the Claflin Ambulance Service in care of Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home, Box 146, Hoisington, KS 67544.

Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home
Box 146
Hoisington, KS 67544
620-653-4165
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 28, 2006
September 27, 2006

Steve L. Bray 1951-2006

Steve L. Bray, 55, of Great Bend, died Sept. 25 at Via Christi Regional Medical Center, St. Francis Campus, Wichita. Steve was born Feb. 10, 1951, at Quinter, the son of Chester “Bud” and Doreen Ringer Bray. He married his wife Linda on Dec. 12, 1986. He was a resident of Great Bend since 1976, coming from Quinter. He owned and operated Steve’s Photography and was the manager of the Buff Car Wash in Great Bend. He was former superintendent of grounds at the Club at StoneRidge for more than 20 years. Steve loved to ride motorcycles, and enjoyed capturing life’s moments on camera, golfing and spending time with his family and friends. Steve always lived life to the fullest.

Steve was a member of the Kansas Sidewinders, the First Presbyterian Church of Great Bend, Great Bend Chamber of Commerce and Barney Masonic Lodge 279 of Dighton. Survivors include his parents; his wife Linda of the home; children: Jeff Berges, Kansas City, Shawndra Harbaugh and her husband Mike and grandson Michael, Great Bend, Michael Schmidt, Kansas City, Shawndra Harbaugh and her husband Mike and grandson Michael, Great Bend, Michael Schmidt, Kansas City, Andrea Schmidt and granddaughter Madelynn of Great Bend; and his brother, Stan Bray of Dighton.

Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Friday at First Presbyterian Church, Great Bend, with the Rev. Hal Staats and Chaplain Chuck Carpenter officiating. Interment will be at Great Bend Cemetery North. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Bryant Funeral Home
1425 Patton Road
Great Bend, KS 67530
620-793-3525
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 27, 2006

Sister Veronica Staudinger OP 1910 - 2006

Sister Veronica Staudinger, 96, died Sept. 25, in the Dominican Sisters’ convent infirmary in Great Bend. Born June 11, 1910, in Dubuque, Kan., as Theresa Odilia Staudinger, Sister Veronica was the daughter of John and Veronica Woydziak Staudinger. She entered the Dominican Sisters’ Community on Aug. 16, 1924, and pronounced her first vows on Aug. 16, 1928. She celebrated 75 years of religious profession in 2003.

Sister Veronica had a career of 52 years as a teacher and/or principal in Catholic elementary schools, which began in 1928. Besides teaching in 16 schools in Kansas, she also taught in three schools in Kirkville, Mo., and Tipton, Mo. In many of these schools she was principal as well as teacher. After her full-time teaching, she also was part-time secretary and librarian for two years at St. Rose School in Great Bend. After her retirement to the motherhouse in Great Bend, she served as a beautician for the sisters, sold religious articles and made crafts for the Annual Mission Bazaar.

Sister Veronica was preceded in death by all her brothers and sisters: the Rev. Joseph Staudinger, OSB, Adolph Staudinger, Anton Staudinger, Henry Staudinger, Carl Staudinger, Sister Monica and Helen Malone.

Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. today. A Steve Bray Memorial Fund has been established. Contributions may be made in care of the funeral home.

Bryant Funeral Home
1425 Patton Road
Great Bend, KS 67530
620-793-3039
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 27, 2006

Bertha W. Willard 1917 - 2006

LEAVENWORTH — Bertha A. Willard, 89, of Leavenworth, formerly of Preston, passed away Monday, Sept. 25, at the Country Care of Easton. She was born April 10, 1917, in Ellis County, the daughter of Alex F. and Theresia (Dreher) Weinmeier. She married William C. Willard on Nov. 7, 1942, in San Bernadino, Calif. He passed away April 14, 1994.

Bertha had been a sales clerk at the McDonald Department Store in Great Bend. She attended the Sacred Heart Catholic Church of Leavenworth and was a past member of the St. Patrick’s Catholic Church of Great Bend. Bertha was an avid gardener and she loved to read.

She is survived by her daughter Jerys R. Krug and husband Dale, Leavenworth; sisters Cecelia Heaton and Mary Allmon, both of Lee’s Summit, Mo.; one granddaughter, Shelly; and three great-grandchildren, Sam, Larry, and Ashley. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband of over 51 years William, sister Martina Schreiber, and brothers Henry Weinmeier, Alex Weinmeier, and Raymond Weinmeier.

Friends may call from 4 to 6 p.m. today at the Belden-Sexton-Sumpter Funeral Chapel in Leavenworth. A graveside service will be held at 1 p.m. Friday at the Great Bend Cemetery. In lieu of flowers the family suggest memorials be made to Odyssey Hospice or Country Care, both in care of the funeral home.

Funeral arrangements provided by
Belden-Sexton-Sumpter Funeral Chapel
500 Oak Street

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 27, 2006
Harley W. Volkmann 1913 - 2006

Harley W. Volkmann, 93, of Great Bend, died Sept. 24 at Via Christi Regional Medical Center, St. Francis Campus, Wichita. He was born June 8, 1913, at Lyons, the son of Albert and Ida Schmidt Volkmann. He married Mary H. Hobbick Nov. 19, 1934, in Lyons. He owned Volkmann Trucking and was also a building inspector for the City of Great Bend. He was a resident of Great Bend since 1944, coming from Lyons.

Volkmann was a member of First United Methodist Church, the Elks Lodge and Masonic Lodge, and a charter member of the Great Bend Petroleum Club, all of Great Bend. Survivors include his wife, of the home; a son, Bill Volkmann, Manhattan; a daughter, Chris Foos, Overland Park; three grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two brothers and three sisters.

Graveside service will be at 1:30 p.m. Oct. 4 at Hillcrest Memorial Park, Great Bend, with the Rev. Gary Brooks officiating. Inurnment will take place there. There will be no visitation, as cremation has taken place. A memorial fund has been established for the church, in care of Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend.

Bryant Funeral Home
1425 Patton Road
Great Bend, KS 67530
620-793-3525

September 26, 2006

Donald D. Schuelke 1919 - 2006

LARNED — Donald D. Schuelke, 87, died Sept. 22 at St. Joseph Long Term Care in Larned. He was born Sept. 3, 1919, in Denver, Colo., the son of Elmer and Nola Armantrout Schuelke. He married Lula Marie Yoder on Oct. 20, 1950, in Lyons. She died June 30, 1993. A resident of Larned since 1984, moving from Rozel, he was a carpenter and laborer. Schuelke was of the Baptist faith. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II in the Medical Corps.

Survivors include two brothers, Wesley Schuelke of Morrow Bay, Calif., and Jimmy Schuelke of Hartville, Mo.; one sister, Rosa Carder of Springfield, Mo.; one half brother, Kenneth Achilles of Cedar Rapids, Iowa; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by a sister, Goldie Schuelke.

Funeral services will be at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday at Morell Funeral Home in Larned. Burial will be in the Larned Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. until 8 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. until service time Wednesday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the Welcome Inn Seniors, in care of the funeral home.

Morell Funeral Home
P.O. Box 124 Larned, KS 67550-0124 620-285-2177

Oteka Irene Schwerdtfeger 1929 - 2006

BUSHTON — Oteka Irene Schwerdtfeger, 76, died Sept. 23 at Hutchinson Hospital. She was born Dec. 25, 1929, in Winfield, the daughter of Dwight Murray Sr. and Doris Irene Prouty Murray. She married Leonard Schwerdtfeger on Oct. 15, 1949, in Bushton. He died March 10, 2000. A resident of Bushton since 1943, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Schwerdtfeger was a member of the Bushton United Methodist Church and the United Methodist Women. Survivors include three sons, Lennie Schwerdtfeger and wife Gwyn of Roseville, Mich., Alan Schwerdtfeger of McPherson, and Glenn Schwerdtfeger and wife Carolyn of Columbus, Ohio; one daughter, Crystal Behnke and husband Howard of Lyons; one brother, Dwight Murray Jr. and wife Foy of McLoud, Okla.; one sister, LaVer Sexton of Seligman, Mo.; seven grandchildren, Jonathan Behnke, Julie Wheat and husband Brandon, Joshua Behnke, David Schwerdtfeger, Amy Schwerdtfeger, Emily Schwerdtfeger and Rachel Schwerdtfeger; and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. today at the United Methodist Church in Bushton with the Rev. Sarah Hickson de Salazar officiating. Burial will be at Bushton Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 to 11 a.m. today at the church. Memorials are suggested to Bushton United Methodist Church, in care of Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Great Bend.

Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home*
415 North Main
P.O. Box 146 Hoisington, KS 67544

September 24, 2006

Loyd D. Morton 1924-2006

SEWARD — Loyd D. Morton, 82, died Sept. 21 at Central Kansas Medical Center, Great Bend. He was born July 8, 1924, at Manchester, Tenn., the son of T.D. and Maude Jones Morton. He married Violet Smith Sept. 16, 1945, in Seward. She survives. He was a farmer and owner/operator of Morton Service. He had been a resident of Stafford County for 60 years, coming from Manchester, Tenn. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II. He was a member of St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church and Knights of Columbus, both of Seward. He was also a member of the American Legion Argonne Post 180 and the Disabled American Veterans. He had served on the Stafford County Rural Fire Department for many years. Survivors include his wife, Violet, of Great Bend; a son, James L. Morton and his wife Karen, Great Bend; a daughter, Mary M. Devlin and husband Dennis, Colorado Springs, Colo.; five grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death...
by two brothers, Kenneth and Wilburn Morton, and three sisters, Alta Gordon, Alline Thomas and Myrtle Toomey. A vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Monday at Bryant Funeral Home, Great Bend. Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church, Seward, with Father Rene Guesnier officiating. Intermittent will be in St. Francis Xavier Cemetery, Seward. Friends may call from 1 to 9 p.m. today and 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday at the funeral home in Great Bend. Memorial funds in Mr. Morton’s name have been established for Disabled American Veterans and for the St. Francis Xavier Church, in care of Bryant Funeral Home. Bryant Funeral Home* 1425 Patton Road Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-3525 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 24, 2006

Kenneth H. Mawhirter 1915-2006

ST. JOHN — Kenneth H. Mawhirter, 91, of St. John, died Sept. 21 at Stafford District Hospital, Stafford. Born Sept. 20, 1915, in rural St. John, the son of John A. and Minnie (Towel) Mawhirter, he was a farmer/stockman and a lifetime resident of St. John. On June 4, 1937, he married Ardena Florence (Eidson) at Lincoln. She preceded him in death. He attended Happy Valley Schools and St. John High School. Mr. Mawhirter was a member of the Eagles Lodge at Great Bend. Survivors include three sons, Terry of St. John, Brent of Stafford and Randall of Tyndal, S.D.; five daughters, Shirley Ausmiller of Great Bend, Judy Tanner and Leanna Lutz, both of St. John, Janice Willinger of Hudson and Deanna Porter of Hutchinson; 25 grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death a son, Gary, four brothers, Phillip, Raymond, Walter and John, and two sisters, Virgie Adams and Francis Brenn. A graveside service and burial will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Fairview Park Cemetery, St. John, with Rev. Wade Russell officiating. There will be no visitation. Memorials are suggested to Stafford District Hospital in care of Minnis Chapel, St. John. Minnis Chapel 526 E. 4th Ave. St. John, KS 67576 620-786-9440 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 24, 2006

Mary I. Voran 1914-2006

BELPRE — Mary I. Voran, 92, died Sept. 22 at Menorah Medical Center in Overland Park. She was born May 29, 1914, in Great Bend, the daughter of John and Clara Kazmaier Welch. She spent her younger years on the family farm in rural Barton County. The last four years of her life, she lived in Overland Park with her daughter Sally and her family. She belonged to the Belpre United Methodist Church, the United Methodist Women, the Belpre Women’s Club and the Belpre Research Club. She served on many various boards and committees during her life. She was a loving mother, grandmother, sister, aunt and friend. Her laughter, kindness and love will be greatly missed. On Feb. 24, 1952, she married Elmer Voran at Great Bend. He died Dec. 9, 1988. Survivors include a daughter Sally Wagner and her husband John of Overland Park; a grandson, Austin Wagner of Overland Park; and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by two sisters, Ethel Unruh and Pauline Smith and four brothers, Mike Welch, Albert Welch, Clarence Welch and John Welch.

Bryant Funeral Home, Great Bend. A memorial fund has been established for Trinity Lutheran Church. Donations may be made in care of Trinity Lutheran Church Building Fund in care of Beckwith Mortuary, Inc., P. O. Box 477, Larned, KS 67550. This notice may be viewed and condolences sent to www.beckwithmortuary.com. Beckwith Mortuary Inc*.

P.O. Box 477 Larned, KS 67550 620-285-2121 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 24, 2006

Wayne O. Strohm 1916-2006

Wayne O. Strohm, 90, of Great Bend, died Sept. 22 at Central Kansas Medical Center, Great Bend. He was born March 30, 1916, at Conway, the son of Oscar E. and Clara Kazmaier Welch. He married E. Ione Rostine on Oct. 6, 1940, in McPherson. A resident of Great Bend since 1958, from Lyons, he was a civil engineer for the state of Kansas. Mr. Strohm was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II. He was a member of First Christian Church, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 3111 and American Legion Post No. 180, all of Great Bend. Survivors include his wife of the home; a daughter Diana Wick of Sterling; two sisters, Beatilh Benitel of Omaha, Neb., and Berta Dee Aarch of Lyons; two grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Lawrence Strohm and LeVerne Strohm and a grandson Matthew T. Komarek. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. on Tuesday at the First Christian Church in Great Bend, with the Rev. William F. Johnson officiating. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery in Great Bend with military honors. Friends may call from 1 to 9 p.m. today, from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Monday and from 9 a.m. to noon on Tuesday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Memorials are suggested to the First Christian Church Building Fund in care of the funeral home. Bryant Funeral Home 1425 Patton Road Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-3525 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 24, 2006 September 22, 2006

William DeBoer 1915-2006

PHILLIPSBURG — William DeBoer, 91, died Sept. 13. He was born May 6, 1915, in Phillips County. He was a farmer. Survivors include a son, Bob Yenne of Arvada, Colo.; six daughters, Myrna Campbell of Great Bend, Caroline Stutterheim, Lorraine Wells and Helen Rae DeBoer, all of Phillipsburg, Elnor VanDerwege of Lindsborg and Shirley Stutterheim of Alma; a brother, Robert of Prairie View; a sister, Wilma Hogan of Long Island; 21 grandchildren, 38 great-grandchildren and eight great-great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his two wives, Martha, in 1952 and Velma, in 1996. Funeral services were Sept. 16 at Prairie View Reformed Church, Prairie View. Burial was in Prairie View Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to Hospice Services or the church. Funeral arrangements provided by Oliff-Boeve Memorial Chapel 1115 2nd Street Phillipsburg, KS 67661 782-545-5311 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 22, 2006

Ethel Darlene Jurgensen 1929-2006

Ethel Darlene Jurgensen, 77, died Sept. 20 at her home in Great Bend. She was born July 18, 1929, in Rush County, the daughter of Carl and Anna Marie Stetz Folkers. She married Howard Jurgensen on Oct. 13, 1946, at Great Bend. He died Jan. 18, 2000. She was a homemaker and a lifetime resident of Great Bend. Mrs. Jurgensen was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church. Survivors include a son, Curtis Jurgensen of Valley Center; a daughter, Pamela Randel of Kansas City, Mo.; a brother, Doyle Folkers of Great Bend; and four grandchildren. She was preceded in death by an infant brother, Harrison Folkers, another infant baby brother and one sister, Wilma Unruh. Service will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Trinity Lutheran Church, Great Bend, with the Rev. James A. Strasen officiating. Interment will be at Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. today at Bryant Funeral Home, Great Bend. A memorial fund has been established for Trinity Lutheran Church. Donations may be made in care of the funeral home. Bryant Funeral Home 1425 Patton Road Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-3525 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 22, 2006

September 20, 2006
Alan D. Spreier 1958 - 2006

LARNED — Alan D. Spreier, 48, died Sept. 18 at Hutchinson Hospital, Hutchinson, after a valiant battle with cancer. He was born May 7, 1958, in Larned, the son of Donald and Ellen Arlene Bradley Spreier. A longtime resident of Larned, he was a press operator for Office Products Inc. at Larned and was previously employed at Moore Labels in Wichita. He was a member of First Southern Baptist Church, Larned. He served in the U.S. Navy on the USS Luce DDG-38 from 1979 to 1982. Survivors include a son, Aaron Bradley, Helena, Mont., and a daughter, Aryka Leann, Butte, Mont.; his parents, Don and Arlene, Larned; three sisters, Debra Gross and husband Terry, Larned, Cathy Boyd and husband Steve, and Brenda Rump and husband Michael, Overland Park; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Morell Funeral Home in Larned, with Pastor Ron Day presiding. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. today and 9 a.m. to service time Thursday at the funeral home. Cremation will follow the service. Inurnment will be in the Larned Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials to We Care Clinic of Great Bend or First Southern Baptist Church, in care of the funeral home.

Funeral arrangements provided by

Morell Funeral Home*

P.O. Box 124, 1021 Broadway
Larned, KS 67550

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 20, 2006

LeRoy Edgar Fry 1919 - 2006

ELK FALLS — LeRoy Edgar Fry, 87, died Sept. 18 at the Sedan City Hospital. He was born Jan. 18, 1919, at Hutchinson, the son of Claude Elmer and Hazel Effie (McCracken) Fry. He attended school in Hutchinson and graduated from Breezae Academy in 1936. He entered the U.S. Navy in 1943 and served as cook on a submarine tender during World War II. On Nov. 28, 1946, he married Alta Grace Weaver at Hutchinson. He managed lunch counters in Duckwall stores at several locations in Kansas. He owned a cafe in Larned and a grill in Great Bend before learning the art of hickory smoked barbeque at Plainview, Texas. He continued in the food service industry at Larned and Hutchinson until retiring in 1982 and moving to Elk Falls, where he operated the Sherman House restaurant during the 1990s. Fry was a member of the Calvary Chapel at Elk Falls. Survivors include his wife, of the home; three sons, Larry Fry, Poway, Calif., Steven Fry, Elk Falls, and Brian Fry, Nickerson; a daughter, Carolyn Fox, Bellflower, Calif.; two sisters, Georgia Mae Fry, Kansas City, and Grace Hess, Coolidge, Ariz.; six grandchildren and one great-grandson. He was preceded in death by two brothers, two sisters and a grandson. Andrew. Memorial services will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday at the Elk Falls United Methodist Church with the Rev. Steven Bliss of Calvary Chapel officiating. Private inurnment will be held at the Elk Falls Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to the Elk Falls Senior Center and the Calvary Chapel at Elk Falls, in care of Zimmerman Funeral Home of Howard. Zimmerman Funeral Home

P.O. Box 1233 Howard, KS 67549 620-374-2391

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 20, 2006

Rose E. Riedel 1919 - 2006

ELLINWOOD — Rose E. Riedel, 86, died Sept. 18 at Kingman, Ariz., where she had been staying with her son Darrell and wife Joyce Riedel. She was born Dec. 28, 1919, at Beaver, the daughter of Engelbert and Anna Reif Kaiser. She married Andrew L. Riedel on Jan. 15, 1938. He died on Jan. 5, 2005. An Ellinwood resident since 1939, she worked at Linke Christian Drug in Ellinwood and Self-Service Drug in Great Bend.

Mrs. Riedel was a member of St. Joseph’s Catholic Church and Altar Society, both of Ellinwood.

Survivors include two sons, Jim and wife Sharon Riedel of Eagle Rock, Mo., and Darrell and Joyce Riedel of Kingman, Ariz.; and a brother, Ed Kaiser of Hoisington. She was preceded in death by her husband; a daughter, Shirley Wombacher; six bothers, Joe, Lawrence, Louie, John, Frank and Walter Kaiser; six sisters, Sister Rita Kaiser, Sister Bertran Kaiser, Margaret Rebenseifner, Theresa Nather, Leona Stuart and Eleanor Schwartz; six grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren.

Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at St. Joseph’s Catholic Church in Ellinwood with Father Charles Mazouch officiating. Burial will be at Lakin-Comanche District Cemetery in Ellinwood. Friends may call from 1 to 8 p.m. Friday at Kimple Funeral Home in Ellinwood. There will be a 3 p.m. Altar Society Rosary and 7 p.m. vigil service Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are suggested to the church or donor’s choice, 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. 20, 2006

September 19, 2006

Marguerite Taylor Wyly 1912 - 2006

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — Marguerite Taylor Wyly, 93, passed away peacefully on Aug. 30 at Albuquerque, N.M., at her senior assisted living apartment. She was born Nov. 6, 1912. A native of Kansas, she would still visit her family farm at Great Bend, which has been in her family since the 1890s. Her early education was in a one-room rural schoolhouse. She later attended school in town and graduated from Great Bend High School. Her family were all members of the First Congregational Church. Her dearly beloved parents were Ralph C. Taylor and Grace Blakesley Wesley, who were of English and Irish Descent. Her grandparents were George H. Taylor and Margaret Skehan of Great Bend.

Following high school, in 1935, Marguerite worked in Washington, D.C., for eight years as an FBI stenographer. It was there she met the love of her life, a tall, handsome FBI special agent named Percy Wyly, from Tahlequah, Okla. They would later be married on her birthday in 1942, in Kansas City. Percy would soon be promoted to a special agent in charge (SAC) and over the next 25 years she supported his career, in helping move their belongings and children, Jim and Nan, to more than 15 U.S. cities. Percy went on to open the first FBI office in Albuquerque.
When Percy retired from the FBI in 1960, they chose to return to Albuquerque and make it their permanent home. Marguerite was a wonderful homemaker and offered much support and strength to her family. She was a devoted wife who loved her children, and was so proud of her four grandchildren and new great-grandchild. Marguerite had a strong appreciation for music, especially “Stardust” and other songs from the Big Band Era. Saturday afternoons were always spent watching her favorite Lawrence Welk shows. She was a fine lady, strong in spirit, and faith in God. To the very end, she had an intense desire to be independent and not impose on others. She was always quick to offer a helping hand through her volunteer work with charities and the Girl Scouts. Marguerite was a longtime member of the Albuquerque Elks Lodge, Royal Neighbors of America, and the First Presbyterian Church. Along with her husband Percy, she had been very active over the years socially with the Society for Ex-FBI Agents, as well as the Greater Albuquerque Rotary Club. Her favorite trip was going to New Orleans to celebrate St. Patrick’s Day, with her son Jim and wife Pele of Thousand Oaks, Calif.; her daughter Nan and husband Alan Zeman of Pecos, Texas; four grandchildren, Jeff Wyl of Sacramento, Calif., Scott Wyl of Fort Worth, Texas, Kristin and Rob Lambson of Phoenix, Ariz., and Russell and Cara Moore of Albuquerque; and one great-grandchild, Luke Moore of Albuquerque. She was pre-deceased by her husband, Percy, of 58 years, in 2000. A memorial service was held Sept. 7 at the First Presbyterian Church Chapel, phone 505-764-2900, 215 Locust N.E. in Albuquerque. The Rev. Carl Soderberg officiated. A reception was held after the service.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that memorials be made to The Assistance League of Albuquerque, Box 35910, Albuquerque, NM 87176, tel. 505-265-0619, or the American Cancer Society, c/o Lorraine Westy @Suite 300, 10501 Montgomery Blvd. N.E., Albuquerque, NM 87111, tel. 505-262-6023.

French Mortuary
Albuquerque, New Mexico
505-275-3500
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 19, 2006

Alonzo Allen ‘Lonnie’ Lollar 1935 -2006

DERBY — Alonzo Allen “Lonnie” King Lollar, 71, was called to our Lord on Sept. 15 after a valiant battle with idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis (IPF). Lonnie was born Aug. 3, 1935, in Midwest, Wyo. After spending much of his childhood days in Wyoming and Montana, Lonnie graduated from Bridger High School, Bridger, Mont., in 1953. Leaving the “Big Sky Country,” he headed south to Oklahoma and enrolled at University of Tulsa. It was there that he received a B.S. degree in petroleum engineering (1958). Shortly after, he went to work for Kewanee Oil Company in 1959 and continued to work for them until 1978. It was early in his career that led him to meet the love of his life, his wife of 47 years, Carmetta Coffee. Lonnie spent this time passionately loving and living life through his children and grandchildren. He sponsored numerous athletic teams (CarLon Oil) and was their most avid fan at their sporting events. When he wasn’t cheering them on, he was busy golfing, completing crossword puzzles, keeping people in “stitches” with his humor and wit, running, and visiting relatives while owning and operating a successful business, CarLon Oil and Gas, founded in 1976.

Lonnie’s carpe diem outlook on life and business touched family and hundreds of friends’ lives. He was preceded in death by parents, Alton “Sam” and Cora Alice Lollar, and infant sister, Alice. Survivors include his wife, Carmetta Lollar, Derby; a son, Lonnie (Patty) of Derby; daughter, Lonetta of Derby; son, Austin of Derby; sisters, Margorie Lollar and Shirley McBride, both of California, Dixie Lollar-Stowe and Genevieve Huber, both of Utah; grandchildren: Alexis, Abram, Lauren and Christian Lollar of Derby; a great-grandson, Hayden Sattler, and a host of cousins, nieces and friends. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday at Smith Mortuary, 1415 N. Rock Road, Derby. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at St. Mary Faith Center, 2300 E. Meadowlark, Derby; burial will follow in El Paso Cemetery, Derby. In lieu of flowers, the family requests contributions be made to the Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation, 1332 N. Halstead St., Suite 201, Chicago, IL 60622.

Send condolences and view tributes at www.smithfamilymortuaries.com.

Smith Mortuary*
1415 N. Rock Road
Derby, KS 67037
316-788-2828
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Eunice M. (Missy) Bruntzel 1912-2006

LARNED — Eunice M. (Missy) Bruntzel completed her temporary earthly assignment and went to her eternal home on Sept. 7, 2006, at St. Joseph Memorial Hospital in Larned. Born Oct. 16, 1912, in Morrilton, Ark., she was the daughter of A.D. (Jack) and Addie Etta (Williams) Gordon. She moved to Kansas with her parents as a small child, living first in northern Kansas and later moving with her family to Rozel. She was a graduate of Larned High School. She married Elmer E. Seeman in 1931. On Oct. 3, 1954, she married August E. Bruntzel. He died Jan. 20, 1971. Eunice was a loving mother and a homemaker who took great pride in maintaining a spotless home. She also worked in the accounting department at Larned State Hospital until her retirement. After retiring she developed several hobbies, including oil painting, cross-stitching, and gardening, and was an avid fan of professional sports.

She was an active member of the Grace Lutheran Church of Larned. She was also a member of the Larned Veterans of Foreign Wars and a former member of the BPW (Business and Professional Women).

Survivors include a daughter, Janice Froetschner and her husband Roland of Larned; a daughter-in-law, Jane Seeman, Vienna, Va.; two grandchildren, Tom Seeman, Leesburg, Va., and Bill Seeman and wife Kathleen of Fairfax Station, Va.; a granddaughter, Linda Colbert and husband Mike, Vienna, Va.; five great-grandchildren, Jaclyn Seeman, Mitchell Seeman, Matthew Seeman, Hannah Colbert and Heather Colbert; and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, spouses, a son, Rodger Seeman, a grandson, Matthew Froetschner, brothers Dale and Burvle Gordon, and...
Hoffman, both of Hutchinson, and Anita Wells of Pittsboro, Ind.; 11 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. He was preceded by Sherry Lackey and Joyce Robinson, all of Sterling, Gayle Stucky of Castleton, and Kaye Dolezal and Daisy Whitmore, both of Larned, and Doris Bleimeyer of Great Bend; two sons, “JD” James Webb of St. John and Danny Dolezal of Great Bend; six daughters, Beverly Bennett, Jennifer Scheck, Megan Maier and Brooke Maier; and four great-grandchildren. Survivors include his wife, parents, four brothers, Emmanuel Funk, Sigmund Funk, Herbert Funk and Rubin Funk, and one sister, Amelia Funk. Celebration of Hilda’s life is scheduled for 1 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 20, at Pohlman-Vanker-Mortuary of Russell. Interment will follow at the Fairview Cemetery in Galatia. Family and friends may call all day today at the mortuary, until 8 p.m. Memorial funds have been established for the American Heart Association or the Alzheimer’s Association, in care of the funeral home. Bryant Funeral Home 1424 Patton Road Great Bend, KS 67530 620-285-2121 cropped.jpg

Hilda I. Maier 1924-2006

RUSSELL — Hilda I. Maier, 82, of Russell, died Sunday morning, Sept. 17, at Russell Regional Hospital. Hilda was born Feb. 22, 1924, on the family farm near Otis, the daughter of Phillip and Pauline (Wagner) Funk. She grew up on the farm and attended a country school in Barton County. Hilda was united in marriage to Elmer Maier on Feb. 8, 1948, at the Bender Hill Lutheran Church south of Russell. Hilda was a homemaker, a devoted farmer’s wife and a loving grandmother. She was a member of the Gorham Community Church and the Gorham Community Church Quilting Club. She enjoyed spending time in her garden, growing flowers, sewing and raising chickens. But the love of her life was her family.

Survivors include her husband of 58 years, Elmer, of the home; two daughters, Twila Allen and husband David of Greensburg and Paulette Scheck of Ellinwood; a son, Dana Maier and wife April of Greensburg; a sister, Freda Scheuerman of La Crosse; seven grandchildren, Tiffany and husband Tony Zink, Tonya and husband Patrick Greenleaf, Tasha and husband Chris Gonzalez, Jennifer Scheck, Travis Scheck, Megan Maier and Brooke Maier; and four great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, four brothers, Emmanuel Funk, Sigmund Funk, Herbert Funk and Rubin Funk, and one sister, Amelia Funk. Celebration of Hilda’s life is scheduled for 1 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 20, at Pohlman-Vanker-Mortuary of Russell. Interment will follow at the Fairview Cemetery in Galatia. Family and friends may call all day today at the mortuary, until 8 p.m. Memorial funds have been established for the American Heart Association or the Alzheimer’s Association, in care of the funeral home. Bryant Funeral Home* 1424 Patton Road Great Bend, KS 67530 620-285-2121 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 19, 2006

Rodney Keith Hilton 1923 - 2006

Rodney Keith Hilton, 83, of Great Bend, died Sept. 17, 2006, at Central Kansas Medical Center, Great Bend. He was born March 12, 1923, at Wichita, the son of Jessie Eldon and Icia Mae Trantham Hilton. He married Veda Marie McDaniel on Aug. 11, 1946, in Sharon. She survives. He was a farmer and also worked for the Fuller Brush Co. until retirement. He was the owner of the Daylight Donut Shop and was known as “The Donut Man.” He was a resident of Great Bend since 1958, coming from Attica. Hilton was a veteran of World War II, serving in the U.S. Army with the rank of PFC. He was of the Pentecostal faith and was a member of the Great Bend Quarter Horse Club. He was a loving and protective father and husband. Survivors include his wife, Veda, of the home; three sons, Doug R. Hilton, Great Bend, Lyle K. Hilton and wife Carol, Medicine Lodge, and Rodney Steve Hilton and wife Dana, Wichita; a daughter, Vicky Mitchell and husband Lee, Harker Heights, Texas; two sisters, Vadora Crow, Attica, and Nadine Drake, Dumas, Texas; 13 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one brother, Burrel Eldon Hilton. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Bryant Funeral Home, Great Bend, with the Rev. Dick Ogle officiating. Interment will be at 3 p.m., Wednesday at Attica District Cemetery, Attica, with graveside military honors. Friends may call from 1 to 9 p.m. today at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Memorial funds have been established for the American Heart Association or the Alzheimer’s Association, in care of the funeral home. Bryant Funeral Home* 1424 Patton Road Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-3525 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 19, 2006

Richard Leland Ritterhouse 1938-2006

STERLING — Richard Leland Ritterhouse, 68, beloved husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather and brother, went to be with the Lord on Sept. 17, at home in Sterling. He was born April 24, 1938, in Wellington, one of 10 children of Lloyd and Gertrude Ritterhouse. He and his wife of 48 years, Gladys, were married on April 5, 1958. She survives. He worked as a part man for Smith Auto Supply, store manager for Home Lumber and Supply in Lyons and pipeline clerk with Enron in Conway prior to his retirement in 1996. He was a 39-year member of the Masonic Lodge. Survivors include his wife, of the home; four daughters, Kelly Ales and husband David, South Bend, Ind., Kristy Battershell and husband Bruce, Lyons, Kimberly Kepka and husband Phil, Lyons, and Kerry Jasper and husband David, Turpin, Okla.; grandchildren Alissa and Dan Sherman, Eric and Joel Ales, Charisse and Scott Sander, Stacia and Dan Engelhardt and Jered Battershell; Wade Farrow, Lane and Megan Kepka; Austin and Ross Jasper; great-grandchildren Kade, Keaton and Charley Sander and Berlynn Engelhardt; four sisters, Alta Wilkerson of Wellington, Margaret Barber of Amarillo, Texas, Verba Dunbar and husband Gene of Pico Rivera, Calif., and Joyce James and husband Dick of Ness City; two brothers, Lloyd and wife Joanne of Casper, Wyo., and Dwight and wife LouAnn of Albert; three brothers-in-law, Jim Bolton of Westerville, Ohio, and Mike and Pat Bolton of Phoenix, Ariz.; and mother-in-law, Mary H. Bolton of Phoenix. He was preceded in death by a son, Kevin, his parents, brother Dean, sisters Wilda and Vada, and father-in-law Grady Bolton. Cremation has taken place. A memorial service will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday, Sept. 22, at the United Presbyterian Church in Sterling. A Masonic rite graveside service will take place at Lyons Municipal Cemetery following the memorial service. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Celebration Centre or Hospice Care of Kansas, in care of Silllin Funeral Home, Sterling. Silllin Funeral Home* 7th and Jefferson Sterling, KS 67579 620-278-3531 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 19, 2006 Delorma “D” L. Webb 1925-2006

STERLING — Delorma “D” L. Webb, 80, died Sept. 17 at Sterling Presbyterian Manor. He was born Nov. 11, 1925, near Alden, the son of Jeremiah “Jerry” and Maud Burroughs Webb. He had lived in Sterling all his life. He married E. Ferne Dressler on Jan. 29, 1960, at Great Bend. He was a carpenter. Webb served in the U.S. Coast Guard during World War II. Survivors include his wife, Ferne, of Sterling; two sons, “JD” James Webb of St. John and Danny Dolezal of Great Bend; six daughters, Beverly Bennett, Sherry Lackey and Joyce Robinson, all of Sterling, Gayle Stucky of Castleton, and Kaye Dolezal and Daisy Whitmore, both of Hutchinson; two brothers, Kenneth Webb of Garnett and Murray Webb of Yuma, Ariz.; three sisters, Nola Mikes and Opal Hoffman, both of Hutchinson, and Anita Wells of Pittsboro, Ind.; 11 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. He was preceded by his parents, two brothers and two sisters.
in death by two brothers, Francis and Loren Webb, one sister, Echo Stout, and one grandchild, Marcus Carter. Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday, Sept. 29, at the Peace Valley Cemetery in rural Sterling, with the Rev. A.J. Owens officiating. Donations to the “D” Webb Memorial Fund may be made in care of Sillin Funeral Home in Sterling. Sillin Funeral Homes 7th and Jefferson Sterling, KS 67579 620-278-3531 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 19, 2006

Rose E. Riedel
ELLINWOOD — Rose E. Riedel, 86, died Sept. 18 at Kingman, Ariz. Arrangements are pending with Kimple Funeral Home, Ellinwood.
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 19, 2006

September 17, 2006

Donald Cassell

WICHITA — Donald Cassell, 93, passed away Sept. 16 after a short illness. Donald lived in Wichita for 23 years and Great Bend for 43 years. He owned two auto service stores in Great Bend.
Survivors include his wife, Jane, to whom he was married 71 years; sons, Jack and wife, Joyce, and Mark and wife, Rosie; three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Service arrangements are pending with Broadway Mortuary.
Broadway Mortuary
Wichita, KS
316-262-3435
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 17, 2006

Marguerite Taylor Wyly 1912-2006

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Marguerite was a longtime member of the Albuquerque Elks Lodge, Royal Neighbors of America, and the First Presbyterian Church. Along with her husband Percy, she had been very active over the years socially with the Society for Ex-FBI Agents, as well as the Greater Albuquerque Rotary Club. Her favorite trip was going to New Orleans to celebrate St. Patrick’s Day.
Survivors include her son Jim and wife Pele of Thousand Oaks, Calif.; her daughter Nan and husband Alan Zeman of Colorado Springs, Colo. She had lived in Frisco, Texas, for the past six years, coming from Colorado Springs.
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Survivors include a son, Greg Borcher, of Frisco; a daughter, Jennifer Carnes, of St. Louis; a sister, Nancy Mortimer of Hoisington; and five grandchildren.
Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home, Hoisington. Burial will be at the Hoisington Cemetery. Friends may call from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday and from 9 a.m. until service time Tuesday at the funeral home.

Frisco, Texas — Karla Jean (Sette) Borcher, 76, died Sept. 15 at Presbyterian Hospital in Plano, Texas. She was born May 17, 1930, at Hoisington, the daughter of Karl F. and Alta Mae (Smith) Sette. She graduated from Hoisington High School in 1948 and from Colorado Women’s College in 1950. She had been an administrator for The Navigators of Colorado Springs, Colo. She had lived in Frisco, Texas, for the past six years, coming from Colorado Springs.
She was a former member of the First Christian Church in Hoisington.
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Bert A. Luse, Jr., 76, of Great Bend, died Sept. 13 at Central Kansas Medical Center, Great Bend. He was born March 28, 1930, in McPherson. He was preceded in death by two sisters, Mildred Marie Phillips and Dorothy Cavenah.

Survivors include Helen, his beloved wife of 58 years; eight children, Don and wife Marsha of Quinter, Edward and wife Marie, of Great Bend; 22 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. He is also survived by two brothers, Leonard of Larned and Frank of Fayetteville, Ark., and three sisters, Carolyn Urban of Salina, Catherine Kuhlman of Trumbull, Neb., and Mary Lou Wheeler of Texas; 22 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. He is also survived by two brothers, Leonard of Larned and Frank of Fayetteville, Ark., and three sisters, Carolyn Urban of Salina, Catherine Kuhlman of Trumbull, Neb., and Mary Lou Wheeler of Texas.

A vigil service will be at 7:30 p.m. Monday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Larned. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. of McPherson. He was preceded in death by two sisters, Mildred Marie Phillips and Dorothy Cavenah.

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CLAFLIN — Lee Charles Bieberle, Sr., 69, died Sept. 15 at Hutchinson Hospital, Hutchinson. He was born Oct. 20, 1936, at Great Bend, the son of Leo and Irene Brunin Bieberle. He married Janice Litzenberger on June 15, 1960, at Holy Name Catholic Church in Bushton. He grew up on a farm near Bushton and later lived in Claflin for his 46 married years. He was a production superintendent for Hinkle Oil Company, Wichita, from which position he retired. His grandchildren were his pride and joy and he enjoyed going to their religion and sporting events.

He was a member of the Immaculate Conception Church, Claflin.

Survivors include his wife, Janice Bieberle, of the home; a son, Lee Bieberle, Jr., and his wife, Jamie, of Claflin; three daughters, Kimberlee Ramsey and husband Dennis, Bushton, Lisa Klug and husband Leonard, Odin; and Jina Murrell and husband Bob, Ellsworth; two sisters, Adella Banks, Macksville, and Marietta Mooney, Bushton; and 11 grandchildren.

William Ramsey and wife Sarah, Junction City; Christopher Ramsey, Bushton; Ben and Brittany Murrell, Ellsworth; Trey and Ryan Murrell, Lincoln, Neb.; Taylor, Ryan and Layne Bieberle, all of Claflin; and Kacie and Jessica Klug, of Odin. He was preceded in death by his parents and by one brother, Wilbert “Pete” Bieberle.

A rosary service will be at 7 p.m. today at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home, Hoisington. Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Claflin, with Father Charles Mazouch, Father James Roth and Father Dan Schemetz officiating. Burial will be at Claflin Cemetery.

Friends may call from 1 to 9 p.m. today at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in lieu of flowers, memorials to the Claflin Community Scholarship Fund in Memory of Lee Bieberle, Sr., are suggested, in care of Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home,


Bert A. Luse, Jr., 76, of Great Bend, died Sept. 13 at Central Kansas Medical Center, Great Bend. He was born March 28, 1930, in Chicago, the son of Bert Amberson and Theresa Armstrong Luse. He married Ida “Marie” Crider Jan. 13, 1957, at Great Bend. She survives. He was a farmer and stockman, and a former sales person for JC Penney and Sears. He owned and operated Sir Anthony’s Club and Luse’s Private Parties. He also owned a residential rental-house business. He was a lifetime resident of Barton County. Mr. Luse was a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean War. He was a member of the American Legion and of Barton County Boosters. Survivors include his wife, of the home; one daughter, Diana Scheuerman, Great Bend; and one brother, Richard Daniel Luse, Great Bend. He was preceded in death by a sister, Harriet Katherine Coffman, and his stepmother, Minnie Kazmaier Luse. Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Bryant Funeral Home, Great Bend, with the Rev. William F. Johnson officiating. Inurnment will be at Great Bend Cemetery at a later date. Friends may call from 1 to 9 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. Monday at Bryant Funeral Home. Memorial funds have been established in his name for the American Diabetes Association and Dream Inc. Donations may be made in care of the funeral home. Bryant Funeral Home 1425 Patton Road Great Bend, KS 67530 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 17, 2006

Marvin S. Finger Sr. 1924-2006

ROZEL — Marvin S. Finger Sr., 82, a veteran of World War II who served with Audie Murphy in the Battle of the Bulge and then returned to build a farm and a life of community service in his native Kansas, died Sept. 14 at St. Luke’s Hospital, Kansas City, Mo., of complications from a stroke. He was born March 8, 1924, to Francis and Clara Demel Finger on a farm near Odin. He grew up north of Larned and graduated from Larned High School in 1944. He served in the Third Army, 15th Regiment, Company B, and his first day of combat in France was the same day Murphy, his company commander, earned the Medal of Honor. His unit later broke through the Siegfried Line, crossed the Rhine River and conducted operations behind enemy lines late in the war. Injured in combat, he was in a hospital on V-E Day. Upon his discharge from the military, Marvin came home to the family farm. He married Helen Pecharne of Timken on May 11, 1948, in a double wedding with his brother, Leonard, and Helen’s cousin, Agnes Vondracek. Father Emil Kapaun performed the ceremony. Marvin and Helen built a home and farmstead along the Sawmill Creek in western Pawnee County.

Marvin served as a 4-H community leader for more than 30 years and also was involved with Helen in prison ministry at the Larned State Correctional Facility. They raised eight children, and many of the youngsters who visited the farm came to be surrogate sons and daughters as well.

A towering man of quiet strength with the gift of gab, Marvin never hesitated to assist people in need. When a hailstorm struck the area more than 20 years ago, for example, he flagged vehicles down on K-156 and guided them to the protection of his large pole barn until the storm passed.

Last November, when he spotted a motorist stranded in the dark, he stopped to help. Helen cooked dinner for the college student trying to get home for Thanksgiving weekend and gave him a room for the night until Marvin could take him to town.

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Survivors include Helen, his beloved wife of 58 years; eight children, Don and wife Marsha of Quinter, Edward and wife Arlene of Andover, Marvin Jr. of Eugene, Ore., Mary and husband Jim Mitchell of Olathe, Trish and husband Steve Stacey of Hutchinson, Stan of Wichita, Steve and wife Jeanne of Kansas City, Mo., and Beverly and husband Allan Biehl of Frisco, Texas; 22 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. He is also survived by two brothers, Leonard of Larned and Frank of Fayetteville, Ark., and three sisters, Carolyn Urban of Salina, Catherine Kuhlman of Trumbull, Neb., and Mary Lou Wheeler of McPherson. He was preceded in death by two sisters, Mildred Marie Phillips and Dorothy Covenah.

A vigil service will be at 7:30 p.m. Monday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Larned. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m.

HAYS — Martha K. Culbreath, 46, died Sept. 12 at Hays Medical Center. She was born Feb. 26, 1960, in Hays to Edward J. and Anita (Kuhn) Karlin. While working as a full-time patrol officer for the Hays Police Department, she married Officer Leroy Culbreath on Sept. 26, 1986, at Hays. She attended Catherine Grade School in Catherine, and graduated from Hays High School. She attended Fort Hays State University, obtaining a bachelor’s degree in administration of justice through an outreach program of Wichita State University. While in college she was a member of the Alpha Gamma Delta Sorority. She joined the Hays Police Department Reserve program before being hired as a full-time patrol officer. She left the police department to become a jailer for the Ellis County Sheriff’s Department. She was promoted to patrol deputy and then detective lieutenant where she was working when her son Samuel Edward Culbreath was born. She resigned from the sheriff’s department and went to work for Waddell and Reed, Inc., in Hays. She was offered a job with Insurance Planning in Hays in a newly developed financial division. She loved her new job and those with whom she worked.

She was a member of the Hays Kiwanis Club, 4-H, Scholastic Clay Target Program, Kansas Trap Association, American Trap Association, Alpha Gamma Delta Sorority, Pheasants Forever, National Rifle Association and was named the Hays Citizen of the Year in 1997. The light of Martha’s life was her son Sam. As a member of 4-H, Sam had developed a love for shotgun shooting, especially trap shooting. Sam and Martha spend many hours doing that which he loved. Martha did all she could to see that he was able to compete, driving him to shoots and training. Her big thrill was accompanying him through training at the United States Olympic Center in Colorado. Martha gave extensively so that Sam and other youths could have a chance to compete. Her worst moments came when she realized she could no longer be a part of his trap-shooting career.

She has gone home now and is at peace. She left us on Sept. 12 after a battle with cancer. Survivors include her husband of the home; her son Samuel E. Culbreath, of the home; her parents, Edward J. and Anita (Kuhn) Karlin; a stepdaughter, Misti Gaston and her husband Daniel of Kansas City, Mo.; three sisters, Marie Wade and her husband Donald of Dodge City, Elizabeth “Lisa” Karlin of Hays and Patricia “Patti” Havel and her husband Corey of Leavenworth; two stepgrandchildren, Lexi Gaston and Drake Gaston; three nephews, Taylor Wade, Alex Karlin and Grant Karlin; and numerous friends.

Services will be at 10 a.m. on Friday at St. Nicholas of Myra Catholic Church in Hays. Burial will be at Fort Hays Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Hays. A vigil service will be at 6:30 p.m. today at Cline’s Mortuary of Hays. Visitations will be from 3 to 8 p.m. today and 8:30 to 8:45 p.m. Friday at Cline’s Mortuary of Hays. Memorials are suggested to Hays City Sportsman’s Club Youth Program, Hospice of Hays Medical Center and Masses.
KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Wendell Ivan Tyler, 91, died Sept. 10 at Plaza Manor in Kansas City, Mo. He was born on June 16, 1915, in St. John to B. Harrison and Mary Strader Tyler, Sr. A resident of Kansas City the last three years, he had previously lived in Hutchinson and Los Angeles, Calif. He attended Winfield College. He married Althea E. Stemons on Jan. 16, 1951, in Mexico. She survives. He was a butler. Mr. Tyler was a member of the NAACP and served in the United States Army. Survivors include his wife; four nieces, Marian E. Wilkins of Raytown, Mo., Lynne M. Tyler of Grandview, Mo., and Vera Snowden and Elva Lewis both of Hutchinson; a great-niece and two great-nephews. Cremation has taken place. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. on Saturday at Penwell-Gabel Funeral Home and Crematory in Hutchinson. Burial will follow at Penwell-Gabel Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to the American Cancer Society. Personal condolences may be left for the family at www.Penwell-Gabel.com. Penwell-Gabel Funeral Home and Crematory 300 E. 30th Ave. Hutchinson, KS 67502 620-662-1201 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 14

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Georgine Theresa Wolfe 1920-2006

SEATTLE, WASHINGTON — Georgine Theresa Wolfe, 85, formerly of Ellis County, died Aug. 26 at the Garden Terrace Alzheimer Center at Seattle, Wash. She was born Dec. 20, 1920, in Victoria, the daughter of Frank and Mary (Wittman) Rajewski. She married Robert S. Wolfe on Dec. 20, 1967. He died Nov. 5, 2005. She retired from Chevron Corporation where she worked for 30 years in the accounting department. She lived in Seattle for 40 years. Survivors include two brothers, Hubert Rajewski of Hays and Marvin Rajewski of Great Bend. She was preceded in death by two brothers, Vern G. Rajewski and Charles Rajewski; and two sisters, Cecilia Yost and Evelyn Chase. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Saint Boniface Catholic Church in Vincent. Inurnment will be at Saint Boniface Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 to 10 a.m. on Friday at the church. Memorials are suggested to Hospice of Hays Medical Center or Masses. Cline’s Mortuary of Hays and Victoria 1919 E. 22nd Hays, Ks. 67601 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 13, 2006

Betty Mae Skinner

Betty Mae Skinner, 78, died Sept. 12 at the Hutchinson Hospital. Funeral arrangements are pending and will be announced at a later date by Bryant Christians Funeral Home in Great Bend.

Mildred Elizabeth Fischer 1913-2006

Mildred Elizabeth Fischer, 93, of Great Bend, died Sept. 11 at Central Kansas Medical Center. She was born on May 26, 1913, in Quinter, the daughter of Alfred E. and Margaret Jane Chestnut Graham. She married Wilhelm “Swede” Fischer on July 14, 1938, in Stafford. He died on Nov. 5, 1992. She attend Sterling College where she received her teacher’s certificate. She was a rural school teacher and substituted in Great Bend schools. She was also a nurse’s aide at Central Kansas Medical Center and a private caregiver. She was a resident of Great Bend since 1951, coming from Stafford County. Mrs. Fischer was a long time member of First Presbyterian Church of Great Bend where she was very active for many years. She helped organize the Great Bend Gardenettes and was a member from 1954-1996. She started painting china while in her 60’s. A display of her many china pieces was shown at the Great Bend Library in December of 2005. Survivors include one daughter, Joy Fischer of Littleton, Colo., and one sister, Ella McElroy of Topeka. She was preceded in death by a son, Jack Fischer; three brothers, Everett, Elmer and Samuel Graham, and one sister, Marie Tice. There will be no visitation or services, as cremation has taken place. Inurnment will be at a later date at Great Bend Cemetery. Bryant Funeral Home* 1425 Patton Road Great Bend, Ks 620-793-3525 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 13, 2006

Richard C. Brining 1923-2006

Richard C. Brining, 83, of Great Bend, died Sept. 12 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. He was born Jan. 5, 1923, in Great Bend, the son of John Raymond and Beula Marie Butler Brining. He married Clarice Ellen Hammond on June 12, 1948, in Great Bend. She survives. He received his master’s degree in education from Kansas University. He taught science in Oakley and eighth grade science at Central in Great Bend. He was an elementary school principal at Riley School for one year and principal at Washington School for 18 years, until retiring in 1973. He was a farmer and taught many children farming skills and values. He was a lifetime resident of Great Bend. Mr. Brining was a veteran of World War II, serving with the Army Air Corps where he trained to be a radio operator on B-24’s and B-17’s. He was also an expert marksman. He was a member of First United Methodist Church, Lions Club and Busy Buzzers 4-H Club, all of Great Bend, and served as a Barton County Community College Trustee. He donated over 64 units of blood for the American Red Cross. He loved animals, traveling, children and all sorts of people. Survivors include his wife; two sons, Robert Brining and wife Linda of Aspen, Colo., and Roger Brining and wife Erika of Great Bend; one daughter, Linda Keener and husband Will of Albuquerque, N.M.; one brother Raymond Brining of Great Bend; two sisters, Mildred Snyder of Oviedo, Fla., and Wilma Riegel of Lubbock, Texas.; and five grandchildren, Andrew Keener, Anna Keener, Rachel Brining, Rebecca Brining and Robert Brining. Burial will be at 3 p.m. on Friday in the Great Bend Cemetery, followed by a memorial service at 4 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church in Great Bend, officiated by Pastoral Assistant
Steve Thaden. Friends may visit from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Thursday and from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Friday at Bryant Funeral Home. Memorials are suggested to the Richard Brining Scholarship Fund in care of the funeral home or First United Methodist Church, 2123 Forest Ave., Great Bend, KS 67530. Bryant Funeral Home 1425 Patton Road Great Bend, KS 620-793-3525 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 13, 2006

September 12, 2006

Fern B. Thompson 1916-2006

HOISINGTON — Fern B. Thompson, 90, died Sept. 9 at Woodhaven Care Center in Ellinwood. She was born on Aug. 29, 1916, in Iola to Katie Latimer. She married Benjamin Thompson on March 10, 1934, at Garnett. He died on March 26, 1989. She had lived in Hoisington since 1944, coming from Salina and southeastern Kansas. She worked as a clerk at Rice Drug Store and the Cardinal Plaza Drug Store and later as a checker at Town and Country Grocery and CO Mammels, all in Hoisington. Mrs. Thompson was a member of the Trinity Baptist Church and Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary, both of Hoisington. Survivors include one son, Benny Thompson of Hoisington; one daughter, Shirley Valerius of Woodward, Okla.; one brother, Earl Watson of Emporia; three sisters, Wilma Fields of Doniphan, Mo., Georgia Gumfroy of Emporia and Kathleen Hufferd of Chanute; three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one brother, Kenneth D. McQueen; and two sisters, Olive Garlene Page and Sharon Flickner. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington with the Rev. Gary Clark officiating. Burial will be in the Hoisington Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. today with the family receiving friends from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., and from 9 a.m. until service time Wednesday. Memorials are suggested to the Leukemia Society of America in care of the funeral home. Bryant Funeral Home 1425 Patton Road Great Bend, KS 67530 620-653-4165 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 12, 2006

Jean Foelgner 1927-2006

Jean Foelgner, 79, of Great Bend, died Sept. 8 in Great Bend. She was born on May 26, 1927, in Clinton, Mo., to Garland and Freda Baker McQueen, Sr. She was a resident of Great Bend for most of her life, coming from Clinton, Mo. She was a district manager for Central Kansas Electric Cooperative for 39 years, retiring in 1987. Jean was a member of First Congregational United Church of Christ, Veterans of Foreign Wars and American Legion Auxiliaries, Town and Country Racquet Club, Elks Club and Petroleum Club. Survivors include two daughters, Beverly Jean Anderson Mitchell of Helena, Mont., and Tonya Kay Foelgner Day of Las Vegas, Nev.; two brothers, Garland Clay McQueen Jr., of Linda, Calif., and Steve Ray McQueen of Kingman; three sisters, Wilma Beck, Clayta Jones and Mary Sowers, all of Kingman; four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one brother, Kenneth D. McQueen; and two sisters, Olrive Garlene Page and Sharon Flickner. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, at the First Congregational United Church of Christ in Great Bend with the Rev. Diana Coberly officiating. Burial will be at a later date in the Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call from 1 to 9 p.m. today at Bryant Funeral home with the family receiving friends from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. Memorials are suggested to Kans for Kids in care of the funeral home. Bryant Funeral Home 1425 Patton Road Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-3525 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 12, 2006

Mildred Elizabeth Fischer 1913-2006

Mildred Elizabeth Fischer, 93, of Great Bend, died Sept. 11 at Central Kansas Medical Center, Great Bend. She was born May 26, 1913. Services and other arrangements will be announced by Bryant Funeral Home of Great Bend. Bryant Funeral Home 1425 Patton Road Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-3525 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 12, 2006

Dorothy Virginia Younkin 1924-2006

EDMONDS, Wash. — Dorothy Virginia Younkin, 82, passed away Sept. 8, 2006, at her home in Edmonds, Wash., surrounded by her loving family. She was born Feb. 11, 1924, in McPherson to Fred and Lorraine Kerbs. They lived in Tampa, Kan. She graduated from Tampa High School in 1942 with honors as valedictorian of her class. Upon graduation Dorothy moved to Wichita to be near her loving family. She was born Feb. 11, 1924, in McPherson to Fred and Lorraine Kerbs. They lived in Tampa, Kan. She was a member of the Trinity Baptist Church and Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary, both of Hoisington. Survivors include one son, Benny Thompson of Hoisington; one daughter, Shirley Valerius of Woodward, Okla.; one brother, Earl Watson of Emporia; three sisters, Wilma Fields of Doniphan, Mo., Georgia Gumfroy of Emporia and Kathleen Hufferd of Chanute; three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one brother, Kenneth D. McQueen; and two sisters, Olive Garlene Page and Sharon Flickner. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington with the Rev. Gary Clark officiating. Burial will be in the Hoisington Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. today with the family receiving friends from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., and from 9 a.m. until service time Wednesday. Memorials are suggested to the Leukemia Society of America in care of the funeral home. Bryant Funeral Home 1425 Patton Road Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-3525 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 12, 2006

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Fern B. Thompson 1916-2006
HOLINGTONT — Fern B. Thompson, 90, died Sept. 9 at Woodhaven Care Center in Ellinwood. Services are pending with Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington.

Robert D. Burhenn 1944 - 2006

Robert D. Burhenn, 62, of Great Bend, died Sept. 8 at his home. He was born May 30, 1944, at Great Bend, the son of Ralph and Esther Kasselman Burhenn. He married Marcia Riggs Earp on March 22, 1966, in Great Bend. A lifetime resident of Great Bend, he was a pump truck driver for Allied Cementing.

Burhenn was a member of Community Christian Church, Great Bend. Survivors include his wife, Marcia Burhenn, of the home; step-son Josh Earp, of the home; mother Esther Burhenn, Great Bend; sister Connie Sager, Great Bend; three nephews and one niece. Funeral will be at 1:30 p.m. Monday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend, with Pastor Cecil Burhenn and Pastor Jack Sweany officiating. Interment will be at Hillcrest Memorial Park in Great Bend. Friends may call from 1 to 9 p.m. today at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Feed the Children, in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Bryant Funeral Home.* 1425 Patton Road Great Bend, KS 67530 620-783-3525 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 10, 2006

September 8, 2006

Elizabeth A. (Betty) Gerritzen 1916 - 2006

Elizabeth A. (Betty) Gerritzen, 90, of Great Bend, died Sept. 7 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. She was born May 30, 1916, at Windhorst, the daughter of Frank and Clara Fredelake Ackerman. She married A.F. “Louie” Gerritzen on Aug. 29, 1939, at Windhorst. She died on Aug. 7, 2001. A homemaker, she lived in Claflin from 1939 until she moved to Great Bend in 1995.

Mrs. Gerritzen was a former member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church of Claflin, and was a member of the Catholic Community of Great Bend at St. Patrick and Its Altar Society. Survivors include four daughters: Sharlene Reichard, Great Bend, Carol Davis, Dodge City, Marilyn Post and husband Gerald, Hutchinson, and Janet Weseich and husband Don, Sylvan Grove; one sister, Rose Downey, Stratton, Colo., six grandchildren and five great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one daughter, Joanne Hamm; three sons-in-law, Leon Hamm, Art Reichard and Floyd Davis; and five brothers, Albert, Ed, Mike, Hank and Ray Ackerman. Altar Society rosary will be at 4 p.m. Sunday, followed by vigil service at 7 p.m., all at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Monday at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Great Bend with Father Wesley Schawe officiating.

Burial will be at Claflin Cemetery. Friends may call from 1 to 9 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Claflin Ambulance, in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Bryant Funeral Home* 1425 Patton Road Great Bend, KS 67530 620-783-3525 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 8, 2006

Brett A. White 2006

Brett A. White died on April 29 at his home in West Los Angeles, Calif. He was born in Russell, the son of Dr. and Mrs. Fagen N. White. He graduated from Russell High School in 1964 and from Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill., in 1968. He was employed by ABC in the Standards and Practices Department where he served as a manager and director in New York and Los Angeles. White was promoted to Vice President Broadcast Standards and Practices West Coast, and then promoted to Vice President for Broadcast Standards for Capital Cities/ABC, responsible for all program standards for entertainment programs broadcast by the ABC Television Network, including daytime, children’s programming and prime time. He was also responsible for the administration of the West Coast Department of Broadcast Standards and Practices, from which he retired for health reasons. Following college, White served in the U.S. Army for three years, and was awarded the Bronze Star during his tour of duty in South Vietnam. White was a member of the debate squad, performed in various theatrical roles in school plays and was a member of Demolay in high school. He was also a member of the Boy Scouts. Survivors include two brothers, Dan White of Houston, Texas, and Ward White of Washington, D.C. He was preceded in death by his parents. Cremation has taken place.

A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday at the Russell City Cemetery, with the Rev. Warren Hett officiating. Memorials are suggested to the Russell Regional Hospital and the American Lung Association, in care of Pohlman-Van-Meer Mortuary in Russell. Pohlman-Van-Meer-Peeler Mortuary 610 N. Maple Kansas, KS 67655 785-483-2212 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 8, 2006

Viola M. Wolfe 1915 - 2006

NESS CITY — Viola M. Wolfe, 91, died Sept. 5 at the Ness County Long Term Care in Ness City. She was born July 26, 1915, on a farm in rural Ness County, the daughter of Henry and Lydia Brehem Stieben. She married Harry W. Wolfe on March 22, 1934, at Windhorst. He preceded her in death. She was a cook at Ness City High School for many years. Mrs. Wolfe was a member of the United Methodist Church, United Methodist Women and Naomi Circle, and was a Thrift Shop volunteer, all in Ness City. Survivors include a daughter, Marilyn Griffiths, Topeka; a brother, Carl Stieben, Bazine; two sisters, Elnora Yaeger, Ness City, and LaVone Nonhoff, Yuciapa, Calif., and Bob of Lane; his in-laws James and Karol Ritchie of Wichita; his brother-in-law and wife Mark Ritchie of Houston, Texas, and Ward White of Washington, D.C. She was preceded in death by sons Valoris Dean and Loren Keith Wolfe, two brothers, Bill Stieben and Lloyd Stieben; and three sisters, Clara Rein, Alma Byfield and Leona Schlegel. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at the church, with the Rev. Harlan Nonhoff officiating. Burial will be in the Bazine Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. today at Fitzgerald Funeral Home in Ness City, and from 10 a.m. until service time on Saturday at the church. Memorials are suggested to the United Methodist Women, Ness City. Funeral arrangements provided by Fitzgerald Funeral Home Inc.

P.O. Box 96, 207 N. Pennsylvania Ness City, KS 67560 785-783-3243 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 8, 2006

September 7, 2006

James Douglas “Doug” Ritter 2006

WICHITA — James Douglas “Doug” Ritter, 49, Boeing Wichita engineering manager for 27 years, passed away Sept. 5, after a lengthy battle with cancer. Visitation with the family will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at Watson’s Garden Chapel, with the Service of Life and Resurrection scheduled for 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Calvary United Methodist Church, 2525 N. Rock Rd., in Wichita.

Interment will immediately follow at Watson’s Reflection Pointe Cemetery, 3201 S. Webb Rd., in Wichita.

Doug was a graduate of the University of Kansas and Embry Riddle University. While having numerous assignments at Boeing, Doug was most proud of his work with advanced composite structures, where he received two U.S. patents for innovations he developed, his work on the 777 aircraft, and most recently, the Air Borne Laser program. Preceded in death by his father Eugene, Doug is survived by his wife and best friend of over 30 years, Karen and his daughters Kathrynn and Emily, all of the home; his mother Barbara of Great Bend; his brothers Randy of Great Bend, Ben of Yuciapa, Calif., and Bob of Lane; his in-laws James and Karol Ritchie of Wichita; his brother-in-law and wife Mark Ritchie
Audrey Jean Lathrop 1931-2006

PRATT — Audrey Jean Lathrop, 75, died Sept. 3 at the Pratt Regional Medical Center. She was born on March 27, 1931, in Plains, the daughter of Johncy and Violet I. (Fairchild) Ramsey. As a young girl, she attended the Plains school system, graduating from Plains High School. She married Harrison Dale Lathrop on March 11, 1949, in Plains. He survives. A resident of Pratt, having lived in Plains and Meade, she was a nurses aide and caregiver.

She was a former member of the First Baptist Church in Meade and enjoyed sewing, cooking and singing for her children and grandchildren.

Survivors include two sons, Robert “Robb” D. Lathrop and wife Becky of Pratt and Rick L. Lathrop and wife, Glenda of Enterprise; three daughters, Pam Ramey and husband Steve of Hornlake, Miss., Tami Morse and husband Scott of Pratt, and Lonna Henderson and husband Kevin of Great Bend; ten grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; two brothers, Craig Ramsey and D.E. Ramsey and one sister Oliva “June” Suppes.

Funeral services will be held at 1:30 p.m. today at the First Baptist Church in Meade with the Rev. Harry Fink presiding. Friends may call from 9 to 11:30 a.m. with family present from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at Fidler-Orme-Bachman Mortuary in Meade. Burial will be in the Plains Cemetery in Plains. Memorials are suggested to the American Lung Association in care of the funeral home.

Delores Marie Richert 1929-2006

DURHAM — Delores Marie Richert, 76, died Sept. 6 at Shiloh Manor in Canton. She was born on Dec. 23, 1929, in rural Tampa, the daughter of Ben B. Jantz Jr. and Alma Johnson Jantz. She married Orville Richert on June 10, 1949, in rural Tampa. He died in 2006. She was a homemaker.

Mrs. Richert was a member of Central Heights Mennonite Church.

Survivors include: Verlin Richert of Assaria and Bentley Richert of Abbyville; daughters Krystal Jensen of Roxbury and Annette Goering of Great Bend; brothers Fiennes Jantz of Durham, Manford Jantz of Connecticut, Gerald Jantz of Utah and Kenneth Jantz of Arizona; sisters Geneva Stucky of McPherson and Evelyn Potts, Donna Phillips, Shirley Branch, Joan Huntoon and Sharon Wisdom, all of Wichita; eight grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a sister Flora Jean Carlson.

Funeral will be at 10 a.m. on Saturday at the First Mennonite Church of Hillsboro, with the Rev. Randy Smith officiating. Burial will be at Peace Valley Cemetery in rural Durham. Friends may call from 5 to 8 on Friday at Jost Funeral Home in Hillsboro. Memorials are suggested to Hospice Care of Kansas in care of the funeral home.

Jeffrey R. Wegele 1958-2006

HUTCHINSON — Jeffrey R. Wegele, 48, died Sept. 5 at his home in Hutchinson. He was born June 30, 1958, at Great Bend, the son of Leslie Vernon and Doris Ann Cromer Wegele. A graduate of Skyline High School in Pratt, he received an Associate in Arts degree from Hutchinson Community College. He had been a resident of Hutchinson since 1989.

Mr. Wegele was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church in Hutchinson.

Survivors include his son Matthew Trey Wegele of Hutchinson; two daughters Melinda M. Smith and Ashley Rachael Wegele, both of Hutchinson; his mother Doris Ann Wegele of Pratt; a brother Blaze Lance Wegele of Pratt; four grandchildren; and his companion, Jerrie DeRose of Hutchinson. He was preceded in death by his father Leslie V. Wegele and his grandparents.

Funeral will be at 4 p.m. on Friday at Trinity United Methodist Church, with the Rev. Pat Ault-Duell officiating. Cremation will follow at a later time. Friends may sign the register book from 5 to 9 p.m. today and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Friday at Elliott Mortuary in Hutchinson. Memorials are suggested to the Hutchinson Community Foundation M.A.P. Program in care of the funeral home. Personal condolences may be sent to www.elliottmortuary.com.

Betty Jo Schmidt 1958-2006
NEWTON — Betty Jo Schmidt, 48, died Sept. 3 at Via Christi Regional Medical Center St. Francis in Wichita. She was born in Great Bend on March 14, 1958, the daughter of Jake John Boos and Dorothy Mae Collins. She married Ruiz Garcia Adalberto on June 21 in Las Vegas, Nev. She was the lead person for Norcraft Manufacturing. Survivors include her husband of the home; one son Justin Svoboda of Excelsior Springs, Mo; her mother Dorothy Mae Ramsey of Great Bend; one brother David Ramsey of Great Bend; and two sisters, Vickie Ruble of Great Bend and Kathy Leiser of Newton. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at the First Baptist Church in Newton with Pastor Terry Tareila officiating. Burial will be in the Greenwood Cemetery in Newton. Friends may visit from 1 to 9 p.m. with family present from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Petersen Funeral Home Chapel in Newton.

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215 N. Main
Newton, Ks. 67114
316-283-2525

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Pat K. Rogers 1952-2006

STOCKTON — Pat K. Rogers, 54, died on Sept. 5 at her home in rural Stockton. She was born on April 26, 1952, in Stockton, the daughter of Wallace and Dorothy (Winters) Cherry. She graduated from Great Bend High School and received her cosmetology degree from Barton County Community College. She married John “Will” Rogers on Sept. 10, 1982, in Larned. She was a homemaker and farmed south of Stockton. Survivors include her husband of the home; two daughters Chandra Slack of Walsenburg, Colo., and Jessica Rogers of Topeka; a son John Rogers of Stockton; her father Wallace Cherry of Larned; her mother Dorothy Jordan of Great Bend; brothers Bill Calvert of Farmington, N.M., and Sonny Cherry of Stockton; a sister Penny Lohr of Pawnee Rock; and one granddaughter. She was preceded in death by a nephew and a brother-in-law. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. on Friday at Smith-Moore-Overlease Funeral Home in Stockton, with the Rev. Vince Williams officiating. Inurnment will be in the Stockton Cemetery. Friends may sign the register book from 1 to 8 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. to service time on Friday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Hays Medical Center Home Health and Hospice in care of the funeral home.

Smith-Moore-Overlease Funeral Home
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Stockton, KS 67669
785-425-6311

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Chase Gilbert Hargadine 1925-2006

CHASE — Loren Gilbert Hargadine, 81, died Sept. 4 at the Hutchinson Hospital. He was born on Jan. 31, 1925, in Alden, the son of Arthur L. and Minta I. Barnes Hargadine. He was a lifetime resident of Rice County, living in Chase 31 years, coming from the Bushton and Alden area. He graduated from Alden High School in 1943. He married Virginia May Newell on Jan. 12, 1948, in Alden. He retired as oiler and engine maintenance worker for Northern Natural Gas after 31 years. Mr. Hargadine was a member of Salem United Methodist Church in Bushton, a life member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6485 in Ellsworth, a longtime member of the American Legion Post 200 in Holyrood and a member of bowling leagues for many years in Lyons, Ellsworth and Ellinwood. He was an Army medic serving in the Pacific aboard the USS Marine Phoenix in World War II. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son Arthur of Smolan; three daughters, Lois Chiles of Lansing, Betty Robison of Manhattan and Anna Eastwood of Paola; one sister Delma Parker of Hutchinson; 13 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one brother, Lloyd Hargadine. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. on Friday at Sillin Funeral Home in Lyons with Rev. Arlene Patrick officiating. Burial will be in the Alden Valley Cemetery with full military honors by Fort Riley Honor Guard. Friends may visit from 2 to 7 p.m. today at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the Center for Basic Cancer Research KSU or American Heart Association in care of the funeral home.

Sillin Funeral Homes and Granite Memorials
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Lyons, Ks. 67554
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Thelma Harper 1905-2006

HOISINGTON — Thelma Harper, 101, died on Sept. 6 at Hoisington Homestead in Hoisington. She was born June 22, 1905, in Hoisington, the daughter of Jacob T. Crane and May (Davis) Crane. A graduate of Hoisington High School in 1923, she married Fred Harper on Nov. 30, 1923, at Russell. He died on Nov. 24, 1993. A lifetime resident of Hoisington, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Harper was a member of First Christian Church in Hoisington and Victory EHU. Survivors include: a granddaughter Christy Harper of Lakeside, Calif.; and great-grandchildren Steven Harper of Alpine, Calif., and Kimberly Harper of Hoisington. She was preceded in death by two sons, Charles Ray Harper and Donald Dean Harper; and a grandson David Harper. Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. on Monday at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington, with the Rev. Paula Bell officiating. Burial will be at Hoisington Cemetery in Hoisington. Friends may call from 1 to 8 p.m. on Sunday and 9 a.m. until service time on Monday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the Kroesch Scholarship Fund or Elder Care or Southwind Hospice in care of the funeral home.

Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home
Joyce D. Richardson 1937-2006

HOISINGTON — Joyce D. Richardson, 69, died Sept. 1 at her home in Hoisington. She was born Jan. 8, 1937, to J. Harold and Neva L. (Hill) Richardson in Huron, S.D. She was a retired elementary school teacher.

Ms. Richardson was a member of the First United Methodist Church and formerly of the Vine United Methodist church in Hoisington. She was a longtime resident of Hoisington.

Survivors include several cousins. She was preceded in death by her parents and one brother, Ralph Richardson.

Funeral services will be at 1:30 p.m. on Friday at the Hoisington Cemetery, with Rev. Wayne Flanders officiating. Burial will be at the cemetery. Friends may sign the register book from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Friday. Memorials are suggested to the donor’s choice.

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September 6, 2006

Velma (Aeschleman) Boyle 1917 - 2006

SALINA — Velma (Aeschleman) Boyle, 89, died Sept. 4 at Salina Presbyterian Manor. She was born March 27, 1917, at Harper, the daughter of Frank and Pauline (Gleichman) Kraus. A lifelong resident of Hoisington until the 2001 tornado, she then moved to Salina. She was an accomplished seamstress, and a homemaker. She worked for Van-Jo Dairy as the business manager, and later worked for Dr. Wolfenbarger’s medical practice in Hoisington.

Mrs. Kraus was a member of the former Vine United Methodist Church and the First United Methodist Church, both in Hoisington.

Survivors include two sons, Vance E. Aeschleman Jr. and wife Grace Ann of Olympia, Wash., and Vaughn Aeschleman of Reseda, Calif.; two daughters Valarie (Aeschleman) Pabalix and husband Gary of Kuna, Idaho, and Virginia (Aeschleman) Schwartz and husband Ken of Salina; three sisters, Mary Kraus of Wichita, Patti Reveles and Virginia Krause, both of LaCresenta, Calif.; one brother, George Krause of Mechanicsville, Va.; nine grandchildren, Nathan Aeschleman of Gilroy, Calif., Daniel Aeschleman and wife Karyn of Pasadena, Calif., Vance Aeschleman III (Trey) of Seattle, Wash., Hillary Sautebin and husband Mike of Boise, Idaho, Max Pabalix of Salt Lake City, Utah, Karl Schwartz and Ernest Schwartz of Denver, Colo., Kim O'Brian and husband Jerry of Maytown, Texas, and Wendy Dau of Olympia, Wash.; and seven great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husbands, Vance Aeschleman in 1969, and James Boyle in 1997; four brothers and two sisters, Arthur, Ernest, Fritz, Clifford, Dorothy and Thurlaine, and an infant Aeschleman son.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. on Friday at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington with the Rev. Wayne Flanders officiating. Burial will be at the Hoisington Cemetery. Friends may call from 5 to 8 p.m. on Thursday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the Donovan-Finn Vine United Methodist Memorial Scholarship, in care of the funeral home.

Funeral arrangements provided by
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Graveside committal services for Darlene Bernice Hanson will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Otis United Methodist Cemetery, with the Rev. David Bolz officiating. Darlene B. Hanson, the daughter of Elmer and Alma Brack, passed away Nov. 2, 2005. Cremation has taken place. Memorial services were held on Nov. 6, 2005, at the French Mortuary in Albuquerque, N.M.

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John R. Overman 1981-2006

John R. Overman, 24, of Great Bend, died Aug. 30 in Pittsburg. He was born on Sept. 20, 1981, in Anchorage, Alaska, the son of Roy Overman of Chase and Lynne Talley of Bossier City, La. Survivors include two sons, Kenneth and Daniel of Independence; his parents; grandparents Kenneth and Ellen Talley of Bossier City; and two sisters, Laurel Sequest and Meredith Talley of Bossier City. He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Lewis and Nora Overman of Graham, N.C.

Memorial service will be at 3 p.m. on Saturday at the Heritage Baptist Church in Great Bend.

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Robert Keith Arnett 1929-2006
Robert Keith Arnett, 77, Great Bend, died Sept. 2 at Lyons Good Samaritan Center in Lyons. He was born March 30, 1929, at Blackwell, Okla., the son of Howard D. and Anna Gay Roberts Arnett. He married Alice Rae Lathrop July 7, 1958, at Great Bend. She survives. He grew up in Hoisington, graduating from there in 1947, but lived in Great Bend most of his life. He worked at Phillips Sporting Goods Store and later for Centel, retiring in 1995.

Arnett a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean War. He was a member of First Christian Church and Model Association of Central Kansas, and was a life member of the American Legion. Survivors include: His wife of the home; two daughters, Jill Laverne Hoefer of McPherson and Ellen Gaye Ernst of Hutchinson; one brother, Kent Baldwin of Great Bend; two sisters, Maxine Wesley of Hutchinson and Doris Boyer of Savannah, Mo.; 10 grandchildren; and 20 great-grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews; and loving pet dog Heidi.

Funeral will be at 1:30 p.m. Thursday at First Christian Church in Great Bend with the Rev. William Johnson officiating. Burial will be at Hillcrest Memorial Park, Great Bend, with military graveside honors. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Wednesday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Memorials are suggested to the First Christian Church or Good Samaritan Center in Lyons. Bryant Funeral Home 1425 Patton Road Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-3525 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 3, 2006

Vern William Baldwin 1920-2006

Vern William Baldwin, 86, Great Bend, died Sept. 3 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. He was born July 30, 1920, at Dodge City, the son of Norbin Jones and Cammie Ann Justin Baldwin. He married Ethel Mae Denney May 17, 1940, at Dodge City. She survives. He lived in Great Bend since 1937, coming from Dodge City. Baldwin was an Army Air Force veteran of World War II, attaining the rank of sergeant. He was a member of First Christian Church, VFW Post 3111 and Fraternal Order of Eagles, all of Great Bend. Survivors include: His wife of the home; two sons, Jack Denney Baldwin of Windom and Richard Lee Baldwin of Topeka; two daughters, Jill Laverne Hoefner of McPherson and Ellen Gaye Ernst of Hutchinson; one brother, Kent Baldwin of Great Bend; two sisters, Maxine Wesley of Hutchinson and Doris Boyer of Savannah, Mo.; 10 grandchildren; and 20 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by: Three brothers, Jack Baldwin, Norbin Baldwin and Howard Baldwin; and one sister, Phyllis Deis. Graveside service will be at 1 p.m. Today at Great Bend Cemetery. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery with military graveside honors. Memorials are suggested to the church in care of Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Bryant Funeral Home 1425 Patton Road Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-3525 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 3, 2006

September 3, 2006

Maurice L. Wilhelm 1938-2006

TOPEKA — Maurice L. Wilhelm, 67, died Sept. 2 at Plaza West Regional Health Center in Topeka. He was born Nov. 5, 1938, near Galatia, the son of August and Florence Ruth Karst Wilhelm. He married Melody Moris on May 13, 1978, in Arizona. He was a resident of Topeka, formerly of Ellinwood, Wichita and Big Springs, Texas. He was a retired power plant operator for the city of Ellinwood. Mr. Wilhelm was a member of St. John’s Lutheran Church in Ellinwood. He was a retired U.S. Navy veteran. Survivors include his wife of the home; his mother, Florence Veach of Hebron, Neb.; two sons, John Wilhelm of Big Springs and Steve Moris of Topeka; three daughters, Tammy Shultz of Big Springs, Melinda Hines of Waxahachie, Texas, and Debbie Doll of Ellinwood; a brother, Lester Wilhelm of Chula Vista, Calif.; and a sister, Nancy Mitchell of Hebron. Funeral will be at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday at Kimple Funeral Chapel in Ellinwood, with the Rev. Larry Young officiating. Burial will be in Lakin-Comanche District Cemetery in Ellinwood. Friends may call from 1 to 8 p.m. on Monday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Ellinwood Emergency Medical Service in care of the funeral home. Kimple Funeral Home 113 N. Main Ellinwood, KS 67562 620-564-2300 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 3, 2006

Loren John Saindon 1966-2006

Loren John Saindon, 40, a Great Bend resident, died Sept. 1 at Perry, Okla. He was born June 7, 1966, at Strong City, the son of Le Roy and Jane Martin Saindon. He married Christine Adams on Sept. 21, 1996 in Great Bend. She survives. A lifetime resident of Great Bend, he was an operator for Francisc Casing Crews. Mr. Saindon was a member of the Catholic Community of Great Bend, Saint Rose of Lima Catholic Church. He was an avid Kansas City Chiefs football fan and enjoyed fishing and his truck. Loren was always the life of the party. He loved getting together with his family and friends. Loren loved his nephews and nieces. They were the light of his life. Of course there was “Lil Miss Shadie” who loved to snuggle with him. He will be missed greatly by all who knew and loved him. There will never be another man like him. Your love, laughter and smile will be missed. Your family loves you. Rest in peace my love. Survivors include his wife, Christine Saindon of the home; his father, Le Roy Saindon, and mother, Jane Saindon, both of Great Bend; a brother, Joe Saindon and wife Cecilia of Great Bend; a sister, LeAnne Delgado and husband Aaron of Great Bend; brother-in-laws David John Adams and Andrew Adams and wife Mary; nieces and nephews Tyler Saindon, Taylor Saindon, Jacob Delgado, Colton Delgado, Janay Delgado, Marcus Adams, Bonnie Adams and Bradley Ivy; and mother-in-law Sylvia Adams of Great Bend. He was preceded in death by grandparents Lawrence and Katherine Saindon and Adrian and Wiima Martin; an uncle, Lowell Martin; a niece, Crystal Delgado; and father-in-law Paul M. Adams. Vigil Service will be at 7 p.m. on Monday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. on Tuesday at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Great Bend, with Father Reginald A. Urban officiating. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery in Great Bend. Friends may call from noon to 9 p.m. Monday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the Loren Saindon Memorial Scholarship Fund in care of the funeral home. Bryant Funeral Home 1425 Patton Road Great Bend, KS 67530 793-3039 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 3, 2006

Dr. Bernard C. Wildgen 1916-2006

HOLLAND, Mich. — Dr. Bernard C. Wildgen died Aug. 25 in Holland. He was born Oct. 30, 1916, in Hoisington, the son of Henry and Susanne (Hain) Wildgen. He married Norma Nadine Woodhouse on Dec. 29, 1941. She died July 3, 1994. He received his Doctor of Medicine degree from the University of Kansas in 1941. He practiced ophthalmology in Muskegon, Mich., retiring in 1986. Dr. Wildgen was a member of the county, state and national American Medical Association Medical Societies, the American College of Surgeons and the Knights of Columbus. He served in the U.S. Navy as a medical officer during World War II in the North and South Pacific and Atlantic theaters where he achieved the officer rank of Lieutenant Commander. Survivors include three sons, Bernard David Wildgen, Richard A. Wildgen, and James Wildgen; three daughters, Sarah “Sally” Wildgen, Norma Ann “Annie” Merkle and Rebecca “Becky” DeRose; 16 grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by one grandson and three brothers, Maurice Wildgen, Joseph Wildgen and Henry Wildgen Jr. A memorial mass will be held at 11
William J. Bray 1911-2006

William J. Bray, 94, of Great Bend, died Sept. 2, 2006, at Central Kansas Medical Center, Great Bend. He was born Dec. 8, 1911, at Burns, the son of Rupert E. and Maggie Jane Corfman Bray. He married Ruth V. Schulz on Jan. 20, 1946, in Lincoln County. She died March 4, 2003. He was a teacher and principal in several Kansas schools including Dighton, La Crosse and Great Bend. He retired in 1977 after 39 1/2 years of teaching. He was a resident of Great Bend since 1958, coming from La Crosse.

Mr. Bray was a member of First Christian Church, IOOF Lodge, Kiwanis, Phi Delta Kappa Honor Society, the Retired Teachers Association and Boy Scouts of America. He was an Army veteran of World War II, attaining the rank of Master Sergeant.

Survivors include two daughters, Joyce Marie Bray of Wichita and Vivian Jane Bray of Longmont, Colo. He was preceded in death by one brother, Wylie Rupert Bray, one stepbrother, Jacob Alexander Merryfield, and one sister, Lorena Evelyn Bray.

Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 7, at First Christian Church, Great Bend, with the Rev. William F. Johnson officiating. Interment will be at Hillcrest Memorial Park, Great Bend, with military honors. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Wednesday at Bryant Funeral Home, Great Bend. Memorials are suggested to Camp Kanza or the First Christian Church Building Fund in care of the funeral home. Bryant Funeral Home 1425 Patlon Road Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-3525 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 3, 2006

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Bertha Conner

WICHITA — Bertha Conner, 93, retired Registered Nurse of Wesley Hospital, died Sunday, Aug. 27, 2006. She was born in Geneso. Survivors: three daughters, Rosemary Conner-Hardy, Elizabeth Conner-Hollis and David Hollis and Beverley Jane Conner-Lasater, all of Wichita; grandchildren, Patrick Wells Conner, Christopher Lynn Conner, Kelly Conner Lasater and Mackenzie Ault Lasater; and two great-granddaughters. Funeral will be at 11 a.m., Saturday at First Baptist Church in Lorraine. A memorial has been established with Kansas Humane Society, 4218 S.E. Blvd, Wichita, KS, 67210. Funeral arrangements provided by Downing & Lahey Mortuary East 6555 E. Central Wichita, KS 67206 1-800-369-8784 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 1, 2006

Jack Ray Kasselman 1947 - 2006
Jack Ray Kasselman, 59, of Great Bend, died Oct. 29 at Hutchinson Hospital. He was born Feb. 26, 1947, in Great Bend, the son of Velta Kasselman. A lifetime resident of Barton County, he worked for Rosencrantz-Bemis Water Well Service, was a driver for Farmland, worked in the oil patch and most recently for Essex Group until his illness forced him to retire. Jack was a member of Central Baptist Church in Great Bend and a Vietnam veteran, serving in the U.S. Army from 1971 to 1973. Survivors include his mother and stepfather, Richard and Velta Krom of Great Bend; one son, Patrick Kasselman and wife Renee, of Ellinwood; one daughter, Jacque Kasselman of Sterling, Colo.; one stepbrother, Bruce Krom and wife Veronika of Great Bend; one sister, Sue Gowdy and husband Dan of Great Bend; one stepsister, Melinda Meyer of Great Bend; five grandchildren, Danielle Kasselman, Amber Kasselman-man, Joseph Kasselman, Dylan Wilson and Taylor Wilson; one nephew, Craig Gowdy; one niece, Tammy Gowdy; and three great-nephews, Deric, Dylan and Daulton Gowdy. He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Lewis and Helen Sloan Kasselman, and one nephew, Eric Gowdy. Jack has touched all our lives and will be missed greatly. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the Central Baptist Church in Great Bend with the Rev. David Hill officiating. Burial will be in the Lakin-Comanche District Cemetery in Ellinwood with military rites conducted by a Fort Riley Honor Guard. Friends may call from 9 a.m. until 9 p.m. on today with family receiving friends from 6 to 8 p.m. at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Memorials are suggested to Barton County Relay for Life. Funeral arrangements provided by Bryant Funeral Home* 1425 Patton Road Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-3525 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 31, 2006

Elsa Robel 1914 - 2006

MANHATTAN — Elsa Robel, 92, died Oct. 29 at Stoneybrook Retirement Community in Manhattan. She was born Feb. 25, 1914, at rural Holden, the daughter of Gustav E. and Ida Hagedorn Giesler. She married Howard C. Robel at Alva, Okla., on May 7, 1939. He preceded her in death on Dec. 4, 1969. Elsa was a resident of Great Bend from 1952 until moving to Manhattan in 2002. She was a retired secretary for R & B Petroleum Inc., Great Bend. Elsa was a member of Trinity United Church of Christ, Hudson. She was a charter member of the former Grace Evangelical & Reformed Church in Great Bend, which was organized in 1953, and she served as a church board member for several years. Survivors include one son, Raydon Robel and wife Barb, Manhattan; three grandchildren, Kristi Roesch and husband Robbie, Hiawatha, Kerry Thurlow and husband Matt, Leonardville, and Kevin Robel, Manhattan; and three great grandchildren, Wyatt and Kylee Thurlow and Reagan Roesch. She was preceded in death by one brother, Otto Giesler, and two sisters, Louise Curtis, and an infant sister, Augusta Giesler. Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. on Thursday at Trinity Community Church of Christ in Hudson, with the Rev. Wade Russell officiating. Interment will be at Trinity Cemetery, Hudson, There will be no visitation. A memorial for Trinity Community Church has been established. Donations may be made in care of Bryant Funeral Home, Great Bend. Funeral arrangements provided by Bryant Funeral Home* 1425 Patton Road Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-3525 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 31, 2006

Donna Lee Peters 1927 - 2006

DOWNS — Donna Lee Peters, 79, died Oct. 27. Born Donna Lee Poppen Jan. 12, 1927, in Downs, she was a retired nurse’s aide. Survivors include her husband Lloyd of Downs; two sons, Terry of Topeka and Rick of Great Bend; one stepsister, Bruce Krom and wife Veronica of Great Bend; one sister, Sue Gowdy and husband Dan of Great Bend; one stepsister, Melinda Meyer of Great Bend; five grandchildren, Danielle Kasselman, Amber Kasselman-man, Joseph Kasselman, Dylan Wilson and Taylor Wilson; one nephew, Craig Gowdy; one niece, Tammy Gowdy; and three great-nephews, Deric, Dylan and Daulton Gowdy. He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Lewis and Helen Sloan Kasselman, and one nephew, Eric Gowdy. Jack has touched all our lives and will be missed greatly. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the Central Baptist Church in Great Bend with the Rev. David Hill officiating. Burial will be in the Lakin-Comanche District Cemetery in Ellinwood with military rites conducted by a Fort Riley Honor Guard. Friends may call from 9 a.m. until 9 p.m. on today with family receiving friends from 6 to 8 p.m. at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Memorials are suggested to Barton County Relay for Life. Funeral arrangements provided by Bryant Funeral Home* 1425 Patton Road Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-3525 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 31, 2006

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Bernard J. Bahr 1915 - 2006

OLMITZ — Bernard J. Bahr, 91, died Oct. 26 at Hutchinson Hospital, Hutchinson. He was born Jan. 4, 1915, on the farm near Olmitz, the son of Joseph F. and Frances M. (Riedl) Bahr. He married Alberta Stoss on June 20, 1950, at Olmitz. She survives. He was a retired farmer/stockman and a lifetime resident of the Olmitz area. H was a member of the St. Ann Catholic Church, a 70-year member of 3rd Degree Knights of Columbus Council No. 2100, past Grand Knight and currently 4th Degree, all of Olmitz; Farm Bureau director for six years, township clerk for 20 years, director and past president of the Galatia Co-op and member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles No. 646, Great Bend. Survivors, besides his wife, of the home, include two daughters, Karen Nelson and husband Galen, of North Newton, and Bonnie Glaser and husband Kelly of Derby; two sisters, Sister Philomena Bahr of Mulvane and Alice Tholen of Moran; and four grandchildren, Sister Mary Gabriel (Amanda) Nelson, John Nelson, and Jessica and Kayla Glaser. He was preceded in death by a son, William J. Bahr, a brother, Leonard Bahr, and three infant grandchildren. A wake service will be at 7:30 p.m. today, followed by a K of C rosary, at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home, Hoisington. Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at St. Ann Catholic Church, Olmitz, with Father Ultan Murphy and Father Joseph Bahr celebrants. Burial will be at St. Ann Cemetery, Olmitz. Friends may call from 1 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home. Memorial donations for the church may be made in care of Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home, Box 146, Hoisington, KS 67544. Funeral arrangements provided by Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home* 415 North Main Hoisington, KS 67544 620-653-4165 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 29, 2006

Helen Marie Fall 1916 - 2006

TULSA, Okla. — Helen Marie Fall, 90, died Oct. 22 at South Crest Hospital, Tulsa, after complications resulting from a hip fracture. She was born May 24, 1916, to Robert A. and Leah Doyle Norris. A resident of Tulsa since 1949, she had moved from Hutchinson and Burdett. Survivors include her husband of 71 years, Marion C. Fall, Tulsa; a son and wife Darlene of Kalamazoo, Mich.; a son-in-law, Bruce Moulton, Seattle; two daughters, Janet and husband Richard Everett of Mystic, Conn., and Judee and husband Grover Bauer of Tulsa; nine grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a son, Robert Fall, and a
McCRACKEN — Victor E. Higgins, 73, died from complications of a brain hemorrhage on Oct. 26 at Via Christi Regional Medical Center, St. Francis Campus, Wichita. He was born March 12, 1933, on the farm near McCracken, in Ness County, the son of Leo and Teresa Coleman Higgins. He married Shirley Lovitt in McCracken on July 28, 1956. She survives. He was a farmer and rancher. He was a lifetime resident of McCracken and a member of St. Joseph’s Catholic Church and Altar Society, and Daughters of Isabella, all of Ellinwood. Survivors include two sons, William (Bill) J. Batchman of Bushton and Edward E. Batchman of Otis; two brothers, Hiram Baxter of Great Bend and Bill Baxter of Canon City, Colo.; 10 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two sisters, Benita Doherty and Zelma Baxter, and a son, Ronald F. Batchman. 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, Ellinwood. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at St. Joseph’s Catholic Church, Ellinwood, with Father Charles Mazouch officiant. Burial will be at Lakin-Comanche District Cemetery, Ellinwood. Friends may call from 1 to 8 p.m. today and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday at the funeral home. Memorial donations may be made to the St. Joseph School Living Legacy Fund. Funeral arrangements provided by Kimple Funeral Home 113 North Main Ellinwood, KS 67526 620-564-2300 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 29, 2006

ELLINWOOD — Mary L. (Bonnie) Batchman, 86, died Oct. 27 at Woodhaven Care Center, Ellinwood. She was born June 27, 1920, at Larned, the daughter of Hiram Baxter Sr. and Mary Catherine Simmons Baxter. She married Ernest E. Batchman on Sept. 26, 1939, at Great Bend. He died March 23, 1971. A homemaker, she was a longtime Ellinwood resident. She was a member of St. Joseph’s Catholic Church and Altar Society, and Daughters of Isabella, all of Ellinwood. Survivors include two sons, William (Bill) J. Batchman of Bushton and Edward E. Batchman of Otis; two brothers, Hiram Baxter of Great Bend and Bill Baxter of Canon City, Colo.; 10 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two sisters, Benita Doherty and Zelma Baxter, and a son, Ronald F. Batchman. 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, Ellinwood. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at St. Joseph’s Catholic Church, Ellinwood, with Father Charles Mazouch officiant. Burial will be at Lakin-Comanche District Cemetery, Ellinwood. Friends may call from 1 to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home. Memorial donations may be made for the St. Joseph School Living Legacy Fund. Funeral arrangements provided by Kimple Funeral Home 113 North Main Ellinwood, KS 67526 620-564-2300 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 29, 2006

McCRACKEN — Victor E. Higgins, 73, died from complications of a brain hemorrhage on Oct. 26 at Via Christi Regional Medical Center, St. Francis Campus, Wichita. He was born March 12, 1933, on the farm near McCracken, in Ness County, the son of Leo and Teresa Coleman Higgins. He married Shirley Lovitt in McCracken on July 28, 1956. She survives. He was a farmer and rancher. He was a lifetime resident of McCracken and a member of St. Mary’s Church, McCracken. He was a Korean War veteran, serving in the U.S. Army from 1953 to 1955. Vic was also an organ donor. Survivors, in addition to his wife, include two sons, Jerry Higgins of Hutchinson and Chuck Higgins of Hoisington; two daughters, Tammy Irvin of Hoisington and Kayla Tacha of Norton; a brother, Wilfrid Higgins of McCracken; and seven grandchildren. He was preceded in death by three brothers, Vincent, Leon and James, and a sister, Angela Higgins. A Parish Vigil Service will be held at St. Mary’s Church, McCracken, at 7 p.m. Sunday, Mass of Christian Burial will be at the church at 11 a.m. Monday with Father Labrador presiding. Burial will follow in the McCracken Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. today at Fitzgerald Funeral Home, Ness City, and at the church on Sunday from 6 to 7 p.m. Memorial contributions may be made in lieu of flowers to McCracken Alumni or to St. Mary’s Heritage. Funeral arrangements provided by Fitzgerald Funeral Home 207 N. Pennsylvania Ness City, KS 67560 785-798-3243 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 29, 2006

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October 27, 2006

Charles “Chuck” William Dreiling 1934 - 2006

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. — Charles “Chuck” William Dreiling, 72, passed away Oct. 24 at his home in Springfield after a short battle with cancer. Chuck was born Sept. 13, 1934, in Great Bend. Chuck was a retired food broker with Crumpley and Associates. He enjoyed volunteering with the Retired Volunteer Senior Program where he drove “his ladies.” Chuck has also served on various charitable boards. He is survived by his wife of 51 years, Mary Ann; daughter Margaret Parrish and her husband Mike; son Steve Dreiling; daughter Marilyn Owens and her husband Steve; daughter Marita Pemberton and her husband Steven; daughter Marcia Passeri; and two extremely special grandchildren, Mariel Parrish and Casey Passeri, whom he adored. Chuck was a very caring husband, father and doting grandfather. Visitations will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. today under the direction of Gorman-Scharpf Brentwood Chapel. Funeral services will be held at Immaculate Conception Church on Saturday at 10 a.m. Burial will follow the funeral service at Hazelwood Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to the Breast Cancer Foundation of the Ozarks, 330 N. Jefferson, Springfield, MO 65806 or Community Hospices of America — SW Missouri, 1465 E. Primrose, Springfield, MO 65804. Funeral arrangements provided by Gorman-Scharpf Funeral Home, Inc.*
Funeral arrangements provided by Resthaven Mortuary, Inc. 11800 W. Hwy. 54, Wichita, KS 67209 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 27, 2006*  

Gunnery Master Sergeant Shirley Deane (Rocky) Cavender 1926 - 2006  

YATES CENTER — Gunnery Master Sergeant Shirley Deane (Rocky) Cavender, of Yates Center, formally of Wichita and Amarillo, Texas, passed away Oct. 21 at the VA Hospital in Topeka. He was 80 years old. He was born Dec. 16, 1926, to Clifton Joe and Edith Irene (Shelton) Cavender of Monahan, Texas. Rocky joined the U.S.M.C in 1942 at the age of 15. He earned his high school diploma and a two-year college equivalency while in active duty. He married his childhood sweetheart, Sylvia Ann (Reneau) Cavender, April 13, 1950, in Tucumcari, N.M. He proudly served his country in many countries and in too many wars; in addition to his distinguished military career he was a lifetime president of the Camp Pendleton Rodeo, owner of “Rocky’s Roost” in Oceanside, Calif. A police officer and a disc jockey at KZLP radio in Amarillo, Texas, and a Sedgwick County Sheriff’s Deputy in Wichita. He had a great sense of humor that all enjoyed. Rocky will be remembered as a proud and dedicated Marine who gave his best years to the United States Marine Corps. An honorable man who did his duty, “A Marine’s Marine.” He was preceded in death by his parents, stepfather Daniel Penner Martens and a half sister Dorothy Cavender. He is survived by his beloved wife, Sylvia Ann Cavender in Yates Center; two daughters, Shirley Deane Goodwin of Mulvane and Kelly Ann Arnold of Wichita; three sons, Michael Wade Cavender, Sr. of Great Bend, Patrick Daniel Cavender of Wichita and Kevin Thomas Cavender of Yates Center; 28 grandchildren and 53 great-grandchildren. No longer held by earthly bonds or human frailty, we raise him up in honor and prayer to give him back to our creator, to restore his spirit and give him peace of mind. Semper Fi Marine! “Let freedom ring.” Services will be held with full Military Honors at Arlington (Va.) National Cemetery, Nov. 16 at 10 a.m. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 27, 2006*  

Helen Marie Fall 1915 - 2006  

Verna Carolyn Krom, 75, of Great Bend, died Oct. 24 at Galichia Heart Hospital in Wichita after suffering a heart attack at her home in Great Bend. She was born Aug. 30, 1931, in Barton County, the daughter of William and Vernie Murphy. She married LeRoy Krom on Aug. 29, 1949, in Great Bend. He died Dec. 2, 2002. She was a retired insurance salesperson. Survivors include two sons, Kent Krom and wife Margaret of St. John and Shaun Krom of Great Bend; five daughters, Donna Breitkreutz of Topeka, Bonnie Thomas and husband Kenneth, and Kimberly Schwartz and husband Keith, all of Colorado Springs, Colo., Pamela Crop and husband Steve of Farmington, N.M., and Kelly Hayes and husband Jim of Great Bend; two sisters, Margaret Murray of Great Bend and Patricia Breitkreutz of St. Marys; 14 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by four brothers, Earl, George, Jack and Jimmy Murphy. Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church in Seward with Father Rene Guesnier officiating. Burial will follow at the church cemetery. The body has been cremated. Funeral arrangements provided by Resthaven Mortuary, Inc. 11800 W. Hwy. 54, Wichita, KS 67209 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 27, 2006*  

Bernard J. Bahr 1915 - 2006  

OLMITZ — Bernard J. Bahr, 91, died Oct. 26 at Hutchinson Hospital, Hutchinson. He was born Jan. 4, 1915. Service arrangements are pending with Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home, Hoisington, and will be announced. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 27, 2006  

Ray E. Johnson 1935 - 2006 NICKERSON — Ray E. Johnson, 71, died Oct. 26 at Hutchinson Hospital, Hutchinson. He was born Aug. 6, 1935, in Burbank, Okla., the son of Roscoe Sherman and Cora Susan Christy Johnson. He married Brenda Nelson March 13, 1963. She survives. He was a Nickerson resident for the past 15 years, moving from Great Bend. He was a graduate of Oklahoma State University, with a degree in geology. He had been plant manager for Rice Engineering, Great Bend. He served in the U.S. Army. He was a member of Salem Community Church, Nickerson, a life member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and a member of the Grove Park Golf Club, Ellinwood. Survivors, in addition to his wife, include a son, Tom Ray Johnson and wife Kathy of Sulfur Springs, Texas; three daughters, Kim Burns of Fayetteville, Ark., Shawn Maddox and husband Steve of Norman, Okla., and Jenny Hughes and husband Sean of Hutchinson; a brother, Rusty Johnson of Sand Springs, Okla.; two sisters, Ollie Bayard of Fairfax, Okla., and Dorothy Rehorn of Sand Springs, Okla.; and nine grandchildren, Hayes, Mitch and Trace Maddox, Justin, Rhandi and Sadie Johnson, Coleson Burns and Dakota and Wyatt Hughes. He was preceded in death by a sister, Clairene Brotherton. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Salem Community Church, Nickerson, with Pastor George D. Hinton officiating. Burial will be at Salem Community Church Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday and Sunday at Elliott Mortuary, Hutchinson. Memorial donations for Salem Community Church may be sent in care of Elliott Mortuary. Personal condolences may be sent to www.elliottmortuary.com. Funeral arrangements provided by Elliott Mortuary* 1219 North Main Hutchinson, KS 67501 620-663-3327 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 27, 2006*  

Verna Carolyn Krom 1931 - 2006  

SAMMAMISH, Wash. — Dane Anderson, 44, died Oct. 21 at Camano Island, Wash. He was born March 1, 1962, in Concordia, the son of Warren and Barbara (Forkner) Anderson. He grew up in the Russell and Lawrence areas. He was a graduate of Lawrence High School and the University of Kansas, where he earned a bachelor of science degree. He attended the university on a football scholarship and participated in the Hall of Fame Bowl while there. He met his future wife while they were both attending KU. Dane and Jennifer L. Engleman were married in March of 1992 at Independence, Iowa. Those who knew Dane know he always had a smile on his face and no one was ever a stranger to him. He had a joy for life that was contagious and was always a joy to be around. He lived his life, with his wife Jennifer, with enthusiasm and playfulness. Dane was a truly loved husband, son, son-in-law and friend, a respected co-worker, businessman, avid golfer, enthusiastic fisherman and a gifted carpenter. He will be missed. Dane was preceded in death by his brother Troy in 1989, and his grandparents Herbert and Berta Anderson and his grandfather Ralph Forkner. Survivors include his wife, Jennifer Anderson of Sammamish, Wash.; his parents Warren and Barbara Anderson of Clay Center; one brother, Eric and wife Lori Anderson of Lingle, Wyo.; one sister, Lisa and husband Andrew Contreras of San Antonio, Texas; his grandmother, Rosalie Forkner Rose of Torrington, Wyo.; and many nieces and nephews. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. today at the First Baptist Church in Clay Center with the Rev. Brian High officiating. Graveside service will be at 4 p.m. today at the Great Bend Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to the Multiple Sclerosis Society MidAmerica Chapter in care of the funeral home. Memorial services will be held in Seattle, Wash., and will be announced at a later date. Funeral arrangements provided by Nelli-Schwensen-Rook Funeral Home 918 7th St. Clay Center, KS 67432 785-632-3113 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 27, 2006*
OLMOTZ — Bernard A. Rabenseifner, 95, died Oct. 26 at Clara Barton Hospital, Hoisington. He was born May 3, 1911.

Service arrangements are pending at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home, Hoisington, and will be announced.

October 26, 2006

B.G. (Bill) Fryberger 1922 - 2006

B.G. (Bill) Fryberger, 84, died Oct. 24 at Central Kansas Medical Center, Great Bend. He was born Oct. 23, 1922, at Great Bend, the son of Vernon and Mabel Stauffer Fryberger. He married Mary Lou Taff April 17, 1948, at Great Bend. He was a lifelong Great Bend resident. The former owner of Fryberger Mortuary, he retired in 1985 as a funeral director. He was a member of the Great Bend Kiwanis Club and a past president; also a member of Argonne American Legion Post 180, of which he was a past commander; Argonne Drum & Bugle Corps, of which he was general manager, for 18 years; Great Bend Elks Lodge; Great Bend school board, past president; 1956 Distinguished Service Award recipient, presented by the Jaycees; Eagles; Kansas Funeral Directors Association; National Funeral Directors Association; and Barton County Historical Society. He was a World War II Navy veteran, and served in the Pacific Theatre. Survivors include his wife, Mary Lou, of the home; three sons, Kent and wife Ann of Grand Junction, Colo., Lynn and wife Nancy of Great Bend and Vern and wife Michelle of Ellinwood; six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a sister, Genevieve Schulz, and a brother, Joseph. A public graveside service will be at 10 a.m. Saturday with military honors conducted by Argonne American Legion Post 180 at Great Bend City Cemetery, and an 11 a.m. memorial service at First United Methodist Church, Great Bend, with Pastor Gary Brooks officiating. Friends may call from 1 until 8 p.m. Friday at Kimple Funeral Home, Ellinwood. Memorial donations are suggested to the Bill Fryberger Memorial Scholarship Fund. Funeral arrangements provided by Kimple Funeral Home 113 North Main Ellinwood, KS 67526 620-564-2300 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 26, 2006

A. Norrine Hershey 1923 - 2006

ELLINWOOD — A. Norrine Hershey, 83, died Oct. 25 at Ellinwood District Hospital. She was born Nov. 27, 1923, in rural Helzer, the daughter of George and Sylvia Warnken Yost. She married Louis T. Hershey on April 16, 1944, and they moved to the community of East St. John. She was an Ellinwood resident since 1944, and a lifetime resident of Barton County. She was an insurance records secretary at Ellinwood District Hospital for 15 years and did home cleaning. She was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church, Ellinwood. Survivors include a son, William (Bill) Hershey of Aztec, N.M.; and two daughters, Lillian Cool and husband Don of Denver and Deana Doll and husband Mick of Raymond; seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild. She was preceded in death by three brothers, Deverne Yost, George Yost and William Yost, a sister, Reni Albers; and two grandchildren. Funeral service will be at 3 p.m. Saturday at St. John's Lutheran Church, Ellinwood, with Pastor Merlyn Lohrke officiating. Burial will be at Lakin-Comanche District Cemetery, Ellinwood. Friends may call from 3 to 8 p.m. Friday and 9 a.m. to noon Saturday at Kimple Funeral Home, Ellinwood. Memorial donations may be made to the Ellinwood Hospital Auxiliary. Funeral arrangements provided by Kimple Funeral Home 113 North Main Ellinwood, KS 67526 620-564-2300 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 26, 2006

Gunnery Master Sgt. U.S.M.C. Shirley Deane “Rocky” Cavender


Gilbert Don Hughes 1949 - 2006

FARMINGTON, N.M. — Gilbert Don Hughes, 56, passed away Sunday, Oct. 22, in Durango, Colo., after a brief illness of cancer. He was born Dec. 24, 1949, in Coalgiat, Okla., to Dewey and Mildred Hughes. He met and married Joyce Maas on June 17, 1972. His family moved to Muskogee, Okla., when he was a young boy, where he graduated from Central High School. He attended Oklahoma State Tech, then joined the Air Force, where he spent four years in Omaha, Neb. He and his wife lived in Omaha, Plainville, Kan., Ponca City, Okla., Davis, Okla., and then moved to Farmington, N.M., where he retired from Conoco Oil Co. after 28 years of service. Gilbert was a nature and sports enthusiast. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, motorcycle riding, skiing and four-wheeling, especially with his family and friends. He will be remembered for his compassion and caring nature, and the love of his family. Survivors include his wife, Joyce; his three sons, Kevin Hughes and wife Lisa of Albuquerque, N.M., and Kyle and Kris Hughes in Farmington; his mother, Mildred Hughes of Coalgiate, Okla.; a brother, Glen Hughes of Great Bend; two sisters, Kathy Hughes of Coalgiate, Okla., and Connie Hayes of Little Rock, Ark.; and many nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews. Gilbert was preceded in death by his father, Dewey, and two infant brothers. Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. MDT today at Brewer, Lee & Larkin Chapel, Farmington, with Pastor Leroy Montoya officiating. Interment will follow at Memory Gardens. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be made to the Ellinwood Hospital Auxiliary. Funeral arrangements provided by Kimple Funeral Home 113 North Main Ellinwood, KS 67526 620-564-2300 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 26, 2006

C.R. Curtis 1908 - 2006

C.R. Curtis, 98, of Great Bend, died Oct. 25 at Central Kansas Medical Center, Great Bend. He was born March 8, 1908, at St. John, the son of Charles and Gertrude Burnett Curtis. He married Verona Scheuch in 1931 at Ellsworth. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church and Kiwanis, both of Great Bend. He was then with the Soil Conservation Service at Mankato. He was then with the Soil Conservation Service in Kingman and Mankato, and transferred to Salina in 1941, where he was an agricultural economist. He moved to Great Bend in 1951 and retired in 1972, having served 35 counties at various times. He operated the family farms over his lifetime. He was named Kansas Wildlife Federation Conservationist of the Year in 1970. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church and Kiwanis, both of Great Bend. Survivors include two sons, Jack Curtis and wife Nancy of Hays, and Tom Curtis and wife Jan of Ellinwood; three daughters, Nancy Gundelfinger of Baldwin City, Barbara Curtis of McLean, Va., and Jody Newlin and husband Harvey of Ottawa; a sister, Maxine Brehm of Pratt; 12 grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by three brothers: an infant, Randall Curtis and Ronald Curtis; and two sisters, Anna Merle and Marge Burke. Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at First United Methodist Church, Great Bend, with the Rev. Gary Brooks officiating. Interment will be at the Great Bend Cemetery.

Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday at Bryan Funeral Home, Great Bend. Memorial
TOPEKA — Master Sgt. U.S.M.C. Shirley Deane “Rocky” Cavender

Dona “Jo” Huslig, 79, of Great Bend, died Oct. 22 at Cherry Village Nursing Home in Great Bend. She was born Aug. 4, 1927, at Enid, Okla., the daughter of Charles Lewis and Mabel Claire Tuttle Rose. She married Bernard L. Huslig on July 23, 1949, in Great Bend. A resident of Great Bend for most of her life, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Huslig was a member of the Catholic Community of Great Bend at St. Rose and the Altar Society. Survivors include two daughters, Patricia Ann Davis of Cloquet, Minn., and Rebecca Jo and husband Jearld Wayne Morgan of Ellinwood; one grandson, Bryan Wayne Morgan; two granddaughters, Chelsea Davis Morgan and Kimberly Jo Morgan; and three great grandsons, Myles Wayne Morgan, Joshua Morgan Heredia and Izaiah Wayne Ramirez. She was preceded in death by three brothers and eight sisters. Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Lakin-Comanche District Cemetery in Ellinwood with Richard Kimple officiating. Friends may call from 1 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Kimple Funeral Home in Ellinwood. Memorials are suggested to Billie Davis Memorial Fund, 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. 25, 2006

October 25, 2006

Ellinwood — Wilma (Billie) P. Davis 1926 - 2006

Wilma (Billie) P. Davis, 80, died Oct. 23 at Woodhaven Care Center in Ellinwood. She was born Oct. 2, 1926, at Benedict, the daughter of Enos Van Tarter and Augusta Koch. A resident of Ellinwood since 1949, she was a nurse at Ellinwood District Hospital for nearly 40 years. She married James Edgar Davis on Nov. 19, 1944, at Parsons. He died in 1994. Survivors include two daughters, Patricia Ann Davis of Cloquet, Minn., and Rebecca Jo and husband Jearld Wayne Morgan of Ellinwood; one grandson, Bryan Wayne Morgan; two granddaughters, Chelsea Davis Morgan and Kimberly Jo Morgan; and three great grandsons, Myles Wayne Morgan, Joshua Morgan Heredia and Izaiah Wayne Ramirez. She was preceded in death by three brothers and eight sisters. Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Lakin-Comanche District Cemetery in Ellinwood with Richard Kimple officiating. Friends may call from 1 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Kimple Funeral Home in Ellinwood. Memorials are suggested to Billie Davis Memorial Fund, 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. 25, 2006

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DONNA “JO” HUSLIG 1927 - 2006

Donna “Jo” Huslig, 79, of Great Bend, died Oct. 22 at Cherry Village Nursing Home in Great Bend. She was born Aug. 4, 1927, at Enid, Okla., the daughter of Charles Lewis and Mabel Claire Tuttle Rose. She married Bernard L. Huslig on July 23, 1949, in Great Bend. A resident of Great Bend for most of her life, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Huslig was a member of the Catholic Community of Great Bend at St. Rose and the Altar Society. Survivors include two daughters, Patricia Ann Davis of Cloquet, Minn., and Rebecca Jo and husband Jearld Wayne Morgan of Ellinwood; one grandson, Bryan Wayne Morgan; two granddaughters, Chelsea Davis Morgan and Kimberly Jo Morgan; and three great grandsons, Myles Wayne Morgan, Joshua Morgan Heredia and Izaiah Wayne Ramirez. She was preceded in death by three brothers and eight sisters. Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Lakin-Comanche District Cemetery in Ellinwood with Richard Kimple officiating. Friends may call from 1 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Kimple Funeral Home in Ellinwood. Memorials are suggested to Billie Davis Memorial Fund, 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. 25, 2006

October 25, 2006

Frank L. Griffin 1919 - 2006

Frank L. Griffin, 87, of Great Bend, died Oct. 19 at Alterra Sterling House, Great Bend. He was born Sept. 13, 1919, at Stockton, the son of Ralph and Emily Pack Griffin. He married Mary at Pleasanton. She died in 1979. He then married Jewell Murphy Finley in Warsaw, Mo. She died May 27, 1994. He worked for Kansas City Power and Light Company. He was a resident of Great Bend since 2001, coming from Yuma, Ariz. Griffin was a veteran of World War II, serving with the United States Army. Survivors include a sister, Ruth Marshall, Great Bend; two stepsons, William A. Finley of Shawnee and Michael Finley of Overland Park; stepdaughter Carol Harms, Cape Girardeau, Mo.; and a nephew, Paul Marshall, Great Bend. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Lee Griffin and Harry Griffin. Burial will be in Sunset Vista Cemetery, Yuma, Ariz. There will be no visitation. Funeral arrangements provided by: Bryant Funeral Home 1425 Patton Road Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-3525 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 24, 2006

October 24, 2006

Helen F. Laudick 1919 -2006

HOISINGTON — Helen F. Laudick, 87, died Oct. 23 at Cheyenne Meadows Living Center in Hoisington. She was born Feb. 13, 1919, in Redwing, the daughter of Emil and Lena (Courange) Hickel. She married John Laudick on April 27, 1936, in Beaver. He died Sept. 22, 1963. A lifetime resident of the Hoisington area, she worked at Town and Country Grocery and on the family farm. She retired from the Hoisington hospital as a CNA after 35 years. Mrs. Laudick was a member of the St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, Altar Society and Clara Barton Foundation, all of Hoisington. Survivors include one son, David Laudick of Scott City; and two sisters Eleanor Linsner of Hoisington and Lucille Brannon of Great Bend. She was preceded in death by one brother, Bill Hickel. Altar Society Rosary will be at 9:30 a.m. Oct. 30, at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Hoisington. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m., Oct. 30 at the church, with the Rev. Pascal Klein officiating. Burial will be in the St. John Cemetery in Hoisington. There will be no visitation as cremation has taken place. Memorials are suggested to the American Heart Association in care of the Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home. Funeral arrangements provided by Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home 415 N. Main P.O. Box 146 Hoisington, Ks. 67544 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 24, 2006

October 24, 2006

Eileen Viola Curtis 1922 - 2006

ROCK SPRINGS, Wyo. — Eileen Viola Curtis, 84, of 1032 9th St., Rock Springs, Wyo., passed away on Saturday, Oct. 14, at the Memorial Hospital of Sweetwater County. A longtime resident of Rock Springs and former resident of Sidney, Neb., Mrs. Curtis died following a sudden illness. She was born on Aug. 21, 1922, in Hudson, the daughter of William and Lorena Tieperman. Mrs. Curtis attended schools in Hudson and was a graduate of Hudson High School.

October 25, 2006

Eileen Viola Curtis 1922 - 2006
She married Lester Junior “Curley” Curtis on June 15, 1941, and he preceded her in death on April 10, 1998. She was a member of the First Congregational Church and Daughters of the Nile. Her main interest in life were her children, grandchildren and her friends. She loved babysitting, gardening, flowers and canning.

Survivors include two sons, L.J. Curtis and wife Janie, and William L. Curtis and wife Marguerite, all of Rock Springs, Wyo.; three daughters Cheri Macy and husband Bruce, Vickie Sue Dieckgrafe and husband John, and Tammy Ann Morlock and husband Monte all of Rock Springs, Wyo.; one brother Jerry Tieperman and wife Phyllis of Sterling; one sister, Bonnie Holland and husband Ed of Chesterfield, Mo.; grandchildren Leslie Zanetti and husband Jim, Marnie Potts and husband Randy, Jeremy Kendall and companion Amber, Kenny Curtis and fiance Tammy Kenyon, A J Macy, Ann Dee Hamilton, William Fredrick Curtis, Julia Curtis, Ashlee Morlock and Halee Morlock; great-grandchildren Britania Potts, Koryn Potts, Konstantz Potts, Lauren Zanetti, Zachary Zanetti and Dylan Christopherson; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, and one brother, Jim Tieperman.

Funeral services were conducted Oct. 18 at the First Congregational Church, with the Rev. Harvey Joyner officiating. She was buried in the Paul J. Wataha Memorial Park.

Pallbearers were Monte Morlock, Kenny Curtis, Jeremy Kendall, A J Macy, Daris White and Jim Zanetti. Honorary pallbearers were Freddie Curtis and Zachary Zanetti. Memorials are suggested to First Congregational Church, 1275 Adams Ave., Rock Springs, WY 82901 or Shriners Crippled Children’s Hospital, Fairfax Ave. and Virginia St., Salt Lake City, UT 84103.

Minnie Beck 1913 - 2006

Minnie Beck, 92, of Great Bend, died Oct. 22 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. She was born Nov. 4, 1913, at Ransom, the daughter of John Christian and Minnie Hampel Schreiber. She married Joseph John Beck on Jan. 30, 1940, in Great Bend. He died Oct. 14, 1983. A resident of Great Bend since 1975, coming from Claflin, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Beck was a member of the Catholic Community of Great Bend at St. Rose, Altar Society, a 50-year member of Daughters of Isabella and a former Girl Scout leader. Survivors include three daughters, Carol Van Steenburgh and husband Glenn, Lois Koochel and husband Michael and Marian Beck, all of Great Bend; five grandchildren, David Van Steenburgh, Michael Van Steenburgh, Brian Koochel, Matthew Koochel and Rebecca Koochel; and one great-grandchild, Victoria Bogner. She was preceded in death by one daughter, Janice Beck; and two brothers, Raymond Schreiber and Harold Schreiber. Alter Society Rosary will be at 4 p.m. today at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Vigil Service will be at 7:30 p.m. at the funeral home with Daughters of Isabella Rosary. Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at St. Patrick Catholic Church with Father Reginald A. Urban officiating. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. today at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Holy Family School Endowment Fund. Funeral arrangements provided by Bryant Funeral Home* 1425 Patton Road Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-3525 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 22, 2006

Gladys Naoma MacDonald 1921 - 2006

Gladys Naoma MacDonald, 85, of Great Bend passed away Oct. 20 at Clara Barton Hospital, Hoisington. She was born April 17, 1921, at Winfield, the daughter of Bill and Edna Keeler Glass. She married Emerson MacDonald on May 29, 1941, at Winfield. He survives. She was a librarian and secretary for USD 428 and Harrison Junior High School for 21 years, retiring in 1983. She was a resident of Great Bend since 1947, coming from Burlington. She was a member of First United Methodist Church, American Legion Auxiliary, Golden Belt Community Concert Board, EHU and Etudian Club, all of Great Bend, and was a volunteer for voter registration. Survivors include her husband, Emerson, of the home; two sons, Emerson MacDonald, III and wife Sheryl, Olmitz, and Greg MacDonald and wife Mona, Great Bend; one daughter, Shirley Gunn and husband Doug, Weaverville, N.C.; one brother, Bill Glass and wife Jeanette, Yakima, Wash.; seven grandchildren, Tammy Larson, Tracy Shoppe, Jeremy Penka, Tavis MacDonald, Brandon MacDonald, Travis MacDonald and Hunter MacDonald; and five great-grandchildren, Alle and Jake Larson and Jordan, Laynee and Corbyn Penka. She was preceded in death by a brother, George Glass.

Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at First United Methodist Church, Great Bend, with the Rev. Gary Brooks officiating. Internment will be at the Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday, with the family to receive friends from 6 to 8 p.m., at Bryant Funeral Home, Great Bend. A memorial fund has been established for the church. Donations may be made 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. 22, 2006

Roberta Powers 1912 - 2006

Roberta Powers, 94, of Great Bend, died Oct. 9, at Great Bend Health and Rehabilitation Center in Great Bend. She was
born Jan. 18, 1912, at Morristown, Tenn., the daughter of Robert and Nettie Witt Cutts. On Dec. 24, 1930, she married Ralph Powers at Sidney, Iowa. He died May 15, 1962. She graduated from Strahan High School. A resident of Great Bend since 1981, coming from Manhattan, she was a home maker and house mother at Indiana State University, Kansas State University and the University of Arkansas-Fayetteville.

Mrs. Powers was a member of St. Mark Lutheran Church.

Survivors include a son Bill Powers of Great Bend; a brother Gene Cutts, of Cottage Grove, Ore.; six grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild. She was preceded in death by three sons, Ralph Powers, Jackie Powers and Richard Powers; two brothers, Bob Cutts and Jim Cutts; and three sisters, Edna O'Dowd, Rowena Otte and Lucille Evans.

Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at St. Mark Lutheran Church in Great Bend, with the Rev. Philip Youngquist officiating. Inurnment will be in Shenandoah Cemetery in Shenandoah, Iowa. There will be no visitation as cremation has taken place. 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, Oct. 22, 2006

Donald Leroy "Don" Graves 1938 - 2006

LIBERAL — Donald Leroy “Don” Graves, 68, died Oct. 20 at Southwest Medical Center, Liberal. He was born Sept. 15, 1938, at Great Bend, the son of D. L. and Gladys (Bell) Graves. On July 14, 1956, he married Helen Jo Loyton at Hoisington. He has been a Liberal resident for the past 27 years. He had served in the Army National Guard. He was a truck driver for J & R Sand Co. in Liberal.

A race car driver for 50 years with car number No. 20, Graves loved to work on cars and was a Tony Stewart fan. He most loved spending time with his family and grandkids.

Survivors include three sons, Jim L. Graves and wife Fran, John A. Graves, and Randolf J. Graves and wife Anavel, all of Liberal; a brother, Richard Graves, in Washington state; and five grandchildren, Jeremy Graves and wife Casie, and Katie, Tabitha, Travis and Tony Graves. He was preceded in death by one son, David; granddaughter Amanda; his parents; three brothers, Eugene, Kenny, and Denny; sister Lois Roth; and mother-in-law Lucille Vining.

Funeral service will be 2 p.m. on Monday at Emmanuel Southern Baptist Church in Liberal with Pastor Wyatt Carpenter presiding. Burial will follow at Restlawn Cemetery, Liberal. Friends may call from 1 to 8 p.m. today at Kitch-Brenneman Funeral Home in Liberal. Memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society or to the Crossroads Center, in care of the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.brennemanfuneralhome.com.

Funeral arrangements provided by:
Kitch-Brenneman Funeral Home*
1212 W. 2nd
Liberal, KS 67901
620-624-5647

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 22, 2006

Frank L. Griffin 1919 - 2006

Frank L. Griffin, 87, of Great Bend, died Oct. 19 at Alterra Sterling House, Great Bend. He was born Sept. 13, 1919, at Stockton, the son of Ralph and Emily Pacak Griffin. He married Mary at Pleasanton. She died in 1979. He then married Jewell Murphy Finley in Warsaw, Mo. She died May 27, 1994. He worked for Kansas City Power and Light Company. He was a resident of Great Bend since 2001, coming from Yuma, Ariz. He was a veteran of World War II, serving with the United States Army.

Survivors include a sister, Ruth Marshall, Great Bend; two stepsons, William A. Finley of Shawnee and Michael Finley of Overland Park; and a nephew, Paul Marshall, Great Bend. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Lee Griffin and Harry Griffin.

Burial will be in Sunset Vista Cemetery, Yuma, Ariz. There will be no visitation.

Funeral arrangements provided by:
Bryant Funeral Home
1425 Patton Road
Great Bend, KS 67530
620-793-3525

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 22, 2006

Evelyn L. Mettling 1935 - 2006

BURDETT — Evelyn L. Mettling, 70, died Oct. 19 at Hays. She was born Dec. 12, 1935, in rural Burdett, the daughter of E. Rex and Leona Evelyn Smith Shuck. She married Forrest G. Mettling on Oct. 20, 1955, at Larned. He died Sept. 21, 1994. A resident of Burdett since 1998, moving from Wright and Dodge City, she was a retired department manager for Wal-Mart.

She belonged to the Burdett United Methodist Church, United Methodist Women and Burdett Seniors, and was a Methodist lay speaker, a foster grandparent, and a senior companion, all in Burdett.

Survivors include three sons, Terry and wife Stella of Bremerton, Wash., Raymond of Wichita and Randy and wife Michelle of Hays; one daughter, Rebecca Kilpatrick and husband Bryan of Cumming, Ga.; two brothers, Lester Shuck, Burdett, and Donald Shuck, Phoenix, Ariz.; two sisters, Beverly Kay Maness, Hutchinson, and Janice Rein, La Crosse; and six grandchildren.

Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Monday at the church, with the Rev. Mary Ohlemeyer presiding. Visitation will be from 2 to 8 p.m.
Archie Wayne Vernon 1925 - 2006

HAYS — Archie Wayne Vernon, 81, of Hays, died Oct. 19, at St. John’s of Victoria Nursing Home. Archie Wayne Vernon was born Oct. 9, 1925, in Decatur County, the son of Charles and Grace Vernon. Archie was raised on a farm in Decatur County near Oberlin. Shortly after his graduation from Oberlin High School, he enlisted in the US Army, where he served during World War II. On Aug. 25, 1946, he was united in marriage to Ivagean (Jean) Richard and from this union four children were born: Diana, Tom, Patty and Penny. Jean and Archie shared 52 years of marriage prior to her death in 1998. After their marriage, they resided in Manhattan, where Archie attended Kansas State University. Upon his graduation, he accepted a teaching position at Beeler. The following school year, he moved to Oakley, where he taught and began the high school wrestling program. During the summer months at Oakley, he completed his master’s degree at Kansas State University in school administration. In the fall of 1958, Archie and his family moved to Russell, where he taught and coached at Russell High School. During his stay at Russell, Archie filled the position of high school principal and assistant superintendent, prior to assuming the superintendent’s position at Hoxie. After his retirement, he and Jean moved to Hays, where he actively pursued his favorite past time – golf.

Survivors are a son Tom of Great Bend; two daughters, Diana Kennedy and her husband Jim of Rocky Ford, Colo., and Penny Roberts of Topeka; a brother Hap of Bellingham, Wash.; a sister Joy Rhoades and her husband Bob of Springfield, Mo.; grandchildren Jamie, Heather, Mike, John, Andy, Matt and Haley; and five great-grandchildren. His parents, his stepmother Ethyl, his daughter Patty and his wife Jean preceded him in death.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. on Tuesday at the First United Methodist Church. Inurnment will be in Oberlin City Cemetery in Oberlin. The family will receive friends from 10:30 a.m. until the time of service on Tuesday at the church. A memorial has been established with the church in his name and memory.

Cecil Cummings 1924 - 2006

Cecil Cummings, 81, of Great Bend, died Oct. 15 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. He was born Dec. 13, 1924, at Albert, the son of Howard Oscar and Mildred Kathleen Saurbaugh Cummings. A lifetime resident of Barton County, he was a meter reader for West Plains Energy.

Mr. Cummings was a veteran of World War II, serving with the United States Army.

Survivors include one brother, Artis Cummings of Jenison, Mich.; and three sisters, Louise Bird of rural Great Bend, Mo.; grandchildren Jamie, Heather, Mike, John, Andy, Matt and Haley; and five great-grandchildren. His parents, his stepmother Ethyl, his daughter Patty and his wife Jean preceded him in death.

Graveside service will be at 10 a.m. Monday at the Albert Community Cemetery with Pastor Scott Tempero officiating.

Friends may call from 1 to 9 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the Salvation Army in care of Bryant Funeral Home.

Inez Guthrie 1915 - 2006

HOISINGTON — An additional survivor of Inez Guthrie is a brother, Harold Smith of Arapahoe, Neb.

Lucille Marie Keating Nickell 1920 -2006

Lucille Marie Keating Nickell, 86, of Great Bend, died Oct. 15 at Woodhaven Care Center in Ellinwood. She was born Aug. 5, 1920, at Clayton, the daughter of Arba J. and Orbie D. Wonderlich Heany. She married Emerson E. Keating on Oct. 20, 1942, at Corvallis, Ore. He died May 20, 1983. She married Floyd Nickell on Nov. 2, 1985, in Great Bend. He died Oct. 24, 1986. She was a homemaker and former co-owner of Oilfield Specialty Warehouse. She had lived in Great Bend since 1946, coming from Clayton.
She was a member of First Presbyterian Church, Presbyterian Women’s Association, American Legion Auxiliary and the Eastern Star, all of Great Bend.

Survivors include one son, Michael Keating, Inman; two stepsons, Dean Nickell, LeVeta, Colo., and Don Nickell, Salisbury, N.C.; and one daughter, Jan Marie Westfall, Huntington, W.Va., along with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one son, Warren James Keating; one brother, Wayne Heany; and one sister, Vera Moore.

Funeral service will be at 1:30 p.m. Friday at the church in Great Bend, 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. Thursday and 9 to 11 a.m. Friday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of the funeral home.

Funeral arrangements provided by
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1425 Patton Road
Great Bend, KS 67530
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Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 19, 2006

Cecil Cummings 1924 - 2006

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Mr. Cummings was a veteran of World War II, serving with the United States Army.

Survivors include one brother, Artis Cummings of Jenison, Mich.; and three sisters, Louise Bird of rural Great Bend, Loulsa Unruh of Hesston and Shirley Keim of Yakima, Wash. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Chester and Ardean Cummings, and one sister, Lucille Cummings.

Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Monday at the Albert Community Center with Pastor Scott Tempero officiating. Burial will be at the Albert Community Cemetery. Friends may call from 1 to 9 p.m. on Sunday. Memorials are suggested to the Salvation Army in care of the funeral home.

Funeral arrangements provided by
Bryant Funeral Home
1425 Patton Road
Great Bend, KS 67530
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Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 19, 2006

Ella Dirks 1904 - 2006

Ella Dirks, 102, of Great Bend, died Oct. 18 at Cherry Village Nursing Home, Great Bend. She was born June 14, 1904, in Barton County, the daughter of Samuel C. and Elizabeth Unruh Schultz. She married Harvey Dirks on Aug. 18, 1926, at Bergthal Mennonite Church, Pawnee Rock. He died Feb. 16, 2001. She was a homemaker and a lifetime resident of Barton and Pawnee counties.

She was a member of Bergthal Mennonite Church and Ladies Mission Workers of the church, a Sunday school teacher and a Gold Star Mother.

Survivors include a daughter, Beverly Ann Prescott, and her husband, Keith, of Larned; a daughter-in-law, Pat Dirks, of Pawnee Rock; seven grandchildren: Darla Clarke and husband Clint, Great Bend; Dale Dirks and wife Bonnie, Pawnee Rock; Danine Smith and husband Chipper, Big Spring, Texas; Sabra Dupuis and husband Brian, Larned; Brian Prescott and wife Susan, Hudson; Michael Prescott and wife Pam, Meridian; and Faron Prescott and wife Sunshine, Hays; 16 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild. She was preceded in death by two sons, Leon Dean Dirks and Homer Ray Dirks, two brothers, Edward Schultz and Lincoln Schultz, and three sisters, Lena Unruh, Clara Schultz and an infant sister, Anna.

Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Bryant Funeral Home, Great Bend, with Pastors Todd and Lynn Schlosser officiating. Internment will be in the Mennonite Memorial Cemetery at Pawnee Rock. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday, with a prayer service at 7 p.m. and the family to receive friends from 7:30 to 9 p.m., at Bryant Funeral Home. A memorial fund has been established for Southwind Hospice, and donations may be made in care of the funeral home.

Funeral arrangements provided by
Bryant Funeral Home
1425 Patton Road
Great Bend, KS 67530
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Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 19, 2006

October 18, 2006

Betty Mae Fuller Skinner 1927 - 2006

Betty Mae Fuller Skinner, 78, of Great Bend, died Sept. 12 at Hutchinson Hospital, Hutchinson. She was born Dec. 2, 1927, in Salina, the daughter of Walter and Catherine Bednard Fuller. She was raised in Salina and moved to Great Bend in 1946. She married T.C. “Cari” Skinner on Sept. 20, 1946, in Abilene. He died in 1998. She was a Realtor in Great Bend for 35 years.

Survivors include one brother, Walter P. Fuller of Derby; six nieces and one nephew; and many grand-nieces and grand-nephews.

Funeral service will be at 11:30 a.m. Saturday at the First United Presbyterian Church in Great Bend with the Rev. Hal Staats officiating. Burial was held at an earlier date in the Great Bend Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to the Great Bend Humane Society, the American Cancer Society or the donor’s choice.

Funeral arrangements provided by
ELLINWOOD — Mabel Christine Stickney, 88, died Oct. 17 at Wesley Medical Center, Wichita. She was born June 29, 1918, at Chase, the daughter of Frank M. and Joanna M. Loesch Scott. She married Thomas Leroy Stickney at Chase on Oct. 6, 1950. He died June 27, 2000. A longtime Ellinwood resident, she was the owner of the Ellinwood Dairy Queen, she was a schoolteacher and bookkeeper.

Mrs. Stickney was a member of Immanuel United Church of Christ, Grove Park Golf Club and the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary, all of Ellinwood, and of the Chase Golf Club.

Survivors include three sons, Leroy Stickney and wife Debra of Chase, Larry Stickney and wife Lorrie of Great Bend and Lyle Stickney of Ellinwood; three daughters, Lois Thompson of Hays, Lila Schartz and husband Curtis of Ellinwood and Luella Zorn and husband David of Augusta; 18 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by 11 brothers and sisters.

Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Immanuel United Church of Christ, Ellinwood, with the Rev. Larry Young officiating. Burial will be at Lakin-Comanche District Cemetery, Ellinwood. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday at Kimple Funeral Home in Ellinwood. Memorial donations for Immanuel United Church of Christ may be made 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, Oct. 18, 2006

Rudy A. Fernetti 1925 - 2006

Rudy A. Fernetti, 81, of Great Bend, formerly of Frontenac, died Oct. 16 at Central Kansas Medical Center, Great Bend. He was born May 27, 1925, in Frontenac, the son of Jacob and Mary Corpolongo Fernetti. He married Sherry Houser on Jan. 8, 1966, in Miami, Okla. Rudy was employed at Gulf Oil Company and owned and operated a liquor store in Pittsburg. He worked for Walt Pannec’s clothing store. After moving to Colorado Springs, Colo., he was employed with Perkins-Shearer clothing and was manager of Dempubco. While living in Frontenac, Rudy was a member of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church and a member of the BPOE (Elks Lodge) for 58 years. Survivors include his wife, Sherry, of the home; a son, Richard Fernetti of Corpus Christi, Texas; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Tony and Romeo Fernetti, and five sisters, Ida Jumet, Julia Hromak, Mary Barbieri, Erma Fernetti and Josephine Barbieri. Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10 a.m. Friday at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Frontenac, with the Rev. Robert McElwee officiating. Burial will follow in the Garden of Memories Cemetery. Friends may call from 1 to 9 p.m. today at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Memorials are suggested to the donor’s choice, in care of the Friskel Funeral Home in Frontenac. Funeral arrangements provided by Friskel Funeral Home 230 E. McKay Frontenac, KS 66763 620-231-4700

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 17, 2006

October 17, 2006

Nancy Ella Goetting Bertram 1934 - 2006

Nancy Ella Goetting Bertram, 72, died Oct. 12 at her Great Bend home. She was born March 18, 1934, in Great Bend, the daughter of August and Ruby Gunn Goetting. She married Carl A. Bertram on Jan. 1, 1954, in Great Bend. He died March 23, 1999. She was an inspiration to her husband Carl as he and his partner took over ownership of Sherman Machine Works. A lifetime resident of Great Bend, she was a homemaker and secretary for Marlette Homes Inc. and O’Neill Tank Company. Mrs. Bertram was a member of First United Methodist Church, the Petroleum Club, Ladies Golf Association, Zeta Gamma Chapter of ESA and Job’s Daughters, all of Great Bend. Survivors include three daughters, Rebecca Anderson, Great Bend, Melissa “Missy” Esfeld and her husband Bert of Great Bend and Sarah Richley and her husband Craig of Kansas City, Mo.; two stepsons, Jerry Bertram of Miami, Okla. and August Goetting; and one sister, Vivian Alice Hurite. Funeral service was Monday at the First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Gary Brooks officiating. Burial was at the Great Bend Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to the First United Methodist Church or Central Kansas Medical Center Foundation for the benefit of Heartland Cancer Center, in care of Bryant Funeral Home. Funeral arrangements provided by Bryant Funeral Home* 1425 Patton Road Great Bend, KS 67530 793-3525

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 17, 2006

Betty Mae Fuller Skinner 1927 - 2006

Betty Mae Fuller Skinner, 78, of Great Bend, died Sept. 12 at Hutchinson Hospital, Hutchinson. She was born on Dec. 2, 1927, in Salina, the daughter of Walter and Catherine Bednard Fuller. She was raised in Salina and moved to Great Bend in 1946. She married T.C. “Cali” Skinner on Sept. 20, 1946, in Abilene. He died in 1998. She was a Realtor in Great Bend for 35 years. Survivors include one brother, Walter P. Fuller of Derby; six nieces and one nephew; and many grand-nieces and grandnephews. Funeral service will be at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday at the First United Presbyterian Church in Great Bend with the Rev. Hal Staats officiating. Inurnment was held at an earlier date in the Great Bend Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to Central Kansas Medical Center for the benefit of Heartland Cancer Center, the American Cancer Society or the donor’s choice. Funeral arrangements provided by Elliott Mortuary 1219

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 17, 2006

Allan Maurice Roach 1937 - 2006

Allan Maurice Roach, 69, of Great Bend, died Oct. 15 at his home. He was born Jan. 17, 1937, in Great Bend, the son of Maurice Walter and Clara Virginia Roach. He married Sharon Foos on Nov. 18, 1957, in Lyons. A lifetime resident of Great Bend, he was a farmer and stockman and roughneck. Roach was a member of St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church and the Knights of
Columbus, all of Great Bend. Survivors include his wife, of the home; two sons, Sam Roach and Brad Roach, both of Great Bend; one daughter, Cheryl Keener of Great Bend; mother, Clara Virginia Roach of Great Bend; one brother, Kenneth Roach of Great Bend; three sisters, Marie Stanley, Teresa Murray and Clara Ellis, all of Great Bend; five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his father and one brother, Bill Roach. Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. today at Bryant Funeral Home, followed by the Knights of Columbus Rosary. Funeral service will be at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home with the Rev. Reginald A. Urban officiating. Burial will be in the Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. until service time Wednesday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Kans for Kids in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Bryant Funeral Home 1425 Patton Road Great Bend, KS 67530 793-3525 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 17, 2006

Inez B. Guthrie 1915 - 2006

HOISINGTON — Inez B. Guthrie, 91, died Oct. 14 at Sandrock Ridge Nursing Home in Craig, Colo. She was born on May 15, 1915, in Utica, the daughter of Will A. Smith and Grace E. Smith Smith. She married Harry L. Guthrie on Dec. 18, 1932, at WaKeeney. He died July 8, 1973. A resident of Hoisington since 1932, moving from Utica, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Guthrie was a member of the First United Methodist Church, United Methodist Women, Gold Star Mothers of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary and American Legion Auxiliary of Hoisington. Survivors include her daughter, Judy Mullins of Craig, Colo.; three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two sons, Donald L. Guthrie and Geary G. Guthrie; and two brothers, Ivan G. Smith and Alvin Smith. Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. today at the First United Methodist Church in Hoisington with the Rev. Wayne Flanders officiating. Burial will be at the Hoisington Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. until noon today at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington, and 1 p.m. until service time at the church. Memorials are suggested to the Clara Barton Foundation or First United Methodist Church, both 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, Oct. 17, 2006

Alvin Leo Demel 1941 - 2006

HOISINGTON — Alvin Leo Demel, 65, died Oct. 14 at his farm. He was born July 29, 1941, in Great Bend, the son of William A. and Mary M. Korf Demel. He married Patsy A. Roberts on Dec. 27, 1962, at Belpre. A lifetime resident of Barton County, he was a farmer/stockman. Demel was a member of the St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church and Knights of Columbus Council No. 1521, both of Hoisington, and a former city council member in Susank. Survivors include his wife, of the home; one son, Brad Demel and his wife Shelly of Hoisington; one daughter, Teresa Hickel and her husband Alan of Hoisington; two brothers, Wayne Demel of Ogden and Rios (Roy) Demel of St. Louis, Mo.; three sisters, Eileen Basye of Cassville, Mo., Mary Bowman of Agenda and Rita Seyfert of Great Bend; five grandchildren, Lexi Demel, Brady Demel, Abbi Demel, Kelsey Hickel and Adam Hickel. He was preceded in death by his parents, a brother, William F. Demel, and a sister, Roberta Basye. Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. today followed by K of C Rosary at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church with Father Pascal Klein officiating. Burial will be at St. John Cemetery in Hoisington. Friends may visit from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the American Cancer Society or Beaver Volunteer Fire Department in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home* 415 N. Main Hoisington, KS 67544 653-4165 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 17, 2006

Lyle H. Libby 1939 - 2006

HOISINGTON — Lyle H. Libby, 67, died Oct. 14 at his Great Bend home. He was born Feb. 2, 1939, in Pratt, the son of Kenneth and Laurahelen Weigner Libby. He married Elaine Kay Lovell on Dec. 19, 1961, in Preston. She died Nov. 12, 1998. He had lived in Great Bend since 1966, coming from Pratt County. He was the owner/operator of L&L Repair for 33 years. Libby was a U.S. Navy Veteran. He was a member of the Seventh Day Adventist Church in Great Bend, Isis Shrine of Salina, a life member of the National Rifle Association and North American Hunting Club. Survivors include one son, Kenneth J. Libby of Great Bend; one brother, Ned Libby of Monte Vista, Colo.; one sister, Letia Hennigh of Center, Colo.; his companion, Cindy Tittel of the home; and three grandchildren, Grant Libby, Mason Libby and Michael Washmon. Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Friday at the Seventh Day Adventist Church in Great Bend with Pastor Jim Martin officiating. There will be no visitation as cremation has taken place. Memorials are suggested to Golden Belt Home Health and Hospice in care of Bryant Funeral Home. Funeral arrangements provided by Bryant Funeral Home* 1425 Patton Road Great Bend, KS 67530 793-3525 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 17, 2006

Lucille Marie Keating Nickell 1920 - 2006

HOISINGTON — Lucille Marie Keating Nickell, 86, of Great Bend, died Oct. 15 at Woodhaven Care Center in Ellinwood. She was born Aug. 5, 1920, at Clayton, the daughter of Arba J. and Orbie D. Wonderlich Heany. She married Emerson E. Keating on Oct. 20, 1942, at Corvallis, Ore. He died May 20, 1983. She married Floyd Nickell on Nov. 2, 1985, in Great Bend. He died Oct. 24, 1986. She was a homemaker and former co-owner of Oilfield Specialty Warehouse. She had lived in Great Bend since 1946, coming from Clayton. She was a member of First Presbyterian church, Presbyterian Women’s Association, American Legion Auxiliary and the
Eastern Star, all of Great Bend.
Survivors include one son, Michael Keating, Inman; two step-sons, Dean Nickell, LeVeta, Colo., and Don Nickell, Salisbury, N.C.; and one daughter, Jan Marie Westfall, Hutington, W.Va. She was preceded in death by one son, Warren James Keating; one brother, Wayne Heany; and one sister, Vera Moore.
Funeral service will be at 1:30 p.m. Friday at the church in Great Bend, 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. Thursday and 9 to 11 a.m. Friday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of the funeral home.

Funeral arrangements provided by
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Great Bend, KS 67530
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Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 17, 2006

Jason M. Galliart 1982-2006

WILSON — Jason M. Galliart, 23, died Oct. 13. He was born Nov. 29, 1982, at Ellsworth. He was a cashier at the Bear House Cafe in Bunker Hill.
Survivors include his sister, Kayla Galliart of Great Bend; and his parents, George L. Galliart of Wilson and Rita Galliart of Anthony.
Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. today at Immanuel Lutheran Church, with burial at Wilson City Cemetery. Memorials to Sons of the American Legion or to the Jason Galliart Memorial Fund in care of Foster Mortuary in Wilson.
Funeral arrangements provided by
Foster Mortuary
610 24th St.
Wilson, KS 67490
785-658-2345
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 17, 2006

October 15, 2006

Nancy Ella Goetting Bertram 1934 - 2006

Nancy Ella Goetting Bertram, 72, died Oct. 12 at her home in Great Bend. She was born March 18, 1934, in Great Bend, the daughter of August and Ruby Gunn Goetting. She married Carl A. Bertram on Jan. 1, 1954, in Great Bend. He died March 23, 1999. She was an inspiration to her husband Carl as he and his partner took over ownership of Sherman Machine Works. A lifetime resident of Great Bend, she was a homemaker and secretary for Marlette Homes Inc. and O'Neill Tank Company.
Mrs. Bertram was a member of First United Methodist Church, the Petroleum Club, Ladies Golf Association, Zeta Gamma Chapter of ESA and Job's Daughters, all of Great Bend.
Survivors include three daughters, Rebecca Anderson, Great Bend, Melissa "Missy" Esfeld and her husband Bert of Great Bend, and Sarah Richeley and her husband Bert of Great Bend, and Sarah Richeley and her husband Craig of Kansas City, Mo.; two stepsons, Jerry Bertram of Haviland and Ted Bertram of Kansas City, Mo.; one sister, Janice German of Ponca City, Okla.; four grandchildren; four step-grandchildren; three great grandchildren and 11 step-great grandchildren.
Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. on Monday at the First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Gary Brooks officiating. Burial will be at the Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may visit from 1 to 9 p.m. today at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Memorials are suggested to the First United Methodist Church or Central Kansas Medical Center Foundation for the benefit of Heartland Cancer Center, in care of the funeral home.
Funeral arrangements provided by
Bryant Funeral Home*
1425 Patton Road
Great Bend, Ks. 67530
793-3525
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 15, 2006

Mae R. Behrens 1909 - 2006

Mae R. Behrens, 97, of Great Bend, died Oct. 14 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. She was born June 19, 1909, at Woodbine, the daughter of Charles and Daisy Staatz Aebi. She married Oria F. Behrens Sr. on Jan. 16, 1927, at Pond Creek, Okla. He died March 11, 1988. She was a homemaker during the early years of her married life, and later worked as a cook. She also packed parachutes during World War II. She and her husband lived in Oklahoma and Kansas during their marriage.
Mrs. Behrens was a member of the First Church of the Nazarene in Great Bend, where she was a longtime Sunday school teacher and church worker.
Survivors include a son, Oria "Fred" Behrens Jr. and his wife Dorothy, of Great Bend; four grandchildren, Robert Behrens, Ross Behrens, Martha Countryman and Linda Giddings; 10 great grandchildren and four great-great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two sons, Robert Eugene Behrens in 1929 at age 4 months, and James Edward Behrens in 2005. She was also preceded by fourth brothers, Clarence, Wesley, Ralph and Carl Aebi, and one sister, Irene Merritt.
Service will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at First Church of the Nazarene with the Rev. Robert Castille officiating. Interment will be at 3 p.m. Tuesday at Pond Creek Cemetery in Pond Creek, Okla. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday at Bryant
Funeral Home in Great Bend. Memorials are suggested to First Church of the Nazarene or American Heart Association, in care of the funeral home.

Funeral arrangements provided by
Bryant Funeral Home*
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Great Bend, KS 67530
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Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 15, 2006

Benjamin "Ben" F. Schenk 1920 - 2006

OTIS — Benjamin "Ben" F. Schenk, 86, died Oct. 14 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. He was born Feb. 25, 1920, at Otis, the son of Anton J. and Emelia A. Haberman Schenk. A farmer and stockman, he was a resident of Great Bend for five years, coming from Otis. Schenk was a member of St. Ann Catholic Church in Olmitz, and the Veterans of Foreign Wars in Hoisington. He was a U.S. Army veteran, serving in World War II.

Survivors include two sisters, Stephanie Cain and Fridolina Schenk, both of Great Bend. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Anton Schenk and Leonard Schenk, and three sisters, Albina Schenk, Margaret Cox and an infant twin sister. Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Monday at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at the church in Olmitz with the Rev. Ultan Murphy officiating. Burial will be at St. Ann Cemetery in Olmitz with military honors. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Great Bend Humane Society, 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, Oct. 15, 2006

Inez B. Gutherie 1915 - 2006


Phyllis E. Kelly 1940 - 2006

AUGUSTA — Phyllis E. Kelly, 65, died Oct. 6. She was born Oct. 9, 1940. Private services have been held.

Survivors include her husband, Don, of Augusta; two sons, Dan Kelly of Augusta and Doug Kelly of Nebraska; a daughter, Candice Hernandez of Augusta; two brothers, Bill Cole of Larned and Darrell Cole of Medicine Lodge; three sisters, Carolyn Arnold of Great Bend, Dianna Armbruster of Great Bend and Sharon Larson of Larned; and five grandchildren.

Funeral arrangements were provided by Affinity Mortuary in Wichita.

Phillip E. Byers 1936 -2006

LITTLE RIVER — Phillip E. Byers, 70, died Oct. 13 at Sandstone Heights Nursing Home in Little River. He was born Sept. 21, 1936, at Little River, the son of George and Jessie Platner Byers. A longtime Little River and Great Bend resident, he associated with Sunflower Diversified Services and Rosewood Service of Great Bend.

Byers was of the Methodist faith. He was a former member of the Bowling League of Great Bend.

Survivors include a sister, Barbara Hubbard, Little River, and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Kenneth Byers and Gary Byers; two sisters, Carole Schinstock, and infant Delores Byers.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Bean Memorial Cemetery in Little River with the Rev. Adelia Hooley officiating. Memorials are suggested to the Rosewood Service Root & Wings Foundation in Great Bend or Sandstone Heights Nursing Home in Little River, in care of Sillin Funeral Home in Lyons.

Funeral arrangements provided by
Sillin Funeral Home
214 West Ave. South
Lyons, KS 67544
620-257-2211

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October 13, 2006

Eloise Storrer 1915-2006

CLAFLIN — Eloise Storrer, 91, died Oct. 11 at Kaye Pogue Hospice Center, Salina. She was born Sept. 25, 1915, in Delafield, Ill., the daughter of Emery P. and Elizabeth (Dale) Maulding. She married Byron A. Storrer on April 26, 1940, at Jackson, Mo. He died Oct. 5, 1988. She worked as a sales clerk in a clothing store in Illinois. She was a resident of Kansas since 1951, coming from Illinois and Michigan.
She was a member of the First Southern Baptist Church, Great Bend, Claflin Boosters Club and the Pink Ladies of Clara Barton Hospital, Hoisington.

Survivors include three daughters, Meredith Vargo of Kanopolis, Judith Vanover of Round Rock, Texas, and Mary Storrer Reed of Wichita; three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a brother, Noel Maulding, and a sister, Elizabeth Hensley.

Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at First Southern Baptist Church, Great Bend, with the Rev. Doyle Smith officiating. Burial will be at Claflin Cemetery at 1:30 p.m. Saturday. Friends may call from 1 to 8 p.m. today at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington, with the family receiving friends from 6 to 8 p.m. Memorials have been established for the Claflin Library Fund, First Southern Baptist Church or the Kaye Pogue Hospice Center in care of the funeral home, at


Frances Marie Schwarz 1925 - 2006

October 11, 2006

Della Iona Medina 1930 - 2006

LARNED — Della Iona Medina, 76, died Oct. 10 at Harry Hynes Memorial Hospice in Wichita. She was born June 19, 1930, in Brigham, Utah, the daughter of Willis and Emily Carter Forsgren. She married John Manuel Medina on Feb. 2, 1948, at Aztec, N.M. He died Jan. 29, 2000. A resident of Larned since 1974, she recently moved to Wichita. She was a retired Fuller Brush Company employee. She was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church and Sacred Heart Altar Society, Larned. Survivors include three daughters, Virginia Hoberecht, Wichita, Della “Gina” Timmons, Great Bend, and Eunice Doty, Cortez, Colo.; one daughter-in-law, Theresa Medina, Larned; two half sisters and four half brothers; 27 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a son, John George Medina. Parish vigil will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Morell Funeral Home, Larned. Funeral Mass will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Larned, with Father Bernard Felix presiding. Friends may call from noon until 8 p.m. Tuesday and 9 a.m. until 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home, with the family present from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday. Burial will be in the Larned Cemetery. Memorials may be sent to Welcome Inn Seniors or St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church in care of Morell Funeral Home, Box 124, Larned, KS 67550-0124. Morell Funeral Home 1021 Broadway Larned, KS 67550 620-285-2177 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 13, 2006

October 12, 2006

Della Iona Medina

LARNED — Della Iona Medina, 76, died Oct. 10 at Harry Hynes Memorial Hospice in Wichita. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Morell Funeral Home, Larned.

Otis W. Hart 1916 - 2006

Otis W. Hart, 90, of Great Bend, died Oct. 11 at his home. He was born May 6, 1916, on a farm near Colby, in Thomas County, the son of Alvin S. and Lydia M. Kasten Hart. He married Ruby A. Henning on March 10, 1940, at Great Bend. She died June 30, 1990. On Aug. 18, 1992, he married Lois D. Nokes. She survives. He worked for the local Chevrolet dealer for 45 years, being a service manager for the last 28 of those years, retiring in 1981. He attended grade schools in Grenola and Madison, attended junior high and high school in McPherson, graduating in 1934, and moved to Great Bend the same year. He was a veteran of World War II, serving with the United States Army. He served two years with the 104th Armored Division and 13 months with the 14th Armored Division. He was a member of First Christian Church, Great Bend, where he was a deacon for seven years and an elder for 30 years. He was a member of American Legion Argonne Post 180 and the Elks Lodge No. 1127, and Lake Barton Golf Club, all of Great Bend. He delivered Meals on Wheels for 12 years and served on the board of Barton County Boys Home for 25 years. Survivors include his wife, Lois D., of the home; a son, Larry D. Hart and wife Sandy, of Derby; a daughter, Carol Butler and husband Bob, Mount Carmel, Ill.; and a granddaughter, Amanda Jo Hart, Olathe. He was preceded in death by a brother, Loe Bural Hart, and a sister, Cleo Ula Hart. Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at First Christian Church, Great Bend, with the Rev. William F. Johnson officiating. Interment will be at Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday at Bryant Funeral Home, Great Bend, with the family receiving friends from 6 to 8 p.m. Memorial funds have been established for the First Christian Church Building Fund and for the Multiple Sclerosis Society, in care of the funeral home. Bryant Funeral Home* 1425 Patton Road Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-3525 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 12, 2006

Frances Marie Schwarz 1925 - 2006

GRINNELL — Frances Marie Schwarz, 80, died Oct. 8 at Logan County Hospital in Oakley. She was born Nov. 21, 1925, in Sheridan County to John and Elizabeth Robben Moeller. She was a lifetime resident of the Angelus/Grinnell communities. She married George J. Schwarz on Sept. 18, 1946, at Angelus. He died in 1998. She was a homemaker. Mrs. Schwarz was a member of Immaculate Conception Church, St. Mary’s Altar Society and Wheatland Veterans of Foreign War Post 2864 Auxillary, all in Grinnell. She was a former member of St. Paul’s Catholic Church and a member of St. Ann’s Altar Society, both in Angelus. Survivors include four sons, Ron Schwarz of Great Bend, Ken Schwarz of Topeka, Dennis Schwarz of Oakley and Bernie Schwarz of Olathe; six daughters, Judith M. Zerr-Schamberger and Janet Fisher, both of Hays, Jeanne Peter of Scott City, Marilyn Munck of Syracuse, Carol Baalman of Laramie, Wyo., and Angie Feldt of Lenora; four brothers, Reynolds Moeller of Hoxie, John Moeller of Grinnell, Robert Moeller of Hoxie and Olathe; three sisters, Emily Roebel of Oakley, Betty Feld of Hays and Jean Dempewolf of Colby; 27 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by
one son, Terrance Francis Schwarz, and two sisters, Estella Juenemann and Marie Schwarz. Rosary service will be at 7:30 p.m. today at the church parish hall. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Immaculate Conception Church in Grinnell with the Reverend Michael Elan, CMI, officiating. Burial will be at St. Paul’s Cemetery in Angelus. Friends may visit from 5 to 9 p.m. today at the church parish hall. Memorials are suggested to St. Paul’s Cemetery Fund and Logan County Manor in Oakley in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by Kennedy-Koster Funeral Home 217 Freeman P.O. Box 221, Oakley, KS 67747 785-762-3671 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 11, 2006

Chief Petty Officer Leonard Eugene Sprout 1941 - 2006

Chief Petty Officer Leonard Eugene Sprout, 65, of Great Bend, died Oct. 9 at the Hutchinson Hospital. He was born Sept. 12, 1941, in Great Bend, the son of Alison Leonard Sprout Jr. and Gertrude Fisher. He was a Great Bend resident, formerly from Wichita, where he lived for 20 years, having moved from Hawaii. He was a retired chief petty officer for the U.S. Navy, serving for 22 years. He was a Lear Jet employee for 18 years. He married Shirley Kaye Suller on Jan. 30, 1960, in Larned. She died July 12, 2002.

Mr. Sprout was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars in Great Bend and Wichita.

Survivors include one son, David E. Sprout of Wichita; one daughter, Debra K. Cauble of Larned; his mother, Gertrude Fisher of Rogers, Ark.; and three grandsons.

Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Friday at the Beckwith Mortuary Chapel in Larned with the Rev. Dan Lundren presiding. Burial will be in the Larned Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. today and Thursday at the mortuary.

Memorials are suggested to the Pawnee County Humane Society in care of the funeral home.

Funeral arrangements provided by Beckwith Mortuary, Inc.

P.O. Box 477 Larned, KS 67550 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 11, 2006

Robert A. Powers 1912 - 2006

Robert A. Powers, 94, of Great Bend, died Oct. 9 at Great Bend Health & Rehabilitation. Funeral arrangements are pending at Bryant Funeral Home, Great Bend, and will be announced.

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 11, 2006

October 10, 2006

Robert L. "Bob" Soellner 1936 - 2006

GOODLAND — Robert L. "Bob" Soellner, 69, died Oct. 7 at his home in Goodland. He was born Dec. 23, 1936, in Willowdale, the son of James Frank and Coletta Arens Dorf Soellner. He began his education in Willowdale, after the family moved to Sherman County. He continued his education in Kanorado and graduated from Kanorado High School. He married Janis Hodges on June 6, 1959. After their divorce, he married Shirley Daniels on Sept. 4, 1976. He had several jobs before making the Rock Island Railroad his career, where he was an engineer for 20 years. After the railroad shut down, he moved his family to Larned, where he worked for Larned State Hospital as a mental health technician until his retirement.

Bob was a member of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church and Knights of Columbus, both of Goodland. He was honorably discharged from the Army and the National Guard of both Kansas and Colorado. Survivors include his wife Shirley of Goodland; three sons, Bobby Soellner of Granby, Colo., Roger Soellner and his wife Janie of Canyon Lake, Texas, and Stacy "Tater" Brackney and his wife Jessica of Larned; one brother, Kenny Soellner and his wife Connie of Goodland and Jim Soellner and his wife Sally of National City, Calif; one sister, Mary Butler and her husband Tom of Goodland; two sisters-in-law Della Soellner and her husband Weldon of Waxahachie, Texas; his mother, Coletta Soellner of Goodland; his mother-in-law Martha Daniels of Hays; two brothers, John Soellner and his wife Marilyn of Goodland and Leanna Fross and her husband Jerry of Hays; seven grandchildren; two step-grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Mountain Standard Time Wednesday at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church in Goodland with Father Norbert Diabal presiding. Burial will follow in the Goodland Cemetery. Vigil service will be 5:30 p.m. today, MST at Koons Chapel in Goodland. Friends may share their respect at Koons Chapel on from 3 to 7 p.m. MST today and before the service at the church. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be designated to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital, Father Flanagan’s Boys and Girls Town or a charity of the donor’s choice, and may be left at or mailed to the funeral home.

Koons Funeral Home* 211 North Main Goodland, KS 67736-1555 785-890-3900 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 10, 2006

Lawrence Dunlap 1928 - 2006

KINCAID — Lawrence Dunlap, 78, died Oct. 7 at St. Luke’s Hospital in Kansas City, Mo. He was born on July 12, 1928, in Orleans, Neb., to Turner C. and Nellie (Coe) Dunlap. He married Barbara Joan Burris on Dec. 2, 1949, in Kincaid. He was a forklift operator at a telephone wiring factory.

Lawrence served in the Army during World War II. Survivors include his wife, of the home; one brother, Dee Dunlap of Leon; three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one son, Michael, and two brothers, Floyd and Robert Dunlap.

Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Kincaid Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to the Disabled American Veterans.

Feuerborn Family Funeral Service
Gary Dean Ewing, 58, died Oct. 8 at his home in Great Bend. He was born July 19, 1948, at Great Bend, the son of Robert Gilmore and Mary Elizabeth Stanley Ewing. He married Mona Guinn on July 21, 1970, at Great Bend. A lifetime resident of Great Bend, he was a zoo keeper for the city of Great Bend Parks Department. Ewing was a member of the First United Methodist Church and the Barton County Fair Board. He was a U.S. Army veteran of the Viet Nam War era, serving in Korea. Survivors include his wife, Mona Ewing, of the home; mother Elizabeth Ewing Moore and stepfather Darrell, of Great Bend; son Christopher Ewing and his fiancé Talia Pontius, of Hays; two daughters, Melissa Ewing and fiancé Billy Widiger Jr., and Stephanie Davis and husband Rick Davis III, all of Great Bend; a brother, Douglas Ewing of Ellinwood; six grandchildren, Anissa Widiger, Jordan Ewing, Korbin Ewing, Zachary Seymour, Lauryn Davis and Jaxen Davis; and 10 nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his father Robert Gilmore Ewing and grandparents William and Jessie Stanley. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. on Wednesday at First United Methodist Church of Great Bend, with the Rev. Gary Brooks officiating. Interment will be in Great Bend Cemetery North in Great Bend. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. today, with family receiving friends from 6 to 8 p.m. at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Memorials are suggested to the Barton County Fair Board or Noah’s Ark Preschool in care of the funeral home.

Leo Henry Swords, 88, died Oct. 7 at Russell Regional Hospital. He was born Aug. 30, 1918, in Tonkawa, Okla., to Henry R. and Theresa (Veith) Swords. He attended school in Tonkawa and lived there for most of his childhood. He married Ellen Jeanne Hart on June 1, 1944, in Tonkawa. He worked in the oil industry for most of his life and lived in many different places across the nation but eventually made Garden City his home. He moved to Russell in 1969 and retired as a drilling supervisor from the Murfin Oil Drilling Company. Survivors include one son, Leo K. Swords of Russell; one daughter, Charlotte Roth of Great Bend; two brothers, James J. Swords of Tonkawa, Okla., and Gerald Swords of Spokane, Wash.; six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife Ellen; one son, David; two brothers, Harold and Richard Swords; and three sisters, Marguerite Kimber, Catherine Jueschke and Louise Lovin. A graveside service will be held at 1:30 p.m. today at the St. Mary Catholic Cemetery in Russell with burial following. Memorials are suggested to the St. Mary Catholic Cemetery and the Alzheimer’s Association in care of the funeral home.

Robert J. Fox, 76, died Oct. 9 at Southwind Hospice in Pratt. He was born April 7, 1930, in rural Edwards County, the son of Michael and Mary Smith Fox. A farmer and rancher, he was a resident of Kingman for 10 years, coming from Kinsley. Mr. Fox was a member of the Catholic Community of Great Bend at St. Patrick. He was a veteran of the Korean War, serving in the U.S. Army. Survivors include six sons, Dan Fox of Pratt, Jerry Fox of Muskogee, Okla., Tom Fox of Osawatomie, Tim Fox of Benton, Ted Fox of Towanda and John Fox of Fort Collins, Colo.; five daughters, Carolyn Willis of Lebo, Shirley Hammke of Larned, Rose Norris of Loveland, Colo., Nancy Bradford of Larned and Connie Bell of Olpe; two brothers, Eugene Fox of Great Bend and Melvin Fox of Wilson; 33 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Raymond Fox and Leo Fox. A Vigil Service will take place at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Great Bend. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. on Thursday at the church, with the Rev. Reginald Urban officiating. Burial will be in Great Bend Cemetery in Great Bend. There will be no visitation, as cremation has taken place. Memorials are suggested to Southwind Hospice in care of Bryant Funeral Home. Bryant Funeral Home 1425 Patton Road Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-3525 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 10, 2006

October 8, 2006

Fred J. Schmitt, 66, of Great Bend, died Oct. 5 in Great Bend. He was born April 15, 1940, at Dalton, Mo., the son of Joseph “Jay” and Marie Schwartz Schmitt. A cherished husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather and friend, he went to be with his Heavenly Father on Thursday, Oct. 5. He was raised in Offerle and graduated from Offerle High School, where he excelled in football, basketball and track. He attended St. Mary of the Plains College, Dodge City, with accounting and business as his major.
Fred married Kay Green Aug. 22, 1959, at St. Mary’s Church in Hodgeman County. She survives. After their marriage, Fred went to work at the Offerle Co-op. He then went to work at the Farmland Industries Ammonia Plant in 1968 to 1970, but could not stay away from the co-op. He returned to Offerle and worked in accounting and as bookkeeper until 1973, when he became manager of the Great Bend Co-op until he retired in 1997. After several months, he came out of retirement to serve as interim manager of the Bucklin Branch of the Offerle Co-op. He retired in May of this year. While at the Great Bend Co-op, he was instrumental in developing the Ag-21 program, consolidated four bulk-fuel plants into one plant, opened the Great Bend Ampride Store, and merged with the Pawnee Rock Co-op, the Ellinwood Co-op and the Albert Co-op. He also helped develop the Kids Ag program for the fourth-graders in Barton County. Fred was on the Board of Directors of Great Bend High School from 1976 to the present, the advisory board for the Barton County Chamber of Commerce from 1977 until the present, the advisory board for the bank, Kansas Cooperative Council, board of the FFIA, Board of Directors for Servi-Tech, director of Southwest Liquid and the advisory board for the Wichita Bank of Cooperatives. Survivors include his wife, of the home; sons, Fritz and wife Lora, and children Mrs. Moeder was a member of the Catholic Community of Great Bend at St. Rose and its Altar Society.

Survivors include three daughters, Sue Wheeler and Carla Markovich, both of Great Bend, and Cynthia Hogan of Kinsley; four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by four brothers, Paul Baier, Charles Baier, Russell Baier and Henry Baier Jr., and three sisters, Dolores Dale, Dollie Sinclair and Peggy Welsh. An Altar Society Rosary will take place at 4 p.m. Monday and a vigil service at 8 p.m., both at Bryant Funeral Home, Great Bend. Funeral will be at 3 p.m. Tuesday at St. Patrick Catholic Church, Great Bend. Funeral will be at 3 p.m. Tuesday at St. Patrick Catholic Church, Great Bend, with Father Wesley Schawe officiant. Burial will be at 3 p.m. Tuesday at St. Patrick Catholic Church, Great Bend, with Father Wesley Schawe officiant. Burial will be at 1 p.m. today at Maple Grove Cemetery, Dodge City. Friends may call from 1 until 5:30 p.m. today, and 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Monday, at Bryant Funeral Home, Great Bend, and after 6 p.m. today at St. Patrick Catholic Church. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Holy Family School Endowment or to the Renee Schmitt Memorial Scholarship at Barton County Community College. Bryant Funeral Home* 1425 Patton Road Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-3525 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 8, 2006

Ellen Marie Klepper 1920-2006

Gebharde Moeder 1912-2006

HOISINGTON — Gebharde Moeder, 94, died Oct. 5 at her Hoisington home. She was born Feb. 18, 1912, at La Crosse, the daughter of Louis and Magdalena (Unrein) Schuckman. She married Leonard C. Moeder June 23, 1931, at Liebenthal. He died April 20, 1956. She was retired from the Housekeeping Department at Central Kansas Medical Center, Great Bend. She was a longtime Hoisington resident, having moved from La Crosse. Mrs. Moeder was a member of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church and Altar Society, both of Hoisington. Survivors include two sons, Leonard, of Beaver, and Tony, of Brandon, Fla.; two daughters, Valeda Hitschmann and Lois Joiner, both of Claflin; two sisters, Regina Ross, Wichita, and Alexia Basgall, Scott City; nine grandchildren, two step-grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a brother, William Schuckman.

A vigil service will be at 6 p.m. today, followed by an Altar Society rosary, both at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home, Hoisington. Funeral service will be at 9:30 a.m. Monday at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, Hoisington, with Father Pascal Klein officiating. Burial will be at St. John Cemetery, Hoisington. Friends may call from 1 until 8 p.m. today at the funeral home. Memorials have been established for St. John the Evangelist Church, the American Cancer Society or Golden Belt Home Health and Hospice, in care of Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home, Box 146, Hoisington, KS 67544. Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home 415 North Main Hoisington, KS 67544 620-653-4165 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 8, 2006

October 6, 2006

Elda Levera Kysar 1911 - 2006

RANSOM — Elda Levera Kysar, 95, died Sept. 30 at Grisell Memorial Long Term Care in Ransom. She was born on May 21, 1911, in Plainville, the daughter of Herbert W. and Esta E. Sissell Parkhurst. She married Clair W. Kysar on Sept. 5, 1929, in Wakeeny. He preceded her in death. She moved to Ransom in 1935 and was a homemaker. Mrs. Kysar was a member of the United Methodist Church in Ransom.
Survivors include two sons, Warner Kysar of Great Bend and Vern Kysar of Wichita; one daughter, Clara Laureen Kysar of Ransom; one grandson, Greg Kysa and one great-grandson, Dakot, Allen Kysar. She was preceded in death by a son, John Kysar; three brothers, Clyde, Lloyd and Merle Parkhurst; and one sister, Ruth Kysar.
Memorial service will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at the United Methodist Church in Ransom, with the Rev. Barbara McLain presiding. Cremation burial will be in the Ransom Cemetery.

Luz Martinez 1963 - 2006

October 5, 2006

Kendra Dawn Warner 1986 - 2006

SCOTT CITY — Kendra Dawn Warner, 18, passed away on Sunday, Oct. 1, in Eads, Colo., as the result of an automobile accident. She was born April 14, 1988, in Great Bend, the daughter of Randy L. Warner and Shanna John. Kendra was a resident of Scott City since 1996, moving from Holyrood. She was a 2006 graduate of Scott Community High School in Scott City.

Survivors include her mother, Shanna John, Scott City; stepfather, Bill John, Scott City; father and stepmother, Randy and Missy Warner, Great Bend; one sister, Kinsey Warner, Scott City; three brothers, Dalton Lumpkins and Brady Lumpkins, both of Scott City, and Nathan Warner of Great Bend; three stepbrothers, Josh John, Dodge City, Bill John, Jr., Scott City, and Tom Lumpkins, Wichita; grandparents, Nora Krier, Clifflin, Gary and Joy Lee Warner, Holyrood, Eldon McWithey, Scott City, Charles and Mary Malone, Great Bend, and Roger and Jackie John, Phillipsburg; and one niece, Izabella Hernandez, Scott City. She was preceded in death by a baby sister, Lauren Rose Lumpkins.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at the United Methodist Church in Scott City, with the Rev. Randy Robinson officiating. Interment will be in Scott County Cemetery, Scott City. Memorials in lieu of flowers are suggested to Teens For Christ in Scott City and Grace Community Church Youth Group in Great Bend, in care of Price & Sons Funeral Home, Scott City.

Visititation will be from 9 a.m. until 8 p.m. today at Price & Sons Funeral Home, Scott City.
Price & Sons Funeral Home
401 Washington
Scott City, KS 67871
620-872-2116

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 5, 2006

Joseph A. Lopez 1942 - 2006

WICHITA — Joseph A. Lopez, 64, cherished husband, father, grandfather, and friend went to be with the Lord, Wednesday, Oct. 4. A Rosary will be at 7 p.m. Friday, at Downing & Lahey Mortuary East. Funeral Mass will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at the United Methodist Church of the Valley, 3755 East Douglas, Wichita, KS 67218 and Harry Hynes Memorial Hospice, 313 South Market, Wichita, KS 67202. Tributes may be sent to the family via www.downingandlahey.com.

Downing & Lahey Mortuary East*
6555 East Central
Wichita, KS 67206
1-800-369-8784

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 6, 2006

October 5, 2006

David Kinzel 1938 - 2006

Wichita, KS 67206

October 5, 2006

Scott City, KS 67871
620-872-2116

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 5, 2006

October 5, 2006

Luz Martinez 1963 - 2006

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 6, 2006
ELLINWOOD — Roy J. Barber entered into eternal life with Christ on Oct. 3 in Ellinwood after a long fight with cancer. Roy was born March 14, 1929, in Hugoton, the son of Otto E. Barber and Goldie G. (Flower) Barber. Roy was a local farmer/stockman for 40 years, retiring in 1994. He also received several honors and awards for soil conservation and was involved in FFA.

He was a member of the Immanuel United Church of Christ, Ellinwood, where he taught Sunday school for 20 years. Additionally, he was a member of the American Legion. Scoutmaster for 15 years of Boy Scout Troop 153, and past president of Parent-Teachers Association, Ellinwood School Board (1979-87). He also served on the Peoples State Bank Board 12 years, was the first director of the Ellinwood Chamber of Commerce and helped organize the first Ellinwood After-Harvest Festival. An alumnus of Fort Hays State University (agriculture-botany, 1948-1951), he was an active supporter of the university and served in the U.S. Air Force — staff sergeant (1951-1955).

Roy loved the church, his family, friends and the great outdoors. He was an avid “rock hound” and collector of Indian artifacts and also enjoyed bird hunting and fishing. He enjoyed telling and hearing a good joke. He loved to read, especially history of the American Indian and settlement of the West, and was a student all his life. Roy was a real people person and was a friend to all that came across his path.

Survivors include his wife, Lois, of Otis; three sons, Gordon L. and Terry W., both of Colby, and Lyle R. of Osage Beach, Mo.; one daughter, Cindy D. Warner, of Great Bend; one sister, Alice Ackerman, of Park; 11 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday at Trinity Lutheran Church in Colby. Burial will be at Beulah Cemetery in Colby, prior to the funeral services. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. today at Kersenbrock Funeral Chapel in Colby. Memorials are suggested to the Orphan Grain Train in care of the funeral chapel.

Kersenbrock Funeral Chapel
745 S. Country Club Drive
Colby, KS 67701
785-462-7979
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 4, 2006

November 4, 2006

Victor W. Rasmussen 1933 - 2006

COLBY — Victor W. Rasmussen, 73, died Sept. 30 at Wesley Medical Center in Wichita. Born April 10, 1933, in Colby, he was a retired owner and machinist of Elmer’s Machine Shop in Colby. He married Velma H. Rasmussen in Colby on Aug. 3, 1952.

Survivors include his wife of Colby; three sons, Gordon L. and Terry W., both of Colby, and Lyle R. of Osage Beach, Mo.; one daughter, Cindy D. Warner, of Great Bend; one sister, Alice Ackerman, of Park; 11 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday at Trinity Lutheran Church in Colby. Burial will be at Beulah Cemetery in Colby, prior to the funeral services. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. today at Kersenbrock Funeral Chapel in Colby. Memorials are suggested to the Orphan Grain Train in care of the funeral chapel.

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745 S. Country Club Drive
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785-462-7979
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 4, 2006

November 4, 2006

Norman Lee Wagner 1929 - 2006

OTIS — Norman Lee Wagner, 77, died Oct. 4 at his Otis home. He was born June 16, 1929, in rural Otis, the son of Sam and Mollie “Adolph” Wagner. He married Lois M. Alexander on June 4, 1961, at Coldwater. She survives. A lifetime resident of Otis, he was a mechanic for Kansas Refined Helium, retired after 27 years, also retired from Meisinger & Schneider International Harvester of Otis, after 25 years. He was an Army veteran of the Korean Conflict.

Mr. Wagner was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church, Otis, and a life member of VFW Post 7428 of Hoisington.

Survivors include his wife, Lois, of Otis; a son, Richard Wagner, of Great Bend; a daughter, Lorie Wagner, of Wichita; two brothers, Raymond Wagner and Harold Wagner, both of Otis; a sister, Arlene Maier, of Oakley; and two granddaughters, Jessica Wagner of Burleson, Texas, and Kori Wagner of Great Bend. He was preceded in death by a brother, Paul Wagner, a sister, Elsie Boxberger, a niece, Mary Ann Boxberger, and a godson, Gary Wagner.

A prayer service will be at 7 p.m. Friday at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home, Hoisington. Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Trinity Lutheran Church, Otis, with Pastor Bruce Adamson officiating. Burial will be at the Lutheran Cemetery, Otis. Friends may call from 9 a.m. until 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home and from noon untill time of service Saturday at the church. Memorial donations for the American Cancer Society or the American Diabetes Association may be made in care of Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home, P.O. Box 146, Hoisington, KS 67544.

Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home*
415 North Main/Box 146
Hoisington, KS 67544
620-653-4165
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 5, 2006

October 4, 2006

Roy Jesse Barber 1929-2006

ELLINWOOD — Roy J. Barber entered into eternal life with Christ on Oct. 3 in Ellinwood after a long fight with cancer. Roy was born March 14, 1929, in Hugoton, the son of Otto E. Barber and Goldie G. (Flower) Barber. Roy was a local farmer/stockman for 40 years, retiring in 1994. He also received several honors and awards for soil conservation and was involved in FFA.

He was a member of the Immanuel United Church of Christ, Ellinwood, where he taught Sunday school for 20 years. Additionally, he was a member of the American Legion. Scoutmaster for 15 years of Boy Scout Troop 153, and past president of Parent-Teachers Association, Ellinwood School Board (1979-87). He also served on the Peoples State Bank Board 12 years, was the first director of the Ellinwood Chamber of Commerce and helped organize the first Ellinwood After-Harvest Festival. An alumnus of Fort Hays State University (agriculture-botany, 1948-1951), he was an active supporter of the university and served in the U.S. Air Force — staff sergeant (1951-1955).

Roy loved the church, his family, friends and the great outdoors. He was an avid “rock hound” and collector of Indian artifacts and also enjoyed bird hunting and fishing. He enjoyed telling and hearing a good joke. He loved to read, especially history of the American Indian and settlement of the West, and was a student all his life. Roy was a real people person and was a friend to all that came across his path.

Survivors include his wife, Arlene L. (Peters) Barber; four children, Rex A. Barber of Colorado Springs, Colo., Renee M. (Barber) Button of Wichita, Rhonda K. Barber-Groves of Kansas City, Mo., and Kristie E. Barber of Phoenix, Ariz.; five grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Survivors also include two brothers, Carl E. and “Jack” C.R., both of Hugoton; two sisters, Lucille F. Mitchell of Hulbert, Okla., and Joy R. Crippen of Lexington, Okla.; a stepmother, Marceline (Behnke) Bratton of Bedford, Okla., and Myretta J. (Behnke) Bell of Shawnee Mission, Myretta J. (Behnke) Bell of Bedford, Texas, Myron J. Behnke of Lyons and Meredith J. Behnke of Bushton. He was predeceased by a brother, Garold O. Barber, of Prescott, Ariz., a stepmother, Jewell M. (Rich) Barber, and a stepbrother, Morris J. Behnke.

Friends may call at Kimple Funeral Home, Ellinwood, between 3 and 8 p.m. Thursday and between 9 a.m. and 8 p.m. Friday. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Immanuel United Church of Christ in Ellinwood. Burial will be in Golden Belt Cemetery.
Dora Jean Applegate 1932 - 2006

Dora Jean Applegate, 74, of Great Bend, died Sept. 30 at Central Kansas Medical Center at Great Bend. Funeral arrangements provided by Bryant Funeral Home 1425 Patton Road Great Bend, Ks., 67530 Great Bend. Receiving friends from 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the Luz Martinez Expense Fund in care of the funeral home. Friends may call from noon to 9 p.m. on Thursday and 9 a.m. to service time on Friday at the funeral home, with family officiating. Friends may call from 3 to 8 p.m. Friday at Kimple Funeral Home, Ellinwood. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials to the Kansas Chapter of the Arthritis Foundation.

Ellinwood Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to the Ellinwood Hospital Auxiliary or to Fort Hays State University Alumni. Kimple Funeral Home* 113 North Main Ellinwood, KS 67526 620-564-2300 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 4, 2006

October 3, 2006

WC “Jerb” Ogle 1923 - 2006

HOISINGTON — WC “Jerb” Ogle, 82, died Sept. 30 at Kansas Heart Hospital in Wichita. He was born Oct. 7, 1923, in Crosbyton, Texas, to Charlie Clinton and Hazel (Hancock) Ogle. He married Edith M. Messex on Dec. 27, 1945, in Great Bend. She died May 12, 1998. A resident of Hoisington since 1945, he was a retired tool pusher for Red Tiger Drilling. Ogle was a veteran of World War II serving in the U.S. Air Force. He was a member of the Russell Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 6240.

Survivors include two sons, WC Ogle Jr. and Charles Ogle, both from Hoisington; one daughter, Linda Linsner from Hoisington; two brothers, Wesley Earl Ogle from Odessa, Texas, and Oma Ogle from Place, Texas; four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by four brothers, Charlie Clinton Ogle Jr., Alvin Franklin Ogle, Olen Ogle and Rolen Ogle; and four sisters, Lena Mae Abney, Pauline Hancock, Ollie Beatrice Hancock and Nomah Phillips.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. today at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington with Rev. Dick Ogle officiating. Burial will be at the Hoisington Cemetery. Friends may visit from 9 a.m. until service time today at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the Clara Barton Foundation or American Heart 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 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 3, 2006

Luz Martin Martinez 1963 - 2006

CHASE — Luz Martin Martinez, 42, died Sept. 29 at Via Christi St. Francis Regional Medical Center in Wichita. He was born Nov. 12, 1963, at Mission, Texas, the son of Roman and Celsa Idrogo Martinez. He married Lola Meyers on Oct. 21, 2000, in Chase. He lived in Chase one year, coming from Ellinwood. Survivors include his wife of the home; three sons, Christopher Barnes of Denver, Colo., Martin Luz Martinez of Great Bend and Pablo Martinez of the home; three daughters, Crystal Martinez of Eads, Colo., Maria Mitchell of Great Bend and Kimberly Martinez of the home; three grandchildren; his father Roman Martinez of Springfield, Colo.; and his birth mother, Suzie Celsa Vasquez of Walsh, Colo. He was preceded in death by his mother, Celsa Martinez. Funeral will be at 1 p.m. on Friday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery in Great Bend. Friends may call from noon to 5 p.m. on Thursday and 9 a.m. to service time on Friday at the funeral home, with family receiving friends from 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the Luz Martinez Expense Fund 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. 3, 2006
Halle Lynn Klug

ODIN — Halle Lynn Klug, infant daughter of Gavin and Kiley (Metro) Klug, Odin, died Sept. 29 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. She was born Sept. 29, 2006. Survivors include her parents, of the home; maternal grandparents Larry and Deanna Metro, Concordia; maternal great grandparents Fritz and Della Mae Metro, and Dean and Tootie McCall, all of Concordia; paternal grandparents John and Linda Klug, Odin; paternal great grandparents Anna Klug and the late Leo Klug, Odin, and Donna Maxwell and the late Tom Maxwell, Pawnee Rock. Graveside service will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Holy Family Cemetery in Odin, with the Rev. Pascal Klein officiating. Funeral arrangements provided by Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home 415 N. Main

P.O. Box 146 Hays, Ks. 67601 620-663-3327 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 1, 2006

George S. Ming 1927 - 2006

George S. Ming, 78, of Great Bend, joined his beloved wife in heaven on Sept. 30 at Via Christi Regional Medical Center’s St. Francis Campus in Wichita. He was born Oct. 14, 1927, at Paris, Ark., the son of William Thomas and Okla Highfield Ming. He married Loretta “Joan” Riegel on Dec. 19, 1948, in Pratt. She died July 5, 2002. A resident of Great Bend for 50 years, coming from Salina, he was self-employed as a general contractor. He was a World War II veteran, serving as a Seaman 1st Class in the U.S. Coast Guard. Ming was a member of Faith Community Church and was an elder and past board member of the church. He was a member of the Full Gospel Businessmen’s Fellowship International and past president of the local chapter. He was a member of Gideons International. He was a Godly man, dedicating his life to his wife and children, and to leading people to Jesus Christ, his personal Lord and Savior. Survivors include a son, Jerry D. Ming, Great Bend; five daughters, Cheryl, E. Cogdill, Great Bend, Cynthia J. Lyon, Wichita, Brenda L. Krier, Holcomb, Ark., Susan K. Parks, Great Bend, and Mary Jane Leshore, Great Bend; three brothers, Hulan Ming, Meriden, Conn., Bill Ming, Little Rock, Ark., and Leon Ming, Little Rock, Ark.; a sister, Jean Boeing, Ft. Smith, Ark.; eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by infant triplets, Robert, Ronald and Rita Joan; one sister, Elmeta Ming; and three grandchildren, Brandon, Bradley and Lindsay Jo. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Faith Community Church in Great Bend, with the Rev. Fred Kirkpatrick officiating. Interment with military honors will be at Fairview Park Cemetery in St. John. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend, with family to receive friends from 6 to 8 p.m. Memorial donations are suggested to Gideons International or Full Gospel Businessmen’s Fellowship International, 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. 1, 2006 W.C. Ogle

HOISINGTON — W.C. Ogle died Sept. 30 at Kansas Heart Hospital in Wichita. Services are pending and will be announced by Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. Lucille “Lucy” Haas Shaffer 1934 - 2006 LONG BEACH, CALIF. — Lucille “Lucy” Haas Shaffer, 72, died Sept. 27 in Long Beach, Calif., after a long battle with cancer. She was born on April 3, 1934, in Hoisington, the daughter of Daniel and Louise Lehning Haas. She married Lyman Shaffer on April 10, 1965, in Long Beach, Calif. Survivors include her husband and two stepchildren, Jeff and Mindy, all of the home; and brother Rufus Haas of Hoisington. She was the daughter of Daniel and Louise Lehning Haas. She married Lyman Shaffer on April 10, 1965, in Long Beach, Calif. Survivors include her husband and two stepchildren, Jeff and Mindy, all of the home; and brother Rufus Haas of Hoisington. She was preceded in death by a brother, William Haas. Cremation has taken place. A memorial service will be held in Long Beach on Oct. 16. Inurnment will take place at a later date in Marble Falls, Texas. Local funeral arrangements provided by Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home 415 N. Main

P.O. Box 146 Hays, Ks. 67601 620-663-3327 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 1, 2006

Kathleen A. Schridde 1929 - 2006

FORSYTH, Mo. — Mrs. Kathleen A. Schridde, 77, passed away on Sept. 28 at her residence in Forsyth, Mo. Kate was born July 8, 1929, in Pratt, the daughter of Olen and Imogene (Schaffer) Dove. Kathleen married Calvin Schridde on Jan. 1, 1949, at Stafford. She ran a beauty shop in Great Bend for many years and was manager of the Twigg Room at Highland Manor, also in Great Bend. In 1996 the family moved to Forsyth, where Kate was a member of the Forsyth Methodist Church and attended the Forsyth Senior Center. She also like to fish and visit with friends. Survivors include her husband Calvin and daughter Brenda Pfughoett and her husband Charles, all of the home; three sons, Calvin Schridde Jr. and wife Joelen of Great Bend, Randy Schridde and wife Connie of Summerfield, Fla. and David Schridde and wife Sue of Taneyville, Mo.; sister Shirley Edgerton and husband Joe of Baldwin City; 25 grandchildren and 25 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents and sister Marylou Bronson. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. on Monday at the Forsyth Whelchel Chapel in Forsyth. Friends may call from noon until service time. Cremation will be under the direction of the funeral chapel. Funeral arrangements provided by Forsyth Whelchel Chapel*

P.O. Box 425 Forsyth, Mo. 65653 417-334-3456 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 1, 2000

Robert A. Compton 1938 - 2006

Memorials for Robert A. Compton are suggested to Clara Barton Hospital Foundation in care of the Bryant Funeral Home, Great Bend.

Alvin F. “Al” Befort 1938 - 2006

HUTCHINSON — Alvin F. “Al” Befort, 67, died Sept. 29 at Galachia Heart Hospital in Wichita. He was born Oct. 3, 1938, at Munjor, the son of Cy and Clara Dreher Befort. He married Vickie Pryor on March 5, 1964, in Manhattan. He had lived in Great Bend, Wichita, Garden City, Mulvane, and, for the last 21 years, in Hutchinson. He was a graduate of Great Bend High School and Fort Hays State University. He was a retail account manager for McKesson for 39 years. Befort was a member of Church of the Holy Cross in Hutchinson. Survivors include his wife, of the home; two daughters and sons-in-law, Allison and Brett Bruch, Mt. Hope, and Lisa and Scott Stross, Hutchinson; two brothers, Keith Befort and wife Annette, and Curt Befort and wife Janice, all of Wichita; two sisters, Nancy McLeary and Wanda Navrid, both of Wichita; four sisters-in-law, Deirdre Collier, San Luis Obispo, Calif., Brenda Carpenter, Leavenworth, Lois Befort, Pratt, and Donna Befort, Columbia, Mo.; two grandchildren, Dalton and Samantha Stoss; two step grandchildren, Jacqueline and Jacob Bruch; and numerous nieces and nephews. He is also survived by aunts and uncles Joe and Vi Befort, Oklahoma City, Okla., LaVerna and Harold Boger, Wichita, Rita Stewart, Wichita, and Victoria Befort, Great Bend. He was preceded in death by his parents, by brothers Jim and Ken Befort, and by a nephew, Jason Befort. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at Church of the Holy Cross in Hutchinson with Father Joseph Eckberg presiding. Rosary will be at 7 p.m. Monday at Elliott Chapel in Hutchinson. Burial will be at 3 p.m. Tuesday at Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday at Elliott Mortuary. Memorials are suggested to Church of the Holy Cross or Fort Hays State University, in care of the mortuary. Funeral arrangements provided by Elliott Mortuary* 1219 North Main Hutchinson, Ks. 67501 620-663-3327 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 1, 2006
November 30, 2006

Charles Leon Darr 1937 - 2006

LAS VEGAS, Nev. — Charles Leon Darr, 69, died Nov. 15 in Las Vegas, Nev. He was born April 21, 1937, in Great Bend, the son of Charles Millard Darr and Mildred Irene Darr. Survivors include two daughters, Seema (Danny) Rose and Linda Penrat, both of Las Vegas, Nev.; two sisters, Nina L. (William) Scannell of Youngstown, Ohio, and Nancy L. Adams of Great Bend; and one brother, Paul L. Darr of Largo, Fla. He was preceded in death by his wife Karen and brother Ned L. Darr. Cremation has taken place.

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 30, 2006

Glenn M. Geil 1932 - 2006

PHARR, Texas — Glenn M. Geil, 74, passed away Nov. 28 at Doctors Hospital in Edinburg. He was a native of Great Bend and a U.S. Navy veteran of the Korean conflict. He was a longtime active member of St. George Orthodox Church in Pharr and an active member of Alcoholics Anonymous. Survivors include his wife, Judith Geil of Pharr; two children, Christopher Earl Geil of Arlington, Texas, and Michelle Geil Naff of Houston; his twin sister, Joan Geil Hicks of Alexandria, Va.; three brothers, Donald Geil of Oklahoma City, Okla., Gene Geil of Silver Springs, Md., and Larry Geil of New Cambria; and three grandchildren, Vivian Geil and Laura and Jessica Naff. Funeral services will be held at 4 p.m. Friday at St. George Orthodox Church on West Sam Houston in Pharr with Father Antonio Perdomo officiating. Graveside services will be held Dec. 2 at Holy ArchAngels Greek Orthodox Monastery in San Antonio, Texas. In lieu of flowers the family suggests memorials be made to either St. George Orthodox Church, the American Diabetes Association or to the Kidney Foundation.

Funeral arrangements provided by
Skinner Silva Funeral Home of Pharr*
PO Box 647
Pharr, TX 78577
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 30, 2006

Esther C. Jost

LARNED — Esther C. Jost, 95, died Nov. 29 at Larned Healthcare Center. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Morell Funeral Home, Larned.

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 30, 2006

November 29, 2006


CHASE — Shirley Ann Nicholson, 71, died Nov. 27 at Hutchinson Hospital. She was born Oct. 20, 1935, in Eureka, the daughter of Virgil and Doris Little Stever. She graduated from Hamilton High School in Hamilton. She married Charles Nicholson on Oct. 12, 1956, in Nowata, Okla. She was a resident of Chase since 1971, coming from Sapulpa, Okla. She was a retired head cook for Chase High School. Mrs. Nicholson was a member of Raymond Baptist Church, Raymond, and a former member of Lyons Club in Chase. Survivors include her husband, of the home; two daughters, Sandy Thorton of Russell and Cindy Parsell of Raymond; two brothers, Jimmy Stever of Emporia and Ricky Stever of Eureka; five sisters, Jeanie Burton of Eureka, Connie Hays and Judy Cates, both of Emporia, Sally Gulick of Moran and Nancy Brechiesen of Hartford; and five grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one brother, Jerry Stever, and one sister, Kathy Higbee.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at the church in Raymond with the Rev. Bob Bethell officiating. Burial will be in the Raymond Hilltop Cemetery. Friends may call from 2 to 5 p.m. Friday at Sillin Funeral Home in Lyons. Memorials are suggested to the American Diabetes Association in care of the funeral home.

Funeral arrangements provided by
Sillin Funeral Homes and Granite Memorials
214 W. Ave. South
Lyons, KS 67554
620-257-2211
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 29, 2006

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Lyons, KS 67554
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Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 29, 2006

A.J. Ferrell 1916 - 2006
GARDNER — Jerome L. “Jerry” Welch was born July 8, 1929, in Great Bend, the son of Clarence E. and E. Irene Welch. Jerry died July 4, 1983. He married Betty L. Townsend on June 23, 1985, at Great Bend. She survives. He owned and operated A. J. Ferrell Company for more than 30 years. He welded on pipeline across the country including Oklahoma, Wyoming and Illinois. He was a resident of Great Bend since 1953. He helped Red Foley invent oil-related pipe-cleaning equipment.

Ferrell was a member of the First Christian Church and a former member of the Church of Christ, both of Great Bend, Masonic Lodge No. 15 York Rite Bodies and Isis Shrine of Salina.

Survivors include his wife, Betty, of the home; two sons, Tom Lee Ferrell of Evantson, Wyo., and Jack J. Ferrell of Great Bend; a stepson, Randy Ronell Bombardier and wife Marlis, Richfield, Wash.; two daughters, Virginia Lee Shawver and husband E.B., Augusta, and Marilyn Kay Beal and husband Robert, Farmington, Utah; three stepdaughters, Diane Rae Effertz and husband Mark, Great Bend, Debra Faye Milikan and husband Michael, Salina, and Cindy Lou Dobratz and husband Donald, Dodge City; 19 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by four brothers, Willie Ferrell, Norman Ferrell, Phillip Ferrell and Gene Ferrell, and four sisters, Sybil Foley, Ruby Oiler, Allene Fuller and Pauline Breitenbach.

Funeral service will be at 10 a.m., Friday at First Christian Church, Great Bend, with the Rev. William F. Johnson and the Rev. Dick Ogle officiating. Interment will be at the Great Bend Cemetery with Masonic committal rites. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday at Bryant Funeral Home, with the family to receive friends from 6 to 8 p.m. Memorial donations for First Christian Church or Southwind Hospice may be made 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. 29, 2006

Charles E. Bahr 1922 - 2006

OLMIZT — Charles E. Bahr, 84, died Nov. 27 at Central Kansas Medical Center, Great Bend. He was born June 7, 1922, at Olmitz, the son of William F. and Anna M. (Hickey) Bahr. He married Cecilia Beran on Nov. 10, 1942, at Odin. He was a retired farmer and carpenter, and a lifetime resident of Olmitz. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II.

Bahr was a member of St. Ann Catholic Church and 3rd Degree Knights of Columbus of Olmitz, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 7428, Hoisington, and Eagles Lodge No. 646, Great Bend.

Survivors also include his wife, of the home, two daughters, Judy Getty and husband Larry of Hays and Jane Brack and husband Bruce of Spring Hill; a son, Leon Bahr of Olmitz; three brothers, Marion Bahr of Clifton, Donald Bahr of Olmitz and Robert Bahr of Spring, Texas; a sister, Rose Ann Wondra of Clifton; 14 grandchildren and 17 great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two daughters, Helen Morgan and Mary Lou Morgan, three brothers, Cecil Bahr, Frederick Bahr and Francis Bahr, and one sister, Catherine Oborny.

A family rosary service will be at 7 p.m. Thursday; wake service will be at 7 p.m. Friday, followed by Knights of Columbus rosary, all at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home, Hoisington. Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at St. Ann Catholic Church, Olmitz, with Father Ultan Murphy officiating. Burial will be at St. Ann Cemetery, Olmitz, with military graveside rites conducted by VFW Post No. 7428 and American Legion Post No. 286. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday and 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Memorial donations to St. Ann Catholic Church may be made 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, Nov. 29, 2006

November 26, 2006

Betty Anne (Tinnemeyer) Garrett 1922 - 2006

MANTECA, Calif. — Betty Anne (Tinnemeyer) Garrett, 84, died Nov. 17 at the Doctor’s Hospital of Manteca. She was born on Sept. 28, 1922, in Great Bend, the daughter of Fred Tinnemeyer and Anna M. (Hickey) Bahr. She worked for Bethlehem Steel before working for Tracey Defense Depot as a shipment clerk for 18 years.

Survivors include one sister, Virginia Redmore of Redwood City, Calif.; and two nieces, Marcia Redmond of Redwood City, Calif., and Debbie Redmond-Ploeger of Grand Junction, Colo.

Funeral services will be at noon Monday at San Andreas Memorial Chapel. Burial will be at Peoples Cemetery with graveside service to follow the funeral. In lieu of flowers memorials are suggested to your local humane society.

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 26, 2006

November 26, 2006

Dolores M. Schneider 1919 - 2006

Dolores M. Schneider, 86, of Great Bend died Nov. 23 at Central Kansas Medical Center. She was born Dec. 6, 1919, in Rush County, the daughter of Carl W. and Martha Augusta Tammen Schneider, Jr. A lifetime resident of Great Bend, she was a telephone operator, instructor and supervisor for Southwestern Bell Telephone Co., retiring after 38 years.

Ms. Schneider was a member of the Trinity Lutheran Church in Great Bend and an Honorary Member of Telephone Pioneers of America. She was baptized Jan. 18, 1920, at St. Paul’s Lutheran Church in Albert and confirmed April 14, 1935.

Survivors include one sister, Isabella Nuss of Great Bend; one nephew, Mark Schneider of Pratt; and a great-niece, Danielle Hott of Centennial, Colo. She was preceded in death by a brother, Arthur Schneider, one sister, Eleonore Nuss, and one niece, Magdelene Hott.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Trinity Lutheran Church in Great Bend, with the Rev. James A. Strasen officiating. Burial will be at Hillcrest Memorial Park in Great Bend. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Monday at Bryan Funeral Home, Great Bend.

Memorials are suggested to Trinity Lutheran Church in care of the funeral home.

Funeral arrangements provided by
Bryan Funeral Home*
1425 Patton Road
Great Bend, KS 67530
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Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 26, 2006

Jerome L. “Jerry” Welch 1929 - 2006

GARDNER — Jerome L. “Jerry” Welch was born July 8, 1929, in Great Bend, the son of Clarence E. and E. Irene Welch. Jerry died peacefully at home on Nov. 24. He had been diagnosed with lung cancer in April of this year. Jerry spent his early years in Great Bend,
Pawnee Rock and Colby. He was drafted into the U.S. Army during the Korean War. Following basic training and Leadership School at Ft. Lee, Va., he met and married the former Anna Volansky of Dupont, Pa. Following 17 months of service in Korea, Jerry and Ann were discharged from the Army and settled in Otis where Jerry worked at the helium plant. While in Otis, their son Michael L. Welch was born. They subsequently moved to Albert, where they lived for 18 years. The helium plant closed and Jerry became a journeyman electrician, working out of Larned. In 1975, they moved to Gardner. Jerry joined Local No. 226 in Topeka and retired from that union in 1991. Jerry was preceded in death by his mother, Irene, and his father, Clarence, and his sister Joyce (Welch) England. He is survived by his wife Ann of the home in Gardner; his son Michael and wife Jolene of Wichita, Texas; his granddaughters Jennifer and husband Rich Renner of Wichita Falls and Jamie and husband Charles “Chip” Wilson of Arlington, Texas. He is also survived by brothers Kermit and wife Carol of Gardner and Lauren and wife Marian of Wichita, as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Jerry’s love of horses was exceeded only by his love for people. He will be fondly remembered by family and friends.

A memorial service will be held at 7 p.m. on Tuesday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 555 W. Main, Gardner. The family requests that in lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Sacred Heart Building Fund or Olathe Hospice.

Funeral arrangements provided by
Bruce Funeral Home*
106 S. Center
P.O. Box 192
Gardner, KS 66030
913-856-7111
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 26, 2006

Donald George Rose 1936 - 2006

HOISINGTON — Donald George Rose, 70, died Nov. 24 at 211 E. 3rd in Hoisington. He was born Nov. 21, 1936, in Great Bend, the son of Charles Raymond and Helen "Herkins" Rose. He was a 1954 Hoisington High School graduate, attended Kansas University and received a Bachelor of Science degree from Fort Hays State University in 1972. A retired middle school teacher for USD 489 in Hays, he was a former resident of Hays, moving to Hoisington after retirement in 1997.

He was a member of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Hoisington and Eagles Lodge in Hays.

Survivors include two brothers, Raymond H. Rose of Lake Almanor, Calif., and Joe M. Rose of Leawood. He was preceded in death by a sister, Sue DuRant.

A Vigil Service will be held at 7 p.m. today at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. Funeral service will be at 10:30 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.

Friends may call from 1 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to St. John Cemetery Fund in care of the funeral home.

Funeral arrangements provided by
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415 North Main
P.O. Box 146
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620-653-4165
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 26, 2006

Elizabeth A. "Betty" Boger 1919 - 2006

HUTCHINSON — Elizabeth A. "Betty" Boger, 87, died Nov. 23 at Hospice House, Hutchinson. She was born Nov. 6, 1919, at Odin, the daughter of Robert and Amelia Tinkel Korkish. She married Lester W. Boger on Feb. 23, 1933, in Hutchinson. A Hutchinson resident for the past 54 years, moving from Hoisington, she graduated from Odin schools. She was a homemaker and had worked at the Hoisington Drug Store.

She was a member of Church of the Holy Cross and its Altar Society. She had been active as a Scout mother, and in PTA and as a room mother at Graber Elementary School.

Survivors include her husband, Lester, of the home; a son, Dale Boger and wife Karen of La Jolla, Calif.; a daughter, Marlene Showalter, Topeka; a sister, Theresa Hochstatter of Gladstone, Mo.; and a grandson, Thomas Showalter of Lawrence. She was preceded in death by two sisters, Matilda Finger and Leona Korkish, and a son-in-law, Fred Showalter.

A rosary and prayer service will be at 7 p.m. today at Elliott Mortuary Chapel, Hutchinson. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Zion Lutheran Church, 1017 North Washington, Hutchinson, with Pastor Richard L. Albin, Pastor Henry Hartman and Father Ned Blick presiding.

Burial will be at Fairlawn Burial Park. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. today at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the Alzheimer’s Association or Zion Lutheran Church in care of the mortuary. Personal condolences may be sent to www.elliottmortuary.com.

Funeral arrangements provided by
Elliott Mortuary*
1219 North Main
Hutchinson, KS 67501
620-663-3327
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 26, 2006

Owen Price Teel 1927 - 2006

Owen Price Teel, 79, of Great Bend, died Nov. 23 at Central Kansas Medical Center, Great Bend. He was born March 12, 1927, in Engiewood, Mo., the son of Fred Alan and Minnie “Sweeten” Teel. He married Patricia N. Trotter Oct. 24, 1975, at Claflin. He was a lifetime resident of Claflin, moving to Mountain Home, Ark., in 1984 and returning to Great Bend in 1994. He was a retired corrosion technician for Northern Natural Gas, retiring in 1984 after 33 years of service.

He was a member of First United Methodist Church, Great Bend, a life member of Ralph B. Praeger Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 8668 of Claflin and a life member of American Legion Post No. 200, Holyrood, and Eagles Lodge No. 646, Great Bend. He was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II.

Survivors include his wife, of the home; a son, Jim L. Teel; a daughter, Linda Cook, of Lyons; a brother, Lawrence L. Teel of Columbia, Mo.; three sisters, Helen Kennett of Broken Arrow, Okla., and Ruby Phillips and Ruth Martin, both of Columbia, Mo.; and nieces and nephews.

Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at First United Methodist Church, Great Bend, with the Rev. Gary Brooks officiating. Burial will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Fairlawn Cemetery, Hutchinson. Friends may call from 1 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home, Hoisington, and from 9:30 until the service on Tuesday at the church. Memorials are suggested to the First United Methodist Church Organ Fund or the donor’s choice in care of the funeral home.

Funeral arrangements provided by
Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home
415 North Main
P.O. Box 146
Alice H. Rader 1916 - 2006

LYONS — Alice H. Rader, 90, died Nov. 19 at Rice County Hospital in Lyons. She was born June 25, 1916, at Wilson, the daughter of Frederick and Anna Hilgenberg Stroh. She was a lifetime resident of Kansas, retiring as a nurse’s aide several years ago in Lyons. She married Pete Rader in 1957 in Las Vegas, Nev.

Survivors include several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. on Monday at Foster Mortuary Chapel in Wilson with the Rev. Jim Martin officiating. Burial will be in the Wilson City Cemetery. Friends may call from noon to 8 p.m. today and 8 a.m. to service time Monday at the mortuary.

Funeral arrangements provided by
Foster Mortuary, Inc.
610 24th Street
Wilson, KS 67490-0205
785-658-2345

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 26, 2006

Pauline Frances Burke 1917 - 2006

LA MARQUE, Texas — Pauline Frances Burke, 88, died Nov. 21 at Central Kansas Medical Center, Great Bend. She was born Dec. 14, 1917, in Hutchinson, the daughter of Irvan and Catherine Elizabeth Jamieson Bunyan. She married John E. Burke on May 17, 1941, at Galveston, Texas. He died in 1982. A resident of Great Bend since 1999, coming from La Marque, Texas, she was a retired clerk for the 56th District Court in Galveston, Texas.

Mrs. Burke was a member of St. Michael’s Episcopal Church and Altar Guild at La Marque, Texas, and Mainland Center Hospital Auxiliary in Texas City, Texas.

Survivors include two sons, John E. Burke of Baytown, Texas, and Michael L. Burke of Coeur d’Alene, Idaho; one brother, James R. Jim Bunyan of Pratt; four sisters, Sarah Louise McAdams of Dallas, Billie Joan Hollond of Emporia, Betty Carlena Gibbon of Salina and Peggy A. Raymer of Great Bend; four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband and one brother, Glen E. Bunyan.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend with Father Kevin Schmidt officiating. There will be an additional service at 2 p.m. on Nov. 29 at St. Michael’s Episcopal Church in La Marque, Texas. Burial will be Nov. 29 at Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Dickinson, Texas. Friends may call from 9 a.m. until service time Friday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Cherry Village Nursing Home in care of the funeral home.

Funeral arrangements provided by
Bryant Funeral Home
1425 Patton Road
Great Bend, KS 67530
620-793-3526

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 26, 2006

Alvin L. Beers 1917 - 2006

HOISINGTON — Alvin L. Beers, 89, died Nov. 20 at Cheyenne Meadows Living Center in Hoisington. He was born Aug. 27, 1917, in Hoisington, the son of Andrew Jackson and Dora Belle (Cody) Beers. A lifelong Hoisington resident, he married Mildred Pauline Beers on July 8, 1945, at Hoisington. They owned the Beers Paint and Hardware Store from 1965 to 1987.

Beers was a member of the First United Methodist Church, and served as past commander of the American Legion Post No. 286 and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 7428, all in Hoisington. He was an Army veteran of World War II, serving four years in Europe and Africa.

Survivors include his wife Pauline, of the home; two sons, Gerald L. Bohannon of Houston, Texas, and Lloyd D. Bohannon of Los Angeles, Calif.; two daughters, Lois E. Bohannon of Littleton, Colo., and Alvin Beers Jr. of Greenwood Village, Colo.; and four grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Maynard and Herbert Beers, and a sister, Lavonne Hettler.

Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Dec. 2 at the church, with the Rev. Wayne Flanders officiating. There will be no visitation as cremation has taken place. Memorials are suggested to the church or Cheyenne Meadows Living Center, 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
620-793-6161
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 22, 2006

Virginia W. Bohannon 1916 - 2006

Virgil W. Bohannon, 90, of Great Bend, died Nov. 21 at Central Kansas Medical Center. He was born Apr. 29, 1916, in Allen, Okla., the son of John Henry and Minnie (Clayborn) Bohannon. He married Leathel Price on Oct. 19, 1936, in Okemah, Okla. He was a resident of Hoisington since 1946 before moving to Great Bend. He was a mechanic for NCRA.

Bohannon was a member of the Church of Christ in Great Bend.

Survivors include his wife, the home; two sons, Gerald L. Bohannon of Houston, Texas, and Lloyd D. Bohannon of Los Angeles, Calif.; two daughters, Lois E. Bohannon of Littleton, Colo., and Reta Wynne of Great Bend; nine grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one brother, John Bohannon, and two sisters, Edna Hays and Virgie Price.

Funeral service will be at 1 p.m. Friday at the church with Chuck Marshall officiating. Burial will be in the Hoisington City Cemetery. Friends may call from 10 a.m. to noon Friday at the church. Memorials are suggested to the church 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, Nov. 22, 2006
November 21, 2006

Wilma F. Serpan 1931 - 2006

RAYMOND — Wilma F. Serpan, 75, died Nov. 18 at Good Samaritan Center in Lyons. She was born Aug. 2, 1931, in Schoenchen, the daughter of John and Emmerencia Munsch Pfannenstiel. A resident of Raymond since 1992, coming from Timken, she was a homemaker, worked for Johnson Electric and retired from Fuller Brush Co. She married Milton A. Serpan on Jan. 10, 1959 in Larned. He died March 1, 1996.

Survivors include one son, Steve Serpan and wife Michelle of Timken; three daughters, Debra Duntz and husband Vernon Jr. of Raymond, Kay Winford of Topeka and Dona Serpan of Independence, Mo.; one brother, Herb Pfannenstiel and wife Diane of Great Bend; five sisters, Vera Adams and husband John of Chase, Phyllis Debes of Great Bend, Phil Wahl of Edmond, Okla., Linda Noltensmeier and husband Bob of Bakersfield, Calif., and Twila Griffith and husband Jim of Lake Isabella, Calif.; 10 grandchildren and five great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one daughter, Carol Grothe; son-in-law Kenneth Winford; four brothers, Robert, Elmer, Leroy and Charles Pfannenstiel; and one sister, Rose Goeser.

Rosary will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday at Sillin Funeral Home in Lyons. Family will receive friends from 9 to 10 a.m. on Friday at Raymond Gym in Raymond. Graveside service will be at 11:30 a.m. on Friday at Bohemian National Cemetery in Timken with Father Charles Mazouch officiating. Memorials are suggested to Wilma Serpan Memorial Fund, Raymond Community Development or Bohemian National Cemetery, all in care of Sillin Funeral Home in Lyons.

Funeral arrangements provided by Sillin Funeral Homes*
214 West Ave. South
Lyons, KS 67554
620-257-2211
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 21, 2006

Charles William McClintock 1932 - 2006

SAND SPRINGS, OKLA. — Charles William McClintock, 74, of Sand Springs, Okla., died Nov. 18 at his home. His illness was long and he was most courageous. He was born on May 21, 1932, in Haskell, Okla., the son of Muriel Aymer and William H. McClintock. He served in the United States Air Force and worked for American Airlines, retiring as a managing director. He was a well known drag racer and held a national speed record from the NHRA. Charles was an avid hunter, fisherman and private pilot.

Charles was a member and served faithfully at Sand Springs United Methodist Church, and was a 32 degree Mason of the Scottish Rite in Tulsa.

Survivors include his wife of 53 years, Barbara; two daughters, Amy Kile and husband Rick of Great Bend, and Caroline Wescott and husband Daniel of Owasso, Okla.; three grandsons, Micah Lee Kile, Jared Charles Kile and Matthew Charles Wescott; and two sisters, Marjorie Noe of Nowata, Okla., and Cynthia Lindsey of Longview, Texas.

Graveside service will be at 10 a.m. on Wednesday at Memorial Park Cemetery in Nowata, Okla. A memorial service will be from 2 p.m. Wednesday at Sand Springs United Methodist Church. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. today at the Mobley Dodson Funeral Home, Sand Springs, Okla. Memorials are suggested to Sand Springs United Methodist Church building fund, P.O. Box 336, Sand Springs, Okla. 74063.

Funeral arrangements provided by Mobley-Dodson Funeral Service*
211 E. Broadway
P.O. Box 487
Sand Springs, OK 74063
918-245-6644
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 21, 2006

Harvey Manuel Stricker 1925 - 2006

WAUSAU, Wis. — Harvey Manuel Stricker, 81, of Wausau, Wis., died Nov. 18 at Aspirus Wausau Hospital. He was born on April 9, 1925, in Russell, the son of Gottfried and Molly Stricker.

Survivors include his wife Patricia Stricker; two daughters, Jana (Daniel) McDonell and her son Ross, and Anita (James) Weiland and their children David, Derek, Molly Megan and Maren; five brothers, Elmer, Glen, Bob, Tom and Dean Stricker; six sisters, Rozella Van Reenan, Helen Michaelis, Lenetta Springer, Elsaen Bender, Mary Jane Doonan, and Kathryn Booth; and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. on Wednesday at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Wausau, Wis. Friends may visit from 4:30 to 7 p.m. today at Brainard Funeral Home in Wausau, and from 10 a.m. until service time on Wednesday at the church. Memorials are suggested to Immanuel Lutheran Church, 630 Adams Street, Wausau, WI 54403. Online condolences at www.brainardfuneral.com.

Funeral arrangements provided by Brainard Funeral Home and Cremation Center*
522 Adams Street
Wausau, WI 54403
715-845-5525
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 21, 2006

Elsie F. Oshel 1918 - 2006

HOLYROOD — Elsie F. Oshel, 87, died Nov. 18 at Salina Regional Health Center in Salina. She was born on Dec. 13, 1918, the daughter of Joe Purma Sr. and Emma Haska. A lifetime resident of Holyrood, she was a homemaker. She married Frank Oshel in 1942 in Wichita.


Mrs. Oshel was a member of the American legion Auxiliary in Holyrood and the United Church of Christ.

Survivors include two daughters, Janice Grubb and Judy Glaser, both of Holyrood; one brother, Joe Purma of Fair Grove, Mo.; three sisters, Ruth Miller and Dorothy Doll, both of Wichita, and Ida Mae Frick of Hutchinson; six grandchildren and five great grandchildren. A private family memorial service is planned at a later date.

Funeral arrangements provided by Foster Mortuary Inc.
610 24th Street
Wilson, KS 67490-0205
785-658-2345
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 21, 2006

Verle L. Galliart 1945 - 2006


LARNED — Verle L. Galliart, 60, died Nov. 18 at his home in Larned. He was born Dec. 12, 1945, in Great Bend, the son of Leo Reed Galliart and Elaine G. Williams Giles. A lifetime resident of Pawnee County, he was a farmer. Verle was a member of the United Methodist Church, Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion, all of Larned. Survivors include his mother, of Larned; and three sisters, Linda Converse of Larned, Gay Sauer of Lawrence and Merilee Hook of Wichita. He was preceded in death by his father. Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Beckwith Mortuary Chapel in Larned with the Rev. Dennis Scheibmeier officiating. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. today at the mortuary. Burial will be in the Larned Cemetery. Memorials may be sent to the Larned VFW in care of the funeral home. Condolences may be left at www.beckwithmortuary.com.

Funeral arrangements provided by
Beckwith Mortuary
P.O. Box 477
Larned, KS 67550
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 21, 2006

Ronald “Randy” Corcoran 1925 - 2006

Ronald “Randy” Corcoran, 54, of Great Bend, died Nov. 18 at his home. He was born Nov. 29, 1951, at Hoisington, the son of Robert E. and Betty Lou Detter Corcoran. A resident of Great Bend since, 1996, coming from Hoisington, he was a construction worker for M & S Contracting.

Corcoran was of the Catholic faith. Survivors include his mother, Betty Corcoran, of Great Bend; three daughters, Sara Kidd, Brandy Corbin and Manda Corcoran, all of Lyons; one brother, Robbie Corcoran, Emporia; one sister, Cathy Morris, Hoisington; and two granddaughters. He was preceded in death by his father.

A memorial service will be held at 3 p.m. Saturday at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Solomon, with the Rev. John Wokesky officiating. There will be no visitation as cremation has taken place. 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, Nov. 21, 2006

November 19, 2006

Milton David Herman 1917-2006

FORT WORTH, Texas – Milton David Herman, 89, a retired electronics technician for General Dynamics, passed away Nov. 17 in Fort Worth, Texas.

Milton David Herman was born Feb. 11, 1917, in San Antonio, Texas. He was a member of the Moose Lodge. Milton enjoyed working in the yard, building things and painting pictures.

Milton will be greatly missed by his large family and friends.

Survivors include his wife of 60 years, Grace; sons, James Wiggins and wife, Mary and David Herman and wife, Kathy; daughters, Norma Whitler, Alinda Ballard and Sandra Fuller and husband, Robert; nine grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; and brother, Russell Herman.

Memorials are suggested to the American Cancer Society, 3301 W. Freeway, Fort Worth, Texas 76107.

Funeral arrangements provided by
Greenwood Funeral Home*
3100 White Settlement Road
Fort Worth, Texas 76107
(817)336-0584
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 19, 2006

Herman Franklin “Frank” Deines, Jr. 1940-2006

Herman Franklin “Frank” Deines, Jr., 65, of Great Bend, died Nov. 15 at The Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore, Md. He was born Dec. 7, 1940, at Boulder, Colo., the son of Herman Franklin Deines Sr. and Sara A. Arter Deines. He married Alice Jeanette Clark on Feb. 15, 1969, at Galatia. He was an electrical engineer for Data I.O. and in sales for Office Products, Inc., and a farmer. He was a resident of Great Bend since 1998, coming from Louisville, Colo. He was a United States Army veteran.

He was a member of Atonement Lutheran Church, Boulder, Colo., and Great Bend Kiwanis Club, serving as vice president, and the Golden Belt Residue Management Alliance, serving on the board.

Survivors, include his wife, of the home, are three sons, Herman Franklin Deines III, Great Bend, Scott Edward Deines, Otis, and Derek Andrew Deines, Firestone, Colo.; two daughters, Sheryl Lyn Stickler and Tammy René Deines, both of Broomfield, Colo.; his mother, Sara A. Deines, Otis; two brothers, Robert Deines, Hoisington, and James Deines, Wichita; three sisters, Kathryn Ahlvers, Great Bend, and Marcia Brewer, Edgewoodsville, Ill.; Vickie Riedl, Woodward, Okla.; and four grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his father and one sister, Elizabeth Ann Deines.

Funeral service will be at 1:30 p.m. on Nov. 25 at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Galatia, with the Rev. Bruce Adamson officiating. Burial will be at Fairview Cemetery, Galatia. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Nov. 24 at Bryant Funeral Home, Great Bend. Memorial donations may be made for The Johns Hopkins Hospital or for St. Paul 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. 19, 2006

Marvin Lee Campbell 1942-2006

LARNED — Marvin Lee Campbell, 64, died Nov. 17 at his home in Larned. He was born May 17, 1942, at Great Bend, the son of Lawrence Edward and Alice Marie Phillips Campbell. He married Judy Beach at Phoenix, Ariz., on Jan. 27, 1968. She died Aug. 11, 1994. He married Donna Rae Skelton at Tucson, Ariz., on Aug. 16, 1998. A resident of Larned since 2003, moving from Tucson, he was a draftsman and CADD Tech for URS Corporation.

He was a member of the United Methodist Church, Larned, and the American Legion at Tucson.
Survivors include his wife, of the home; four sons, Michael Beach, Waco, Texas, Kelly Beach, Tucson, Allen Campbell, Tucson, and David Skelton, Lakeland, Tenn.; five daughters, Yvonne Beach Ortz and Sherri Israel, both of Tucson, and Dawn, Michele and Lori Skelton, all of Larned; a brother, Eugene Campbell of Larned; two sisters, Marie Post, Spearfish, S.D., and Carolyn Duncan of Larned; 13 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Monday at the Beckwith Mortuary Chapel, Larned, with the Rev. Tim Ault-Duell presiding. Friends may call from 1 to 8 p.m. today at the mortuary. Cremation will take place after the funeral with private inurnment at a later date in the Farmington Cemetery at Macksville.

Memorials may be sent to the Larned United Methodist Church in care of Beckwith Mortuary, Inc.

Funeral arrangements provided by Beckwith Mortuary
916 Main
Larned, KS 67550
620-285-2121
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 19, 2006

November 17, 2006


ELLINWOOD — The Rev. John E. (Jack) Matrow, 82, died Nov. 14 at Galichia Heart Hospital in Wichita. He was born June 23, 1924, in rural Junction City, Geary County, the son of John E. Matrow and Annie Mae Morris Matrow. He was a 20-year resident of Ellinwood. He married Mary Ann Trott on Aug. 7, 1949, in Ellinwood. He was a graduate of Junction City High School in 1941, Manhattan Christian College in Manhattan, attended Phillips Theological Seminary in Enid, Okla., and was a graduate of Brite Divinity T.C.U. in Fort Worth, Texas. He was ordained in 1943 in the Christian Church and served in numerous churches in Kansas, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Texas, Kansas and Missouri before he retired in 1986. Matrow was a member of the First Christian Church in Great Bend, the newsletter editor of Rotary Club, a Rotary Paul Harris Fellow, the Wichita Postcard Club and the ministerial association. His hobbies included painting, postcard collecting, stamp collecting, coin collecting, rock collecting and gardening. Survivors include his wife, of the home; one son, John E. Matrow of Wichita; one daughter, Martha Jones of Broken Arrow, Okla.; and one sister, Marjorie Stiers of Fayetteville, Ark.; two grandchildren and one great grandchild. He was preceded in death by two brothers, LeRoy and William Caruthers, and a sister, Betty Matrow.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at the First Christian Church in Great Bend, with the Rev. William Johnson and the Rev. Larry Young officiating. Committal will be at 2:30 p.m. at Bean Cemetery in Little River. Friends may call from 5 to 8 p.m. Saturday and 1 to 8 p.m. Sunday at Kimple Funeral Home in Ellinwood. Memorials are suggested to the First Christian Church, Rotary Foundation or a charity of the donor’s choice, 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. 17, 2006

Wendell Byers 1920 - 2006

Wendell Byers, 86, Great Bend, died Nov. 16 at Great Bend Health and Rehabilitation Center. He was born Oct. 31, 1920, in rural Barton County, the son of Earl J. and Florence Deborah Curry Byers. He married Betty Jean Ruble on Dec. 24, 1941, at Great Bend. She died Oct. 3, 1999. He was a manager for Scheufler Supply and Big A Auto Parts Store. He was a lifetime resident of Great Bend and Barton County. He was a veteran of World War II, serving with the Army Air Corps. Byers was a member of the First Presbyterian Church and a life member of the American Legion Argonne Post 180, both of Great Bend. Survivors include a daughter, Jo Ann Doan of Hays; two grandchildren and six great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Ray Byers and Roy Byers, and a sister, Arlene Thompson.

Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Bryant Funeral Home, Great Bend, with the Rev. Hal Staats officiating. Interment will be in the Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call from noon to 9 p.m. today, with the family to receive friends from 6 to 7 p.m., and from 9 a.m. until service time Saturday, all at the funeral home. A memorial in Mr. Byers’s name has been established for the Byers and Doan Nursing Scholarship at the Fort Hays Endowment 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. 17, 2006

Herman Deines 1940 - 2006

Herman Deines, 65, of Great Bend, died Nov. 15 at The Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, Md. He was born Dec. 7, 1940. Bryant Funeral Home, Great Bend, will announce funeral arrangements.

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 17, 2006

Walter Anthony Veach 1955 - 2006

LOVELAND, Colo. — Walter Anthony Veach, 51, died Nov. 8 at McKee Hospice Care Center, Loveland, after spending the last year battling cancer. He was born Nov. 5, 1955, at Ironton, Ohio, the son of Walter G. and Rose McMahon Veach. He married Jennifer Nelson June 30, 1979, in Barton County. He graduated from high school and attended college in Kansas. He was an overland truck driver for McLane Western for 13 years. He moved from Kansas to Loveland in 1990.

He was a member of Grace Community Church, Loveland. He enjoyed camping, fishing and hunting. He loved baseball and antique trucks.

Survivors include his wife, Jennifer, of Loveland; two sons, LCLP Levi Veach and Pfc. Caleb Veach, both in the U.S. Marine Corps; a daughter, Mariah Veach, of Loveland; his mother, Rose Veach, of Lowry City, Mo.; three brothers, Glenn Veach (Laura) of Oak Hill, Va., Dean Veach, and Daniel Veach (Jeanette), all of Lowry City, Mo.; four sisters, Cinda Schneweis (Leon) of Lawrence, Susan Albright (John) of Lowry City, Mo., Julia Veach of Newton and Emily Jenkins (Rusty) of Lowry City, Mo.; two grandchildren, Nolan Murphy and Brooklyn Murphy of Loveland; and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his father and by a sister, Judy.
Cremation has been completed. A memorial service will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Faith Evangelical Church, Loveland, with the Rev. Gary Glover of Grace Community Church officiating. Memorial contributions may be made for Hospice of Larimer County or the Grace Community Church Building Fund, in care of Viegut Funeral Home.

Funeral arrangements provided by Viegut Funeral Home*
1440 North Boise Ave.
Loveland, CO 80538
970-679-4669

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November 16, 2006

Clarence G. Nuss 1921 - 2006

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. — Clarence G. Nuss, 85, died Nov. 9 at the Pikes Peak Hospice in Colorado Springs, Colo. He was born July 28, 1921, in Scottsbluff, Neb., the son of Reinhold and Amalia (Mollie) Beisel Nuss. He married Esther Rupp in Conway, Ark., on Dec. 14, 1941. They had one daughter, Elizabeth Ann. He later married Teru Aria on Feb. 19, 1951, in Koge, Japan. They have one son, Jim. Mr. Nuss was a World War II veteran, having served in the Aleutian Islands, France, Germany and Japan. He retired from the Army in 1963 after having served for 22 years. He entered Civil Service in 1963, where he worked as a supervisor in receiving for the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo. He retired from Civil Service in 1983. He was a resident of Colorado Springs for 46 years.

Survivors include his wife Teru; his son, Jim T. Nuss of Colorado Springs, Colo.; two grandchildren, Autumn (Steve) Ehrhardt of Boulder, Colo., and Jade Nuss of Colorado Springs, Colo.; three great-grandchildren, India and Oliver Ehrhardt and Evan Nuss; two brothers, Gerhardt Nuss of Great Bend and Ray J. Nuss of Dallas; and six sisters, Mrs. Berneice Hillman, of Keller, Texas, Mrs. Ruth (Bob) Critser of Wakeeny, Mrs. Ruby (Larry) Manweiler of Hesston and Mrs. Josephine Sutton, Mrs. Irene Ledford and Mrs. Virginia (Karl) Harmony, all of Great Bend. He was preceded in death by his parents, his infant daughter Elizabeth, and four brothers, Erwin, Leroy, Roland and Wilbur.

A memorial service was held Nov. 12 at the Soka Gakkai International-USA Center. A private inurnment will be held at a later date. The body was cremated. A memorial donation may be made to the donor’s choice.

Funeral arrangements provided by Evergreen Funeral Home*
1830 E. Fountain Blvd.
Colorado Springs, CO 80910
719-475-8303

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 16, 2006

Ruby E. Wilson 1921 - 2006

LARNED — Ruby E. Wilson, 85, died Nov. 13 at Wheatland Care Center in Kingman. She was born May 5, 1921, in Leoti, the daughter of William and Gladys Couch Blau. A lifetime area resident, she was retired from the USD 495 food service department. She married Willard Wilson in 1939 at Manitou Springs, Colo. She died Jan. 2, 1993.

Mrs. Wilson was a member of the Christian Church in Pawnee Rock.

Survivors include a son, Lynn of Great Bend; a daughter, R. Faye Steffen of Sterling; five sisters, Betty Elder of Tribune, Maxine Peterson and Mary Rose Ballard, both of Scott City, Irene Hienetz of Leoti, and Dorothy Jordan of Provo, Utah; five grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, her infant daughter Elizabeth, and four brothers, Erwin, Leroy, Roland and Wilbur.

A memorial service will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at the Beckwith Mortuary Chapel with Pastor Don Paden presiding. Burial will be in the Pawnee Rock Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. today and Friday at the mortuary. Memorials are suggested to the Alzheimer’s Association in care of Beckwith Mortuary, P.O. Box 477, Larned, KS 67550. This notice may be viewed and condolences sent to www.beckwithmortuary.com.

Funeral arrangements provided by Beckwith Mortuary
916 Main
P.O. Box 477
Larned, KS 67550.

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 16, 2006

Reinhold J. “Mac” Suppes 1922 - 2006

Reinhold J. “Mac” Suppes, 84, of Great Bend, died Nov. 14 at his home. He was born March 30, 1922, at Liebenthal, the son of Adam Suppes Jr. and Mary Herrman Suppes. He married Rufina “Ruby” Graf on Aug. 9, 1949, at Hays. She died on June 21, 2001. He was a farmer and stockman. He was a resident of Great Bend since 1968, coming from Bazine.

He was a member of Catholic Community of Great Bend at St. Patrick and the Knights of Columbus at Liebenthal.

Survivors include three sons, Stephen Suppes and wife Diane, David Suppes and wife Kristi, and Paul Suppes and wife Jan, all of Great Bend; five brothers, Primus Suppes of Scott City, Anton Suppes of Loretta, Julius Suppes and Clarence Suppes, both of Otis, and Eugene Suppes of Great Bend; one sister, Ruth Engel of Loretta; nine grandchildren; Stephanie Muth, Scott Suppes, Stacie Michaelis, Sarah Clancy, Lynnea Suppes, Kory Suppes, Shay Preece, Gabrielle Guesnier and Jake Guesnier; and eight great-grandchildren: Allison Muth, Audrey Muth, Abby Muth, Austin Michaelis, Brooklyn Michaelis, Lauren Suppes and Allie Rowe. He was preceded in death by one sister, Helen Schuckman.

A vigil service with Knights of Columbus Rosary will be at 7 p.m. Friday at Bryant Funeral Home, Great Bend. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at St. Patrick Catholic Church, Great Bend, with Father Reginald A. Urban officiating. Interment will be in the Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Donations to memorial funds for the Knights of Columbus, Liebenthal, or for the Holy Family School Endowment Fund may be made 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, 2006

November 15, 2006

Daniel Eugene Moulder 1968 - 2006

November 15, 2006

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 16, 2006
HOLLYWOOD, Fla. — Daniel Eugene Moulder, 38, died Nov. 3 in Hollywood, Fla. He was born April 6, 1968, in Great Bend, the son of Jack and Joyce Moulder. He graduated from Great Bend High School in 1986. He moved to Las Vegas, Nev., in 1999. He was a resident of Hollywood, Fla., for one year.

He was a member of the United Methodist Church.

Survivors include his grandmother, Virginia Higers of Las Vegas, Nev.; two aunts, Joan Farmer and Janet Brown of Las Vegas, Nev.; two uncles, Gary and wife Janice Everett and Alton (Pete) and wife Carol Everett, all of Great Bend; and many cousins and friends. He was preceded in death by his father, Jack Moulder, and his mother, Joyce Moulder.

Interment will be at the Great Bend Cemetery.

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 15, 2006#

Janice M. Unruh Beougher 1935 - 2006

HUTCHINSON — Janice M. Unruh Beougher, 71, died Nov. 14 at Hospice House in Hutchinson. She was born April 27, 1935, in Great Bend, the daughter of the Rev. Galen W. and Doris E. Nairn Unruh. She was a graduate of Pawnee Rock High School. She earned a bachelor’s degree at Marymount College, Salina, and a master’s degree at Fort Hays State University, Hays. A resident of Hutchinson, she had previously lived in Pawnee Rock, Pretty Prairie and Kingman. She was a master-level psychologist for Horizons Mental Health Center.

Beougher was a charter member of the North American Association of Masters in Psychology and Kansas Association of Masters in Psychology. She was a lifelong member of the Church of the New Jerusalem, Swedenborgian.

Survivors include two sons, Duane Beougher of St. Louis, Mo., and Darrel Beougher of Stockton; two daughters, Debra Beougher of Wellington and Diane Beougher of Yoder; one brother, Stanley Unruh of San Antonio, Texas; and two sisters, Carole Bowman of Pawnee Rock and Sharon Billings of Cincinnati, Ohio. She was preceded in death by a brother, Stephen Unruh.

Memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at the New Jerusalem Church in Pawnee Rock with the Rev. Jane Siebert officiating.

Cremation will take place. Memorials are suggested to the American Cancer Society or the church, in care of Penwell-Gabel Funeral Home and Crematory in Hutchinson.

Funeral arrangements provided by Penwell-Gabel Funeral Home and Crematory
300 W. 30th Ave.
Hutchinson, KS 67502
620-662-1201
www.PenwellGabel.com
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 15, 2006

Marcus Benarr Mix 1924 - 2006

Marcus Benarr Mix, 82, of Great Bend, died Nov. 12 at Cherry Village Nursing Home, Great Bend. He was born Feb. 26, 1924, at Village Buffalo, Okla., the son of Charles Franklin and Ruth Marie Jones Mix. He was a newspaper printing press setter. He had lived in Great Bend since May 18, 2005, coming from Kennewick, Wash. He was a veteran of World War II, serving with the United States Air Force.

Survivors include a daughter, Marcinia Killman, of Texas; a sister, Mary Ruth Loomis, of Upland, Calif.; seven grandchildren, two great grandchildren and two great-great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two sons, William Killman and Charles M. Killman; four brothers, Charles Noel, Howard Louis, Leonard Joel and Richard Lacy Mix; one sister, Louisa Mix; a great-granddaughter, Elizabeth Marie Wilson, and a great-great grandson.

There will be no visitation, as cremation has taken place. A memorial service will be held at a later date. A memorial fund in his name has been established for Cherry Village Nursing Home. Donations may be made 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. 15, 2006

The Rev. Jack Matrow

ELLINWOOD — The Rev. Jack Matrow, retired minister and longtime Ellinwood resident, died Nov. 14 at Galacia Heart Hospital in Wichita.

Arrangements are pending with Kimple Funeral Home in Ellinwood.

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 15, 2006

November 14, 2006

Gary Dean Kroecker 1951 - 2006

TOWANDA — Gary Dean Kroecker, age 55, of Towanda, was killed in a tragic motorcycle accident on Nov. 8. Gary was a devoted husband, an incredible dad to his son and three stepchildren, and a true friend to all who knew him.

Gary was born the son of Marvin and Evelyn Kroecker on Aug. 20, 1951, in Great Bend. They preceded him in death. Gary was a graduate of Pawnee Rock High School and Kansas State University. He had a lifelong passion and talent for woodworking and blacksmithing. He was employed in the aircraft industry, with The Nordam Group, building executive aircraft interiors.

Gary is survived by his wife, Barbara Evanhoe of the home; son, Aric Dean Kroecker, of Palatine, Ill.; stepchildren Lauren Evanhoe, of Ithaca, N.Y., and Richard Evanhoe and Rebecca Evanhoe, both of Lawrence; sister Karen Garrett and husband Rick, of Great Bend; and brother Craig Kroecker, of Pawnee Rock.

The Gary Kroecker Memorial Fund has been established at Empris Re Bank, Wichita, for the purpose of raising awareness to make the roads safer for motorcyclists.

A benefit for the memorial fund was held Sunday, Nov. 12, from noon to 5 p.m., at the Port of Wichita, 1548 S. Webb Rd., Wichita. Fifty percent of the proceeds will be donated to the memorial fund.

Gary’s life will be celebrated with a memorial service at 7 p.m. today, at The Bright Spot for Health Panorama Room, 3100 N. Hillside, Wichita.

To share a memory or to leave condolences, visit www.cornerstonecremationsociety.com.

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 14, 2006#

Charles Jacob Robinson 1953 - 2006

WEWAHITCHKA, Fla. — Charles Jacob Robinson, 53, died Oct. 14 at his home in the loving arms of the Lord and his family. He was born Feb. 27, 1953, in Great Bend. He graduated from Great Bend High School in 1971 and went to Florida in 1986, where he became a correctional officer for the state.
He is survived by five sons, Patrick Robinson, his wife Christine and daughter Brittany of Panama City, Fla., Christopher Robinson, his wife Bianca and three children, Savannah, Christopher and Patrick of Panama City Beach, Fla., Anthony Robinson of Moultrie, Ga., and James and Jerry Robinson, both of Mexico Beach, Fla.; one daughter, Tiffany Nicole Robinson Johns of Panama City Beach, Fla.; one sister, Jacque Staab and her husband, of Beacon Hill, Fla.; two brothers, Joe Robinson and wife Neill of Austin, Texas, and Richard Robinson and wife Marsha of Port St. Joe, Fla.; a lifelong friend, Wade Kern of Wichita; and his former wives Katherine and Sherry.

He was loved and will be missed by many.

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 14, 2006*

Kevin S. Dunlap 1959 - 2006

O'FALLON, Mo. — Kevin S. Dunlap, 47, died Nov. 10 at his residence. He was born Oct. 6, 1959, the son of Richard A. Dunlap of Great Bend and Ramona L. Meddles Dunlap of Great Bend. He was a district manager of Hobby Lobby for the past five years in Ballwin, Mo., and a former general manager of Lowes Home Center.

Dunlap was a member of Grace Assembly of God Church in New Whiteland, Ind. He was a loving husband and he loved and adored his children and grandchildren. He was an avid golfer and was always making people laugh – a man of integrity and most importantly, a man of God. He was a beloved brother-in-law, uncle, nephew, cousin and a friend to many and loved by all.

Survivors include his wife, Susan A. Floyd Dunlap of O'Fallon, Mo.; father, Richard A. Dunlap of Great Bend; mother Ramona L. Meddles Dunlap of Great Bend; one son Josh S. Dunlap (Ashley) of Indianapolis, Ind.; one daughter, Jessica A. Jones (nee: Dunlap) of Indianapolis, Ind.; three grandsons, Jaylen Jones, Jacob Jones and Jarren Jones; one granddaughter, Jasmine Jones; parents-in-law, the Rev. Jim and Carol Floyd, and mother-in-law Pat Floyd, all of Bowling Green, Ky.; one brother, Matthew Dunlap and wife Cheryl of Wylie, Texas; and two sisters Roxana Hale and husband Bob of Oklahoma City, Okla., and Christine Shipman and husband Earnie of Saginaw, Texas.

Funeral service will be at noon today at St. Charles First Assembly of God Church in St. Charles, Mo. Burial will be at St. Charles Memorial Gardens, 3950 West Clay, St. Charles, Mo. Memorials are suggested to St. Charles First Assembly of God building fund in care of the funeral home.

Funeral arrangements provided by Baue Funeral and Memorial Center* 3950 West Clay St. Charles, MO 63301 636-946-7811 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 14, 2006

Daniel Eugene Moulder 1968 - 2006

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He was a member of the United Methodist Church.

Survivors include his grandmother, Virginia Higers of Las Vegas, Nev.; two aunts, Joan Farmer and Janet Brown of Las Vegas, Nev.; one uncle, Gary and wife Janice Everett of Great Bend, and many cousins and friends. He was preceded in death by his father, Jack Moulder, and his mother, Joyce Moulder.

Interment will be at the Great Bend Cemetery.

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 14, 2006*

Marcus B. Mix 82, of Great Bend, died Nov. 12. Arrangements are pending with Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend.

November 12, 2006

William E. (Chuck) Arnold 1933 - 2006

GENESEO — William E. (Chuck) Arnold, 73, died Nov. 10 in rural Barton County. He was born June 9, 1933, at Mulberry, Ark., the son of Evert William and Ethel Ione Arnold. He married Delores Galyardt July 14, 1956, at Lyons. He was a resident of Geneseo for the past four years, and was formerly of Ellinwood. He was a retired cable tool driver for Chief Drilling and a sand pump operator for Dartmouth Sand & Gravel.

He was a member of the United Methodist Church, Ellinwood, the VFW, also at Ellinwood, The American Legion at Geneseo and the Masonic Lodge at Claflin. He was a U.S. Army veteran.

Survivors include his grandmother, Virginia Higers of Las Vegas, Nev.; two aunts, Joan Farmer and Janet Brown of Las Vegas, Nev.; one uncle, Gary and wife Janice Everett of Great Bend, and many cousins and friends. He was preceded in death by his brother, Don Arnold, and a sister, Naddine Riddle.

Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Monday at the United Methodist Church, Ellinwood, with the Rev. Gary Brooks officiating. Burial will be at the Lakin-Comanche District Cemetery, Ellinwood. Friends may call from 3 to 7 p.m. today at Kimple Funeral Home in Ellinwood. Memorials are suggested to St. Charles First Assembly of God building 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, Nov. 14, 2006

Mary "Frances" Maxwell Cilek 1909 - 2006

HUTCHINSON — Mary "Frances" Maxwell Cilek, 97, died Nov. 9 at Cheyenne Meadows Living Center, Hoisington. She was born Jan. 19, 1909, at Clay Center, the daughter of James Howat and Jessie Irene Spence Maxwell. She married Raymond W. Cilek on Aug. 10, 1931, in Manhattan. He died March 3, 2002. She attended primary school in Clay Center and graduated from high school in Manhattan in 1926.

She attended and graduated from Kansas State University in 1930. She taught at Almena High School, Almena, upon her graduation. She worked for the U.S. Department of Labor in Detroit, Mich., Jacksonville, Fla., and Houston, Texas. She then worked for the Poor Commission in Decatur County, Kan. She moved to Marysville with her family in 1941, where she began teaching at Oketo (Kan.) High School. The family moved to Hutchinson and she began teaching at Liberty Middle School, where she taught from 1946 to 1958. She then took a job with the Social Security Administration as a field representative, retiring in 1972.

She was a member of First Presbyterian Church, Chapter "D" of PEO, AAUW, and was past president of both Altruso and BPW. She enjoyed playing bridge and belonged to several bridge clubs. Upon retiring she took up the game of golf, which she enjoyed. She said her husband also enjoyed traveling.
LARNED — Cecilia R. (Emard) Blackwell, 85, died Nov. 9 at Lutheran Medical Center in Wheat Ridge, Colo. Service arrangements are closed. Memorials may be sent to the Children's Fund, in care of Beckwith Mortuary. This notice may be viewed and condolences left at

Funeral service was at 2 p.m. Saturday at the United Methodist Church in Larned with Pastor T. Dale Lane presiding. The casket was

LARNED; and a niece, Rane Cuta of Minnetonka, Minn. He was preceded in death by his grandfather, Hugh Burton.

Brian Keith Burton 1979 - 2006

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A benefit for the memorial fund will be held today, Nov. 12, from noon to 5 p.m., at the Port of Wichita, 1548 S. Webb Rd., Wichita. Fifty percent of the proceeds will be donated to the memorial fund. Gary's life will be celebrated with a memorial service on Tuesday, Nov. 14, at 8 p.m., at The Bright Spot for Health Panorama Room, 3100 N. Hillside, Wichita.

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Gary is survived by his wife, Barbara Kroeker of the home; son, Aric Dean Kroeker, of Palatine, Ill.; stepchildren Laurelin Evanhoe, of Ithaca, N.Y., Richard Evanhoe, of Lawrence and Rebecca Evanhoe, of Lawrence; a sister, Karen Garrett and husband Rick, of Great Bend, and a brother, Craig Kroeker, of Pawnee Rock.

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Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 12, 2006

Leonard "Lennie" Maneth, Jr. 1952 - 2006

OLMITZ — Leonard "Lennie" Maneth, Jr., 54, died Nov. 8 at Via Christi Regional Medical Center, St. Francis Campus, in Wichita. He was born June 10, 1952, in Great Bend, the son of Leonard Maneth, Sr., and Marcella (Riedel) Maneth. A lifetime resident of Olmitz, he was a farmer/stockman and a former employee of Gibson, Titus and Stafford, Murphy Truck Repair and O’Neil Tank Co., all of Great Bend; an employee of Wallis Trucking and a self-employed welder.

Mr. Maneth was a member of St. Ann Catholic Church and Knights of Columbus Council #2100, both in Olmitz. Survivors include five daughters, Wendy Brack and her husband Kelly, and Liston Marsh and her husband Calvin, all of Great Bend, Lori Maneth of La Crosse, Lisa Hamel and her husband Jody of Damar, and Amber Maneth of Lindsay; his mother, Marcella Maneth of Olmitz; two brothers, Edward Maneth and his wife Kelly of Olmitz and David Maneth of Great Bend; three sisters, Diana Wilson and her husband Michael of Kansas City, Mo., Jolene Dozier and her husband Greg of Independence, Mo., and Mary Kay Harbert and her husband Gary of Kingman; and nine grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his father, Leonard Maneth, Sr., and grandparents, Edward and Charlotte Riedel and Charles and Augusta Maneth.

Wake service will be at 6 p.m. today followed by a K of C rosary at St. Ann Catholic Church in Olmitz. Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at St. Ann Catholic Church with Father Utan Murphy officiating. Burial will be at St. Ann Cemetery in Olmitz. Friends may call from 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. today at the funeral home and 9 a.m. to service time Monday at the church. Memorials are suggested to St. Ann Catholic Church, Holy Family Endowment Fund and Pheasants Forever in care of the funeral home.

Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home*

415 N. Main
P.O. Box 146
Hoisington, KS 67544
620-653-4165

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 12, 2006

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Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 12, 2006

Brian Keith Burton 1979 - 2006

LARNED — Brian Keith Burton, 27, died Nov. 8 in Stafford County. He was born June 10, 1979, in Larned, the son of William Keith and Charlene J. Hiebert Burton. He married Rebecca Renee Glenn Burton in Larned on June 7, 2003. She survives. A Larned resident since July, moving from Bucklin, he was an account specialist for Nex-Tech in Dodge City.

Brian was a member of the Bible Baptist Church in Russell.

Survivors include his wife; one daughter, Alexis of the home; an unborn child; his parents of Russell; grandparents, Milton and Irene Hiebert of Larned and Ruth Burton of Council Grove; one brother, Alan of Great Bend; father-in-law and mother-in-law Jerry and Rhonda Glenn of Larned; brother-in-law, Brent Glenn of Hays; sisters-in-law Rachael Cuta and husband Josh of Minnetonka, Minn., and RuthAnn Glenn of Larned; and a niece, Rane Cuta of Minnetonka, Minn. He was preceded in death by his grandfather, Hugh Burton.

Funeral service was at 2 p.m. Saturday at the United Methodist Church in Larned with Pastor T. Dale Lane presiding. The casket was closed. Memorials may be sent to the Children’s Fund, in care of Beckwith Mortuary. This notice may be viewed and condolences left at

Beckwith Mortuary*
P.O. Box 477
Larned, KS 67550
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 12, 2006

Cecilia R. (Emard) Blackwell

LARNED — Cecilia R. (Emard) Blackwell, 85, died Nov. 9 at Lutheran Medical Center in Wheat Ridge, Colo. Service arrangements are pending and will be announced by Beckwith Mortuary Chapel, Larned.

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 12, 2006

November 10, 2006
Robert L. Larson 1920 - 2006

Robert L. Larson, 86, formerly of Great Bend, died Nov. 8 at his residence in Wichita. He was born Aug. 23, 1920, at Galva, the son of Oscar Alfred Henry Larson, Sr., and Mildred Johnson Larson. He married Dorothy E. Pascoe on Aug. 11, 1945, at First United Methodist Church, Great Bend, while serving with the U.S. Army. She died Feb. 4, 1999. The couple called Great Bend their home for 53 years until her death. He enjoyed farming in his earlier years and was manager of Mering Inc. and managed two Mobil Oil stations in Great Bend. He owned and operated EFD Express Delivery and was a former Realtor for Sell Real Estate. Larson retired in 1986. He was a resident of Great Bend for most of his life, moving to Wichita in April of 2005 to live with his daughter, Jan Todd and her family.

He was a member of the First United Methodist Church. He was a lifetime member of the Great Bend Rotary Club and served on the Great Bend Commission. He received the Distinguished Service Award in 1954. He was an active member of American Legion Post 180. He served as a past commander and took an active role with the American Legion baseball program. Larson was proud to be a member of the Great Bend Post. That is one of the places he missed most.

Survivors include five daughters: Jan Todd and husband Joe, Wichita; LouAnn Cobb and husband Randy, Olathe; Lynn Kaiser and husband Steve, Great Bend; JoLetta Woolwine and husband Tom, Westwood Hill; and Jerri Dennett and husband Greg, Wichita; 15 grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild expected to join the family in December; two brothers, Oscar Larson, Jr., Galva, and Lewis Larson, Pretty Prairie; and two sisters, Ruth Taylor and Marjorie Holloway, both of Wichita. Robert was preceded in death by one son, Jon Mart Larson, one brother, Lt. Austin Laverne Pete Larson, and one sister, Doris Larson Engel.

Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at First United Methodist Church, Great Bend with the Rev. Gary Brooks officiating. Interment will be at Great Bend Cemetery, with military committal rites conducted by a Fort Riley Honor Guard. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday, with the family to receive friends from 6 to 8 p.m., at Bryant Funeral Home, Great Bend; and from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. Saturday at the church. Memorial donations to the Robert L. Larson Scholarship Fund may be made 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. 10, 2006

Lennie Maneth, Jr.
OLMITZ — Lennie Maneth, Jr., 54, died Nov. 8 at Via Christi Regional Medical Center, St. Francis Campus in Wichita. Service arrangements are pending with Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington.

Gladys Watson 1908 - 2006

ELLINWOOD — Gladys Watson, 98, died Nov. 8 at Woodhaven Care Center in Ellinwood. She was born Feb. 14, 1908, at Halstead, the daughter of Joseph Rambo Reed and Sarah Christena Rexer. She was a longtime resident of Turon, formerly of Branson, Mo., and Bovina, Colo., and a resident of Ellinwood for the past 10 years. She married Lawson E. Watson on May 3, 1931, at Turon. He died Jan. 21, 1980. She was a farm wife and a dietary aide at Skaggs Hospital in Branson, Mo.

Mrs. Watson was a member of the Turon Community Church.

Survivors include two daughters, Margaret J. Compton of Ellinwood and Martha J. Little of Park Hill, Okla.; eight grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren and seven great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a daughter, Mary J. Thomas; four brothers, Rexter M. Reed, Byron E. Reed, John R. Reed and Marion J. Reed; one sister, Mary C. Myers; one grandson, Michael J. Thomas; and one great-grandson, Amos Fournier.

Graveside service will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at the Turon Cemetery with the Rev. Steve Gill officiating. Friends may call from 3 to 7 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Kimple, Inc. Funeral Home
113 N. Main
Ellinwood, KS 67526
620-564-2300
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 10, 2006

Jerry Lee Meehan 1957 - 2006

Jerry Lee Meehan, 49, of Great Bend, died Nov. 8 at Central Kansas Medical Center, Great Bend. He was born Oct. 3, 1957, in Denver, Colo., the son of Leo Edward and Lillian M. (Deines) Meehan.

He was a member of the United States Marine Corps for four years, and spent some time in Hawaii.

Survivors include his mother, Lillian Cochran, of Great Bend; a nephew, Zane Meehan and wife April, and their two children, Chloe and Ben, all of Topeka; and a host of uncles, aunts and cousins. He was preceded in death by his father, Leo Edward Meehan, his stepfather, Billy J. Cochran, a brother, Benjamin Meehan, and grandparents, Ben and Pauline Deines.

Cremation has taken place. There will be no visitation. Private family inurnment will be at a later date, in WaKeeney City Cemetery, WaKeeney.

Arrangements provided by
Charter Funerals*
2115 Washington
Great Bend, KS 67530
620-793-6161
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 10, 2006

November 9, 2006

Robert Swanson 1934 - 2006

Robert Swanson, CWO-2 USN-Ret., 72, a former resident of Great Bend, died Nov. 4. He was born Jan. 8, 1934, in Stillwater, Minn. While residing in Great Bend, he worked for the Great Bend Police Department and was the plant engineer for Fuller Brush Co. After leaving Great Bend, he worked for various companies in the River Falls, Wis./St.Paul, Minn., area.

Swanson served 22 years in the U.S. Navy, was active in his church and was a member of Vietnam Veterans of America No. 331; the Tailhook Assn.; DAV No. 26; Veterans of Foreign Wars; American Legion No. 48; Order of Mason No.109; and past president and past treasurer of the USS Oriskany Association.

He is survived by his wife of 26 years, Allega Swanson, of River Falls, Wis.; children: Bruce Swanson of Florida, Gary Swanson of Georgia, Linda Richardson of Texas, Diana Zeretzke of Great Bend, Greg Swanson of Minnesota, David Alseike of Wichita and Sonya Alseike of Washington. He is also survived by his brother, David Swanson and wife Sally of Minnesota, and sister, Judy Grabow and husband Gene of Nebraska; and sister-in-law Marcie Swanson of Florida; as well as many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.
Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Ezekiel Lutheran Church in River Falls, Wis. Friends may call today at Cashman Mortuary in River Falls, Wis. Memorials are suggested to Ezekiel Lutheran Church or VVA No. 331, in care of the funeral home.

Funeral arrangements provided by
Cashman Funeral Home*
225 S. 3rd Street
River Falls, WI 54022
715-425-5644
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 9, 2006

Robert L. Larson 1920 - 2006

Robert L. Larson, 86, formerly of Great Bend, died Nov. 8 at his residence in Wichita. He was born Aug. 23, 1920, at Galva, the son of Oscar Alfred Henry Larson, Sr., and Mildred Johnson Larson. He married Dorothy E. Pascoe on Aug. 11, 1945, at First United Methodist Church, Great Bend, while serving with the U.S. Army. She died Feb. 4, 1999. The couple called Great Bend their home for 53 years until her death. He enjoyed farming in his earlier years and was manager of Mering Inc. and managed two Mobil Oil stations in Great Bend. He owned and operated EFD Express Delivery and was a former Realtor for Sell Real Estate. Larson retired in 1986. He was a resident of Great Bend for most of his life, moving to Wichita in April of 2005 to live with his daughter, Jan Todd, and her family.

He was a member of the First United Methodist Church. He was a lifetime member of the Great Bend Rotary Club and served on the Great Bend Commission. He received the Distinguished Service Award in 1954. He was an active member of American Legion Post 180. He served as a past commander and took an active role with the American Legion baseball program. Larson was proud to be a member of the Great Bend Post. That is one of the places he missed most.

Survivors include five daughters: Jan Todd and husband Joe, Wichita; Lou Ann Cobb and husband Randy, Olathe; Lynn Kaiser and husband Steve, Great Bend; Jo Letta Woolwine and husband Tom, Westwood Hill; and Jerri Dennett and husband Greg, Wichita; 15 grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren with one great-grandchild expected to join the family in December; two brothers, Oscar Larson, Jr., Galva, and Lewis Larson, Pretty Prairie; and two sisters, Ruth Taylor and Marjorie Holloway, both of Wichita. Robert was preceded in death by his wife, one son, Jon Mart Larson, one brother, Lt. Auerne Pete Larson, and one sister, Doris Larson Engel.

Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at First United Methodist Church, Great Bend, with the Rev. Gary Brooks officiating. Interment will be at Great Bend Cemetery, with military committal rites conducted by a Fort Riley Honor Guard. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday, with the family to receive friends from 6 to 8 p.m., at Bryant Funeral Home, Great Bend; and from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. Saturday at the church. Memorial donations to the Robert L. Larson Scholarship Fund may be made in care of the funeral home.

Funeral arrangements provided by
Bryant Funeral Home*
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Great Bend, KS 67530
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Frances E. Bates 1919 - 2006

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Frances E. Bates, 87, of Columbus, Ohio, went to be with the Lord on Sunday, Oct. 29, in Columbus, Ohio. She was born March 9, 1919, in Salina, Kan., daughter of the late William and Grace Vanatta Allen. She was preceded in death by her husband, Lawrence A. Bates.

She is survived by a son, the Rev. Lawrence (Anita) Bates of Columbus, Ohio; daughter, Laree (Dr. Larry) Morgenstern of Eugene, Ore.; six grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren; brothers, Bill Allen of Chicago and John (Barb) Allen of Paio, Mo.; and sisters, Doris Lawson of Kansas City and Mary Katherine (Al) Miller of Excelsor, Mo.

Frances was recognized as a lady golfer of the year at Lake Barton Golf Course in Kansas in 1975. Graveside services will be at Gypsum Hill Cemetery in Salina on Saturday, Nov. 11, at 1 p.m. In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to the Kansas Wesleyan University Athletic Department for golf scholarships.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to Newcomer Funeral Home N.E. Chapel, 3047 E. Dublin-Granville Road, Columbus. Messages of condolence may be left at www.newcomerfamily.com.

Funeral arrangements provided by
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3047 E. Dublin-Granville Road
Columbus, OH 43231
614-818-1188
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Ashley Danielle Ruder 1984 - 2006

LAWRENCE — Ashley Danielle Ruder, 21, died Nov. 6 at Via Christi Regional Medical Center in Wichita. She was born Nov. 19, 1984, in Oakley, the daughter of Steven J. Ruder and Eileen M. Armstrong Ruder. She was a full-time student at Johnson County Community College and a sales clerk at Beauty Brands.

Ashley was a member of the Heritage Baptist Church in Lawrence and a former member of Sunrise Baptist Church in Oakley.

Survivors include her parents; three brothers, Jason Keller of Jersey City, N.J., Nathan Keller of Phoenix, Ariz., and Seth Ruder of Lawrence; and grandfather Bill Armstrong of Quinter. She was preceded in death by a sister, Lisa Ann Ruder; grandparents Arthur Ottken, Martha Ottken and Dorothy Armstrong; and great-grandparents Irene Ruder and August (Gus) Ruder.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Sunrise Baptist Church in Oakley with the Rev. Robert Phillips and the Rev. Randy Kuhn officiating. Burial will be in the Oakley Cemetery. Friends may visit from 2 to 9 p.m. Friday at Kennedy-Koster Funeral Home in Oakley. The casket will remain closed. Memorials are suggested to Ashley Ruder Memorial Fund in care of the funeral home.

Funeral arrangements provided by
Kennedy-Koster Funeral Home
217 Freeman
P.O. Box 221
Oakley, KS 67748
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 8, 2006

Sylvia May McMahan 1909 - 2006

Sylvia May McMahan, 97, died Nov. 7 at Cherry Village Nursing Home, Great Bend. She was born July 19, 1909, in Stafford County, the daughter of James C. and Harriett Todd Brown. She married Hubert R. McMahan on Aug. 10, 1930, at Great Bend. He died Nov. 2, 1993.

She was a lifetime resident of Great Bend, and was a deputy at Barton County District Court for 18 years, retiring in 1980.

Mrs. McMahan was a member of Central Baptist Church, AARP and RSVP and was a volunteer for the Red Cross Bloodmobile.
Jerry Lee Scheuerman, 48, of Kansas City, Mo., passed away Aug. 30. Memorial graveside service was held Sept. 2 at Mt. Moriah Cemetery, Kansas City, Mo. Jerry was born in Stafford on Sept. 15, 1957, and was raised in Great Bend by his loving mother, Vivian. He was a 1975 graduate of Great Bend High School. He was a 1979 graduate of Bethany College in Lindsborg with a bachelor of science degree in economics. While a student at Bethany he was also the captain of the football team and a two-time All American.

He was employed as an Operations Team manager with Honeywell Manufacturing and Technologies for 27 years. His greatest joy in life was spending time with his family. From grade school through college, Jerry never missed a soccer or football practice or game for his sons, Kristian and Nicholas. He was their biggest fan. He was active as a Scout leader and a member of the Tribe of Mic-O-Say and the Order of the Arrow.

The past several years were spent sharing his daughter Megan's passion for horses. Jerry went to the barn each day to watch her ride and worked as a jump crew member or gatekeeper at many horse shows. He was thrilled to deliver Megan a little more than a week before his death to William Woods University so she could pursue a degree in equestrian science.

Megan Bitter best remembered her father as a kind, caring man who gave more than 100 percent to whatever he did. Jerry was preceded in death by his mother, Vivian Scheuerman.

Survivors include two sons, James D. McMahan of Great Bend and Jack Lee McMahan of San Jose, Calif.; a brother, Leon Brown, of Shawnee Mission; a sister, Helen Tittel, of Manhattan; seven grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild. She was preceded in death by one son, Jerry McMahan, two brothers, Earl Brown and Chet Brown, and two sisters, Tressa McDonald and Patricia Barlow.

Memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Friday at the church in Great Bend, with the Rev. David Hill officiating. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery.

Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at the church. Memorials are suggested to Concordia Lutheran Church or Bitter Endowment Fund (Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Ind.) in care of the funeral home.

Funeral arrangements provided by

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November 7, 2006

John Wilson Dipman 1914 - 2006

LARNED — John Wilson Dipman, 92, died Nov. 5 at St. Joseph Memorial Hospital in Larned. He was born March 1, 1914, in Pawnee County, the son of George E. and Sadie Hogue Dipman. He graduated from high school in 1932. He married Eileen E. Sanders on Feb. 7, 1942, in Wichita. A resident of Pawnee County all of his life, he was a farmer and stockman for more than 50 years of his life, living in the house his father built when he moved from Ohio to Kansas in 1878.

John was a member of the Methodist Church and the Ash Valley Grange, and in 1971 he received a Soil Conservation Bankers Award. Survivors include his wife of 64 years, Eileen; two sons, Danny Dipman and his wife Vicki of Larned, and David Dipman of Casper, Wyo.; two daughters, Dedria Ashworth and husband Tom of Norman, Okla., and Mark Bitter and wife Chris of Great Bend.

Dipman had a gift for working with wood and loved to make custom-designed pieces. He dreamed of retiring, moving to his farm, and spending time with his family.

He was born Jan. 25, 1931, at Susank. She died July 26, 2003. A lifetime resident of Hoisington and northern Barton County, he was a retired farmer.

Bitter was a member of Concordia Lutheran Church in Hoisington. Survivors include two sons, Elmer Bitter and wife Aileen of Great Bend, and the Rev. Glen Ray Bitter and wife Denise of Topeka; four grandchildren, Rhororo Bitter and husband Tom of Norman, Okla., Mark Bitter and wife Chris of Great Bend, David Bitter and wife Amy of Topeka, and Renea Davidson and husband Willie of Lawrence; five great-grandchildren, Jeremy Brewer of Norman, Okla., Cori Burroughs and husband David of Ellinwood, Lacey Bonine and husband David of Manhattan, Klint Bitter and wife Lindsay of Olathe and Meghan Bitter of Topeka.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Elmer's parents, Elmer's five brothers, and his four sisters.

Memorial service will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Concordia Lutheran Church with Pastor John Sharp officiating. Burial will be at the Hoisington Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. today at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington and 9:30 a.m. to service time Wednesday at the church. Memorials are suggested to Concordia Lutheran Church or Bitter Endowment Fund (Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Ind.) in care of the funeral home.

Funeral arrangements provided by

Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home*
415 N. Main
P.O. Box 146
Hoisington, KS 67544

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Theodore “Ted” Bitter 1911 - 2006

HOISINGTON — Theodore “Ted” Bitter, 95, died Nov. 5 at Central Kansas Medical Center, Great Bend. He was born Oct. 19, 1911, in Barton County, the son of Henry Bitter, Jr. and Mary Gehringer Bitter. He married Mollie Schweitzer Jan. 25, 1931, at Susank. She died Aug. 20, 2003. A lifetime resident of Hoisington and northern Barton County, the son of Henry Bitter, Jr. and Mary Gehringer Bitter. He married Mollie Schweitzer Jan. 25, 1931, at Susank. She died Aug. 20, 2003. A lifetime resident of Hoisington and northern Barton County, he was a retired farmer.

Bitter was a member of Concordia Lutheran Church in Hoisington. Survivors include two sons, Elmer Bitter and wife Aileen of Great Bend, and the Rev. Glen Ray Bitter and wife Denise of Topeka; four grandchildren, Rhororo Bitter and husband Tom of Norman, Okla., Mark Bitter and wife Chris of Great Bend, David Bitter and wife Amy of Topeka, and Renea Davidson and husband Willie of Lawrence; five great-grandchildren, Jeremy Brewer of Norman, Okla., Cori Burroughs and husband David of Ellinwood, Lacey Bonine and husband David of Manhattan, Klint Bitter and wife Lindsay of Olathe and Meghan Bitter of Topeka.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Elmer's parents, Elmer's five brothers, and his four sisters.

Memorial service will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Concordia Lutheran Church with Pastor John Sharp officiating. Burial will be at the Hoisington Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. today at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington and 9:30 a.m. to service time Wednesday at the church. Memorials are suggested to Concordia Lutheran Church or Bitter Endowment Fund (Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Ind.) in care of the funeral home.

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Jerry Lee Scheuerman 1957 - 2006

Jerry Lee Scheuerman, 48, of Kansas City, Mo., passed away Aug. 30. Memorial graveside service was held Sept. 2 at Mt. Moriah Cemetery, Kansas City, Mo. Jerry was born in Stafford on Sept. 15, 1957, and was raised in Great Bend by his loving mother, Vivian. He was a 1975 graduate of Great Bend High School. He was a 1979 graduate of Bethany College in Lindsborg with a bachelor of science degree in economics. While a student at Bethany he was also the captain of the football team and a two-time All American.

He was employed as an Operations Team manager with Honeywell Manufacturing and Technologies for 27 years. His greatest joy in life was spending time with his family. From grade school through college, Jerry never missed a soccer or football practice or game for his sons, Kristian and Nicholas. He was their biggest fan. He was active as a Scout leader and a member of the Tribe of Mic-O-Say and the Order of the Arrow.

The past several years were spent sharing his daughter Megan's passion for horses. Jerry went to the barn each day to watch her ride and worked as a jump crew member or gatekeeper at many horse shows. He was thrilled to deliver Megan a little more than a week before his death to William Woods University so she could pursue a degree in equestrian science.

Jerry had a gift for working with wood and loved to make custom-designed pieces. He dreamed of retiring, moving to his farm, making furniture and breeding horses with his wife of 29 years, Julie.

Jerry's family will remember him as a kind, caring man who gave more than 100 percent to whatever he did. Jerry was preceded in death by his mother and his brother, Perry. Besides his wife, Julie, and children, Kristian, Nicholas and Megan, Jerry is survived by his brother, Terry L. Scheuerman and wife Nancy of Topeka. The family suggests contributions to a college fund for his daughter, Megan. Contributions can be sent to Megan E. Scheuerman Education Fund, c/o Mazuma Credit Union, 9300 Troost Ave., Kansas City, MO 64131.

Arrangements were by Mt. Moriah & Freeman Chapel, Kansas City, Mo. (816) 942-2004.

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Marguerite Peel 1911 - 2006

HOISINGTON — Marguerite Peel, 86, died Nov. 6 at the Hoisington Homestead in Hoisington. She was born Feb. 24, 1920, in Great Bend, the daughter of Delmar and Wilma ‘Billie’ Hayes Foley. A resident of Larned for five years, moving from Winfield, he was a psychologist with the Department of Corrections. On May 6, 1978, he married Judy Remmert in Hays. She survives.

Survivors include two sons, Donald E. Lang of Great Bend and Alvin W. Lang of Wichita; one daughter, Mary Beth Bolyard of Pratt; one brother, of the home in Bentley; grandmother Vivian Raab, Kinsley; three brothers, Benjamin Clawson, Trenton Clawson and Matthew Keenan, and a sister, Jamie Keenan, all of the home. He was preceded in death by grandparents Lawrence and Shirley Keenan and Bill Raab.

Graveside service will be at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Great Bend Cemetery, with the Rev. Reginald A. Urban officiating. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Memorials are suggested to the Jacob Lynn Clawson Memorial Fund, in care of the funeral home.

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November 3, 2006

Mary Florence Lang 1920 - 2006

Mary Florence Lang, 86, of Great Bend, died Nov. 1 at Lakewood Senior Living Center in Pratt. She was born July 28, 1920 in Chickasha, Okla., the daughter of George Thomas and Bessie Grace Bartlett Rider. She married Otto William Lang, Jr. on July 28, 1943, in Washington, D.C. He died Aug. 4, 2002. A resident of Great Bend since 1945, coming from Brooklyn, N.Y., she was a homemaker.

Survivors include two sons, Donald E. Lang of Great Bend and Alvin W. Lang of Wichita; one daughter, Mary Beth Bolyard of Pratt; one brother, of the home in Bentley; grandmother Vivian Raab, Kinsley; three brothers, Benjamin Clawson, Trenton Clawson and Matthew Keenan, and a sister, Jamie Keenan, all of the home. He was preceded in death by grandparents Lawrence and Shirley Keenan and Bill Raab.

Graveside service will be at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Great Bend Cemetery, with the Rev. Reginald A. Urban officiating. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Memorials are suggested to the Jacob Lynn Clawson Memorial Fund, in care of the funeral home.

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WICHITA — Ralph H. Witte, 77, retired regional manager for Gates Rubber Company, died Thursday, Nov. 2. Visitation with family will be from 4 to 6 p.m. Sunday, at Downing & Lahey West, Wichita. Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Monday, at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church.

Ralph was born April 24, 1929, in Great Bend, to parents Edward D. and Ida (Nordman) Witte. After high school, he served four years in the Navy. After leaving the Navy, he attended K-State and graduated in 1960. During this time, he met Roberta McCarty, also of Great Bend, and they married on June 7, 1958. In 1968, daughter Laura Ann came into their lives. Ralph’s favorite hobby was antique cars. He fully restored a 1934 4-door Model A sedan and a 1967 Mustang convertible. “Ralphie” was a longtime member of the antique auto club the “Wichita A’s,” and more recently the Midian Shrine Antique Autos. He was also an active and
involved member of his church. Ralph will be forever loved by Roberta, his wife of 48 years, as well as daughter, Laura, and son-in-law, Robert "Nate" Lund. His pride and joy were his three grandchildren, Mallorie, 4, Mackenzie, 7, and Jared, 15. Other survivors include his brothers and sisters-in-law, Elmer and Dominica of Garden Grove, Calif., and Ed and Joyce of Houston, Texas; his nieces, nephews and other extended family. A memorial has been established with Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, 1101 N. River Blvd., Wichita, KS 67203. Tributes may be sent to the family via www.downingandlahey.com.

Downing and Lahey Mortuary*
6555 E. Central
Wichita, KS 67206
316-682-4553
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November 2, 2006

Vern Franklin Dunlap 1928 - 2006

Vern Franklin Dunlap, 78, of Great Bend, died Oct. 31 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. He was born April 15, 1928, at Blackwell, Okla., the son of Irven F. and Thelma Ilene Yager Dunlap. He married Kathleen Martin in September 1955 in Michigan. She died April 20, 1980. A resident of Great Bend for 21 years, coming from Nickerson and Medicine Lodge, he was a tool pusher and driller for Sweetman Drilling.

Dunlap was a member of the First Assembly of God church in Great Bend. He was an army veteran.

Survivors include a son, Vernon Lee Dunlap and wife Helen of Claflin; daughter Beverly June Gray, of Colorado Springs, Colo.; brother Richard Dunlap and wife Ramona of Great Bend; and several grandchildren and great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one brother, Kenneth Wayne Dunlap, who was killed in the Korean War on Oct. 10, 1951, and by two grandchildren.

Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Friday at the First Assembly of God church in Great Bend, with the Rev. Dwight Dozier officiating. Burial will be at 2:30 p.m. at Highland Cemetery in Medicine Lodge. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. today at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Memorials are suggested to the church in care of the funeral home.

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Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 2, 2006

Jack Ray Kasselman

Jack Ray Kasselman, Great Bend, who died Oct. 29 at the age of 59, was also preceded in death by a stepbrother, Philip Krom.
Sylvia Mae Adams, 61, of Great Bend, died Dec. 28 at Hospice of Reno County, Hutchinson. She was born Nov. 19, 1945, at Iowa City, Iowa, the daughter of John A. Kahler Sr. and Bernice Wanita Reynolds Kahler. She married Paul Marvin Adams on Jan. 11, 1964, at Moline, Ill. He died July 20, 1993. She was an assisted living care provider for Rosewood Services and a cook for the American Legion, both of Great Bend. She was a resident of Great Bend since 1981, coming from Oxford, Iowa.

She was a member of Our Savior Lutheran Church, Great Bend.

Sylvia was always the caregiver, always smiling. She loved hunting and fishing with her husband, Paul, as well as gardening, being outdoors, traveling, sewing, canning, doing crafts and riding motorcycles. She was an all-around handy woman and most of all enjoyed family and friends. Rest in peace with our love!

Survivors include her mother, Bernice Kahler, Oxford, Iowa; two sons, Andrew Paul Adams, Williamsburg, Iowa, and David John Adams, Great Bend; a daughter, Christine Marie Saindon, Great Bend; a brother, John L. Kahler, Jr., Tiffin, Iowa; two sisters, Naomi Nearad, Swisher, Iowa, and Arlene Gerard, North Liberty, Iowa; three grandchildren and one great-grandchild. She was preceded in death by her father, a sister, Janet Prymek, a son-in-law, Loren Saindon, a daughter-in-law, Rocheal VanNatta; and numerous nephews and nieces. A memorial service will be at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday at Bryant Funeral Home, Great Bend, with the Rev. Don Paden officiating. There will be no visitation, as cremation has taken place. Memorial donations may be made to the family or to Central Kansas Medical Center Foundation for the benefit of Heartland Cancer Center, in care of the funeral home. Condolences may be sent and notice viewed at www.bryantfh.net.

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620-793-3525

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Vada Ford Gruber, 88, of Great Bend, died Dec. 29 at her home. She was born Feb. 3, 1918, at Meade, the daughter of Fred Franklin and Sylvia Mae Keltner Ford. She married Vernon J. Gruber on May 24, 1942, at Beaver, Okla. He died July 22, 1959. She was a cocktail waitress for many years. She was a resident of Great Bend since 1942, coming from Meade.

She was a member of First United Methodist Church, Great Bend.

Survivors include two sons, Vance Gruber and John Gruber, both of Great Bend; a brother, Clarence Ford, Meade; three sisters, Garret Perkins of Hutchinson, Evelyn Ellis of Wichita and Ruby Collier of Tulsa, Okla.; nine grandchildren, Amanda Gruber, Brandy Gruber, Desiree Gruber, Skeeter Gruber, Vangela Gruber, Paula Gruber, Gabryal Milhon, Cory Glover and Vanity Gruber; and numerous great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a grandson, Scott Gruber.

Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Bryant Funeral Home, Great Bend, with the Rev. Gary Brooks officiating. Interment will be at Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. Memorial donations to the Barton County Relay for Life may be made in care of the funeral home. Condolences may be sent and notice viewed at www.bryantfh.net.

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Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 31, 2006

Roberta “Bert” Sanger, 79, of Great Bend, died Dec. 28 at Great Bend Health and Rehabilitation Center. The oldest child of Robert and Wanda Davis Duff, she was born April 10, 1927, near Gray in Beaver County, Okla. She attended schools in Beaver County including Bethany High School. She earned her GED and attended Barton County Community College in Great Bend. She trained as a nurse and worked at Central Kansas Medical Center and the Great Bend Manor for many years. She married Henry Sanger on Dec. 3, 1947, in Perryton, Texas. He died Aug. 16, 1993. Over the years she resided in Beaver County, Okla., Sublette, Skellytown, Texas, Ashland and Great Bend.

Mrs. Sanger was a charter member of Trinity United Methodist Church in Great Bend, United Methodist Women and various church circles and committees. She was a devoted wife and mother, and was well known for her delicate embroidery work which she generously shared with family and friends.

She leaves to mourn a daughter, Carol Siefkes and husband David of Great Bend; grandchildren Darin and Angela Sikies of Austin, Texas, and Craig Sikies of Davenport, Iowa; a sister and family, Billie Jean and Joe Bass of San Angelo, Texas; and one great-granddaughter, Samantha Sikies of Austin, Texas. She was preceded in death by her husband; a son, James Sanger; a brother, Frankie Duff; and her parents.

A memorial service will be held at a later date. There will be no visitation as cremation has taken place. In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to the Great Bend Public Library in care of the funeral home. Condolences may be sent and notice viewed at www.bryantfh.net.

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Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 31, 2006
Gordon Ray Smith 1946 - 2006

ALBERT — Gordon Ray Smith, 60, died Dec. 29 at Kansas Heart Hospital, Wichita. He was born May 22, 1946, at Great Bend, the son of Harold and Juanita Hager Smith. He married Sheila Rowley June 5, 1971, in Albert. She survives. He was a past manager of several body shops. He was a lifetime area resident.

Survivors, in addition to his wife, of the home, include three sons, Curtis Smith, Aaron Smith and Ryan Smith, all of the home; two daughters, DeNay Loucks and husband Mark, of Otis, and Tron Smith of Great Bend; his parents, of Arapahoe, Neb.; one brother, Keith Smith of Radium; and six grandchildren, Mercedes Smith, Tanner Loucks, Kailyn Loucks, Blake Flores, Reilly Smith and Calli Bradwell. He was preceded in death by an infant brother.

A memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Bryant Funeral Home, Great Bend, with Pastor Brad Penner officiating. Inurnment will take place at a later date. There will be no visitation, as cremation has taken place. A memorial fund for the family has been established.

Condolences may be sent and notice viewed at www.bryantfh.net.

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Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 31, 2006

Paul Richard Webb 1954-2006

WICHITA — Paul Richard Webb, 52, died Dec. 29 at his home in Wichita. He was born July 16, 1954, at Wagner, Okla. He was formerly of Hoesington. Service arrangements are pending with Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home, Hoesington, and will be announced.

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 31, 2006

Roger L. Steitz 1939 - 2006

Roger L. Steitz, 67, of Concordia, Mo., died Dec. 29 at Western Missouri Medical Center in Warrensburg, Mo. Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at St. Paul’s Lutheran Church in Concordia. The Rev. R. Lee Hagan will officiate. Friends may call after 4 p.m. Tuesday at Campbell-Lewis Funeral Home and visitation will be held from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. Burial with military rites will be held in St. Paul’s Lutheran Cemetery. Memorials may be made to St. Paul’s Lutheran Church.

Born Sept. 4, 1939, in Great Bend, he was the son of the late Roland Steitz and Helen Serpan Steitz. On Oct. 15, 1966, he married Rose Ann Mausolf, who survives, of the home. He had lived in Concordia the last 30 years and was a retired insurance agent and also had worked for Famous Footwear and Concordia True Value Hardware.

He was a member of St. Paul’s Lutheran Church where he had served as an elder and held various other positions. He had served in the U.S. Army and was a member of Concordia American Legion Post No. 258.

Additional survivors include two sons, Mark Alan Steitz of Warrensburg, Mo., and David Noel Steitz of Concordia; one stepgranddaughter, Madilynn McConnell; one sister, Carolyn Kopper of Los Angeles; and several nieces and nephews.

Campbell-Lewis Funeral Home
1002 E. 1st St.
Concordia, MO 64020
(660)463-2266
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 31, 2006

Carol A. Haselhorst 1928 - 2006

COLBY — Carol A. Haselhorst, 78, died Dec. 26 at Memorial Hospital in Abilene. She was born Dec. 21, 1928, at Great Bend. She was a retired day-care provider.

Survivors include a daughter, Susan McLemore of Colby; a brother, Loren J. Kutina of Great Bend; a sister, Mary L. Brazda of Vinita, Okla.; and three grandchildren.

Vigil and rosary services will be conducted at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Kersenbrock Funeral Chapel in Colby. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Colby, with Father Dana Clark officiating. Burial will be in the Sacred Heart Cemetery at Colby. Friends may call from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Kersenbrock Funeral Chapel. Memorial donations to the Sacred Heart Catholic Church & School may be made via the funeral home or left at any Colby bank.

Funeral arrangements provided by
Kersenbrock Funeral Chapel
745 South Country Club Drive
Colby, KS 67701
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 31, 2006

December 29, 2006

Roberta “Bert” Sanger 1927 - 2006

Roberta “Bert” Sanger, 79, of Great Bend, died Dec. 28 at Great Bend Health and Rehabilitation Center. The oldest child of Robert and Wanda Davis Duff, she was born April 10, 1927, near Gray in Beaver County, Okla. She attended schools in Beaver County including Bethany High School. She earned her GED and attended Barton County Community College in Great Bend. She trained as a nurse and worked at Central Kansas Medical Center and the Great Bend Manor for many years. She married Henry Sanger on Dec. 3, 1947, in Perryton, Texas. He died Aug. 16, 1993. Over the years she resided in Beaver County, Okla., Sublette, Skellytown, Texas, Ashland and Great Bend.

Mrs. Sanger was a charter member of Trinity United Methodist Church in Great Bend, United Methodist Women and various church circles and committees. She was a devoted wife and mother, and was well known for her delicate embroidery work which she generously shared with family and friends.

She leaves to mourn a daughter, Carol Siefkes and husband David of Great Bend; grandchildren Darin and Angela Siefkes of Austin, Texas, and Craig Siefkes of Davenport, Iowa; a sister and family Billie Jean and Joe Bass of San Angelo, Texas; and one great-granddaughter, Samantha Siefkes of Davenport, Iowa. She was preceded in death by her husband; a son, James Sanger; a brother, Frankie Duff; and her parents.

A memorial service will be held at a later date. There will be no visitation as cremation has taken place. In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to the Great Bend Public Library in care of the funeral home. Condolences may be sent and notice viewed at www.bryantfh.net.
December 28, 2006

Melvin Wayne “Champ” Simpson, Jr. 1940 - 2006

Melvin Wayne “Champ” Simpson, Jr., 66, of Great Bend, died Dec. 24 in Colorado Springs, Colo. Born May 11, 1940, at Monegaw Springs, Mo., he was the son of Melvin Clay and Frances Elizabeth Jackson Simpson, Sr. A lifetime resident of Great Bend, coming from Missouri as a small child, he was a truck driver for R&S Transportation.

Mr. Simpson was a member of Grace Community Church and founder and director of Chapelaires Gospel Singing Group, both of Great Bend.

Survivors include his companion, Cindy Huddleston of Larned; five sons, Harold Wayne Simpson of Hutchinson, Michael Clay Simpson of Colorado Springs, Colo., Jason Scott Simpson of Elinwood, Brian Simpson of Springfield, Mo., and David Simpson of Olathe; one daughter, Debra Louise Simpson Ford of Hutchinson; his parents; one brother, Kenny Wayne Simpson of Fayetteville, Ark.; three sisters, Ruby Feil and Barbara Espinosa, both of Great Bend, and Doris Case of Sacramento, Calif.; nine grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a sister, Nelta Jones.

Funeral service will be at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at Bryant Funeral Home with the Rev. J.P. McCamey officiating. Burial will be at Hillcrest Memorial Park in Great Bend. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to service time on Saturday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the Cindy Huddleston Medical Expense 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, Dec. 29, 2006

December 27, 2006

Carol Haselhorst

COLBY — Carol Haselhorst, 78, died Dec. 26 at Memorial Hospital in Abilene. Services are pending with Kersenbrock Funeral Chapel in Colby.

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 28, 2006

Della Margaret Harris 1929 - 2006

ST. JOHN — Della Margaret Harris, 77, died Dec. 23 at Pratt Regional Medical Center in Pratt. Born July, 27, 1929, at Wheeling, W.Va., she was the daughter of Olaf and Ila Ryan Hartzel. A resident of St. John since 1971, she was a records clerk at Hearthstone Nursing Home in St. John. She married Joseph A. Harris Jr. on May 17, 1947, at Bridgeport, Ohio. He preceded her in death.

Mrs. Harris was a member of the Church of Christ, Business and Professional Women, Rebekahs and the American Legion Post at Cameron, W.Va. She was also a Womens Army Corps veteran.

Survivors include a son, Terry of Larned; a daughter, Renny Russell of Rohnert Park, Calif.; a sister, Delores Vandevander of Cameron, W.Va.; two grandchildren and five great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by three sisters, Helen Barone, Ida Hartzel and Priscilla Nelson.

Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Minnis Chapel in St. John with the Rev. Carl Feril presiding. Friends may visit from 3 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Full military honors and burial will be at Fairview Park Cemetery in St. John. Memorials are suggested to the Church of Christ in lieu of flowers.

Funeral arrangements provided by
Minnis Chapel
526 E. 4th
St. John, KS 67576
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 27, 2006
Betty Lou Estes 1936 - 2006

LARNED — Betty Lou Estes, 70, died Dec. 25 at Central Kansas Medical Center, Great Bend. She was born May 1, 1936, in Syracuse, the daughter of Lewis and Florence Phillips Bone. She married Glenn Estes. He preceded her in death. A resident of Larned since 1988, she was a retired waitress.

Mrs. Estes was of the Christian faith.

Survivors include one son, Daniel Binns, Larned; three brothers, Walter Bone, Garden City, Jim Bone, Geuda Springs, and Joseph Bone, Cheyenne, Wyo.; two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Morell Funeral Home, Larned, with the Rev. Dennis Scheibmeir officiating. Burial will be in the Larned Cemetery. Friends may call from noon until 8 p.m. today and 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Terry C. Johnson Center of Basic Cancer Research — KSU, in care of Morell 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, Dec. 27, 2006

Margaret E. Wright 1919 - 2006

SEWARD — Margaret E. Wright, 87, died Dec. 25 at her home. Born March 10, 1919, at Dewitt, Ill., she was the daughter of William Jenning and Margaret Augusta (Gray) Miller. She married Ernest R. Wright Nov. 25, 1942 at Chicago. He died in April 1971. A resident of Seward since 1945, she was a bookkeeper for the local grain elevator and several local banks. She graduated from high school in Maroa, Ill.

Mrs. Wright was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church, Great Bend, and Seward Senior Citizens and served on the Seward City Council. Survivors include a son, William Ernest Wright, Portland, Ore.; two daughters, Gail M. Stoneburg, Ozark, Mo., and Alice E. Oliver, St. John; two sisters, Jeanne Bray, Jacksonville, Ill., and Martha Cox, Garland, Texas; 10 grandchildren and eight great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a brother, William Miller, and a granddaughter, Juniper Ann Wright.

Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Minnis Chapel, St. John, with the Rev. James Strasen officiating. Visitation will be from 1 to 8 p.m. today at Minnis Chapel. Burial will be in the Eden Valley Cemetery north of Seward. Memorials are suggested to the Salvation Army in care of the funeral home.

Funeral arrangements provided by
Minnis Chapel, Inc.
526 E. 4th Ave.
St. John, KS 67576
620-549-3556

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 27, 2006

Doris Lucille Herndon 1915 - 2006

EL DORADO — Doris Lucille Herndon, 91, of El Dorado, died Dec. 21 at her home. Born Sept. 22, 1915, at Thayer, the daughter of Harvey Leonard and Margaret VanJohn Osburn. She married Cecil Herndon on March 10, 1937, in El Dorado. He preceded her in death on Oct. 9, 1972. A resident of El Dorado for the past 59 years, moving from Atlanta, she was an office manager for State Farm Insurance for 29 years.

Mrs. Herndon was a member of the First United Methodist Church, Great Bend, and Seward Senior Citizens and served as a Girl Scout Leader.

Those she leaves include two daughters, Dorma Lee Haines and husband Donald of Cripple Creek, Colo., and Cecilia Ann Herndon of Rogers, Ark.; three grandchildren, Denise Lynn Deckert and husband Warren of Pawnee Rock, Diane Rae Haines-Weis and husband Tim of Westmore, and Donald Ray Haines II and wife Joni of Great Bend; and seven great grandchildren, Amber Lynn Benham of Malaga, Spain, Zachary Mark Benham of Wyandotte, Mich., Alexandra Jade Weis of Emporia, Addison Jordan Weis of Manhattan, and Donald Ray Haines, Ill., Michael Stephen Haines, and Brenna Michelle Haines, all of Great Bend. She was preceded in death by her parents, two brothers and one sister.

Memorial service will be at 11 a.m. today at Carlson Funeral Home in El Dorado. Inurnment will be in Sunset Lawns Cemetery in El Dorado. Memorials are suggested to the First United Methodist Church in El Dorado in care of Carlson Funeral Home.

Funeral arrangements provided by
Carlson Funeral Home*
P.O. Box 1213
El Dorado, KS 67042

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 27, 2006

Rosie M. Bennett 1905 - 2006

MOUNT HOPE — Rosie M. Bennett, 101, died Dec. 24 at Hospice House in Hutchinson. She was born May 10, 1905, in Greeley County, the daughter of Don and Jessie Jane Lewis Kirkman. She was a resident of Great Bend most of her life, moving to Mount Hope nine years ago. She married Paul Bennett on Feb. 9, 1928, in Larned. He died Dec. 26, 1970. She was a baker for Duckwall’s in Great Bend.

Mrs. Bennett was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Ladies Auxiliary in Great Bend.

Survivors include a son, Gene Bennett and wife Audrey of Mount Hope; a daughter Norma Vettese and husband Joe of Filipo, Ark.; 13 grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a son, Bob Bennett; a daughter, Willene Bennett; a brother, Roy Kirkman, and one sister, Mary Smith.

Memorial service will be at 10 a.m. today at Mount Hope United Methodist Church with the Rev. Donna Wise presiding. Burial will be at 3 p.m. today at Great Bend. Memorials are suggested to Hospice House in Hutchinson in care of Van Campen Funeral Home.

Funeral arrangements provided by
Van Campen Funeral Home*
102 N. Wichita
P.O. Box 217
Haven, KS 67543-0217

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 27, 2006

Tobias “Toby” Dietz 1914 - 2006
NESS CITY — Tobias "Toby" Dietz, 92, died Dec. 26 at the Ness County Long Term Care Center in Ness City. He was born Oct. 21, 1914, in Russell County, the son of William and Natalia Krug Dietz. He was a farmer and stockman, and a resident of Ness County since 1926. On May 24, 1939, he married Esther Frank at Bazine. She died March 22, 1992. Dietz was a member of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church and the Indian Hills Saddle Club, both of the Ness City, and the American Quarter Horse Association and the Palomino Breeders Association of America. Survivors include three sons: Bill Dietz and his wife Ruth of Ellis, Kent Dietz and his wife Debbie of Davis, Okla., and Dean Dietz and his wife Terri of Lincoln, Neb.; two daughters, Barbara Reinert and husband Larry, and Patti Lutters and husband Joe, all of Ness City; one sister, Matilda Jones, Ness City; nine grandchildren and seven great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by eight brothers, Daniel, Julius, Ben, Connie, Eddie, Raymond and two infant brothers; and by a sister, Minnie Dietz.

Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at the church in Ness City, with Pastor Jon Anderson presiding. Burial will be in the Ness City Cemetery. Friends may call from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. today at the Fitzgerald Funeral Home in Ness City, and Thursday morning until service time at the church. The family will receive friends at 7 tonight at the funeral home. Memorials may be given to the Mosaic Handicap Facilities, Lincoln, Neb.; Wartburg Seminary, Dubuque, Iowa; or Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, Ness City.

Funeral arrangements provided by Fitzgerald Funeral Home*
207 N. Pennsylvania; P.O. Box 96
Ness City, KS 67560
785-798-3243
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 27, 2006

Melvin Wayne Simpson Jr. 1940 - 2006

Melvin Wayne Simpson Jr., 66, of Great Bend, died Dec. 24 in Colorado Springs, Colo. He was born May 11, 1940. Service arrangements are pending with Bryant Funeral Home, Great Bend, and will be announced.

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 27, 2006

December 26, 2006

Juanita Blackwell 1940 - 2006

LARNED — Juanita Blackwell, 66, died Dec. 23 at St. Joseph Memorial Hospital in Larned. She was born April 6, 1940, in Fernwood, Miss., the daughter of Carey and Eva Kirkland. An area resident, she was a Licensed Mental Health Technician for the Larned State Hospital. On Aug. 20, 1960, she married Robert Blackwell in Alva, Okla. He died Sept. 2, 2001.

Survivors include three sons, Robert Blackwell of Kinsely, Johnny Rogers of Indiana, and William Kirkland of Mississippi; three daughters, Kathy Bohn of Pawnee Rock, Rebecca Wilder of Garfield and LaDonna Jones of Mississippi; 11 grandchildren and 22 great grandchildren. Graveside service will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Larned Cemetery with the Rev. Albert Hatten presiding. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. today and 9 a.m. until service time Wednesday at Beckwith Mortuary Chapel. Memorials are suggested to the Pawnee County Humane Society in care of the mortuary.

Funeral arrangements provided by Beckwith Mortuary
P.O. Box 477
Larned, KS 67550
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 26, 2006

December 24, 2006

Vicki Lynn Bruciani 1941 - 2006

BAUDETTE, Minn.— Vicki Lynn Bruciani, 65, died Thursday, Dec. 21, in the Lakewood Care Center following a brief illness. She was born Feb. 9, 1941, in Great Bend to William and Olive (McNeil) Rowe. She grew up in Great Bend and graduated from high school there.

Vicki married Joseph Bruciani on Sept. 10, 1960, in Great Bend. Vicki and Joe lived in many different cities in the United States, while Joe was working for the federal government. They moved to Baudette where Joe worked for Solvay Pharmaceuticals and had a love for the area, living on the river.

While in Baudette, Vicki was a member of the Ladies of the Moose and of the Red Hat Society. Some of her hobbies included knitting, pottery, gardening and spending time in the outdoors. She loved to entertain and cook for friends in their home. She was an avid tennis player while they lived in the Atlanta, Ga., area.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her brother, Jack Rowe. Survivors include her husband, Joe of the home; her son, Chris and his wife Loretta Bruciani of Atlanta, Ga.; her grandchildren Joseph and Kathryn Bruciani of Atlanta, Ga.; her sister, JoAnn Cameron of Great Bend; and her sister-in-law, Jinx Rowe of Wichita.

A memorial Mass will be held on Jan. 4 in the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Baudette. A gathering of friends and family will be held one hour prior to the service in the church. Memorials are suggested to the American Cancer Society.

Funeral arrangements provided by Helgeson Funeral Chapel*
1207 3rd Street NE
Roseau, MN 56751
218-463-1211
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 24, 2006

Albert Eugene Richardson 1957 - 2006

HOISINGTON — Albert Eugene Richardson, 49, died Dec. 21 at Central Kansas Medical Center, Great Bend. He was born May 26, 1957, at Great Bend, the son of Charles and Violet Beavers Richardson. He was a floorhand for Klima Well Service of Claflin. He was a lifetime Hoisington resident and a U.S. Army veteran.

Richardson attended the Church of the Nazarene, Hoisington. Survivors include three daughters, Ginny Wuller of Hoisington and Kimberly Richardson and Katie Richardson, both of Great Bend; three sons, Kevin Richardson, Timothy Richardson and Andrew Richardson, all of Great Bend; one sister, Geraldine Richardson of Olathe; and six grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one sister, Ida Richardson.
Mrs. Duke was a member of First Christian Church. She died Oct. 28, 1980. She was co-owner of Duke Oil Company. She was a resident of Great Bend for 60 years.

Hazel M. "Peg" Duke, 97, of Great Bend, died Dec. 22 at Cherry Village Nursing Home, Great Bend. She was born May 9, 1909, at Lane, Okla., the daughter of Ernest Howe and Clara Mae Wolbert Jamison. She married Lynn Oliver Duke on July 26, 1926, at Sherman, Texas. He died Oct. 28, 1980. She was co-owner of Duke Oil Company. She was a resident of Great Bend for 60 years.

Mrs. Duke was a member of First Christian Church.

Survivors include a nephew, Leonard Williamson of Great Bend, and a sister, Wanda Ardella Bell. She was preceded in death by four brothers, Dwandum Jamison, Frank Jamison, Earl Jamison and Roy Jamison, and one sister, Neva Williamson.
Funeral service will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend, with the Rev. Don Paden officiating. Burial will be in the Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call from 5 to 9 p.m. Tuesday and 9 a.m. until service time Wednesday 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, Dec. 24, 2006

Inez Jane Royer 1919 - 2006

Inez Jane Royer, 87, of Great Bend, died Dec. 23 at Grisell Long Term Nursing, Ransom. She was born Jan. 4, 1919, at Bison, the daughter of George and Katie Gilg Kleweno. She married Clarence Keatley, who died in 1955. She then married Mervin Royer on Oct. 5, 1964, at Great Bend. He died Aug. 10, 1997. Mrs. Royer was a retired LPN. A Barton County resident since 1958, coming from Ness County, she most recently resided in Ransom.

Mrs. Royer was a member of the First United Methodist Church.

Survivors include one son, Alvin Keatley and his wife Karen of Bazine; one daughter, Jeanette McCormick and her husband Sylvester, of McCracken; eight grandchildren, eight step-grandchildren, nine great grandchildren and 12 step-great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one daughter, Carolyn Cox; four brothers, Ralph Kleweno, Walter Kleweno, Reuben Kleweno and Herman Kleweno; and three sisters, Leah Robison, Tllie Martin and Alice Margheim.

Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend, with the Rev. Wayne Flanders officiating. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery.

Friends may call from 9 a.m. until service time Tuesday at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial contributions to First United Methodist Church or Grisell Memorial Long Term Care.

Condolences may be sent and this notice viewed at www.bryantfh.net.

Funeral arrangements provided by
Bryant Funeral Home
1425 Patton Road
Great Bend, KS 67530
620-793-3525

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 24, 2006

Mary McLaughlin 1950 - 2006

WOODWARD, Okla. — Mary McLaughlin, 56-year-old Woodward resident and former Great Bend resident, died Tuesday, Dec. 19, at her home. Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Friday, in the First Presbyterian Church, Woodward, with Dr. Richard McFarlin officiating.

Internment will be in the Elmwood Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of Billings Funeral Home, Woodward, Okla.

Mary Prather McLaughlin was born Aug. 9, 1950, in Great Bend, and was raised in New Mexico. She attended Northwestern Oklahoma University and received her bachelor of arts degree in secondary education in 1972. She taught for one year at the Sharon-Mutual (Okla.) schools.

Mary was united in marriage to Jerry N. McLaughlin on July 20, 1974, at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Woodward, Okla. They were blessed with two children, Ross Andrew and Erin Margaret. They made their home in Stillwater while Jerry was in graduate school. They moved to Manhattan, Kan., in 1979, where Mary started working at Wal-Mart. In the early 1980s the family moved to Alva, Okla., and Mary continued working at Wal-Mart, while Jerry taught school. In 1983 they moved to Bernalillo, N.M. Mary was able to stay home with her children while they lived in New Mexico and she always said it was the best year of her life.

They moved to Mutual, Okla., when Jerry's dad had health problems and moved into Woodward in 1990. Mary went to work for Leon Fetzer at the Woodward News and later worked for him at ARDA. In 1991, Mary went to work for the Stock Exchange Bank and continued working there until 2006, when ill health forced her to retire.

Mary was a faithful member of the First Presbyterian Church. She served as worship chairman in the past and taught Sunday school. Mary was involved in the Midday Ambucs, the Woodward County Toy Giveaway, and tutored adults to read. She loved reading, working with her flowers and spending time with her family. Mary loved Ross and Erin's friends and they were always welcome at her house. She was a wonderful mom, wife, mother, daughter, sister and friend and will be missed by all that knew her. Mary thought the world of her daughter-in-law Kasi.

She is survived by her husband, Jerry McLaughlin of the home; one son, Ross McLaughlin and wife Kasi of Tulsa; one daughter, Erin McLaughlin of Stillwater; her parents, Michael and Othilia Prather of Guymon, Okla.; two sisters, Judy Prather of Guymon and Barbara Walton and husband William of Perry, Okla.; brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Diana Cunningham and husband Don of Duncan, Okla., and Mike McLaughlin of Woodward; nieces, nephew, other relatives and many good friends.

Memorial contributions may be made to the First Presbyterian Church with the funeral home accepting the contributions. Remembrances may be shared on-line at www.billingfuneralhomewoodward.com.

Funeral arrangements provided by
Billings Funeral Home
1621 Downs Ave.
Woodward, OK 73801
1-800-364-5203

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 22, 2006

Lawrence E. Wag Wagner 1919 - 2006

HOISINGTON — Lawrence E. Wag Wagner, 86, died Dec. 21 at Hays Medical Center, Hays. He was born Dec. 30, 1919, at Montrose, Mo., the son of Karl and Olive Thomas Wagner. He married Wilma Lucille Sypolt on April 8, 1950, at Hoisington. He was a retired Missouri Pacific Railroad engineer. He retired in 1980. His early childhood was spent in Holly, Colo. He moved to Hoisington in 1941.

He was a member of Faith Community Church, Great Bend; Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, NARVE, Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship and a 30-year church board member; a partner in C & W Electric Company of Hoisington; and a member of the Lake Barton Golf Club.

He was a World War II Army veteran and a recipient of the Purple Heart.

Survivors include his wife, Wilma Wagner, of Hoisington; a son, Keith Wagner of Canton, Mich.; two daughters, Wanda Madden of Hoisington and Nora Kirkpatrick of Hays; a sister, Barbara Clifton of Denver; four grandchildren and one great-grandchild. He was preceded in death by his wife, Nellie Wagner, and three brothers, Bernard, Donald and Paul Wagner.
Funeral will be at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home, Hoisington, with the Rev. Fred Kirkpatrick officiating. Burial will be at the Hoisington Cemetery with military graveside rites conducted by VFW Post 7428 and American Legion Post 286. Friends may call from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. today and 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the Faith Community 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, Dec. 22, 2006

December 21, 2006

Vernon L. Deutsch 1927 - 2006

HOISINGTON — Vernon L. Deutsch, 79, died Dec. 20 at his residence. He was born April 22, 1927, at Susank, the son of Jonathan and Mary "Bitter" Deutsch. He married Nadine Karst on April 23, 1950, at Hoisington. He was a co-owner of Highway Service, retired after 35 years of service, and a former City of Hoisington employee. He was a lifetime resident of Hoisington. He was a Hoisington High School graduate of 1946 and a member of the 1946 state basketball championship team.

He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II and a member of Concordia Lutheran Church and VFW Post 7428, both of Hoisington. Survivors include his wife, Nadine Deutsch, of the home; two sons, Brad Deutsch and wife Sheryl of Wichita and Bruce Deutsch and wife Becky of Plymouth, Mich.; a daughter, Brenda Kintz and husband Steve of Cicero, Ind.; a brother, Clarence Deutsch of Great Bend; five grandchildren and one-great-grandchild. He was preceded in death by four brothers, Otto Deutsch, Alvin Deutsch, Armin Deutsch and Leo Deutsch, and two sisters, Rosie Kraft and Elsie Ochs.

A prayer service will be at 7:30 p.m. Friday at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home, Hoisington. Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Concordia Lutheran Church, Hoisington, with the Rev. Mark Lovett officiating. Burial will be at Hoisington Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home, and 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Saturday at the church. Memorial donations for Concordia Lutheran Church may be made in care of the funeral home.

Funeral arrangements provided by
Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home*
415 N. Main/Box 146
Hoisington, KS 67544
620-653-4165
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 21, 2006

Roger Walker Marsh 1915 - 2006

KIOWA — Roger Marsh, 91, died Dec. 19 at Kiowa Hospital District Manor in Kiowa. Born Oct. 28, 1915, at Belle Plaine, he was the son of Alpheus and Mabel Walker Marsh. He married Agnes Irene Webber on June 27, 1941, in Emporia. She died in May 1985. Roger's wife Sybil McPherson Marsh survives. He graduated from Argonia Senior High School and earned bachelor's and master's degrees from Kansas State Teachers College in Emporia. He served as an aviation radar technician in the U.S. Navy in World War II. He retired after teaching mathematics, calculus, physics and electronics at Garden City and Great Bend Senior High. After retiring, he moved to Hutchinson, then to Wichita and finally to Kiowa.

Mr. Marsh taught Sunday school and sang in the choir as a member of Central Baptist Church in Great Bend. Survivors include four sons, Allen Marsh and wife Nancy of Carmichael, Calif., Dale Marsh and wife Phyllis of Great Bend, Richard Marsh and wife Pflin of Haymarket, Va., and Robert Marsh and wife Norma of Mesa, Ariz.; one brother, Millard Marsh of Anacortes, Wash.; 11 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers Oliver, Russell and Amos; and by a sister, Fannie.

There will be no service or visitation as cremation has taken place. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests a memorial contribution to a charity of choice. Condolences may be sent and notice viewed at www.bryantfh.net.

Funeral arrangements provided by
Bryant Funeral Home*
1425 Patton Road
Great Bend, KS 67530
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 21, 2006

Ethel Mae Fagre 1916 - 2006

LAWRENCE — Ethel Mae Fagre, 90, died Dec. 18 at her home. Born Feb. 28, 1916, in Blooming Prairie, Minn., she was the daughter of Thomas L. and Ella Mae Schuck Halstenson. She graduated from high school in Minnesota and later graduated from Fort Hays State University with a bachelor's degree in education. She later earned her master's degree from Emporia State University. She taught elementary school in Minnesota for several years and in Great Bend for 25 years. She married Edwin Harold Fagre on Jan. 19, 1943, in Salt Lake City. He died in 1997.

Mrs. Fagre was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Lawrence and the Kansas National Education Association. Survivors include two sons, Roger of Overbrook and Donald of Steamboat Springs, Colo.; two daughters, Carol Hampton of Lawrence and Catherine Meeker of Olathe; a sister, Lorraine Hazen of Sacramento, Calif.; five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Private services will be held. Inurnment will be in Great Bend at a later date. Memorials are suggested to the Heart of America Hospice, 1311 Wakarusa Drive, Lawrence, KS 66049.

Funeral arrangements provided by
Rumsey-Yost Funeral Home
601 Indiana
P.O. Box 1260
Lawrence, KS 66044
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 21, 2006

Delmer Gale Brodie 1929 - 2006

Delmer Gale Brodie, 77, of Great Bend, died Dec. 20 at Woodhaven Care Center, Ellinwood. He was born May 24, 1929, at St. Rose Hospital, Great Bend, to Dale and Christine Mueller Brodie. He married Johanna H. Urban on Nov. 9, 1957, at St. John's Catholic Church in
Maxine Grover, 1927 - 2006

Hoisington. They resided in Great Bend for 42 years. He graduated from St. John High School in 1947. He worked for Singer Sewing Center for many years and also at Rowland's Decorating Center.

He was a member of Prince of Peace Parish at St. Patrick. Delmer served in the U.S. Army from September 1948 until May 1952, stationed in Korea.

Survivors include his wife of 49 years, Johanna, of the home; a son, Troy Brodie and wife Michelle of Mason, Ohio; a daughter, Terra Raybern and husband Don of Seward; two sisters, Ruby Kidd of Manhattan and Eunice Secor of Dunnellon, Fla.; five grandchildren, Jana Williams and husband Jarret of Wichita, Jeff Raybern of Great Bend, Jeremy Raybern of Seward and Aaron Brodie and Blake Brodie, both of Mason, Ohio; and two great-grandchildren, Kyler Evans and Kinzie Williams. He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Wilma Sexton.

Burial will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Bryant Funeral Home, Great Bend, with Father Reginald A. Urban officiant. Interment will be at Great Bend Cemetery with military rites conducted by a Fort Riley Honor Guard. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. today at Bryant Funeral Home. Donations to the Kinzie Lynn Williams Medical Expense Fund may be made in care of the funeral home. Condolences may be sent and notice viewed at www.bryanthf.net.

Funeral arrangements provided by

Bryant Funeral Home*
1425 Patton Road
Great Bend, KS 67530
620-793-3525

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 21, 2006

Betty Marie Peschka 1920 - 2006

BROKEN ARROW, Okla. — Betty Marie Peschka, 86, died Dec. 18 in Broken Arrow, Okla. Born Nov. 20, 1920, in Great Bend, she was the daughter of Charles Naylor and Helen Mayes. She married John Peschka on Oct. 29, 1940, and moved to Tulsa, Okla., in 1954, where together they raised eight children. She loved her family and friends, opening her arms to all, as everyone, even her kids, called her “Grandma.” She could always say the right words to make you feel better or knew that secret item to add to a recipe to make it just right. She was kind, gentle and loving, but you very seldom outfoxed her keen wit when in a good card game!

Survivors include her sons and their wives, Don and Claudine of Dale City, Va., Gary and Saundra of Bedford, Texas, Duane and Linda of Norman, Okla., Rick and Jackie of Oklahoma City, Okla., Dennis of Tulsa, Okla., Jim and Karen of Joplin, Mo., and Terry and Debi of Broken Arrow, Okla.; one daughter, Mary Barlow and husband Charles of McAlester, Okla.; one sister, Margaret Tammen of Albert; four sisters-in-law: 21 grandchildren; 28 great-grandchildren; and numerous nephews, nieces, cousins and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband John and one granddaughter.

Rosary will be at 7 p.m. today at Fitzgerald Southwood Colonial Chapel in Tulsa, Okla. Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Sts. Peter and Paul Church in Tulsa, Okla. Burial will be at Floral Haven Cemetery in Tulsa, Okla. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Sts. Peter and Paul School, 1428 N. 67th E. Ave., Tulsa, OK 74115 or to Heartland Hospice, 5800 E. Skelly Drive, Suite 500, Tulsa, OK 74135.

We know you are having that dance with Dad. Good-bye Grandma, you will be greatly missed, but never forgotten.

Funeral arrangements provided by

Fitzgerald Southwood Colonial Chapel*
3612 E. 91st South
Tulsa, OK 74137

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 21, 2006

Edgar “Edgie” Disque 1930 - 2006

CLAFLIN — Edgar “Edgie” Disque, 76, died Dec. 19 at Kansas Heart Hospital in Wichita. Born Dec. 9, 1930, in Claflin, he was the son of Adam A. Disque and Margaret Caroline “Radenberg” Disque. A resident of Claflin, moving to Colorado in 1970, and back to Claflin in 1994, he was a retired machinist with Hewlett Packard and prior to that was a farmer.

Mr. Disque was an Army veteran of the Korean Conflict and the recipient of two Purple Hearts. He was a member of the United Methodist Church, Masonic Lodge #424 and Ralph B. Praeger VFW Post #8668, all of Claflin.

Survivors include two sons, Mike Disque and wife Dianna of Claflin, and Richard Disque of Colorado Springs, Colo.; former wife Ruth Costanza of Colorado Springs; five brothers, Charles Disque and Walter Disque, both of Claflin, Marlin Disque of Hoisington, Herman Disque of Lyons and Harvey Disque of Salina; two sisters, Mable Flickinger of Hutchinson and Aline Howser of Chandler, Okla.; two grandchildren, Jacob and Wyatt Disque; and several nieces and nephews and great-nieces and great-nephews. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Clarence and Martin Disque, and four sisters, Leona Welch, Velma Disque and Edna Disque.

Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at the United Methodist Church in Claflin with the Rev. Sarah Hickson de Salazar officiating.

Burial will be at the Claflin Cemetery with military graveside rites by Ralph B. Praeger VFW Post #8668 in Claflin, VFW Post #7428 and American Legion Post #286, Hoisington. Friends may call from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. today at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home and 9:30 a.m. until service time Friday at the church. Memorials are suggested to the American Heart Association or Ralph B. Praeger VFW Post #8668, Claflin, in care of the funeral home.

Funeral arrangements provided by

Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home*
415 N. Main
P.O. Box 146
Hoisington, KS 67544
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 21, 2006

Maxine Grover 1927 - 2006

Maxine Grover, 79, of Great Bend, died Dec. 19 at Great Bend Health and Rehabilitation Center in Great Bend. Born May 11, 1927, in Scott County, she was the daughter of Walter Ray and Neva Ellen (Binns) Shearmire. A resident of Great Bend since 1951, coming from Scott County, she was an Avon consultant for 20 years before her retirement. She married Clarence Calvin Grover on Dec. 16, 1966, in Great Bend.

Mrs. Grover was a member of the Avon Presidents Club, served three terms as president of the Eagles Ladies Auxiliary of Great Bend, VFW Ladies Auxiliary in Scott City, and a den leader for the Boy Scouts of Great Bend.

Survivors include her husband of Great Bend; two sons, Ricky Vaughn Francis and wife Johnnie, and Leslie Todd Francis and wife Linda, all of Great Bend; five daughters, Penny Belle Meltner and husband Gary, Gwini Collette Delgado and husband Frank, and Sheena Charmane Thomas, all of Great Bend, Mavis “Dinky” Vinsonhaler and husband Dana, and Tawana Rae Berens and husband Todd, all of Lee’s Summit, Mo.; three stepsons, Michael Roy Grover and wife Barbara of Colby, Sylvan Blaine Grover and wife Sharon of Binger, Texas, and Daniel Lee Grover and wife Lenora of Hays; one stepdaughter, Cheryl Lynn Weese and husband LeRoy of Chanute; one
Barbara, Ray Shearmire of Garden City; two sisters, Jacque Snow and Lorena Chvilicek, both of Scott City; 18 grandchildren; 19 step-grandchildren; 28 great-grandchildren; and 37 great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, Walter Ray and Neva Ellen (Binns) Shearmire; one son, Nava Rolli Graham; three brothers, Hugo Shearmire, Jerry Shearmire and Walter "Bud" Shearmire; and four sisters, Corrine Brau, Vera Shearmire, Doris Lee and Blanche Gonzales.

Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Friday at the Charter Funerals Chapel with Pastor Don Paden officiating. Burial will be at the Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call from 1 to 8 p.m. today at Charter Funerals, with the family receiving friends from 6 to 8 p.m. Memorials are suggested to Ronald McDonald House.

Funeral arrangements provided by
Charter Funerals
1425 Patton Road
Great Bend, KS 67530
620-793-3525
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 20, 2006

December 20, 2006

Stanley Odegard 1921 - 2006

Stanley Odegard, 85, of Great Bend, died Dec. 17 at his home in West Palm Beach, Fla. Born Sept. 14, 1921, in Breckenridge, Minn., he was the son of Sigvart and Lena Olson Odegard. He married LaVera Emma Bruns on Sept. 29, 1943, in Hertford, N.C. She died Jan. 23, 1998. A resident of West Palm Beach, Fla., for the last eight years, he was a resident of Great Bend for 50 years. He was a postal clerk for the U.S. Postal Service.

Odegard was a veteran of World War II, serving in the U.S. Navy. He also served in the U.S. Army Reserves, retiring in 1981. He was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church, American Legion Post 180, and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3111, all of Great Bend. He was also a member of Faith Lutheran Church in Lake Park, Fla.

Survivors include three sons, Ron Odegard of Jupiter, Fla., Larry Odegard of Westminster, Colo., and Steve Odegard of Hays; one sister, Val Rabbe of Williston, N.D.; seven grandchildren and four great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by several brothers and sisters.

Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Trinity Lutheran Church in Great Bend with the Rev. James A. Strasen officiating. Burial will be at the Great Bend Cemetery with military committal rites. Friends may call from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday at Bryant Funeral Home. Memorials are suggested to the American Heart Association or American Legion Post 180 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, Dec. 20, 2006

Edgar "Edgie" Disque 1930 - 2006

CLAFLIN — Edgar "Edgie" Disque, 76, died Dec. 19 at Kansas Heart Hospital, Wichita. Service arrangements are pending with Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home, Hoxie.

Memorials donations may be made in lieu of flowers to St. Paul's United Church of Christ in Holyrood.

Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Liberty, Texas. Graveside service will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at St. Paul's United Church of Christ Cemetery in Holyrood. Memorials donations may be made in lieu of flowers to St. Paul's United Church of Christ in Holyrood.

LIBERTY, Texas — Ramona E. Gates Lumpkins, a former resident of Holyrood, died Dec. 18 after a brave battle with cancer. She was born Dec. 10, 1934, the daughter of Angie Maley and Everett Sylvester Gates. She married Delwin E. Lumpkins on May 3, 1951.

Survivors include six children, Leanna Davis and husband Ed of Nacogdoches, Texas, Delwin Eugene Lumpkins and wife Jill of Hutchinson, Ronald Lumpkins of Russell, Dwight Lumpkins and wife Nancy of Liberty, Texas, Loren Lumpkins of Liberty, Texas, and Lonnie Lumpkins and wife Mandy of Longview, Texas; a sister, Maxine Brown of Phillipsburg; a brother, Lester Gates and wife Melba of Goodland; special in-laws Earl Lumpkins and wife Juanita of Palco, Keith Lumpkins and wife Grace and Dolge Gates, all of Chase, Virginia King and husband Darrell of Parker, Colo., and Lorna Kay Lumpkins of Hays; 19 grandchildren, 18 great grandchildren and numerous cousins, nieces, nephews and friends. She was preceded in death by Delwin, her husband of 54 years; a grandson, Michael Shane Lumpkins; and a granddaughter, Lauren Rose Lumpkins.

Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Liberty, Texas. Graveside service will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at St. Paul's United Church of Christ Cemetery in Holyrood. Memorials donations may be made in lieu of flowers to St. Paul's United Church of Christ in Holyrood.
Funeral arrangements provided by
Parsons Funeral Home*
Box 45
Ellsworth, KS 67539
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 20, 2006

December 19, 2006

A. Ione Hidde 1922 - 2006

HUTCHINSON — A. Ione Hidde, 84, of Hutchinson, went home to be with the Lord Dec. 16, passing at her home in Casper, Wyo. She was born Sept. 10, 1922, in Jacksonburg, W.Va., the daughter of Arch and Alma Ash Cain. She married Victor O. Hidde on Nov. 10, 1943, in Coffeyville. He died March 11, 2002. She had been a Hutchinson resident since 1989, moving from Winfield. She was a former resident of Great Bend and had recently moved to Casper to live with her daughter. She graduated from Raymond High School in 1940 and from the Adele Hale Business College in Hutchinson in 1941. She was a secretary at Western Manufacturing in Winfield.

Mrs. Hidde was a member of First Southern Baptist Church, Hutchinson, where she was a Sunday school teacher and church librarian. In Casper she was a member of College Heights Baptist Church. She was a member of the Rebekah Lodge of Great Bend and a 13-year volunteer for Hospice of Reno County.

Survivors include two sons, Jerry Hidde and wife Judy of Hutchinson and Rocky Hidde and wife Shawna of Russell; two daughters, Susan Scheck and husband R.J. of Casper, Wyo., and Donna Hidde of Bunker Hill; a sister, Ida Lou Funk of Winfield; nine grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Don Cain.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at First Southern Baptist Church, Hutchinson. A graveside service will be at 3 p.m. Friday at Hillcrest Memorial Park Cemetery, Great Bend, with Pastor Ray E. Kempel officiating. Friends may call from 3 to 9 p.m. Wednesday and 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday at Elliott Mortuary, Hutchinson. The family will receive friends from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the mortuary. Memorials may be sent, in care of the mortuary, to First Southern Baptist Church, Hospice of Reno County, College Heights Baptist Church or Central Wyoming Hospice. Personal condolences may be sent to www.elliottmortuary.com.

Ione's great zest for life and enduring faith are remembered by family and friends.

Funeral arrangements provided by
Elliott Mortuary*
1219 North Main
Hutchinson, KS 67501
620-663-3327

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 19, 2006

James Kenneth Blair 1969 - 2006

GREENVILLE, S.C. — James Kenneth Blair, 37, died Dec. 14. Born in Great Bend, he was the son of the late Albert Lee Orlando and Julia Spurgin Zharadnik Blair. He married Christina Enagle Blair. He was employed by Ryan's Steakhouse.

Mr. Blair was a member of the Trinity Fellowship Church.

Survivors include three sons, Darion Blair, T.C. Blair and Keanu Blair, all of the home; one daughter, Heaven Blair of the home; four brothers and one sister.

Funeral services will be at 6:30 p.m. Thursday at Thomas McAfee Funeral Home, Downtown, Greenville, S.C. Friends may visit after the funeral. Memorials are suggested to Trinity Fellowship Church, 1700 2N, Pleasantburg Drive, Greenville, SC 29609.

Funeral arrangements provided by
Thomas McAfee Funeral Home, Downtown
P.O. Box 527
Greenville, SC 29602-0527

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, December 19, 2006

Charles E. Webb 1920 - 2006

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. — Charles E. Webb, of Springfield, passed from this life on Saturday, Dec. 16, at the age of 86. He passed peacefully at Springfield Rehabilitation and Health Care Center. The family is grateful to the staff of SRHCC for the care they gave Charles.

Charles was born Aug. 31, 1920, in Rogersville, Mo. He was the second of four children born to Clifford and Martha (Gibson) Webb. In 1943, Charles married Loretta Rogers of Ozark, Mo. They had three daughters during their marriage. In 1958 he married Lela Rogers of Ozark. They had two sons during their marriage.

Charles was preceded in death by his parents, his sister, Lucille Samuel and her husband Elmer (Cotton), five grandchildren, Christie, Mark, Rebecca, Tanya and Joseph Huff, and his longtime companion Lela Webb. He is survived by two sisters, Marceline Howerton and her husband Don of Mountain Grove, Mo., and Marthena Davis and her husband Jeff of Springfield. Charles is also survived by his children, Beverly Bowers of Rogersville, Mo., Barbara Webb of Cherokee Village, Ark., Bonnie Davis and her partner Floyd of Lamar, Ark., Gene Webb and his wife Vicky of Ellinwood and Rick Webb of Tulsa, Okla.; his five grandchildren and one great grandchild and many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Funeral service will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at Preston-Marsh Funeral Home, 314 S. Main, Rogersville, Mo., with the Rev. Paul Swadley officiating. Friends may call from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. Burial will follow the service at Eastlawn Cemetery in Springfield. Memorials are suggested in Charles’s name to the Alzheimer’s Association, Southwest Missouri Chapter.

Funeral arrangements provided by
Preston-Marsh Funeral Home*
314 S. Main
Rogersville, MO
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, December 19, 2006

Harley Ray Evers 1911 - 2006

Harley Ray Evers, 94, of Great Bend, died Dec. 16 at Woodhaven Care Center in Ellinwood. He was born Dec. 30, 1911, in Barton County, the son of Otis and Maude Barger Evers. He married Ruth Aelfs on June 11, 1934, in Great Bend. She died Oct. 3, 1986. On Jan 25, 1990, he married Opal Ford in Great Bend. She died June 21, 2003. A lifetime Barton County resident, he was a farmer.

Evers was a member of the First Christian Church, serving on the church council, the Masonic Temple and B.P.O.E., all of Great Bend.

Survivors include son David Evers of Great Bend; daughter Delores Piper of Houston, Texas; 10 grandchildren, 23 great grandchildren and three great-great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one son, Delton Evers; four brothers, Elmer Evers, Les Evers, Kirby Evers, and Claire Evers; and two sisters, Alice King and Hazel Kirkman.
Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at the church with the Rev. William F. Johnson officiating. Burial will be at the Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. today and 1 to 9 p.m. Wednesday at Bryant Funeral Home. Memorials are suggested to the Masonic Temple in care of the funeral home.

Bryant Funeral Home
1425 Patton Road
Great Bend, KS 67530
620-793-3525
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 19, 2006

Bella Ann Cox

Bella Ann Cox, infant daughter of Mason Cox and Megan Mott, was stillborn Dec. 14 at Central Kansas Medical Center, Great Bend.
Survivors include her parents, of Great Bend, and her one-year-old sister, Izzabo Cox.
Funeral arrangements provided by
Charter Funerals
2115 Washington
Great Bend, KS 67530
620-793-6161
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 19, 2006

Harley Ray Evers 1911 - 2006

Harley Ray Evers, 94, died Dec. 16 at Woodhaven Care Center in Ellinwood. Services are pending with Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend.
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 14, 2006

Ralph H. Baird 1918 - 2006

LARNED — Ralph H. Baird, 88, died Dec. 13 at his home in Larned. Born Dec. 13, 1918, at Larned, he was the son of John and Clara Spangler Baird. A longtime resident of Edwards and Pawnee counties, he was the owner of Ralph Baird Motors in Larned. He graduated from Larned High School in 1937. While serving as a mechanic in the Zook community, he learned to fly and joined the Army Air Corps in 1943. He was a B24 Liberator pilot for the Shady Lady, stationed at Hethel Air Base in England from June 1944 until May 1945.
Captain Baird flew 23 bombing missions and was awarded several service medals including the Distinguished Flying Cross. He returned to Lewis after World War II and purchased Posey-Baird Ford in 1945. He moved to Kinsley and purchased the Kinsley Ford agency, renaming it Ralph Baird Motors in 1955. In 1974 he purchased Robbins Ford in Larned where he was a Ford dealer, renaming the dealership Ralph Baird Motors, Inc. He was also active in farming.
Mr. Baird was a member of the Presbyterian Church, Rotary Club where he was a Paul Harris Fellow, past director of the Larned Area Chamber of Commerce, Lewis Masonic Lodge, Wichita Midian Shrine, Experimental Aircraft Association and numerous other community organizations. He served on the city council and as mayor while in Kinsley, was a member and trustee of the Kinsley Congregational Church and a life member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and American Legion.
Survivors include his wife of Larned; one son, Joe Baird of Metemora, Ill.; one daughter, Jean Martin of Oberlin; a sister, Ona Cross of Lewis; a stepson, Jim Lyman of Ellinwood; a stepdaughter, Gina Janes of Hannibal, Mo.; five grandchildren; five stepgrandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.
A vigil service will be at 5 p.m. Sunday at Bryant Funeral Home, Great Bend. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Monday at St. Patrick Catholic Church, Great Bend, with Father Wesley Schawe officiating. Interment will be at Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. today at Beckwith Mortuary Chapel in Larned. Burial will be in the Larned Cemetery. Memorials may be sent to the Ralph Baird Scholarship Fund at Larned High School or the Rotary Foundation in care of the funeral home. Condolences may be sent and this notice viewed at www.beckwithmortuary.com.
Funeral arrangements provided by
Beckwith Mortuary, Inc.
P.O. Box 477
Larned, KS 67550
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 15, 2006

Herbert (Herb) Rohleder 1931 - 2006

Herbert (Herb) Rohleder, 75, of Great Bend, died Dec. 14 at Harry Hynes Memorial Hospice in Wichita. He was born March 25, 1931, at Hays, the son of Peter N. and Clara Toepfer Rohleder. He married Darlene Colby in 1951 at Ellis. They were divorced in 1973. He married Diane Nusbaum on Aug. 13, 1986, in Oklahoma. He was a district judge for the State of Kansas for 28 years, retiring in 1995. He was a resident of Great Bend for 46 years, coming from Topeka and Hays. He was a U.S. Air Force veteran, serving during the Korean Conflict with the rank of staff sergeant.
He was a member of the state and local bar associations, Prince of Peace Parish at St. Rose, VFW Post 3111 and the Boy Scouts. Survivors include his wife, Diane Nusbaum, of the home; a son, T.J. Rohleder of Lehigh; three daughters, Ann McFaris and Ellen Begnaud, both of Vista, Calif., and Karla Ferguson of Tucson, Ariz.; one brother, Frank Rohleder, of Hays; two sisters, Mary Strunk, of Clearwater, and Laurina Kuhn, of Victoria; 12 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by three brothers and one sister.
A vigil service will be at 6 p.m. Sunday at Bryant Funeral Home, Great Bend. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Monday at St. Patrick Catholic Church, Great Bend, with Father Wesley Schawe officiant. Interment will be at Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call from 1 until 9 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home. Donations to memorial funds for the Boy Scouts of America, Kanza Council; or Ourselves and Our Families, may be made in care of Bryant Funeral Home. Condolences may be sent and notice viewed at www.bryanthfun.net
Funeral arrangements provided by
Bryant Funeral Home
1425 Patton Road
Great Bend, KS 67530
620-793-3525
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 15, 2006
BOLIVAR, Mo. — Beatrice Albina Thompson, 88, of Bolivar, Mo., died at 9:05 p.m. on Dec. 11 at the Emery J. Lilge Hospice House at Huguley Memorial Medical Center in Burleson, Texas. He was born on Nov. 21, 1954, in Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., the son of Carl and Joyce Laudick Donovan. He was a graduate of Dighton High School, where he competed in cross-country events and held a school record for many years. Mike served in the Army at Fort Leonard Wood, Fort Dix, and Germany. He was of the Catholic faith.

On Sept. 19, 1998, he married Lisa Laird in Las Vegas, Nev. Residents of Fort Worth, Texas, he and his wife spent their time traveling across the country as team truck drivers, and shared many wonderful memories of the places they visited and sites they saw from their windshield.

Mike never met a stranger and developed many long-lasting friendships throughout his life. Family was very important to Mike, and he will be deeply missed. He loved family activities and spending time with his grandchildren and nieces and nephews. He also enjoyed computer games, collecting and watching movies, books in any form, and always had time to visit and share stories.

Survivors include his wife, Lisa Donovan, of Fort Worth, Texas; three sons, Dommnick and wife Rachel Donovan, Ellinwood, Denver Donovan, Holcomb, and Joseph Donovan, Fort Worth; one stepson, Davis Tortoris, Beaumont, Texas; one stepdaughter, Kay Chaloupek, Lumberton, Texas; his mother, Joyce Donovan, Scott City; one brother, Dallas Donovan. Abbeville, La.; three sisters, Penny Rajewski, Lake Charles, La., Cindy Coe, Bakersfield, Calif., and Carla Schroeder, Eagle, Neb.; and seven grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his grandparents and his father, Carl Donovan.

Funeral services will be at Price & Sons Funeral Home, Scott City, at 10:30 a.m. Friday, with Father Warren Stecklein officiant. Interment will be at the Scott County Cemetery, Scott City. Memorial donations in lieu of flowers may be made to Emery J. Lilge Hospice House, 301 Medpark Circle of Flowers, Burleson, TX 76028, or in care of Price & Sons Funeral Home. Friends may call from 9 a.m. until 8 p.m. today at Price & Sons Funeral Home, Scott City.

Funeral arrangements provided by
Price & Sons Funeral Home*
401 S. Washington St.
Scott City, KS 67871
1-620-872-2116
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 14, 2006

Beatrice Albina Thompson 1918 - 2006

BOLIVAR, Mo. — Beatrice Albina Thompson, 88, of Bolivar, Mo., died at 9:05 p.m. on Dec. 11 at the Citizens Memorial Hospital in Bolivar after a lingering illness. Born Aug. 2, 1918, in Ellsworth County, she was the daughter of Edward Mog and Mary Kodytek Mog. A former resident of Great Bend from 1955 to 1985, she was a retired cashier for Gibson’s store.

Survivors include three daughters, Sharon and husband Roger Vote of Bolivar, Mo., Sonja and husband George Conner of Rogersville, Mo., and Claudia and husband Robert Dietz of Eugene, Ore.; three sons, Kenneth and wife Connie Donovan, Great Bend, Dwayne and wife Irene Thompson of Folsom, Calif., and Mike and wife Jane Thompson of Morrisville, Mo.; 17 grandchildren, 29 great-grandchildren and 11 great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Uvon Tommy Thompson, and a grandson, Terry Lee.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at the Butler Funeral Home Chapel, Bolivar, with the Rev. Barbara McKenzie officiating. Music will be “Whispering Hope” and “When We All Get To Heaven,” played and sung by Tammy Kelley and a special song, “Christ for Every Crisis.” Burial will be at the Morrisville Cemetery under the direction of the Butler Funeral Home of Bolivar. Casketbearers will be Kenneth L. Thompson, Dwayne Thompson, Mike Thompson, G.A. Conner, Roger Vote and Robert Dietz. Friends may call from 6 to 7 p.m. Friday at the Butler Chapel. Memorial contributions may be made to the Juvenile Diabetes Association in care of the funeral home. Friends may sign the guest book or send private condolences to www.butlerfuneralhome.com.

Funeral arrangements provided by
Butler Funeral Home*
407 E. Broadway
Bolivar, MO 65613
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 14, 2006

James S. Claypool 1943 - 2006

STAFFORD — James S. Claypool, 63, died Dec. 11. Born Aug. 12, 1943, at Fort Riley, he was the son of James S. Claypool Sr. and Corona Alice Hagerman Claypool. A previous resident of St. John, Great Bend and Hays, he moved to Stafford in 1981. He was the owner/operator of Stafford Glass and Body Shop. He married Carolyn Williams at Stafford on Jan. 19, 1962. Mr. Claypool was a member of the First Christian Church of Stafford, Masonic Lodge of St. John, Stafford Lions Club, Stafford County Country Club, Sons of the American Legion and the Stafford Chamber of Commerce.

Survivors include his wife; one son, Kenneth Lee Claypool of Stafford; one daughter, Coralice Marie Rankin of Stafford; his father, James S. Claypool, Sr. of Ness City; one sister, Dallas Brauer, Stafford; one half brother, Leon Claypool of Houston; one half sister, Glenna Wood of Hockley, Texas; and three grandchildren.
Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at the First Christian Church in Stafford with the Rev. Eric Taylor presiding. Burial will be at the Stafford Cemetery. Friends may call from 1 to 8 p.m. today at Minnis Chapel in Stafford, with the family receiving friends from 6 to 8 p.m. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be sent to the Southwind Hospice in care of the chapel.

Funeral arrangements provided by
Minnis Chapel
125 N. Main
Stafford, KS 67578
620-234-5261
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 14, 2006

Ralph H. Baird

LARNED — Ralph H. Baird, 88, died Dec. 13 at his home in Larned. Funeral arrangements are pending and will be announced by Beckwith Mortuary Chapel in Larned.

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 14, 2006

Carroll W. (Katy) Manning 1918 - 2006

ELLINWOOD — Carroll W. (Katy) Manning, 87, died Dec. 12 at his home. He was born Dec. 21, 1918, at Prescott, Texas, the son of John and Metha Eversen Manning. He married Annabel Start Nov. 4, 1938, at Ellinwood. She died March 17, 1994. He married Nona Leeper Feb. 13, 1997, at Bran-son, Mo. He had lived in Ellinwood since 1938. He was a 1938 graduate of Ellinwood High School. He was co-owner of Manning Drilling Co., a security guard at Marlett Homes in Great Bend and a greeter at Kimple Funeral Home, Ellinwood. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II.

He was a member of St. Joseph’s Catholic Church and its Funeral Choir, Knights of Columbus Council 1187, the American Legion, Ellinwood City Council and a former mayor of Ellinwood.

Survivors include his wife, Nona, of the home; a son, Mike, of Great Bend; four daughters, Carol Ann Martin of Paola, Mary Margaret Brown of Olathe, Susie Smith of Heartland, Wis., and Jane Murray of Wichita; two stepsons, Darrell Ratlief of McPherson and Dennis Ratlief of Wichita Falls, Texas; a stepdaughter, Arlinda Ehler of Amarillo, Texas; nine grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a son, John, and a brother, Delmer.

An Altar Society Rosary will be at 3 p.m. Friday at Kimple Funeral Home, Ellinwood. A vigil service will be at 7 p.m., followed by a Knights of Columbus Rosary, also Friday at the funeral home. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at St. Joseph’s Catholic Church, Ellinwood, with Father Charles Mazouch officiant. Burial will be at the Elmwood Cemetery in Ellinwood. Friends may call from 1 until 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the Ellinwood School and Library Foundation or to the Parkinson’s Disease Foundation.

Funeral arrangements provided by
Kimple Funeral Home, Inc.
113 North Main
Ellinwood, KS 67526
620-564-2300
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 14, 2006

Stephen C. English, Jr. 1976 - 2006

LINDSBORG — Stephen C. English, Jr., 30, of Lindsborg, formerly of Great Bend, died Dec. 12. Born May 14, 1976, in Russell, he was the son of Stephen C. English and Sarah Annette Dickson. A resident of Lindsborg since 2005, moving from Great Bend, he was a welder for PKM Steel Services of Salina.

Mr. English was a member of the First Baptist Church in Great Bend and a former member of Eastside Baptist Church.

Survivors include his mother Annette and stepfather Steve Burkey of Lindsborg; father Stephen C. English of Cocoa, Fla.; one daughter, Desteny English of Great Bend; grandmothers Sherla Hopp of McPherson and Teresa Hendry of Cocoa, Fla.; two half brothers, Guy Burkey of Lindsborg and Michael English of Cocoa, Fla.; a stepbrother, Christopher Dowdy of Cocoa, Fla.; one sister, Betty Ann Fletcher of Collingswood, N.J.; and a half sister, Jacala Burkey of Lindsborg.

Funeral services will be at 1:30 p.m. Monday at Christians Funeral Home in Lindsborg. Burial will be at the Elmwood Cemetery in Lindsborg. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home, with the family receiving friends from 7 to 8 p.m. Memorials are suggested to the Harry Hynes Hospice or the Educational Fund.

Funeral arrangements provided by
Christians Funeral Home
103 N. Washington
P.O. Box 386
Lindsborg, KS 67456
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 14, 2006

December 13, 2006

Velma E. Wilson 1921 - 2006

Velma E. Wilson, 84, of Great Bend, died Dec. 9 at Great Bend Health and Rehabilitation Center in Great Bend. Born on Dec. 20, 1921, in Larned, she was the daughter of Delbert B. and Malinda L. (Baeumel) Drees. She was a graduate of Larned High School. She married Floyd A. Wilson on April 14, 1943, in Larned. A resident of Great Bend since 1958, she was a homemaker and owned her own day-care until retirement.

Mrs. Wilson was a member of First Christian Church of Great Bend.

Survivors include two sons, Ron D. Wilson and wife Cindy, and Steve L. Wilson, all of Great Bend; two daughters, Connie E. Legg and husband Kline of Great Bend and Donna K. Hanks and husband David L. of Overland Park; one brother, Kenneth D. Drees of Larned; one sister, Dorothy L. Kennedy of Okmulgee, Okla.; eight grandchildren and eight great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband and by one son, Fred A. Wilson.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at the Charter Funeral Chapel in Great Bend with the Rev. Bill Johnson officiating. Burial will be in the Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call from 1 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the First Christian Church in Great Bend.

Funeral arrangements provided by
Charter Funerals*
2115 Washington
Great Bend, KS 67530
620-793-6161
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 13, 2006

Lydia (Boxberger) Krug 1912 - 2006

RUSSELL — Lydia (Boxberger) Krug, 94, died Dec. 11 at Russell Regional Hospital. She was born Oct. 10, 1912, on the family farm south of Russell. She grew up in the Fossil Creek area and attended school in Russell. She married Raymond Harold Krug on June 14, 1930, in Russell. He died on Feb. 4, 1990. A homemaker, Krug also worked as a cook at the Grant School during the early 1950s. She had been a resident of Vintage Place since May of 1995.

Mrs. Krug was a member of St. John’s Lutheran Church of Russell and was a Sunday school teacher for many years. She also was a member of the Rebekah Lodge of Russell.

Survivors include two sons, Jerry Krug of Katy, Texas, and Ron Krug of Russell; 10 grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two sons, James and Larry Krug, two sisters, Minnie Morgenstern and Lena Becker, and five brothers, Emanuel Boxberger, William Boxberger, Edward Boxberger, Benjamin Boxberger and Leo Boxberger.

Celebration of her life is scheduled for 10:30 a.m. Friday at the church, followed by burial at the St. John’s Lutheran Cemetery in Russell.

Friends may call from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday at Pohlman-Varner-Peeler Mortuary in Russell. Memorials are suggested to the church or the St. John’s Lutheran Cemetery Fund, in care of the mortuary.

Funeral arrangements provided by
Pohlman-Varner-Peeler Mortuary
610 N. Maple St.
Russell, KS 67665
785-483-2212
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 13, 2006

Dalton “Buddie” Sanders 1921 - 2006

FORT SMITH, Ark. — Dalton “Buddie” Sanders, 84, a resident of Fort Smith since 1960, passed away Dec. 11 at a Fort Smith nursing home. He was born Dec. 16, 1921, at Cedar Creek, Ark., the son of James Gary and Lilie Sanders, the ninth of 12 children.

He was a veteran of World War II, having served in the 36th Calvary REC SQD and receiving the Purple Heart. After the war he received his engineer’s license building radio and television stations throughout Arkansas, Texas, Oklahoma and New Mexico.

Sanders was a member of the Haven Heights Baptist Church. On Jan. 5, 1944, he married Ann Estelle Parr. They were married 53 years.

Survivors include one son, Donald Wayne Sanders of Sterling, Kan.; one daughter, Sherry Wann Wewers of Hope, Ark.; two sisters, Lyda Hayes of Grain Valley, Mo., and Dayle Oliver of Fort Smith, Ark.; seven grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren.

Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at the Cedar Creek Community Church, with the Rev. Neal Prock officiating, followed by burial in the Sanders Cemetery in Cedar Creek, Ark., under the direction of Martin Funeral Home. Friends may call from 1 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home in Waldron, Ark. The family will receive friends from 3 to 6 p.m. at the Martin Funeral Home Chapel.

Pallbearers will be Donald Sanders Jr., Seth Sanders, Chris Wewers, Travis Wewers, James Lairs and Chris Pomeroy. Honorary pallbearers will be Zane Dalton Sanders, Zachary Dallas Sanders, Zade Donald Sanders, Thomas Wewers II, Colin Wewers, Stephen Wewers, Terry Sanders and Brian Sanders.

Memorials are suggested to the Cedar Creek Cemetery Fund, in care of Doris Darrossett, P.O. Box 8, Waldron, AR 72958. To sign the online guest register visit www.martinfuneralhomes.com.

Funeral arrangements provided by
Martin Funeral Home*
P.O. Box 786; 101 West Fourth,
Waldron, AR 72958
479-637-2167
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 13, 2006

December 12, 2006

Karen Raye “Brenner” Becker 1940 - 2006

Karen Raye “Brenner” Becker, 66, of Great Bend, died Dec. 10 at Cherry Village Nursing Home in Great Bend. She was born June 25, 1940, in Great Bend, the daughter of Albert Patrick and Adella Mary Machal Brenner. A lifetime resident of Great Bend, she graduated from Great Bend High School in 1958. She was a homemaker.

Ms. Becker was a member of the Prince of Peace Parish at St. Rose, St. Rose Altar Society and Delta Theta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi, all of Great Bend.

Survivors include two sons, Rocky Wayne Becker and fiancee Ivy of Seward and Rick Dwayne Becker and wife Johnita of Hutchinson; two daughters, Tammy Ann Hayden and husband Randy of Great Bend and Teri Kay Stephenson and husband Todd of Hutchinson; two sisters, Shelia A. Becker and Barbara J. Moeder, both of Great Bend; 15 grandchildren and two great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a sister, Alberta D. Boxberger.

Altar Society Rosary will be at 4 p.m. and Vigil Service at 7 p.m. today at Bryant Funeral Home. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. on Wednesday at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Great Bend with Father Wesley Schawe officiating. Burial will be at the Great Bend Cemetery.

Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. today at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Prince of Peace Parish, the American Heart Association or the American Diabetes Association in care of the funeral home. Condolences may be sent and notice viewed at www.bryantfh.net.

Funeral arrangements provided by
Bryant Funeral Home*
1425 Patton Road
Great Bend, KS 67530
620-793-3525
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 12, 2006

Mary Ann Mantz 1928 - 2006

BUSHTON — Mary Ann Mantz, 78, died Dec. 9 at Clara Barton Hospital in Hoisington. Born Dec. 8, 1928, in Olmitz, she was the daughter of John and Augusta (Reimer) Mantz. A resident of Bushton for 7 1/2 years, coming from Olmitz, she was a registered nurse at Central Kansas Medical Center for 30 years.

Ms. Mantz was a member of St. Ann Catholic Church and Altar Society of Olmitz.
Survivors include three nieces, Kathy Ochs of Great Bend, Carol Neely of Kinsley and Debbie Besperat of Branson, Mo.; one sister-in-law, Ann Mantz of Great Bend; close friend Marietta Mooney of Bushton; and great-nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents and one brother, Carl Mantz.

Wake service will be at 7 p.m. on today followed by an Altar Society Rosary at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday at St. Ann Catholic Church in Olmitz with Father Ultan Murphy officiating. Burial will be at St. Ann Cemetery in Olmitz. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to St. Ann Catholic Church or the American Heart Association 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, Dec. 12, 2006

Velma E. Wilson 1921 - 2006

Velma E. Wilson, 84, of Great Bend, died Dec. 9 at Great Bend Health and Rehabilitation Center in Great Bend. Born on Dec. 20, 1921, in Larned, she was the daughter of Delbert B. and Malinda L. (Baeumel) Dreese. She was a graduate of Larned High School. She married Floyd A. Wilson on April 14, 1943, in Larned. A resident of Great Bend since 1958, she was a homemaker and owned her own day-care until retirement.

Mrs. Wilson was a member of First Christian Church of Great Bend.
Survivors include two sons, Ron D. Wilson and Steve L. Wilson, both of Great Bend; two daughters, Connie E. Legg of Great Bend and Donna K. Hanks of Overland Park; one brother, Kenneth D. Dreese of Larned; one sister, Dorothy L. Kennedy of Okmulgee, Okla.; eight grandchildren and eight great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband; and one son Fred A. Wilson.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. on Thursday at the Charter Funeral Chapel in Great Bend with the Rev. Bill Johnson officiating. Burial will be in the Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call from 1 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the First Christian Church in Great Bend.

Funeral arrangements provided by
Charter Funerals
2115 Washington
Great Bend, KS 67530
620-793-6161
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 12, 2006

Edward J. Martin Sr. 1926-2006

WaKEENEY — Edward J. Martin Sr., 80, died Dec. 10 at Hays Medical Center in Hays. He was born June 4, 1926, in Walbach, Neb., the son of James Wilbur and Bella Marie (Adams) Martin. On Oct. 14, 1950, he married Martha Mary Dupont in St. Anthony’s Church in Sterling, Colo. He attended rural Stevens School in Sterling, Colo. In the early years, Edward worked in the oil patch before going to work for Dresser Industry. He worked for them for 25 years as a truck driver and warehouse manager, retiring in 1983.

Martin was a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 871 of Plainview, where he served as post commander in 1968 and 1969, and was a charter member of the Eagles Lodge 3774 of WaKeeney. He was a guard patrolman in the Army, serving in World War II. Survivors include his wife of the home; two sons, Eddie Martin of Great Bend and Tony Martin of WaKeeney; one daughter, Pat Lovin of Ellis; two brothers, Roland Martin of Hastings, Neb., and Jay Martin of Sterling, Colo.; two sisters, Ella Renner of Rock Springs, Wyo., and Viola Hoselton of Gernsey, Wyo.; eight grandchildren and four great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one brother, William Martin, a daughter, Patricia K. Martin, and two grandchildren, Andy and Randy Hankins.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Schmitt Funeral Home, WaKeeney, with the Rev. Dwight Dozier officiating. Friends may call from 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the Eagles Post 3774 of WaKeeney or to the VFW Post 871 and may be sent in care of the funeral home.

Funeral arrangements provided by
Schmitt Funeral Home
336 North 12th
WaKeeney, KS 67672
785-743-6761
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 12, 2006

Bill Buckbee 1934 - 2006

ELLINWOOD — Bill Buckbee, 72, died Dec. 9 at his home. He was born May 28, 1934, in Great Bend, the son of Roy Buckbee and Elizabeth Heinze. A lifetime resident of Ellinwood, he was a retired farmer and carpenter. He was a 1952 graduate of Ellinwood High School. He married Barbara Deweese on June 2, 1956, in Ellinwood.

Buckbee was a member of the Immanuel United Church of Christ, Church Council, Lions Club, USD 355 School Board and American Legion, all in Ellinwood. He was a U.S. Army veteran. Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Brian Buckbee of Ponca City, Okla.; four daughters, Debbie Jackson of Great Bend, Sandy Parke and Lori Thomas, both of Ellinwood, and Robin Waters of Wellfleet, Neb.; three sisters, Iris Pohlman, Margie Wallace and Madge Yarmer, all of Ellinwood; and nine grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one half brother, Monroe Buckbee.

Funeral service will be at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday at the Immanuel United Church of Christ with the Rev. Larry Young and the Rev. Brian S. Buckbee officiating. Burial will be at the Lakin-Comanche District Cemetery in Ellinwood. Friends may visit from 1 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the Immanuel United Church of Christ.

Funeral arrangements provided by
Kimple Funeral Home
113 N. Main
Ellinwood, KS 67526
620-564-2300
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 12, 2006
December 10, 2006

Mabel L. Cook 1921 - 2006

Mabel L. Cook, 85, of Great Bend died Dec. 8 at the Good Samaritan Center, Hays. She was born May 4, 1921, on the farm in Kearny County, in Hartland Township, the daughter of John and Florence Kaniper Kash. She married Norman Cook on June 21, 1937, in Garden City. He died June 22, 1989. She was a homemaker and a longtime resident of Great Bend.

She was an active member of the First Landmark Missionary Baptist Church in Great Bend.

Survivors include three sons, Robert L. Cook and wife Sandi, Williamsburg, Va., Roger D. Cook and wife Sharon of Violet Hill, Ark., and Ronald D. Cook and wife Janet of Hays; five grandchildren, Leslie Lindquist, Susen Guzman, Doug Cook and Tyla Weber; seven great-grandchildren, Benjamin and Sidney Cook, Garrett and Madison Jones, and Nathan, Merrell and Tylor Guzman; two brothers, Marvin Kash and wife Thelma of Lakin and Oscar Kash and wife Anita Beth of Meridian, Idaho; and a sister-in-law, Viola Kash, Lakin. She was preceded in death by one grandson, Todd Cook, in 1990; two sisters, Ruby Pebley in 1949 and Edith Abrams in 1974; four brothers, Ray Kash in 1909, Arthur Kash in 1987, Russell Kash in 1993 and Clarence Kash in 2000.

A graveside service will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday in the Great Bend Cemetery, with Elder A.J. Owens officiant. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday at Bryant Funeral Home, Great Bend. Memorial donations for Hayes Hospice or First Landmark Missionary Baptist Church, Great Bend, may be made in care of the funeral home. Condolences may be sent and notice viewed at www.bryanthf.net.

Funeral arrangements provided by
Bryant Funeral Home*

1425 Patton Road
Great Bend, KS 67530
620-793-3525

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 10, 2006

Larry Haberman 1942 - 2006

HOISINGTON — Larry Haberman, 64, died Dec. 8 at Via Christi Regional Medical Center, St. Francis Campus, Wichita. He was born Sept. 7, 1942, at Great Bend, the son of Leonard and Mary (Jacobs) Haberman. He married Lila Jean Wagner on March 31, 1991, at Olmitz. She survives. He was a plumber for Pease Plumbing and Peterson Mechanical, Great Bend, retiring in 2002. He was a resident of Hoisington since 1985, coming from Olmitz.

Mr. Haberman was a member of St. Ann Catholic Church and Knights of Columbus Council 2100, 3rd and 4th Degrees, Olmitz; American Legion Post 286, Hoisington, and Fraternal Order of Eagles 2451, Great Bend.

Survivors, in addition to his wife, of the home, are a stepdaughter, Debbie New and husband Tony, of Olmitz; a brother, John Haberman and wife Joyce, Great Bend; stepgrandchildren, Jason and Jim New, Olmitz; and a nephew, Jason Haberman, Great Bend.

A wake service will be at 7 p.m. tonight, followed by a Knights of Columbus rosary, both at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home, Hoisington.

Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at St. Ann Catholic Church, Olmitz, with Father Utlan Murphy officiating. Burial will be at St. Ann Cemetery, Olmitz. Friends may call from 1 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home. Memorials to St. Ann Catholic Church may be made in care of the funeral home.

Funeral arrangements provided by
Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home*

415 North Main
Box 146
Hoisington, KS 67544
620-653-4154

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 10, 2006

Steven D. Jackson 1959 - 2006

Steve Jackson, 47, of Porter, Texas, died Dec. 5 in Humble, Texas, as the result of a shooting. He was born Nov. 28, 1959, in Borger, Texas, to Jim and Linda Jackson. A resident of the Houston area since 1988, coming from Great Bend, he was a technical sales representative for the family-owned business. He married Holly Cook on June 21, 1980, in Great Bend.

Steve was a 1978 graduate of Great Bend High School. He lived life to the fullest and loved riding his Harley-Davidson motorcycle with his wife. He was a humble servant and was a volunteer firefighter for both the Kingwood and Porter fire departments.

He is survived by his wife Holly; one daughter, Lindsey, and one son, Blake. Other survivors include his parents, Jim and Linda; brother Dan and his wife Janie and their two children; father-in-law and mother-in-law, Dave and Shirley Cook; brother-in-law David Cook and brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Mike and Susan Williams and their daughter Jenna.

Funeral services were held Dec. 9, 2006, at the Rosewood Funeral Home in Porter, Texas. The family asks that in lieu of flowers, a donation be made to the charity of your choice.

Funeral arrangements provided by
Rosewood Funeral Home*

22271 US Highway 59, Porter, TX 77365
(281) 354-2171

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 10, 2006

Verda Lea Wickstrom 1930 - 2006

Verda Lea Wickstrom, 75, of Great Bend died Dec. 8 at the Kansas Medical Center in Andover. She was born Dec. 25, 1930, at Montezuma, the daughter of Leslie Garden and Doris Feltner Thomas. She married Ralph R. Wickstrom at Wichita on Oct. 22, 1966. She survives. A longtime resident of Pawnee and Barton counties, she was a homemaker.

She was a member of the Methodist Church at Otis.

Survivors include her husband; a son, Mike Mauney of Pawnee Rock; four daughters, Linda Haynes and Carla Adams, both of Larned, Janet Warren, Great Bend, and Patti Cox, Wichita; a brother, Irving Neier, Greensburg; four sisters, Donna Jantz, Syracuse, Maxine Dargel, Greensburg, Juanita Lieber, Goddard, and Virginia Miller, Ensign; 20 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a brother, Leslie Thomas.

Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Beckwith Memorial Chapel, Larned, with Pastor Linda Bolz and Pastor Kathy Bannister presiding. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday and Tuesday at Beckwith Mortuary Chapel. Burial will be in the Larned Cemetery.

Memorials may be sent to the Methodist Church, Otis, in care of Beckwith Mortuary, Inc., P.O. Box 324, Larned, KS 67550. This notice may be viewed and condolences left at www.beckwithmortuary.com.

Funeral arrangements provided by
Beckwith Mortuary
Gail F. Klein 1929 - 2006

LARNED — Gail F. Klein, 76, died Dec. 8 at St. Joseph Long Term Care, Larned. He was born Dec. 24, 1929, the son of Clarence C. and Georgia Angie Fisher Klein. A lifetime resident of Pawnee County, he was a retired farm laborer and truck driver. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict.

He was of the Christian faith.

Survivors include nephews, Dwight Shank, Hutchinson, and Dwane Shank, Greensburg, and several other nephews and nieces. He was preceded in death by three brothers, Laverne, DeLoyd and Lester, and one sister, Ruth Shank.

A graveside service will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Browns Grove Cemetery, Burdett, with Pastor Dennis Scheibmeir presiding. Visitation will be from noon until 8 p.m. today and 9 a.m. to noon Monday at Morell Funeral Home, Larned. Memorials for the Welcome Inn Seniors may be sent in care of the funeral home.

Funeral arrangements provided by
Morell Funeral Home
P.O. Box 124
1021 Broadway
Larned, KS 67550
620-285-2177

Mary Ann Mantz
BUSHTON — Mary Ann Mantz, 78, died Dec. 9 at Clara Barton Hospital, Hoisington. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home, Hoisington.

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December 8, 2006
Sammy Rae McComb 1940 - 2006

ALVA, Okla. — Funeral services for Sammy Rae McComb, 66, will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 9, at the First United Methodist Church, Alva, with Pastor Terry Martindale and the Rev. William S. Kalfas officiating. Interment will be in the Capron Cemetery under the direction of Marshall Funeral Home of Alva.

Mr. McComb was born on Feb. 19, 1940, to Herbert Max and Cleta Evelyn (Herrell) McComb and passed away Dec. 6, 2006, surrounded by his family at his home in Alva at the age of 66 years. Sam fought a lengthy, courageous battle with cancer.

Sam grew up in the community of Stafford, Kan. He was baptized in the Church of Christ. He graduated from Stafford High School with the Class of 1958. He enlisted in the United States Army Reserve.

After graduation Sam went to work for J. K. Fields Oil Field Construction, Pratt. He went to Arizona and became number-one welder in the strip mines, later working for White Shield Company in West Virginia. He came to Oklahoma, working in the oil field for Litzenberger Construction, Waynoka, Okla.

After moving to Alva, Sam went to work for Woods County District #1 until his retirement on Jan. 1, 2006.

On Aug. 9, 1959, Sam married Carol Sue Reneau in Hudson, Kan. To their marriage, three children were born; Ly Anna Lynn, La Tanna Sue and Lo Rita Rae. On June 25, 2004, he married Lois Brown in Eureka Springs, Ark.

Sam was preceded in death by his dad, Max McComb, on July 29, 1995, a granddaughter, Tabita McComb-Crawford, on Dec. 15, 1988, and Dennis Kimery, on May 30, 2000.

Survivors include his wife, Lois of the home; his mother, Cleta McComb of Stafford; three daughters, Ly Anna McComb of Greensburg, La Tanna McComb-Beaumont and her husband, Steve, of Great Bend, and Lo Rita McComb-Heinson and her husband, DeWayne, of Greensburg. Also surviving are his extended family, Amie and Joe Turner of Blanchard, Okla., and Debbie Van Hooser and Clifton Cornish of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. He is also survived by 12 grandchildren. Also surviving are two sisters, Nancy Girard and her husband, Ray, of Augusta, and Marilyn Stallings and her husband, James, of Alva, Okla.; one brother, Charles McComb of San Antonio, Texas; other relatives and many friends.

He was past president and secretary of Oklahoma Sooner Riders, past president of the Waynoka Saddle Club, treasurer of the Woods County Fair Board and Past Mason of Masonic Lodge #105.

Memorials may be made through the funeral home to Share Hospice.

Remembrances may be shared with the family at marshallfuneralhomes.com.

Funeral arrangements provided by
Marshall Funeral Home
230 Flynn St.
Alva, OK 73717
1-800-656-2311

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Floyd R. Ballinger 1965 - 2006

CHATFIELD, Minn. — Floyd R. Ballinger, 41, died Dec. 6 in Chatfield, Minn. He was born Jan. 23, 1965, at Rocky Ford, Colo., the son of John and Martha Tompkins Ballinger. He had been married to Patty Shaw. A cook, he lived most of his life in Kansas, living for the last year in Minnesota.

Survivors include the former Patty Ballinger, of Wilson; a son, Garrett Ballinger of Chatfield; a daughter, Amanda Ballinger of Chatfield; his father, John Ballinger of Paradise; his mother, Martha Weeks of La Crosse; and three sisters, Debra Dolecheck of Wilson, Debby Poppelreiter of Ellinwood and Donna Barta of Ellsworth.

Grave side services will be at 2 p.m. Monday at the Wilson City Cemetery. Friends may call from 8 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. Monday at Foster Mortuary in Wilson. Memorial donations are suggested to the Floyd R. Ballinger Memorial Fund, to benefit the Ballinger children.

Funeral arrangements provided by
Foster Mortuary, Inc.
610 24th St.
Wilson, KS 67490
Garrett Bradley Blase 1988 - 2006

Garrett Bradley Blase, 18, of Great Bend, died Dec. 5 at Children’s Mercy Hospital in Kansas City, Mo. He was born Aug. 23, 1988, at Great Bend, the son of Robert and Shari Ann Le Roy Blase. He was a server for Perkins Restaurant and a lifetime resident of Great Bend. He was a senior at Hoisington High School.

He was a member of Leo’s Club, Debate and Forensics.

Survivors include his parents, of the home; two brothers, Jacob David Blase of Lawrence and Douglas Ross Blase of Great Bend; a sister, Shannon Meredith Blase of Lawrence; a grandmother, Mary Le Roy of Great Bend; and grandparents Raymond and Thelma Blase of Sylvan Grove. He was preceded in death by his grandfather, Louis Le Roy.

A memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Saturday in the Hoisington High School Auditorium, Hoisington, with the Rev. Hal Staats officiating.

Inurnment will occur at a later date. There will be no visitation, since cremation has taken place. A memorial fund in Mr. Blase’s name has been established for Kans for Kids. Donations may be made in care of Bryant Funeral Home, Great Bend. Condolences may be sent and notice viewed at www.bryantfh.net.

Funeral arrangements provided by
Bryant Funeral Home
1425 Patton Road
Great Bend, KS 67530
620-793-3525

Pamela A. (Bailly) Brannan 1951 - 2006

HIGHLANDS RANCH, Colo. — Pamela A. (Bailly) Brannan, 55, died Dec. 3 in Littleton, Colo. She was born Sept. 3, 1951, in Webster, S.D., the daughter of John and Joan Bailly. She lived in Great Bend from 1958 to 1969, and in Hutchinson from 1974 to 1989.

Survivors include her husband, Donald Brannan, of the home; three children, Ryan Brannan of Manhattan, Mason Brannan of Laramie, Wyo., and Tyler Brannan of Olathe; and one brother, John Bailly of Wichita. She was preceded in death by her parents; one sister, Cindy Kenton; and her grandparents, Bud and Edith Derosier.

Vigil service is at 8:30 a.m. on Friday and Mass of Christian Burial is at 11 a.m. on Saturday, both at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church in Wichita. Burial will be at 10 a.m. Monday at the Oak Ridge Cemetery in Deadwood, S.D.. Memorial Mass will be at 10:30 a.m. on Dec. 19 at St. Frances Cabrini Catholic Church in Littleton, Colo. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Heifer Project International, 1015 Louisiana St., Little Rock, AR 72202.

Funeral arrangements provided by
Archdiocese of Denver Mortuary*
12801 W. 44th Ave.
Wheat Ridge, CO 80033
303-425-9511

LARNED — Hulda Ruth Haberman, 89, died Dec. 5 at St. Joseph Long Term Care, Larned. She was born Dec. 30, 1916, at Alexander, the daughter of John A. and Lizzie Bott Boese. She married Emil A. Haberman on Dec. 3, 1933, at Pratt. He died June 19, 2002. A resident of Larned since 1934, she was a homemaker.

Mrs. Haberman was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church and Sacred Heart Altar Society, both of Larned.

Survivors include three sons, Roger Haberman of Salina, Robert Haberman and wife Elsie of Meade, and Donald Haberman of Lacey, Wash.; one daughter, Betty Hulsey and husband Gary of Larned; one sister, Margaret Van Eaton and husband Gerald, Oakley; 18 grandchildren, 32 great grandchildren and 28 great-great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a sister, Dorothy Boese.

Funeral Mass will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Larned, with Father Bernard Felix presiding. Burial will be in the Larned Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. until 8 p.m. Thursday and Friday at Morell Funeral Home, Larned. Memorials may be sent to the Welcome Inn Seniors or the Pawnee County Humane Society in care of Morell Funeral Home.

Funeral arrangements provided by
Morell Funeral Home*
P.O. Box 124
1021 Broadway
Larned, KS 67550
620-285-2177

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Gregory (Greg) B. Abbot 1952 - 2006

ATLANTA, Ga. — Gregory (Greg) B. Abbot, 54, died suddenly Dec. 1 in Atlanta. He was born Sept. 9, 1952, in Phillipsburg, the son of Leslie L. and Eula Mae Miller Abbot. He grew up on the family farm north of Agra. He attended school in Agra and graduated from Eastern Heights High School in 1970.

Greg majored in speech and English at Fort Hays State University, where he graduated in 1974. In 1976 he earned a Master of Fine Arts degree from the University of Georgia. From 1976 to 1980 he was director of the community theater in Albany, Ga., before moving to Atlanta. He returned to Columbus, Ga., to direct at the Springer Theatre Company community theater. Greg served as artistic director of Onstage Atlanta before becoming the artistic director of Drama Tech in 1984. Greg and his family returned each summer to the family farm in Phillips County where he and his brother continued to manage and operate the family farm. When not directing, teaching theater, or farming in Kansas, Greg’s love of sports led him into coaching his children’s basketball teams.

On Nov. 29, 1974, he married June Miller of Claflin and to this union two children, Lauren and Michael, were born.
Mary Evelyn Dobbs, 44, died Dec. 1 at her residence. She was born Sept. 5, 1962, in Great Bend, the daughter of Roy T. and Louise I. Cummings Bird. A resident of Manhattan since 1998, coming from Great Bend, she was a teacher at Kansas State University and Emporia State University.
Survivors include her mother, Louise Bird of Great Bend; three sons, Donovan A. Master of South Korea, and Thomas Dobbs and Zach Dobbs, both of the home; one daughter, Erica Dobbs of the home; two brothers, Paul Bird of Topeka and Jack Bird of Tokyo, Japan; and four sisters, Sandra Gaskins of Lenoir, N.C., Rita Sampson of Pasadena, Calif., Bonnie Fairchild of Herndon, Va., and Phyllis Schindeldecker of Clearwater, Minn. She was preceded in death by one brother, John Bird.

Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend with the Rev. Scott Tempero officiating. Burial will be in the Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. today and 9 a.m. to service time Wednesday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the American Red Cross in care of the funeral home.

Funeral arrangements provided by Bryant Funeral Home
1425 Patton Road
Great Bend, KS 67530
620-793-3525
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December 3, 2006

Esther C. Jost 1911 - 2006

LARNED — Esther C. Jost, 95, of Larned, died Wednesday, Nov. 29, at Larned Healthcare Center. She was a homemaker and had lived in Larned since 1962. She was born Sept. 27, 1911, in Marquette, to Ben and Anna Floer. She married Walter L. Mehard on Sept. 23, 1933. He died in 1950. On Jan. 6, 1963, she married William Jost at Raton, N.M. He died Aug. 3, 1996.

Mrs. Jost was a longtime member of the First United Methodist Church and the American Legion Auxiliary, both of Hoisington, and the Order of Eastern Star, Bunker Hill.

Survivors include her husband, of the home; son Randall Mehard and wife Deena, Keller, Texas; two daughters, Marsha Hendrix and husband Robert Kaps, Stillwell; five grandchildren, two step-grandchildren, six great grandchildren and two step-great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by three brothers, Don Kaps, Richard Kaps and Larry Kaps; and two sisters, Clara Kaps and Frances Hoffman.

Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington with the Rev. Wayne Flanders officiating. Burial will be at Hoisington Cemetery. Friends may call from 1 to 8 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. until service time on Monday at the funeral home, with family to receive friends from 4 to 5 p.m. today. Memorials are suggested to the Elim Lutheran Church of Marquette or the Larned Healthcare Center in care of the funeral home.

Funeral arrangements provided by
Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home*
P.O. Box 146, 415 North Main
Hoisington, KS 67544
620-653-4155
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 5, 2006

Ruth E. (Kaps) Mehard 1926 - 2006

HUTCHINSON — Phillip G. Hoef er, 68, died Nov. 30 at Hutchinson Hospital. He was born Nov. 4, 1938, in Hutchinson, the son of Orval "Hap" and Anna Jean Robison Hoef er. He was a longtime resident of Hutchinson, living in Great Bend from 1961 to 1972. He marriedleine

Day on Jan. 24, 1958, in Hutchinson. He worked at Dillon’s Food Stores Transportation Division from 1972 to 1998. Hoef er was a member of Westside Baptist Church in Hutchinson.

Survivors include his wife, of the home; two sons, Robbin D. Hoef er and wife Debbie and Scott L. Hoef er, both of Hutchinson; three brothers, Carroll D. Hoef er and wife Rose of Hutchinson, Mike Hoef er and wife Jill of McPherson, and Patrick Hoef er and wife Melva of Sulphur, La.; and five grandchildren. Jade R., Nathaniel D., Eric B., Brandon M. and Ryan S. Hoef er. He was preceded in death by his parents and one granddaughter, Elyse B. Hoef er.

Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Westside Baptist Church with Pastors Eldon Smith, Tim Adrian and Ralph Nevius officiating. Burial will be in Fairlawn Cemetery in Hutchinson. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. today with the family receiving friends from 2 to 4 p.m. at Elliott Mortuary in Hutchinson. Memorials are suggested to the church, in care of the mortuary. Personal condolences may be sent to www.elliottmortuary.com.

Funeral services provided by
Elliott Mortuary*
1219 North Main
Hutchinson, KS 67501
Darold “Candy Man” Rogers 1956 - 2006

Darold “Candy Man” Rogers, 50, of Great Bend, died Nov. 29 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. He was born April 13, 1956, at Pratt, the son of Herbert and Arlis Elliott Rogers. A resident of Great Bend since 1974, coming from Pratt, he was owner of Curbside Sales and American Merchandising, both of Great Bend. Rogers was a member of Zion Lutheran Church in Claflin, Kansas Independent Automobile Dealers Association, and a past member of the Great Bend Chamber of Commerce. Survivors include his mother Arlis Rogers of Great Bend; companion LeeAnn Byers, Great Bend; and brother Harold Rogers, Pratt. He was preceded in death by his father. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend with the Rev. Don Paden officiating. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery North in Great Bend. Friends may call from 1 to 9 p.m. today, with family to receive friends from 6 to 7 p.m., and from 9 a.m. to service time Monday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the Golden Belt Humane Society in care of the funeral home. Funeral arrangements provided by
Bryant Funeral Home
1425 Patton Road
Great Bend, KS 67530
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 3, 2006

Irene C. McPherson 1912 - 2006

CLAFLIN — Irene C. McPherson, 94, of Great Bend, died Dec. 1 at Great Bend Heath and Rehabilitation Center. She was born April 5, 1912, at St. Clair, Calif., the daughter of Andrew and Leona (Johnson) Morris. She married William T. McPherson on March 22, 1927, at Three Sands, Okla. He died on July 7, 1984. A resident of Claflin for 50 years, coming from Chase, she was a homemaker. Mrs. McPherson was a member of First Baptist Church and the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary of Claflin, and a charter member of First Baptist Church in Chase. Survivors include one daughter, Colleen Taylor, Dumas, Texas; son Keith McPherson, Hutchinson; two grandchildren, two great grandchildren and one great-great grandchild. She was preceded in death by three brothers, Roy Morris, Warren Morris and Chester Morris; and two sisters, Edna Cavett and Alma Beard. Funeral will be at 1:30 p.m. Monday at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington with the Rev. Keith Bryant officiating. Burial will be at Claflin Cemetery. Friends may call from 1 to 8 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. until service time Monday 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, Dec. 3, 2006

Mary Evelyn Dobbs 1962 - 2006

MANHATTAN — Mary Evelyn Dobbs, 44, died Dec. 1 at her home in Manhattan. Services are pending with Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend.
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Charles Leon Darr 1937 - 2006

LAS VEGAS, Nev. — Charles Leon Darr, 69, died Nov. 15 in Las Vegas, Nev. He was born April 21, 1937, in Great Bend, the son of Charles Millard Darr and Mildred Irene Darr. Survivors include two daughters, Seema (Danny) Rose and Linda Penrat, both of Las Vegas, Nev.; two sisters, Nina L. (William) Scannell of Youngstown, Ohio, and Nancy L. Adams of Great Bend; and one brother, Paul L. Darr of Largo, Fla. He was preceded in death by his wife Karen and brother Ned L. Darr. Cremation has taken place. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 1, 2006

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Darold “Candy Man” Rogers, 50, of Great Bend, died Nov. 29 at Central Kansas Medical Center, Great Bend. He was born April 13, 1956. Service arrangements are pending with Bryant Funeral Home, Great Bend, and will be announced. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 1, 2006