Julous M. Walton 1933 - 2006

BULLHEAD CITY, Ariz. — Julous M. Walton, 72, of Bullhead City, Ariz., and formerly of Great Bend, died Thursday, Nov. 28, 2006, at the Western Arizona Regional Medical Center in Bullhead. Julous "Jules" was born Dec. 5, 1933, in Portales, N.M. He was the second-youngest of nine children born to John M. and Pearl M. (Welchel) Walton. He grew up and attended school in New Mexico and Oklahoma.

On May 8, 1954, he was united in marriage to Lorraine Dacus in Glasgow, Mont. Jules lived most of his adult life in the Great Bend and Bullhead City areas. Great Bend is where they raised their two sons, James M. and Terry L. Walton

Jules enjoyed working with his hands as a carpenter. He worked for a number of years for Marlette Homes before starting his own business. He owned and operated Walton Construction for 10 years before moving to Arizona.

Julous is survived by his two sons, James Walton and wife Denise of Stafford and Terry Walton and wife Linda of Russell; five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Those who preceded him in death are his wife Lorraine, their three infant sons, his parents, four brothers and three sisters.

A celebration of his life will be held at 3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 3, at the King United Methodist Church in Great Bend. Burial will be at a later date at the Scobey, Mont., Cemetery. Cremation has preceded the services.

Funeral arrangements provided by Pohlman-Varner-Peeler Mortuary*

610 N. Maple
Russell, KS 67665
785-483-2212
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 31, 2007

Kenneth E. McConnell 1925 - 2007

LARNED — Kenneth E. McConnell, 81, died Jan. 30, 2007 at the Hutchinson Hospital. He was born April 9, 1925, in Waurika, Okla., the son of Francis Marion and Mary Melissa Fraysher McConnell. A Larned resident since 1945, moving from Hutchinson, he was a master plumber and former owner of M & F Plumbing.

McConnell was a member of the United Methodist Church, a retired captain for the Larned Fire Department, and a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and American Legion, all of Larned. He was a past mayor for the City of Larned. He was a member of the National Rifle Association, Pheasants Forever and Ducks Unlimited, and served on the USS Los Angeles.


Survivors include two sons, Richard "Dickle Joe" McConnell, Arizona, and Michael McConnell, Hutchinson; five daughters, Sandy Zwick, Sterling, Nancy McConnell, Hutchinson, Sabrina Rahe, Parker, Colo., Dell Rina Stout, Larned, and Shon Meadows, Houston, Texas; a nephew, Richard McConnell, Purcell, Okla.; nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, Dennis, a brother, Francis, and two grandchildren, Doug and Brandon Rahe.

Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Friday at the United Methodist Church, Larned, with the Rev. Tim Ault-Duell presiding. Burial will be in the Larned Cemetery with military graveside rites. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. today and Thursday at the Beckwith Mortuary Chapel in Larned.

Memorials may be sent to the St. Labre Indian School, Ashland, Mont., or the VFW in care of the mortuary. Condolences may be sent and this notice viewed at www.beckwithmortuary.com.

Funeral arrangements provided by Beckwith Mortuary, Inc.*

924 Main
P.O. Box 477
Larned, KS 67550
620-285-2121
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 31, 2007

Pam Ellis 1961 - 2007

NESS CITY — Pamela Sue Ellis, 46, died Jan. 29 at the Ness County Hospital in Ness City. She was born Jan. 12, 1961, in La Crosse, the daughter of Ronald F. and Josephine E. Dechant Robinson. Raised in Ness County, she attended Ness City Elementary and Bazine High School and graduated from Barton County Community College. She married Jason Ellis in September 1991 in Denver, Colo. She returned to Ness City 10 years ago to raise her sons. A dietitian for the Ness County Hospital and Long Term Care, she also worked part-time at the Super Mini-Mart.

Mrs. Ellis was a member of the United Methodist Church and the USD 303 Board of Education, both of Ness City.

Survivors include: two sons, Erik Ellis and Charles Ellis, of the home; a brother, John Robinson, Jacksonville, Fla.; and four sisters, Wanda Roehl, Wichita, Betty Oberhelman, Ness City, Nancy Pink, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and Rhonda Robinson, Kansas City, Kan. She was preceded in death by her parents and brothers Edwin Leon Robinson and Ronald Joseph "Bud" Robinson Jr.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at the church, with the Rev. Darlene Nonhof officiating. Burial will be in the St. John's Cemetery in Bazine. Friends may call from 2 to 9 p.m. today and 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday at Fitzgerald Funeral Home in Ness City. Memorial contributions are suggested to the Erik and Charles Ellis Educational Fund, in care of the mortuary.

Funeral arrangements provided by Fitzgerald Funeral Home Inc.

P.O. Box 96
207 N. Pennsylvania
Ness City, KS 67560
(785) 798-3243
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 31, 2007

January 30, 2007

Aurelia Hammerschmidt 1917 - 2007

Aurelia Hammerschmidt, 89, died Jan. 27 at St. Joseph Village in Manhattan. Born Oct. 27, 1917 at Catherine, she was the daughter of Edward and Elizabeth Pfifer Stabb. She married Anselm Joseph Hammerschmidt in May, 1940, in Walker. He died Feb. 15, 1975. A resident of Great Bend since 1950, coming from Russell, she was a homemaker.

Mrs. Hammerschmidt was a member of Prince of Peace Parish at St. Patrick Church, the Altar Society and Daughters of Isabella.

Survivors include two sons, Samuel L. Hammerschmidt of Lewisville, Texas, and Roger A. Hammerschmidt of Manhattan; one daughter, Rita M. Hunt of Leawood; one brother, Bob Stabb of Catherine; two sisters, Pauline Nuss of Dallas, Texas, and Lydia Sander of Hays; five grandchildren, Ashley Hammerschmidt, Bridget Hammerschmidt, Holly Hammerschmidt, Rachel Dennis and Graham Dennis; and one great-grandchild, Branden Hammerschmidt. She was preceded in death by three brothers, Eddie Stabb, Al Stabb and Francis Stabb; and two sisters, Stella Guy and Margie Rush.

Rosary will be at 3:30 p.m. and Vigil Service will be at 6:30 p.m., both today at Bryant Funeral Home, Great Bend. Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at St. Patrick Catholic Church with Father Charles Mazouch officiating. Burial will be at Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. today at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Catholic Charities of 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
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 30, 2007

Dorothy A. Hoss 1923 - 2007

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 30, 2007
Dorothy A. Hoss, 83, of Great Bend died Jan. 27 at Central Kansas Medical Center. Born Aug. 7, 1923, in Stafford County, she was the daughter of Joseph Matthew and Anna Loretta Stroble Hall. She married Paul L. Hoss on Nov. 27, 1946, at St. Francis Xavier in Seward. He survives. A resident of Great Bend most of her life, coming from Seward, she received her teaching certificate at St. Mary of the Plains College of Dodge City.

Mrs. Hoss was a member of Prince of Peace Parish at St. Rose and Altar Society. She was a homemaker, school teacher and nurses’ aide.

Survivors include her husband of the home; three sons, Don Hoss and wife Annette of Overland Park, Tim Hoss and wife Deborah of Stafford and Kent Hoss of Great Bend; five daughters, Paula Sue Rixon and husband Kent of St. John, Barbara Shirk and husband Layne, Deanna Martinez and husband Tony, all of Great Bend, Mary Alice Jones of Beaver and husband Dave, all of Hays, Andrew Trapp and wife Stacy of Goddard, Meg Huston and husband Paul of Fort Hood, Texas, and Nolan Trapp of Susank; 10 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Betty E. Dietz; a brother, Lawrence Hall; and a grandson, Alan Trapp.

Funeral arrangements will be at 11 a.m. 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 with family receiving friends from 6 to 8 p.m., and 9 a.m. until service time on Wednesday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Southwind Hospice or First United Methodist Church in Hoisington in care of the funeral home.

Funeral arrangements provided by Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home at Great Bend, KS 67544 620-653-4165 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 30, 2007

Charles “Chuck” Ulrey 1968 - 2007

LARNED — Charles “Chuck” Ulrey, 38, died Jan. 28 at his residence in Larned. Born March 9, 1968, in Hoisington, he was the son of Charles F. “Butch” and Loretta (Connor) Ulrey. A longtime Larned resident, he was an avid outdoorsman.

Survivors include his mother, Loretta Ulrey of Larned; one son, Jonathan Maurice of Lyons; two daughters, Amanda Marie Ulrey and Jennifer Lynn Ulrey, both of Lyons; four stepbrothers, Larry McNutt of Dunlap, Iowa, Jason McNutt of Bedford, Iowa, Bret McNutt of Mount Ayr, Iowa, and Robert McNutt of Grant City, Iowa; and his mother’s companion, Marvin McNutt of Larned. He was preceded in death by his father, Charles “Butch” Ulrey.

A memorial service will be held at a later date, conducted by Father David Flager. There will be no visitation, as cremation has taken place. Memorials are suggested to the children’s education fund in care of the funeral home.

Funeral arrangements provided by Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home at Great Bend, KS 67544 620-653-4165

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 30, 2007

Rev. Tony R. Horsley 1948 - 2007

DOWNS — The Rev. Tony R. Horsley, 58, died Jan. 28. He was born Feb. 3, 1948, at Sulfur, Okla. He was a minister.

Survivors include two sons, Chris Horsley of Wake Forest, N.C., and David Horsley of Solomon; a daughter, Katrina Mason of St. George; a brother, Wayne Horsley of Denton, Texas; and eight grandchildren.

Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at the Methodist Church in Downs. Cremation has taken place. Memorial donations may be made to the Tony R. Horsley Memorial Fund in care of the funeral home.

Funeral arrangements provided by Domoney Funeral Home in Downs, KS 67437 785-454-3325 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 30, 2007

J. Wilhelmine Mohr 1914 - 2007

ALBERT — J. Wilhelmine Mohr, 92, died Jan. 22 at Loma Linda University Medical Center in Loma Linda, Calif. She was born Sept. 29, 1914, at Leonardville, the daughter of Lawrence L. and Frankie E. Olson Kunze. She married Willis C. Mohr at Enterprise on Nov. 5, 1935. He died Feb. 5, 2001. A longtime resident of rural Rush County, she was a homemaker and farm wife.

She belonged to the Seventh-day Adventist Church, La Crosse.

Survivors include four sons, Harold E. of Abilene, Everett L. of Loma Linda, Calif., Theodore W. of Redlands, Calif., and Robert J. of Deshler, Neb.; two daughters, Carletta L. Bender and Felicitas Dawson, both of Loma Linda; 10 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by three brothers, Wayne Kunze, Edward Kunze and Robert Kunze, and one sister, Josephine Meek.

Funeral was at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Seventh-day Adventist Church in La Crosse, with Pastor Ed Jumper officiating. Burial was in the Shaffer SDA Cemetery at Otis. Memorials may be sent to Enterprise Academy in care of Morell Funeral Home, P.O. Box 124, Larned, KS 67550-0124.

Funeral arrangements provided by Morell Funeral Home in Larned, KS 67550 620-285-2177 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 30, 2007

Ray K. Meyeres 1934 - 2007


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Fern M. Trapp 1914 - 2007

SUSANK — Fern M. Trapp, 93, died Jan. 27 at Cheyenne Meadows Living Center in Hoisington. Born Jan. 5, 1914, in rural Barton County, she was the daughter of Fred G. and Margaret E. (Buhrie) Hall. She married Elmer H. Trapp on Aug. 2, 1936, in Russell. He died Jan. 8, 1993. A longtime resident of Susank, she was a homemaker and bookkeeper for Susank Oil Company, retiring in 1981.

Mrs. Trapp attended Friends Church at Shannon in southern Russell County, Beaver Friends Church in Beaver and Vine United Methodist Church. After these churches closed she joined First United Methodist Church in Hoisington.
NORTH LAS VEGAS, Nev. — Ray K. Meyeres, 72, of North Las Vegas, passed away Thursday, Jan. 25. He was born March 28, 1934, in Hoisington, and resided in Las Vegas for 33 years. Ray was a retired crane operator in the construction industry. He was preceded in death by his wife, Carol Foos Meyeres. Ray is survived by his sons, Ray K. (Kaiya) Meyeres, Jr. of Phoenix, Ariz., and Mike J. (Maureen) Meyeres of Palm Beach Gardens, Fla.; a daughter, Janna (David) Hansen of Las Vegas; his sisters, Virginia (Carl) of California and Jan (Duane) Smith of Flagstaff, Ariz.; a brother, Jerry (Bonnie) Meyeres of Arizona; grandchildren, Jason, Casey, Sean, Michael, Brandi and Missy Hansen; and his nine great-grandchildren. Services will be at 3 p.m. today at Palm Mortuary, 1325 N. Main grand St. Graveside services to follow at Palm Memorial Park.

Funeral arrangements provided by Palm Mortuary* 1325 N. Main Las Vegas, NV 89101 702-454-8300 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 30, 2007

January 28, 2007
Jay Clair Boyer 1914 - 2007

HAYS — Jay Clair Boyer, 92, died Jan. 21. Born Oct. 19, 1914, in Saline County and raised in Colby, he was the son of Mr. and Mrs. A.C. Boyer. He graduated from the Thomas County Public Schools in 1930, Colby Community High School in 1935 and Fort Hays Kansas State College with a bachelor of science in education in 1940. He had a lifetime teaching certification and majored in physical education with a minor in mechanical drawing. While at FHSC, he was a member of the Phi Delta Chi Fraternity and a three-year letter winner with the football team. He was a member of the 1936 Central Intercollegiate Conference (1928-1968, rejoined 1976) Championship Team. The team posted a 6-3 overall record; 4-0 in the conference, outscoring their opposition 77-7. Tiger teams as members of the CIC had won the title in 1934 and 1936 and had tied for the title in 1935, 1954, 1968 and 1976. An outright conference title is a distinction that has eluded Tiger football teams for the past 70 years. Members of the fraternity and team were reunited for the first time in 1987. Of the 26 players and two coaches, 19 players and one coach were still living. Paul “Busch” Gross was an assistant coach. Two members of the team had professional careers, Herb Bender with the New York Giants and Keith Eldor with the Chicago Cardinals (St. Louis/Arizona). Keith Eldor’s grandson was a member of the 2006 Tiger team. Members of the fraternity returning included the writer, Micky Spillane. Jay married Ruth King (FHSC BS 1940) on May 10, 1941. During the Second World War he was a supervisor at Boeing in Wichita, doing inspections and certifications on bombers being constructed for the USAAC. He entered the U.S. Merchant Marines during the latter part of World War II. In 1947, Jay became a field tester for Halliburton Corporation. In 1957, he left Halliburton and formed Brad Oil Tools Corporation. His success was built upon a “retrievable bridging plug,” an oilfield tool he developed and patented that made reuse of pressure packers and other oilfield “in-hole” operations more cost-effective. During his career he was the owner of Ranger Drilling, Irvin’s Tank Service, Black Beauty Oil, Jay C. Boyer Oil and a co-partner of Great Guns Incorporated. Jay and a partner, J.B. Collins, utilized the services of A&M Drilling Incorporated to build two of the more unusual structures in Hays: the monolithic dome buildings that house FHSU’s Sternberg Museum of Natural History and the dome at 1111 East 30th that housed his offices and other businesses. He retired in 1994. Survivors include his wife Ruth of the home, and a son, Brad of Hays. He was preceded in death by his parents, stepfather, and six of his 12 brothers and sisters.

Memorial Masonic services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Hays Memorial Chapel Funeral Home. Memorials are suggested to the Ellis County Historical Society in lieu of flowers.

Funeral arrangements provided by Hays Memorial Chapel Funeral Home* 20th and Pine Hays, KS 67601 785-628-1009 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 28, 2007

Vivian Bezan 1926 - 2007

GLEN CARBON, Ill. – Vivian Bezan, 81, died Jan. 26 at Eden Village in Glen Carbon. She was born Jan. 10, 1926, at Granite City, Ill., the daughter of Philip K. and Victoria Robeff. She married Steve “Tip” Bezan on May 25, 1946, at Granite City. She was a homemaker. In the past she had worked for Tri City Grocery and Kroger, both in Granite City, where she lived. She had been a resident of Eden Village for one year.

Mrs. Bezan was a member of Holy Family Catholic Church, Granite City.

Survivors include one son, Gary S. Bezan and wife Martha, Glen Carbon; one daughter, Victoria E. Long and husband Michael, Great Bend; three grandchildren, Kimberly Holman and husband John, Mark Long and Stephen Long; two great-grandchildren, Alzwandria Bezan and Kaleigh Holman; four brothers, Gilbert Robeff and wife Wanda, Granite City, Carl Robeff and wife Donna, Granite City, Carl Robeff and wife Sue, Crestwood, Mo. and George Robeff, Granite City; and two sisters, Angie Ascraft and husband Ray, Edgewoodville, Ill., and Liz Burgess, Kirkwood, Mo.

She was preceded in death by her husband, both parents, a brother, Alex Robeff, and two sisters, Dorothy Armes and Ann Coy.

Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Irwin Chapel of Glen Carbon, with Father Larry Brunette officiating. Burial will be at Calvary Catholic Cemetery in Glen Carbon. Friends may call from 5 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral chapel. Memorials are suggested to American Cancer Society, American Diabetes Association or American Heart/American Stroke Association.

Funeral arrangements provided by Irwin Chapel* 591 Glen Crossing Road Glen Carbon, IL 62034 (618) 288-9500 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 28, 2007

Richard F. “Rich” Rowley


Funeral service is at 1 p.m. Tuesday at Hillside Funeral Home East in Wichita. Friends may call from 1 to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Alzheimer’s Association, 347 Laura, Wichita, KS 67211.

Funeral arrangements provided by Hillside Funeral Homes* 935 North Hillside P.O. Box 8229 Wichita, KS 67208 316-682-5575 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 28, 2007

Sister Jane Marie McCoy, OP 1909 - 2007

Sister Jane Marie McCoy, 97, died Jan. 27, in the Dominican Sisters’ convent infirmary in Great Bend. Born Dec. 4, 1909, in Muskogee, Okla., as Margaret Ann McCoy, Sister Jane Marie was the daughter of the late William and Ollie Ann Logsdon McCoy. She entered the Dominican Sisters’ Community July 25, 1927, and pronounced her first vows Aug. 13, 1930. She celebrated 75 years of religious profession in 2005.

Sister Jane Marie had a teaching career which spanned 1929 to 1971. She taught at various times in all the grades from 1-8 in 15 different parochial schools in Kansas and Oklahoma, and was principal of seven different schools during that
time. After retiring from teaching she was chancery secretary in Lincoln, Neb.; a financial and secretarial assistant in several positions at the motherhouse in Great Bend; a member of the local convent coordinating team; and lastly, statewide treasurer of the Dominican Sisters’ Mission in Nigeria. She had been in the convent infirmary since 2006.

Sister Jane Marie has no surviving brothers or sisters.

Sister Jane Marie’s body was taken to the hospitality area of the Dominican Chapel of the Plains, 3600 Broadway, Great Bend, on Saturday and it will lie in state until the Liturgy of Christian Burial at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, at the convent, with the Rev. Reginald Urban presiding. A wake service will be held at 7 p.m. Monday. Both the wake and the funeral service will be held at the convent, 3600 Broadway. Burial will be in the Sisters’ Resurrection Cemetery. Friends may call at the convent from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday.

Memorials in honor of Sister Jane Marie may be sent to: Dominican Sisters Ministry Fund, Office of Mission and Ministry, 3600 Broadway, Great Bend, KS 67530-3692.

Funeral arrangements provided by Bryant Funeral Home 1425 S. Patton Road Great Bend, KS 67530 (620) 793-3525 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 28, 2007

January 26, 2007

Juanita M. Quimby 1913 - 2007

LARNED — Juanita M. Quimby, 93, died Jan. 24 at the Village Health Care Center in Broken Arrow, Okla. Born Aug. 5, 1913, at Webb City, Mo., she was the daughter of Harrison M. and Nancy L. Hall Lowe. A lifetime resident of Larned, she was a farm wife. She married Delmar Quimby on Dec. 26, 1930, in Sayre, Okla. He died April 7, 1975.

Mrs. Quimby was a member of the First Baptist Church in Larned, where she taught Sunday School for more than 30 years. She was also active in Vacation Bible School.

Survivors include four sons, Delmar Quimby of Council Hill, Okla., Dean Quimby of Derby, Gene Quimby of Garber, Okla., and Ron Quimby of Larned; a sister, Opal Collins of Maple, Texas; eight grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband; two daughters, Phyllis Loomis and Reba Dell Carney; and one grandson, Steve Quimby.

Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Beckwith Mortuary Chapel in Larned with the Rev. John Hester presiding. Burial will be at the Larned Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday, 1 to 8 p.m. Sunday and 9 a.m. to service time Monday, all at the mortuary. Memorials are suggested to the First Baptist Church in care of Beckwith Mortuary, Inc.

Funeral arrangements provided by Beckwith Mortuary, Inc. P. O. Box 4777, Larned, KS 67550 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 26, 2007

Cheri Lou Balun 1950 - 2007

ELLINWOOD — Cheri Lou Balun, 56, died Jan. 24 at Hutchinson Hospital. Born Oct. 30, 1950, in Great Bend, she was the daughter of Louie Powell Hartenbower and Mildred Faye West Hartenbower. She was a 1968 graduate of Ellinwood High School and attended Emporia State and Fort Hays State universities. A lifetime resident of Ellinwood, she was a financial coordinator for National Billing in Ellinwood, AR Processor, legal secretary for G.I. Robinson and Robert Peter, Peoples State Bank and Sunflower Bank financial secretary and secretary for Eldon Hamm Insurance, all in Ellinwood. She married Edwin John Balun, Jr. in 1974 at Ellinwood. He died in 1999.

Mrs. Balun was a member of Immanuel United Church of Christ in Ellinwood, church organist and choir accompanist.

Survivors include one son, Wesley Balun of Ellinwood; one daughter, Farra Mourning of Ellinwood; one brother, Forrest Hartenbower of St. Joseph, Mo.; her mother, Midge Hartenbower of Ellinwood; and two grandchildren.

Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday 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 3 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Immanuel United Church of Christ Organ Fund.

Funeral arrangements provided by Kimple Funeral Home, Inc. 113 N. Main Ellinwood, KS 67526 620-564-2300 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 26, 2007

January 25, 2007

Zelia Rosemary Koster 1929 - 2007

CAWKER CITY — Zelia Rosemary Koster, 77, died Jan. 20 at Hilltop Lodge in Beloit. She was born May 11, 1929, at Burdett, Colo. She was a grocery clerk.

Survivors include four sons, Earl of Longmont, Colo., Arthur of Winona, Lawrence of Great Bend and Brian of Jewell; two brothers, Harold Wooton of Topeka and Dale Wooton of Cawker City; one sister, Lora Lee Yacko of Cawker City; nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband Lawrence, in 2001.

Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Friday at Sts. Peter and Paul Church in Cawker City. Funeral service will be at 9:30 a.m. Saturday at the church. Burial will be at the church cemetery. Friends may call at Waconda Funeral Home, 815 W. First, Cawker City. Memorials are suggested to the church or Solomon Valley Hospice.

Funeral arrangements provided by Waconda Funeral Home 815 W. First Cawker City, KS 67430 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 25, 2007

Mary Gabriel Boor 1906 - 2007

Mary Gabriel Boor, 100, died Jan. 14. Born Aug. 14, 1906, she was the daughter of Anna Birzer Boor and Nikolas Boor. She was a teacher in Kansas and Oklahoma in the Union School System.

Ms. Boor was a member of St. Bernard of Clairvaux Catholic Church from its inception. She was a member of Catholic Business and Professional Women’s Club of Tulsa, and Change of Heart Prayer Group. She was also an associate member of the Dominican Sisters of Great Bend.

Survivors include one brother, Mathias Boor of Hoisington; one sister, Louise Hein of Cheney; and many nieces and nephews.
Rosary was Jan. 16. Funeral service was Jan. 17 with burial at Calvary Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to St. Bernard of Clairvaux Catholic Church in care of Fitzgerald Southwood Colonial Chapel, 918-291-3500.

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 25, 2007

Robert Joseph Hatten 1956 - 2007

Robert Joseph Hatten, 50, of Great Bend, died Jan. 22 at Central Kansas Medical Center. Born March 3, 1956, in Newberry, Mich., he was the son of Albert and Imogene (Choat) Hatten. A resident of Great Bend for 30 years, he was a cook in the restaurant industry. He married Sondra Mouser on Oct. 14, 1988, in Great Bend.

Survivors include his wife; mother, Imogene Hatten of Claflin; four stepchildren; one brother, Albert Hatten of Hoisington; two sisters, Pattie Sanders of Great Bend and Debra Radenberg of Abilene, Everett L. of Loma Linda, Calif.; and 16 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by three brothers, Wayne Kunze, Elmer Kunze, and 16 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his father, Albert Hatten.

Memorial service will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at The River of Life Foursquare Gospel Church in Great Bend with Pastor David H. LeRoy officiating. Burial will be in the Great Bend Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to The River of Life Foursquare Gospel Church.

Funeral arrangements provided by Charter Funerals 2115 Washington Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-6161 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 25, 2007

J. Wilhelmine Mohr 1914 - 2007

ALBERT — J. Wilhelmine Mohr, 92, died Jan. 22 at Loma Linda University Medical Center in Loma Linda, Calif. She was born Sept. 29, 1914, at Leonardville, the daughter of Lawrence L. and Frankie E. Olson Kunze. She married Willis C. Mohr at Enterprise on Nov. 5, 1935. He died Feb. 5, 2001. A longtime resident of rural Rush County, she was a homemaker and farm wife.

She belonged to the Seventh-day Adventist Church, La Crosse.

Survivors include four sons, Harold E. of Abilene, Everett L. of Loma Linda, Calif., Theodore W. of Redlands, Calif., and Robert J. of Deshler, Neb.; two daughters, Carletta L. Bender and Felicitas Dawson, both of Loma Linda; 10 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by three brothers, Wayne Kunze, Edward Kunze and Robert Kunze, and one sister, Josephine Meek.

Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Seventh-day Adventist Church in La Crosse, with Pastor Ed Jumper officiating. Friends may call from 3 until 9 p.m. Friday at Morell Funeral Home, Larned. Burial will be in the Shaffer SDA Cemetery at Otis. Memorials may be sent to Enterprise Academy in care of Morell Funeral Home, P.O. Box 124, Larned, KS 67550-0124.

Funeral arrangements provided by Morell Funeral Home 1021 Broadway Larned, KS 67550 620-285-2177 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 25, 2007

Marion C. Fall 1915 - 2007

BURDETT — Marion C. Fall, 91, passed away Saturday, Jan. 20, 2007, in Tulsa, Okla. He was born Nov. 4, 1915, and was a longtime resident of Burdett. After retiring from farming, he and his wife, Helen Norris Fall, moved to Hutchinson and then to Tulsa in 1994.

Preceding him in death was his wife of 71 years, Helen Fall, a son, Robert, and a daughter, Sharon Moulton. Survivors include a son and daughter-in-law, Greg and Darlene Fall, Kalamazoo, Mich., a daughter and son-in-law, Judie and Grover Bauer, Tulsa, a daughter and son-in-law, Janet and Richard Everett, Mystic, Conn., a son-in-law, Bruce Moulton, Seattle, a sister, Ellen Dickerson, Lindsborg; nine grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

Marion will forever be remembered as a kind and generous husband, father and grandfather. He was very proud of his family and their accomplishments. Until his eyesight failed, he enjoyed following his favorite teams, the St. Louis Cardinals and the University of Kansas Jayhawks.

He also loved animals of all kinds, and very reluctantly allowed hunters on his farmland, hoping the birds were quicker than the hunters. He will be deeply missed.

Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Morell Funeral Home, Larned, with the Rev. Robbie Fall presiding. Visitation will be from noon until 8 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home. Burial will be in the Browns Grove Cemetery, Burdett. Memorials may be sent to the American Cancer Society in care of Morell Funeral Home, P.O. Box 124, Larned, KS 67550-0124.

Funeral arrangements provided by Morell Funeral Home* 1021 Broadway Larned, KS 67550 620-285-2177 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 25, 2007

January 24, 2007

Lois Marie Rehorn 1919 - 2007

LARNED — Lois Marie Rehorn, 87, died Jan. 21 at St. Joseph Memorial Hospital in Larned. Born April 15, 1919, in Larned, she was the daughter of Charles and Ethel L. Canaday Williamson. A longtime resident of Larned, she was a retired director of nursing at Larned State Hospital. On Feb. 15, 1946, she married C. Howard Smith in Kansas City, Kan. He died Aug. 20, 1980. She then married H.W. Rehorn in August of 1981. He died Feb. 21, 2005. She was a 1943 graduate from Bethany Hospital School of Nursing in Kansas City with an RN degree, a 1968 graduate of Fort Hays State University with a BS degree, and an MS degree in 1970. She was a supervisor of the Nursing Unit at Larned State Hospital from 1949 to 1968, director of Nursing Education at Larned State Hospital from 1968 to 1971, and director of Nursing at Larned State Hospital from 1971 to 1981. She retired in 1981.

Mrs. Rehorn was a member of the Assembly of God Church in Texico, N.M. She was a recipient of Order of the Blue Key, named nurse of the year in 1986, and was a member of American Nurses Association, Kansas Nurses Association district treasurer, New Mexico Nurses Association president from 1982 to 1986, and district Board of Directors member from 1986 to 1988. She was also a licensed pilot.

Survivors include one daughter, Cindy Huddleston of Larned; two grandchildren, Mic Huddleston of Great Bend and Michelle Hillery of Winona; and four great-grandchildren, Cody and Kade Huddleston of Great Bend and Kaitlyn and Austin Hillery of Winona. She was preceded in death by two sisters, Cecyle Coberly and Anita Williamson.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. today at the Beckwith Mortuary Chapel in Larned with Pastor Roy Savage presiding. Burial will be at the Larned Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. until service time today. Memorials are suggested to the Grace Community Church in care of Beckwith Mortuary. Condolences may be left and notice viewed at www.beckwithmortuary.com.

Funeral arrangements provided by Beckwith Mortuary Inc.* P.O. Box 477 Larned, KS 67550 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 24, 2007

Leo W. “Smoke” Polzin 1927 - 2007

Leo W. “Smoke” Polzin, 79, of Great Bend, died Jan. 22 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. Born July 12, 1927, three miles north of Beaver, he was the son of Edward and Sophia Esfeld Polzin. He married Georgia E. Tittle on May 21, 1949, in Great Bend. A resident of Great Bend since 1948, he
was a postal worker for the U.S. Postal Service in Great Bend, retiring in 1982.

Mr. Polzin was a member of Prince of Peace Parish at St. Rose and the American Legion Argonne Post 180 and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3111, all of Great Bend, for over 50 years. He was a charter member of the National Association of Retired Postal Workers (N.A.R.P.W.) and was active in retired postal workers’ issues. He was a U.S. Navy veteran.

Survivors include his wife, Georgia, of the home; two daughters, Dr. Coralee Sue Glazer, Ph.D, and husband Bill of Ann Arbor, Michigan, and Mrs. Sue Glazer, Ph.D, and husband Bill of Davenport, Iowa; two sisters, Clara Steiner of Great Bend and Charles Prosser of Houston, Texas; four grandchildren, Gorman, Jake Bean, Chloe Tullius, Roman Popp and Willow Popp; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by three brothers, Tony, Frank and Ed Polzin, and two sisters, Anna Cramer and Geneva “Jean” Ehly.

A memorial service will be announced at a later date per Leo’s request. There will be no visitation as cremation has taken place. 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, Jan. 24, 2007

Stephanie C. Cain 1914 - 2007

Stephanie C. Cain, 92, of Great Bend, died Jan. 22 at Great Bend. Born Nov. 26, 1914, in Otis, she was the daughter of Anton and Emelia Haberman Schenk. She married Benjamin Cain on Nov. 12, 1942, in Great Bend. He died Dec. 18, 2002. A lifetime resident of Barton and Rush counties, she was a homemaker.

Mrs. Cain was a member of Prince of Peace Parish at St. Rose and St. Rose Altar Society, both of Great Bend, and a former member of St. Ann Catholic Church in Olmitz.

Survivors include one son, Jim Cain and wife Robin of Great Bend; one daughter, Karen Perry Hayes and husband Vernon of Great Bend; one sister, Fridolina Schenk of Great Bend; four grandchildren, Chris Cain, Steve Cain, Michael Perry and Jason Perry, and their families, including eight great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by three brothers, Anton Schenk, Leonard Schenk and Ben Schenk, and three sisters, Albina Schenk, Margaret Cox and an infant sister.

Altar Society Rosary will be at 4 p.m. and Vigil Service will be at 7 p.m., both today at Bryant Funeral Home, Great Bend. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at St. Ann’s Catholic Church in Olmitz with Father Ultan Murphy officiating. Burial will be at St. Ann’s Cemetery in Olmitz. Friends may call from noon to 9 p.m. today at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Prince of Peace Parish at St. Rose, Great Bend, or St. Ann Catholic Church in Olmitz, in care of the funeral home. Condolences may be sent and notice viewed at www.bryantfh.com.

Funeral arrangements provided by Bryant Funeral Home* 1425 Patton Road Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-3525 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 24, 2007

Naomia Katheryn Newell 1906 - 2007

Naomia Katheryn Newell, 100, of Great Bend, died Jan. 21 at Great Bend Memorial Park. She was born Aug. 24, 1906, at Carolton, Mo., the daughter of Lafayette and Virginia Fitzwater Brock. She married Ralph D. Newell on Sept. 16, 1926, at Garden City. He died Oct. 15, 1972. She was a homemaker.

Mrs. Newell had many interests through the years. She loved flowers and helped maintain gardens at her home, at the Great Bend Memorial Park and at the Great Bend Memorial Park. She belonged to numerous clubs and organizations, including being a charter member of the Camp Fire Girls in Scott City and a life member of the Order of the Eastern Star. She spent many hours working with friends in the First Christian Church in Great Bend, and always enjoyed hearing about their activities after moving to Bettendorf.

Survivors include one daughter, Linda Fairweather and husband David, Bettendorf; four grandchildren, David Shawn Fairweather and wife Cynthia, Sandy Hook, Conn., Kimberly Kay Ruge and husband Jim, Bettendorf, Jeffrey Scott Fairweather and wife Kristine, Bettendorf, and Linda Renee McGhee and husband Pete, Davenport, Iowa; and eight great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband Ralph, sister Ruth Freed, and great-grandson Tyler James Ruge.

Celebration of Life services will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday at Weerts Funeral Home, Davenport, Iowa. Graveside service will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 30, at the Great Bend Cemetery, with the Rev. Bill Johnson officiating. Friends may call from noon to 9 p.m. Monday at Bryant Funeral Home. Memorials are suggested to First Christian Church, Great Bend, in care of Bryant 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, Jan. 24, 2007

Stanley D. Ewert 1938 - 2007

McPherson — Stanley D. Ewert, 69, died Jan. 20 at his McPherson home. He was born Jan. 19, 1938, at Marion, the son of Samuel and Linda Thimm Ewert. He was retired from Memorial Hospital, where he had worked for 17 years in the housekeeping department. A resident of McPherson since 1987, he formerly lived in Great Bend and Newton. He graduated from Marion High School and from Bethel College in Newton.

Survivors include a sister-in-law, Dixie Ewert of Great Bend, nephews and nieces, great-nieces and great-nephews, and great-great-nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by a sister, Margery Bledsoe, and two brothers, Howard Ewert and Ollie Ewert.

An Altar Society Rosary will be at 4 p.m. Thursday, followed by a vigil service at 7:30 p.m., both at Bryant Funeral Home, Great Bend. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at St. Patrick Catholic Church, Great Bend, with the Rev.
Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Stockham Family Funeral Home, McPherson, with the Rev. Sherman Nungester officiating. Interment will be at the McPherson Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to the McPherson Public Library.

Funeral arrangements provided by Stockham Family Funeral Home
205 N. Chestnut
McPherson, KS 67460
620-241-2442
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 24, 2007

January 23, 2007

Velma M. Coleman
WICHITA — Velma M. Coleman, 80, died Sunday, Jan. 21. She was a homemaker.

Survivors include one daughter, Vickie (Don) of Wichita; three grandchildren, Chandi, Aaron and Cody Wagner; four nieces, Rita Reynolds, Ima Jean Atwood, Lila Atwood and Fran Everson; and numerous Pozalek and Coleman family members.

Funeral service is at 10:30 a.m. today at the Great Bend Cemetery. Tributes may be sent to the family at www.downingandlahey.com.

Funeral arrangements provided by Downing and Lahey West Mortuary *
6555 E. Central
Wichita, KS 67206
316-773-4553

Marion C. Fall
BURDETT — Marion C. Fall, 91, died Jan. 20 in Tulsa, Okla. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Morell Funeral Home in Larned.


Geneva Elnora Taylor 1914 - 2007
ELLINWOOD — Geneva Elnora Taylor, 92, died Jan. 17 at Ellinwood District Hospital, Ellinwood. She was born Aug. 5, 1914, at Coffeyville, the daughter of Asa and Alice Naylor Mecum. She married Clyde Taylor on June 5, 1932, in Iola. He died in 1962. She was a self-employed seamstress. She had lived in Ellinwood since 1946, coming from Bushton.

Mrs. Taylor was a member of First Christian Church in Yates Center.

Survivors include one daughter, Ilinee Petz, of Stryker, Mont.; one granddaughter, Cameron Wilson of Stryker, Mont., and two great-grandsons, Damon Cooper and Jarrett Plunkett. She was preceded in death by one brother, Jack Mecum.

A graveside service was at 10:30 a.m. Monday at Lakin-Comanche District Cemetery, Ellinwood, with the Rev. William F. Johnson officiating. 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, Jan. 23, 2007

Sondra Lee Oller 1940 - 2007
GAINESVILLE, Texas — Sondra Lee Oller, 66, of Gainesville, died Jan. 21 at North Texas Medical Center. She was born Jan. 25, 1940, at El Dorado, the daughter of Ralph and Beulah Merrill Forshee. She married Jerry Rae Oller on July 15, 1962, at Pratt.

Mrs. Oller was a member of an Eastern Star chapter in Spring, Texas, and of the Ladies’ Auxiliary of the Veterans of Foreign Wars post in Gainesville.

Survivors include her husband, of the home; daughters and sons-in-law, Patty and Bill Brennan and Shelley and Rick Warden, all of Gainesville, and Staci and John Dehling of Wautoma, Wis.; a son, Darren Oller of Wautoma, Wis.; a sister, Linda Kay Forshee of Wichita; 10 grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, a cousin, two nieces and a nephew. She was preceded in death by her parents and by her parents-in-law, Kenneth and Bernice Oller.

Friends may call from 7 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Geo. J. Carroll & Son Funeral Home in Gainesville. No services are planned.

Arrangements provided by Geo. J. Carroll & Son Funeral Home
P.O. Box 642
Gainesville, TX 76241
940-665-3455
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 23, 2007*

Valoris “Val” Davis Patton 1917 - 2007
HUTCHINSON — Valoris “Val” Davis Patton, 90, died Jan. 19 at Dillon Living Center in Hutchinson. Born Jan. 13, 1917, in rural Nickerson, she was the daughter of Arthur Melville and Letha Hunter Davis. A resident of Hutchinson since 2006, coming from Chase, she was a homemaker and educator. She graduated from Hutchinson High School in 1934, Hutchinson Community College in 1936, Kansas State University in 1939 with a degree in secondary education emphasizing home economics, and Fort Hays State University with a master’s degree in education counseling. She married Kent Leonard Patton on Oct. 19, 1940, in rural Hutchinson. He died May 16, 2004.

Mrs. Patton was a member of the First Christian Church in Hutchinson, Immanuel United Church of Christ in Ellinwood; Chase Christian Church and Women’s Circle, both of Chase; KNEA; and Mother’s Club and Friends of Reading both of Wilson.

Survivors include four sons, Carl Patton of Great Bend, Allan Patton of Chase, Dale Patton of Wichita and Donald Patton of Brookfield, Wis.; three daughters, Janet Mathews of Hutchinson, Patti Soldan of Salina and Anita Patton of Russell; 16 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by three brothers, Charles Davis, Harold Davis and Richard Davis, and two sisters, Frances Prout and Lucille Conrad.

Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Sillin Funeral Home in Lyons with the Rev. Larry Young officiating. Burial will be at Chase Springdale Cemetery in Chase. Friends may call from noon to 8 p.m. today, with the family receiving friends from 6 to 8 p.m., at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the American Red Cross Blood Bank-Central Plains Region in care of the funeral home.

Funeral arrangements provided by Sillin Funeral Homes
214 W. Ave. South
Lyons, KS 67554
620-257-2211
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 23, 2007

Harry J. Chlumsky 1942 - 2007
LARNED — Harry J. Chlumsky, 64, died Jan. 21 at his rural Larned residence. Born Oct. 31, 1942, in Colorado Springs, Colo., he was the son of Edward James and Rebecca Katherine Crist Chlumsky. A longtime resident of rural Larned, he was a retired postal carrier and salvage yard owner. He married Mariene Ann Homonick in Larned on Oct. 10, 1970.

Mr. Chlumsky was a member of First United Methodist Church in Larned and served in the U.S. Army.

Survivors include his wife, of the home; one son, Nathan W. of Larned; one daughter, April Chlumsky of Manter; one son, Adam of Larned; and three sisters, Rose Flanders of Colorado Springs, Colo., Kathleen Cryderman of Salina and Anita Patton of Russell; 16 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by three brothers, Charles Davis, Harold Davis and Richard Davis, and two sisters, Frances Prout and Lucille Conrad.

Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the church with the Rev. Tim Ault-Duell presiding. Burial will be at the Larned Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. today at Morell Funeral Home in Larned. Memorials are suggested to Golden Belt Hospice in care of the funeral home.
Jim D. Kizzar 1935 - 2007

CHASE — Jim D. Kizzar, 71, died Jan. 21 at Wesley Select Specialty Hospital in Wichita. He was born Oct. 16, 1935, at Chandler, Okla., the son of Claude F. and Dorothy M. Douglas Kizzar. He married Bama "Babe" Dillard July 10, 1954, at San Antonio, Texas. He was a longtime resident of Chase. He was the owner and founder of Kizzar Well Service, Chase. He graduated from Chase High School in 1953. He was a veteran of the United States Air Force, serving in the Korean War.

Mr. Kizzar was a former member and deacon of First Christian Church, Chase; a member of the Masonic Lodge of Lyons and of American Legion Post No. 58; and a longtime member of the Chase City Council.

Survivors include his wife, of the home; two sons, Doug Kizzar and Tom Kizzar, both of Chase; a brother, Frank Kizzar, of Jal, N.M.; a sister, Sue Andrews of Sillin; four grandchildren and one great-grandchild. He was preceded in death by one brother, Leon Falgren, and two sisters, Shirley Owen and Claudette Dugan.

Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at First Christian Church, Lyons, with Johnnie Hardie and Larry and Darlene Weatherman officiating. Burial will be at Lyons Municipal Cemetery. Friends may call from 2 to 7 p.m. Wednesday at Sillin Funeral Home in Lyons. Memorials to Chase Victory Lodge and of American Legion Post No. 58; and a longtime member of the Chase City Council.

Funeral arrangements provided by Sillin Funeral Home Inc.

Lois Marie Rehorn

LARNED — Lois Marie Rehorn, 87, died Jan. 21 at St. Joseph Memorial Hospital in Larned. Service is pending and will be announced by Beckwith Mortuary Inc. in Larned.

January 21, 2007

Ula Hazel Bemis 1912 - 2007

Ula Hazel Bemis, 94, of Great Bend, died Jan. 19 at Cherry Village Nursing Home in Great Bend. Born Feb. 25, 1912, in McPherson, she was the daughter of Ernest and Wyndora Bruce Falgren. She married Carney W. Bemis on Dec. 24, 1933, in McPherson. He died on Aug. 15, 1969. A lifetime resident of Great Bend, she was a homemaker and a secretary for Bemis Construction.

Mrs. Bemis was a member of the First Congregational United Church of Christ.

Survivors include one son, George Bemis and wife Jane of Great Bend; one sister, Zola Brink of La Cresta, Calif.; two grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one brother, Leon Falgren, and five sisters, Mildred, Ida, Ida, Verna and infant Frances.

Funeral services will be held at a later date. There will be no visitation as cremation has taken place. 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

January 19, 2007

Geneva Elorna Taylor 1914-2007

ELLINWOOD — Geneva Elorna Taylor, 92, died Jan. 17 at Ellinwood District Hospital, Ellinwood. She was born Aug. 5, 1914, at Coffeyville, the daughter of Asa and Alice Naylor Mecum. She married Clyde Taylor on June 5, 1932, in Iola. He died in 1962. She was a self-employed seamstress. She had lived in Ellinwood since 1946, coming from Bushton.

She was a member of First Christian Church in Yates Center.

Survivors include one daughter, Illeane Petz, of Striker, Mont.; one grandson, Cameron Wilson, and two great-grandsons, Damon Cooper and Jarrett Plunkett. She was preceded in death by one brother, Jack Mecum.

A graveside service will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at Lakin-Comanche District Cemetery, Ellinwood, with the Rev. William F. Johnson officiating. Friends may call from 1 to 9 p.m. Sunday at Bryant Funeral Home in 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

Howard Lucian Morgenstern 1928 - 2007

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — Howard Lucian Morgenstern passed away Jan. 7, with his wife and son at his bedside. Howard was born in Galatia on Nov. 16, 1928. He attended school in Galatia and Hoisington, and then served in the U.S. Air Force. Upon leaving the Air Force, he worked at the Great Bend Police Department and the Pittsburgh Paint Company. Howard married Ruth Shadley on Sept. 30, 1956, and they just celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. Howard transferred to Washington, D.C., with Pittsburgh Paint and later opened his own picture framing business in Waldorf, Md., know as the Clinton Frame Shop. Upon retiring from the framing business he moved to Jacksonville, Fla., where his son resided. Howard was a member of the Masonic Lodge and earned his 33rd degree.

Funeral arrangements provided by Bryant Funeral Home* 1425 Patton Road Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-3525
Survivors include his wife, Ruth; son, Howard Jr., (Buster) and daughter-in-law Julie and two grandchildren, Devin and Lindsey of Orange Park, Fla.; a sister-in-law and her husband, Marietta and Willie Schultz of Littleton, Colo.; a brother-in-law, Marc Krug of Dallas, Texas; five nieces and four nephews.

A private memorial service is planned.

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Rita J. McAtee 1923 - 2007

LYONS — Rita J. McAtee, 83, died Jan. 17 at Via Christi Regional Medical Center, St. Francis Campus in Wichita. Born June 7, 1923, in rural Bushton, she was the daughter of William F. and Anna McGlinn Godfrey. Formerly of Bushton, she had lived in Lyons since November 1999. She graduated from Bushton High School in 1941. She married Harvey E. McAtee in Leesville, La., on Nov. 15, 1944. He died April 13, 1990. She was a homemaker.

Mrs. McAtee was a member of Holy Name Catholic Church and Holy Name Altar Society, both of Bushton; and St. Paul Catholic Church and St. Paul Altar Society, both of Lyons. She volunteered as a Gray Lady at Lyons District Hospital and at Rice County Food Bank, both in Lyons.

Survivors include one son, Jimmy McAtee and wife Joyce of Bushton; one brother, John Godfrey of Lyons; a sister-in-law, Betty Sue Godfrey of Lyons; five grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; two stepgreat-grandchildren, four great-great-grandchildren and five stepgreat-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two sons, Gary Wayne McAtee and Danny Gene McAtee; two daughters, Marcia Ann Lindsay and Mary Ellen McAtee; and a brother, Norman Godfrey.

Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Holy Name Catholic Church in Bushton with Father Steven Scheler and Father James Roth officiating. Burial will be at Holy Name Catholic Church Cemetery in Bushton. Friends may call from 2 to 5 p.m. today at Sillin Funeral Home in Lyons with Altar Society Rosary at 3 p.m. today. Parish Rosary will be at 7 p.m. today at the church. Memorials are suggested to Holy Name Catholic Church Cemetery or Hospice of Rice and Reno County in care of the funeral home.

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

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Brogen Budig

Brogan Budig is survived by his loving parents, Christopher and Kristeen, and twin sister Brabyn of Birmingham, Ala., as well as his grandparents, Janelle and Kenneth Kinnison, of Stillwell, Rita Budig and Gene Budig, both of Great Bend, two uncles, Jerrad and Brenten Kinnison, of Olathe, and three aunts, Patty Budig, of Merriam, Heather Budig, of Los Angeles and Lesha Kinnison, of Stillwell.

Funeral service will be held Saturday, Jan. 20, at 2 p.m. at the D.W Newcomer's Sons, Johnson County Chapel, at 11200 Metcalf, Overland Park, with Father Bill Porter officiating, followed by graveside services at the Johnson County Memorial Gardens.

In lieu of flowers the family asks that donations be made in the loving memory of Brogen, to The March of Dimes, at www.marchofdimes.com or the National Down Syndrome Society, at www.ndss.org.

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January 18, 2007

Lois G. Bauer 1923 - 2007

BURDETT — Lois G. Bauer, 83, died Jan. 16 at Central Kansas Medical Center, Great Bend. She was born March 4, 1923, at Clifton, the daughter of Francis “Frank” and Ida Mae Hummel Hoch. A lifetime area resident, she was a mother and a homemaker.

She was a member of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church and Altar Society, both of Larned, and the Burdett American Legion Auxiliary.

On Aug. 25, 1942, she married Emmett J. Bauer at Hanston. He survives. Other survivors include five sons, Emmett J. and his wife Patricia of McPherson, Rod and his wife Lana of Larned, Steve and his wife Rhonda of Wichita, Greg and his wife Veronica of Burdett; two sisters, Frances Holland of Half Moon Bay, Calif., and Theresa Montague of Sonoma, Calif.; 16 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her sister, Kay Jones.

Vigil will be held at 7:30 p.m. Friday followed by a Rosary at Beckwith Mortuary Chapel, Larned, with Funeral Mass at 10 a.m. Saturday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Larned, with Father Bernard Felix officiating. Friends may sign the register from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. today and Friday at the mortuary. The casket will remain closed. Burial will be in the Brown’s Grove Cemetery at Burdett. Memorials may be sent to the Burdett Emergency Medical Service in care of Beckwith Mortuary, Inc., P.O. Box 477, Larned, KS 67550. Condolences may be left and this notice viewed at www.beckwithmortuary.com.

Funeral arrangements provided by Beckwith Mortuary*
916 Main
Larned, KS 67550
620-285-2121

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 18, 2007

Martha "Theola" Saffer 1916 - 2007

ELLINWOOD — Martha "Theola" Saffer, 90, died Jan. 17 at Woodhaven Care Center, Ellinwood. She was born Nov. 7, 1916, at Council Grove, the daughter of William Anthony and Rubie Orene Stillman Gray. She married Delbert Russell Saffer on April 1, 1937, at Lyons. He died May 9, 2005. She was a homemaker. She worked at Duckwells in McPherson and Great Bend. She was a resident of Great Bend since 1997, coming from Lehigh and the McPherson area.

She was a member of First Christian Church and the Rebekahs, both of McPherson. She was the Sunday school superintendent and belonged to the Mothers’ Club and also was a Girl Scout leader, also in McPherson. She belonged to a quilt club in Lehigh. She attended First Christian Church at Great Bend. She enjoyed sewing, embroidery, quilting and crafts.

Survivors include one son, Russell Dean Saffer and his wife Jaime of Prescott, Ariz.; three daughters, Karol Kay Holtby and her husband Ronald, Shreveport, La.; Joy Elaine Esch and her husband Charles “Bill” of Phoenix, Ariz., and Martha Jones and her husband Shelby of Greensboro, N.C.; 14 grandchildren and 27 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a brother, William "Bud" Gray, and a sister, Katherine Lucille "Babe" Clark.

Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Monday at First Christian Church, McPherson, with the Rev. John Gran officiating. Interment will be at Rosean Cemetery, Emporia, at 3:30 p.m. Friends may call from 1 to 9 p.m. Sunday, with the family to receive friends from 2 to 3 p.m., at Bryant Funeral Home, Great Bend. Donations to a memorial fund for the Alzheimer’s Association may be made 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, Jan. 18, 2007

Chester Vincent "Chet" Rhoads 1910 - 2007

ELLINWOOD — Chester Vincent "Chet" Rhoads, 96, died Jan. 15 at Fountains of Canterbury in Oklahoma City, Okla. He was born April 17, 1910, in a dugout in Meade County, the son of Truman Chester and Toicie Belle Wright Rhoads. He married Georgia Henry on Aug. 11,
1938, at LaBelle, Mo. She died Feb. 4, 1999. He was a five-year resident of Oklahoma City, and lived in Ellinwood for more than 25 years. He retired in 1972 after 21 years with Natural Gas Pipeline Co. He was a lay missionary in Alaska and at McClurky School in New Mexico.

He was a member of the United Methodist Church in Ellinwood.

Survivors include two sons, John Truman Rhoads and his wife Jane, Wichita, and Bill Eugene Rhoads and his wife Mary of Edmond, Okla.; a daughter, Margaret Ellen "Peggy" Nelson and husband Rick of Murphy, Texas; and a sister, Lois Gill of Raton, N.M.; nine grandchildren, Jennifer Lynn (Derek) Keller, Jamison David Rhoads, David John (Karen) Nelson, Daren Paul (Shanna) Nelson, Kelly Travis Rhoads, Trevor Matthew (Jessica) Rhoads, Marcus William Rhoads, Jevon Matthew Rhoads and Benjamin Kenneth Rhoads; and six great-grandchildren, Emma Elizabeth Keller, Jared Garland Keller, Wyatt John Keller, David John Nelson Jr., Alexandria Grace Nelson and Xandra Rhoads. He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, a brother, Norman, a sister, Belle Grossardt, and a son, Chester Vincent "Dusty" Rhoads.

Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at the United Methodist Church in Ellinwood, with the Rev. Gary Brooks officiating. Burial will be at the Lakin-Comanche District Cemetery, Ellinwood.

Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday at Kimple Funeral Home in Ellinwood, and from 10 to 10:30 a.m. Monday at the church. Memorials have been established for the Hospice of Oklahoma County (Okla.) and for the United Methodist Church in Ellinwood.

Funeral arrangements provided by Kimple Funeral Home*
113 North Main
Ellinwood, KS 67526
620-663-3327

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January 17, 2007

Ethel Avery 1905 - 2007

SCHENECTADY, N.Y. — Ethel Armstrong Avery, 101, died peacefully on Dec. 11 at Kingsway Arms Nursing Center, following a brief illness. Mrs. Avery had previously lived on Randolph Road, Schenectady, for 50 years. Mrs. Avery was born near Great Bend on Jan. 4, 1905. She was the salutatorian of her high school class and graduated from Bethany College in Lindsborg in 1927 with a bachelor of fine arts degree in Expression (speech, drama, literature). For one year, she taught English in a private girls’ school in Idaho. On Dec. 27, 1928, she married Harold Avery, who became a professor of economics at Union College from 1947 until his death in 1969. In 1960, Mrs. Avery received a master of science degree in library science from SUNYA. She then became a children’s librarian at the Schenectady County Library until 1975 when she reached the mandatory retirement age of 70.

Mrs. Avery was a member of PEO, having served as chapter president, and First Reformed Church, where she volunteered in the library.

Mrs. Avery loved books, music and travel. She, with her husband and later her college roommate, made numerous trips to Europe and also Russia and Greece. The Averys sailed home from Europe on the last ship before the start of the war in 1939. Mrs. Avery was an accomplished pianist and especially enjoyed listening to opera.

Mrs. Avery’s “Union College Boys” played a special place in her life and she in theirs. She began hiring students from a Union College fraternity to do odd jobs for her after her husband died. She instilled in them her love of literature and learning, her work ethic and high moral standards. One of her Union Boys nominated her for a citation which she received at the Union College graduation ceremonies in 1994. Bill Wolff, the student who nominated her, said “...her talks over tea influenced him and the 15 other students who helped her. She inspires compassion and each and every one of her Union men strives to be as open and lively as she.”

Mrs. Avery is survived by two nieces, Betty Brack of Lawrence and Karen Naylor of Great Bend; 11 great-nieces and great-nephews; her Union College boys and many other friends. She was preceded in death by her parents, Irvin and Nellie Dempster Armstrong, a brother Wilbur B. Armstrong, a niece, Virginia B. Armstrong Engle; and a nephew, David Armstrong.

Many thanks to the caring staff at Kingsway Arms, especially to those who comforted Ethel on her final journey.

Mrs. Avery gifted her body to Albany Medical College. Funeral arrangements were by the Hans Funeral Home in Albany.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Jan. 27 at First Reformed Church in Schenectady. Memorial contributions may be made to the Albert Smith Educational Fund at First Reformed Church, 8 N. Church St., Schenectady, NY 12305.

Elliott Mortuary*, may be sent to Elliott Mortuary, Hutchinson. Cremation has taken place. Memorials, in care of Elliott Mortuary, may be sent to Mennonite Manor Assisted Living or Hospice House. 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, Jan. 17, 2007

Chester V. Rhoads

ELLINWOOD — Chester V. Rhoads, 96, longtime Barton County resident, died Jan. 15 in Oklahoma City, Okla. A list of survivors and arrangements are pending with Kimple Funeral Home, Ellinwood, and will be announced.

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He is survived by his wife, Ramona Howell; sons, Anthony Christopher Haston, Robert Dale Haston, Justin Jay Howell and Joshua Adam Howell; a sister, Bunny Bennett and husband James; brother, Spencer Allen Howell;
Sharon’s priorities in life were faith, family and friends. She took immeasurable pride in her daughters and four grandchildren and the young adults they were becoming. Sharon lived her life as a stellar example for them and they are her loving legacy. Her husband, John, was also her greatest blessing, and the family and memories they have created are a joyful tribute to their loving family.

Sharon loved Denver and was quietly active — volunteering many hours to Denver charities and schools. She truly walked the walk, and will be remembered for generously serving the community and supporting numerous events and worthwhile organizations with husband John. These include chairing the Saturday Night Live Gala, and the Share Our Strength event multiple times. In addition, she served in the Rocky Mountain Multiple Sclerosis Center, Denver Rotary Scholarship and Montana Community Foundation. Sharon was a member of the Community Presbyterian Church in Chase.

Sharon was born Nov. 1, 1941, in Emporia, to Manley and Rita Lewis Pearce. After graduating from Chase High School, Sharon attended Wesley Medical Center/Wichita State University X-Ray Technology School and practiced as a radiation technologist.

She married John Proffitt on Nov. 18, 1961, in Chase. John’s career in broadcast television allowed them to live in a variety of cities where their contributions to the community have long been noted, including: Indianapolis; Bakersfield, Calif.; San Antonio; and Kansas City, Kan. Before returning to Denver, they retired in Las Vegas and Bozeman, Mont. Sharon was an enthusiastic hiker, skier and fisher. She and John spent countless hours on the Madison River — sharing their love of the outdoors with friends visiting Montana.

In addition to husband, John, Sharon is survived by two daughters and husbands, Michelle and Ray Hoff of Palmer, Ohio, and Melissa and George W. Chenault of Denver; four grandchildren, Nicole and Bryce Hoff and Jonathan and Sarah Hernandez; one sister, Marilyn O’Hara of Arkansas City; and one brother, Allen Koen of Houston, Texas.

A celebration of Sharon’s life will take place at a future date in Denver.

A service for family and friends will also be conducted at 11 a.m. today at the Community Presbyterian Church in Chase.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Community Presbyterian Church in Chase, or the MDA/ALS Association, 720 South Colorado Blvd., Suite 380 South, Denver, CO 80246, in memory of Sharon Proffitt.

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 16, 2007

Joseph E. "Joe" Maes  
1963 - 2007

LYONS — Joseph E. "Joe" Maes, 43, died Jan. 14 at Lyons District Hospital, as a result of an auto accident. Born March 10, 1963, in Lyons, he was the son of Mike and Luanna Wood Maes. He was a resident of Lyons for four years, formerly of Chase since 1981 and Plymouth, Wis., and Osborne. He graduated from Plymouth High School in Plymouth. He married Tami Canterbury on April 18, 1986, in Chase. He was co-owner of Quality Well Service in Lyons.

Mr. Maes served in the Army National Guard. He was a member of St. Paul Catholic Church in Lyons and a former member of St. Mary’s Catholic Church in Chase.

Survivors include his wife, of the home; two daughters, Megan Maes of Topeka and Brooke Maes of the home; his mother, Luanna Maes of Lucas; a sister, Denise White and husband Tim of Chase; mother-in-law Barbara Kelso of Houston; grandmother Betty Wood of Lyons; and numerous nieces, nephews, aunts and uncles. He was preceded in death by his father; grandparents Virgil Wood and Joseph and Ellen Maes, and an uncle, Patrick Maes.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at St. Paul Catholic Church in Lyons with Father Robert Spencer officiating. Burial will be at St. Mary’s Catholic Cemetery in Chase. Friends may call from 2 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Sillin Funeral Home in Lyons with Parish Rosary at 7 p.m. Memorials are suggested to the college fund for Megan and Brooke in care of the funeral home.

Funeral arrangements provided by Sillin Funeral Homes*  
214 W. Ave. South  
Lyons, KS 67554  
620-237-2213  
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 16, 2007

Sara Lou Shipman  
1938 - 2007

HOPE MILLS, N.C. — Sara Lou Shipman, 68, died Jan. 13 at the home of her daughter in Myersville, Md. She was born Feb. 24, 1938, in Mississippi, the daughter of Samuel E. and Mary Louise Culipher Eoren. She was married to George Shipman, who preceded her in death. She grew up in Ellinwood. She was a graduate of The Methodist College in Fayetteville, N.C., with a bachelor of science degree in nursing. She retired from Kelly Springfield Tire Company and the Public Works Commission, both in Fayetteville. She was a registered nurse in hospital psychiatric wards and in occupational settings for more than 25 years.

Mrs. Shipman was a member of the Moose Lodge in Fayetteville and a...
Survivors include three daughters, Hailean Shipman of Myersville, Md., Kellie Hart of Fayetteville, N.C., and Sherean Shipman Garrison of St. Pauls, N.C.; a son, Brian Shipman of Springfield, Mo.; a sister, Linda Sisler of Mobile, Ala.; her stepmother, Velma Boren; and three half brothers, Sam, Jerry and Danny Boren in Arkansas; and one grandchild.

Funeral service will be at 2 p.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 1-2 p.m. Friday at the church. Memorial donations may be made to Animal Haven in Raeford, N.C.

Funeral arrangements provided by Kimple Funeral Home in McArthur, Ohio.

Karen Sue Woydziak Manderick 1944 - 2007

MCAHURTH, Ohio — Karen Sue Woydziak Manderick, 62, passed away Jan. 13 at her residence. Born Sept. 29, 1944, in Hoisington, she was the daughter of Joseph Woydziak of Great Bend and the late Ada Rose Achatz. She was a retired administrative assistant at Ohio University.

Mrs. Manderick was a 25-year member of the St. Sylvestors Catholic Church, Zaleski, Ohio.

Survivors include her husband, Dr. Michael V. Manderick; two sons, Rick and Marilyn Manderick of Guysville, Ohio, and Brian Manderick of Columbus, Ohio; her father, Joseph Woydziak of Great Bend; a granddaughter, Laura Manderick of Guysville, Ohio; four brothers, Don and Carol Woydziak of Dodge City, Mark and Paula Woydziak of Garden City, Kenny and Nelinda Woydziak of Topeka, and Bob and Kathleen Woydziak of Reno, Nev.; three sisters, Mary and Bob Paoli of St. Paul, Minn., Pat and Don Straub of Great Bend and Deanna and Dennis Hess of Lawrence; and 19 nieces and nephews. In addition to her mother, she was preceded in death by a nephew, Michael Paoli.

Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at St. Sylvestors Catholic Church in Zaleski with the Rev. Father Engle and the Rev. Father Trapp officiating. In keeping with her request, cremation will follow. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. today at Garrett-Moore Funeral Home in McArthur, Ohio.

Richard A. Adair

PAWNEE ROCK — Richard A. Adair, 60, retired railroad engineer, died Jan. 6 at Via Christi Regional Medical Center, St. Joseph Campus, Wichita.

Richard enjoyed rocketry, his computer, miniature railroads and fishing.

Survivors include his wife Gaila Adair; three daughters, Annette Adair, Mary Adair and Angela Adair; a stepson, Dustin Crabbs; two stepdaughters, Tammy Armstrong and Tara Proctor; two sisters, Judy Martin and her husband
Bob, and Cathy Brunn and her husband Robert; a brother, Chuck Adair; five grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and two sisters, Virginia Hall and Annette Adair.

A memorial service has not been set at this time, but will be announced at a later date. Arrangements are with Cornerstone Cremation Society, www.cornerstonecremationsociety.com.

Arrangements provided by Cornerstone Cremation Society* 3700 East Douglas at Clifton Square Suite 52 Wichita, KS 67208 316-618-8300 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 14, 2007

Bonita “Bonnie” JoAnn Duvall 1943 - 2007

ALLEN, Texas — Mrs. Bonita “Bonnie” JoAnn Duvall, age 63, of Allen, Texas, passed away Jan. 11 at her home after a long battle with cancer. She was born June 22, 1943, in Martinsburg, W.Va., to James Melvin and Kleeanna Whitmore Lewis.

She is survived by her husband, Charles Duvall of Allen, Texas; two sons, Richard Duvall of San Marcos, Texas, and Jason Duvall of Great Bend; one daughter, Nicole Duvall of Allen, Texas; one sister, Jamie Hunihan of Middleton, Idaho; seven grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her mother and by a daughter, Genny Kay Bonita Duvall.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m., Tuesday at St. Anthony’s Catholic Church in Wylie, Texas, with Father Loyd Morris officiating. The family will receive friends from 7 to 9 p.m. Monday at Turrentine-Jackson-Morrow Funeral Home in Allen, Texas. Rosary service will begin at 7:30 p.m. Monday. To convey condolences or to sign an online registry, please visit www.tjmfuneral.com.

In honor of Bonnie Duvall, memorials may be made to the Wylie Education Foundation, P.O. Box 117 Wylie, TX 75098. Please note on honorarium “in memory of Bonnie Duvall.”

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 14, 2007

Treasa L. Carter 1975 - 2007

PAWNEE ROCK — Treasa Lynn Carter, 31, died Jan. 11 at her home. She was born July 18, 1975, in Newton, the daughter of William D. and Cheryl (Pryor) Carter.

Survivors include her mother, Cheryl (Pryor) Henkle and stepfather Robert Henkle of Great Bend; father and stepmother, William D. and Patti Carter, of Newton; four sons, Austin Lee Carter and William Harley Carter, both of Newton, and Duffie Rowland Chapman IV and Bryon William Chapman, both of Pawnee Rock; two stepsisters, Kristi Hill of Tampa, Kan., and Laurie Stanlee of Topeka; a grandmother, Alberta Anna Hull of Gardner; paternal grandparents, Carl and Mary Henkle of Great Bend.

A recitation of the Holy Rosary will be at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at Petersen Funeral Home in Newton. The family will receive friends after the rosary service. Graveside service will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at St. Mary’s Catholic Cemetery, Newton, with the Rev. Jim Mainzer of St. Mary’s Catholic Church officiating. Friends may call from 1 to 9 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. Donations are suggested to the Domestic Violence Prevention Fund and may be made in care of the funeral home.

Funeral arrangements provided by Petersen Funeral Home 215 N. Main Newton, KS 67114 316-283-2525 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 14, 2007

Marvin J. Weightman 1913 - 2007

Marvin J. Weightman, 93, of Great Bend, died Jan. 13 at Hays Medical Center in Hays. He was born June 18, 1913, in Ellsworth County, the son of Thomas and Carrie Heiken Weightman. He married Norma C. Eggers on June 19, 1938, at Holyrood. She died Nov. 25, 2005. A lifetime area resident, he was a district manager for The Dia-Log Company for 25 years.

Weightman was a member of First United Methodist Church and a long-time member of the Eagles Lodge No. 646, both in Great Bend. He enjoyed fishing and helping with harvest.

Survivors include two daughters, Marva Miller and husband Steve, of Hays, and Marsha Jacobs and husband Ray, Great Bend; one son, Don Weightman and wife Claudia, Loveland, Colo.; five grandchildren, Angela Reynolds, Centennial, Colo., Kelly Miller, Aurora, Colo., Brian Weightman, Evans, Colo., Andrea Long, Emporia, and Kristin Weightman, Fort Collins, Colo.; two great grandchildren, Jonathan Miller and Hayley Weightman; and one sister, Norma Jean Bush, Emporia. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Don Weightman and Roy Weightman, and two sisters, Dorris Call and Nadine Carr.

Funeral will be at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend, with the Rev. Gary Brooks officiating. Burial will be at Hillcrest Memorial Park in Great Bend. Friends may call from 1 to 9 p.m. Monday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to First United Methodist Church or Golden Belt Humane Society, 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, Jan. 14, 2007

January 12, 2007

Lucile L. Miller 1915 - 2007

MACKSVILLE — Lucile L. Miller, 91, died Jan. 10 at Leisure Homestead in Stafford. Born Nov. 28, 1915, in Great Bend, she was the daughter of Charles and Linda Fenn Neuforth. A longtime resident of rural Macksville, she was a farm wife and homemaker. She married Abbe Henry Miller at St. Paul’s Lutheran Church in Albert on Nov. 28, 1937. He died Dec. 21, 1996.

Mrs. Miller was a member of Grace Lutheran Church and Lutheran Women Missionary League, both of Larned.

Survivors include two sons, George and wife Elaine Miller of Macksville and Wayne and wife Yolette Miller of Belpre; four daughters, Joyce and husband Lee Suiter, and Janet and husband Rick Hudson all of Macksville, Mary Ann and husband Chuck Fuller of Kinsley and Darlene and husband Lonn Poage of Belle Plaine; 20 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; one brother, Harold Neuforth; one sister, Helen Dirks; one son-in-law, Richard Weers; and a grandson, Adam Poage.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Monday at Grace Lutheran Church with Pastor Richard Boyer presiding. Burial will be at Farmington Cemetery in Macksville. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday and noon until 8 p.m. Sunday at Morell Funeral Home in Larned. Memorials are suggested to the church in care of Morell Funeral Home, P.O. Box 124, Larned, KS 67550-0124.

Funeral arrangements provided by Morell Funeral Home* P.O. Box 124 Larned, KS, 67550-0124 620-285-2177 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 12, 2007

Angie G. Hafliger 1955 - 2007

WaKEENY — Angie G. Hafliger, 51, died Jan. 10 at Trego County Lemke-Memorial Hospital in WaKeeney. Born June 30, 1955, in WaKeeney, she was the daughter of Harold D. and Dorlis L. Wanker Morell. A lifetime resident of Trego County, she was a registered nurse. She received her RN degree from Barton County Community College in
Richard Ray Titus 1952 - 2007

FORT WORTH, Texas — Richard Ray Titus, age 54, of Fort Worth, Texas, lost his battle with cancer on Sunday, Jan. 7. He was born July 21, 1952, in Great Bend, Kansas.

He was a graduate of the University of Kansas. He was a member and president of Tau Kappa Epsilon Fraternity. Richard was a private pilot and marathon runner and he enjoyed golfing. He was also an avid Jayhawk fan.

He was preceded in death by his father, Harold Titus.

He is survived by his mother, Mary Ann Titus; three children, Stephanie Titus, Rob Titus and Chris Titus; a sister, Margaret Shaver; and three brothers, David Titus, Jeff Titus and Steve Titus.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 11, at Oak Hill United Methodist Church, 7815 Highway 290 West, Fort Worth. Interment will follow at Cook-Walden/Forest Oaks Memorial Park.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial contributions in honor of Richard be made to Hospice Austin’s Christopher House, 4107 Spicewood Springs Rd., Suite 100, Austin, TX 78759, (800) 445-3261.

Funeral arrangements under the direction of Cook-Walden/Forest Oaks Funeral Home 6300 W. William Cannon Drive* Austin, TX 78749 (512) 892-1172 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 11, 2007

Elbert “Pappy” Goodson 1916 - 2007


He is survived by two daughters, Arlene Mamer of Republic, Mo., and Elaine Cozens of Colorado Springs, Colo.; one son, Merlyn Goodson of Willard, Mo.; eight grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren; five nephews and one niece. He was preceded in death by three brothers and one sister.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 16, 2007 in the Congregational United Church of Christ in Kinsley, with the Rev. Randy Goodson and the Rev. Phillip Nelson officiating. Burial will follow in Hillside Cemetery in Kinsley under the care of Herman H. Lohmeyer Funeral Home, 500 E. Walnut, Springfield, Mo. Visitation will be from noon until 1:30 p.m. Tuesday in the church.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association or the American Diabetes Association. Online condolences can be made at www.hhlohmeyer.com.

Herman H. Lohmeyer Funeral Home* 500 E. Walnut St. Springfield, MO 65806 417-862-4433 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 11, 2007

Iona Rae Murphy 1927 - 2007

BEAVER — Iona Rae Murphy, 79, died Jan. 8. Born on Oct. 21, 1927, at Sugar City, Colo., she was the daughter of Roscoe C. and Edith M. Watts. Formerly of Carthage, Mo., she was a retired secretary.

Survivors include her husband, Wesley Murphy of Russell; twin sister, Leona Suiter of Derby; three sisters, Constance Davis of Siloam Springs, Ark., LaVera Gipson of Carthage, Mo., and Wilma Hinshaw of Canton, Ohio; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by two brothers, Roscoe L. Watts and Morris E. Watts.

Private services will be held.

Funeral arrangements provided by Smith Family Mortuaries 1415 N. Rock Road Derby, KS 67037 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 11, 2007

Ivar Lee “Bill” Ott 1926 - 2007

Ivar Lee “Bill” Ott, 80, of Great Bend, died Jan. 10 at Central Kansas Medical Center, Great Bend. He was born Feb. 2, 1926, at Emporia, the son of Raymond A. and Ethel Hazel Kern Ott. He married Olinda Elizabeth “Linda” Titel on Jan. 9, 1949, at Milberger. She survives. He was a drilling supervisor for Anthes Resource Services. He was a former roughneck and driller and was the former owner of Gas Detectors, Inc. He was a resident of Great Bend since 1963, coming from Russell. He was a veteran of World War II, serving with the United States Navy with the rank of seaman first class.

He was a member of VFW Post 3111 and attended Trinity Lutheran Church, both of Great Bend.

Survivors, in addition to his wife, of the home, include a daughter, Staci Robl and husband Kent of Ellinwood; and three sisters, Melba Jean Boxberger of Beloit, Joan Ott of Grove, Okla. and Joyce Ott of Canton, Ohio; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by three brothers and one sister.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Bryant Funeral Home, Great Bend, with the Rev. James A. Strasen officiating. Interment will be in the Lakin-Bend, with the Rev. James A. Strasen officiating. Interment will be at Oak Hill United Methodist Church, 7815 Highway 290 West, Fort Worth. Interment will follow at Cook-Walden/Forest Oaks Memorial Park.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial contributions in honor of Richard be made to Hospice Austin’s Christopher House, 4107 Spicewood Springs Rd., Suite 100, Austin, TX 78759, (800) 445-3261.

Funeral arrangements under the direction of Cook-Walden/Forest Oaks Funeral Home 6300 W. William Cannon Drive* Austin, TX 78749 (512) 892-1172 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 11, 2007


He is survived by two daughters, Arlene Mamer of Republic, Mo., and Elaine Cozens of Colorado Springs, Colo.; one son, Merlyn Goodson of Willard, Mo.; eight grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren; five nephews and one niece. He was preceded in death by three brothers and one sister.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 16, 2007 in the Congregational United Church of Christ in Kinsley, with the Rev. Randy Goodson and the Rev. Phillip Nelson officiating. Burial will follow in Hillside Cemetery in Kinsley under the care of Herman H. Lohmeyer Funeral Home, 500 E. Walnut, Springfield, Mo. Visitation will be from noon until 1:30 p.m. Tuesday in the church.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association or the American Diabetes Association. Online condolences can be made at www.hhlohmeyer.com.

Herman H. Lohmeyer Funeral Home* 500 E. Walnut St. Springfield, MO 65806 417-862-4433 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 11, 2007

January 10, 2007

Helen Jane Roan Roach 1959 - 2007

ELLINWOOD — Helen Jane Roan Roach, 47, died Jan. 8 at Via Christi Regional Medical Center, St. Francis Campus, Wichita. She was born Jan. 17, 1959, at Sublette, the daughter of Cloyce A. Conner Sr., and Shirley Lee Williams Conner. She married David D. Roach on June 7, 1991, at Great Bend. She was a bartender for Slack’s in Great Bend. She had also worked for Menge’s Electric, Ellinwood, and Great Bend Packing of
January 9, 2007

Eleanor M. (Hickel) Linsner 1913 - 2007

HOISINGTON — Eleanor M. (Hickel) Linsner, 93, died Jan. 6 at Cheyenne Meadows Living Center in Hoisington. She was born Feb. 13, 1913, at Beaver, the daughter of Emil and Lena (Courange) Hickel. She graduated from Beaver Grade School. She married William Linsner on Nov. 5, 1929, at Beaver. He died Dec. 2, 1974. A lifetime Barton County resident, she was a homemaker and farmwife.

Mrs. Linsner was a member of Holy Family Catholic Church and St. Ann’s Altar Society in Odin.

Survivors include three daughters, Marilou Axman of Hoisington, Eleanor Witchey of St. John and Gerri West of Great Bend; three grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild. She was preceded in death by a son, Jr. Linsner, a brother and a sister.

Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at Holy Family Catholic Church and St. Ann’s Altar Society in Odin.

Eleanor M. (Hickel) Linsner
1913 - 2007

HOISINGTON — Eleanor M. (Hickel) Linsner, 93, died Jan. 6 at Cheyenne Meadows Living Center in Hoisington. She was born Feb. 13, 1913, at Beaver, the daughter of Emil and Lena (Courange) Hickel. She graduated from Beaver Grade School. She married William Linsner on Nov. 5, 1929, at Beaver. He died Dec. 2, 1974. A lifetime Barton County resident, she was a homemaker and farmwife.

Mrs. Linsner was a member of Holy Family Catholic Church and St. Ann’s Altar Society in Odin.

Survivors include three daughters, Marilou Axman of Hoisington, Eleanor Witchey of St. John and Gerri West of Great Bend; three grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild. She was preceded in death by a son, Jr. Linsner, a brother and a sister.

Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at Holy Family Catholic Church and St. Ann’s Altar Society in Odin.

A Vigil Service will take place at 7 p.m. on Monday, followed by an Altar Society Rosary at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday at Holy Family Catholic Church in Odin, with the Rev. Pascal Klein officiating. Burial will be at Holy Family Cemetery in Odin. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Monday at...
the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Cheyenne Meadows Living Center or the Holy Family Cemetery 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, Jan. 7, 2007

Yvonne Carol Coughlin 1930 - 2007

COLDWATER — Yvonne Carol Coughlin, 76, died Jan. 4 at Dillon Living Center in Hutchinson. She was born Nov. 5, 1930, at Goodland, the daughter of Albert and Viola May (Sperling) Beeby. She married Dale R. “Rick” Coughlin on Sept. 5, 1952, at Ponca City, Okla. He died on Jan. 13, 1996. A long-time resident of Coldwater, moving there in 1988 from Isabel, she previously lived in Great Bend for many years. She graduated in 1947 from Morland High School in Morland. She received a bachelor’s degree in home economics from Kansas State University in 1951, receiving a teaching certificate from Sacred Heart University in 1960.

Mrs. Coughlin was a teacher.

Mrs. Coughlin was a member of the First Christian Church in Coldwater. She was member of Morland Community Foundation in Morland, Retired Teachers’ Association, Red Hat Society, Christian Women’s Fellowship and Priscilla’s Circle.

Survivors include two sons, David L. Coughlin of Porter, Texas and Daniel R. Coughlin of Lakeside, Ore.; a daughter, Debra Nance of Wichita; six grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a brother, Olive Beeby.

Funeral will be at 11 a.m. on Tuesday at the First Christian Church in Coldwater, with family gathering on Christmas Eve for a family service and receiving friends from 5 to 6 p.m. on Monday, with family receiving friends from 5 to 6 p.m. Memorials are suggested to the church or Morland Community Foundation in care of the funeral home.

Funeral arrangements provided by Hatfield-Prusa Funeral Home
1425 Patton Road
Great Bend, KS 67530
620-793-3525
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 5, 2007

Leonard Carl Kraft 1930 - 2006

COLDWATER — Yvonne Carol Coughlin, 1930 - 2007

COLDWATER — Yvonne Carol Coughlin, 76, died Jan. 4 at Dillon Living Center in Hutchinson. She was born Nov. 5, 1930, at Goodland, the daughter of Albert and Viola May (Sperling) Beeby. She married Dale R. “Rick” Coughlin on Sept. 5, 1952, at Ponca City, Okla. He died on Jan. 13, 1996. A long-time resident of Coldwater, moving there in 1988 from Isabel, she previously lived in Great Bend for many years. She graduated in 1947 from Morland High School in Morland. She received a bachelor’s degree in home economics from Kansas State University in 1951, receiving a teaching certificate from Sacred Heart University in 1960.

Mrs. Coughlin was a teacher.

Mrs. Coughlin was a member of the First Christian Church in Coldwater. She was member of Morland Community Foundation in Morland, Retired Teachers’ Association, Red Hat Society, Christian Women’s Fellowship and Priscilla’s Circle.

Survivors include two sons, David L. Coughlin of Porter, Texas and Daniel R. Coughlin of Lakeside, Ore.; a daughter, Debra Nance of Wichita; six grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a brother, Olive Beeby.

Funeral will be at 11 a.m. on Tuesday at the First Christian Church in Coldwater, with family gathering on Christmas Eve for a family service and receiving friends from 5 to 6 p.m. on Monday, with family receiving friends from 5 to 6 p.m. Memorials are suggested to the church or Morland Community Foundation in care of the funeral home.

Funeral arrangements provided by Hatfield-Prusa Funeral Home
1425 Patton Road
Great Bend, KS 67530
620-793-3525
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 5, 2007

Leonard C. Kraft, 76, died Dec. 22. He was born on Nov. 5, 1930, on a farm near Beeler, in Hodgeman County, to Johann and Matilda Kraft, the youngest of five children. He was baptized Feb. 4, 1931, sponsored by Henry Eichman, Dorrance Kausar and Nathan Dumler. He was confirmed at Bazine on Oct. 12, 1947. Leonard moved into a nearby city and supported himself in order to complete his high school education. He served in the Marine Corps for three years.

His occupation was in sales for Radio Shack and he rose to the level of area director before he retired. On July 29, 1956, he married Sharon Warner Kraft at St. Paul’s Lutheran Church in Wichita. Leonard and Sharon were blessed with two children, David C. Kraft and Rebecca L. Kraft Wright. The center of Leonard’s life was his family and church. He liked to be outdoors, and could fix anything. He enjoyed traveling with his wife, playing tricks on family members and helping people. He also wrote poetry for family and friends. One family tradition, which brought him great joy, was the family gathering on Christmas Eve for the late church service and receiving Holy Communion together.

Funeral arrangements provided by Hatfield-Prusa Funeral Home
P.O. Box 417
Coldwater, KS 67029
620-582-2154
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 7, 2007

January 5, 2007

Edward Joseph Klug 1920 - 2007

Edward Joseph Klug, 86, of Great Bend, died Jan. 3 at his residence. He was born Aug. 24, 1920, at Hoisington, the son of Wilhelm and Sidomera Moeder Klug. He married Gladys Schremmer on Jan. 29, 1946, at Odin. She survives. He was the manager of Parkview Service Station and later of Truckin’ Joe’s Service Station. He was a resident of Great Bend since 1945, coming from Odin.

He was a member of Prince of Peace Parish at St. Rose, and Knights of Columbus, both of Great Bend. He served in the United States Army in World War II.

Survivors, besides his wife, of the home, are a son, Tom Klug and his wife, Rhonda, Great Bend; a daughter, Karen Keenan, Overland Park; two sisters, Dorothy Mayer of Massachusetts and Cecilia McClure of Wichita; four grandchildren, Troy Keenan, Amy Scavuzzo, Kelsie Klug and Austin Klug; and three great-grandchildren, Jonathan Scavuzzo, Joe Scavuzzo and Katie Scavuzzo. He was preceded in death by a son-in-law, Lane Keenan, three brothers, Joe, Leo and August Klug, and nine sisters, Marie Demel, Ann Demel, Rose Jacobs, Ida Neises, Marie Beck, Helen Gerber, Hattie Stos, Ode Murphy, and Teresa Meyeres.

A vigil service with Knights of Columbus Rosary was at 7 p.m. Thursday at Bryant Funeral Home, Great Bend. Funeral service will be at 4 p.m. today at St. Patrick Catholic Church, Great Bend, with Father Reginald A. Urban officiating. Interment will be at Great Bend Cemetery. Donations to a memorial fund for the CKMC Foundation for the benefit of Golden Belt Home Health & Hospice may be made in care of the funeral home. Condolences may be sent and notice viewed at www.bryantfh.net.

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1425 Patton Road
Great Bend, KS 67530
620-793-3525
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 5, 2007

Leonard C. Kraft, 76, died Dec. 22. He was born on Nov. 5, 1930, on a farm near Beeler, in Hodgeman County, to Johann and Matilda Kraft, the youngest of five children. He was baptized Feb. 4, 1931, sponsored by Henry Eichman, Dorrance Kausar and Nathan Dumler. He was confirmed at Bazine on Oct. 12, 1947. Leonard moved into a nearby city and supported himself in order to complete his high school education. He served in the Marine Corps for three years.

His occupation was in sales for Radio Shack and he rose to the level of area director before he retired. On July 29, 1956, he married Sharon Warner Kraft at St. Paul’s Lutheran Church in Wichita. Leonard and Sharon were blessed with two children, David C. Kraft and Rebecca L. Kraft Wright. The center of Leonard’s life was his family and church. He liked to be outdoors, and could fix anything. He enjoyed traveling with his wife, playing tricks on family members and helping people. He also wrote poetry for family and friends. One family tradition, which brought him great joy, was the family gathering on Christmas Eve for the late church service and receiving Holy Communion together.

Funeral arrangements provided by Hatfield-Prusa Funeral Home
P.O. Box 417
Coldwater, KS 67029
620-582-2154
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 7, 2007

Jack J. Williams 1923 - 2007

Jack J. Williams, 83, of Great Bend, died Jan. 4 at his residence. He was born July 1, 1923, at Talmo, the son of Thorn John and Hazel Mae Williams Williams. He married Eugenia Marie Currie “Genie” on Feb. 22, 1949, at Wamego. She died on Nov. 23, 2003. He was an architect with
Survivors include his wife Sharon; son David and wife Catherine; daughter Rebecca Wright and husband Wes; grandchildren Whitney and Weston Wright; two brothers, Leo Kraft and wife Thelma and Elden Kraft and wife Laura Jean; one sister, Erlene Knox and husband Sam; and extended family members and friends.

Funeral arrangements provided by Laurel Land Funeral Home* -- 7100 Crowley Rd.
Fort Worth, TX 76134
817-293-1350
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 5, 2007

January 4, 2007

Pearl E. Bantam 1918 - 2006

Pearl Eleanor Bantam, 88 years of age, of Phillipsburg (formerly of Orleans, Neb.) passed away on Saturday, Dec. 30, at the Phillips County Retirement Center in Phillipsburg. Pearl was born Sept. 4, 1918, in Harlan County, south of Orleans, the eldest of five children of Oliver and Gladys (Russell) White. She received her education in Harlan County and later in Stamford. On Dec. 18, 1935, she was united in marriage to Glen W. Bantam at Phillipsburg and to this union were born five daughters and five sons. The family made their home on the farm in the Eldorado Township south of Orleans until 1973, when Glen and Pearl moved into Orleans.

She was a member of the Presbyterian Church in Orleans, where she was active in many capacities including the Presbyterian Women and Sunday School teacher. Pearl was also very involved as a 4-H Leader, Girl Scout Leader and Band Mother through the years when the children were young, was a charter member of the Orleans Civic Club and a member of the Gingham Girls Extension Club. Pearl enjoyed sewing, baking, volunteered with Meals on Wheels, quilting and loved to read. On June 29, 2000, she was preceded in death by her husband, Glen. Following Glen's passing, Pearl moved to Phillipsburg, Kan., to be near her youngest daughters.

She leaves to mourn her passing her children: daughter, Phyllis Kay Bosley and her husband, Howard of Great Bend, daughter, Nadine Sue Condello and her husband, Frank of Lincoln, Neb., son, Ernest Oliver Bantam and his wife, Vicky of Spearfish, S.D., daughter, Lela Jean Fidler and her husband, Craig of North Platte, Neb., son, Tony Glen Bantam and his wife, Rita of Woodbine, Iowa, son, Douglas Don Bantam and his wife, Julie of Lincoln, Neb., son, Eddy Guy Bantam and his wife, Jo of Auburn, Neb., daughter Merry Dale Jessup and her husband Rick of Logan, and daughter, Edith Ann Hopson and her husband, Clark of Phillipsburg; daughter-in-law, Jan Bantam of Oxford, Neb.; grandchildren and great-grandchildren: Gene Bosley and his wife, Cindy and their children, Brandon and Melanie; Bob Bosley and his wife, Tamara and their children, Andrew, Grant and William; Eric Bosley and his wife, Marya and their children, Chancellor, Layne, Wright, Shane and Wynn; Mark Bantam and his wife, Amy and their children, Tristan, Teren and Trinity; Debbie Holsy and her husband, J.P. and their daughter Grace; Maria Schoen and her husband Brad and their children, Megan, Melissa and Makayla; Paul Bantam and his wife, Darlene and their son, Samuel; Bruce Condello and his wife, Marlene and their children, Kayla and Shelby; and Jason Condello and his wife, Maggie; Wendy and Benjamin Bantam; Mia Wald and her husband, Tim; Oliver Bantam; Everett Fidler and his wife, Jeannie and their daughter, Rachel; Carrie Willis and her husband, Bruce; Brian and wife Catherine; daughter Merry Dale Jessup and her husband, Daniel, Trent, Zoe and Ava; Joseph Bantam and his wife, Joni and their children, Brandon, Alexander and Cory; Sally Staben and her husband Mike and their children, Claire and Jack; Emily Koenig and her husband, Bret and their children, Madeleine, Willa and Lucy; Tena Grossman and her husband, Ed and their children, Zane and Cassius; Erin and Caitlin Bantam; Guy Jessup, Roy Jessup and his wife, Bethany and their daughter, Gracie and Dale Jessup; Amy Johnson and her husband, Dustin and their daughter Dakota; Neil Hopson and John Hopson; two sisters, Elma Christensen and her husband Wesley of Orleans and Joyce Alquist of Axtell, Neb.; sisters-in-law, Irene White of Orleans, Eleanor Burchett of Alma, Neb., and Pauline Bantam of Orleans; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. Besides her husband, Glen, she was preceded in death by her parents; a son, Roger Bantam; two brothers, Don White and Chester White and his wife, Wanda; and brother-in-law Dean Almquist.

Mrs. Bantam will lie in state at the Mitchell Funeral Home in Orleans from 1 to 8 p.m. today with the family greeting friends from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Friday at the Presbyterian Church in Orleans, Neb., with Pastor Roger Miller officiating. Interment will be in the Orleans Cemetery. A memorial has been established in her memory. Expressions of caring and kindness can be sent to the family at www.nelsonbauerfh.com. The Mitchell Funeral Home in Orleans is in charge of arrangements.

Funeral arrangements provided by Mitchell Funeral Home* 113 N. Orleans Ave.
Orleans, NE 68966
308-473-3086
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 4, 2007

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Funeral arrangements provided by Bryant Funeral Home* 1425 Patton Road
Great Bend, KS 67530
620-793-3525
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 4, 2007

Edith V. Wilson 1921 - 2006

Edith V. Wilson, 85, died Jan. 2 in Wichita. She was a homemaker.

Survivors include a sister, Irma Lufer, and four grandchildren, April Skelton, Raelynn Groller, Greg Skelton and Eddie Wilson. She was preceded in death by her husband, Rayford Wilson, Sr.

Memorial service will be at 1 p.m. Friday at the Broadway Mortuary Chapel in Wichita. Private family burial will take place in Great Bend at a later date.

Funeral arrangements provided by Broadway Mortuary* 1147 S. Broadway St.
Wichita, KS 67511
316-262-3435
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 4, 2007

Virginia Dee Likes 1932 - 2006

GARFIELD — Virginia Dee Likes, 74, died Dec. 31 in Kansas City, Kan. She was born June 13, 1932, in Topeka, the daughter of Elmer and Lucile I. Mize Likes.

She was a resident of Great Bend since 1945, coming from Odin.

He was a member of Prince of Peace Parish at St. Rose, and Knights of Columbus, both of Great Bend.

Survivors, besides his wife, of the home, are a son, Tom Klug and his wife, Rhonda, Great Bend; a daughter, Karen Keenan, Overland Park; two sisters, Dorothy Mayer of Massachusetts and Cecilia McClure of Wichita; four grandchildren, Troy Keenan, Amy Scavuzzo, Kelsie Klug and Austin Klug; and three great-grandchildren, Jonathan Scavuzzo, Joe Scavuzzo and Katie Scavuzzo. He was preceded in death by a son-in-law, Lane Keenan, three brothers, Joe, Leo and August Klug, and eight sisters, Marie Demel, Ann Demel, Rose Jacobs, Ida Neises, Marie Beck, Helen Gerber, Hattie Stos and Odee Murphy.

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Great Bend, KS 67530
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620-285-2177
Larned, KS 67550
1021 Broadway
Morell Funeral Home
Funeral arrangements provided by United Methodist Church, Garfield, or
be no visitation. Inurnment will be in the
Saturday at the United Methodist Church,
A memorial service will be at 1 p.m.
granddaughters. She was preceded in
died Jan. 27, 2006. A longtime resident of
Miami, Okla., on Feb. 13, 1959. He died
Harris. She married Finley Leroy Likes at
Kan., Okla., on Feb. 13, 1959. He died
Kan.; three daughters, Bobbi Bohnert of Gilbert,
Sherry Braun of Spokane, Wash., and Lisa Hall of Lawrence; a sister,
Wayne Harris of Lampassas,
Texas, and Rick Harris of Gilbert,
14 grandchildren and five great-
brothers, Wayne Harris of Lampassas,
Sherry Braun of Spokane, Wash.,
daughters, Bobbi Bohnert of Gilbert,
Sisters and brothers, Wayne Harris of Lampassas,
and notice viewed at www.bryantfh.net.
Jon Randall “Randy” Knobloch 1949 - 2006
January 3, 2007
Jon Randall “Randy” Knobloch, 57, of
Great Bend, passed from this life into the presence of the Living Savior on Dec. 31, 2006. He was born the second son of
He was a U.S. Army veteran of the
life. He graduated from Great Bend High
school at Kansas State, Rush Center. He
 HOISINGTON — Vernon Frederick Iderker, 87, died Dec. 31 at St. Joseph Memorial
Hospital in Larned. Born Dec. 6, 1919, in Roziel, he was the son of Henry W. and
Katherine B. Both Iderker. A lifetime resident of Roziel, he was a farmer and
Mr. Iderker was a member of the Hope Lutheran Church in Rush Center. He served on the church board and Farm
Bureau board and was active in the Walnut Valley Senior Center.
Survivors include his wife, of the home;
two sons, Gary of Topeka and Neal of
Roziel; two daughters, Vicki Self of
Topeka and Kathy Deuth of Lenexa; one brother, Lester; two sisters, Rosella
Smith of Ellinwood and Mildred Brauer of
La Crosse; six grandchildren and two
great grandchildren. He was preceded in
death by a daughter, Janice Kay Iderker and a
sister, Evelyn Blattner.
Funeral services will be at 1:30 p.m.
Thursday, all at Bryant Funeral Home.
Dwight Dozier officiating. Burial will be at
Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. today, with the family receiving friends from 6 to 8 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. to noon on Thursday, all at Bryant Funeral Home. Memorials are suggested to First Church of the Nazarene or American Heart Association. Condolences may be sent and notice viewed at www.bryantfh.net.
Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Friday
at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home,
Hoisington, with the Rev. Bill Cowell officiating. There will be no visitation as
cremation has taken place. Memorials are suggested to the American Diabetes Association or Envision, 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, Jan. 3, 2007
Vernon Frederick Iderker 1919 - 2006
Rush Center with the Rev. Bruce Adamson presiding. Burial will be in the Larned Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to the Hope Lutheran Church or the Walnut Valley Senior Center, both in care of Beckwith Mortuary.

Funeral arrangements provided by Beckwith Mortuary
P.O. Box 477
Larned, KS 67550
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 3, 2007

Tod Alan Martin 1960 - 2007

HOISINGTON — Tod Alan Martin, 46, died Jan. 1 at Hoisington. He was born Jan. 15, 1960, at Ransom, the son of Verl Lee and Doris Dean (McCoy) Martin. He was employed as a chemical specialist for Gutherie Steaming and Tank Service, Great Bend. He was a resident of Hoisington for 15 years, coming from Great Bend.

Martin was a member of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, Hoisington.

Survivors include two sons, Kyle Lee Martin of Hays and Kurtis B. Martin of Topeka; his father, Verl Lee Martin and stepmother, Jean Martin, Great Bend; his mother, Doris Martin, WaKeeney; four sisters, Carol Leiker, Lebanon, Mo., Shauna Lang, WaKeeney, Lori Quenzer, Hiawatha, and Kami Martin, Hereford, Texas; a stepsisiter, Connie Purnell, Wichita; a brother, Rodger Martin, Emporia; and a stepbrother, Chris Lowry, Germany. He was preceded in death by one sister, Keri Sue Martin, his stepfather, Terry Martin, and a niece, Stacy Randall.

Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, Hoisington, with Father Pascal Klein officiating. Graveside services and inurnment will be conducted at 1 p.m. Saturday in the WaKeeney Cemetery. There will be no visitation, as cremation has taken place. Memorials are suggested to the St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church or Southwind Hospice in care of Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington.

Funeral arrangements provided by Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home
415 North Main/P.O. Box 146
Hoisington, KS 67544
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 3, 2007

Mareah Henry 1925 - 2006

Mareah Henry, 81, of Great Bend, died Dec. 31 at St. Elizabeth Hospice in Covington, Ky. Born Feb. 1, 1925, at West Hartlepool, Cleveland County, England, she was the daughter of Alfred Edward and Alice Horsewell Salt. She married Theodore L. Henry on Nov. 23, 1955, in Clarinda, Iowa. He died Nov. 17, 2001. A resident of Great Bend for 46 years, living the last 13 years in Barton, Ky., she was a retired dietitian for Central Kansas Medical Center.

Mrs. Henry was a former corporal in the English Army. She attended the First Church of the Nazarene in Great Bend.

Survivors include two sons, Ed. C. Collier of Shreveport, La., and Tim Henry of Great Bend; one daughter, Iris Feltner of Burlington, Ky.; four sisters, Lilian Sammons, Audrey Larner, Susan Patricia Taylor and Dorothy Clarke, all of England; 11 grandchildren, and one great-grandchild. She was preceded in death by three sisters, Freda Harris, Alice Hiss and Beatrice Jones; and three brothers, George Salt, Alfred Salt and Bert Salt.

Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Bryant Funeral Home with Pastor Robert Castle officiating. Burial will be at the Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call from 4 to 9 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the First Church of the Nazarene.

Funeral arrangements provided by Bryant Funeral Home
1425 Patton Road
Great Bend, KS 67530
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 3, 2007

Coline P. Girton 1913 - 2007

Coline P. Girton, 93, of Great Bend, died Jan. 1 at Central Kansas Medical Center, Great Bend. She was born Dec. 7, 1913, at Cimarron, the daughter of Ernest F. and Winifred Dillman Phelps. She married Charles A. Girton Aug. 21, 1937, at Pueblo, Colo. He died Aug. 27, 1996. She was a self-employed dance and vocal instructor. She was a resident of Great Bend since 1940, coming from Protection.

Mrs. Girton was a member of First Congregational United Church of Christ, Parnassus Club and the Golden Belt Community Concert Association, all of Great Bend.

Survivors include one son, Mike Girton and wife Jeannine, Great Bend; one daughter, Ann Valus and husband John, Bettendorf, Iowa; a granddaughter, Gwendolyn O’Roark and husband Brook, Aztec, N.M.; and a great-grandchild, Allison O’Roark. She was preceded in death by a brother, William Phelps, and a sister, Alda Johnson.

A graveside service will be at 1 p.m. Thursday in Great Bend Cemetery, with the Rev. Diana Coberly officiating. Friends may call from 5 to 9 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. to noon Thursday at Bryant Funeral Home, Great Bend. Memorial donations to Jim Bob's Family Fund may be made in care of the funeral home. Condolences may be sent and notice viewed at www.bryantfh.net.

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1425 Patton Road
Great Bend, KS 67530
620-793-3525
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 3, 2007

Donald Joe Smith 1943 - 2006

Donald Joe Smith, 63, of Great Bend, died Dec. 31 at Hays Medical Center. Born on April 8, 1943, in Great Bend, he was the son of Galen and Bernice Moyer Smith. He married Janice Dorothy Gordier in May of 1996 in Denver. A resident of Great Bend since 1997, coming from Denver, he worked in the oilfield and was a truck driver.

Survivors include his wife, of the home; a son, Donald "Donnie" Smith of California; one daughter, Bridgette of California; three stepsons, Paul Gordier, Mark Gordier and Joseph Gordier; one stepdaughter, Wendy Gordier; two brothers, Robert Smith of Parker, Colo., and Stephen Smith of Brighton, Colo.; two sisters, Mary Jane Runnels of Arizona and her dog, Woody. He was preceded in death by his grandfather, Leonard Johnson, a cousin, Todd Johnson, and friends, Jesse James Bittner, Eric Reeves, Ryan Vondra and Darren Wornkey.

Funeral service will be at 4 p.m. Thursday at Bryant Funeral Home, Great Bend, with the Rev. David LeRoy officiating. Memorial donations to Jim Bob's Family Fund may be made in care of the funeral home. Condolences may be sent and notice viewed at www.bryantfh.net.

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"Jim Bob" James Robert Johnson, 28, died Jan. 1 at his residence in Great Bend. He was born Nov. 23, 1978, at Great Bend, the son of Wayne Johnson. He married Dana Lewis on Nov. 29, 2003, at Great Bend. He was an oilfield technician for Jacob's Sales and Services. He was a lifetime resident of Great Bend.

Johnson attended River of Life Foursquare Church and was a member of Big Bend.

Survivors include his wife, Dana, of the home; his father, Wayne Johnson of Great Bend; twin children, a son and daughter, Jesse and Justyna Johnson, of the home; a daughter, Tomie Chism, Great Bend; his father-in-law and mother-in-law, Brian and Teresa Fry, Great Bend; brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law Gary and Stacy Lewis, Hoisington, and Staci and Jeremiah, Potosi, Mo.; his grandfather, Jennie Johnson, Tribune; an aunt, Reta Johnson, Tribune; nieces and nephews, Brooke Lewis, Aiden Noblitt, Caleb Lawson and Josie Lawson; and his dog, Woody. He was preceded in death by his grandfather, Leonard Johnson, a cousin, Todd Johnson, and friends, Jesse James Bittner, Eric Reeves, Ryan Vondra and Darren Wornkey.

Funeral service will be at 4 p.m. Thursday at Bryant Funeral Home, Great Bend, with the Rev. David LeRoy officiating. Memorial donations will be announced later. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to service time Thursday at the funeral home. Memorial donations to Jim Bob's Family Fund 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, Jan. 3, 2007
and Sherry Homad of Wenatchee, Wash.; two grandchildren; and four step-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a sister, Lois Dixon.

There will be no visitation or services as cremation has taken place.

Funeral arrangements provided by Bryant Funeral Home
1425 Patton Road
Great Bend, KS 67530

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 3, 2007

Katherine S. Hoge
1949 - 2007

Katherine S. Hoge, 57, of Great Bend, died Jan.1 at her home. Born Aug. 13, 1949, in Great Bend, she was the daughter of Ralph and Anna Marie Turner Dreiling. She married Thomas A. Hoge on Feb. 3, 1968, in Great Bend. A lifetime resident of the area, she was a registered nurse at Larned State Hospital, retiring after 27 years.

Mrs. Hoge was a member of Prince of Peace Parish at St. Rose Catholic Church, the Altar Society and a volunteer at Holy Family on Wednesday Nights, all of Great Bend.

Survivors include her husband of the home; one son, Tommy R. Hoge of Hutchinson; two daughters, Susan M. Hoge of Salina and Sandra L. Hoge of Farmersville, Texas; four brothers, Michael Dreiling of Wichita, William Dreiling of Missoula, Mont., Timothy Dreiling of Lake Kiowa, Texas, and Douglas Dreiling of Scott City; four sisters, Nancy Peschka of Great Bend, and Judy Damm, Debra Robinson and Diane Walker all of Larned; one granddaughter, Grace Katherine Hoge of Great Bend; and her mother-in-law, Viola M. Hoge of Great Bend.

Altar Society Rosary will be at 4 p.m. and Vigil Service will be at 7 p.m., both today at Bryant Funeral Home, Great Bend. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at St. Patrick Catholic Church, Great Bend, with Father Reginald A. Urban officiating. Burial will be at the Larned Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. today at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the Katherine S. Hoge Family. 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, Jan. 3, 2007

Michael K. Owen
1972 - 2006

NESS CITY — Michael K. Owen, 34, died Dec. 31 at Via Christi Regional Medical Center, St. Francis Campus, Wichita. He was born Jan. 9, 1972, in Houston, the son of Richard D. and Beverly C. (Combes) Owen. He was a Ness City resident of two years, moving from Bison. He was a 1990 graduate of Montgomery (Texas) High School. He was a truck driver.

By donating his hair before his death, Mr. Owen was a participant in the "Locks of Love" program.

Survivors include his fiancée, Danielle J. Schmidt, Ness City; a son, Shaugwn W. Noble, Salina; his parents, of Bison; two brothers, Ramsey D. Owen, Hays, and George T. Owen, Bison; and one sister, Teresa C. Owen, Holsington. He was preceded in death by one brother, William J. Owen, and a nephew, Seth Contreras.

Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Friday at the Janousek Funeral Home Chapel, La Crosse, with the Rev. Vincent W. Vachel officiating. Interment will be at Pleasant Ridge Cemetery in Stafford County. Friends may call from 1 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Memorial donations may be made to the Michael K. Owen Memorial Fund.

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

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 3, 2007

Glendene Eugene "Glen" Galloway 1947 - 2007

ALBERT — Glendene Eugene "Glen" Galloway, 59, died Jan. 2 in Greeley, Colo. He was born Feb. 16, 1947, at Montrose, Colo., the son of Eugene Edward and Mary Jo Humphreys Galloway. He married Mindy Proberts on July 29, 1981, at Manter. A resident of Albert since 1986, coming from St. Francis, he was a cowboy.

Galloway attended Extreme Hope Church in Great Bend.

Survivors include his wife, Barbara, of the home; his mother, Dianne Murray, Holyrood; two daughters, Taverly Murray of Medon, Tenn., and Brittany Murray of Starkville, Miss.; two stepsons, Adam Rice of Topeka, and Jason Rice of Wichita; two sisters, Niki L. Murray of Hutchinson, and Jackie Yager of Hutchinson; two brothers, Shawn Galloway of Grand Junction, Colo., and Kevin Earl Galloway of Allen; three daughters, Shawna Lee Galloway, Amanda Jo Galloway and Caitlyn Danae Galloway, all of the home; two brothers, Donnie Galloway of Tex Line, Texas, and Vachel Galloway of Fort Collins, Colo.; one sister, Tammy Anders, Greeley, Colo.; seven grandchildren and a lifetime family friend, Tara Trower of Spring Valley, Calif. He was preceded in death by his father, Eugene Edward Galloway.

Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Bryant Funeral Home, Great Bend, with Pastor Mike Joiner officiating. Interment will be at Grandview Cemetery, Montrose, Colo. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Donations to a memorial fund for Galloway Girls’ Special Needs may be made in care of Extreme Hope Christian Fellowship, Great Bend.

Condolences may be sent and notice viewed at www.bryantfh.net.

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1425 Patton Road
Great Bend, KS 67530
620-793-3525

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January 2, 2007

John V. Murray II
1949 - 2006


Mr. Murray previously served as a colonel in the United States Army, and as Vice President of Jefferson Bank in Colorado. He was a member of the Disabled Veterans of America, and was Vice Commander of the Holyrood American Legion Post 200. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War.

Survivors include his wife, Barbara, of the home; his mother, Dianne Murray, Holyrood; two daughters, Taverly Murray of Medon, Tenn., and Brittany Murray of Starkville, Miss.; two stepsons, Adam Rice of Topeka, and Jason Rice of Wichita; two sisters, Niki L. Murray of Hutchinson, and Jackie Yager of Holyrood; and a step-granddaughter, Lauren Elizabeth Kice of Wichita. He was preceded in death by his father.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at St. Mary’s Catholic Church, Holyrood, with the Rev. David Metz officiating. Burial will be at Odin Cemetery, Odin, Kan., with military honors. Visitation will be today from 1-8 p.m. at Parsons Funeral Home, Ellsworth, and 9-10 p.m. at the church. Memorials are suggested to American Legion Post 200, Holyrood, in care of the funeral home.

Funeral arrangements provided by Parsons Funeral Home
307 N. Lincoln Ave.
Ellsworth, Kan. 67439
785-472-3861

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 2, 2006

Virginia D. Likes

GARFIELD — Virginia D. Likes, 74, died Dec. 31, 2006 in Kansas City, Kan.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Morell Funeral Home, Larned.

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Jan. 2, 2007

Vernon F. Ideker

ROZEL — Vernon F. Ideker, 87, died Dec. 31, 2006 at St. Joseph Memorial Hospital, Larned.
February 27, 2007

Frances E. Behnke 1914 - 2007

LYONS — Frances E. Behnke, 92, died Feb. 25 at Hutchinson Hospital, Hutchinson. She was born July 24, 1914, in Republic County, the daughter of William and Beulah Hobson Curtis. She married Harold Emery Behnke on Aug. 11, 1948, at Topeka. He died Dec. 9, 1968. She had lived in Lyons since 1952. She graduated from Scandia High School in 1932. She was a homemaker and a retired elementary schoolteacher, having taught in Republic County, then at Bushton and at Lyons. She served as a housemother at Kansas Wesleyan University, Salina, and the Institute of Logopedics, Wichita.

She was a member of the United Methodist Church, United Methodist Women, Sorosis Club, and a former Sunday school superintendent, all at Lyons; and of the Retired Teachers Association.

Survivors include a daughter, Alice J. Griffitt, Liberal; a brother, the Rev. Charles Curtis, Wichita; four grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two sisters, Ardith Leslie and Ruth Curtis.

Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the United Methodist Church in Lyons with the Rev. Dr. Quentin Bennett officiating. Burial will be at the Lyons Municipal Cemetery. Friends may call from 2 to 5 p.m. today at Sillin Funeral Home, Lyons, and from 9 to 11 a.m. Wednesday at the church. Memorial donations to the United Methodist Church may be made 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, Feb. 27, 2007

Mark N. Callaway 1928 - 2007

WICHITA — Mark N. Callaway, 62, died Feb. 22. He was employed in the security field. Funeral service was at 10 a.m. Monday at First United Methodist Church, Wichita.

Survivors include his father, Jack Callaway, of Great Bend; two daughters, Dena Podrecharge, Lawrence, and April Heim, Raytown, Mo.; a sister, Janette Hill, Sterling; a brother, Robert Callaway, Hutchinson; and four grandchildren.

Funeral arrangements provided by All Faiths Funeral Services
3717 W. Central
Wichita, KS 67203
316-945-1122
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 27, 2007

Rayford Methvin 1928 - 2007

Rayford Methvin, 78, of Great Bend, died Feb. 27 at his home. He was born July 11, 1928. Service arrangements are pending with Bryant Funeral Home, Great Bend, and will be announced.

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 28, 2007

February 25, 2007

Cheryl Ann Ely 1950 - 2007

ST. JOHN — Kay E. Chadd, 71, died Feb. 21, 2007, in Clifton, Texas. She was formerly of St. John. Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, at St. Francis Xavier Church, Seward. Burial will take place at Seward Cemetery.

Kay was preceded in death by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Chadd; and her brothers, Monte Chadd and Holly Chadd. Survivors include four brothers, Rolly Chadd, Wichita; Lynn Chadd, Hutchinson; Lonnie Chadd, Manteca, Calif.; Tony Chadd, Ulysses; two sisters, Jewel Broadfoot, Overland Park; Shirley O’Dell, Wichita, and their daughter, Dawn Chadd of Clifton, Texas.

Funeral arrangements provided by Minnis Chapel of St. John
526 E. 4th Ave.
St. John, KS 67576
620-549-3556
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 27, 2007

Romona A. Schlothauer 1937 - 2007

ELLINWOOD — Romona A. Schlothauer, 69, died Friday, Feb. 23, 2007, at Hutchinson Hospital, Hutchinson. She was born Dec. 14, 1937, at Bristow, Okla., the daughter of Claude E. Summers and Billye W. Bodine. She married Ronald Schlothauer on April 4, 1955, in Independence. A lifetime resident of Ellinwood, she graduated from Ellinwood High School in 1956. She was a sales clerk at Gaylor’s Dry Goods, a cook at Ellinwood Hospital and a waitress at Mercers Cafe, all of Ellinwood.

Romona was a member of the Ellinwood Hospital Auxiliary.

Survivors include her spouse, Ronald Schlothauer; one son, David Schlothauer of Ellinwood, and four grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; one son, Steve Schlothauer; two brothers, Charlie and Jack; and one sister, Sue Arnold.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. today at Kimple Funeral Chapel in Ellinwood with the Rev. Mike Joiner officiating. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. today. Burial will take place at Lakin-Comanche District Cemetery, Ellinwood. Memorials are suggested to Ellinwood Hospital Auxiliary or Ellinwood EMS.

Funeral arrangements provided by Kimple, Inc. Funeral Home#
113 North Main
Ellinwood, KS 67526
620-564-2300
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 27, 2007
McPherson – Cheryl Ann Ely, 56, died Feb. 23 at Salina Regional Medical Center in Salina. She was born July 21, 1950, in Great Bend, the daughter of Orman B. and Ruth (Henderson) Luebbers. She married Gary R. Ely on Aug. 22, 1970, at Claflin. She was a personal secretary for N.C.R.A., McPherson, and formerly was an employee of Central Kansas Medical Center, Great Bend, in data processing. She had been a resident of McPherson for 18 years, moving from Great Bend.

Mrs. Ely was a member of Prince of Peace Parish, St. Patrick Catholic Church, in Great Bend.

Survivors include her husband, of the home; son Paul Ely and wife Tammy, of Broomfield, Colo.; daughter Tammi Deines and companion Blanche Buchholz, of Utica; brother Ted Luebbers and wife Ramona, of Russell; and sister Mary Ann Clair and husband Mike, of Bushton.

Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Claflin, with Father Charles Mazouch officiating. Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Monday at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home, Hoisington. Burial will be at Claflin Cemetery in Claflin. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home. The casket will remain closed. Memorials are suggested to the Tammy Walker Cancer Clinic, Salina, or Rocky Mountain Cancer Center, Lonetree, Colo., 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, Feb. 25, 2007

Herbert L. Pitts 1919 - 2007

Herbert L. Pitts, 88, of Great Bend, went to be with his heavenly Father on Feb. 23, 2007. He was born Jan. 24, 1919, at Douglas, the son of Oman B. and Ruth Essie Davis Pitts. He married Myrtle K. Christians on March 16, 1941, in Beaver. A farmer, he had lived in Great Bend for the last 15 years, coming from the Claflin and Beaver area where he lived for 54 years.

Pitts was a member of First Church of the Nazarene in Great Bend. He has been a member of the Beaver Friends Church for 54 years. He was a Sunday School teacher, a church board secretary, and a part of the van ministry and the music ministry of the church. He served on various boards of the Kansas Yearly Meeting of the Friends Church for 50 years. He had been president of the Holyrood Co-op and was on the Rural Water District Board. He loved people and had a ministry visiting people in the hospital or in their homes. Most of all he loved his family and loved his Lord.

Survivors include his wife, of the home; son Donald Pitts, Great Bend; daughter Jerree Ehrlich and husband Larry of Broken Arrow Okla.; four grandchildren, Kim Sell and husband Roger of Great Bend, Tami Flaspohler and husband Kevin of Ponca City, Okla., Kara Potter and husband Jeff of Claflin, and Tonia Jordan and husband Jason of Bixby, Okla.; and nine great-grandchildren, Connor and Kendall Sell, Ryan, Jake and Luke Flaspohler, Annie and Zoe Potter, and Jaxon and Lexi Jordan.

He was preceded in death by four brothers, Aubert Pitts, Carlisle Pitts, Alden Pitts and Kenneth Pitts; and five sisters, Iona Ruddell, Verna White, Ruth Fry, Ada Engber and Margaret Bowdle.

Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Monday at the First Church of the Nazarene in Great Bend, with the Rev. Robert Castile and the Rev. Mark Pennington officiating. Interment will be at Hoisington Cemetery, Hoisington. Visitation will be from 1 to 9 p.m. today at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend, with family greeting friends from 6 to 8 p.m. Memorials are suggested to Compassionate Care, First Church of the Nazarene or Golden Belt Home Health and Hospice. 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, Feb. 25, 2007

Pearl R. Bosley 1898 - 2007

DIGHTON — Pearl R. Bosley, 108, died Thursday, Feb. 22, 2007, at Park Lane Nursing Home, Scott City. She was born June 3, 1898, at Wichita, the daughter of William Clinton and Lillie Belle (Mahan) Calhoun. She married Charles F. Bosley on Sept. 2, 1917, at Elder, Colo. She lived in Los Angeles until she was 8 years old. The family moved back to Wichita and then homesteaded near Springfield, Colo., in 1915. She and her husband farmed in eastern Colorado and western Kansas until they moved to Dighton in the 1930s.

Pearl was a longtime clerk at the Dighton Livestock Auction. She enjoyed needlepoint, quilting, playing in the J.O.Y. Band and traveling with friends. She was a member of St. Theresa Catholic Church in Dighton.

Survivors include the Rev. Diana Coberly and nine other grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren and six great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Charles F. Bosley, on April 24, 1958; two sons, Charles C. Bosley and Lewis Earl Bosley; two brothers, Fay Calhoun and Oliver Calhoun; one sister, Devita May Calhoun and one granddaughter, Susan Bosley Osborne.

Funeral service will be at 3 p.m. Tuesday at the St. Theresa Catholic Church in Dighton, with the Rev. Warren Stecklein officiating. Burial will be at Dighton Memorial Cemetery, Dighton. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday or from 9 a.m. to noon Tuesday at Boomhower Funeral Home, Dighton. Condolences may be sent by e-mail to: garnandfh@sbcglobal.net. Memorial donations may be made to the St. Theresa Catholic Church or to J.O.Y. Band in care of Boomhower Funeral Home.

Funeral arrangements provided by Boomhower Funeral Home* P.O. Box 891 Dighton, KS 67839 (620) 397-5792 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 25, 2007

Glenn K. Scheuerman 1925 - 2007

BISON — Glenn K. Scheuerman, 81, died Thursday, Feb. 22, 2007, at Hays Medical Center, Hays. He was born Sept. 18, 1925, at rural Bison, the son of George P. and Clara (Schueerman) Scheuerman. He married Lavina Welch on June 6, 1954, at Garfield. He was a lifelong Rush County resident. Mr. Scheuerman was a 1943 graduate of Bison High School. He was a farmer and stockman.

He was a member of the United Methodist Church, Bison; Walnut City Lodge No. 215, Rush Center; 32nd Degree Mason, Salina; Veterans of Foreign Wars and American Legion, La Crosse; Bison Men’s Club; Bison Fire Department; Co-op Board, Bison; and worked the chain gang for the Bison High School and Otis-Bison High School football games; and worked the scoreboard for the Bison and Otis-Bison high schools’ basketball games for more than 50 years. He was a veteran of the Army Air Corps, serving during World War II.

 Survivors include his wife, Lavina, of Bison; a brother, Gary Scheuerman of Garden City; a sister, Elnora Steltz of Great Bend; an aunt, Rachel Skidmore, Great Bend; and many nephews and nieces. He was preceded in death by his parents and one son, David Glenn Scheuerman, on Feb. 9, 1974.

Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday, Feb. 26, at the United Methodist Church in Bison, with the Rev. David Bolz officiating. Interment will be at Lone Star Cemetery, Bison. Friends may call from 1 to 5 p.m. today at Sanousek Funeral Home, La Crosse, with the family receiving friends from 6 until 7 p.m. Friends also may call at the church from 9:30 until 10:20 a.m. Monday. Memorial donations may be made to the Rush County Parish Nurse Ministry, to Sunflower Diversified Services, to Youthville, or to the United Methodist Church of Bison.

Funeral arrangements provided by Sanousek Funeral Home*
Great Bend Tribune, Feb. 25, 2007

Jone Reed 1936 - 2007

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — Jone Reed, 70, loving mother of Randy and Rick Reed, passed away peacefully in Albuquerque, N.M., on Monday, Feb. 19, 2007. She was born in Halstead to Oliver and Grace Kemp on May 22, 1936. She was a homemaker. She married Jim Reed in Great Bend, on March 23, 1958. They moved to Casper, Wyo., and lived there 30 years. He preceded her in death in 1982. She then moved to Albuquerque.

She is survived by two sons, Randy and wife Val of Spearfish, S.D., and Rick and wife Allison of Big Sky, Mont., four beloved grandchildren: Jimmy, Kenny, Stephen, and Elizabeth, all of South Dakota, one sister Corliss Thrower and family of Farmington, N.M.; in-laws, Lauren and Jean Peter of Ellinwood; and three nephews, Bob Peter of Ellinwood, Rollie Peter of Raymond and Brad of Hutchinson; and many friends.

There will be no services at Jone’s request. A private burial will be in Lakin-Comanche Cemetery in Ellinwood, on Tuesday. There will be a dinner for family and friends at the home of Bob and Julie Peter.

Memorials may be sent to UNM Foundation in Jone’s name, NICU Family Emergency Fund 1832.

Mail donations to UNM Foundation MSC074262, University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, N.M. 87131. or UNM.securesites.net/giveonline/fdn.

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 25, 2007

February 23, 2007

George J. “Jim” LaOrange 1929 - 2007

GILLETTE, Wyo. — Memorial services for George J. “Jim” LaOrange will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 24, 2007, at Stevenson-Wilson Funeral Home with Pastor Joel Wright and Pastor Peggy Brown officiating. Military honors will be provided by the American Legion Post No. 42.

Jim LaOrange, 77, of Gillette, passed away peacefully at home in his wife’s arms. Jim was born on July 20, 1929, in Hoisington, to Alfred and Belle (Butler) LaOrange. He grew up in Hoisington and graduated from Hoisington High School in 1947. After graduation he went to Kansas State University in 1948. Jim left college and worked as a carpenter and at other various jobs until being drafted in February 1951. He served in the Korean War and was honorably discharged in February 1953. Jim moved to Great Bend and married Kathryn “Kay” Mohn on Nov. 21, 1953. He then worked for MISCO Supply and later was transferred to Gillette, Wyo., in June of 1960. After 10 years with MISCO, Jim went to work for Davis Oil. After several years Jim left Davis Oil and went to work for L & H Welding, retiring in 1991.

Jim was a very active member of the Gillette Jaycees, holding various offices with them. He was an active member in American Legion Post No. 42 and a member of the Drill Team for more than 40 years. He belonged to the VFW in Hoisington and the IOOF. Jim loved going on golf trips, gardening, and spending time with his family.

Jim is survived by his wife Kay of 53 years; one son, Michael of San Francisco, Calif.; two sisters, Jean New of Derby and Gloria Kline of Denver; and nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, his adopted mother Evelyn, one son, Thomas J., and his sister Edith.

Memorials may be made to the American Legion Post 42 Drill Team. Condolences may be sent in care of Stevenson-Wilson Funeral Home, 210 W. 5th St., Gillette, WY 82716 or via the Internet at www.stevensonwilson.com.

Funeral arrangements provided by Stevenson-Wilson Funeral Home* 210 W. 5th Street Gillette, Wyoming 82716 307-682-3313 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 23, 2007#

Lillian E. Shelton 1926 - 2007

HOISINGTON — Lillian E. Shelton, 80, died Feb. 22 at Cheyenne Meadows Living Center, Hoisington. She was born Oct. 25, 1926. Cremation has taken place. A memorial service is pending with Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home, Hoisington.

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 23, 2007

Jerry Lindberg 1947 - 2007

PITTSBURG — Jerry Lindberg, 59, died Feb. 21 at Select Specialty Hospital in Topeka. He was born Oct. 27, 1947, at Great Bend, the son of Ernest Warren and Lucile Rose Weathers Lindberg. He was the director of Economic Development for the City of Pittsburg. He was a resident of Pittsburg since 1996, coming from Liberal.

He was a member of Pittsburg Noon Kiwanis, Business/Education Alliance (BEA), SEK, Inc., Kansas Economic Development Alliance (KEDA), U.S. Highways 69 Association, Fort Scott Community College Advisory Committee, Class LTD Board, Economic Development Advisory Committee (EDAC), City of Pittsburg Port Authority, Pittsburg Area Chamber of Commerce, Downtown Revitalization Committee and Alliance for Technology Commercialization. He was a past president of the Great Bend Optimist Club and a member of the Great Bend Chamber of Commerce, and a former member of the Argonne Rebels Drum and Bugle Corps.

Survivors include two sons, Seth Lindberg and wife Amber, of Andover, and Adam Lindberg and wife Shannon, of Galva; one daughter, Amy Payne and husband Chris, of Manhattan; one brother, Howard Lindberg and wife Karen, of Great Bend; one sister, Nancy Lindberg, of Topeka; and six grandchildren, Caleb, Alison and Amanda Payne, and Riley and Bridget Lindberg and Ethan Lindberg.

Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 24, at First United Methodist Church, Great Bend, with interment at the Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call from 1 p.m. to 9 p.m. today at Bryant Funeral Home, Great Bend. Memorial fund donations for the
February 22, 2007

Lloyd John Denker 1929 - 2007

Lloyd John Denker, 78, of Great Bend, died Feb. 20, 2007, at Life Care Center, Andover. He was born Jan. 19, 1929, at Great Bend, the son of John and Alma Winkelman Denker. He was a farmer and oilfield worker and worked for Marlette Homes, Great Bend, for 27 years. He was a lifetime resident of Barton County. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving during the Korean War.

He was a member of the Immanuel United Church of Christ, Fraternal Order of Eagles No. 646, American Legion Argonne Post No. 180 and a lifetime member of VFW Post 3111, all of Great Bend.

Survivors include a sister, Colleen Baker, Wichita; and two nephews, Robert Baker, Wichita, and Dennis Baker, Houston, Texas.

Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday, Feb. 23, at Immanuel United Church of Christ, Ellinwood, with the Rev. Larry Young officiating. Interment will be in Lakin-Comanche District Cemetery, Ellinwood, with military rites conducted by the Fort Riley Honor Guard. Friends may call from 1 p.m. to 9 p.m. today at Bryant Funeral Home, Great Bend. Memorial fund donations for Immanuel United Church of Christ may be made 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, Feb. 23, 2007

Cecil C. Charles 1910 - 2007

HOISINGTON — Cecil C. Charles, 96, died Feb. 19 at Cheyenne Meadows Living Center, Hoisington. He was born March 29, 1910, at Claflin, the son of Charley L. and Eliza Hopson Charles. He graduated from Claflin High School in

Pittsburg Noon Kiwanis or Class LTD or the Grandchildren’s Education Fund may be made in care of the funeral home. A memorial service will be held Monday at 1 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church, 415 North Pine, Pittsburg, with Pastor Ellie Foster officiating. Condolences may be sent and notice viewed at www.bryantfh.net.

Funeral arrangements provided by
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Great Bend, KS 67530
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Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 22, 2007

Gail B. Scheuerman 1928 - 2007

OTIS — Gail B. Scheuerman, 78, died Feb. 21, 2007, at Via Christi Regional Medical Center, St. Francis Campus, in Wichita. He was born June 6, 1928, in Great Bend, the son of Benjamin F. and Dena Hergert Scheuerman.

Gail was a schoolteacher in Otis, a business manager for the public school system in Hays, and chief engineer at KVGB Radio in Great Bend, retiring in 1990. He was a longtime Otis resident, and a U.S. Army veteran during peacetime, serving as an Army Band member.

Gail was a member of the United Methodist Church in Otis and also a member of Walnut City Masonic Lodge No. 215 AF & AM in Rush Center. He graduated from Fort Hays State University with a master’s degree.

Survivors include one brother, Paul Scheuerman of Otis; one sister, Orva Jean Wolfe of Bucklin; one niece and one nephew. Scheuerman was preceded in death by his parents.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at the United Methodist Church in Otis with the Rev. David Bloz officiating. Burial will take place at Otis Methodist Cemetery in Otis. Friends may call from 3 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home; a son, Lance Hammon, Salina; his wife, Judy, of the home; a son, Lance Hammon, Salina; his parents, Duane and Mary Stevenson Hammon. He was married to Judy L. Hauck. He was formerly a lineman for Philips Lighting, Salina.

Survivors include his wife, Judy, of the home; a son, Lance Hammon, Salina; his parents, Duane and Mary Hammon, Great Bend; a sister, Debra Thompson and husband David, Great Bend; mother-in-law, Ladonna Hauck of Minneapolis, Kan.; three brothers-in-law, Guy Hauck and wife Mary of Medicine Lodge, Charles Hauck of Ada and Steve Hauck and wife Cindy of Minneapolis; and several nieces and nephews.

There will be no funeral and no visitation. The body was cremated. Donations to a memorial fund for Hereditary Neurological Disease Centre, for Huntington’s Disease, may be made in care of Shields Funeral Home. Condolences may be sent to shieldsfuneralhome@sbcglobal.net.

Funeral arrangements provided by
Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home P.O. Box 146
Hoisington, KS 67544
620-653-4165

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February 21, 2007

Lloyd Denker

Lloyd Denker, 78, of Great Bend, died Feb. 20 at Life Care Center in Andover. Arrangements are pending with Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend.

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 21, 2007

Cecil C. Charles 1910 - 2007

HOISINGTON — Cecil C. Charles, 96, died Feb. 19 at Cheyenne Meadows Living Center, Hoisington. He was born March 29, 1910, at Claflin, the son of Charley L. and Eliza Hopson Charles. He graduated from Claflin High School in
1928. He married Geraldine “Gerri” Whitlow on Sept. 27, 1934, at Dodge City. She preceded him in death on Aug. 23, 1995. A lifetime resident of the Beaver area, he was a farmer and stockman.

Mr. Charles was a former member of the board of directors of Beaver Grain and was an ASCS committeeeman.

Survivors include a son, Richard L. Charles, Great Bend; two daughters, JoAnn Fraser of Bunsville, Minn., and Sandra Kae Stout of Battle Creek, Mich.; a sister, Leta Westerman of Hays; six grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a brother, Chester L. Charles.

Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home, Hoisington, with the Rev. Michael Stout officiating. Burial will be at the Hoisington Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home, with the family receiving friends from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Memorials to the Claflin Ambulance Fund or to the American Cancer Society may be made 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. 21, 2007

February 20, 2007

Chad E. Gisick

ODIN — Clergy for the Chad Gisick services at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday (today) will be Father Charles Mazouch, not Father Steven Scheier. The funeral home gave the Tribune incorrect information for Sunday’s edition.

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 20, 2007

Melvin F. Vink

1924 - 2007

Melvin F. Vink, 82, of Great Bend, died Feb. 17 at his residence. He was born May 14, 1924, at Hudson, the son of Claude F. and Rosa May Grow Vink. He married Marcella “Sally” Zecha on June 1, 1943, at St. Joseph’s Catholic Church, Ellinwood. She survives. He graduated from Hudson High School in 1941. He farmed in Barton County for many years, managed Hillcrest Cemetery from 1954 to 1959, and founded what is currently Office Products Inc. in 1959, retiring in 1989.

He was an active member of Prince of Peace Parish at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church, serving on various church committees. He was a member of Jaycees and the Knights of Columbus. He was also active in his children’s lives, coaching Little League and the American Legion Braves baseball, as well as men’s softball. He received the Jaycees’ “Boss of the Year” award in 1987. He also played guitar in several bands for more than 30 years. He was a loving husband and father and will be missed by all who knew him.

Survivors, in addition to his wife, Sally, of the home, include four sons, Michael Vink, and Craig Vink and wife Kim, all of Great Bend, Kenny Vink and wife Cindy, of Ellinwood, and Terry Vink and wife Sandra, of Great Bend; one daughter, Kathy Berkley and husband Mike of Forrestburg, Texas; eight grandchildren, three step-grandchildren and one great-grandchild. He was preceded in death by his parents, two sisters, Velma and Jennie, and by one grandson, Bryan Vink.

A vigil with rosary will be at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at Bryant Funeral Home, Great Bend. The rosary will be conducted by the Knights of Columbus. Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 22, at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church, Great Bend, with Father Reginald A. Urban officiating. Interment will be at Hillcrest Memorial Park, Great Bend. Friends may call from 4 to 9 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Wednesday at Bryant Funeral Home, Great Bend. Donations to memorial funds for Golden Belt Home Health and Hospice or the Holy Family School Endowment Fund may be made 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, Feb. 20, 2007

C.H. “Howard” Carmichael

1916 - 2007

HUTCHINSON — C.H. “Howard” Carmichael, 91, died Feb. 17 at Pleasant View Retirement Home, Inman. He was born Jan. 16, 1916, at Great Bend, the son of Hugh and Effie (Ward) Carmichael. He married Verna M. Carroll on April 3, 1936, at Hoisington. She survives. He was a retired brakeman and conductor for the Missouri Pacific Railroad and bookkeeper at Verna’s of Hoisington. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II and participated in the Normandy Invasion of June 1944. He was a resident of Hutchinson for the past seven years, moving from Hoisington.

Mr. Carmichael was a former member of the Vine United Methodist Church, Hoisington, and was a member of the Mitchell Chapel United Methodist Church, Hutchinson, at the time of his passing; a member of Masonic Lodge No. 331 AF&AM, Hoisington; and of the Wichita Consistory, Isis Shrine Temple, Salina, Reno County Shrine Club, VFW Post No. 7428 and American Legion Post No. 286, both of Hoisington, and Elks Lodge, Great Bend.

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1425 Patton Road
Great Bend, KS 67530
620-793-3525
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 20, 2007

February 18, 2007

Diana Louise (Cole) Armbruster

1944 - 2007

Diana Louise (Cole) Armbruster, 62, of Great Bend, died Feb. 16 at Clara Barton Hospital in Hoisington. She was born March 14, 1944, at Hutchinson, the daughter of Elwood and Druscilla Post Cole. She married Emil Potter at Larned Oct. 12, 1958. He died March 6, 1962. She married John Armbruster March 14, 1980 at Great Bend. They later divorced. A lifetime resident of Great Bend, she was a waitress and owned several cafes and a cake shop. She enjoyed playing Bingo and will be missed by many but remembered for her growly personality.

Survivors include two sons, Emil Potter, Jr. and wife Karolyn of Hoisington and Jason Armbruster and wife Shawn of Great Bend; three daughters, Elva Potter and husband Chinh, Tina Holding and Tavanna Ridgeway and husband Bob of Larned and Carolyn Arnold and husband Lonnie of Great Bend; 15 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband Emil Potter Sr.; two brothers, Harley and Frank Cole; and by two sisters, Gwen Sharp and Phyllis Kelly.
Funeral arrangements provided by
Bryant Funeral Home*
1425 Patton Road
Great Bend, KS 67530
620-793-3525
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 18, 2007

Gunner Patrick Hurst 2007
Gunner Patrick Hurst was delivered into the arms of the Lord on Feb. 16, in Great Bend.

Graveside services will be at 3 p.m. on Tuesday at Larned Cemetery in Larned. Visitation will be from 1 to 2:30 p.m. at the Morell Funeral Home, 1021 Broadway St., in Larned. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are suggested to Central Kansas Medical Center Foundation c/o the Infant Bereavement Program, 3515 Broadway, Great Bend, KS 67530.

Gunner Patrick is survived by his parents, Tyce Hurst and Abbie Kephart, and a sister Xandie Jeane Hurst. Other survivors include: Paternal grandparents, David Spaeny of Great Bend and Marsha Hurst of Larned; maternal grandparents Patrick and Lana Kephart of Hoisington; paternal great-grandparents Lana McCrory of Larned and Henry and Marie Spaeny of Salina; maternal great-grandparents John and Roxie Crawford of Spaeny of Salina; maternal great-grandparents Lana Patrick and Lana Kephart of Hoisington; and a sister Xandie Jeane Hurst. Other survivors include his mother, Coletta Debes, Claflin; a sister, Joy Gisick, Salina; a brother, Josh Gisick, Odin; his grandmother, Pauline Kaiser, Claflin; a niece, a nephew, and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins. He was preceded in death by his father, his grandfather Royce Kaiser, paternal grandparents George and Cora Gisick, his step-grandmother Marie Debes, and his brother, Chet Gisick.

A vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Monday, followed by a Knights of Columbus rosary, both at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home, Hoisington. Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at Holy Family Catholic Church, Odin, with Father Steven Scheier officiating. Burial will be at Holy Family Cemetery, Odin. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions to the Holy Family Cemetery Fund or to the Clafin Ambulance Service may be made 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. 18, 2007

Ralph Orville Strait 1922 - 2007
WICHITA — Ralph Orville Strait, 84, died Feb. 15. Ralph was born April 28, 1922, in Greensburg, to Clarence and Mable Strait. He and his parents moved to Kinsley when he was young. He attended school there and graduated from Kinsley High School. Ralph lived and worked for many years for the Larned City Hospital in Larned. While in Larned, he was an active member of the Larned Volunteer Fire Department. In 1962, he moved to Great Bend, where he worked for the Central Kansas Medical Center as the power plant engineer. He remained in that job until his retirement in 1984.

Ralph was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Glenn and Raymond. He is survived by his wife Patricia Strait of Wichita; children, Glen Strait of Colby and Karol Binder of Weatherford, Texas; grandchildren, David Marc Strait of Brooklyn, N.Y., Michael Ralph Strait of Honolulu, Hawaii, Samantha Shaw of Flower Mound, Texas, and Jennifer Tatum of Weatherford; great-grandchildren, Gabriel Strait of Honolulu, Orion Strait and Julian Strait of Brooklyn and Zac Tatum of Weatherford.

Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. on Tuesday at Broadway Mortuary Chapel in Wichita. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Heartland Hospice, 3243 E. Murdock, St 500, Wichita, KS 67208 and Grace United Methodist Church, 944 S. Topeka, Wichita, KS 67211.

Funeral arrangements provided by
Broadway Mortuary*
1147 S. Broadway
Wichita, KS 67211
316-262-3435
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 18, 2007

Eldwyn W. Minks 1924 - 2007
STAFFORD — Eldwyn W. Minks, 82, died Feb. 17 at the Leisure Homestead in Stafford. He was born Oct. 24, 1924 at Stafford, the son of Harold and Gladys Newell Minks. He was a 1942 graduate of Stafford High School and attended Kansas State University. He married Bonnie Weber on Dec. 5, 1948 at Stafford. She died Nov. 11, 1968. He married Marilyn Ratzloff Curran on July 12, 1974, at Hutchinson. A lifetime Stafford resident, he was a farmer.

Mr. Minks was a World War II veteran, serving with the Army Air Corps. He was a member of Stafford United Methodist Church, American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, past member of Stafford USD 349 Board of Education, Stafford City Council, Stafford COOP Board, Elks Lodge, Odd Fellows Lodge and TKE Fraternity.

Survivors include his wife of the home, two sons, Larry Minks of Boulder, Colo., and Bob Minks of Stafford; two daughters, Janine Parrott of Birmingham, Ala., and Amy Roberts of Cherryvale; two step-sons, Chuck Curran of Grove, Okla., and Michael Curran of Hutchinson; a step-daughter, Penny Shanklin of Leawood; a sister, Alberta Bagley of Wichita; an aunt; 15 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by an infant daughter, Jane Ellen, a brother Merlyn and a sister Mary Ellen Lucas.

Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. on Tuesday at the First United Methodist Church, 218 Stafford St., in Stafford, with Darrel Murphy and Kasey Crosby presiding. Burial will be at the Stafford Cemetery. Friends may call from 1 to 8 p.m. on Monday at Minnis Chapel in Stafford. Memorials are suggested to the Stafford Leisure Homestead or Stafford Senior Center in care of the chapel.

Funeral arrangements provided by
Minnis Chapel
125 N. Main
Stafford, KS 67578
620-234-5261
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 18, 2007

February 15, 2007

Geraldine Farrar Hildebrand 1923 - 2007
STAFFORD — Geraldine Farrar Hildebrand, 83, died Feb. 14 at the Stafford District Hospital. Born Dec. 30, 1923, at Stafford, she was the daughter of Louis and Ena Flandermyer Wendelburg. On Jan. 31, 1945, she married Clarence Paul Hildebrand at Stafford. He died May 28, 1999. She received her diploma degree in nursing in 1946 from the University of Kansas. She was a lifetime Stafford resident. She was

She was a member of the Calvary Baptist Church, Women's Missionary Fellowship and Culture Club and had been a Lamaze instructor.

Survivors include two sons, Ross Hildebrand of Great Bend and Rex Hildebrand of Stafford; a daughter, Ronda Watson of Olympia, Wash.; a brother, Darel Wendelburg of Columbia, Mo.; a sister, Joyce Butts of Oswego, Ore.; eight grandchildren and one great-granddaughter. She was preceded in death by her brother, Loren Wendelburg.

Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Calvary Baptist Church, Stafford, with Pastor Jerry Moritz presiding. Burial will be at the Stafford Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be sent to the St. Paul's Congregational Church or to the charity or organization of the donor's choice.

Funeral arrangements provided by Fitzgerald Funeral Home, Inc.*
207 N. Pennsylvania
Ness City, KS 67560
785-798-3243
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 15, 2007

February 14, 2007

Marian Janese Maddy Knight 1917-2006

PHOENIX, Ariz. — Marian Janese Maddy Knight was born in Utica, Kan., in 1917 and passed away on Dec. 28, 2006, in Phoenix. She was raised in Shields and Great Bend, and had resided in Phoenix since 1956. Her life was her family and her music. She loved to travel and was an avid Spartans and Suns fan.

Marian was preceded in death by her parents, George and Maud Maddy, her husband Clark, whom she married on Oct. 26, 1940, and her sister Bernice Ward. Marian is survived by her sister, Louise Winter, and her children, Kay, Sue, Clark, Pam and Jan.

Marian's musical career spanned her lifetime. She taught many a child to play the violin and piano, starting in 1934 when she traveled with her father from Great Bend to Dighton to give lessons. She played in the Wichita All State Orchestra, the Phoenix Symphony and the Sun City Symphony. In 1939 she graduated with honors with her bachelor's degree in music from Michigan State University and received a master's in music from Arizona State University.

She is loved by all and will forever be in our hearts and minds.

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 14, 2007*

Richard C. McGrath

HOISINGTON — Richard C. McGrath, 76, passed away Feb. 12. He was born in Athircon, and resided in Hoisington and in Rio Verde, Ariz. He was the loving husband of Lillian and loving father of Kathleen. A memorial mass will be held in Rio Verde. Memorial gifts may be made to St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, Hoisington, KS 67544.

Funeral arrangements provided by Messenger Fountain Hills Mortuary*
12065 N. Saguaro Blvd.
Vickie Sharon Nitsch—Vickie Sharon Nitsch, 63, died Feb. 3, 2007, in Great Bend. She was born Aug. 18, 1943. Formerly of Odessa, Texas, Vickie worked hard for education and for the Kansas National Education Association in Dodge City. She graduated from Ector High School in 1961 and retired as head librarian from Permian High School. She worked for the Texas State Teachers Association until she moved to Kansas.

Vickie supported many charities, including the Women's Crisis Center of Dodge City and St. Jude's Hospital. She was known as the "Box Lady" to a class of third-grade students because she brought their school supplies and other gifts of affection to them in a big box. She was greatly loved by all who knew her. She always thought of others before herself.

Vickie was preceded in death by her parents, Herbert and Marie Briman.

Her survivors include her sons, Skyler Nitsch of Temple, Texas, Spencer Nitsch and his wife, Laura, granddaughter Shara and grandson Devin, her brother, Rickey Briman and his wife, Irene of Phoenix, Ariz., and her sister Carol Edwards of Odessa and husband Red.

Funeral services were Wednesday, Feb. 7. Officiating was the Rev. David Johnson of Central Baptist Church. Burial was at Sunset Memorial Gardens in Odessa, Texas.

Memorials can be sent to Crisis Center of Dodge City, P.O. Box 1173, Dodge City, KS 67801.

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 13, 2007*

Mary Eleanor Schachle—Mary Eleanor Schachle, 80, of Plano, Texas, passed away Feb. 9, 2007, at Baylor Medical Center-Irving (in the Dallas area), after a four-week struggle with complications resulting from heart surgery. She was born Feb. 18, 1926, in West Plains, Mo., daughter of William Ellsworth Brockett and Amy Blanche (Calhoun) Brockett.

After graduating in 1943 from West Plains High School, she met and married William Stephen Schachle in Lander, Wy., on Jan. 27, 1949. While married, Mr. Schachle's career in the oil exploration field kept them on the move. They lived in a number of places including Montana, Nebraska, Illinois and even Canada, eventually settling in Central Kansas. During her lifetime Eleanor had a varied career. In high school she worked as a soda jerk, counter clerk and assisted with bookkeeping. Later as an adult in Great Bend, she was a buyer for a children's clothing store where she enjoyed going to market in Kansas City to keep up with the styles and trends. She was always enthusiastic about shopping, whether for employment or personally. She also worked for a number of years for Western Music and Vending Company in Great Bend and she eventually retired from the Barton County Tax Assessor's office in 1999.

Eleanor was a longtime resident of Ellinwood, having only moved to Texas in 2005, to be close to her children. She was a member of the Ellinwood United Methodist Church, including the Lydia Circle, and an active participant in the Community Concert series in Great Bend. She enjoyed traveling and especially the opportunity to experience many different areas of the U.S., as well as numerous European, Mexican and Caribbean destinations. She had a great love of reading and cherished her time with friends and family.

She is survived by two children, Steve Schachle of Dallas, Texas, and one grandson, Evan Reschreiter, also of Irving.

She was preceded in death by her parents, two half brothers, her daughter Janet, and one sister, Amy Holstein.

A memorial service will be conducted by the Rev. Vernon Maelzer on Saturday, Feb. 17, at the Ellinwood United Methodist Church, at 10:30 a.m. No interment is planned, as her ashes will be scattered along with those of her beloved sister and brother-in-law, Amy and Jack Holstein, both of whom passed away at the end of 2005.

Memorial donations may be made to The Ellinwood United Methodist Church at 300 W. First in Ellinwood, KS 67526.

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 13, 2007*

Linda Lyman—Linda Lyman, 54, of Larned, joined her Lord and Savior on Saturday, Feb. 10, 2007. She was born on Sept. 3, 1952, in Lindsborg. She graduated from Great Bend High School. Linda enjoyed painting ceramics and spending time with grandchildren and loved ones.

Linda is survived by her husband, Neil Lyman, Larned; son, Bill Crawford, and his children, Joshua and Steven Crawford, and Sarah Henkel of Great Bend; son, Joe Crawford of Stafford; a daughter and son-in-law, Christy and Jeff Meyer and their children Trevor and Kaitlyn Meyer of Larned; parents, Carl and Mary Henkel of Great Bend; two sisters, Carlon White, of Red Bluff, Calif., and Sandy Berges of Great Bend; and a brother, Bob Henkel of Great Bend.
Memorial Service will be at 1 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 15, at the Beckwith Mortuary Chapel, Larned, with Pastor Jim Strasen presiding. Friends may sign the register from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. today and Wednesday and until service time Thursday. Cremation has taken place. Inurnment will be in the Larned Cemetery.

Memorials may be sent to the Center for Counseling and Consultation in care of the 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 Larned, KS 67550 620-285-2121 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 13, 2007

Delmer D. "Bud" Appel 1928-2007

RUSH CENTER — Delmer D. "Bud" Appel, 78, died Saturday, Feb. 10, 2007, at Central Kansas Medical Center, Great Bend. He was born April 3, 1928, in rural Rush County, the son of Sam H. and Flora (Schaumborg) Appel. He married Helen Reifsneider Nov. 18, 1948, at La Crosse. He was a lifelong Rush County resident. He was a farmer and stockman.

Mr. Appel was a member of the United Methodist Church, La Crosse.

Survivors include his wife, Helen, of Rush Center; one son, Richard Appel and wife Denise, Rush Center; one daughter, Laura Cox and husband Steve, of Abilene; a grandson, Kevin Appel of Rush Center; a granddaughter, Denise Shuey and husband Josh of Hoisington; and a great-grandson, Levi Shuey of Hoisington. He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers, Norman Appel and Leroy Appel, and one sister, Marjorie Beat.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. today at the United Methodist Church, La Crosse, with the Rev. David Bolz officiating. Interment will be at the La Crosse City Cemetery. Friends may call from 9:30 a.m. to 10:20 a.m. today at the church. Memorials may be made to the Levi Shuey Medical Fund.

Funeral arrangements provided by Janousek Funeral Home* 201 W Main Larned, KS 67550 785-483-2212 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 13, 2007

Lucille Irene (Stoppel) Steinert 1923-2007

RUSSELL — Lucille Irene (Stoppel) Steinert, 83, of Russell, died Sunday, Feb. 11, 2007, at Wheatland Nursing Center of Russell. Lucille was born April 25, 1923, in Dorrance, the daughter of Alexander and Bertha (Galliart) Stoppel. She was baptized on June 3, 1923, at the Lutheran Zion Church in Dorrance. She grew up in Dorrance and Lucas. She graduated from Lucas High School in 1941. She then attended Brown Mackie Business College in Salina.

Lucille was united in marriage to Alexander Steponick on Nov. 7, 1945, at the Lucas United Methodist Church. Alex preceded her in death on Feb. 6, 1978. Lucille was then united in marriage to Reuben Steinet on Aug. 17, 1979, at St. John’s Lutheran Church of Russell. Reuben preceded her in death on April 19, 2004.

Lucille worked at Stiefels in Salina as a sales clerk while she was attending Brown Mackie. After she and Alex moved to Russell, she started working at Klem’s in Russell. She worked in the Delli Department from 1959 until 1981. When the Russell Senior Center opened, Lucille was the head cook until she retired in 1987.

She was a member of St. John’s Lutheran Church of Russell and the church Priscilla Circle. She also belonged to the VFW Ladies Auxiliary of Russell, Prairie Mates – FCE and the Rebekah Lodge of Russell. She loved traveling, sewing, quilting and crocheting. She was known for the wonderful cakes she would make for special occasions.

Surviving family includes three daughters, Alane Radke and husband Harlan of Russell, Cleo Mouday and husband Don of Valley Center and Marilyn Weidner and husband Steve of Pueblo, Colo.; a son, Alfred Steponick and wife Sharon of Salina; two stepsons, Duane Steinet and wife Jolene of Galatia and Kenneth Steinet of St. Louis, Mo.; a stepdaughter, Betty Barnes and husband Ralph of Garden City; two brothers, Harold Stoppel and wife Betty of Sterling and Melvin Stoppel and wife Janice of Russell; a sister, Betty Ann Gilbreath of Kansas City, Kan.; seven grandchildren, seven step-grandchildren, six great-grandchildren and eleven step-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one grandson, Jackie.

Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at the United Methodist Church, Kinsley, with the Rev. Dennis Kuder presiding. Visitation will be from noon until 8 p.m. today at Morell Funeral Home, Larned. Burial will be in the Hillside Cemetery, Kinsley. Memorials may be sent to the church in care of Morell Funeral Home, P.O. Box 124, Larned, KS 67550.

Funeral arrangements provided by Morell Funeral Home 1021 Broadway Larned, KS 67550 620-285-2177 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 11, 2007

Jay Lee Rutt 1941-2007

SAN ANTONIO, Texas — Jay Lee Rutt, 65, died Feb. 6 in San Antonio. He was born June 17, 1941, in San Antonio, the son of Faye and Maurine Rutt. He was a past justice of the peace in Precinct 2 in San Antonio. Mr. Rutt grew up in Pawnee Rock.

A graveside service will be conducted at the Pawnee Rock Cemetery, with Pastor Don Paden presiding. Local arrangements are by Morell Funeral Home, Larned.

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 11, 2007

February 9, 2007

Elise Keener 1916 - 2007

HOISINGTON — Elise Keener, 90, died Feb. 7 at Cheyenne Meadows Living Center, Hays. She was born Oct. 7, 1916, in Barton County, the daughter of Dan and Paulena (Kittel) Miller. Elise married Dan M. Keener on Feb. 22,
Cameron Charles Kelly 1974 - 2007
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 9, 2007
620-653-4165
415 N. Main
Funeral arrangements provided by
Church or Kans for Kids, both in care of
today at the funeral home. Memorials are
Saturday at the funeral home. The family
County. Friends may call from 11 a.m. to
Walnut Valley Cemetery in Barton
Flanders officiating. Burial will be at
Home, Hoisington, with the Rev. Wayne
Sunday, Glenna Sheets, Gary Laudick,
Brett Hill presiding. Burial will be at
He attended Pembroke-Hill School and
the Shawnee Mission Schools,
moving to the Kansas City area in 1984. He
attended Pembroke-Hill School and
the Shawnee Mission Schools, graduating from
Shawnee Mission East
High School in 1993. He received his
college education at Kansas State
University (Phi Kappa Theta) and Ball
State University, graduating in 1999. Cameron
was very kind, bright and
In recent years, he was proud to serve in
the United States Air Force Reserves,
based in Niagara Falls. Cam was an avid
reader, and loved music, art, wildlife and
aircraft. Learning to fly a plane was one of
his greatest joys.
Cameron was preceded in death by his
beloved grandfather, Rudolph Funk of
Galatia. He will forever be loved and
missed by his mother, Karla Kelly, of
Overland Park, and by his sister, Susan
(Michael) Culey, and his nieces and
nephew, of Olathe. Also mourning his
death are his grandmother, Rose Funk
Dietz, of Mission, his Aunt Sharon and
Rick Gruber, of New Orleans, La., his
Uncle, Tom and Rosemary Funk, of
Eudora, his cousins, and the many other
extended family members and friends.
Indeed, Cameron was special to each
one of them. A celebration of Cam’s life
is being planned. In the springtime, his
ashes will be buried beside his
grandfather in Galatia, Kan.
Memorial contributions may be made to
the Midwest Transplant Network
Foundation, 1900 W. 47th Place, Suite
400, Westwood, KS 66205, or to the
benefit of Kansas City St. Andrews Pipes
and Drums, P.O. Box 648, Shawnee
Mission, KS 66201-0648.
Funeral arrangements provided by
Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home*
415 N. Main
Hoisington, KS 67544
620-653-4165
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 9, 2007

February 7, 2007
Emmit A. Yott 1933 - 2007
HOISINGTON — Emmit A. Yott, 73, died Feb. 5 at Hutchinson Hospital. Born Dec. 1, 1933, in Longview, Texas, he was the son of Emmit and Linda Thompson Yott. He married Inola Johnston on Oct. 17, 1953, in Shawnee, Okla. A resident of Hoisington since 1967, he was a seismic explorer, retiring in 1995.
Yott was a U.S. Army veteran, stationed in Germany during peace time.
Survivors include his wife of the home; a son, Darrell Yott of Oilmiz; a sister, Faye Brooks of Wichita; two grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a sister, Virginia McCulough.
Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington with the Rev. Gary Clark officiating. There will be no visitation as cremation has taken place. Memorials are suggested to the American Cancer 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, Feb. 7, 2007

Kenneth Delbert Dreese 1923 - 2007
LARNED — Kenneth Delbert Dreese, 83, died Feb. 4 at Larned Healthcare Center. Born Aug. 21, 1923, in Larned, he was the son of Delbert E. and Malinda L. Bauemel Dreese. A lifetime resident of Larned, he was a farmer. He married Anna Mae Walker on Oct. 8, 1950, in Lewis.
Dreese was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Larned, a former trustee for the Federal Land Bank and former Brown Country school board member.
Survivors include his wife, of the home; a son, Donald K., of Larned; a daughter, Barbara D. Hallman, of Larned; a sister, Dorothy Kennedy of Okmulgee, Okla.; and six grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a daughter, Deborah D. Dreese, and a sister, Velma Wilson.
Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Friday at the church in Larned with Pastors Tim Ault-Duell and Brett Hill presiding. Burial will be in the Larned Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. today and Thursday at Beckwith Mortuary Chapel in Larned, with family present from 7 to 8 p.m. Thursday. Memorials are suggested to the First United Methodist Church or the Larned EMS, both in care of the mortuary.
Funeral arrangements provided by
Beckwith Mortuary

February 8, 2007
Ervin E. Martin
WICHITA — Ervin E. Martin, 95, died Feb. 6.
Survivors include two sons, Richard Martin of Liberal and Donnie Martin of
Wichita; a sister, Doris Fuhs of Olathe. Also mourning his
death are his grandmother, Virginia Kennedy of Okmulgee, Okla.;
and six grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a daughter, Dorothy McCulough.
Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home, Hoisington, with the Rev. Wayne Flanders officiating. Burial will be at
Walnut Valley Cemetery in Barton County. Friends may call from 11 a.m. to
8 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. Saturday at the funeral home. The family
will be present from 6:30 until 8 p.m. today at the funeral home. Memorials are
suggested to the First United Methodist Church or Kans for Kids, 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, Feb. 9, 2007

Cameron Charles Kelly 1974 - 2007
NIAGARA FALLS, N.Y. — Cameron Charles Kelly died Jan. 25 in Buffalo, N.Y. He was born in Wichita on Nov. 3, 1974, moving to the Kansas City area in 1984. Cameron attended Pembroke-Hill School and the Shawnee Mission Schools, graduating from Shawnee Mission East High School in 1993. He received his
college education at Kansas State
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especially, St. Andrews Pipes and Drums.

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Survivors include two sons, Richard
Martin of Liberal and Donnie Martin of
Dodge City; a daughter, Carol Walker of
South Hutchinson; a sister, Daisy Woods of
Denver; six grandchildren and seven
great grandchildren. He was preceded in
death by a daughter, Linda Martin, and
five brothers.
Dinner and eulogy will be at 2 p.m. on
Saturday at St. Mark’s Lutheran Church in
Great Bend. Services entrusted to All
Faiths Funeral Services.
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 8, 2007

Elsie Keener 1916 - 2007
HOISINGTON — Elsie Keener, 90, died Feb. 7 at Cheyenne Meadows Living Center in Hoisington.
Service arrangements are pending with
Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in
Hoisington.
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 8, 2007

Dorothy Kennedy of Okmulgee, Okla.;
and six grandchildren. He was preceded in
death by a daughter, Deborah D. Dreese,
and a sister, Velma Wilson.
Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Friday at
the church in Larned with Pastors Tim
Ault-Duell and Brett Hill presiding. Burial
will be in the Larned Cemetery. Friends
may call from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. today and
Thursday at Beckwith Mortuary Chapel in
Larned, with family present from 7 to 8
p.m. Thursday. Memorials are suggested
to the First United Methodist Church or
the Larned EMS, both in care of the
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Funeral arrangements provided by
Beckwith Mortuary

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especially, St. Andrews Pipes and Drums.
LOIS C. TUTTLE 1915 - 2007

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 7, 2007

Robert E. Schaefer 1926 - 2007

HOLYROOD — Robert E. Schaefer, 80, died Feb. 5 at Kaye Pogue Hospice Center, Salina. He was born April 9, 1926, at Ellsworth, the son of John Frank and Adelia (Burmeister) Schaefer. He married Eleanor Sheridan on Feb. 6, 1949, at Ellsworth. He later married Norma Pedersen on Dec. 16, 1972, at Holyrood. A retired, self-employed oilfield worker, he lived most of his life in the Holyrood area.

Schaefer was a member of St. Peter Lutheran Church, Holyrood, and of American Legion Post 200, Holyrood, and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6485, Ellsworth. He was a U.S. Navy veteran, serving in World War II.

Survivors include his wife, Norma, of the home; three sons, Mike Schaefer of St. Louis, Bobby Schaefer of Ellsworth, and Fred Schaefer of Salina; four daughters, Ellen Roehrman of Woodlid Park, Col. Joyce Gunning of Salina, Carla Lamb of Assaria and Pam Fleming of Holyrood; a sister, Norma Blackett of Denver; 17 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Friday at the church in Holyrood, with the Rev. John Sharp officiating. Interment will be in the church cemetery with American Legion graveside rites. Friends may call from 1 until 8 p.m. Thursday at Parsons Funeral Home, Ellsworth, with the family present from 7 to 8 p.m.; and from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. Friday at the church. Memorial donations are suggested to the school district.

Funeral arrangements provided by Parsons Funeral Home 307 N. Lincoln Ave., Ellsworth, KS 67439 785-472-3861 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 7, 2007

Lois C. Tuttle 1915 - 2007

Lois C. Tuttle, 91, of Great Bend, died Feb. 6 at Woodhaven Care Center, Ellinwood. She was born Oct. 22, 1915, in Osage County, the daughter of Clyde and Effie Johnson Richardson. She married Laurence Tuttle on Feb. 3, 1934, at Garfield. He died March 31, 1965. A resident of Great Bend since 1965, coming from Rozel, she was a homemaker.

Mrs. Tuttle was a member of the First Church of God, Great Bend.

Survivors include a brother, Jim Richardson of Ottawa; two nephews, Harry Tuttle of Davenport, Iowa, and Gary Richardson of Ottawa; and a niece, Grace Schlegel of Ness City.

A graveside service will be at 3 p.m. Thursday in the Larned Cemetery with the Rev. Dick Ogle officiating. Friends may call from 2 to 9 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Thursday at Bryant Funeral Home, Great Bend, with the family to receive friends from 2 to 2:30 p.m. Thursday. Donations to a memorial fund for the First Church of God may be made, 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, Feb. 7, 2007

Roland O. Dent 1929 - 2007


Survivors include two sons, Dr. Stephen Dent, Larned, and Danny Cormack, Great Bend; a daughter, Pamela Theis, Larned; a sister, Norma Dent, Harper; seven grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a brother, Mervin Dent.

The funeral will be at 2 p.m. Monday at the Beckwith Mortuary Chapel in Larned, with the Rev. Jack Singer presiding. Friends may sign the register from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday and 1 to 8 p.m. Sunday at the Beckwith Mortuary. Cremation has taken place. Memorials may be sent to the Presbyterian Church, Larned, in care of the 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 Larned, KS 67550 620-285-2121 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 7, 2007

February 6, 2007

Sister Isabel Miller OP 1916 - 2007

Sister Isabel Miller OP, 90, of Great Bend, died Monday, Feb. 5, in the Dominican Sisters’ convent infirmary at Great Bend. Born Dec. 2, 1916, in Catherine, as Isabel Theresa Miller, Sister Isabel was the daughter of the late Frank and Elizabeth Wasinger Miller. She entered the Dominican Sisters’ Community July 26, 1931, and pronounced her first vows Aug. 20, 1934. She celebrated 70 years of religious profession in 2004.

Sister Isabel gave herself to domestic ministry from 1935-1942 in the Dominican Sisters’ missions. In 1942 she began a ministry in the diet kitchen and main kitchen of St. Catherine Hospital in Garden City and St. Rose Hospital in Great Bend, later supervising both of these and in Sacred Heart Hospital in Larnar, Colo. In 1976, after completing studies in cosmetology, she came to the motherhouse in Great Bend to serve in that capacity for the sisters there, also assuming other duties such as sacristan, and car maintenance. Due to illness she retired at the motherhouse in 2000.

Sister Isabel’s body was brought to the hospitality area of the Dominican Chapel of the Plains, 3600 Broadway, Great bend, for viewing Monday, where it will lie in state until the Liturgy of Christian Burial at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, with the Rev. Reginald Urban presiding. A wake service will be held at 7 p.m. Wednesday. Burial will be in the Sisters’ Resurrection Cemetery. Both the wake and the funeral will be held at the convent, 3600 Broadway.

Sister Isabel has no surviving brothers or sisters. Memorials in honor of Sister Isabel 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 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Today and Wednesday, and from 9 a.m. to the time of service Thursday.

Funeral arrangements provided by Bryant Funeral Home 1425 Patton Road Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-3525 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 6, 2007

Opal M. Strong 1917 - 2007

Opal M. Strong, 89, of Great Bend, died Feb. 4 in Hooisington. Born April 18, 1917, in Eureka, she was the daughter of William Wilson and Emma Knott. Formerly a resident of Burns and Florence, residing in Great Bend for the last four years, she was a homemaker, owned a restaurant in El Dorado and managed a motel in Florence. She married Truman H. Strong on Jan. 23, 1937, in Cottonwood Falls.

Mrs. Strong was a member of Wonsevu Christian Church, where she was the church secretary and active in the Ladies Aid.

Survivors include her husband of Great Bend; granddaughter/caregivers Debra and husband Don Mitchell of Hooisington; daughter Navae Hayes of Castle Rock, Colo.; son Truman Dean Strong of Farmersville, Texas; brother Darrell Wilson of Missouri; sister Betty DeMay of California; four other grandchildren, Terri LeBlanc, Tammy James, Dallas Schuster and Shawn Harper; 15 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, brother Dean Wilson and sister Betty Whisenand.

Funeral arrangements made, in care of the funeral home. Condolences may be sent and notice viewed at www.bryantfh.net.
Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral home in Hoisington, with the Rev. Don Paden officiating. Burial will be at Walnut Valley Memorial Park in El Dorado.

Funeral arrangements provided by Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home*
620-653-4166
415 N. Main
Hoisington, KS 67544
620-257-2211
Lyons District Hospital Swing Bed Unit in Lyons
Funeral arrangements provided by Sillin Funeral Homes
10:50 a.m. Wednesday at the church.
Listening will be at the Central Baptist Church in Great Bend with the Rev. David Hill officiating. Burial will be at the Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call from 1 to 8 p.m. today at Charter Funeral in Great Bend, with the family receiving friends from 6 to 7 p.m., and from 10 to 10:50 a.m. Wednesday at the church. Memorials are suggested to the Humane Society, Great Bend.

Funeral arrangements provided by Charter Funeral
2115 Washington
Great Bend, KS 67530
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 6, 2007

Darrell Kelso
1932 - 2007
LYONS — Darrell Kelso, 74, died Feb. 3 at Lyons District Hospital in Lyons. Born Feb. 5, 1932, in Cleveland, Okla., he was the son of Raymond Garnett and Alice Victoria Tucker Kelso. A resident of Lyons since 1996, a former longtime resident of Chase, he was the owner of Kelso Casing Pulling of Chase. He married Donna Clites on May 16, 1952, in Chase.

Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Chase Springdale Cemetery in Chase with Ron Reece officiating. Burial will be in the Chase Springdale Cemetery. Friends may call from 2 to 7 p.m. Wednesday at Sillin Funeral Home in Lyons. Memorials are suggested to the Lyons District Hospital Swing Bed Unit 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, Feb. 6, 2007

Pattye Jean Brown
1927 - 2007
FORT STOCKTON, Texas — Pattye Jean Brown, 79, of Fort Stockton, Texas, died Feb. 1 in Fort Stockton. She was born May 13, 1927, in McCamey, Texas, to Joseph B. Brown and husband, Raymond E. Brown.

Mrs. Brown was a devoted homemaker and dairy farmer’s wife. She also worked for more than 20 years as the office secretary at Humburgs and later at Mid-Continent LP Gas.

She was a member of the Otterbein United Methodist Church, church Sunday school secretary, a sewing leader in 4-H for many years, and belonged to EHU. She loved sewing and crocheting and doing family genealogy.

Etta’s surviving family include her son Gerald and wife Janet Machin of Russell; daughter, Marjorie Chick and husband Harold of Wallingford, Conn.; four grandchildren, Marc and wife Machin, Neal Machin, Brian Chick and Dale Chick; two great-grandchildren, Michael Machin and Lindsay Machin; sister-in-law, Elmina Machin of Russell; and nephews Keith Machin and Lee Machin. She was preceded in death by her parents and one sister, Louisa Sinfield.

Celebration of Etta’s Life is scheduled for 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at the Otterbein United Methodist Church of Russell. Interment will follow at the Russell City Cemetery. Open visitation will be from noon to 8 p.m. today and 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday at Pohlman-Varner-Peeler Mortuary. The family will be present to greet friends from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.
Bonita was a member of the Otterbein United Methodist Church of Russell. She loved dancing and talking with young people. She was known for being able to “make something out of nothing.”

Her surviving family include her daughters, Jacqueline Monroe and husband Orville of Great Bend; granddaughter, Melissa Dickson and husband Tim of Ellinwood; grandchildren, Bret Eulert and wife Connie of Great Bend and Colby Eulert of Santa Ysabel, Calif.; great-granddaughter, Rachael Dickson of Ellinwood, and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents and her son, Larry Dean Brack.

Celebration of Bonita’s Life is scheduled for 10:30 a.m. Monday, Feb. 5, at Otterbein United Methodist Church of Russell. Interment will follow at Russell City Cemetery. Visitation will be from noon to 6:30 p.m. today at Pohlman-Varner-Peeler Mortuary. The family will greet friends from 6 to 7 p.m. today at Pohlman-Varner-Peeler Mortuary. A memorial has been established to Vintage Place of Russell. Contributions and condolences may be left with Pohlman-Varner-Peeler Mortuary, which is in charge of these arrangements.

Edward "Ed" F. Philbern 1934 - 2007

BUNKER HILL — Edward "Ed" F. Philbern, 72, of Bunker Hill, died Tuesday, Jan. 30, 2007, at the Hays Medical Center in Hays. Ed was born May 3, 1934, in Larned, the son of Frank and Pauline (Smith) Philbern. He grew up in Larned and attended school at Pawnee Rock School.

Ed moved to Wyoming in 1950 to start work in the oil fields. He moved back to Kansas in 1956. From 1967 to 1974 he was the owner and operator of the Wildcat Testing and Casing. From 1974 to his retirement in 1995, Ed worked in the oil fields, mainly as a driller. During the early 1970s he also ran a painting business called Wildcat Painting. After his retirement he started a business called Wildcat Bait & Tackle.

Ed was united in marriage to Anita Lumpkins on June 26, 1954. Later he was united in marriage to Gwen Lance on April 15, 1977.

Ed was a lifetime member of the National Rifle Association. During the 60s, he was a member of the Eagles in Great Bend. Ed was a man who loved his family, his farm and his critters. He was an avid hunter and fisherman. He enjoyed cooking for his family and friends and playing poker.

Surviving family include four sons, Luie Philbern of Dundee, Lonnie Philbern of Great Bend, Larry Philbern of Bunker Hill and Layne Philbern of Radium; one daughter, Lori Grauer of Larned; one stepson, Edward Lance of Juneau, Alaska; two stepdaughters, Jenny Lance of Great Bend and Kathy Zelenka of Wilson; two brothers, Jim Philbern of Great Bend and Bill Philbern of Creed, Colo.; two sisters, Luella Ingram of Anna, Texas, and Lucille Clark of Great Bend; 23 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Luie Philbern.

Celebration of Ed’s Life was at 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 3, at the Lyons Community Center building in Bunker Hill. A memorial has been established as the Ed Philbern Memorial Fund. Contributions and condolences may be left with Pohlman-Varner-Peeler Mortuary. Cremation preceded the services.

Robert "Bob" L. McFadden 1929 - 2007

LARNED — Robert “Bob” L. McFadden, 77, died Feb. 2 at St. Joseph Memorial Hospital, Larned. He was born March 16, 1929, in Ness County, the son of William Ray and Alma Idaholette Bondurant McFadden. A Larned resident for 50 years, moving from Leadville, Colo., he was a retired owner of Bob’s Barber Shop, Larned. On Aug. 31, 1952, he married Loretta Webster at Rozel. She survives.

He was a member of the First Baptist Church, American Legion, Larned Country Club and Men’s Golf Association, all of Larned.

Other survivors include four sons, Robert E. of Wichita, David W. of Larned, W. Craig of France, and D. Kevin of Austin, Texas; a sister, Sybil Whithuhn of Bazine; five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Donald and Harold, and a sister, Doris Lapata.

Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Beckwith Mortuary Chapel, Larned, with Pastor John Hester presiding. Friends may call from 1 p.m. to 8 p.m. today and 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday, all at the mortuary. Burial will be in the Larned Cemetery with military honors provided by a Fort Riley Honor Guard.

Memorials may be sent to the First Baptist Church or to the charity or organization of the donor’s choice, in care of Beckwith Mortuary, Inc., P.O. Box 477, Larned, KS 67550.
Funeral arrangements provided by Beckwith Mortuary
916 Main
Larned, KS 67550
620-285-2121
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 4, 2007

Ruth Moberly 1916 - 2007


Survivors include two daughters, Elizabeth Brunger of Chanute and Carolyn Brumeister of Holyrood; two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

The family will receive friends from 2:30 to 4 p.m. today at Potts Chapel in Cherryvale. Funeral services will be at 1:30 p.m. Monday at Potts Chapel, with interment to follow at Harmony Grove Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to the Cherryvale Health Care Center, P.O. Box 366, Cherryvale, KS 67335 and Bacone College, 2299 Old Bacone Road, Muskogee, OK 74403.

Funeral arrangements provided by Potts Chapel
P.O. Box 801
Independence, KS 67301
620-331-5600
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 4, 2007

Vivian Bezan 1926 - 2007

GLEN CARBON, Ill. — Vivian Bezan, 81, died Jan. 26 at Eden Village in Glen Carbon. She was born Jan. 10, 1926, at Granite City, Ill., the daughter of Philip K. and Victoria Robeff. She married Steve “Tip” Bezan on May 25, 1946, at Granite City. She was a homemaker. The past she had worked for Tri City Grocery and Kroger, both in Granite City, where she lived. She had been a resident of Eden Village for one year.

Mrs. Bezan was a member of Holy Family Catholic Church, Granite City.

Survivors include one son, Gary S. Bezan and wife Martha, Glen Carbon; one daughter, Victoria E. Long and husband Michael, Great Bend; three grandchildren, Kimberly Holman and husband John, Mark Long and Stephen Long; two great-grandchildren, Alexandrea Bezan and Kaleigh Holman; four brothers, Gilbert Robeff and wife Wanda, Granite City, Carl Robeff and wife Donna, Granite City, Chris Robeff and wife Sue, Crestwood, Mo., and George Robeff, Granite City; and two sisters, Angie Ascrat and husband Ray, Edwardsville, Ill., and Liz Burgess, Kirkwood, Mo.

She was preceded in death by her husband, both parents, a brother, Alex Robeff, and two sisters, Dorothy Armes and Ann Coy.

Funeral was Jan. 29 at Irwin Chapel of Glen Carbon, with Father Larry Brunette officiating. Burial was at Calvary Catholic Cemetery in Glen Carbon. Memorials are suggested to the American Cancer Society, American Diabetes Association or American Heart/American Stroke Association.

Funeral arrangements provided by Irwin Chapel*
591 Glen Crossing Road
Glen Carbon, IL 62034
(618) 288-9500
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 4, 2007

Harold Haile "Mac" Macurdy 1922 - 2006

OMAHA, Neb. — Harold Haile “Mac” Macurdy, Colonel USAF (Retired), died on Dec. 29, 2006, at the age of 84 in Gainesville, Fla. Colonel Macurdy was born Sept. 30, 1922, in St. Paul, Neb., to Harold and Agnes Macurdy. He was raised in Great Bend, where his father owned Great Bend Poultry and Hatchery, also known as the Macurdy Hatchery. As a boy he was a close friend of Jack Kilby, who would win the Nobel Prize for Physics in 2000.

At Great Bend High School Macurdy was not an outstanding student in most subjects, but he loved reading about history, wars, and aerial warfare. After graduating in 1941, and inspired by writings about Harold “Whitey” Dahl, an American pilot flying for the Spanish Republicans in the Spanish Civil War, young Macurdy left for Virden, Manitoba, to become a fighter pilot in the Royal Canadian Air Force. After completing Elementary Flight Training School there, Macurdy was posted to bomber training school at Brandon, Manitoba.

But Macurdy was determined to be a fighter pilot, so when the opportunity came to transfer to the United States Army Air Corps, he seized it. Macurdy earned his wings and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the U.S. Army Air Corps at Foster Field in Victoria, Texas. Macurdy was then sent to Philadelphia to join a squadron of the 355th Fighter Group.

In July 1943 the 355th was ordered to Steeple Morden, Cambridgeshire, England. On Jan. 29, 1944, Lt. Macurdy was flying a P-47B Razorback on a bomber-escort mission to Frankfort, Germany, when cannon fire from an enemy aircraft penetrated the right wing of his aircraft. Macurdy crash-landed on a hillside near Ortho, Belgium. Lt. Macurdy’s parents were notified that he was missing-in-action. Macurdy spent several months behind enemy lines evading the Germans. With the assistance of sympathetic Belgian and French citizens, Macurdy was reunited with the U.S. Army in August 1944.

His trials and adventures during this period are documented in his unpublished memoir “First Light.”

Macurdy was promoted to major while flying combat missions in Korea. He retired in 1966 with the rank of colonel. During his military service he received decorations and awards including the Distinguished Flying Cross, Soldiers Medal, Air Medal and the Purple Heart. He flew many fighter aircraft including the P-40, P-47, P-51, F-84, F86, F-89, F-102 and F-104. During his retirement in Sarasota, Fernandina Beach and McAlpin, Fla., he rebuilt several Jaguars, constructed an S-9 Chaos airplane, and built a home and hangar for himself at a private airport.

At the time of his death Col. Macurdy was a resident of Little River Airport in McAlpin, Fla. He was predeceased by a brother, James Macurdy of Great Bend, and a son, Vincent Case Macurdy. Survivors are wife Pattie Macurdy of Gainesville, Fla., son Eric Macurdy of Lumberton, N.J., and daughter Clea Macurdy Hancock of Arnold, Md. Colonel Macurdy will be buried at Arlington National Cemetery in Virginia.

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 4, 2007*

February 2, 2007

Robert Ahlgrim 1933 - 2007

NORMAN, Okla. — Robert "Bob" Ahlgrim, 73, died Jan. 30 in Norman, Okla. He was born Feb. 20, 1933, to Henry "Hank" and Lettie (Donley) Ahlgrim in Ellinwood. He retired in 1986 from General Motors where he was the supervisor of the body shop.

Mr. Ahlgrim was a veteran of the United States Army. He was a volunteer for cancer patients, often driving them to appointments, and he was always helping those in his neighborhood.

Survivors include his wife Sheila of the home; his son, Bob Ahlgrim and wife Cathy of Santa Clarita, Calif.; two stepsons, Bob Fancher and his wife Wendy of Emporia, and Mark Fancher and his wife Robin of Chaska, Minn.; his brother, William Ahlgrim of Ellinwood; his sister, Nellie Steadman of Emporia; six grandchildren, Katie Ahlgrim and Eric Ahlgrim, both of California, Fawna Anne Fancher of Inman, Nick Fancher and Zach Fancher, both of Minnesota; a brother-in-law, Robert Kater of Newton; and several first and second cousins. He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Betty Stuckey Kater.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Primrose Chapel in Norman, Okla., with the Rev. Greg Ball officiating. Graveside service will be at 2 p.m. Monday at the Lakin-Comanche Cemetery in Ellinwood.
Gregory Lynn Painter 1955 - 2007

February 1, 2007

ST. PETER, Minn. — Gregory Lynn Painter, 51, died following a sudden heart attack on Saturday, Jan. 20. He was born on March 8, 1955, in Great Bend, the son of Richard Painter and the late Betty Painter, who passed away on May 26 last year. After 18 years in Great Bend, the Painter family moved to Mankato, Minn., in 1969, where Greg enjoyed high school football and wrestling, graduating from Wilson Campus School in 1974. He then earned a degree from Mankato Technical College in food preparation and club management. Greg was employed by golf clubs in New Ulm and Le Seuer, Minn., before his tenure at Shoreland Country Club in St. Peter.

Greg is survived by his father, Richard Painter, who currently resides in Madison, Wis.; his brother, Chris Painter, and sister-in-law Denise Painter, both of Mankato, Minn.; sister, Diane Painter of Madison, Wis.; brother Rick Painter and sister-in-law Linda Corvari of Long Valley, N.J. Greg is also survived by his much-loved niece and nephew, Lindsey and Zac Painter of Mankato, Minn., and his special friend of some 20 years, Sandy Blaschko of Le Center, Minn.

Greg was a loyal, caring and generous son, brother and friend. His life was short but well spent as the thousands of people he served in southern Minnesota will attest to. Greg worked endlessly to make the golf tournament a success; the Christmas party delicious; the wedding party as happy and satisfied as possible! Up and down stairs in 120-degree kitchen heat, he lived for the multitude of compliments he received for his hard work. There was no one quite like him.

In lieu of flowers please join his family in honoring his memory with a donation to one of his favorite local charities, Anonymous Santa, in care of the Nicollet County Bank in St. Peter and please join us for a memorial reception on Friday, Feb. 2, from 4 to 8 p.m. at Shoreland Country Club in St. Peter. If Greg could possibly cater his own memorial you know he would!

Funeral arrangements provided by St. Peter Funeral Home-Klein Chapel*
P.O. Box 147
St. Peter, MN 56082
507-931-2750

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Feb. 1, 2007

March 30, 2007

Norma E. Young

WICHITA — Norma E. Young, 65, best friend and wife, passed away Wednesday, March 21, 2007. Visitations were held March 23 from 4 to 8 p.m. with family present from 5 to 7 p.m. at Hillside Funeral Home East. Services were held Saturday, March 24, at 11 a.m. at Mount Olivet United Methodist Church in Wichita.

She was preceded in death by her father, Harland K. Gisick.

Survivors include her husband of 47 years, Bob J. Young; daughter and son-in-law Lori and Patrick Trainer; son and daughter-in-law Mark and Janice Young; six grandchildren, Brandi (Trainer) Freitas and husband Sean, Dustin Trainer, Courtney Trainer, Elsy Young, Megan Young and Cody Young; five great-grandchildren; her mother, Beth Schneider; five brothers and sisters-in-law, William and Roxanne Schneider, Don and Donna Schneider, Lee and Carolyn Schneider, Jay and Terri Schneider and Jon and Amye Schneider; and beloved aunt, Augusta Gisick.

Memorials to Harry Hynes Memorial Hospice, 313 South Market, Wichita, KS 67202.

Funeral arrangements provided by Hillside Funeral Home East*
935 North Hillside
P.O. Box 8229
Wichita, KS 67208
316-682-5575

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 30, 2007

Gilbert Clyde Scheuerman 1929 - 2007

Gilbert Clyde Scheuerman, 78, of Great Bend, died March 24 at Great Bend Health and Rehabilitation Center. Born Feb. 11, 1929, in Bismarck, he was the son of Conrad D. and Rosa (Matal) Scheuerman. A lifelong resident of Barton County, he worked for the Barton County Road and Bridge Department for almost 20 years before his retirement. He married Alma E. Ochs on Aug. 25, 1945, in Bismarck.

Survivors include his wife, of the home; three sons, Gilbert A. Scheuerman and wife Judy, David L. Scheuerman and wife Stephanie and Tim D. Scheuerman and wife Elizabeth, all of Great Bend; two daughters, Juanita R. Gann and husband Bill and Wanda S. Ybarra and husband Pete, all of Great Bend; two brothers, Donald Scheuerman of Kalkaska, Mich., and Arlyn Scheuerman of Great Bend; two sisters, Mary Ann Prouse of Chetopa and Clarinetta Scheuerman of La Crosse; 28 grandchildren and 30 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; one son, Thomas Scheuerman; two daughters, Cathy McQuade and Sherry Lynn Scheuerman; one grandson, Michael Duncan; 12 brothers, Chester Scheuerman, Martin Scheuerman, Wilbert Scheuerman, Wilmer Scheuerman, Wayne Scheuerman, Harry Scheuerman, Lloyd Scheuerman, Benjamin Scheuerman, Glenn Scheuerman, Lindey Scheuerman, Marvin Scheuerman and Merle Scheuerman; and six sisters, Esther Scheuerman, Louise Scheuerman, Louella Scheuerman, Freda Clark, Elvina Brazda and Velma Morgan.

Graveside memorial service will be at 11 a.m. today at Hillcrest Memorial Park Cemetery in Barton County, with the Rev. Wade Russell officiating. Memorials are suggested to Golden Belt Home Health and Hospice, Great Bend, or Central Kansas Medical Center Cancer Unit in Great Bend.

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

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 30, 2007
March 29, 2007

Naomi Jeanne “Judge” Becker 1929 - 2007

RUSSELL — Naomi Jeanne “Judge” Becker, 77, of Russell died Monday, March 26, 2007, at Wesley Medical Center in Wichita. Jeanne was born Oct. 6, 1929, in Kiowa, the daughter of Walter and Thelma (Cagle) Wheat. She grew up in Dodge City and Wichita. During her sophomore year of high school she moved to Russell. She graduated from Russell High School in 1947. She then attended Brown Mackie College for two years before returning to Russell.

Jeanne was united in marriage to Glenn E. Becker on May 1, 1949, in Russell. This union was blessed with a son, Bradley. Jeanne started working at Sohio as a secretary and bookkeeper in 1950. She worked there a couple of years before working with Bob Dole in the Russell County Attorney’s Office as a secretary.

When Bob Dole left for Congress, she started working at KRLS Radio Station. She started out as a bookkeeper, then moved on to programming and eventually to announcing the news on the air. She then purchased a building on Main Street and opened the Jeanne Becker Shop, a ladies’ apparel shop that she ran for more than eight years. She sold the business and started schooling and certification on Respiratory Therapy.

After she earned her certification, she started the Respiratory Therapy Program at Russell Hospital. Jeanne was then approached to become the district court magistrate judge of Russell County. She was appointed as the 20th District magistrate judge by Gov. John Carlin. She passed the certification requirements and was a judge for more than 16 years, traveling all over the state of Kansas. She retired in 1997.

Jeanne was a member of St. Mary’s Catholic Church of Russell, the Rainbow Girls, and Eastern Star. During the 50s, she sang in a quartet called “Sweet Adeline’s.” This group traveled all over the Midwest states. She was the choir director at the Methodist Church for many years. She enjoyed traveling and camping with her family and friends. She and Glenn enjoyed remodeling homes together. They have remodeled more than nine homes in Russell, each one with her interior decorating skills on display. Jeanne was a devoted wife, dedicated mother, respected judge, and dear friend.

Surviving family include her husband of 59 years, Glenn, of the home; son, Bradley Becker and wife Cindy of Grandview, Mo.; two granddaughters, Cassandra Lambeth and Medeana Galler; two nephews and one niece. She was preceded in death by her parents and one sister, Jacqueline Lee Wheat.

Celebration of the Funeral Mass is scheduled for 10:30 a.m. Friday, March 30, at St. Mary’s Catholic Church of Russell. Intermment will follow at Russell City Cemetery. Open visitation will be all day today, from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., at Pohlman-Varnier-Peeler Mortuary. The family will be present to greet friends from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. today. A memorial has been established with the St. Mary’s Building Fund. Contributions and condolences may be left with Pohlman-Varnier-Peeler Mortuary.

Funeral arrangements provided by Pohlman-Varnier-Peeler Mortuary* 610 North Maple Russell, KS 67665 785-483-2212 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 29, 2007

March 28, 2007

Jerome K. Behr 1932 - 2007

Jerome K. Behr, 74, of Great Bend, died March 27 at Central Kansas Medical Center, Great Bend. He was born June 23, 1932, at Hoisington, the son of Vincent and Lily Mater Behr. He married Carol Sue Stvehlin on July 31, 1958, at Hoisington. She survives, of the home. He was a machine operator for Kansas Brick & Tile of Hoisington. He was a resident of Great Bend since 1959, coming from Hoisington. He was a U.S. Army veteran, stationed in Germany during the Korean War.

He was a member of the American Legion and a life member of the VFW, both of Great Bend, and was a past commander of the VFW of Hoisington.

Survivors, in addition to his wife, include three sons, Tim Behr of Wichita, Michael Behr and wife Michelle of Grotto, Conn., and Shawn Behr and wife Desa of Great Bend; four daughters, Rebecca Burgess and husband Rick, of North Platte, Neb., Roberta Wood and husband Ernie of Wichita, Ramona Schneider of Wichita and Carol Hopkins and husband Les of Great Bend; three brothers, Francis Behr of Hoisington, Gerald “Yogi” Behr, his twin brother, of St. John, and Max Behr of Oklahoma City, Okla.; nine grandchildren, Eric Schneider, Emily Burgess, Danielle Nichols, Robert Barton, Melissa Behr, Elizabeth Behr, Nathan Behr, Kristin Hopkins and Jessica Dreiling; and four great-grandchildren.

A vigil service with rosary will be at 7 p.m. Thursday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at the funeral home, with Father Wesley Schawe officiant.

Interment will be at St. John Catholic Cemetery, Hoisington, with military honors conducted by the Hoisington VFW and American Legion posts. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. A memorial fund has been established for the Golden Belt Community Foundation, and donations to it may be made 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 RoadGreat Bend, KS 67530 620-793-3525 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 28, 2007

Ethel Deweese 1917 - 2007

ELLINWOOD — Ethel Deweese, 89, died March 26 at Ellinwood District Hospital. Born May 26, 1917, at Center, Colo., she was the daughter of Harry Elsworth Morgart and Agnes Hansen. A resident of Ellinwood for the past four years, formerly of Mission, Texas, Hoisington and Rice County, she was a homemaker. She married Francis Donald Deweese on Sept. 9, 1937, at Sterling. She died in 1993.

Mrs. Deweese was a member of the Immanuel United Church of Christ of Ellinwood and Order of the Eastern Star in Hoisington. She was a former member of First Christian Church in Hoisington and Mission, Texas.

Survivors include two daughters, Barbara Buckbee of Ellinwood and Susan Burris of Kansas City, Mo.; eight grandchildren; and 9 great-grandchildren.

Funeral service will be at 1:30 p.m. Friday at Immanuel United Church of Christ in Ellinwood with the Rev. Brian S. Buckbee and the Rev. Larry Young officiating. Burial will be at the Lakin-Comanche District Cemetery in Ellinwood. Friends may call from 1 to 8 p.m. Thursday and 9 to 11 a.m. Friday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the Heritage Club in Ellinwood.

Funeral arrangements provided by Kimple, Inc. Funeral Home 113 N. Main Ellinwood, KS 67526 620-564-2300 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 28, 2007

Gilbert Clyde Scheuerman 1929 - 2007

Gilbert Clyde Scheuerman, 78, of Great Bend, died March 24 at Great Bend Health and Rehabilitation Center. Born Feb. 11, 1929, in Bison, he was the son of Conrad D. and Rosa (Matal) Scheuerman. A lifelong resident of Barton County, he worked for the Barton County Road and Bridge Department for almost 20 years before his retirement. He married Alma E. Ochs on Aug. 25, 1945, in Bazine.

Survivors include his wife, of the home; three sons, Gilbert A. Scheuerman and wife Judy, David L. Scheuerman and wife Stephanie and Tim D. Scheuerman and
Dell Marie Hayden 1942 - 2007

Dell Marie Hayden, 64, of Great Bend, passed away March 23 at Via Christi Regional Medical Center's St. Francis campus in Wichita, as the result of complications from diabetes. She was born Sept. 15, 1942, at Great Bend, the daughter of Delbert and Wilma Marie Witt Sloan. She married Jim Hayden on Nov. 10, 1962, at Great Bend. She was a retired Licensed Social Worker for the State of Kansas and the first director of social services.

Survivors include her husband, Jim Hayden, of the home; father Delbert Sloan and stepmother Betty, Great Bend; one son, Randy Hayden and wife Tammy, Great Bend; two daughters, Laura Patzner and husband Brad, Great Bend, and Beth Fuel, Great Bend; one stepbrother, Bruce Sloan, Great Bend; and five grandchildren, Brett Hayden, Sara Hayden and Madyson Hayden, Matt Patzner and Katin Fuel. She was preceded in death by her mother, Wilma, and a stepsister, Shirley Sloan Mueller.

Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Trinity Lutheran Church in Great Bend, with the Rev. James A. Krug and Agnes Radke. Interment will be in Kidron Village.

Funeral arrangements provided by Pohlmans-Nielson-Rice Funeral Home, 610 N. Main, Great Bend, Kansas 67530. For more information, call 620-793-6161. Memorial contributions may be directed to the Great Bend Area United Way.
HOISINGTON — Clarence Deutsch, 84, died March 25 at his daughter's house surrounded by family. Born April 15, 1922, in Susank, he was the son of Jonathan and Mary E. Bitter Deutsch. He married Doris J. Keil on July 27, 1946, at Milberger. She preceded him in death on Jan. 3, 1969. He then married Jeanetta Rose Stalicip on Feb. 26, 1979, in Miami, Okla. She survives. A lifetime resident of Barton County, he was a retired owner of Vickers Highway Service in Hoisington.

Deutsch was a World War II Army veteran, with the rank of Private First Class, and recipient of a Bronze Star and three Bronze Service Stars. He was a member of Concordia Lutheran Church in Hoisington, Extreme Hope Christian Fellowship in Great Bend and Hoisington Veterans of Foreign War Post No. 7428. He loved Jesus and his family and was an avid outdoorsman and loved to fish.

Survivors include a daughter, Ruth Ellen Joiner and husband Mike of Great Bend; a granddaughter, Samantha Joiner of Great Bend; a grandson, Gabe Joiner of Great Bend; three stepdaughters, Cynthia Cornell of Kingsville, Texas, Alina Christopher of Great Bend and Diana Mead of Hoisington; a stepson, Harold Dean Brack of Hutchinson; seven stepgrandchildren; and six stepgreat-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by five brothers, Leo, Armin, Vernon, Otto and Alvin Deutsch; and two sisters, Rosa Kraft and Elsie Ochs.

Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Extreme Hope Christian Fellowship in Great Bend with Mike Joiner officiating. Burial will be at the Hoisington Cemetery with military graveside rites by VFV Post No. 7428 and American Legion Post No. 286, Hoisington. Friends may call from 1 to 8 p.m. today with the family receiving friends from 6 to 8 p.m., and Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m., all at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington, and from 1 p.m. to service time at the church. Memorials are suggested to Extreme Hope Christian Fellowship or the American Heart Association in care of the funeral home.

Funeral arrangements provided by Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home*

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DAMAR — Gary Newell, 67, died March 22 at his home near Damar. Born Feb. 22, 1940, in rural Graham County, he was preceded in death by a brother, Rusty Wolfenbarger.

Cremation has taken place and a memorial service will be at a later date. Memorials are suggested to the charity or organization of the donor's choice in care of the funeral home.

Funeral arrangements provided by
Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home
P.O. Box 146
Hosiungton, KS 67544
620-653-4165
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 27, 2007

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HOISINGTON — Sherman C. Nystrom, born in Garfield on Aug. 5, 1926, passed away at his home in Dallas on March 23. He was preceded in death by his wife Florence M. Nystrom and grandson Kyle David Nystrom. Sherman, a professor of biology, taught for more than 40 years in Great Bend and Wichita.

He was a member of VASA Lodge No. 716, the American Legion more than 59 years, the Elks Lodge and the Over 55 club at Bethel Lutheran Church, where he and Florence were longtime members.

Survivors include his children, Dr. Bruce Nystrom and wife Judy of Wichita and Kristine Tolls and husband Myron of Dallas; grandchildren Capt. Jared Nystrom and his wife Pamela, stationed in Germany, Anne Nystrom, Kendra Nystrom and Cody Tolls.

Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. today at Bethel Lutheran Church, 11211 E. Northwest Hwy. in Dallas, with Pastor Randy Haedge officiating. A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the Beckwith Mortuary in Larned. Memorials are suggested to the American Diabetes Association.

Funeral arrangements provided by
Sparkman/Crane Funeral Home*
10501 Garland Road
Dallas, TX 75218
214-327-8291
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 27, 2007

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March 25, 2007

Gary Newell 1940 - 2007

DAMAR — Gary Newell, 67, died March 22 at his home near Damar. Born Feb. 22, 1940, in rural Graham County, he was preceded in death by a brother, Harley Wolfenbarger of California; two sisters, Evelyn Bowers of California and Jeanne Doss of Stillwell, Okla.; and two grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a brother, Rusty Wolfenbarger.

Cremation has taken place and a memorial service will be at a later date. Memorials are suggested to the charity or organization of the donor's choice in care of the funeral home.

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Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home
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Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 27, 2007

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Genevieve Gayle “Jeanne” Chism 1941 - 2007

Genevieve Gayle “Jeanne” Chism, 65, died March 26 at Leisure Homestead of St. John, in St. John. She was born Nov. 22, 1941, at Wichita, the daughter of Lester G. and Geneva Nickerson Pinkston. A resident of Great Bend since 1997, coming from Pawnee Rock, she was a caregiver for Rosewood Services of Great Bend.

She was a member of Peace Church in Hudson.

Survivors include two sons, Charles Chism and wife Jerrie, Great Bend, and DeWayne Chism, Seward; two daughters, Arlene Rankin, Great Bend, and Erline Halzle and husband Scott, St. John; a sister, Caroline C.C. McDaniel, Great Bend; eight grandchildren, Travis Chism, Stacie Murray, Sarah Chism, Jaimee Chism, Darrin Halzle, Katie Halzle, Tim Chism and Shannon Chism; and numerous great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a son, Eugene Chism.

Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Peace Church in Hudson with the Rev. Wade Russell officiating. Interment will be at Peace Cemetery in Hudson. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Wednesday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Memorials are suggested to Genevieve Chism Expense Fund, 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
620-653-4165
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 27, 2007

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Gladys M. Gosser 1907 - 2007

HAYS — Gladys M. Gosser, 99, died March 20 at Hays Good Samaritan Center. Born Aug. 27, 1907, in Bruning, Neb., she was the daughter of Major and Clara (Ougle) Archer. She married William E. Gosser on Nov. 25, 1930, at Goodland. He died Aug. 31, 1989. A homemaker and farmer's wife, she was employed at Hadley Hospital, Hays, for five years.

Mrs. Gosser was a active member of the Buckeye Community Club and she also worked with the Buckeye Junior Farmers 4-H Club.

Survivors include two sons, Major Gosser and wife Phyllis of Great Bend, and Roy Gosser and wife Sue of Arvada, Colo.; three daughters, Emma Jean Mai and husband David of Russell, Edna E. Pfeifer of Broomfield, Colo., and Carolyn K. Braun and husband Larry F. of Hays; 23 grandchildren; 35 great-grandchildren; and 15 great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; eight brothers, Alfred, Otis, Lloyd, Robert, Everett, Elmer, Melvin and Benjamin Archer; three sisters, Dorothy Pickett, Maude Archer and Lucille Archer; a son, Wallace V. Gosser; a son-in-law, George Pfeifer; and a great-grandson, Jeremy Logsdon.

Funeral service will be at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at the Hays Memorial Chapel Funeral Home, 20th and Pine. Burial will be at the Mt. Allen Cemetery in Hays. Friends may call at the funeral home from 5 to 7 p.m. today and from 1 p.m. to service time on Saturday. Memorials in her name and memory may be sent to the Children's Hospital of the Kings’ Daughters, 601 Children's Lane, Norfolk, VA 23507 in the name of Tommie Gosser.

March 22, 2007

Roger A. Lisenby 1935 - 2007

Roger A. Lisenby, 72, of Great Bend, died March 20 at Central Kansas Medical Center. Born March 17, 1935, in De Queen, Ark., he was the son of Albert W. and Valentine Virginia (Rogers) Lisenby. A 38-year resident of Great Bend, he was employed as a driller in the oil industry for 48 years before his retirement. He married Ruth Rowe on June 17, 1970, in Great Bend.

Mr. Lisenby was a member of the Church of Christ in Forman, Ark.

Survivors include his wife, of Great Bend; four sons, Hal Lisenby of Forman, Ark., and Chuck Lisenby, Marvin Lewis and Delbert Lewis, all of Great Bend; six daughters, Sheila Jo Lisenby of Texas, Sharon Allen of McCook, S.D., Grace Schroeder of Sealy, Texas, Carol Thacker...

March 20, 2007

Eunice Fern Fish 1936 - 2007

MORRISVILLE, Mo. — Mrs. Eunice Fern Fish, 70, of Morrisville, formerly of the Great Bend, Kan., area, passed away Wednesday, March 21, 2007, at 11:07 p.m. in St. John's Regional Medical Center in Springfield, Mo. She was born April 27, 1936, in Hoisington, Kan., to Kenneth and Marie (Parker) Huff. She married Ervan Fish on June 3, 1955. She was a former member of the Eastern Star of Walnut Grove, Mo., and a member of the Morrisville United Methodist Church.

Eunice is survived by a son, Randall Fish of Morrisville; a daughter, Jolene P. Wess and husband Rick of Brighton, Colo.; one brother, Dale Huff and wife Elaine of Morrisville; two sisters, Ann Garton and husband Jerry of Walnut Grove, Mo., and Lynn Bennett of Springfield, Mo.; four grandchildren, Dagan Fish of Morrisville, Nathan Wess of Brighton, Colo., Darian Fish of Morrisville and Melanie Wess of Brighton. Her husband, parents, one brother, Don Huff, and a daughter-in-law, Tammy Fish, preceded her in death.

Memorial services for Eunice Fish will be Sunday, March 25, at 2 p.m. in Pitts Chapel of Bolivar, Mo., with the Rev. Bill Moore and the Rev. Ron Mcintire officiating. Burial will follow in the Pleasant Ridge Cemetery in Aldrich, Mo.

Funeral arrangements provided by Pitts Chapel*
316 East Broadway
Bolivar, MO 65613
417-326-5211

March 25, 2007

Dell Marie Hayden 1942 - 2007

Dell Marie Hayden, 64, of Great Bend, died March 23 at Via Christi Regional Medical Center, St. Francis Campus, Wichita. Service arrangements are pending with Bryant Funeral Home, Great Bend, and will be announced.

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 25, 2007

Evelyn L. Base 1912 - 2007

Evelyn L. Base, 94, of Great Bend, died March 23, 2007, at Cherry Village Nursing Home, Great Bend. She was born Oct. 8, 1912, at Dundee, the daughter of Herman and Lucinda Rudiger Unruh. She married Leo W. Base on Oct. 14, 1931, at Pretty Prairie. He died on Jan. 3, 1979. She was a homemaker. She was a resident of the Dundee, Pawnee Rock and Great Bend area most of her life. She lived in Rozel from 1956 to 1976.

She was a member of the New Jerusalem Church, Pawnee Rock.

Survivors include two sons, Larry L. Base and wife Vi, of Kansas City, Mo., and Steven W. Base and wife Elva of Owasso, Okla.; two daughters, Carolyn A. Wilterd and husband Everett of Howard, and Betty L. Harvey and husband Lenny of Garden City; a sister, Alberta Troll of Great Bend; a sister-in-law, Luella Hejny of Great Bend; 17 grandchildren, 31 great-grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a grandson, Scott Wilnerd, a brother, Leslie Unruh, and three sisters, Mildred Dodd, Elsie Potter and Alma Lewis.

Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday, March 27, at Bryant Funeral Home, Great Bend, with the Rev. Eric Zacharius officiating. Interment will be at the Dundee Valley Cemetery, Dundee. Friends may call at the funeral home from 1 until 9 p.m. Monday. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the New Jerusalem Church in care of the funeral home. Condolences may be sent and noticed 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, March 25, 2007

March 22, 2007

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Mr. Lisenby was a member of the Church of Christ in Forman, Ark.

Survivors include his wife, of Great Bend; four sons, Hal Lisenby of Forman, Ark., and Chuck Lisenby, Marvin Lewis and Delbert Lewis, all of Great Bend; six daughters, Sheila Jo Lisenby of Texas, Sharon Allen of McCook, S.D., Grace Schroeder of Sealy, Texas, Carol Thacker...
of Great Bend, Kathy Lewis of Dodge City and Karen Shrader of Bird City; two brothers, Charles Lisenby of Tom, Okla., and Delman Lisenby of Forman, Ark.; 27 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; two sons, Keith Lisenby and Kenneth Lewis; one brother, Kenan Lisenby; and two sisters, Sue Lewis and Ginger Coffman.

 Funeral services will be at 3 p.m. on Friday at the Charter Funerals’ Chapel in Great Bend with Pastor Michael Prescott officiating. Burial will be at the Hillcrest Memorial Park Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 2:50 p.m. on Friday at Charter Funeral Home. Memorials are suggested to the Roger A. Lisenby Memorial Fund.

 Funeral arrangements provided by Charter Funerals
2115 Washington
Great Bend, KS 67530
620-793-6161
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 22, 2005

March 21, 2007

 Leslie Gary 1934 - 2007

HOISINGTON — Leslie Gary, 73, died March 19 at Clara Barton Hospital in Hoisington. Born Jan. 30, 1934, in Bronx, N.Y., she was the daughter of Prem and Ethel Louise (Hertle) Gary. A resident of Hoisington since 2001, coming from Otis, she was an employee at Easter Seal Society.

She was a member of Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Hoisington.

Survivors include a sister, Margaret Gary of Otis; and a nephew, James Dominic Gary of Great Bend.

Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. on Sunday at the church, with the Rev. Richard Monson officiating. Following the service, an ice cream social will be held in the church fellowship hall. There will be no visitation as cremation has taken place. Memorials are suggested to ELCA World Hunger Appeal or Otis EMS 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, March 21, 2007

March 20, 2007

Katherine Ruth (Barrow) Thompson

NEWTON — Katherine Ruth (Barrow) Thompson, 93, loving wife, mother, grandma and great-grandma, went home to Jesus on March 12, 2007. She was born and raised in rural Barton County. Service will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Broadway Mortuary, 1147 S. Broadway, Wichita.

She was a resident of the Kansas Christian Home of Newton. She was preceded in death by her parents, Arthur J. and Katie Barrow; a brother, Elmer Barrow; sisters, Ethel Haak and Leoda Nolte. Survivors include her husband, Raymond C. Thompson, of Newton; a daughter, Carolee (Gilbert) Nolte of Hudson; grandchildren, Debbie (Mel) Orebaugh of Wichita and Kathryn Smith of Great Bend; great-grandchildren, Brandon Orebaugh, serving in the Air Force at Tinker Air Force Base, Okla., and Josh Orebaugh of Colorado Springs, Colo., and Annika Smith of Great Bend.

She was loved deeply.

Memorials may be sent to Kansas Christian Home in Newton and Hospice Care of Kansas.

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 18, 2007*

Anna Armella Stoddard 1918 - 2007

KINSLEY — Anna Armella Stoddard, 88, died on March 17 at Via Christi Regional Medical Center, St. Francis Campus in Wichita. Armella was born Oct. 24, 1918, on the farm west of Kinsley, the second daughter of Charles and Mary Wilmann Weikert. She was a homemaker and proud farmer of the family farm where she had grown up.

She moved to Denver in 1943 to be close to her sister, who was going to school there. She took a Civil Service Job at Lowry Air Force Base, and while there met Cpl. James Stoddard of Lee, Maine. They were married in Denver on Nov. 28, 1946. In 1949 they moved to Kinsley where they resided north of Kinsley until moving in 1960 to the farm she had grown up on west of Kinsley. Jim passed away on Jan. 2, 1971.

After many years of both difficult and happy times on the farm she loved with her land and cattle herd, she reluctantly moved into Kinsley in 1985. There she enjoyed her large yard, flowers and cat, having coffee with her friends, playing cards at the Senior Citizen Center, watching after her granddaughter Shena and crocheting doilies of all colors for her friends and family.

Mrs. Stoddard was a member of St. Nicholas Altar Society, St. John’s Circle of the Daughters of Isabella and the Jackson EHU Unit.

Survivors include her son, Greg Stoddard of Kinsley; three daughters, Vicki Gillett of Larned, Veronica Stoddard of Great Bend and Althea Simmons and husband Daniel of Wichita; her sister, Pauline Green and husband Bob of Garfield, and brother in-law Fred Johnson of Everett, Wash.; two grandsons Gary Gillett and wife Dina and Brian Gillett of Larned; four granddaughters, Tawnya McKee and husband Matt of Fremont, Neb., Amanda and Renee Simmons of Wichita, and Shena Stoddard and her mother Patricia of Kinsley; one great-grandson; three great-granddaughters and many nieces, nephews and cousins. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband Jim; sister Ellenora Johnson and grandson Steve Gillett.

Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. today at McKillip Funeral Home in Kinsley. Vigil service will be held today at 7 p.m. at St. Nicholas Church in Kinsley with funeral Mass at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at St. Nicholas Church. Burial
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Survivors include three sons, Brad Chambers and his wife Jackie of Independence, Brian Chambers of Kansas City, and Brent Breckon and his wife Kristy of Oklahoma; one daughter, Ginny of Bill Denney, of Salina; 10 grandchildren and one great-grandson. She was preceded in death by three brothers, Loren Sherman, Everett Sherman and Milo ”Mike” Sherman, and one sister, Edna Sherman.

Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Trinity United Methodist Church in Salina, with the Rev. Andrew Gardner 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 Shrine Travel Fund, in care of the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent and notice viewed at www.bryanth.net.

Funeral arrangements provided by

Finger Funeral Home* 1425 Patton Road

Great Bend, KS 67530

(620) 793-3525

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 18, 2007

Phyllis Janet Chambers-Breckon 1938 -

2007

SALINA - Phyllis Janet Chambers-Breckon, 68, died March 17 at Salina Regional Health Center. She was born Oct. 13, 1938, in Hutchinson, the daughter of Miles and Ruth Virginia (Moore) Clark. She worked as a greeter at Conklin Cars.

She was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church in Salina. She was also a member of Vagabonds and Bunco.

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Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Trinity United Methodist Church in Salina, with the Rev. Andrew Gardner officiating. Interment will be at Hillcrest Memorial Park in Great Bend. Friends may call from 1 to 9 p.m. today at Carlson-Geisendorf Funeral Home in Salina, with the family receiving memorial service will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, at Broadway Mortuary, 1147 S. Broadway, Wichita.

She was a resident of the Kansas Christian Home of Newton. She was preceded in death by her parents, Arthur J. and Katie Barrow; a brother, Elmer Barrow; sisters, Ethel Haak and Leoda Nolte. Survivors include her husband, Raymond C. Thompson, of Newton; a daughter, Carolee (Gilbert) Nolte of Hudson; grandchildren, Debbie (Mel) Orebough of Wichita and Kathryn Smith of Great Bend; great-grandchildren, Brandon Orebough, serving in the Air Force at Tinker Air Force Base, Okla., and Josh Orebough of Colorado Springs, Colo., and Annika Smith of Great Bend.

She was loved deeply.

Memorials may be sent to Kansas Christian Home in Newton and Hospice Care of Kansas.

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 18, 2007*

Homer Clayton Sherman 1917 - 2007

Homer Clayton Sherman, 89, of Great Bend, died March 15 at Fair Grove, Mo. He was born Nov. 6, 1917, at Belle Plain, the son of William "Andrew" and Mary Almeda Fahler Sherman. He married Dorothy M. Webster on July 15, 1954, at St. John. She died Aug. 20, 2003. A homemaker, she was a former Hoisington resident who moved to Randolph County, Arkansas, and returned to Hoisington five years ago.

Mrs. Mitchell was a member of the Walnut Grove Free Will Baptist Church in Randolph County, and the Trinity Baptist Church in Hoisington.

Survivors include a daughter, Doris Simmons, Hoisington; a son, Larry Mitchell, San Antonio, Texas, seven grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild. She was preceded in death by a son, Robert Mitchell, daughter Wilma Stephens, and sister Bessie Wisehart.

Funeral services will be conducted Tuesday at the Walnut Grove Free Will Baptist Church in Arkansas. Burial will be at Walnut Grove Church Cemetery in Randolph County, Arkansas. Local arrangements are provided by Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington.

Funeral arrangements proved by

Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home 415 N. Main, P.O. Box 146 Hoisington, KS 67544 (620) 653-4165 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 18, 2007

Marceline Julia Bratton 1915 - 2007

LYONS – Marceline Julia Bratton, 91, died March 14 at Good Samaritan Center in Lyons. She was born Sept. 28, 1915, at Lyons, the daughter of Charles Eugene and Minnie May Willis Monroe. She graduated from Lyons High School in 1932, and graduated from the McMerson School of Nursing in 1937. She married Merrill John Behnke on Dec. 26, 1933, at Bushton. He died in 1966. She married Otto Barber in 1969; he died in 1975. She married Gilman Gandrud in 1982; he died in 1986. She married E. Wayne Bratton in 1997 at Lyons. He died in 2005. A lifetime Rice County resident, she was a homemaker.

Mrs. Bratton was a member of Ebenezer United Methodist Church and eastern Star, both of Lyons.

Survivors include three sons, Myron J. Behnke, Lyons, Melvin J. Behnke, Wichita, and Meredith Behnke, Bushton; two daughters, Marilyn J. Wilkens, Shawnee, Myretta J. Bell, Bedford, Texas; 10 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a son, Maurice J. Behnke; two brothers, Charles W. Monroe and George E. Monroe; and a granddaughter, Sabrina Robinson.
Funeral services will be at 5 p.m. Saturday, March 24, at Salem United Methodist Church in Bushton with the Rev. Robert Friesen officiating. Burial will be at Salem United Methodist Cemetery in Bushton. Visitation will be from 2 to 7 p.m. Friday at Sillin Funeral Home in Lyons, with the family receiving friends from 5 to 7 p.m. Memorials are suggested to Salem United Methodist Church, Ebenezer United Methodist Church or Hospice Care of Kansas, in care of the funeral home.

Funeral arrangements provided by Sillin Funeral Homes
214 West Ave. South
Lyons, KS 67544
(620) 257-2211
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 18, 2007

March 16, 2007

Kay E. Chadd 1935 - 2007

CLIFTON, Texas — Kay E. Chadd, 71, died Feb. 21 of a short illness, from cancer. She was born Aug. 24, 1935, in Seward. She spent her latter years in St. John and the Dodge City area. She had recently moved to Clifton, Texas, where she was employed at the Clifton Lutheran Sunset Home.

Survivors include a daughter, Dawn Chadd, of Clifton; three grandsons; two sisters, Shirley O’Dell of Wichita and Jewel Chadd Broadfoot of Overland Park; and four brothers, Rolly Chadd of Clifton, TX 76634, in care of Deacon Pat Gorton, or to St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church in Seward, with the family receiving friends from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Monday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Burdett United Methodist Women or the Welcome Inn Senior Center 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, March 16, 2007

Lorene Fern (Beck) Blessing-Hardin 1919 - 2007

RUSSELL — Lorene Fern (Beck) Blessing-Hardin, 87, died March 14 at Hays Good Samaritan Center in Hays. Born Dec. 27, 1919, on a farm east of Russell, she was the daughter of Fred and Margaret (Deines) Beck. When she was about 5, the family moved into Russell, where she attended school. She was united in marriage to Arthur Lewis Blessing on Jan. 9, 1939, in Russell. Art preceded her in death on Jan. 30, 1964. She was united in marriage to Moody M. Hardin on April 8, 1965, in Russell. Moody preceded her in death on April 29, 1991. For many years, Lorene worked in retail stores in Russell — Holzer Floral, Lewis Jewelry, Wall’s Jewelry and the Jean Becker Shop. She also worked with the 1996 Republican Presidential Campaign for Bob Dole.

Lone Star Catfisher’s Group.

Mrs. Blessing-Hardin was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church of Russell, Veterans of Foreign War Ladies Auxiliary No. 6240 and the Russell Chapter of Eastern Star. She loved to go shopping, dealing in antiques, and have coffee with her friends. After Moody’s retirement, they both enjoyed traveling for several years.

Survivors include one son, Doug Blessing and wife Mary of Mission; two daughters, Rebecca Polcyn and husband Richard of Russell and Ann Blessing-Deyoe and husband Fred of Dodge City; two stepdaughters, Barbara Peace and husband Bill of El Dorado and Beverly Hardin of Livingston, Texas; two grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren, 12 stepgreat-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandson. She was preceded in death by her parents and one brother, Raymond G. Beck.

Celebration of Lorene’s life is scheduled for 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Trinity United Methodist Church of Russell. Interment will follow at Russell City Cemetery. Open visitation will be from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. today at Pohlman-Vaner-Peeler Mortuary of Russell. Memorials have been established with the New Dimensions Special Care Unit of Good Samaritan Center in Hays or Trinity United Methodist Church of Russell. Contributions and condolences may be left with Pohlman-Vaner-Peeler Mortuary, which is in charge of arrangements.

Funeral arrangements provided by Pohlman-Vaner-Peeler Mortuary
610 N. Maple
Russell, KS 67665
785-483-2212
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 16, 2007

March 15, 2007

Marceline Julie Bratton

LYONS — Marceline Julie Bratton, 91, died March 14 at Good Samaritan Center in Lyons. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Silllin Funeral Home in Lyons.

Gary D. Ritchie 1953 - 2007

HALTOM CITY, Texas — Gary D. Ritchie, 54, died March 8 at his home in Haltom City, Texas. Born Jan. 19, 1953, in Larned, he was the son of Otis Jackson Ritchie, Sr. and Ruth Maxine Stafford Ritchie. A graduate of Pawnee Rock High School, his family moved to Texas in 1986, where he worked in construction. On Oct. 30, 1975, he married LaWanda Lloyd of Great Bend. She survives.

Mr. Ritchie served in the U.S. Army. He was baptized in the Baptist Church and was an avid fisherman and organized the Lone Star Catfisher’s Group.

Survivors include one son, Christopher J. and wife Mayte; one daughter, Tiffany M. of the home; grandson Mathew J. and wife Rachel of Haltom City; six brothers, James F. of Pawnee Rock, Harold N. Sr. of Great Bend, Stanley E. of Greenville, N.C., William D. of Rocky Point, N.C., Dennis E. of Durham, N.C., and Virgil L. of Lewis; three sisters, Christenia M. Page of Grand Junction, Colo., Sondra A. Seeley of Wichita and Jeanne M. Vratil of Larned. He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Ora J. Ritchie.

Cremation has taken place. Military graveside service will be at 10 a.m. on Monday, March 19, in Dallas/Fort Worth National Cemetery.
arrangements provided by Neptune Society in Fort Worth, Texas.

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 15, 2007*

Fern A. (Langrehr) Nolte 1927 - 2007

Fern A. (Langrehr) Nolte, 79, of Great Bend, died March 13, 2007, at her residence. She was born March 22, 1927, at Great Bend, the daughter of Henry and Alvina Christiansen Langrehr. After Alvina Langrehr's death Fern was raised by Henry and Glenda Langrehr. She married James H. Nolte on June 13, 1948, at Hudson. She was a homemaker and secretary for Goss Insurance. She was a lifetime area resident.

She was a member of First Christian Church of Great Bend and a former Cub Scout den mother.

Survivors include her husband, James H. Nolte, of the home; three sons, J. Douglas Nolte of Salisburg, Md., Dale L. Nolte of Fort Collins, Colo., and Keith A. Nolte and wife Cindy of Wichita; one brother, Harold L. Langrehr; and one sister, Thelma Steincamp of Wichita; and four grandchildren, Kelly Brook Nolte, Ashlyn Clare Nolte, Alex Nolte and Reed Nolte. She was preceded in death by two brothers, Jerry and Jim Langrehr, and one sister, Patricia Jo Schultz.

Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 17, at First Christian Church, Great Bend, with the Rev. William F. Joht officiating. Interment will be at Trinity Cemetery, Hudson. Friends may call from 1 to 9 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday at Bryant Funeral Home, Great Bend. Memorial donations to the First Christian Church Building Fund or to the Sunflower Shrine Travel Club may be made 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, March 15, 2007

Eugene Edwin Bitzer 1928 - 2007

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Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 15, 2007

Eugene Edwin Bitzer 1928 - 2007

GARDEN CITY — Eugene Edwin Bitzer, 79, died Feb. 25 at his home in Garden City. Born Feb. 22, 1928, in La Crosse, Wis., he was the son of Edwin Isaac and Blanche Irene (Noyes) Bitzer. He grew up in Sparta, Wis. He married Navarral Ann Johnson of Wichita on Dec. 16, 1948, in Great Bend.

Mr. Bitzer graduated from high school and joined the U.S. Navy in 1945. After his discharge, he attended college in La Crosse, Wis., before becoming a Federal Civil Service Employee for the Department of the Army. He worked in several states and Kansas communities until his retirement on July 31, 1993, with 47 years of service. He moved from Great Bend to Garden City in 1968 as the Unit Administrator for the local Army Reserves, as he had been for the unit in Great Bend.

When the 467th Firefighting Unit returned home from Desert Storm, he and his wife were honored to be parade marshals. His wife had been the family coordinator during the six months that the unit was deployed. After his retirement he began work at Wal-Mart as a people greeter on March 30, 1994.

Eugene was a member of the Lutheran Church of Sparta, Wis., a DAV life member, 50-plus-year member of the American Legion, the National Association of Retired Federal Employees, AARP, Senior Center, Wheatland Aerie No. 3124, Fraternal Order of the Eagles and twice Past Worthy President of the local Garden City Eagles; he called bingo at the Eagles Lodge for 23 years, he was the Kansas State Eagles Auxiliary Father of the Year and also First Gentleman of Kansas in 1995-96.

Eugene and his wife were foster parents for several years. He had been an avid bowler, loved all sports, fishing and playing cards, but his family took first priority with each of his grandchildren being his pride and joy.

Survivors include his wife; three daughters, April and husband John Garretson of St. George, Sherrina Bitzer of Garden City and Malinda Rose of Groveland, Calif.; five grandsons, three granddaughters; two great-grandsons; and three great-granddaughters. He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Charles Henry Bitzer; and an infant sister.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday at Trinity Lutheran Church in Garden City with Dr. Kenne Whiston officiating. A private family burial will take place at a later date at the Greenlawn Cemetery in Pratt. There will be no calling hours. Condolences may be sent to garnandfh@sbcglobal.net. Memorials are suggested to the Eugene Bitzer Memorial Fund in care of Garnand Funeral Home.

Funeral arrangements provided by Garnand Funeral Home*
412 N. 7th St.
Garden City, KS 67846
620-276-3219
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 15, 2007

Victor Hochstatter 1916 - 2007

Victor Hochstatter, 90, of Great Bend, died March 13 at Central Kansas Medical Center, Great Bend. He was born Sept. 4, 1916, at Hoisington, the son of Victor Hochstatter, Sr., and Maude Brown Hochstatter. He married Evelyn Ehler on Oct. 9, 1938, at Denver. She survives. He was a conductor for the Missouri Pacific Railroad, St. Louis, Mo. He was a resident of Great Bend for 40 years, coming from Hoisington. He was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II, serving on the Savo Island aircraft carrier.

He was a member of the Prince of Peace Parish at St. Rose of Lima, Knights of Columbus, 4th Degree, a former board member of the Great Bend Library, American Legion Argonne Post No. 180, and Elks Lodge, all of Great Bend, and of VFW Post 7428 at Hoisington.

Survivors include his wife, of the home. He was preceded in death by two brothers, John and Glenn Hochstatter, and two sisters, Gertrude Tolbert and Margaret Hochstatter.

A vigil service with Knights of Columbus Rosary will be at 7 p.m. tonight at Bryant Funeral Home, Great Bend. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Friday at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church, Great Bend, with Father Wesley Schawe officiant. Interment will be at the Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. today at the funeral home. Donations to memorial funds for Prince of Peace Parish or the Great Bend Public Library 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, March 15, 2007

Dorothy E. Tritsch 1918 - 2007

CLAFLIN — Dorothy E. Tritsch, 88, died March 12 at Hutchinson Hospital in Hutchinson. She was born Oct. 9, 1918, in Barton County, the daughter of Carl E. and Louise "Lulu" Anna (Grosshardt) Radenberg. She married Norman A. Tritsch on April 30, 1939, at Claflin. He died Feb. 13, 1985. A lifetime Claflin area resident, she was a homemaker.

Mrs. Tritsch was a member of Zion Lutheran Church and L.W.M.L., both of Claflin. She was a former member of AAL. She was baptized at Zion Lutheran Church. A Claflin High School graduate and State Spelling Bee champion in 1936, she taught in one-room schoolhouses northwest of Claflin and by Cheyenne Bottoms.

Survivors include a son, Dale Tritsch and his wife Georgieanna, Hutchinson; a sister, Norma Stucky, Newton; a brother, Glenn Radenberg and his wife Marvella, Claflin; two granddaughters, Tiffany Davidson, Lake Jackson, Texas, and Rhonda Meier, Hutchinson; a grandson, Roy Tritsch, Hutchinson; and five great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two brothers, Harry and Lee Radenberg, and one sister, Helen Foster.
Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Zion Lutheran Church in Claflin with the Rev. John Sharp officiating. Burial will be at Claflin Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, with family receiving friends from 7 to 8 p.m., at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington, and from 9:30 a.m. until service time Saturday at the church. Memorials are suggested to Zion Lutheran Church, Claflin Ambulance Fund or Hutchinson Heart and Vascular, Hutchinson Hospital, in care of the funeral home.

Funeral arrangements provided by Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home* 415 North Main, P.O. Box 146 Hoisington, KS 67544 (620) 653-4165 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 15, 2006

Robert C. Brandt 1941 - 2007

Robert C. Brandt, 65, of Great Bend, died March 13 at Central Kansas Medical Center, Great Bend. He was born April 16, 1941, at Ellinwood, the son of Maynard and Vera Laferty Brandt. He was a loving man. He married Patricia "Pat" Kanitz at Hutchinson. She survives. He was a self-employed mechanic. He was a resident of Great Bend most of his life.

He was a member of Prince of Peace Parish at St. Rose.

Survivors, besides his wife, of the home, include three stepsons, Wayne Simpson of Hutchinson, Michael Simpson of Colorado Springs, Colo., and Jason Simpson of Ellinwood; four daughters, Sherri Whiting of Ellinwood, Brenda Brandt of Great Bend, Brandy Smith of Wichita and Debbie Ford of Hutchinson; 11 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Barton Funeral Home, Great Bend, with Pastor Al Hatten officiating. Interment will be in Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. today at the funeral home. Donations to a memorial fund for the American Cancer Society may be made in care of the funeral home. Condolences may be sent and notice viewed at www.bryantfh.net.

Funeral arrangements provided by Barton Funeral Home* 1425 Patton Road Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-3525 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 15, 2007

Janet L. Davis 1947 - 2007

TOPEKA — Janet L. Davis, 60, Topeka, passed away on Tuesday, March 13, 2007, of a sudden illness at a local hospital. Janet was born January 8, 1947 in La Crosse, the daughter of Bill and Grace (Ross) Mendenhall. She attended

La Crosse schools. She worked for Sears in Great Bend and Topeka for 29 years. Janet was married to Jack A. Davis in 1984. He survives, of the home. Other survivors include sons, Danny Gamblin and wife, Linda, Chad Gamblin and friend Kim, Topeka; stepdaughters, Kylie Davis and Kristan Davis, Manhattan; two grandchildren, Kylie Gamblin and Logan Stevens; a brother, Jerry Mendenhall and wife, Sherla, Rush Center; and her three cherished dogs, Missy, Bailey and Keeley. She was preceded in death by her parents and one grandson.

Memorial services will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, March 17, at the Penwell-Gabel Mid Town Chapel, Topeka.

To leave a special message for the family online, visit www.penwellgabel.com.

Funeral arrangements provided by Penwell-Gabel Mid Town Chapel* 1321 SW 10th Topeka, KS 66604 785-354-8558 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 15, 2007

March 14, 2007

Walter "Joe" Korbe 1955 - 2007


Survivors include his wife, Mary, of the home; daughter Jacki Klug and husband Tyler of Claflin; two grandchildren, Deseral and Jacyley Klug of Claflin; mother and stepfather, Jean and Fred Berger of Hays; sister, Debra Jean Nolfsinger and husband Clayton of Great Bend; stepsister, Babette Kinderknecht and husband Dan of Chandler, Ariz.; two stepbrothers, Brent Berger and Brad Berger of Santa Cruz, Calif.; six nieces and eight nephews; and his beloved dog, Frankee. He was preceded in death by his father and a brother, William Allen Korbe.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at the Celebration Community Church of Hays with burial in the St. Joseph Cemetery in Hays. Friends may call from 5 until 8 p.m. today at the Hays Memorial Chapel Funeral Home, 20th and Pine, and from 9 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. on Thursday. A memorial has been established in his name for an education fund for his grandchildren.

Funeral arrangements provided by Hays Memorial Chapel Funeral Home* 20th and Pine Hays, KS 67601 785-628-1009 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 14, 2007

Christine Warden

Christine Warden, 89, died March 13 at Glencroft Care Center in Glendale, Ariz. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Morell Funeral Home in Larned.

Antonia Weber 1929 - 2007

OAKLEY — Antonia Weber, 77, died March 11 at Logan County Hospital in Oakley. Born May 11, 1929, in Gove County, she was the daughter of Bernard and Julianna Kuntz Heier. She married Martin Weber on April 27, 1948, at Grainfield. A resident of Logan County for 57 years, she was a homemaker.

Mrs. Weber was a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Oakley, St. Joseph's Altar Society, Altar Society Quilting Ladies and Daughters of Isabella.

Survivors include her husband, of the home; three sons, Jim Weber and Mike Weber, both of Oakley, and Gene Weber of Hennessey, Okla.; five daughters, Rose Yeager of Great Bend, Pauline Unruh of Cheyenne Wells, Colo., Elaine Stone and Ilene Nickel, both of Oakley, and Karen Gibson of Colby; four brothers, Bill Heier of Page City, Felix Heier of WaKeeney, Frank Heier of Quinter and Dominic (Tom) Heier of Oakley; three sisters, Margaret Heier and Tina Bockwinkel, both of Oakley, and Lena Zerr of Grainfield; 19 grandchildren and 25 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by five brothers, Augustine Heier, Alfred Heier, and three infant brothers; a grandson, Justin Gibson; and a great-grandson, Brendon Givens.

Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Oakley with Father Michael Elan, CMI, Msgr. John George Weber, Father Kevin Weber, Father Keith Weber, Father Roger Mehl and Father Roberto Quant officiating. Burial will be at the St. Joseph's Cemetery in Oakley. Friends may visit from 5 to 9 p.m. today at the church. Rosary will be at 7:30 p.m. today at the church. Memorials are suggested to St. Joseph's School and St. Joseph's Altar Society Quilting Ladies in care of the funeral home.

Funeral arrangements provided by Kennedy-Koster Funeral Home 217 Freeman/P.O. Box 221 Oakley, KS 67748 785-672-3671 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 14, 2007

Lillian E. Shelton 1926 - 2007

HOISINGTON — In the obituary for Lillian Shelton, who died Feb. 22, Barbara Kay Reese of Great Bend should have been listed as a surviving stepdaughter, not a daughter; and the name of Eugene D. Karst of Russell was omitted. He is a surviving brother of Mrs. Shelton.
March 13, 2007

Lillian E. Shelton 1926 - 2007


Mrs. Shelton was a member of St. John Lutheran Church, Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary of Russell and American Legion Auxiliary.

Survivors include two sons, Allen Streeker of Russell and Ricky Streeker and wife Susan of Hays; two stepsons, Larry Shelton of Wichita and Kenneth Shelton of Hoisington; one daughter, Barbara Kay Reese of Great Bend; two granddaughters, Kelly Streeker of Manhattan and Kit Streeker of Henderson, N.C.; 10 step-grandchildren; and numerous great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by an infant son, Gary, and her parents.

Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Hoisington Cemetery with the Rev. Garry Dassow officiating. Memorials are suggested to the City of Hoisington Cemetery Directory in care of Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home.

Funeral arrangements provided by Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home*

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Lucile G. Bauer

LARNED — Lucile G. Bauer, 85, died March 8 at St. Joseph Memorial Hospital, Larned. Service arrangements are pending and will be announced by Beckwith Mortuary Chapel, Larned.

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 11, 2007

Herman J. Zecha 1919 - 2007

HOISINGTON — Herman J. Zecha, 87, died March 8 at Wesley Medical Center in Wichita. He was born May 13, 1919, at Odin, the son of William B. and Frances Frenzel Zecha. Herman married Magdalena J. Hickel on Oct. 20, 1947, at St. Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Ellinwood. She preceded him in death on Nov. 1, 1999. A longtime resident of Hoisington, coming from Odin in 1947, he worked for the city of Hoisington.

Herman was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II. He was a member of the St. John Evangelist Church in Hoisington.

Survivors include a son, Paul Zecha and wife Diana of Hoisington; three brothers, Delbert Zecha and Andy Zecha of Garden City and Clayton Zecha of Great Bend; three sisters, Eleanor Johanning, Helen Straub and Kathleen Zecha; and a brother, Robert Zecha.

Vigil and Rosary Services will be at 7 p.m. at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. on Monday at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Hoisington, with Father Pascal Klein officiating. Burial will be at St. John Cemetery in Hoisington, with graveside military committal conducted by the Hoisington Veterans of Foreign Wars and American Legion. Friends may call from 1 to 9 p.m. on Sunday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, Parish Building Fund or Barton County Relay for Life in care of the funeral home, P.O. Box 146, Hoisington, KS 67544.

Funeral arrangements provided
Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home*
415 North Main
P.O. Box 146
Hoisington, KS 67544

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 11, 2007

Patrick Clark Hull 1952 - 2007

Patrick Clark Hull, 55, died March 9 at his home in Great Bend. He was born Feb. 29, 1952, at Great Bend, the son of Chester and Sybil Hoe Hull. He married Carole S. Koenh on Dec. 18, 1977, in Great Bend. A lifetime resident of Great Bend, he worked in the oil field.

Survivors include his wife of the home; two sons, Jason Hull and Pierce Hull, both of Great Bend; a daughter, Cara Jo Beck of Salina; a brother, Lloyd Hull of Topeka; and five grandchildren.

Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. on Tuesday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend, with the Rev. David H. LeRoy 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 the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the Great Bend Humane Society in care of the funeral home.

Funeral arrangements provided
Bryant Funeral Home
1425 Patton Road
Great Bend, KS 67530
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 11, 2007


GARDEN CITY — G.D. "Bub" Stinemetz, 81, died March 8 at Via Christi Regional Medical Center, St. Francis Hospital, Wichita. He was born Jan. 24, 1926, at Garden City, the son of Raymond and Hazel (Samples) Stinemetz Sr. He married Leilah Irene Shore on March 14, 1948, in Raton, N.M. He was a lifetime farmer and lifetime resident of Garden City. He attended Garden City schools. Bub served in the U.S. Navy during World War II as a fireman on the USS Wiley. After the service he returned to Garden City.

He was a member of Bible Christian Church, the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion, all of Garden City.

Survivors include two sons, Danny Stinemetz and Andy Stinemetz, both of Garden City; two brothers, Delbert Stinemetz of Garden City and Clayton Stinemetz of Great Bend; three sisters, Inez Jarnigan, Edith Carr and Jeannine Bollinger, all of Garden City; four grandchildren, two stepgrandchildren, four great-grandchildren and eight stepgreat-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife, Leila, on Oct. 6, 1973, and by his parents and two brothers, Raymond Stinemetz, Jr. and Bruce Stinemetz.

Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at Bible Christian Church, Garden City, with the Rev. Jeff Starkey officiating. Burial will be at Valley View Cemetery with military graveside rites conducted by the Garden City area Veterans Honor Guard. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday at Garnand Funeral Home of Garden City. Memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society in care of the funeral home.

Funeral arrangements provided
Garnand Funeral Home
412 North 7th St.
Garden City, KS 67846
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 11, 2007

Wanda Jean James 1932 - 2007

HOISINGTON — Wanda Jean James, 74, died March 10 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. She was born Sept. 1, 1932, at Hays, the daughter of Earl Eugene and Ann Davis Stimple. Wanda married Robert Frank James on June 27, 1953, in Wichita. He survives. A resident of Hoisington since 1981, coming from Great Bend, she was a homemaker and taught in a one-room school in Butler County during the 1950s.

Wanda was a member of First United Methodist Church in Hoisington and Heritage Club. She was a recognized and published Kansas poet.

Survivors include her husband Robert James of the home; four sons, David Keith James and wife Anita of Farmers Branch, Texas, Kenneth Allen James of Foley, Ala., Robert Eugene James and wife Marilyn of Oak Ridge, N.C., and Stephen Douglas James and wife Lisa of Great Bend; a daughter Katherine Ann and husband Drew; and four grandchildren, Brian James, Xavier Pineda, David James and Alexander Pineda. She was preceded in death by a sister, Phyllis Ann Larson.

Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. on Wednesday at the First United Methodist Church in Hoisington, with the Rev. Wayne Flanders officiating. Burial will be at Garfield Cemetery in Garfield. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Tuesday at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. Memorials are suggested to the Great Bend Public Library or First United Methodist Church in care of the funeral home, P.O. Box 146, Hoisington, KS 67544.

Funeral arrangements provided
Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home*
415 North Main
P.O. Box 146
Hoisington, KS 67544

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 11, 2007

March 9, 2007
Harold Lloyd Burns 1913 - 2007

LARNED — Harold Lloyd Burns, 93, died March 1 at Central Kansas Medical Center, Great Bend. He was born Dec. 12, 1913, at San Francisco, Calif., the son of Harry S. and Nora Schaffer Burns. A lifetime resident of Larned, he was a teacher and principal for USD 495, Larned. He married Mildred Irene Scott at Larned on March 24, 1951. She died Feb. 3, 1991.

He was a U.S. Army veteran, serving in World War II, and was a member of the First Southern Baptist Church, a life member of the VFW and the Tertulia Club, all of Larned. He taught at both Park and Phinney schools, Larned.

Survivors include a stepson-in-law, Walter R. Stewart Sr., of Huntington Beach, Calif.; four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a daughter, Mildreda Stewart, and a brother, Robert.

A memorial graveside service will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the Larned Cemetery with the Rev. Ron Day presiding. Friends may sign the register from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday and Tuesday and until noon Wednesday, all at the Beckwith Mortuary Chapel, Larned. Inurnment will be in the Larned Cemetery.

Funeral arrangements provided by Beckwith Mortuary 916 Main Larned, KS 67550 620-285-2121 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 9, 2007

March 8, 2007

Albert M. Klein 1925 - 2007

HOISINGTON — Albert M. Klein, 82, of Hoisington died March 6 at Smoky Hills Rehabilitation Center in Salina. He was born Jan. 29, 1925, in Rush County to Ludwig Adam and Katie (Hamburger) Klein.

Albert married Arlene E. Erb on July 18, 1950, in La Crosse. She died on March 28, 1998. He worked as a meat cutter at C.O. Mammels from the 1940s to the mid-1970s and then he was a supervisor for Essex Corporation, retiring in 1990. He was a longtime resident of Hoisington, coming from La Crosse. Albert was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II.

He was a member of Vine United Methodist Church until its closure and then transferred his membership to First United Methodist Church, both of Hoisington. He was a lifetime member of VFW Post #7428 also in Hoisington.

Survivors include three daughters, Arinda Worthen and husband, Greg, Concordia; Kathy Wood and husband, Rick, Santa Rita, Guam and Cindy Strickland and husband, Clif, Hoisington; one brother, Duane Klein, Hays; one sister-in-law, Leona Klein, Ellinwood; seven grandchildren and three great-granddaughters and looking forward to his first great-grandson in June. He was preceded in death by his wife; three brothers, Chet, Eldon and Irvin Klein.

Funeral service will take place at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the First United Methodist Church, Hoisington, with the Rev. Wayne Flanders officiating. Burial will take place at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday at La Crosse Cemetery with military graveside rites by a Fort Riley Honor Guard. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday with family receiving friends from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home and from 10 a.m. to service time on Tuesday at the church. Memorials are suggested to Kans for Kids or Hoisington Youth Baseball 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 8, 2007

Bonnie L. Sherman 1946 - 2007

NESS CITY — Bonnie L. Sherman, 60, died March 7 at her home in Ness City. She was born Aug. 30, 1946, in Worland, Wyo., to Carl and Blanche McCumber Walker. She grew up in Thermopolis, Wyo., and was a graduate of Chadron State University, Chadron, Neb. She worked for more than 20 years as a payroll supervisor for the Fuller Brush Company in Great Bend. She married James R. “Jim” Sherman on Feb. 14, 1987, at Ness City. The couple lived in Great Bend for 18 years before moving to Ness City in 2005. Bonnie loved to travel, and during their 20 years of marriage, the couple was fortunate to share many trips together.

She is survived by her husband, Jim, of the home, Ness City; two daughters, from her first marriage, Angela Thompson-Tinsley and husband Tyson of Cold Spring, N.Y., and Kristine Thompson of Los Angeles, Calif.; three stepdaughters, two grandchildren and six stepgrandchildren. She was preceded in death by her brother, Robert Walker, her father and mother and her stepfather, Bud Harvey.

Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, March 10, at the First Baptist Church, Ness City, presided by the Rev. Russell King, pastor of the church. Burial will be in the Ness City Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. today and Friday at Fitzgerald Funeral Home, Ness City. The family will receive friends from 7 to 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Memorials may be given to Hospice of the Prairie, Dodge City, or to the Ness City Public Library, in care of the funeral home.

Funeral arrangements provided by Fitzgerald Funeral Home* 207 North Pennsylvania Ness City, KS 67560 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 8, 2007

Victor J. Jacobs 1924 - 2007

Victor J. Jacobs, 82, of Great Bend, died March 6, 2007, at Dwight D. Eisenhower V.A. Hospital in Leavenworth. He was born Aug. 15, 1924, at Pfeifer, the son of John Peter and Margaret Kieser Jacobs. He was a retired security officer. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II, serving from 1942-1946 with the rank of staff sergeant. He fought in four battles in the Pacific Theater and received a Purple Heart. He was a resident of Olathe for one year, coming from Great Bend, where he lived for 13 years. He was of the Catholic faith.

He was a member of the D.A.V., and of American Legion Argonne Post No. 180 and VFW Post No. 3111, both of Great Bend.

Survivors include two sons, Gerald Jacobs and wife Jeannette, Olathe, and Bryan Jacobs, Denton, Texas; one stepson, Gary Rankin and wife Georgya, Denton, Texas; two daughters, Sheila Walters and husband Tony, Parkville, Mo., and Sharon Cox and husband Dennis, Denton, Texas; two brothers, Ray Jacobs and wife Eva, Broomfield, Colo., and Alfred Jacobs and wife Virginia, Salina; three sisters, Rose Breit, Wichita, and Virginia Schlegel and Bridgette Karst, both of Hays; six grandchildren, Christa Ketcham, Deborah Jacobs, Keith Jacobs, Cameron Cox, Tiffany Cox and Russell Cox; two stepgrandchildren, David Rankin and Katrina Rankin; and five great-grandchildren, Jack Ketcham, Jacob Ketcham, Gage Jacobs, Wesley Jacobs and Lillie Jacobs. He was preceded in death by two wives, Mary B. Leiker Jacobs and Betty Rankin Jacobs, two brothers, Andrew Jacobs and Ignatius Jacobs, and four sisters, Mary Breit, Helen Shupman, Margaret Shupman and Ann Pfannenstiel.

Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday, March 9, at St. Patrick Catholic Church, Great Bend, with Father Reginald A. Urban officiating. Interment will be at the Great Bend Cemetery with military honors conducted by a Fort Riley Honor Guard. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday at Bryant Funeral Home, Great Bend, with the family to receive friends from 6 until 8 p.m. Donations to memorial funds for Barton County Relay for Life or the American Cancer Society may be made 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
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Bryan Lee Brazda 1964 - 2007

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Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 8, 2007

Ponzetta Genevieve Garner 1916 - 2007

Ponzetta Genevieve Garner, 90, of Great Bend died March 6, 2007, at Central Kansas Medical Center. She was born on July 14, 1916, in Nicodemus to Hugley H. and Esther Timpus VanDuvall Clark.

Ponzetta married James A. Garner on Jan. 31, 1935, in Great Bend. He died on April 11, 1950. She was a homemaker. Ponzetta had been a resident of Great Bend since 1934, moving here from Nicodemus. She was a member of the

the steward board of Myers AME Church and a member of the Catholic faith.

Survivors include two sons: Carlton James Garner and wife, Rosseta, Great Bend, and Mark Wayne Garner, Kansas City, Mo.; two brothers, Leland LaVine Clark, Hill City, and Adrian Clark, Los Angeles, Calif.; one sister, Audrey B. Walker, Los Angeles; eight grandchildren and a host of great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two daughters, Lois Jean Williams and Marva Jo Webb, and two brothers, VanDuvall Brodus Clark and Gilbert W. Clark.

A private graveside memorial service will be held at a later date. Interment will take place at Great Bend Cemetery. There will be no visitation as cremation has taken place. Memorials are requested to Ponzetta Genevieve Garner Memorial Fund in care of the funeral home. Condolences may be sent and notice viewed at www.bryantfh.net.

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1425 Patton Road

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Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 8, 2007

March 7, 2007

Paul Mathias Adams 1909 - 2007


Adams was a member of Parkview Free Methodist Church, Vandalia, Ill., and a former volunteer fireman in Versailles, Mo.

Survivors include two daughters, Violet M. Autenrieth, Vandalia, Ill., and Ruth J. Mewes, Greenville, Ill.; two brothers, Harold D. Adams, Mount Hope, and James F. Adams, Great Bend; two sisters, Ruth Stone, California, and Margaret Ikerd, Newton; five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two brothers and two sisters.

Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Minnis Chapel, St. John, with the Rev. Robbie Fall officiating. Visitation will be from 10 a.m. until service time on Friday at the funeral home. Burial will take place at Fairview Park Cemetery, St. John. Memorials are suggested to the Parkview Free Methodist Church, Vandalia, Ill., in care of Minnis Chapel, St. John.

Funeral arrangements provided by

Minnis Chapel Inc.

St. John

(620) 786-9440

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 7, 2007

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Survivors include two sons, Gerald Jacobs and wife Jeannette, Olathe, and Bryan Jacobs, Denton, Texas; two daughters, Sheila Walters and husband Tony, Parkville, Mo., and Sharon Cox and husband Dennis, Denton, Texas; two brothers, Ray Jacobs and wife Eva, Broomfield, Colo., and Alfred Jacobs and wife Virginia, Salina; three sisters, Rose Breit, Wichita, and Virginia Schlegel and Bridgette Karst, both of Hays; six grandchildren, Christa Ketcham, Deborah Jacobs, Keith Jacobs, Cameron Cox, Tiffany Cox and Russell Cox; and five great-grandchildren, Jack Ketcham, Jacob Ketcham, Gage Jacobs, Wesley Jacobs and Lillie Jacobs. He was preceded in death by two wives, Mary B. Leiker Jacobs and Betty Rankin Jacobs, two brothers, Andrew Jacobs and Ignatius Jacobs, and four sisters, Mary Breit, Helen Shupman, Margaret Shupman and Ann Pfannenstiel.

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Funeral arrangements provided by

Bryant Funeral Home*

1425 Patton Road

Great Bend, KS 67530

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Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 7, 2007

March 6, 2007
Loretta LeRoy 1921 - 2007

Loretta LeRoy, 85, beloved wife, mother, sister, grandmother, great-grandmother, aunt, great-aunt, cousin and friend, passed peacefully into her Savior’s loving arms, Wednesday morning, Feb. 28. Surrounded by her loving family, she was in the comfort of her Fort Collins, Colo., home.

Loretta was born in Hudson on Sept. 17, 1921. While in Kansas, she attended Great Bend High School, where she met Wayne LeRoy, her best friend and husband of 65 years. Together, they created a wonderful, adoring family. Loretta and Wayne lived in Wichita until they moved to Colorado in 1979, where they built their current home. A loving homemaker, Loretta enjoyed sewing, cooking and gardening while raising her children.

She continued to further nurture her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren throughout her life. Other interests (perhaps not as widely known) were humbly beating the dices out of her family at pool and cards, as well as dancing the Charleston in her youth.

Loretta is survived by her husband, Wayne; daughter Judy and her husband, Terry Blankenship, and daughter, Janet McPherson; four grandchildren: Kevin Blankenship and his wife Denise; Michelle Blankenship, Samantha Blankenship, and Shannon Spangler and her husband Brock; and five great-grandchildren, Nathan, Aaron, and Lauren Blankenship; and Leilani and Tiana Spangler.

Her sisters, Willa Thomson, Sarah Olsen and Leila Mae Darnell, as well as brothers Micheal H. Koelsch and John Wesley Koelsch, survive her as well.

In addition to her parents, Ray and Grace Mayes, she is preceded in death by siblings Norma Kerr, Harvey Jackson and Mathilda Williams.

She will be profoundly missed by all.

A viewing was held for family and friends on Sunday at Allnutt Funeral Chapel in Fort Collins. Family and friends attended a funeral service at First Presbyterian Church, 531 S. College Ave., Fort Collins, on Monday, followed by a short reception at the church, and interment at Grandview Cemetery.

Memorial contributions can be made to Hospice of Larimer County, in care of the funeral home. Please visit www.allnutt.com to sign the family guestbook and send condolences.

Funeral arrangements provided by Allnutt Funeral Service* 650 W. Drake Road Fort Collins, CO 80526 (970) 482-3208

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 6, 2007

Nathan Edward Gardner

WICHITA — Nathan Edward Gardner, 1 year old, died March 1 in Wichita. He was born Dec. 23, 2005, in Wichita, the son of Eric and Shelly Gardner.

Survivors include his parents, of Wichita; a brother, Zachary Gardner, Wichita; grandparents, Betty Gardner of Hoisington and Larry and Joan Rutkowski of Wichita; and great-grandmothers Maxine Murray of Larned and Lettie Green of Moore, Okla. He was preceded in death by his brother, Alexander.

Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. today at Eastminster Presbyterian Church, Wichita, with the Rev. Steven Marsh officiating. Memorials are suggested to the Harry Hynes Memorial Hospice.

Funeral arrangements provided by Wulf-Ast Mortuary 911 Biermann Garden Plain, KS 67050 316-535-2211 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 6, 2007

Vera A. Bryant 1916 - 2007

COLUMBIA, Mo. — Vera A. Bryant, 90, of Columbia, Mo., passed away on March 5, 2007, at Boone Hospital Center there. Services will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, March 8, at St. John’s Lutheran Church in Elinwood, with the Rev. Garry Dassow officiating. Burial will follow in the Lakin-Comanche Cemetery in Elinwood. Visitation will be from 5 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, March 7, at Kimple Funeral Home in Elinwood.

Vera was born July 3, 1916, in Pratt County, to Samuel and Bertha Farmer Redfern, and they preceded her in death. On April 28, 1940, she married Vernon W. Bryant in Elinwood and he also preceded her in death. She will be remembered as a loving wife, mother and grandmother.

Survivors include two daughters, Elaine Welch of Larned and Donna Befort of Columbia, Mo.; a son-in-law, Ben Appel Jr. and wife Elaine of Larned; seven grandchildren, Patty Holaday and husband Tom, John Welch and wife Terry, Wally Appel and wife Stacey, Lori Lott and husband Kenneth, Linda Newsom and husband Darin, Michelle Cape and husband Travis, and Michael Befort and wife Linda; 13 great-grandchildren; four sisters, Dorothy Dikeman of Ione, Wash., Ruth Pyke of Wichita, Eloise Wood of Spokane, Wash., and Margarette Mayfield of Houston, Texas. She was also preceded in death by a daughter, Vaneita L. Appel, son-in-law Jim Befort, three brothers, Bruce, Sammie and Paul Gene Redfern, and two sisters, Hilda Bolt and Joyce Keller. Memorial contributions can be made to St. John’s Lutheran Church, 5th and Wilhelm, Ellinwood, KS 67526, or Our Saviour Lutheran Church, 5860 Eisenhower, Great Bend, KS 67530, or Alive in Christ Lutheran Church, 201 Southampton Drive W., Columbia, MO 65201, in care of Kimple Funeral Home, Ellinwood.

Funeral arrangements provided by Kimple Funeral Home* 113 North Main/P.O. Box 246 Ellinwood, KS 67526 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 6, 2007

March 4, 2007

Loretta LeRoy 1921 - 2007

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Memorial contributions can be made to Hospice of Larimer County, in care of the funeral home. Please visit www.allnutt.com to sign the family guestbook and send condolences.

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Larry A. Morris 1943 - 2007
Larry A. Morris, 63, of Great Bend, died March 1 at Wesley Medical Center, Wichita. He was born Oct. 31, 1943, in Great Bend, the son of Frances "Marie" Morris. He was a 61-year resident of Great Bend before moving to Wichita in 2005. Mr. Morris was a graduate of Great Bend High School.

Survivors include three aunts, Myra Lee Cole, Gridley, Calif., Verna Faye LeDone, Whitewright, Texas, and Edra Kay Booth, Las Vegas, Nev.; and three cousins, Grace Bell, Great Bend, Lois Pierson, Ellinwood, and Janis West, Wichita. He was preceded in death by his mother, Frances "Marie" Morris.

Memorial services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at The Charter Funerals’ Chapel, Great Bend, with Pastor Don Paden officiating. Burial will take place at Hillcrest Memorial Park Cemetery, Barton County. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 9:50 a.m. Monday at Charter Funerals. Memorials are suggested to Great Bend Health and Rehabilitation Center.

Funeral arrangements provided by Charter Funerals 2115 Washington Great Bend, KS 67530 (620) 793-6161 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 4, 2007

Newton E. Ballhorst 1924 - 2007
Newton E. Ballhorst, 83, of Great Bend, died March 2 at Cherry Village Nursing Home, Great Bend. He was born Jan. 1, 1924, at Great Bend, the son of Garland and Margaret Fulling Ballhorst. He married Betty Amerine on Nov. 27, 1976, at Great Bend. She died on Jan. 3, 2001. He worked for Chemical Process, Great Bend Police Department, REA, the Center for Counseling, Barton County Community College and Great Bend High School. He was a lifetime resident of Great Bend. He was a World War II veteran, serving with the U.S. Marine Corps with the rank of Private First Class.

He was a member of VFW Post 3111, American Legion Argonne Post 180, both of Great Bend, and of the Isis Shrine.

Survivors include two sons, John Ballhorst and wife Gayle, of Smith Center, and Rick Ballhorst and wife Sheri of Grand Island, Neb.; a daughter, Linda Wells and husband Bill, of Bristow, Okla.; five grandchildren and one great-grandchild. He was preceded in death by an infant brother, Lonnie Ray Ballhorst, his stepmother, Alice Luft Green, and grandson, B.J. Ballhorst.

Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at Bryant Funeral Home, Great Bend, with Pastor John Grummon officiating. Interment will be at the Great Bend Cemetery with committal rites conducted by a United States Marine Corps Honor Guard. Friends may call from 1 p.m. to 9 p.m. today at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to the American Heart Association or the American Lung 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, March 4, 2007

Harold Lloyd Burns
LARNED — Harold Lloyd Burns, 93, died March 1 at Central Kansas Medical Center, Great Bend. Arrangements for a memorial service are pending and will be announced by Beckwith Mortuary, Inc., Larned.

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 4, 2007

Ila E. Grossardt 1918 - 2007
Ila Eileen Grossardt, 88, of Great Bend, went to be with her heavenly Father on March 2, 2007. She was born Sept. 27, 1918, at Hoisington, the daughter of Frank A. and Myrtle Hollar Soderstrom. She graduated from Hoisington High School, and attended Bethany College, Lindsey, and Emporia State University, where she was a member of Sigma Sigma Sigma social sorority. She studied library science. On Nov. 14, 1954, she married Ernest J. Grossardt at Parsons. He passed away Aug. 30, 1996. Ila was a librarian at Hoisington High School as well as a homemaker. Ila lived in Great Bend her last four years, coming from Claflin, where she and Ernie lived and farmed for over 40 years.

Ila was a member of Faith Community Church, Great Bend. She had been a member of First Christian Church, Hoisington, and Claflin United Methodist Church. She was a member of PEO Sisterhood Chapter IV, Great Bend, dimmitting from Chapter GG, Hoisington, where she was a charter member.

She was a member of Women's Kansas Day Club, as well as Self-Culture Club and Eastern Star, both of Claflin. She served on the Mental Health Board in Great Bend, was a lifetime member of the Barton County Historical Society, and served on the Independent Township Library Board in Claflin, where she was instrumental in organizing Claflin's library.

Survivors include a daughter, Zandra, and husband David Rapoport, Santa Rosa, Calif.; a son, Philip, and wife Kim Grossardt, Great bend; a daughter, Eileen, and husband Chuck Pike, Great Bend; four grandsons, Alexander Rapoport, Irvine, Calif., Christopher Rapoport, Santa Rosa, Calif., and Jonathan and Jeffrey Pike, Great Bend; a granddaughter, Kammie Tiede, Wichita; a niece, Nancy Mundhenke, Kinsley; and one sister, Anetha Mauderly, Hoisington. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Ernest, and a brother, Glen A. Soderstrom.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, March 6, 2007, at Faith Community Church, Great Bend, with the Rev. Fred Kirkpatrick and the Rev. Michael Pfornmillier officiating. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Claflin Cemetery, Claflin. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday, with the family receiving friends from 6 until 8 p.m., at Bryant Funeral Home, Great Bend. Memorials are suggested to the Independent Township Library, Claflin, or to the Faith Community Church/Mission Fund, 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, March 4, 2007

Keith Bradley Hayes
Keith Bradley Hayes was born March 1 and died the same day at Central Kansas Medical Center, Great Bend.

Survivors include his parents, Michael Hayes and Stacie Sowers, of Great Bend; three brothers, Kyle Thomas Hayes, Christopher Michael Hayes and Caleb Lucas Hayes, and one sister, Jessica Paden Sowers, all of the home; and grandparents, Kip and Mary Thorson, Tennessee Colony, Texas, Nick and Lisa Weber, Park City, Neb., and Ron and Brenda Hayes, Ellinwood.

A private family service will be held at a later date. Condolences may be sent and notice viewed at www.bryantfh.net.

Funeral arrangements provided by
March 2, 2007
Marie Louise Lawrence 1923 - 2007

BENTONVILLE, Ark. — Marie Louise Lawrence was born Dec. 29, 1923, in Ellinwood, Kan. Marie was one of six children born to HH and Anna Lewis, all of whom have preceded her in death.

She married Jack Lawrence on June 23, 1944. They were married until his death on June 3, 1993. Marie and Jack moved overseas in 1956, where Jack was employed in the oil drilling business. They lived in many countries including Venezuela, Malta, England, Africa and finally Iran until Jack's retirement in 1979, when they settled in Bentonville, Ark.

They have two daughters, Susan Sheehan of Richboro, Pa., and Sandra Henage of Bentonville, Ark. Susan has two children, Jill McLean of Napa, Calif., and Scott Sheehan of Richboro, Pa. Scott Sheehan has a daughter, Hailey Sheehan. Jill McLean is expecting a baby due in April. Sandra has two children, Kathleen and David Henage of Bentonville, Ark.

Marie’s past interests were being a caregiver to her family, golf, gardening and taking care of her home.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, March 3, at the Bella Vista Community Church, with Pastor Richard Lindman officiating. The family will receive friends from 10 to 10:30 a.m.

Funeral arrangements provided by Callison-Lough Funeral Home* 605 West Central Box 529 Bentonville, AR 72712 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 2, 2007

March 1, 2007
Rayford "Shorty" Methvin 1928 - 2007

Rayford "Shorty" Methvin, 78, of Great Bend, died Feb. 27 at his residence. He was born July 11, 1928, in Beebe, Ark., the son of Earl and Oma Hall Methvin. He married Thelma Elaine Dixon on March 6, 1956, in Ada, Okla. She died on Nov. 17, 1999. He was an oilfield worker who moved from Liberal to Great Bend in 1978.

Survivors include three sons, Steven Odam, Oklahoma City, Okla., Roger Earl Odam, California, and Billy Kim Odam, Oklahoma City; two daughters, Betty Filbert and Frances Riegel, both of Great Bend; one stepdaughter, Carolyn White, Pensacola, Fla.; one half brother, Butch Murphy; two sisters, Viola and Ruby Dean; 20 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two sons, Dickie Lee Methvin and Jackie Ray Odam, three brothers and two sisters.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Friday at Great Bend Cemetery with the Rev. Dick Ogle officiating. Friends may call from 1 to 9 p.m. today and 9 a.m. to noon on Friday at Bryant Funeral Home.

Memorials are suggested to Barton County Relay for Life, in care of the funeral home.

Funeral arrangements provided by Bryant Funeral Home 1425 Patton Road Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-3525 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, March 1, 2007

April 29, 2007
Marston L. Lagasse 1932 - 2007

WICHITA — Marston Lee Lagasse, 74, passed away on April 26, at Wesley Medical Center, Wichita following a courageous battle with cancer. Marston was born in Concordia on Nov. 4, 1932 to Harold and Jeanette Carlson Lagasse. As a young man Marston became very active on 4-H, showing champion cattle. He later judged livestock shows. Marston was a successful livestock buyer for many years of his life, traveling all over the state of Kansas. Marston looked forward to football season and Coach Barta’s Smith Center High School Team. He would brag on Barta and his boys to anyone that would listen. He made his daily visits to Paul’s Cafe for coffee and an afternoon game of cards at Pooche’s. One of the highlights of Marston’s life for the past 25 years was when the “North Carolina boys” came hunting in November, he spent each day at the hunting lodge and considered them family.

Survivors include, two daughters, Nancy Foos of Wichita, and Sharon Anglemoyer of Great Bend; two sons, Todd Lagasse of Moundridge and Kyle Lagasse of Ruidoso, N.M.; a brother, Larry Lagasse and wife Lana of Concordia; sister-in-law, Karen Lagasse Knoche of Oswatome; 4 Grandchildren, Heath Balderston and wife Jamie and, Mallory & Angie Foos, all ofWichita, Bryce Lagasse of Moundridge; three great grandchildren, Dayton and Avery Balderston and Syrus Pless all of Wichita. He was preceded in death by his parents, a sister, Roberta Trost, two brothers D. Charles and Verlin Lagasse

Funeral service is at 10:30 a.m. on Monday at Chaput-Buoy Funeral Chapel of Concordia with Pastor Jeff Gannon officiating. Burial will be at the Rice Cemetery in Concordia. Friends may visit from 2 to 9 p.m. on Sunday at Chaput-Buoy Funeral Home with family receiving friends from 4 to 6 p.m. Memorials are suggested to Smith Center High School Football Assoc. or Chapel Hill Fellowship Church, Wichita, in care of the funeral home. For information or to send condolences, visit www.chaputbuoy.com.

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, April 29, 2007

Henry L. Lichter 1924 - 2007

OLMITZ — Henry L. Lichter, 82, died April 27 at Rush County Nursing Home, La Crosse. He was born Dec. 15, 1924, at Olmitz, to John A. and Lillian (Mauler) Lichter. He retired in 1984 after 35 years of service, from Natural Gas and Pipeline Company of America, Heizer Plant, in Olmitz. He was a lifetime resident of Olmitz.

Lichter was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II. He was a member of St. Ann Catholic Church, in Olmitz, and Knights of Columbus Council No. 2100 and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 7428, Hoisington.

Survivors include two sisters, Rosemary Linn, Albert, and Mary Evelyn Linnenberger, Great Bend; two brothers, Alvin Lichter, Olmitz, and Marvin Lichter, Centralia, Ill.; and 22 nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by a brother, John Lichter.

Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Monday at the church in Olmitz, with the Rev. Ullan Murphy officiating. Rosary service will be at 7 tonight, followed by K of C rosary, at St. Ann Catholic Church. Burial will be at St. Ann Cemetery in Olmitz, with military graveside rites by VFW Post No. 7428 and American Legion Post No. 286. Friends may call from 1 to 4:30 p.m. today at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington, and from 6 p.m. until service time tonight at the church. Memorials are suggested to St. Ann Catholic Church or the donor’s 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, April 29, 2007

April 25, 2007
Juanita "Nita" N. Smith 1925 - 2007

ST. JOHN — Juanita "Nita" N. Smith, 81, died April 23 at her rural St. John residence. She was born June 17, 1925, at Belpre, the daughter of Andrew Arthur and Gladys (Fouts) Hager. Juanita Nadine Smith was joined in matrimony in Great Bend to Harold F. Smith on June
Sidney Raymond Fuller 1917 - 2007

GLENWOOD SPRINGS, Colo. — Sidney Raymond Fuller, 92, passed away March 26, at Valley View Hospital in Glenwood Springs, Colo. He was born Aug. 19, 1917, in Heizer to Fred and Matilda (Burgtorff) Trauer. Bessie married Sidney Ray Fuller Feb. 6, 1976, in La Junta, Colo. He died March 26. They moved to Glenwood Springs 29 years ago. Bessie was a member of the Lutheran Church.

Bessie was a kind and loving person, and never said a bad word about anyone. She cared for people and she will be missed by all. She loved to laugh, smile and have fun, and was loved by all who knew her.

She is survived by her daughter, Lila Fuller of Carbondale, Colo.; five grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Bessie was preceded in death by three brothers and five sisters.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

The family suggests memorials be sent to the American Heart Association. Farnum Holt Funeral Home has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 25, 2007*

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He was a member of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, Knights of Columbus Council 1521, VF Post 7420 and American Legion Post 286.

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Janice Lynn Hauck 1956 - 2007

Janice Lynn Hauck, 50, of Great Bend, died April 22 at Central Kansas Medical Center. Born July 2, 1956, in Great Bend, she was the daughter of Jesse H. and Evelyn Louise Satterfield Jones. She married Daniel Hauck on Feb. 14, 2000, in Great Bend. He survives. A lifetime resident of Great Bend, she was a dietary specialist for Great Bend Health and Rehabilitation Center. She was an assembler at Great Bend Manufacturing. She was an avid and dedicated Kansas City Chiefs fan.

Survivors include her husband, Daniel Hauck, of the home; one son, Kevin Schreiner, son of Leonard Schreiner of Austin, Texas; a daughter, Shawna Goans, daughter of the late Darrell Goans of Great Bend; her mother, Evelyn Jones of Great Bend; one brother, Harold Jones of Manchester, Mass.; a half sister, Jessica Jones, of Wichita; and one grandchild, Caitlin Schmitt. She was preceded in death by her father, Jesse Jones; and two brothers, William Jones and Steven Jones.

Funeral service will be at 3 p.m. Wednesday at Bryant Funeral Home with the Rev. Dwight Dozier officiating. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. today, with the family receiving friends from 6 to 8 p.m. at Bryant Funeral Home. Memorials are suggested to Golden Belt Community Foundation in care of the funeral home. Condolences may be sent and notice viewed at www.bryantfh.net.

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Pearl Irene Miller 1923 - 2007

Pearl Irene Miller, 83, of Great Bend, died April 21 at Central Kansas Medical Center. Born June 22, 1923, in Great Bend, she was the daughter of David Sanders and Safronia Sanders. She married Gottfried Miller, Jr. on Nov. 20, 1942, in Ellinwood. He died Aug. 1, 1977. A lifetime resident of Great Bend, she was a homemaker.

Mrs. Miller was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church.

Survivors include two sons, Thomas and wife Beverly Miller of Fort Mojave, Ariz., and Timothy and wife Kathy Miller of Great Bend; four daughters, Suzi Reed and Dixie and husband Donald Sanders, Great Bend, and Sandra and husband Les Bowman of La Crosse, Va.; one sister, Doris Lamp of Granby, Mo.; 12 grandchildren, Jacqueline Buckley, Kathy Thatcher, Jeff Fortner, Angela Coleman, Thomas Miller, Christy Tustin, Michael Miller, Rebecca Miller, David Nelson, Jennifer Besperat, Anthony Phillips and Samuel Phillips; and 14 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by five brothers, Edward Sanders, James Sanders, Otis Sanders, Ora Sanders and the infant brother, Donald Sanders; three sisters, Nora Keller, May Shelton and Dorothy Goff; a son-in-law, Gladson Reed; and a grandson, James Reed.

Graveside service will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Lakin-Comanche District Cemetery in Ellinwood with the Rev. James A. Strasen officiating. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. today with the family receiving friends from 6 to 8 p.m. at Bryant Funeral Home. Memorials are suggested to Golden Belt Community Foundation in care of the funeral home. Condolences may be sent and notice viewed at www.bryantfh.net.

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Harold Nicholas "Dutch" Paul 1921 - 2007

VALLEY CENTER — Harold Nicholas "Dutch" Paul, 85, passed away on April 22, 2007. He was born July 16, 1921 to James Jacob and Mary Margaret Drelling Paul in Walker. He attended Sacred Heart Schools in Salina and graduated from St. Benedict's High School, Atchison. He was a Purple Heart naval aviator in World War II. He worked in auto sales and owned Dutch Paul Motor Company in Concordia. He was a district sales manager and marketing investments manager for Suzuki Motor Company before retiring.

He was a 59-year member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of the Elks, was a past president and a member of the Board of Directors of the Great Bend Petroleum Club and a past member of the Chicago Board of Trade. He married Mary Bowen Paul on March 11, 1947. She died June 29, 1980. He graduated from Great Bend High School in 1942. He served in World War II.

Survivors include four sons, Ronald Harbaugh of Topeka, Bruce Harbaugh of Columbia, S.C., Doug Harbaugh of Olathe, and Terry Harbaugh and wife Caroline of Kansas City, Mo.; one daughter, Donita Schwager and husband Raymond of Hays; one brother, Willis “Pete” Harbaugh of Russell; three sisters, Phyllis Bodine of Russell, Lillie Jean Livingston of Great Bend and Bonnie Schartz of Hutchinson; 14 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife, Winona (Houchin) Harbaugh; his parents, James and Bertha (Ringelstein) Harbaugh; five brothers, Earnest Harbaugh, Lloyd Harbaugh, Ralph Harbaugh and Richard Harbaugh; and one sister, June Faulkner.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday 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 3 p.m. at St. John's Health Care Center in Hays. Born Aug. 18, 1923, in Russell, he was the son of James and Bertha (Ringelstein) Harbaugh. A resident of Great Bend since 1938, moving from Russell, he was a fieldman in the oil industry, working for Rice Engineering. He retired in 1985. He married Winona Houchin on Jan. 1, 1946, in Hoxie. She died June 29, 1980. He graduated from Great Bend High School in 1942.

Mr. Harbaugh was a member of the First United Methodist Church and was a Boy Scout leader in Great Bend. He was a veteran of the United States Navy, serving in World War II.

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Mr. Harbaugh was a member of the First United Methodist Church and was a Boy Scout leader in Great Bend. He was a veteran of the United States Navy, serving in World War II.
Neva Lee Soukup, 77, of Great Bend, died April 17, 2007, at her residence. She was born Jan. 9, 1930, at Natoma, the daughter of Everett and Golda Harsh Matheson. She married Billie Gene Soukup on Dec. 1, 1954, at Clovis, N.M. He died on July 1, 1999. She was a homemaker, and a resident of Great Bend since 1998, coming from Hsisington.

She was a member of the Christian Church in Logan.

Survivors include one son, Jerald Gilbert of Del City, Okla.; one brother, LeRoy Matheson of Aurora, Colo.; and one grandson, Shawn Gilbert.

A graveside service will be conducted at 2 p.m. Monday, April 23, in the Great Bend Mausoleum at Great Bend Cemetery, with the Rev. William F. Johnson officiating. Friends may call from 1 until 9 p.m. today, and from 9 a.m. to noon Monday, at Bryant Funeral Home, Great Bend. Memorial donations for the American Diabetes Association may be made in care of the funeral home. Condolences may be sent and notice viewed at www.bryantfh.net.

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Lawrence - Patricia Ann Schroeder Steinbacher peacefully passed on April 20, 2007, after a 40-year battle with multiple sclerosis. Pat was born on July 31, 1940, in Clifton. She was the beloved mother of and is survived by Matt Steinbacher of Lawrence and Katherine Steinbacher and her husband Frank McMahon of Lawrence, and foster daughter Johanna Mora Guarino of Pennsylvania. Also surviving her are former husband Charles Steinbacher of Lawrence, sister Betty Dohrmann of Kansas, brother Jim Schroeder of South Dakota and sister-friends Christie Knust, Sandra Hick and Karen Grisafe. She was preceeded in passing by infant daughter, Mary Ann Steinbacher, mother Regina Friedel Schroeder and father Edward Schroeder. Pat was the rarest of gifts — a true friend, and was a most courageous inspiration to everyone who knew her.

Family and friends will join to celebrate Pat’s life with a memorial service conducted by Father John Schmeidler on Wednesday, April 25, at 2 p.m. with a gathering beginning at 1 p.m. at Warren McElwain Mortuary, 120 W. 13th St. Lawrence. Memorials in Pat’s honor are suggested to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society or to the Palliative Care Unit at Lawrence Memorial Hospital, Bushton Community Scholarship Fund, and may be sent in care of the mortuary. Online condolences may be sent to www.warrenmcelwain.com — Subject: Steinbacher.

Funeral arrangements provided by Warren McElwain Mortuary* 120 W. 13th St. Lawrence, KS 66044-3402 785-843-1120 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 22, 2007

Roger A. Herman 1949 - 2007

Gorham — Roger A. Herman, 58, died April 18 at Springdale, Ark. Born Jan. 3, 1949, in Hays, he was the son of Henry E. and Bertha (Dreiling) Herman. He married Nancy Swanson on Aug. 8, 1949, in Claflin. He was a resident of Byers since 1968 and was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army, serving from 1942 to 1946. He was a retired crane operator for A.L. Beller Construction Co., Great Bend, and also worked for the Pratt County Road Department in Pratt.

He was baptized into the Methodist Church at Byers.

Survivors, besides his wife, include a son, Aaron Stimatze, of Byers; two daughters, Jolene Mick of St. John and Kathy Rolo of Lawn, Texas; two sisters, Opal Covey and Lois Spencer, Ulysses; seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by three brothers, Carroll, Urban and Truman Stimatze, and a sister, Ruby Brickley.

Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Minnis Chapel, St. John, with the Rev. Isabel Stein presiding. Full military burial will take place in the Neeland Cemetery in rural Stafford County. Friends may call from 1 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Minnis Chapel, St. John. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to South Wind Hospice, Pratt, or the Byers Volunteer Fire Department, Byers, in care of Minnis Chapel.

Funeral arrangements provided by Minnis Chapel P.O. Box 34 St. John, KS 67576 620-786-9440 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 22, 2007

Loretta Mary Kecker
Loretta Mary Kecker, 89, died April 20 at Great Bend Health and Rehabilitation Center. Service arrangements are pending and will be announced by Beckwith Mortuary, Inc., Larned.

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 22, 2007

Roy M. Biles 1926 - 2007

HEIZER — Roy M. Biles, 80, died April 21 at his home. He was born Aug. 22, 1926, at Pinetop, Mo., the son of Robert Bert and Ida Jane Southard Biles. He married Claudie Piland April 30, 1945, at Great Bend. She survives. He worked in maintenance for Mid West Energy in Great Bend until his retirement. He lived most of his life in Heizer, coming from Pinetop, Mo.

He was a member of First Church of God, Great Bend.

Survivors, in addition to his wife, of the home, include a son, Robert Earl Biles of Great Bend; six daughters, Lavonna Lick of White City, Susan Marie Hartsell of Pinetop, Okla.; Sherry Smolik of Heizer, Rhonda Suppes of Hutchinson, Karla Bruce of Great Bend and Brenda Johnson of Albuquerque, N.M.; one brother, Paul Biles of Burley, Idaho; one sister, Bertie Jane Hood of Salina; 14 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one brother, Bill Biles, and four sisters, Clara White, Eudene Guest, Blanche Fitmaurice and Lois Stanley Biles.

Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, April 24, at Bryant Funeral Home, Great Bend, with the Rev. Dick Ogle and the Rev. Tom Swain officiating. Interment will be at Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday, with the family receiving friends from 6 to 8 p.m., all at Bryant Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to the Smith Children Education Fund in care of the funeral home.

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620-582-2154

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 22, 2007

April 20, 2007

Ronald Joseph Prosser 1947 - 2007

Ronald Joseph Prosser, 59, of Great Bend, died April 18, 2007, at Great Bend Health & Rehabilitation Center. He was born Aug. 5, 1947, at Great Bend, the son of Robert Bert and Ida Jane Southard Prosser. He married Mauricia “Mish” Lea Prosser in July 26, 1997, in Augusta. A resident of Augusta, she was the daughter of Raymond and Vera (Short) Brice. She married Anthony “Tony” Smith on June 26, 1997, in Augusta. A resident of Coldwater, moving to the area in 2002 from El Dorado, she was the office manager at Buy the Byte Computer Sales and Service in Coldwater. She attended Towanda Grade School and graduated from El Dorado High School in 1991. She received a bachelor’s degree in social rehab services from Emporia State University in 1995.

Mrs. Smith was a member of the United Methodist Church in Coldwater, and Mothers of Twins Club. She was active with the R.I.F. Program at South Central Elementary School, a Cub Scout leader, and was a host parent for exchange students for the past three years.

Survivors include her husband, Tony Smith of Coldwater; one son, Garrett Smith of Coldwater; one daughter, Brooke Smith of Coldwater; her parents, Raymond and Vera Brice of Augusta; one brother, James Kyle Brice and wife Dr. Linda of El Dorado; two sisters, Dr. Melodee Armfield and husband Dr. Mark of Augusta and Susan Unruh of El Dorado; and numerous nieces, nephews and other relatives. She was preceded in death by her grandparents.

Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Monday at the United Methodist Church in Coldwater, with the Rev. Sue Talbot officiating. Burial will be at the Crown Hill Cemetery in Coldwater. Friends may call from 1 to 7 p.m. today at Hatfield-Prusa Funeral Home in Coldwater. Memorials are suggested to the Smith Children Education Fund in care of the funeral home.

Funeral arrangements provided by Hatfield-Prusa Funeral Home*
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620-582-2154

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April 20, 2007

Iverson G. Crawford 1917 - 2007

SALINA — Iverson G. Crawford, 89, died April 14. Mr. Crawford was born Oct. 17, 1917, in Creek County, Okla. He was a Baptist minister for more than 50 years, serving many congregations and communities. He served as associate pastor at New Jerusalem Missionary Baptist Church. He served in the U.S. Navy from 1944 to 1945. He also worked in the construction field. He worked at the Elmore Dairy in Salina until he retired. He then co-owned and operated a barbecue carry-out restaurant in Salina.

Mr. Crawford was a member of Masonic Lodge Denver Star No. 34, NAACP, Veterans of Foreign Wars and BACOS — Black American Citizens of Salina. He was chairman of Minority Outreach Taskforce at Senior Center-COA.

Survivors include his wife, Doris, of Salina; a son, Ulysees Bridges of Altus, Okla.; a daughter, Teressa M. Hampton of Oklahoma City, Okla.; a sister, Ann Tolbert of Hutchinson; nine grandchildren, Jackie Hampton, Dion Hampton and Tom Bridges II, all of Oklahoma City, Okla., Linda Bridges of Riverside, Calif., Susan Roland of Ennis, Texas, Anita Godsey of Wichita Falls, Texas, Donna Bridges and Ulysees Bridges II, both of Altus, and Angela Harris of Baltimore; 23 great-grandchildren; 20 great-great-grandchildren; three great-great-great-grandchildren; and many nieces and
her daughter and family following the death of her mother. She immediately loved Colby and often commented on the friendliness of the people. She was active in RSVP, as a hospital volunteer and enjoyed going to the senior center. She danced with the “Swinging Seniors” and sang with “Young at Heart” and took aerobics, but her main love was bridge. She played with the Meadowlark Manor group, but especially enjoyed the foursome which met in her apartment at Fairview Estates.

Carol was a woman of deep faith and always did what she could to help others. She was a member of Sacred Heart Parish in Colby and the Handmaidens Prayer Group. She was very proud of her family.

Carol was preceded in death by her parents, and by an infant sister, Christina Rose. She is survived by her daughter Susan and husband Bob McLemore of Colby; and grandparents Ryan, Brandon and Blake. Her brother, Dr. Loren Kutina, lives in Great Bend and her sister, Mary (Marcotte) Brazda, lives in Vinita, Okla.

Funeral services were conducted at Kersenbrock Chapel and Sacred Heart Church in Colby, with Father Dana Clark officiating. Burial was in the Sacred Heart Cemetery in Colby. Memorials were left to Sacred Heart Parish and Sacred Heart Catholic School.

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 20, 2007*

April 19, 2007

Margaret B. Barnaby 1912 - 2007

Margaret B. Barnaby, 94, Great Bend, died April 17 at Arbor Manor in Spring Arbor, Mich. She was born in 1912, on a farm near Kiowa. A lifelong resident of Great Bend, she was a retired saleslady from Sears, Roebuck and Company and J.C. Penney Company. She married J. Ray Barnaby in Lyons on July 7, 1936. He died March 31, 1993.

Mrs. Barnaby was a member of the First Christian Church, Central Kansas Medical Center Auxiliary and R.S.V.P. She was a dedicated volunteer all of her life. Her volunteer work included the Joy Group of the church, the gift shop at Central Kansas Medical Center, American Red Cross, Lady Elks, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts and Park Elementary School. Mrs. Barnaby was a devoted wife, mother and grandmother. She enjoyed playing bridge, gardening and walking.

Survivors include two sons, Dennis Barnaby and wife Carolyn of Clark Lake, Mich., and Richard Barnaby and wife Deborah of Emporia; one daughter, Judith Howard and husband Tom of Colorado City, Colo.; 10 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by three brothers, Claude Downtain, F.P. “Ted” Downtain and Oscar D. Downtain, Jr.; and four sisters, Pearl Thomas, Clair L. Sloan, Susan M. Cromer and Dorothy Hager.

Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Bryant Funeral Home, Great Bend, with the Rev. William F. Johnson officiating. Burial will be at the Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday with the family receiving friends from 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to First Christian Church in care of the funeral home. Condolences may be sent and notice viewed at www.bryantfh.net.

Funeral arrangements provided by Bryan Funeral Home* 1425 Patton Road Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-3525 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 19, 2007

Elsie Katherine Eagles 1924 - 2007

HUTCHINSON — Elsie Katherine Eagles, beloved wife and mother, passed from this world on April 18. Elsie was born Elsie Katherine Herdt on Christmas Day, 1924, in Hoisington to John and Katherine Zimmerman Herdt. She graduated from Hoisington High School in 1942. She married Eldon W. “Buzz” Eagles of Hoisington on June 28, 1947, at the Emanuel Lutheran Church in Hoisington. They had a wonderful life together. Elsie was a lifelong Lutheran and a member of Emanuel Lutheran Church. She also belonged to the Women of the ELCA. Elsie enjoyed a very close relationship with her savior Jesus Christ. The way she lived her life was testimony to her faith. During her life she brought joy, love and compassion to many.

A resident of Hutchinson since 1965, she was a homemaker and bookkeeper. Elsie is survived by her loving husband of 60 years, Eldon; son and daughter-in-law, Fred L. and Karen Eagles, Springfield, Mo.; and son, Dale A. Eagles of Hutchinson. She was preceded in death by four sisters, Leona Marie Herdt, Lenora Irene Herdt, Thelma Lane and Wilma Boyer; and three brothers, Elmer, Herman and Leonard Herdt.

Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, at Emanuel Lutheran Church in Hutchinson with Pastors Loren Mai and Tim Carey presiding. Visitation will be from noon to 9 p.m. Friday and 4 p.m. Friday, with the family to receive friends from 6 to 8 p.m. on Friday at Emanuel Lutheran Church. Burial will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Hoisington Cemetery. Memorials may be sent to Emanuel Lutheran Church Mission Endowment Fund in care of Elliott Mortuary. Personal condolences may be sent to www.elliottmortuary.com.

Funeral arrangements provided by Elliott Mortuary** 1219 N. Main Hutchinson, KS 67501 620-663-3327
HOLYROOD — Dianne Mercia Murray, 83, died April 16 at Harry Hynes Memorial Hospice in Wichita. Born Dec. 16, 1923, in Wyalong NSW, Australia, she was the daughter of Oswald A. Tattersall and Veronica Walsh. A resident of Holyrood since 1946, she was a retired postmaster in Holyrood. She married John Vincent Murray on Dec. 31, 1943, in Townsville, Australia. He died Oct. 28, 1985.

Mrs. Murray was a member of St. Mary’s Catholic Church in Holyrood. She was a veteran of the Australian Women’s Army Service Signal Corps.

Survivors include two daughters, Jackie Yager of Holyrood and Niki L. Murray of Hutchinson; a brother, Maurice Tattersall of Sydney, Australia; two sisters, Mary Stewart of Sydney, Australia, and Elaine Sommer of Canberra, Australia; four grandchildren, seven great-granddaughters; two great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren and two step-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband; a son, John Vincent; and a granddaughter.

Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at St. Mary’s Catholic Church in Holyrood with Father David Metz officiating. It will be a closed-casket ceremony. Burial will be at the Odin Cemetery. Friends may call from 5 to 7 p.m. today at Parsons Funeral Home in Ellsworth. Memorials are suggested to Harry Hynes Memorial Hospice Center at St. Francis, Wichita.

Funeral arrangements provided by Parsons Funeral Home 307 N. Lincoln Ellsworth, KS 67439 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 18, 2007

April 17, 2007

THOMAS J. SCHMIDT 1954 - 2007

SPEARVILLE — Thomas J. Schmidt, 53, died April 15 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. Born March 19, 1954, in Kinsley, he was the son of Gerald P. and Marceda M. (Konrade) Schmidt. A resident of Great Bend, formerly of Spearville, Claflin and Satanta, he was a truck driver for Jack B. Kelly Co. of Amarillo, Texas.

Mr. Schmidt was a member of St. Patrick’s Catholic Church in Great Bend, Pheasants Forever Association of Tribune and the Kansas Stripper Association.

Survivors include his parents, Gerald and Marceda Schmidt of Spearville; four brothers, Steve and wife Lisa of Phillipsburg, Roger and wife Terri of Solomon, George and wife Ronna of Tribune and Mike and wife Trish of Ulysses; two sisters; Joyce and husband Alan Salter of Farmington, N.M., and Marsha and husband Tim Maxey of Ulysses; and many nephews and nieces. He was preceded in death by a sister, Gloria Weckerly.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at the First Lutheran Church, Plainville, with the Rev. Larry McDermott officiating. Burial will be in the Plainville Cemetery with military honors by the Fort Riley Honor Guard.

Friends may call from 5 to 8 p.m. Wednesday and from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday at the Moore-Overlease Funeral Chapel, with the family receiving friends from 7 to 8 p.m. Thursday, and from 9 to 10 a.m. Friday at the church. Memorial contributions may be made to the First
April 15, 2007

Luella Krampe 1913 - 2007

SEWARD — Luella Krampe, 94, died April 12 at her residence. Born Jan. 24, 1913, in rural Rice County, she was the daughter of John and Lucy Zink Heinz. She married Norbert Krampe on April 24, 1946, in Bushton. He died Feb. 6, 2006. A resident of La Crosse, coming from Seward, she was a homemaker.

Mrs. Krampe was a member of St. Francis of Xavier Catholic Church and Altar Society of Seward and St. Michael’s Catholic Church of La Crosse.

Survivors include two sons, Lynn Krampe and wife Susan of Great Bend and Don Krampe of Seward; one daughter, Corinne Baldwin and husband Richard of McCracken; one sister, Anna Habiger of Bushton; four grandchildren, Dena Rupp, Brian Krampe, Pamela David and Roger Baldwin; and three great-grandchildren, Lilly David, Wade David and Kinley Rupp. She was preceded in death by two brothers Casper and Lawrence Heinz.

Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. today at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. on Monday at St. Michael’s Catholic Church in La Crosse with Father Rene Labrador officiating. Burial will be in the Lakin-Comanche District Cemetery in Ellinwood. Friends may visit from 1 to 9 p.m. today at Bryant Funeral Home. Memorials are suggested to St. Francis of Xavier Catholic Church or St. Michael’s Catholic Church 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, April 15, 2007

April 13, 2007

Etta M. Sunderland 1911 - 2007

ELLSWORTH — Etta M. Sunderland, 95, died April 12 at Cherry Village Benevolence, Inc., Great Bend. She was born July 12, 1911, at Garnett, the daughter of Andrew and Clara Majors McAfee. She married Guy Sunderland Sr. on Dec. 3, 1928, at Ottawa. He died Sept. 18, 1994. She had lived in Ellsworth since 1939, but had lived for the past eight years in Great Bend. She was a homemaker and a waitress at Charlotte’s Cafe.

She was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary at Ellsworth.

Survivors include a son, Guy Sunderland, Great Bend; 11 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren and six 34 great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, two daughters, Frances Donnell in 2003 and Ellen Wood in 2005, and three children, Debbie, Sue and Mandi.

A graveside service will be at 10 a.m. Monday at the Ellsworth Cemetery with Pastor Linda Toms officiating. Friends may call from 1 until 8 p.m. Sunday at Parsons Funeral Home, Ellsworth. Memorials are suggested to the American Legion Auxiliary.

Funeral arrangements provided by

August R. “Gus” Schremmer 1910 - 2007

HOISINGTON — August R. “Gus” Schremmer, 97, died April 12, 2007, at Cheyenne Meadows Living Center, Hoisington. He was born Feb. 10, 1910, in rural Redwing, the son of August and Louise (Tinkel) Schremmer. He married Adelia G. Depiesse on May 19, 1931, at Beaver. She died Jan. 14, 2002. He was a farmer and stockman. He was a lifelong resident of Barton County with the exception of farming in Russell County from 1937 to 1950.

He had been a member of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Hoisington and Knights of Columbus Oudin Council No. 2630.

Survivors include four sons, Gene Schremmer and wife Cheryl, and Bill Schremmer and wife Bonnie, all of Hoisington, Jim Schremmer and wife Kitty of Russell, and Ron Schremmer and wife Betty of Blue Springs, Mo.; three daughters, Pat Proksch and husband Richard and Lois Klug and husband Leon, all of Hoisington, and Karen Bishop and husband Paul, Great Bend; a daughter-in-law, Helen Schremmer, Great Bend; a sister, Dorothy Polzin, Hoisington; 20 grandchildren and six 34 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a son, David Roth; and a brother, Wayne Rader.

Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Friday at St. John’s Lutheran Church in Ellinwood with the Rev. Merlyn Lohrke officiating. Friends may call from 1 to 8 p.m. today at Kimple Funeral Home. Burial will be at the Lakin-Comanche District Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to St. John’s Lutheran Church.

Funeral arrangements provided by
Kimple Funeral Home, Inc. 113 N. Main Ellinwood, KS 67526 620-564-2300 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 12, 2007

April 8, 2007

Gerald E. Helfrich 1924 - 2007

Gerald E. Helfrich, 83, of Great Bend, died Monday, April 9, 2007, at his home. He was born Feb. 7, 1924, in rural Barton County, the son of George Anthony and Katie J. (Demroth) Helfrich. Mr. Helfrich was a 69-year resident of Great Bend, moving here from Las Animas, Colo. He was the owner of Helfrich Liquor Store before his retirement. He married Patricia Jean McMullen on June 16, 1949, at St. Rose of Lima Church, Great Bend. She preceded him in death on June 23, 1984.
He married V.R. (Ford) Clair on Jan. 28, 1989, in Estes Park, Colo. She preceded him in death on Dec. 4, 1996. Mr. Helfrich was a World War II veteran, serving in the United States Marine Corps. He was an Iwo Jima survivor.

He was a member of Prince of Peace Parish at St. Rose, Knights of Columbus Council No. 862, Elks BPO Lodge No. 1127, VFW Post No. 7428, and Fraternal Order of Eagles, all of Great Bend.

Survivors include a son, John M. Helfrich, Great Bend; three stepsons, William Clair and Brad Clair, both of Casper, Wyo., and Frank Clair of Cheyenne, Wyo.; two daughters, Shannon M. Smith of Edgewood, Texas; five stepdaughters, Melissa Donovan, Melina Clair and Gerise Vignaroli, all of Casper, Wyo., Michele McFarren of Ellinwood and Sherry Price of Olathe; a sister, Mary Hester of Houston, Texas; 30 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, his two wives, and one brother, George Helfrich.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday, April 13, at the Prince of Peace Parish at St. Rose, Great Bend, with Father Reginald A. Urban officiating. Interment will be at Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call from 1 until 8 p.m. today at Charter Funerals, Great Bend. A vigil service and Knights of Columbus Council No. 862 Rosary will be held at 6:30 p.m. today at Charter Funerals. Memorials may be made to the Prince of Peace Parish at St. Rose, Great Bend.

Funeral arrangements provided by Charter Funerals*
2115 Washington
Great Bend, KS 67530
620-793-6161
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 12, 2007
Martha A. "Marty" Mellor 1925 - 2007

WICHITA — Martha A. "Marty" Mellor, 81, died April 10. Born Aug. 21, 1925, at Emporia, she was the daughter of Ira L. and Gladys Graves. She attended and graduated from high school in Dunlap. In 1957 she married Harold Mellor in Wichita. He died in 1991. After residing in Wichita for several years, they moved to Bella Vista, Ark. After a brief illness, she moved back to Wichita, where she resided until her death.

Mrs. Mellor was a member of Bella Vista Community Church.

Survivors include her stepson, Bruce Mellor of Great Bend; a sister, Jody Kunkle of Wichita; one granddaughter, Sunday D. Beliman of Edwardsville; a stepgranddaughter, Sarah Taylor of Manhattan; one great-grandson, two nephews and one niece.

Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Cochran Mortuary in Wichita. A memorial has been established with Harry Hynes Memorial Hospice. Condolences can be e-mailed to the family via www.cochranmortuary.com.

Funeral arrangements provided by Cochran Mortuary and Crematory*
1411 N. Broadway
Wichita, KS 67214
316-262-4422
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 12, 2007
Reinhardt W. "Bo" Boger 1919 - 2007

LEXINGTON, Ky. — Reinhardt W. "Bo" Boger, age 87, of Rolling Hills Court, died April 9 at Edgemont Healthcare in Cynthiana, Ky. Born in Dodge City on Dec. 27, 1919, he was the son of the late Isaac and Catherine Daubert Boger. He was retired from the United States Army.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Leslie Hitt Boger; two sons, Bruce and wife LuAnn Boger of Bulls Gap, Tenn., and Joe and wife Betty Campbell of Richmond, Ky.; and five grandchildren, Rebecca Boger, Elizabeth Boger, Joey Campbell, Jacob Campbell and Lauren Campbell. He was preceded in death by a son, Gary W. Campbell; a brother, August Boger; and a sister, Hilda Drehele.

Graveside services will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday at Cave Hill Cemetery, 701 Baxter Ave., Louisville, Ky., officiated by the Rev. Harold Linn. Friends may visit from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Lexington. Ky. Memorial contributions may be made to Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, 2255 Eastland Parkway, Lexington, Ky. 40505.

Funeral arrangements provided by Ware Funeral Home*
P.O. Box 610
846 U.S. Highway 27 N
Cynthiana, KY 41031
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 12, 2007

April 11, 2007

Mildred Lucille Burton Graham 1917 - 2007

COTTONWOOD FALLS — Mildred L. Graham, 89, died April 9 at Larned Healthcare in Larned. A celebration of life service will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday at the United Methodist Church in Cottonwood Falls, with the Rev. Melody Kimbrel officiating. Burial will follow in Prairie Grove Cemetery in rural Cottonwood Falls.

The daughter of Seaf A. and Irene J. Habor Burton, Mildred was born July 22, 1917, in Minco, Okla. She and Neil Kenneth Graham were married Nov. 4, 1939, at Cottonwood Falls. He died March 18, 1988. She worked as a cook for the Chase County School District No. 284 for 18 years. She was also a child-care provider for many Chase County children.

She was a member of the Cottonwood Falls United Methodist Church.

Survivors include a son, Charles "Chuck" Robert Graham of Burdett; a daughter, Erma Jean Eagen of Stewart, Fla.; two brothers, Alvin C. Burton and Oliver G. Burton of Wichita; two sisters, Wilma F. Bjorklund of Wichita and Wanda Mosher of Dallas; six grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death three brothers, John E. Burton, Seaf "Bud" Burton and Robert Burton, and one sister, Dorothy Pritz.

The family will greet friends from 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Friday at the Brown-Bennett-Alexander Funeral Home in Cottonwood Falls. Friends may call there from 9 a.m. until 8 p.m. Friday. Memorial contributions to the Cottonwood Falls United Methodist Church and to the Macular Degeneration Foundation may be sent in care of the funeral home.

Funeral arrangements provided by Brown-Bennett-Alexander Funeral Home
201 Cherry/P.O. Box 220
Cottonwood Falls, KS 66845
620-273-6311
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 11, 2007

Alfred H. Jonas 1928 - 2007

HOISINGTON — Alfred H. Jonas, 78, died April 8 at Western Plains Medical Complex in Dodge City. Born June 4, 1928, in Great Bend, he was the son of Harvey B. and Alice May (Susank) Jonas. He married Helen Richmond on Dec. 1, 1953, in Santa Fe, N.M. A lifetime resident of Hoisington, he was a retired body shop manager at Manweiler Chevrolet in Hoisington and retired from Barton County Road and Bridge.

Mr. Jonas was a U.S. Navy veteran, serving during the Korean Conflict. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church, Veterans of Foreign War Post No. 7428, American Legion Post No. 286, and Masonic Lodge A.F. & A.M. No. 331, all in Hoisington.

Survivors include his wife, of the home; three sons, Steve Jonas, Kevin Jonas and Shawn Jonas, all of Hoisington; two daughters, Sharon Jenkins of Hoisington and Kathy Reynolds of Dexter, N.M.; 14 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a son, Kirk Jonas, two grandsons and one great-grandson.

Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington with the Rev. Wayne Flanders officiating. Burial will be at the Hoisington Cemetery with military graveside rites by VFW Post No. 7428 and American Legion Post No. 286. Friends may visit from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. today, with family receiving friends from 6:30 to 7:30 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 Hoisington, KS 67544 620-653-4165
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 11, 2007

Herschel L. Hutcherson 1934 - 2007

LARNED — Herschel L. Hutcherson, 72, died April 5 at the HCR Manor Care in Wichita. Born Aug. 31, 1934, in Utica, he was the son of Burrell P. and Margaret Young Hutcherson. A resident of Larned since 1947, moving from Utica, he was an Alpha Mill Operator for Bert and Wetta Mill for over 30 years and also worked at the Larned Co-op Service Station for 13 years. He married Delores Robinson in 1956. They later divorced.

Mr. Hutcherson was a member of the Escue Chapel C.M.E. Church in Larned.

Survivors include his companion, Ms. Mary Hatchett of Larned; ex-wife, Delores M. Davies of Great Bend; a daughter, Debra Lynn Washington of Wichita; two sisters, Dorothy Neff and Gertrude Young of Gulfport, Miss., Beverly Flowers of Council Grove; one granddaughter, Elle; and eight great-grandchildren, Jordan, Araceli, Chris Eckert and Patty McGibany; and eight great-grandchildren, Jordan, Meghan, Alex, Brendan, Morgan, Samuel, Emma and Amanda. She was preceded in death by a brother, Wesley Hiatt, two sisters, Dorothy Neff and Gertrude Broocher, a son, Jay A. Walker, and a daughter, Patricia Lynn Moore.

Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Friday at the Beckwith Mortuary Chapel in Larned with the Rev. Walter Walker officiating. Burial will follow at 2:30 p.m. at the Utica Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. today and Thursday at the mortuary, with the family receiving friends from 7 to 8 p.m. Thursday.

Funeral arrangements provided by Beckwith Mortuary 916 Main Larned, KS 67550 620-285-2121
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 11, 2007

Pauline T. Von Feldt 1939 - 2007

HAZELWOOD, Mo. — Loretta Irene Eckert, 89, died April 6 at Bent-Wood Nursing Home in Florissant, Mo. Born Dec. 23, 1917, at Great Bend, she was the daughter of Harry J. and Katherine M. Spaniol Damm. A Hazelwood, Mo., resident, coming from Abilene and Great Bend, she was employed by Southwestern Bell Company for more than 37 years and was a chief operator in Abilene for 20 years. She married Ardell Laverne Eckert on April 18, 1936, in Great Bend. He died Oct. 25, 1978.

Mrs. Eckert was a member of St. Martin De Porres Catholic Church, Daughters of Isabella and ABWA. She was a volunteer at St. Andrew’s School in Abilene and at St. Martin De Porres School in Hazelwood, Mo.

Survivors include a son, Harry M. Eckert and wife Delores of Hazelwood, Mo.; four grandchildren, John Eckert, Michele Araujo, Chris Eckert and Patty McGibany; and eight great-grandchildren, Jordan, Meghan, Alex, Brendan, Morgan, Samuel, Emma and Amanda. She was preceded in death by a brother, Paul E. Damm.

Mass of Christian burial will be at 10:30 a.m. today at St. Martin De Porres Catholic Church in Hazelwood, Mo. with Father Patrick Christopher officiating. Rosary will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Bryant Funeral Home, Great Bend. Graveside service will be at 2:30 p.m. on Thursday at the Great Bend Cemetery with Father Reginald A. Urban officiating. Friends may call from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday at Bryant Funeral Home with the family present from noon until 2 p.m. Memorial are suggested to Mended Hearts, Chapter 120 or St. Martin De Porres Endowment Fund, both in care of the family. 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, April 10, 2007

Doris (June) Walker 1925 - 2007

DE SOTO — Doris (June) Walker, 82, died April 6 at Hillside Village in De Soto. She was born March 15, 1925, at Spring Hill, the daughter of John Allen and Jessie (Cooper) Hiatt. On April 29, 1944, she married Alvin Wendell Walker at Kansas City. He died in 1963.

Mrs. Walker was a member of the First Presbyterian Church, Newton.

Survivors include three daughters, Cheryl Heier of Great Bend, Karen Quiring of Hutchinson and Joyce Walker of Lenexa; a sister, Bonnie Henry of Humansville, Mo.; seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a brother, Wesley Hiatt, two sisters, Dorothy Neff and Gertrude Broocher, a son, Jay A. Walker, and a daughter, Patricia Lynn Moore.

Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Petersen Funeral Home Chapel in Newton, with the Rev. Peter Hartman officiating. Burial will be at Greenwood Cemetery in Newton. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. Memorals are suggested to Hospice in care of the funeral home.

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 10, 2007#
Funeral arrangements provided by Kitch-Brenneman Funeral Home* 1212 West 2nd Liberal, KS 67901 620-624-5647 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 10, 2007 Alfred H. Jonas

HOISINGTON — Alfred H. Jonas, 78, died April 8 at Western Plains Medical Complex, Dodge City. Arrangements will be announced by Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home, Hoisington.

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 10, 2007

April 8, 2007


William Arthur “Bill” Bidwell, 79, of Great Bend, died April 5, 2007, at Hutchinson Hospital, Hutchinson. He was born Aug. 8, 1927, at Rosalia, the son of Charles Faye and Iva Bell Nelson Bidwell. He married Carolyn Welty on June 19, 1954, at Chelsea Methodist Church in El Dorado. She survives. He was a shipping and receiving manager for the Gibson’s Discount Store, retiring in 1989. He also worked in the oilfield and part-time for Dillons, all in Great Bend. He was a resident of Great Bend since 1961, coming from El Dorado. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II.

He was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church, a past member of the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars and Masonic Lodge, and a volunteer at Central Kansas Medical Center.

Survivors include his wife Carolyn Bidwell, of the home, one son, Michael Bidwell and wife Diane of Wichita; two daughters, Linda Hickey and husband Ernest of Wichita and Susan Wagener and husband Mark of Clovis, N.M.; one brother, Charles Edwin Bidwell, Wichita; five grandchildren, Matthew Bidwell, Jenny Vinson, Adam Wagener, Amanda Wagener and Spencer Hickey; and great-grandchildren, Alexis Vinson, Jake Vinson and Deven Tinsley. He was preceded in death by a brother, Blaine Bidwell, and three sisters, Esther Post, Irene Post and Louise Reeder.

Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday, April 9, at Trinity United Methodist Church, Great Bend, with Pastor Julie Shields officiating. Interment will be at Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call from 1 until 9 p.m. today at Petersen Funeral Home Chapel in Great Bend. Memorial contributions may be made 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, April 8, 2007

Leo Ray “Spec” Rounsavell 1917 - 2007

Leo Ray “Spec” Rounsavell, 90, of Great Bend, died April 7 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. He was born March 18, 1917, at Chandler, Okla., the son of V.K. and Gaynell Rounsavell. A resident of Great Bend since 1950, coming from Chandler, he was a rotary driller for an independent drilling company. He celebrated his 90th birthday at Great Bend Health and Rehabilitation Center with family and friends three weeks ago.

Mr. Rounsavell was a veteran of the U.S. Army Air Force, serving in the South Pacific Theater on a ground crew. He was a member of the American Legion Argonne Post 180, Veterans of Foreign Wars Morris McFadden Post 3111, the B.P.O.E Lodge No. 1127 and the Masonic Lodge, all of Great Bend.

Survivors include three sons, Bob Rounsavell and wife Nita of Oologah, Okla., Bill Rounsavell and wife Linda of Colorado Springs, Colo., and Jim Rounsavell-Shank of Carthage, Mo.; two sisters, Ruby Firsching of Ada, Okla., and Edith Costner and husband Obie of Chandler; four grandchildren, three great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Funeral service will be at 1 p.m. on Thursday at Oak Park Cemetery in Chandler, with the Rev. Fred Ryder of Chandler First Christian Church officiating. Burial will be at Oak Park Cemetery in Chandler. Friends may call from noon to 9 p.m. on Monday and 9 a.m. to noon on Tuesday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend, and from noon to 9 p.m. on Wednesday and 9 a.m. to noon on Thursday at Parks Brothers Funeral Home in Chandler. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to First Christian Church in Great Bend or First Christian Church in Chandler. 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 793-3525 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 8, 2007

Herschel L. Hutcherson

LARNED — Herschel L. Hutcherson, 72, died April 6 at the HCR Manor Care, Wichita. Service arrangements are pending and will be announced by Beckwith Mortuary, Inc., Larned.

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 8, 2007

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Mrs. Walker was a member of the First Presbyterian Church Newton.

Survivors include three daughters, Cheryl Heier of Great Bend, Karen Quiring of Hutchinson and Joyce Walker of Lenexa, and a sister, Bonnie Henry of Humansville, Mo. She was preceded in death by a brother, Wesley Hiatt, two sisters, Dorothy Neff and Gertrude Borough, a son, Jay A. Walker, a daughter-in-law, Lynne Moore, seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral will be at 2 p.m. on Wednesday at Petersen Funeral Home Chapel in Newton, with the Rev. Peter Hartman officiating. Burial will be at Greenwood Cemetery in Newton. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Wednesday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Hospice in care of the funeral home.

Funeral arrangements provided by

Funeral arrangements provided by Kitch-Brenneman Funeral Home* 1212 West 2nd Liberal, KS 67901 620-624-5647 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 10, 2007 Mildred “Marcie” Elliott 1929 - 2007

Mildred “Marcie” Elliott, 78, of Great Bend, died April 5, 2007, at Great Bend Health and Rehabilitation Center. She was born Feb. 21, 1929, at Belton, Texas, the daughter of R.D. and Grace Selby Jones. She married Felton Elliott on June 8, 1947, at Belton. He survives.

She was a secretary for Gibson’s Discount Store at Hutchinson. She was a resident of Great Bend since 1980, coming from Anthony and Hutchinson.

Survivors include her husband Felton Elliott, of the home, one son, Phillip Elliott of Great Bend; one daughter, Jan Hassler and husband David of Lawrence; one brother, Wendell Jones of Temple, Texas; one daughter-in-law, Cammie Elliott of Hutchinson; two sisters, Freda Hossfeld of Belton, Texas, and Sue Hartnett of Yokum, Texas; four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a son, Richard Elliott.

Funeral service will be at 4 p.m. Monday, April 9, at Bryant Funeral Home, Great Bend, with the Rev. Gary Brooks officiating. Interment will be in Great Bend Cemetery North. Friends may call from 1 to 9 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. until service time Monday at 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 793-3525 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 8, 2007

Herschel L. Hutcherson

LARNED — Herschel L. Hutcherson, 72, died April 6 at the HCR Manor Care, Wichita. Service arrangements are pending and will be announced by Beckwith Mortuary, Inc., Larned.

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 8, 2007

Doris (June) Walker 1925 - 2007

DE SOTO — Doris (June) Walker, 82, died April 6 at Hillside Village in De Soto. She was born March 15, 1925, at Spring Hill, the daughter of John Allen and Jessie (Cooper) Hiatt. On April 29, 1944, she married Alvin Wendell Walker at Kansas City. He died in 1963.

Mrs. Walker was a member of the First Presbyterian Church Newton.

Survivors include three daughters, Cheryl Heier of Great Bend, Karen Quiring of Hutchinson and Joyce Walker of Lenexa, and a sister, Bonnie Henry of Humansville, Mo. She was preceded in death by a brother, Wesley Hiatt, two sisters, Dorothy Neff and Gertrude Borough, a son, Jay A. Walker, a daughter-in-law, Lynne Moore, seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

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Funeral arrangements provided by
John Eric Ford died April 5, 2007, in Great Bend. He was born Aug. 8, 1927. Service arrangements are pending with Bryant Funeral Home, Great Bend.

The obituary notes that John Eric Ford was the son of Burl and Dorothy Camp Ford. He was born Jan. 7, 1973, at Friona, Texas, the son of Burl and Dorothy Camp Ford. He was born Jan. 7, 1973, at Friona, Texas.

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Cindy fought a courageous battle with cancer. She is survived by her husband of 31 years, Jerel of Yucca Valley; her son Isaac and wife Deanna and children Jesse, Jordan and Jadon, all of Yucca Valley; and her son Isaiah of Redlands, Calif., and his girlfriend Kate Hanley of Redlands; her parents, Bill and Jean Gross of Larned; brother Wayne Ridgeway of Great Bend; and his girlfriend Kate Hanley of Redlands; her parents, Bill and Jean Gross of Larned; brother Wayne Ridgeway of Great Bend; and his girlfriend Kate Hanley of Redlands; her parents, Bill and Jean Gross of Larned; brother Wayne Ridgeway of Great Bend; and his girlfriend Kate Hanley of Redlands.

Survivors include his mother, Dorothy Morgan; one sister, Cheryl King of Great Bend. He was preceded in death by his father, Burl Ford.

Funeral service will be at 1:30 p.m. Monday, April 9, at Bryant Funeral Home, Great Bend, with the Rev. Don Paden officiating. Interment will be at Hillcrest Memorial Park, Great Bend. Friends may call from 1 until 9 p.m. Sunday and from 9 a.m. until service time Monday at Bryant Funeral Home. Donations to a memorial fund for the Great Bend Humane Society may be made 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, April 6, 2007

Cindy Kay Hagerman 1955 - 2007

YUCCA VALLEY, Calif. — Cindy Kay Hagerman went home to be with the Lord on Friday, March 30, 2007. Cindy was a bright light of joy and laughter wherever she went. She was born on July 26, 1955, in Larned, the only daughter of Bill and Jean Gross. She graduated from Larned High School and attended Emporia State University, majoring in music.

Cindy married Jerel Hagerman on May 15, 1976, in Larned. From 1977 to 1981 Cindy and Jerel attended Bible College at Sky Valley Desert Retreat Center in Desert Hot Springs, Calif. They helped found Joshua Springs Calvary Chapel in Yucca Valley in 1978. From 1981 to 1990 they went to pastor at Macksville (Kan.) Christian Church. They moved to Yucca Valley to pastor Joshua Springs Calvary Chapel in 1990 until the present. Cindy was an appointed Bible teacher and she was the head of the Women’s Ministry.

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Survivors include his mother, Dorothy Morgan, of the home; a son, Eric Tyson Ford of Gilmer, Texas; three brothers, Curtis Ford and David Ford, both of Great Bend, and Kevin Ford of Ruidoso, N.M.; and one sister, Cheryl King of Great Bend. He was preceded in death by his father, Burl Ford.

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Cindy Kay Hagerman was a disciple of Jesus Christ and touched and changed the lives of thousands of people.

A celebration of life service will be held at Joshua Springs Calvary Chapel at 4:30 p.m. on Sunday, April 15. In lieu of flowers, there will be a Cindy Hagerman Scholarship set up at the Joshua Springs Christian School for the college-bound graduating senior who has a bright and shining personality. Donations may also be given in Cindy’s name for the Joshua Springs Calvary Chapel Memorial Prayer Garden. All donations can be made to Joshua Springs and please put in the memo “Cindy Hagerman Scholarship” or “Memorial Garden.”

Pastor Jerel said, “I would like to thank our community for all the love and prayers that have been bestowed upon Cindy, me and our family.”

Funeral arrangements provided by
Mount Valley Memorial Park
Joshua Tree, Calif.
760-366-9210
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 6, 2007

April 5, 2007

Charlene (Vogan) Kraft

WICHITA — Charlene (Vogan) Kraft, 86, antiques and crafts person, passed away April 4. Survivors include her daughter, Claudette Key, Wichita; grandchildren Rick Frantz, Christina Hamel, Shawn Frantz and Tiffany Diehl; six great-grandchildren and a sister, Dorothy Hughes. Service will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Baker Funeral Home, Valley Center. Memorials to Hynes Memorial Hospice, Wichita.

Funeral arrangements provided by
Baker Funeral Home
100 S Cedar, PO Box 242
Valley Center, KS 67147
316-755-2710
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 5, 2007

Karen Lou Symank 1945 - 2007

DUNDEE — Karen Lou Symank, 61, died April 2 at her home. Born Oct. 9, 1945, in Great Bend, she was the daughter of Fred and Thelma Marie Nelson Ridgeway. She married Robert Charles Symank on Sept. 30, 1962, in Denver. He died Nov. 30, 1999. A resident of Great Bend since 1967, coming from Denver, she was a certified nurse aide and social service designee, previously working for Great Bend Manor and Cherry Village Nursing Home, both of Great Bend, and Meadowbrook Manor in Larned.

Survivors include a son, Frank Symank of Great Bend; two daughters, Robyn Teegerstrom of Boilingbrook, Ill., and Carolyn Symank of Great Bend; her mother, Thelma Ridgeway of Great Bend; a brother, Wayne Ridgeway of Great Bend; a sister, Marsha Nelson of Denver; ten grandchildren and one
Kathleen "Nuss" Thomas 1922 - 2007

Kathleen "Nuss" Thomas, 84, of Great Bend, died April 2, 2007, at Central Kansas Medical Center, Great Bend. She was born Dec. 16, 1922, at Fredonia, the daughter of Otto G. and Gladys B. Nichols Smith. She married Richard "Dick" Nuss on Feb. 27, 1941, at Lyons. She married Orville "Tom" Thomas, Jr., on May 23, 1969, at Great Bend. He died Nov. 29, 2001. She was formerly a clerk for Gibson's Discount Center. She was a Great Bend resident most of her life.

She was a member of Landmark Missionary Baptist Church of Great Bend. Kathleen was very strong in her faith, and was loved dearly by her grandchildren.

Survivors include one son, Kenneth R. Nuss and wife Vickie, of Hutchinson; one daughter, Terry Lee Parrish and husband Gregg of Peoria, Ariz.; three sisters, Jackie Edging of Camden, Ind., Mary Wright of Grover, Texas, and Betty Jo Griem of Pratt; five grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild. She was preceded in death by a brother, Kenneth Smith, and two sisters, Shirley Straub and Patricia Holser.

Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Friday, April 6, at Bryant Funeral Home, Great Bend, with Elder A.J. Owens and Pastor Tim Carey officiating. Interment will be at the Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday and from 9 a.m. to service time Friday at the funeral home. Donations to a memorial fund for Landmark Missionary Baptist Church may be made in care of the funeral home. Condolences may be sent and notice viewed at www.bryantfh.net.

April 4, 2007

Karen Lou Symank 1945 - 2007

Karen Lou Symank, 61, of Great Bend, died April 2 at her residence. Service arrangements are pending with Bryant Funeral Home.

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 4, 2007

June Alice Hopkins 1917 - 2007

McPHERSON — June Alice Hopkins, 89, died April 3 at Cedars Health Care Center in McPherson. Born April 13, 1917, in Great Bend, she was the daughter of Roscoe Paul and Nina Pearl (Batchman) Moore. A resident of McPherson since 1942, moving from Mulvane, she was a homemaker. She attended the Great Bend grade schools and graduated from Great Bend High School.


Mrs. Hopkins was a member of First Congregational United Church of Christ, Reading, Pa., the Tri-Delta Sorority of Manhattan, P.E.O. Chapter AY, Domestic Arts, and local bridge, Progressive Literature, book and birthday clubs of McPherson.

Survivors include her husband of McPherson; two sons, John and wife Karen Cooper of Marquette and Robert and wife Chloetae Cooper of Tulsa, Okla.; one daughter, Cristine and husband Gary Polkinhorn of Reno, Nev.; a stepson, Glenn and wife Sheila Hopkins of McPherson; a stepdaughter, Bonnie Hopkins of McPherson; a sister, Barbara Bushnell of Great Bend; six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; her first husband, Jess Cooper; her second husband Bill Duguid; and a stepdaughter, Peggy A. Brinlee.

Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Glidden-Ediger Chapel in McPherson with the Rev. Dr. Ken Stephens officiating. Private family graveside services will be at McPherson Cemetery. There will be no visitation at the family’s request. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Hospice Care of Kansas in care of the funeral home.

Funeral arrangements provided by Glidden-Ediger Funeral Home*
222 West Euclid Street
McPherson, KS 67460-4207
620-241-2550
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 4, 2007

April 3, 2007


HAYS — Raymond J. "Ray" Schmidtberger, 55, died Sunday, April 1 at Hays Medical Center. Born June 28, 1951, in Hays, he was the son of Lewis C. and Armella (Sander) Schmidtberger. He was a 1969 graduate of Victoria High School and a graduate of Fort Hays State University. He attended the Catholic Campus Center in Hays. He was owner and operator of Schmidtberger Construction and Excavating Inc.

Survivors include his special friend, Rose Rifford of Hays; a brother, Randy Schmidtberger and wife Kate of Hays; one sister, Mary Kay Hirsch and husband John of Dallas, Texas; two nephews, Blake Schmidtberger and Gregg Monhollon; one great-nephew, Alec Monhollon; two great-nieces, Kristin Monhollon and Kelsey Monhollon; and friend Tina Geist. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, April 4, at St. Fidelis Catholic Church and burial will be at St. Fidelis Cemetery, both in Victoria. A vigil service will be at 7 p.m. today at Cline’s Mortuary of Hays, 1919 E. 22nd. Friends may visit from 2 to 9 p.m. today and 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, all at Cline’s Mortuary. Memorials are suggested to St. Fidelis Church or Masses.

Funeral arrangements provided by Cline’s Mortuary of Hays and Victoria* 1919 East 22nd Hays, KS 67601 785-628-8822
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 3, 2007

Clarence C. Grover 1923 - 2007

Clarence C. Grover, 83, of Great Bend, died March 30 at Great Bend Health & Rehabilitation Center. He was born Nov. 24, 1923, at Gem, the son of Sylvan Dale and Myrtle M. (Glasco) Grover. He was a graduate of Stockton High School. Grover married Elaine Maxine Shearmire on Dec. 16, 1946, at Great Bend. She died Dec. 19, 2006. A resident of Great Bend since 1948, after moving from Stockton, he was a foreman for the Barton County Highway Department before his retirement.

Grover was a veteran of the U.S. Navy, having served during World War II. He was a member of Fraternal Order of Eagles, Great Bend, and served as state president of the Fraternal Order of Eagles in 1970-71. He was also a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 7428, Hoisington.

Funeral arrangements provided by Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 4, 2007

Survivors include three sons, Michael Roy Grover and his wife Barbara, Colby; Sylvan Blaine Grover and his wife Sharon, Borger, Texas, and Daniel Lee Grover and his wife Lenora, Hays; two stepsons, Ricky Vaughn Francis and wife
Johnnie, and Leslie Todd Francis and wife Linda, all of Great Bend; three daughters, Cheryl Lynn Weese and her husband LeRoy, Chanute, Mavis "Dinky" Vinsonhaler and her husband Dana, Lee's Summit, Mo., and Tawana Rae Berens and her husband Todd, Lee's Summit, Mo.; three stepdaughters, Penny Belle Meitner and her husband Gary, Gwini Collette Delgado and her husband Frank, and Sheena Charmane Thomas, all of Great Bend; two brothers, Freeman Grover of Wisconsin and Delbert Grover, Olathe; two sisters, Evelyn Winters, Salt Lake City, Utah, and Bonnie Gunther of California; and 19 grandchildren, 18 stepgrandchildren, 37 great-grandchildren and 26 stepgreat-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, six brothers and six sisters.

Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. today at the Charter Funerals’ Chapel in Great Bend with Pastor Don Paden officiating. Burial will be in the Great Bend Cemetery. Visitation was Monday at Charter Funerals. Memorials are suggested to the American Cancer Society.

Funeral arrangements provided by Charter Funerals* 2115 Washington Great Bend, KS 67530 (620) 793-6161 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 3, 2007

Harlan Dean Morse 1955 - 2007

Harlan Dean Morse, 51, of Great Bend, died March 31 at Hospice House of Reno County in Hutchinson. Born May 4, 1955 at Great Bend, he was the son of Harold and Wanda Lea Appel Morse. A Great Bend resident most of his life, living 10 years in Ruidoso, N.M., he was a mechanic and later was a restaurant manager.

Mr. Morse was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Great Bend.

Survivors include his mother, Wanda Morse of Great Bend; three sisters, Judy Carrera of Lee’s Summit, Mo., Carol Potts of Amarillo, Texas, and Sheila Phillips of Kansas City, Mo.; three nieces, Schonna Moore, Macey Solano and Shannon Phillips; and one nephew, Brett Phillips. He was preceded in death by his father Harold Morse; and a brother, Norman Lee Morse.

Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. on Friday, April 6 at the First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Gary Brooks officiating. Burial will be at the Great Bend Cemetery. There will be no visitation as cremation has taken place. Memorials are suggested to Hospice House of Reno County or Central Kansas Medical Center Foundation to Benefit the Heartland Cancer Center, both in care of the funeral home.

Con condolences may be sent and notice viewed at www.bryanth.net.

Funeral arrangements provided by Bryant Funeral Home* 1425 Patton Road Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-3525 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 3, 2007

April 1, 2007

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Grover was a veteran of the U.S. Navy, having served during World War II. He was a member of Fraternal Order of Eagles, Great Bend, and served as state president of the Fraternal Order of Eagles in 1977. He was also a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 7428, Holsington.

Survivors include three sons, Michael Roy Grover and his wife Barbara, Colby, Sylvan Blaine Grover and his wife Sharon, Borger, Texas, and Daniel Lee Grover and his wife Lenora, Hays; two stepsons, Ricky Vaughn Francis and wife Johnnie, and Leslie Todd Francis and wife Linda, all of Great Bend; three daughters, Cheryl Lynn Weese and her husband Harold LeRoy, Chanute, Mavis "Dinky" Vinsonhaler and her husband Dana, Lee’s Summit, Mo., and Tawana Rae Berens and her husband Todd, Lee’s Summit, Mo.; three stepdaughters, Penny Belle Meitner and her husband Gary, Gwini Collette Delgado and her husband Frank, and Sheena Charmane Thomas, all of Great Bend; two brothers, Freeman Grover of Wisconsin and Delbert Grover, Olathe; two sisters, Evelyn Winters, Salt Lake City, Utah, and Bonnie Gunther of California; and 19 grandchildren, 18 stepgrandchildren, 37 great-grandchildren and 26 stepgreat-grandchildren.

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Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. today at the Charter Funerals’ Chapel in Great Bend with Pastor Don Paden officiating. Burial will be in the Great Bend Cemetery. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Monday at Charter Funerals, with the family receiving friends from 6 to 7 p.m. Memorials are suggested to the American Cancer Society.

Funeral arrangements provided by Charter Funerals* 2115 Washington Great Bend, KS 67530 (620) 793-6161 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 1, 2007

Eva Julia Hrabe Ingebritson 1913 - 2007

HAYS – Eva Julia Hrabe Ingebritson, 94, died March 28 at the St. John’s Nursing Home in Hays. She was born Jan. 24, 1913, in Rooks County, to Vincent and Anna (Novotny) Hrabe. When she was 6 months old, her parents died in a car accident. At that time, Joseph and Katy Novotny of Zurich and Twin Mounds brought her into their family and raised her. Her new family consisted of William, Rudolph, Milton and Joe Novotny.

Eva graduated from Hays High School, and then earned her teaching certificate and taught at the Hrabar School in rural Rooks County. She later became a loan officer at the First Inter-State Bank in Denver, Colo., where she worked until she retired.

She was a member of the Messiah Lutheran Church and the Hays Medical Center Auxiliary, both of Hays.

Survivors include her son Joel Ingebritson and his wife Paula, of Seattle Wash. She was preceded in death by five brothers, Ed, Milton, Vincent, Fred and Stanley Hrabe.

Memorial services will be held at a later date. A memorial has been established with the Messiah Lutheran Church in her name and memory.

Funeral arrangements provided by Hays Memorial Chapel Funeral Home* 20th and Pine Hays, KS. 67601 785-628-1009 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 1, 2007

Duane D. McDermed 1927 - 2007

LYONS – Duane D. McDermed, 79, died March 31 at Hospice House in Hutchinson. He was born June 25, 1927, at Lyons, the son of James H. and Lois Leoda Cook McDermed. He graduated from Lyons High School. He married Iris Lea Wilbur at Sidney, Iowa. She died March 23, 1973. A lifetime Lyons resident, he was a retired finish carpenter.

McDermed was a U.S. Navy veteran, having served during World War II. He was a lifetime member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and American Legion, both of Lyons.

Survivors include his companion, Jackie Revel of the home; a son, Brent McDermed, Houston, Texas; daughter Leah McDermed, Lyons; sister Norma Jean Chennell, Shawnee Mission; six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Graveside service will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Lyons Municipal Cemetery, with Jack Wempe officiating. Visitation
will be from 2 to 7 p.m. Monday at Sillin Funeral Home in Lyons, with family receiving friends from 5 to 7 p.m., and from 9 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. Tuesday. Memorials are suggested to Hospice House, in care of the funeral home.

Funeral arrangements provided by Sillion Funeral Home
214 West Ave. South
Lyons, KS 67554
(620) 257-2211
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 1, 2007

Marcian J. (Rocky) Hammerschmidt 1945 - 2007


Hammerschmidt was a member of the St. Francis Catholic Church of Munjor.

Survivors include one brother, Elvin Dean Hammerschmidt of Hoisington; one sister, Roseann Schmidt of Wichita; mother-in-law Josephine Gabel of Munjor; two sisters-in-law, Carol Frances Gabel of Hays and Twila Mae Weigel of Salina.

Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. on Monday at the St. Francis Catholic Church in Munjor. Burial will be at the St. Francis Cemetery in Munjor. There will be a Victoria Daughters of Isabella rosary at 6 p.m. and a parish vigil service at 6:30 p.m. today at the Hays Memorial Chapel Funeral Home. Friends may call today from 5 to 7 p.m. and Monday from 9 to 9:30 a.m., all at the funeral home. A memorial has been established in his name and memory with the St. Francis Catholic Church in Munjor.

Funeral arrangements provided by Hays Memorial Chapel Funeral Home*
20th and Pine
Hays, KS, 67601
785-628-1009
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, April 1, 2007

May 31, 2007

Michael Franklin “Mike” Vink 1945 - 2007

Michael Franklin “Mike” Vink, 61, of Great Bend, died May 29 at Central Kansas Medical Center, Great Bend. He was born Aug. 10, 1945, at Great Bend, the son of Melvin F. and Marcella Zecha Vink. He was a member of the family-owned business, OPI, Inc., in Great Bend. He was a lifetime resident of Great Bend.

He was a member of Prince of Peace Parish at St. Rose of Lima. He was an active donor and participant of the Salvation Army. He was an avid photographer and collector and was also interested in hunting and fishing.

Survivors include his mother, Marcella Sally Vink, Great Bend; three brothers, Craig Vink and wife Kim and Terry Vink and wife Sandra, all of Great Bend, and Kenneth Vink and wife Cindy, Ellinwood; one sister, Kathy Berkley and husband Mike of Forrestburg, Texas; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his father, Melvin F. V

A vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Friday, June 1, at Bryant Funeral Home, Great Bend. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, June 2, at the funeral home, with Father Reginald A. Urban officiant. Interment will be at Hillcrest Memorial Park, Great Bend. Friends may call from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday and 9 a.m. to service time Saturday at the funeral home. Donations to memorial funds for USD 428 Education Foundation or to the Barton County Humane Society may be made in care of the funeral home. Condolences may be sent and notice viewed at www.bryanthfh.net.

Funeral arrangements provided by Bryant Funeral Home*
1425 Patton Road
Great Bend, KS 67530
620-793-3525
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 31, 2007

Paul W. Stegman 1922 - 2007

LARNED — Paul W. Stegman, 85, died May 30 at his home in Larned. He was born Feb. 10, 1922, in Hanston, the son of Andrew W. and Catherine Spahn Stegman. On Oct. 18, 1949, he married Mary Alice Fagen at Burdett. She survives. A resident of Larned since 2004, he had moved from Bellevue, Wash. He was a retired civil engineer and had worked for Boeing Aircraft.

He was of the Catholic faith, and was a past president and secretary of the Loyal Order of the Moose at El Segundo, Calif. He served in the U.S. Navy Air Corps during World War II.

Survivors, besides his wife, include two sons, Joseph Stegman of Thousand Oaks, Calif., and Thomas Stegman of Maple Valley, Wash.; three daughters, Mary "Libby" Stegman of Garnett, Paula Anne Stegman of Winlock, Wash., and Rebecca Cain of Kingsley; one brother, Larry Stegman of Dodge City; four sisters, Irene Franklin of Memphis, Tenn., Marie Williams of Las Cruces, N.M., Lucille McComas of Boulder, Colo., and Ruth Ann Wasco of Ottawa; nine grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by three brothers, Jerome, Melvin and Leonard Stegman.

Vigil and rosary will be at 7 p.m. tonight at Morell Funeral Home, Larned. Funeral Mass will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Larned, with Father Bernard Felix presiding. Visitation will be from noon until 8 p.m. today at the funeral home. Inurnment will occur at a later date in the Browns Grove Cemetery at Burdett. Memorials may be sent to Kansas State University Basic Cancer Research or to St. Nicholas School of Kinsley.

Funeral arrangements provided by Morell Funeral Home
1021 Broadway
Larned, KS 67550
620-285-2177
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 31, 2007

H. Ray Humphrey 1913 - 2007

HOISINGTON — H. Ray Humphrey, 93, died May 30, 2007, at Cheyenne Meadows Living Center, Hoisington. He was born July 16, 1913, at Hoisington, the son of Henry Lewis and Catherine M. (Deal) Humphrey. He married Lenora Carolina Ochs on Sept. 25, 1942, in Great Bend. She survives. He was a rural mail carrier for the United States Postal Service. He also worked in the oil field and for the railroad. He was a lifetime resident of Hoisington. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II.

He was a member of First United Methodist Church, VFW Post No. 7428 and American Legion Post No. 286, all of Hoisington. He was also a former Boy Scout leader. He was a 1933 Hoisington High School graduate.

Survivors, in addition to his wife, of Hoisington, include two sons, Kenneth Humphrey and wife Janene, of Longview, Texas, and Robert Humphrey of Redford, Mich.; two daughters, Carol Clarke and husband Joe, and Rebecca Maier and husband Harlan, all of Hoisington; seven grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren and 20 great-great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one son, Donald Dean Humphrey, a grandson, Joe Clarke Jr., a granddaughter, Debra Gail Neubauer, one brother and five sisters.

Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, June 2, at First United Methodist Church, Hoisington, with the Rev. Wayne Flanders 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 9 a.m. until 8 p.m., all at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home, and Saturday at the church from 9:30 a.m. until service time. Memorial donations to First United Methodist Church or Cheyenne Meadows Living Center 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, May 31, 2007
George T. Fox 1907 - 2007

ELLINWOOD — George T. Fox, 99, died May 28 at Ellinwood District Hospital. He was born Oct. 6, 1907, at Ellsworth, the son of William C. and Gladys Flanders Fox. He married Gladys Vosburg on Feb. 22, 1936, in Salina. She survives. A longtime Ellinwood resident, he had worked at the Navy shipyard in Philadelphia, Pa., and in plumbing and heating, and retired from working for the State of Kansas at the Fort Dodge Soldiers Home.

He was a member of Immanuel United Church of Christ and Masonic Lodge No. 217, both of Ellinwood.

Survivors, in addition to his wife, of Ellinwood, include two daughters, Karen I. Ringerling of Ellinwood and Joanie M. Boger of Tempe, Ariz.; two brothers, Kenneth Fox and Torrey Fox, both of Ellsworth; six grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Immanuel United Church of Christ, Ellinwood, with the Rev. Larry Young and the Rev. Paul Thomas officiating. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday at Kimple Funeral Home, Ellinwood. Burial will be at Lakin-Comanche District Cemetery, Ellinwood. Memorial donations may be made to the Area Health Care Foundation X-Ray, Ellinwood.

Funeral arrangements provided by Kimple Funeral Home
113 North Main
Ellinwood, KS 67526
620-564-2300
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 30, 2007

Shirley Wills 1936 - 2007

DARDANELLE, Ark. — Shirley Jeannine Wills, 70, of Dardanelle, died Sunday, May 27 at UAMS in Little Rock, Ark. The daughter of Clifford and Marjorie Howell, she was born at home in Mount Hope, Kan., on July 9, 1936. She was baptized by immersion into the Federated Church of Mount Hope. She later became a member of the First United Methodist Church. She was preceded in death by her parents and one brother, Wallace Howell.

She received a Bachelor of Music and a Master of Music degree from Wichita State University. She attended the University of Southern California, Colorado University and Kansas University.

Survivors include her husband of 45 years, Whitney Wills; a son, Michael Wills; a daughter, Lisa Wills Mader; and four grandchildren, Bryan Mader, Lauren Mader, Bradford Wills and Olivis Wills.

Graveside services will be held Thursday at 2 p.m., at Brearley Cemetery, Dardanelle, with the Rev. Roger Glover officiating.

Funeral arrangements provided by Cornwell Funeral Home*
207 Quay St.
Dardanelle, AR 72834
479-229-2524
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 30, 2007

Keith Allen Loper 1958 - 2007

LUCAS — Keith Allen Loper, 48, of Lucas, and formerly of Bunker Hill, died Monday, May 28, at the Ellsworth Medical Center after a courageous battle with Cerebral Palsy. Keith was born June 12, 1958, in Ellsworth, the son of George Henry and Gertrude Anna (Zorn) Loper. Keith grew up in Bunker Hill. In 1984 he moved to Lucas.

Keith was a member of St. Mary’s Catholic Church of Russell. He was baptized in 1958.

Surviving family include two sisters, Sharilyn Maberry and husband Leonard of Ellinwood and Sherith Zelenka and husband Loren of Ellsworth; brother-in-law, Larry Newton of Goodman, Mo.; uncle Larry Hoke; aunt Leona Robinson; many nieces and nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews and cousins. He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Larry Don Loper and Marvel Dean Loper; and a sister, Betty Newton.

Graveside services will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday at St. Mary’s Catholic Cemetery in Russell. Open visitation will be from noon to 8 p.m. today at Pohlman-Varnar-Peeler Mortuary in Russell, with the family present to greet friends from 6 to 7 p.m. A memorial has been established with Golden Living Center in Lucas. Contributions and condolences may be left with Pohlman-Varnar-Peeler Mortuary in Lucas, with the family present to greet friends from 6 to 7 p.m. A memorial has been established with Golden Living Center in Lucas. Contributions and condolences may be left with Pohlman-Varnar-Peeler Mortuary, which is in charge of these arrangements.

Funeral arrangements provided by Pohlman-Varnar-Peeler Mortuary*
610 North Maple
Russell, KS 67665
785-483-2212
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 30, 2007

Edna M. Green 1912 - 2007

DODGE CITY — Edna M. Green, 95, died May 28 at Wichita. She was born April 16, 1912, in Offerle, the daughter of Edward Joseph and Margaret Christine Bagshall Tenbrink. On Jan. 2, 1935, she married Wesley H. Green in Dodge City. He died August 27, 1977. A Wichita resident since 2001, moving from Dodge City, she was a homemaker.

Mrs. Green was a member of the Cathedral of Our Lady of Guadalupe, St. Thomas Aquinas of Wichita, Daughters of Isabella, associate of the Adorers of the Precious Blood and a rosary maker.

Survivors include four sons, Richard Green of Garden City, Dwight Green and wife Charlene of Dodge City, Mark Green and wife Sonya of Dodge City, and J. Alan Green of Wichita; five daughters, Kathy Stegman and husband Don of Offerle, Kay Schmitt of Great Bend, Emily Green of Winsor, Colo., Jan Starks and husband Greg of Dodge City, and Carol Glenn and husband Larry of Wichita; one brother, John Tenbrink of Albuquerque, N.M.; two sisters, Marge Aistrup of San Antonio, Texas and Sister M. Clarissa Tenbrink of Wichita; 31 grandchildren, 64 great-grandchildren and nine great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her daughter, Linda Offerle, and son-in-law, Fred Schmitt, and two granddaughters.

D of I rosary will be at 4 p.m. today at Burkhardt-Ziegler Funeral Chapel, Dodge City. Vigil service will be at 7 tonight at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Dodge City. Funeral Mass will be at 10 a.m. at the Church with Fr. Ted A. Skalsky presiding. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. today at Burkhardt-Ziegler Funeral Chapel. Burial will be in Greenwood Memorial Gardens, Dodge City.

The family requests, in lieu of flowers, memorials made to the seminarian bursary of the Diocese of Dodge City, established by Edna in memory of Wes and Edna Green, in care of the funeral chapel. Condolences can be sent to www.burkhart-ziegler.com

Funeral services provided by Burkhardt-Ziegler Funeral Chapel*
1901 N. 14th Ave.
Dodge City, KS 67801
(620) 225-0518
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 30, 2007


WICHITA — The Rev. Hugh Preston Barrett, 85, died May 26. He was born March 1, 1922, on a farm near Larned, to Hugh Millard Barrett and Elizabeth Boyer Barrett. He married Audrey Lucille Wilson on Dec. 17, 1946, in Larned. He was a graduate of Pawnee Rock High School and Phillips University, Enid, Okla. He also attended the Graduate Seminary at Phillips and Union Theological Seminary, New York City. He was ordained to Christian ministry on Dec. 9, 1951. He served congregations of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas, with his longest ministries in Great Bend, Kan., and Sweetwater and Orange, Texas.

After his formal retirement in 1984, he worked as a foreman on a cattle ranch in central Texas and served as interim minister in several Disciples congregations in Texas and in the Wichita area. He was active in community service: leading the
development of an apartment complex for the elderly and disabled in Orange, serving as president of Wichita Chapter 45 of AARP, and participating as W0WWR and K5ROZ in amateur radio relay nets. In 2006, he was Kansas Amateur Radio Operator of the Year.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one brother, Brian; two sisters, Mary Elizabeth and Martha Jane Koehn; and a great-granddaughter, Kassica Harp. He is survived by his wife, Audrey; one son, Mark (Melinda) of Norman, Okla.; one daughter, Lois (Thomas Mierau) of Wichita; one brother, Millard (Patricia) of Larned; two sisters, Patricia Preedy (William) of Satanta, and JoAnn Baldwin of Cimarron; five grandchildren, Barbara Kramer (Corey) and John Mierau of Wichita, Susanna Mierau of Cambridge, Mass., Adam of Grinnell, Iowa, and Alice of Norman, Okla.; and three great-grandsons, Wyatt Kramer and Kyle and Ethan Harp.

Service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, at the Fairview Christian Church in Wichita, and graveside service at 4 p.m. at Pawnee Rock Cemetery, Pawnee Rock. Memorials may be given to Church World Service. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.cochranmortuary.com.

Funeral arrangements provided by Cochran Mortuary* 1411 N. Broadway Wichita, KS 67214 1-800-960-4422 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 30, 2007

May 29, 2007

No deaths reported for Tuesday, May 29

May 27, 2007

Laverne P. Wolf 1926 - 2007

HAYS — Laverne P. Wolf, 81, died Saturday, May 26, at Hays Medical Center in Hays. He was born Feb. 9, 1926, in Schoenchen to Peter P. and Anna (Herl) Wolf. He married Rita M. (Brungardt) on April 11, 1953, at Hays, and she preceded him in death by a brother, Bill Sowles.

He was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church, Veterans of Foreign Wars and American Legion, all of Hays, and a member of the Schoenchen Knights of Columbus Council No. 4166.

Survivors include his wife, Rita M. Wolf, of the home; two sons, Randy Wolf and his wife Cynde of Derby and Kurt Wolf and his wife Patrice of Wamego; one daughter, Pam McDonald and her husband Kerry of Topeka; one sister, Vera Augustine of Hays, and five grandchildren, Andy Wolf, Jessica Wolf, Cassie Wolf, Tanner Wolf and Ian McDonald. He was preceded in death by his parents and an infant sister, Mary Ann Wolf.

A Vigil Service will take place at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, followed by a Schoenchen Knights of Columbus Rosary at 7 p.m., both at Cline’s Mortuary of 1919 E. 22nd, Hays. Funeral services are at 10 a.m. on Tuesday at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Hays. Burial will be in the St. Joseph Cemetery with military honors by the Hays VFW and American Legion. Friends may call from 6 to 9 p.m. on Monday and from 8:30 to 9:45 a.m. on Tuesday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Alzheimers Disease and Related Disorder Association or St. Joseph Catholic Church or Masses in care of the funeral home.

Funeral arrangements provided by Cline’s Mortuary of Hays* 1919 E. 22nd Hays, KS 67601 785-628-8822 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 27, 2007

Alvina Hejny 1925 - 2007

GALATIA — Alvina Hejny, 81, died May 24 at Hays Medical Center in Hays. Born Aug. 23, 1925, in Olmitz, she was the daughter of Joseph Maneth and Mary (Pospishel) Maneth. She married Lester O. Hejny on Oct. 23, 1946. He preceded her in death on April 2, 1996. A homemaker, she was a lifetime resident of the Olmitz and Galatia area.

Mrs. Hejny was a member of St. Ann Catholic Church and Altar Society of Olmitz.

Survivors include a son, Jim Hejny and wife Shelley of Olmitz; a daughter, Judy Spangler and husband Mark of Hoisington; five grandchildren, Brindon and Justin Hejny, Amy Luerman, Mandy Marbut and Kristen Lashley; and six great-grandchildren.

Funeral service is at 10 a.m. today at St. Ann Catholic Church in Olmitz, with Father Ulan Murphy officiating. Burial will take place at St. Ann Cemetery in Olmitz. Memorials are suggested to St. Ann Catholic Church or St. Ann 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 67544 620-653-4165 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 27, 2007

Edwin D. Templing 1931 - 2007

HOISINGTON — Edwin D. Templing, 76, died May 25 at Cheyenne Meadows Living Center in Hoisington. Born Jan. 6, 1931, in Barton County, he was the son of David and Mollie ( Zimmerman) Templing. He married Helen Chambers on Oct. 18, 1953, at Hoisington. A retired farmer and oil field contract pumper, he was a lifetime resident of Barton County.

Mr. Templing was a U.S. Army veteran serving during the Korean Conflict. He was a member of Emmanuel Lutheran Church and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 7428 in Hoisington and American Legion Post N. 99 in Russell.

Survivors include his wife of the home; a daughter, Rhonda S. Templing of Russell; two sisters, Helen Bender and husband Ernest of Great Bend and Dorothy Justice and husband Richard of Mountain Home, Ark.; a brother-in-law, Donald Chambers and wife Betty of Los Angeles, Calif.; seven nieces and nephews; nine great-nieces and nephews; and two stepgreat-nieces and -nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents.

A prayer service will be held at 7 p.m. on Monday at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, with the Rev. Richard Monson officiating. Burial will be at Hoisington Cemetery with military graveside rites by American Legion Post No. 286 and VFW Post No. 7428. Friends may call from 1 to 5 p.m. today, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Monday at the funeral home and 9:30 a.m. until service time on Tuesday at the church. Memorials are suggested to Emmanuel Lutheran Church or Heartland Cancer Center 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 27, 2007

Barbara A. Moos 1945 - 2007

LAKEWOOD, Colo. — Barbara A. Moos, 61, died May 23. She was born Aug. 15, 1945, at Stafford, the daughter of George and Naomi (Bowman) Sowles. On Sept. 17, 1963, she married Robert W. Moos at Great Bend. A resident of Colorado since 2004, moving from Hays, she was a human resources administrative assistant.

Survivors include her husband of the home; two sons, James R. Moos of Churchville, Md., and Thomas Moos of Great Bend; two daughters, Tracey McDonald of Hays and Peggy Haag of Wellington, Colo.; a brother, Ken Sowles of Chandler, Ariz.; a sister, Sandra Spires of Garden City; and eight grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a brother, Bill Sowles.

A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday at Great Bend Cemetery North in Great Bend, with a luncheon following the service at the
First United Methodist Church. Friends may call from 3 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday at Christians Funeral Home in Lindsborg. Memorials are suggested to the American Cancer Society or American Diabetes Association.

Funeral arrangements provided by Christians Funeral Home* P.O. Box 386 Lindsborg, KS 67456 785-227-2400 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 27, 2007 Tamela Jean Smith 1958 - 2007 LOS ANGELES, CALIF. — Tamela Jean Smith, 49, died May 22 in Los Angeles, Calif. Born May 22, 1958 in Topeka she was the daughter of Linton and Dicksie Jean Smith. She later moved to Great Bend and then to St. John where she graduated from St. John High School. Following graduation she moved to Los Angeles to pursue her dream in life.

Survivors include her brother, Taylor Smith of Great Bend; a sister Becky McDowell of Yukon, Okla.; step-brothers, Phillip Lutz of St. John; and Eric Lutz of San Diego, Calif. She was preceded in death by her father, Linton Smith; her mother, Dicksie Jean Smith Lutz; step-father, Wayne Lutz; and grandmother, Tilla Taylor.

Burial will be in Los Angeles.

Funeral arrangements provided by Bryant Funeral Home 1425 Patton Road Great Bend, KS 67530 793-3525 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 27, 2007 Fred J. Schmitt 1940 - 2006 Fred J. Schmitt of Great Bend, cherished husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother and friend to many, went to be with his Heavenly Father, Oct. 5, 2006. Fred was born April 15, 1940, at Dalton, Mo., to Joseph and Marie Schwartz Schmitt. He was raised in Offerle. He graduated from Offerle High School, where he excelled in football, basketball and track. He attended St. Mary of the Plains College, Dodge City, on an athletic scholarship with accounting and business as his majors.

Fred married Kay Green, Aug. 22, 1959, at St. Mary’s Church in Hodgeman County. She survives. Other survivors are sons Fritz and wife Lora and their children, Dakota and Nicole of Great Bend; a daughter, Rhonda Ravenestein and her daughter, Jericah of Great Bend; his mother of Hoisington; sisters, Linda Mayhugh of Great Bend and Chris Hayes of Dodge City; and a brother, Anthony Schmitt of Salina. He was preceded in death by a daughter, Renee Schmitt, his father, J.W. Schmitt, and brothers, Mike, Jim and Jerry Schmitt.

After college Fred went to work at the Offerle Co-Op. He then worked at the Farmland Industries Ammonia Plant at Wright from 1968-1970, but could not stay away from the co-op. He returned to Offerle and worked as an assistant manager until 1973, when they moved to Great Bend, and worked as assistant manager for three years, then became manager of the Great Bend Co-op until he retired in 1997.

After several months, he came out of retirement and, not being able to stay away from co-ops, he went back to work for the Offerle Co-op as branch manager at the branch in Bucklin. He retired in April 2006.

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, merged with the Pawnee Rock Co-Op and the Albert Co-Op and helped developed the Kids Ag Program for fourth-graders in Barton County.

Fred was on the FFA board of Great Bend High School from 1977 to the present time. He was a member of the Great Bend Chamber. He served on the Advisory Board for the Bank of Co-Operatives and as Board Director for Servi-Tech in Dodge City. He was a director of Southwest Liquid and others too numerous to mention.

Memorial graveside services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday, May 30, at Greencrest Memorial Gardens, Dodge City, with Father Wesley Schawe presiding.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Renee Schmitt Memorial Scholarship at Barton County Community College or the Holy Family School Endowment in care of Burkhart-Ziegler Funeral Chapel, 1901 N. 14th Ave., Dodge City, KS 67801.


He was born Feb. 22, 1919, in Mutual, Okla., the son of William A. and Ella Nora Ball Clapham. A resident of Larned since 1947, he was a retired auto mechanic and former owner of Don’s Motor Service of Larned.

He was a member of the First Christian Church and the Noon Lions Club, both of Larned. He was a veteran of World War II in the Army Air Force in the South Pacific.

On June 16, 1946, he married Esther Rolf at Ashland. She survives.

Other survivors include two sons, Bill, Larned, and David, Burdett; a daughter, Cathy Richards, Larned; a sister, Velma Buttermore, Des Moines, Iowa; 13 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by three brothers, Guy, Milo and Wilbur, and a sister, Pauline Clapham.

Funeral Service will be at 10 a.m. Friday at the Beckwith Mortuary Chapel, with Pastors Dan Lundgren and John Hester presiding. Visitation will be from 1 to 8 p.m. today and 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday with the family receiving guests from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the Beckwith Mortuary Chapel. Burial will be in the Larned Cemetery, with military honors provided by a Fort Riley Honor Guard.

Memorials may be sent to the First Christian Church, American Cancer Society or the American Heart Association, all in care of Beckwith Mortuary, P.O. Box 477, Larned, KS 67550. Condolences may be sent and this notice viewed at www.beckwithmortuary.com.

Funeral arrangements provided by Beckwith Mortuary 916 Main Larned,KS 67550 620-285-2121 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 23, 2007 Betty M. Grissom Cornelius 1922 - 2007 LYONS — Betty M. Grissom Cornelius, 84, died May 22 at Hutchinson Hospital in Hutchinson. She was born Oct. 10, 1922, in Sterling, the daughter of John and Goldie Palmer Grissom Sr. She married Vernon Hill, who is now deceased. She had lived in Lyons since 1998, and was formerly from Topeka. She was a housekeeper for Charlotte Chew, a cook at the Hutchinson Airport and an employee at Cessna in Hutchinson.

She was a longtime member of Emmanuel Temple COGIC in Topeka, a former A.M.E. church, and a present member of Mission of Jesus Church, Lyons.

Survivors include a granddaughter, Liscia Lawrence, of Colby; two great-granddaughters and one great-great-grandchild; and two brothers, Floyd Grissom and Willad Grissom, both of Lyons. She was preceded in death by a
Funeral arrangements provided by
Wasinger-Keithley Funeral Chapel*
PO Box 54
Ellis, KS 67637
785-726-4400
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 23, 2007

HOISINGTON — Harold H. Hester, 83, died May 21 at Wesley Medical Center, Wichita. He was born Dec. 3, 1923, at Olmitz, the son of Raymond J. and Anna H. (Hamilton) Hester. He married Dorothy Miller July 22, 1945, in Hoisington. She died May 19, 2006. He was a retired farmer and a former employee of USD 431. He was a lifetime resident of the Galatia and Hoisington area.

He was a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Galatia.

Survivors include two sons, David Hester, Sr. and wife Margaret of Great Bend and Daniel "Jerry" Hester and wife Diane of Lubbock, Texas; two brothers, Bill Dirreen of Hoisington and Glenn Dirreen of Colorado Springs, Colo.; three grandchildren, David Lynn Hester Jr., Michael Paul Hester and JoyAnna Hester Baggett and husband Joseph. He was preceded in death by an infant daughter, Linda Sue Hester.

Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday, May 25, at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Galatia, with the Rev. Adam Wutka officiating. Burial will be at Fairview Cemetery, Galatia. Friends may call from 9 a.m. until 8 p.m. Thursday, with the family present from 6 until 8 p.m., at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home, Hoisington, and from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Friday at the church. Memorial donations may be made to St. Paul Lutheran Church in care of the funeral home.

Funeral arrangements provided by
Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home*
415 North Main/PO Box 146
Hoisington, KS 67544
620-653-4165
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 23, 2007

Debra S. Leiker 1956 - 2007

Debra S. Leiker, 51, of Great Bend, died May 21 at Golden Living Center in Downs. Born April 10, 1956, in Hays, she was the daughter of the late Theodore Panzer and Irene A. (Werner). She was employed as an R.N. at Great Bend Rehabilitation Center.

Survivors include two sons, Jason Leiker of Lawrence and Justin Leiker of Wichita; her mother, Irene Werner of Odin; three brothers, Terry Panzer of Lawrence, Bob Panzer of Ellsworth and Thomas Panzer of Chandler, Ariz.; a sister, Faye Ellenz of Cawker City; and two grandchildren.

A mass of Christian burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. on Friday at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Tipton with Father Dameon Richards officiating. Burial will be at St. Patrick's Cemetery in Lincoln. The family will meet friends at 6 p.m. Thursday at Clark-Gashaw Chapel in Osborne. Rosary and vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Thursday at Clark-Gashaw Chapel with Father Dameon Richard officiating. Memorials are suggested to Solomon Valley Hospice in Beloit or Golden Living Center in Downs.

Funeral arrangements provided by
Clark-Gashaw Mortuary, Inc.
238 North First Street
P.O. Box 348
Osborne, KS 67473
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 23, 2007

May 22, 2007

David Hollis LaTourell 1931 - 2007

LYONS — David Hollis LaTourell, 76, died May 20 at his home in Lyons. Born April 25, 1931, in Minnesota Lake, Minn., he was the son of Hollis A. and Mae B. Everhardt LaTourell. A resident of Lyons since 1974, coming from Emmetsburg, Iowa, he was a retired cattle buyer for IBP. He graduated from Blue Earth High School in Minnesota in 1950 and attended college at the University of Minnesota. He married Janice A. Halverson on May 24, 1953, in Rake, Iowa.

Mr. LaTourell was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving during the Korean War. He was a member of Grace Lutheran Church, Lyons Town and Country Club, and the American Legion, all in Lyons, the Kansas Livestock Association and the National Cattlemens Beef Association.

Survivors include his wife, Janice, of the home; three sons, Jim LaTourell and Paul LaTourell, both of Lyons, and Dan LaTourell and wife Cathy of Great Bend; three grandchildren, Carlie Jane, Lucas Daniel and Cylie Janice LaTourell all of Great Bend; one brother, Robert D. LaTourell of Ely, Minn.; two sisters, Mae Kathryn Loe of Ely, and Mary Clare Hueman of Blooming Prairie, Minn. He was preceded in death by his parents and a son, David H. LaTourell, Jr.

Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. on Wednesday at Grace Lutheran Church of Lyons, with the Rev. Mike Hersberg officiating. Burial will be at the Lyons Municipal Cemetery. Friends may call from 4 to 7 p.m. today at Sillin Funeral Home. Memorials are suggested to Grace Lutheran Church 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 22, 2007

Norman Andrew Hoffman 1918 - 2007

Norman Andrew Hoffman, 88, of Great Bend died May 20, at Central Kansas Medical Center, Great Bend. He was born Dec. 20, 1918, at rural Susank, the son of Andrew and Carol Hoffman. He married Frances Marie Kaps on Oct. 5,
1947, at Russell. She died Sept. 21, 1987. On Feb. 4, 1989, he married Mary Hazel Phillips Donovan at Great Bend. She survives. He was the owner and operator of Hoffman's Hobby Shop in Russell, and was an investor in agriculture and oil production. He had been a resident of Great Bend since 1989, coming from Russell. He was a World War II Army veteran, serving with the 32nd Infantry Division in the Pacific.

He was a member of the Prince of Peace Parish, American Legion Argonne Post 180 and Rotary, all of Great Bend. He was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and a former member of the Elks and Noon Kiwanis, all of Russell.

Survivors, in addition to his wife, of the home, include a son, Dennis Hoffman and wife Gina of Lawrence; one stepson, Sherman Donovan and wife Melissa of Casper, Wyo.; one daughter, Kaye Barnes and husband Dean of Dodge City; six grandchildren, Chad Hoffman and wife Melissa of Lawrence, Jessica Brixius and husband Anthony of Lawrence, Shaye Harris and husband Matt of Manhattan, Brett Dietz of Topeka, Lexie Beedy of Salina and six great-grandchildren of Hays; five stepgrandchildren. Sara Boster and husband Nate of Atlanta, Ga., Jenny Donovan of Atlanta, Andrew Donovan of Denver, Colo., Anna Donovan of Casper, and Eric Friesen and wife LaDonna of Springfield, Mo.; six great-grandchildren, Braden Hoffman and Colin Hoffman of Lawrence, Kaden Harris and Kamry Harris of Manhattan, and Samantha Brixius and Jasmine Brixius of Lawrence; three stepgreat-grandchildren, Anastasia Friesen of Springfield, Mo., and Katie Boster and Michael Boster, both of Atlanta. He was preceded in death by a daughter, Lisa Beedy, and a stepdaughter, Sheryl Friesen.

A vigil service and rosary will be at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, at Bryant Funeral Home, Great Bend. Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at St. Patrick Catholic Church, Great Bend, with Father Wesley Schawe officiating. Interment will be at 2:30 p.m. Thursday at St. John Lutheran Cemetery, Russell, with military honors conducted by a Fort Riley Honor Guard. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Wednesday at Bryant Funeral Home. Memorial donations for the Holy Family School Endowment Fund or for the Heartland Cancer Center Patient Care Fund may be made in care of the funeral home. Condolences may be sent and notice viewed at www.bryantnfh.net.

Funeral arrangements provided by Bryant Funeral Home* 1425 Patton Road Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-3525 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 22, 2007 Doris LaVon (Cochrun) Trapp 1913 - 2007

LURAY — Doris LaVon (Cochrun) Trapp, 93, of Luray, died Sunday, at the Beverly Health Care Facility in Lucas. Doris was born Sept. 26, 1913, on a farm south of Luray. She grew up south of Waldo on the family farm and attended Waldo public schools, graduating in 1931.

She worked at Miller's Market in Waldo and was a homemaker. Doris was united in marriage to Earl Elias Trapp on Jan. 22, 1938, in Russell. Earl and Doris set up their farming operations west of Luray in 1941. From this union two daughters were born, Cheryl and Cinda. Doris and Earl farmed in the Luray area for more than 60 years. Earl preceded her in death on Oct. 18, 2004.

She was very active in E.H.U., serving more than 70 years. She was also very involved in 4-H. She was a longtime active member of the Luray United Methodist Church. She served on many committees in the United Methodist Women, the choir, youth sponsor of Methodist Youth Fellowship (MYF), funeral dinner committee, Fish Fry Committee, and Memorial Fund Chairman. She was also the chairman of the North Central Region of the American Heart Association.

Doris is survived by her daughters, Cheryl Siemers-Clausen and husband Rod of Salina and Cinda Palmer and husband John of Luray; brother, Delbert Cochrun of Waldo; four grandchildren, Brent Siemers and wife Gretchen of Kansas City, Mo., Kevin Siemers of Colorado Springs, Colo., Shalan Palmer and wife Kelly of Osborne and T.J. Palmer and wife Danielle of Scott City; two stepgrandsons, John Clausen and wife Tammy of Chicago, Ill. and Mark Clausen of Allen, Texas; five great-grandchildren, Gracey, Trey, Gabby, Harley and Kolton; and two stepgreat-grandchildren, Grace and Max. She is also survived by her sisters-in-law Ida (Trapp) Terry and Max. She is also survived by her parents, sister Virginia (Cochrun) Thomas and husband Dayton, her sisters-in-law, Barbara (Mansfield) Cochrun and Mary (Trapp) Wheeler and husband Harry, and brothers-in-law Lyle Trapp and Elmer Trapp, and his wife Fern.

Celebration of Doris’s life is scheduled for 2 p.m. Wednes-day, at the Luray United Methodist Church with the Rev. Gay Robertson officiating. Interment will follow at the Luray Cemetery. Open visitation will be from 1 to 9 p.m. Tuesday at the Pohlmann-Varnar-Peeler Mortuary in Russell. The family will be present to greet friends from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday evening at the mortuary. A memorial has been established with the Luray United Methodist Church. Contributions and condolences may be left with Pohlmann-Varnar-Peeler Mortuary, which is in charge of these arrangements.


HOISINGTON — Kermit Harrison Henry, 82, went to be with the Lord on May 21, 2007, at Cheyenne Meadows Living Center, Hoisington. He was born March 26, 1925, in Barnes, the son of Jess and Mae (Archer) Henry. Kermit married Darlene Riebersehl on Dec. 4, 1952, at Raton, N.M. She survives. He retired from Fuller Brush and before that was a cabinet maker and auto mechanic. He was a resident of Hoisington since 1971, coming from Denver, Colo. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II and the Korean Conflict.

Survivors include his wife of Hoisington; a son, Steve Henry and wife Diane, Hoisington; two daughters, Patty Carrier and husband David of Albert, and Judy Rice and husband John of Guymon, Okla.; a brother, Norman Henry and wife Jeanette of Lakewood, Colo.; a sister, Bessie Donahay of Logan; seven grandchildren, Laura Urban and Kelly, Hoisington; Jake Henry and Christi, Hoisington; Chris Linsner and Liz, Hoisington; Dana Van Brimmer and Duke, Hoisington; Jessy Layland and Tim, Dallas, Texas; Jennifer Rice, Guymon, Okla.; and Courtney Linsner, Albert; and six great-grandchildren.

Graveside memorial service will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday, at the Hoisington Cemetery, with military graveside rites conducted by Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 7428 and American Legion Post No. 286. The Rev. John Grummon will officiate. There will be no visitation, as cremation has taken place. Memorials may be made to the charity or organization of the donor’s choice in care of the funeral home.

Funeral arrangements provided by Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home* 415 North Main/Box 146 Hoisington, KS 67544 785-483-2212 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 22, 2007

May 20, 2007

Wynona C. Drake 1910 - 2007

LARNED — Wynona C. Drake, 97, died May 18 at Rush County Nursing Home, La Crosse. She was born March 8, 1910, near Frankfort, the daughter of Trivitt and Clara L. Mosher House. A longtime resident of Pawnee County, and of La
Crosse since 2000, she was a homemaker. She married Herbert A. Drake on Aug. 24, 1935. He died Dec. 23, 1983.

Mrs. Drake was a member of the First United Methodist Church and United Methodist Women, both of Larned.

Survivors include three daughters, Nola Wiseman, Morrison, Mo., Sheryl Melton, Rush Center, and Lynn Wolfard, Aurora, Colo., six grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a brother, Kenneth House.

Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Morell Funeral Home in Larned, with the Rev. Linda Bolz officiating. Burial will be in the Larned Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday and from 9 a.m. until service time Tuesday at the funeral home. Memorials may be sent to the First United Methodist Church, Rush County Nursing Home or South Wind Hospice, in care of the funeral home.

Funeral arrangements provided by Morell Funeral Home
P.O. Box 124
1021 Broadway
Larned, KS 67550-0124
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 20, 2007

Mary E. Powers 1916 - 2007

Mary E. Powers, 91, of Great Bend, died May 16 at Woodhaven Care Center in Ellinwood. She was born Feb. 19, 1916, at Halstead, the daughter of Jacob Ernest and Emma Mae McCart Lehman. She graduated from Halstead High School. She married Dixon D. Powers on Sept. 5, 1937, at Halstead. He died Nov. 26, 1972. She was a partner with her husband in the Dixon D. Powers Service. After his death she became owner and operator of the business. She was a resident of Great Bend for 58 years, coming from Tulsa, Okla.

Mrs. Powers was a member of First United Methodist Church in Great Bend. She was a loving wife, mother and grandmother, and was devoted to her family. She was an exceptionally kind and loving sister and sister-in-law.

Survivors include two sons, David A. Powers of Wichita and Ronald L. Powers of Great Bend; one daughter, Sherry L. Brent, Winnetka, Calif.; two sisters, Edna Bansemer, Grass Valley, Calif., and Barbara Freeman, Roseburg, Ore.; a sister-in-law, Verna Lehman, Tulsa, Okla.; a grandson, Matthew P. Brent, Alton; and nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by one brother, Kenneth A. Lehman; one sister, Helen Wilson; and two brothers-in-law, Jack Wilson and Cliff Freeman.

Funeral will be at 1:30 p.m. Monday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend, with the Rev. Gary Brooks officiating. Intermment will be at the Great Bend Cemetery. Visitation will be from 1 to 9 p.m. today, with family to receive friends from 7 to 8 p.m., and from 9 a.m. until service time Monday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the Multiple Sclerosis Society, Alzheimer's Association or American Lung Association, in care of the funeral home. Condolences may be sent and notice viewed at www.bryanthfn.net.

Funeral arrangements provided by Bryant Funeral Home*
1425 Patton Road
Great Bend, KS 67530
(620) 793-3525
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 20, 2007

Jean S. Long 1919 - 2007

STERLING – Jean S. Long, 88, died May 18 at Sandstone Heights Nursing Home in Little River. She was born Jan. 17, 1919, at Sterling, the daughter of Fred and Sophia Fabian Scoresby. She was a 1938 graduate of Sterling High School, and later graduated from Christian College, Columbia, Mo. She married Gleeman D. Long on Sept. 9, 1940, at Sterling. He died July 7, 2003. A lifetime Sterling resident, she was a retired secretary at Sterling Grade School and former clerk for the Rock Island Railroad in Hutchinson.

Mrs. Long was a member of PEO and the American Legion Auxiliary in Sterling, and former Den Mother.

Survivors include three sons, Fred S. Long, Kensington, Md., Michael Long, Great Bend, and Jefry Long, Muhlen; a sister, Janet Hughes, Trenton, Mo.; and six grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two half sisters, Grace Pear and Mary Pratz.

Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Silllin Funeral Home in Sterling, with Chaplin Scott Watford officiating. Burial will be in Sterling Community Cemetery. Friends may call from 2 to 5 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Sterling Public Library in care of the funeral home.

Funeral arrangements provided by Silllin Funeral Homes
Seventh at Jefferson
Sterling, KS 67579
(620) 278-3531
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 20, 2007

Jeanette May Williams 1931 - 2007

ANDREWS, Texas — Jeanette May Williams, 75, died May 16 in Odessa, Texas. Born on June 2, 1931, in Great Bend, she was the daughter of George and Marie Giskie Foos. She married Lester Lowell Williams on Feb. 26, 1950, in Great Bend. She was a homemaker.

Mrs. Williams was a Nazarene.

Survivors include her husband, of the home; two sons, Steve Williams and Brad Williams, both of Andrews; one daughter, Cathy Silva of Andrews; two brothers, Leroy Foos and Howard Foos, both of Great Bend; one sister, Janice Kimberlin of Kansas City; four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral service was at 10 a.m. Friday at McNett Funeral Home Chapel in Andrews, Texas, with Jackie Barnett of Brownwood, Texas, officiating. Burial followed at the Andrews Old Cemetery.

Funeral arrangements provided by McNett Funeral Home
705 North Main Street
P.O. Box 864
Andrews, TX 79714
432-524-5809
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 20, 2007

Brandy Lynn Neil-Winkler 1975 - 2007

DERBY – Brandy Lynn Neil-Winkler, 31, died May 16 at Wichita. She was born May 31, 1975, at Fairbanks, Alaska, the daughter of Allan and Ginny Neil. Mrs. Neil-Winkler married Otto Joseph Earl Winkler on Sept. 23, 1995, in Liberal. She was a 1994 graduate of Liberal High School. She toured Europe as a member of the Kansas Nebraska Ambassadors of Music vocal ensemble in 1993.

A homemaker, she enjoyed working with stained glass and needlework that included cross stitching and embroidery.

Survivors include her husband, of the home, and two sons, Brady and Caleb Winkler, of the home; her parents, of Derby; a brother, Jason Neil, Wichita; her husband’s parents, Ed and Delilah Winkler, Hoisington; maternal grandparents, Claude and Margaret Blakesley, Hutchinson; and paternal grandparents, Helengene and Duke Neil, Wichita.

Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Monday at the Salina Church of Christ. Graveside service will be at 2 p.m. Monday in the Natoma City Cemetery. Visitation will be from noon to 8 tonight at the Ryan Mortuary in Salina, with the family receiving friends from 2 to 4 p.m. Memorials are suggested to the Salina Church of Christ Ladies Bible Class. For information and condolences go to www.ryanmortuary.com.

Funeral arrangements provided by Ryan Mortuary Inc.*
137 North Eighth
Salina, KS 67401
(800) 498-7926
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 20, 2007

Genevieve “Ginny” Shook 1930 - 2007

CUMBERLAND, Md. — Genevieve “Ginny” Shook, 76, of Cumberland, died Thursday, May 17 at Memorial Hospital. Born Nov. 18, 1930, in Cumberland, she was the daughter of the late Charles E.
and Anna Mae (Norris) Twigg. She was preceded in death by one sister, Mary Catherine Bystry.

Mrs. Shook was a homemaker. She was a Pentecostal by faith, a member of the Cumberland American Legion Ladies Auxiliary, Cresaptown Eagles Ladies Auxiliary, and a lifetime member of the Cumberland VFW Ladies Auxiliary. She was a volunteer for Cumberland VA Clinic and the Martinsburg VA Clinic; and she enjoyed bingo and crafts.

Surviving are her husband of 59 years, Paul A. Shook; four sons, Paul E. Shook and wife Pam, Cumberland, Roger L. Shook and wife Leona, Cumberland, Gary A. Shook and wife Marriann, Hoisington, and Jeffery A. Shook, Cumberland; two daughters, Jennifer Ann Lynch, Cumberland, and Carlotta Manring and husband Curtis, Newport News, Va.; a half-brother, Roy Twigg, and a half-sister, Mary E. Powers, both of Fort Ashby, WV; 15 grandchildren; 31 great-grandchildren, several sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law and numerous nieces and nephews.

Friends will be received at the Scarpelli Funeral Home in Cumberland, Md. (www.scarpellifh.com) today from 3 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m.

Funeral services will be conducted at the funeral home at 11 a.m. Monday with the Rev. Matthew Ellis officiating. Interment will be in Restlawn Memorial Gardens, LaVale, Md.

Scarpelli Funeral Home* 108 Virginia Ave., Cumberland, MD 21502 301-724-4600 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 20, 2007

May 18, 2007

Mary E. Powers 1916 - 2007

Mary E. Powers, 91, of Great Bend, died May 16 at Woodhaven Care Center, Ellinwood. Service arrangements are pending with Bryant Funeral Home, Great Bend, and will be announced. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 18, 2007

May 17, 2007

Frances Irene Ankrom 1919 - 2007

BURDETT — A special lady left us Sunday, May 13. She was 87. Frances was born July 25, 1919, in Hodgeman County. After graduating from Hanston High School in 1937 she moved to Wichita and attended Wichita Business College. She then worked for Cessna Wichita and attended Wichita Business College. She was married at the First Presbyterian College. She then worked for Cessna Wichita and attended Wichita Business College. She was a volunteer for Cumberland VA Clinic and the Martinsburg VA Clinic; and she enjoyed bingo and crafts.

Surviving are her children, Diana Ankrom Loeckle (Ray) of San Francisco, Calif., Norman Ankrom (Grace) of Dodge City and Peggy Ankrom, Brisbane, Calif.; two grandchildren, Luke Ankrom of Lawrence and Lee Ankrom of Lawrence.

Frances was charming, flirty, and ornery somehow all at the same time. Her family, friends from the Burdett Seniors, several communities, and her music groups have all lost a remarkable, special lady.

Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Friday, May 18, at the United Methodist Church in Burdett. Immediately following will be a celebration of life in the adjoining educational building. There will be no calling hours at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers please make a donation to a charity of your choice in care of Morell Funeral Home, P.O. Box 124, Lamed, KS 67550-0124.

Funeral arrangements provided by Morell Funeral Home* P.O. Box 124 Lamed, KS 67550-0124 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 17, 2007

May 15, 2007

Gerald “Jerry” Wesley Brown 1941 - 2007

RADIUM — Gerald “Jerry” Wesley Brown, 65, died May 12 at his home in Radium. Born Aug. 12, 1941, in Tulsa, Okla., he was the son of Joseph Purley and Frances Jessie Ward Brown. A resident of Radium since 1999, he was a self-employed painter and carpenter. He married Susan Marie Battin on July 4, 2003, in Lamed. She survives.

Survivors include his wife; two daughters, Crystal Wilkins and Pebbles Rapp, both of Fresno, Calif.; a niece, Candie Baldwin of Great Bend; best friend Tony Williams of Fresno, Calif.; three granddaughters, Brittany Rapp, Holly Wilkins and Lisa Wilkins; a great-nephew, Derion Burnside; and a great-niece, Dakota Baldwin. He was preceded in death by his parents and an uncle and aunt, Kenneth and Betty Ward.

Memorial service will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Morell Funeral Home in Lamed. Friends may call from 9 a.m. until service time Thursday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the Jerry Brown Memorial Fund in care of Morell Funeral Home, P.O. Box 124, Lamed, KS 67550-0124.

Memorial arrangements provided by Morell Funeral Home* P.O. Box 124 Lamed, KS 67550-0124 620-285-2177 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 15, 2007

Carol LaVonne Starr 1939 - 2007

Carol LaVonne Starr, 67, of Great Bend, died May 13 at Via Christi Regional Medical Center, St. Francis Campus in Wichita. Born Dec. 18, 1939, at Soldier, she was the daughter of Walter and Sara Dunn Pollock. She married Bill Starr on July 3, 1958. They owned and operated the Drummer Boy Restaurant in Great Bend. They later divorced. A 1983 graduate of Barton County Community College with an RN degree, she worked as an OB nurse at Central Kansas Medical Center for 25 years before retiring in December 2006 to pursue her love of antiques.

Ms. Starr was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Great Bend, Red Hat Society of Ellinwood and the Silver Cougar Club. She volunteered her time at the Barton County Historical Society.

Survivors include two sons, Thad Starr and wife Kim of Great Bend and Neil Starr and wife Brenda of Goodland; one daughter, Jill Viethaler and husband Greg of Spearville; one brother, Wayne Pollock and wife Winnie of Soldier; one sister-in-law, Jean Pollock of Brookdale, Calif.; and five grandchildren, Zach Starr of Great Bend, Alicia Viethaler and Rachele Viethaler, both of Lawrence, and Mark Starr and Paul Starr, both of Goodland. She was preceded in death by her parents and one brother, Gerald Pollock of Brookdale, Calif.

Memorial service will be at 10 a.m. on Wednesday at First United Methodist Church in Great Bend with Pastor Steve Thaden, pastoral assistant, officiating. Interment will be at 4 p.m. at Olive Hill Cemetery in Soldier with Pastor Ora Martendale officiating. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. today at Bryant Funeral Home with the family receiving friends from 6 to 8 p.m. Memorials are suggested to Barton County Historical Society or Harry Hynes Hospice.
Catholic Cemetery, Seward. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to Holy Family School Endowment Fund or the charity or organization of the donor’s choice, 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, May 15, 2007
Betty JoAnn Hoss 1933 - 2007

Longtime Great Bend resident Betty JoAnn Hoss, 73, died on Mother’s Day, May 13, 2007, at Hutchinson Hospital, after a brief but valiant battle with cancer. She was born July 8, 1933, in Ellis County to James and Josephine Pateck Myers. She was a 1951 graduate of Hays High School. She met her future husband, Philip C. Hoss, while attending nurses’ training at St. Rose School of Nursing in Great Bend. She graduated as a registered nurse in 1954 and worked at St. Rose Hospital, and later at Central Kansas Medical Center, as a pediatrics nurse. She retired in 1989 after more than 35 years of nursing. Many of the nurses who cared for her during her illness had either been trained by or worked with her. She married “Flip” on Nov. 6, 1954; they were recognized on their 50th wedding anniversary as honored guests during the Blue Angels Air Show at Naval Air Station Key West (Fla.) on Nov. 6, 2004.

Although retired, Betty continued her volunteer work as a nurse for various organizations, most recently We Care. She was an active member of Prince of Peace Parish at St. Patrick’s Catholic Church and participated in Perpetual Prayer for years. Betty was a regular at the Town and Country Racquet Club and enjoyed traveling with her husband and friends. She became active politically and served as the Democratic committeewoman for the 1st Precinct, 3rd Ward.

She leaves behind her beloved husband, Philip, of the home; two daughters, Jolene Scholl and husband James of Key West, Fla., and Cathy Crews and husband Brad of Overland Park; one son, Charles Hoss and wife Becky of Lenexa; two brothers, Jim and Dave Myers of Hays; seven grandchildren, Kent, Katie, Erika, Emily, Meagan, Margo and Leah; and numerous in-laws, nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; grandmother and friend to many. We will miss her.

A vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday at Bryant Funeral Home, Great Bend. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, May 17, at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church, Great Bend, with Father Wesley Schawe officiating. Interment will be at St. Francis of Xavier Catholic Cemetery, Seward. Friends may
She was a member of First Presbyterian Church, Great Bend.

Survivors include a son, Steve Bilyew, and his wife Coleen, of Claflin; a daughter-in-law, JoAnn Bilyew, Great Bend; four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a son, Jim Bilyew, a brother, Hershel Fankhauser, and a sister, Esther Pittser.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, May 16, at the First Presbyterian Church, with the Rev. Hal Staats officiating. Interment will be at the Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call from 1 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Charter Funerals, Great Bend, with the family receiving friends from 6 to 7 p.m. Memorials are suggested to the First Presbyterian Church of Great Bend, or to the American Heart Association.

Funeral arrangements provided by Charter Funerals*
2115 Washington
Great Bend, KS 67530
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 13, 2007

Clarinetta “Nettie” Scheuerman 1924 - 2007

OTIS — Clarinetta “Nettie” Scheuerman, 82, died May 11, 2007, at Rush County Memorial Hospital Long-Term Care Unit, La Crosse. She was born Aug. 31, 1924, northwest of Otis, the daughter of Conrad E. and Rosa (Matal) Scheuerman. Clarinetta married Alvin Scheuerman on April 14, 1943, in La Crosse. He preceded her in death in December 1987. She was a homemaker and a lifetime resident of Rush County.

She was a member of the Trinity Lutheran Church, Women of the Church, a Sunday school teacher for 25 years and had also been the Sunday school superintendent and Sunday school treasurer.

Survivors include three sons, Alvin Dennis Scheuerman and wife VirJean of Otis, Michael Raye Scheuerman of Hays and Paul Dean Scheuerman and wife Doreen of Augusta; two brothers, Donald Lee Scheuerman, Kalkaska, Mich., and Arlyn Gail Scheuerman, Great Bend; one sister, Mary Ann Prose, Chetopa; six grandchildren, Trevor Scheuerman of Japan, Tate Scheuerman of Otis, Marci Scheuerman, Mickey Scheuerman and Nelson Scheuerman, all of Overland Park, and Anna Scheuerman of Augusta. She was preceded in death by 13 brothers, Benjamin Scheuerman, Harry Scheuerman, Chester Scheuerman, Martin Scheuerman, Lloyd Scheuerman, Glenn Scheuerman, Wilbert Scheuerman, Marvin Scheuerman, Gilbert Scheuerman, Wilmer Scheuerman, Merle Scheuerman, Conrad Scheuerman and Lindy Scheuerman; and six sisters, Frieda Clark, Esther Scheuerman, Louise Scheuerman, Luella Scheuerman, Velma Morgan and Elvina Brazda.

A prayer service will be at 7 p.m. today (Sunday) at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home, Hoisington, with the family present from 6 until 8 p.m. Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at Trinity Lutheran Church, Otis, with the Rev. Bruce Adamson officiating. Burial will be at the Lutheran Cemetery in Otis. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Saturday and 1 to 8 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home, and from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Monday at the church. Memorials are suggested to Southwind Hospice, Storm Special Olympics, Rush County Long-Term Care, or the charity or organization of the donor’s choice, in care of the funeral home.

Funeral arrangements provided by
Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home*
415 North Main/Box 146
Hoisington, KS 67544
620-653-4165
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 13, 2007

Elmer Lloyd Gimblin, Sr. 1909 - 2007

Elmer Lloyd Gimblin, Sr., 97, of Great Bend, died May 9, 2007, at Central Kansas Medical Center, Great Bend. He was born Sept. 17, 1909, in Barton County, the son of Hanna Artie and Elizabeth Baugh Gimblin. He married Saxie M. Switzer on Dec. 24, 1929, at Great Bend. She died Jan. 3, 1997. He was a retired carman for the Missouri Pacific Railroad. He was a lifetime resident of Great Bend.

He was a member of Myers Chapel AME Church and Masonic Temple No. 28, both of Great Bend.

Survivors include one daughter-in-law, Shirley Gimblin of Houston, Texas; two grandchildren, Judson Gimblin and Hannelore Gimblin; three great-grandchildren, two stepgreat-grandchildren, one great-great-grandchild and one stepgreat-great-grandchild. He was preceded in death by a son, Elmer Gimblin II, a half brother, Lazell Guilliford, and a sister, Sara Robinson.

Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Monday, May 14, at Bryant Funeral Home, Great Bend, with the Rev. Loyce Clay officiating. Interment will be at the Great Bend Cemetery, with Masonic Committal Rites. Friends may call from 2 to 9 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home. Donations to a memorial fund for Myers AME Chapel may be made 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, May 11, 2007

Kathleen (Kathy) A. Galentine 1945 - 2007

LA MARQUE, Texas — Kathleen (Kathy) A. Galentine, 62, died April 29 of terminal small cell cancer. She was born March 1, 1945, in New Haven, Conn., the daughter of Phillip and Helen Laing. Kathy is survived by a son, Edwin L. (Rocco) Nelson of La Marque, Texas, and two daughters, Pamela M. Wylot of La Marque and Patricia A. Wylot of Great Bend. She is also survived by eight grandchildren, all local residents. Kathy was predeceased by one son, Robert (Bob) Setteberg.

Kathy, a former Great Bend resident, worked for the Great Bend Humane Society from 1999 to 2006 and was an active member of the Kansas Animal Control prior to relocating to La Marque. Kathy enjoyed reading and horseback riding and she loved animals. Memorial services will be held Saturday at 3 p.m. at the First Church of God, 1224 Baker Ave., Great Bend, with the Rev. Dick Ogil officiating.

Funeral arrangements provided by
Crowder Funeral Home
P.O. Box 635
La Marque, TX 77568
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 11, 2007

Helen I. Adams 1911 - 2007

LARNED — Helen I. Adams, 95, died May 8 at Thorne Care Center, Wesley Towers, Inc., in Hutchinson. Born Aug. 3, 1911, in Great Bend, she was the daughter of George N. and Clara Schellenback Stewart. A homemaker, she lived in the Zook and Larned communities most of her life, moving in 1999 to Hutchinson to live with her daughter. She married Arthur L. Adams on April 14, 1934, in Radium. He died March 14, 1980.

Mrs. Adams was a member of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church and Altar Society, St. Joseph Hospital Auxiliary in Larned and the Zook EHU club.

Survivors include three daughters, Nancy Todd of Hutchinson, Carol Douglas Knudsen and husband Lynn of Goodyear, Ariz., and Mary Smith and husband Gary of Lancaster, Pa.; 10 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren, four stepgreat-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, one son, Joseph A. Adams, three brothers, Ralph Stewart, Donald Stewart and Msgr. George N. Adams, three brothers, Ralph Stewart, Donald Stewart and Msgr. George N. Adams on April 14, 1934, in Radium. He died March 14, 1980.

Mrs. Adams was a member of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church and Altar Society, St. Joseph Hospital Auxiliary in Larned and the Zook EHU club.

Survivors include three daughters, Nancy Todd of Hutchinson, Carol Douglas Knudsen and husband Lynn of Goodyear, Ariz., and Mary Smith and husband Gary of Lancaster, Pa.; 10 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren, four stepgreat-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, one son, Joseph A. Adams, three brothers, Ralph Stewart, Donald Stewart and Msgr. George N. Adams on April 14, 1934, in Radium. He died March 14, 1980.

Mrs. Adams was a member of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church and Altar Society, St. Joseph Hospital Auxiliary in Larned and the Zook EHU club.
Father Bernard Felix presiding. Friends may call from noon to 8 p.m. Saturday and Sunday at Morell Funeral Home. Burial will be at the Larned Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to Sacred Heart Church or Thorne Care Center, Wesley Towers, all 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, May 11, 2007

May 10, 2007

Robert Tim Buckman 1961 - 2007

MACKSVILLE — Robert Tim Buckman, 46, of rural Macksville, died May 8 at Via Christi Regional Medical Center, St. Francis Campus, Wichita, from injuries he sustained from the tornado that struck Stafford County on May 4. He was born March 9, 1961, in Sterling, the son of Robert and Elaine (Bailey) Buckman. He married Sally A. (Jacob) Buckman at Great Bend on June 3, 1995. He was a 1979 graduate of Macksville High School. He was a lifetime resident of Macksville. A firefighter and public works employee for the City of Macksville, he was a member of the Jaycees, Stafford County Fire Department, Stafford County Emergency Medical Services and Rescue, National Wildland Firefighters Association, and was a Stafford County sheriff's deputy, a Macksville city policeman and member of the Kansas State Firefighters Association.

Survivors include his wife, of the home; his parents, of Macksville; three sons, Derick Buckman of Pratt, Kristopher Beighley of Elkhart, and Charley Buckman on the farm, Macksville; two daughters, Dora Lee and Harold. Dolly was united in marriage to Charley Mai on March 8, 1926, in Russell. Together they were engaged in farming in southern Russell County for many years. During the 1950s they moved their farming operation to Kirwin. After their retirement they moved back to Russell in 1977. Charley preceded her in death on June 8, 1989. Besides helping Charley on the farm, Dolly was a devoted mother of three, Vernon, Dora Lee and Harold.

Dolly enjoyed playing bingo, watching TV game shows and fishing. Charley and Dolly loved polka dancing, traveling and spending time with their family.

Surviving family includes two sons, Vernon Mai and wife Margie of Lebanon, Kan., and Harold Dean Mai and wife Sherry of Loveland, Colo.; daughter, Dora Lee and husband Marvin Steinert of Hays; brother, Ben Bender of Wichita; sister, Elsie Dodson of Russell; nine grandchildren, 24 great-grandchildren and 11 great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, five brothers, two sisters, and one great-grandson.

Celebration of Dolly’s Life is scheduled for 10:30 a.m. Friday, May 11, at Pohlman-Vaner-Peeler Mortuary in Russell. Interment will follow at the Russell City Cemetery. Open visitation will be from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. today at Pohlman-Vaner-Peeler Mortuary with the family present to greet friends from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. A memorial has been established with Southwind Hospice. Contributions and condolences may be left with Pohlman-Vaner-Peeler Mortuary of Russell.

Funeral arrangements provided by Pohlman-Vaner-Peeler Mortuary* 610 North Maple Russell, KS 67665 785-483-2212 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 10, 2007

Helen I. Adams

LARNED — Helen I. Adams, 95, died May 8 at Wesley Towers Inc. in Hutchinson. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Morell Funeral Home in Larned.

May 9, 2007

Douglas (Doug) L. Burns 1963 - 2007


He was of the Christian faith and was a member of the Sons of the American Legion, Jetmore.

Other survivors include one daughter, Jacque Burns, Dodge City; one stepdaughter, Haley Endecott, Jetmore; one stepson, Billy Bamberger, Dodge City; his parents, of Jetmore; two sisters, Laurie Hann and husband John, Lawrenceville, Ga., and Terri Burns, Hermitage, Tenn.; grandmother, Marie Hays, Jetmore; and two grandchildren, Jordan Jones and Tyler Endecott, Jetmore. He was preceded in death by one brother, John G. Burns.

Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at the United Methodist Church in Jetmore, with the Rev. Mitch Reece presiding. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. today at Beckwith Funeral Home, Jetmore. A rosary will be said at 7 p.m. today at St. Lawrence Catholic Church, Jetmore. Burial will be in the Fairmount Cemetery at Jetmore.

Memorials may be sent to the Doug Burns Memorial or to St. Catherine Hospice, both in care of the funeral home. Condolences may be left at www.beckwithfuneralhome.com.

Funeral arrangements provided by Beckwith Funeral Home* 122 West Bramley Jetmore, KS 67854 620-357-8331 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 9, 2007

Bernice Hildebrand 1923 - 2007

ELLINWOOD — Bernice Hildebrand, 83, died May 7 at Country Place Senior Living, Ellinwood. She was born June 26, 1923, at Elkhart, the daughter of William R. and Rose Berger. She married Samuel Hildebrand on Dec. 30, 1945, at Stafford. He died Aug. 11, 1993. She was a lifelong resident of Barton and Stafford counties, and a graduate of Ellinwood High School. She was a homemaker.

She was a member of First Baptist Church and Ellinwood Hospital Auxiliary, both of Ellinwood.

Survivors include two sons, Steven J. Hildebrand of Scottsdale, Ariz., and Greg S. Hildebrand of Ellinwood; two sisters, Rosalie Cruickshank of Denver, Colo., and Gloria Warner of Great Bend; four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by three brothers, William, Donald and Charles Berger.

Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at First Baptist Church, Ellinwood, with the Rev. David Wesner officiating. Burial will be at Lakin-Comanche District Cemetery, Ellinwood. Friends may call from 1 to 8 p.m. Friday at Kimple Funeral Home in Ellinwood. Memorials are suggested to
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 8, 2007

Monte Lynn Maier 1966 - 2007

THORNTON, Colo. — Monte Lynn Maier, 41, of Thornton, Colo., and former resident of Russell, died May 2 at St. Anthony Hospital North Campus in Westminster, Colo. Born Feb. 18, 1966, in Russell, he was the son of Harlan Maier and Betty Steiner. He grew up in Russell and graduated from Russell High School in 1984. On April 25, 1986, he enlisted in the National Guard in order to serve his country. He married Helen Louise Roberts on May 22, 1987, in Russell. He loved being a member of the National Guard and he loved it so much, decided to make a career out of it. In 1989 he transferred his family to Colorado where he lived for the past 17 years. He celebrated his retirement from the National Guard in 2006. He also worked as a forklift operator with Federal Express for the last nine years. When not working he enjoyed spending time with his family, outside grilling, playing games and running his many remote-control vehicles.

Survivors include his wife Helen, of the home; two sons, Jacky Maier and Terry Fowler; two daughters, Jeneva Maier and Jessica Fowler; his father, Harlan Maier and wife Becky of Hoisington; his mother, Betty Barnes and husband Ralph of Garden City; a brother, Mark Maier and wife Jennifer of Garden City; and four grandchildren, Ethan, Chloe, Abigail and Brian. He was preceded in death by a son, Ruben Maier.

A celebration of Monte’s life is scheduled for 10 a.m. today at Pohlman-Varnar-Peeler Mortuary of Russell. Interment will follow at the United Emmanuel Lutheran Church Cemetery in Milberger. A memorial has been established and may be given to the Monte Maier Children’s Fund. Contributions and condolences may be left with Pohlman-Varnar-Peeler Mortuary, which is in charge of these arrangements. Condolences may be e-mailed to pymortuary@eaglecom.net.

Funeral arrangements provided by Pohlman-Varnar-Peeler Mortuary*
610 N. Maple
Russell, KS 67656
785-483-2212
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 8, 2007

May 6, 2007

David C. May 1952 - 2007

David C. May, 54, died May 4 at his home in Great Bend. He was born June 3, 1952, at Redbud, Ill., the son of Vernon and Shirley R. Rodenberg May. He married Karla S. Sprehe on May 24, 1975, at Elmhurst, Ill. He was a resident of Great Bend since 1993, coming from Salina. He was the assistant general manager of Pratt Feeders in Pratt.

May was a member of the United Church of Christ, Waterloo, Ill.; American Quarter Horse Association, Kansas Quarter Horse Association and University of Illinois Alumni Association.

Survivors include his wife Karla, of the home; daughter Stephanie Davey, Deiray Beach, Fla.; mother Shirley May, Waterloo; brother Daniel May of Colorado; and three sisters, Lyn May, Waterloo, Donna Underwood, Monticello, Ill., and Joann Steppig, Waterloo. He was preceded in death by his father, Vernon May, and a sister, Sandra May.

Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Bryant Funeral Home, Great Bend, with the Rev. Hal Staats officiating. Visitation will be from 1 to 9 p.m. today, with family to receive friends from 7 to 9 p.m., and from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Monday, all at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to Golden Belt Humane Society or the donor’s choice, in care of the funeral home. Condolences may be sent and notice viewed at www.bryantfun.net.

Funeral arrangements provided by Bryant Funeral Home*
1425 Patton Road
Great Bend, KS 67530
(620) 793-3525
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 6, 2007

Karmen Guilliford 1939 - 2007

WAYNOKA, Okla. — Karmen Guilliford, 67, died May 3 at Integris Bass Hospital, Enid, Okla., after a long illness. Born May 21, 1939 in Lindsborg, she was the daughter of Laurn “Cotton” and Edna (Johnson) Rush.

Survivors include one brother, Shenny Rush of Wichita, five children, Leslie Henry of Amarillo, Texas, Galen Hulse of Great Bend, Hollie Cunningham of Waynoka, Sascha Bailey, and Trenton Guilliford of Waynoka; 13 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. She is preceded in death by a brother, Elmer “Duke” Rush, and great grandson, Andrew Henry.

Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Monday at the Waynoka Church of God with the Rev. John Brint officiating. Interment will be in the Waynoka Municipal Cemetery under the direction of Marshall Funeral Home of Waynoka, LLC. Memorial contributions may be made through the funeral home to the Waynoka All Sports Club.

Funeral arrangements provided by Marshall Funeral Home of Waynoka, LLC.
1872 Cecil, P.O. Box 178
Waynoka, OK 73860
(580) 824-2311
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 6, 2007

May 4, 2007

Arthur L. “Jack” Bailey 1921 - 2007

Arthur L. “Jack” Bailey, 85, of Great Bend died May 2 at Great Bend Health and Rehabilitation Center in Great Bend. Born...
May 3, 2007

Wilma I. Paris 1917 - 2007

Wilma I. Paris, 90, of Great Bend, died May 2, 2007, at Leisure Homestead in St. John. She was born Jan. 3, 1917, at Byron, Okla., the daughter of George N. and Vera Smith Smith. She married Russell J. Paris on Sept. 12, 1947, at Wichita. He died in 1972. She was a former clerk and cashier for Safeway and worked for USD 428 Food Service. She was a resident of Great Bend since 1959, coming from Russell.

She was a member of the Church of Christ and previously a charter member at Community Christian Church of Great Bend.

Survivors include one daughter, Iris House and husband Martin, Great Bend; one brother, Melvin W. Smith and wife Shirley, Wichita; two grandchildren, Kelly House, and husband Autumn McHenry, all of Great Bend; and one great-grandchild, Autumn McHenry.

Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday, May 4, at the Church of Christ in Great Bend, with Chuck Marshall officiating. Interment will be at 3 p.m. Friday by Byron Amorita Cemetery, Byron, Okla. Friends may call from noon until 9 p.m. today at Bryant Funeral Home, Great Bend. Donations to a memorial fund for the Shriners’ Children’s Hospital may be made 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, May 3, 2007

Lois Alline Wells 1929 - 2007

Lois Alline Wells, 78, of Great Bend, died May 1, 2007, at Hospice House of Reno County, Hutchinson. She was born Feb. 8, 1929, in Barton County, Mo., the daughter of Homer Lee and Alberta Page Turner. She married Kenneth Eldon Wells on Jan. 18, 1965, at Alva, Okla. He survives. She was a former sales clerk for Litwin’s Department Store. She was a resident of Great Bend most of her life.

She was of the Baptist faith.

Survivors include her husband, Ken, of the home; two sons, Kenneth E. Bath of Topeka and Kris T. Bath of Gas; one stepson, Douglas J. Wells of Great Bend; one daughter, Kathy L. Leisy of Niwot, Colo.; three stepdaughters, Debra L. McAnulla, Carol Herrman and Cheryl A. Davis, all of Great Bend; two sisters, Margaret Jones of Lincoln, Neb., and Lilly Coonrod of Arcadia; eight grandchildren, seven stepgrandchildren, four great-grandchildren and two stepgreat-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one daughter, Kelly Robin Bekey, and one brother, Gerald Lee "Jim" Bailey; a sister, Letha Barker; a grandson, Marc Neidhart; and a great-grandson, Fernando Roberto Perez.

Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Sunday at Bryant Funeral Home. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Monday at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church in Great Bend with Father Wesley Schawe officiating. Burial will be at the Great Bend Cemetery North with Military Honors conducted by a Fort Riley Honor Guard. Friends may call from 1 to 9 p.m. Sunday at Bryant Funeral Home. Memorials are suggested to Prince of Peace Parish 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, May 4, 2007

May 2, 2007

Donald Dale Simonson 1925 - 2007

Donald Dale Simonson, 81, of Great Bend, died May 1 at Central Kansas Medical Center, Great Bend. He was born July 23, 1925, at Lyons, the son of Dale and Jeanette Sleeper Simonson. He married Beverly Chaffin on Sept. 18, 1948, at Great Bend. She survives. He was a real estate agent in Kansas and Colorado. He was a lifetime resident of Great Bend and a graduate of Great Bend High School, Class of 1942. He was a member of the Church of Christ and previously a charter member at Community Christian Church of Great Bend.

Survivors include one daughter, Iris House and husband Martin, Great Bend; one brother, Melvin W. Smith and wife Shirley, Wichita; two grandchildren, Kelly House, and husband Autumn McHenry, all of Great Bend; and one great-grandchild, Autumn McHenry.

Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday, May 4, at the Church of Christ in Great Bend, with Chuck Marshall officiating. Interment will be at 3 p.m. Friday by Byron Amorita Cemetery, Byron, Okla. Friends may call from noon until 9 p.m. today at Bryant Funeral Home, Great Bend. Donations to a memorial fund for the Shriners’ Children’s Hospital may be made 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, May 3, 2007

Patti S. Brouchter Patzell 1954 - 2007

Patti B. Brouchter Patzell, 52, passed away Monday, April 30, at the Cleveland Clinic following a long and courageous battle with liver disease.

Patti was born Nov. 28, 1954, in Great Bend, to Joe E. and Viann Pinkston Brouchter. She graduated from Great Bend High School in 1973 and Adela Hale Business College in Hutchinson. Patti married Christopher D. Patzell from Manhattan in Great Bend on March 13, 1982. They immediately took off to interesting points in Alabama and Louisiana before settling in Ohio and making their home in Canal Fulton for the past 22 years. Most recently, she was a preschool teacher at River Tree Christian Pre-School, Jackson Township, where her students affectionately called her “Miss Pat-Pat.”

She is survived by her husband, Chris; daughter, Jessica (Josh VanSickle) and granddaughter Jorgia, all of Killbuck, Ohio; parents, Joe and Viann Brouchter, of Hutchinson; sisters: Toni Rice, of Great Bend, Vicki Brown, of Tomball, Texas, and Sherri Massey, of Hutchinson; mother and father-in-law, Bill and Venita Patzell, of Manhattan; nieces, nephews and many, many friends.

Mass of the Christian Burial will be at 10 a.m. on Saturday at SS Philip & James Catholic Church, 412 High Street, Canal Fulton, with Father John Warner, pastor, and Father Michael Scully, OFM, concelebrating. Burial will be in the church cemetery. Friends may call from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday at the Swigart-Easterling Funeral Home, 624 E. Cherry St., Rt. 93, Canal Fulton. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the American Liver Foundation.

Funeral arrangements provided by Swigart-Easterling Funeral Home*
624 E. Cherry Street
Canal Fulton, OH 44614
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 3, 2007
a U.S. Navy veteran and attended officers' training at Miami University and Oberlin College in Ohio.

He grew up in the Presbyterian Church. He was a former member of the Great Bend Board of Realtors, Kiwanis Club, Lions Club and past president of the Great Bend Chamber of Commerce.

Survivors, in addition to his wife, of the home, include two sons, Steve Simonson of Pagosa Springs, Colo., and Michael Simonson of Las Vegas, Nev.; two daughters, Debbie Hughes of Las Vegas and Kim Wiens of Great Bend; two brothers, Ray Simonson of Marshall, Mo., and Ralph Simonson of Leesburg, Fla.; six grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

A memorial service will be at 3 p.m. Friday, May 4, at First United Methodist Church, Great Bend, with the Rev. Gary Brooks officiating. There will be no visitation, as cremation has taken place. In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to the Golden Belt Community Foundation for the benefit of the Great Bend Parks Department 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, May 2, 2007
Olivia Lynn Henderson

LARNED — Olivia Lynn Henderson, newborn, died May 1 at Wesley Medical Center in Wichita. Service arrangements are pending and will be announced by Beckwith Mortuary Chapel, Larned.

Murlene M. Stradt 1933 - 2007

LA CROSSE — Murlene M. Stradt, 73, died April 30 at the Rush County Nursing Home in La Crosse. She was born Oct. 16, 1933, at La Crosse to James W. and Ethel Myrtle (Owens) Whalen. A 25-year resident of La Crosse, coming from Linwood, she was a seamstress at La Crosse Furniture Company. She later worked as a senior companion for 13 years at the Rush County Nursing Home.

She was a member of First Christian Church, La Crosse.

Survivors include three sons, James W. Queen, Great Bend, Arnold A. Stradt, La Crosse, and David A. Stradt, Great Bend; five grandchildren; four stepgrandchildren; five great-grandchildren; two brothers, William Whalen, Gresham, Ore., and Ervin Whalen, Canon City, Colo.; and one sister, Ardith Tallman, Dayton, Ohio. She was preceded in death by an infant brother, an infant sister, and a sister, Helen Wren.

Funeral arrangements provided by Janousek Funeral Home 719 Pine La Crosse, KS 67548 (785) 222-2517
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 2, 2007

May 1, 2007

Gwenola L. Christy 1927 - 2007

HOISINGTON — Gwenola L. Christy, 79, died April 30 at Hutchinson Hospital in Hutchinson. She was born Nov. 16, 1927, at Hoisington, the daughter of Owen E. Bagley and Zelma (Scott) Bagley. She married Henry Ochs, Jr. on Jan. 24, 1945, in Los Angeles. He died Jan. 29, 1959. She later married Ivan Christy on March 21, 1970, in Hoisington. She survives. She was a longtime resident of Hoisington.

She was a member of First United Methodist Church, VFW Auxiliary, American Legion Auxiliary, Women's Civic Club, United Methodist Women, co-founder of the Hoisington Food Bank, NARVE, president of Logan Hans, City Library Board and Historical Society, all of Hoisington. She was citizen of the year in 1997. She was the first woman mayor of Hoisington, serving from 1999 to 2003. She was also part of the City Council from 1986 to 1994. She was a Grand Marshal of the Hoisington Labor Day Parade. She formerly owned Trinkets and Treasures and was an accomplished seamstress.

Survivors include her husband, of Hoisington; two sons, Owen Ochs and Alan Ochs, both of Hoisington; four stepsons, Phillip Christy of Paola, Richard Christy of Spring Hill, Robert Christy of Olathe and Steve Christy of Florida; two daughters, Lin Ochs of Cave Creek, Ariz., and Marcia Welch of Beloit; one stepdaughter, Katharine Ennis of Pleasant Hill, Mo.; a brother, Gerald L. Bagley of Moreno Valley, Calif.; nine grandchildren, six stepgrandchildren, five great-grandchildren and two stepgreat-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents and a sister, Dorothy Rogers.

Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at First United Methodist Church, Hoisington, with the Rev. Wayne Flanders officiating. Burial will be at Hoisington Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. until 8 p.m. Wednesday, with the family receiving friends from 6:30 until 7:30 p.m., at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home, and Thursday from 9:30 a.m. until service time at the church. In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to the First United Methodist Church or to the Owen and Inez Bagley Scholarship Fund in care of the funeral home.

Funeral arrangements provided by Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home 415 North Main/PO Box 146 Hoisington, KS 67544 620-653-4165
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 1, 2007

Erskine E. Ramsey 1923 - 2007

Erskine E. Ramsey passed away peacefully on April 18 at Sacred Heart Hospital in Pensacola, Fla. Erskine was born in Birmingham, Ala., on Nov. 3, 1923.

Following his military service in World War II with the military police, Erskine entered a successful 50-year career in the insurance industry. Erskine was a valued member of the Associated Life Underwriters and the Optimist National.

Erskine is survived by his wife of 61 years, Iona Jean Ramsey (Barger); four children, Lana S. McMinn, Stanley J. Ramsey and Pamela J. Rice (Ted D. Rice) all currently reside in Pensacola, Fla., and Stephanie K. Annable (Paul L. Annable) currently resides in Kansas City; three grandchildren: Lauren K. Walker (David W. Walker II) and Kevin W. McMinn (Wynde D. McMinn) currently reside in Navarre, Fla., and Kent J. McMinn (Jennifer McMinn) currently resides in Valparaiso, Fla.; five great-grandchildren, Jesse J. McMinn (son of Kent and Jennifer McMinn), Bailey A. Walker, Delaney R. Walker (daughters of Lauren and David Walker) and Heather G. McMinn, Hannah D. McMinn (daughters of Kevin and Wynde McMinn).

During his successful insurance career, Erskine truly enjoyed helping others and as a result had many loyal clients/friends. For relaxation, Erskine enjoyed Kansas City Chiefs football, bowling, fishing and had a great appreciation for true soulful music, especially the music of artists Willie Nelson, Johnny Cash and Eric Clapton. Erskine was a loving and devoted husband, father and grandfather who touched many lives and whose presence will be missed.

Memorial services will be held to honor and celebrate the life of Erskine Ramsey at 10 a.m. Friday at D.W. Newcomer’s Sons Johnson County Chapel, 11200 Metcalf Avenue, Overland Park. Inurnment will take place at Shawnee Mission Memory Gardens, 23215 West 75th Street. It is suggested that memorial gifts be given to Grace Lutheran Church located in Pensacola, Fla., in Erskine’s memory. Fond memories and condolences for the family may be left at www.dwnewcomers.com.

Funeral arrangements provided by D.W. Newcomers Sons Johnson County Chapel* 11200 Metcalf Ave.
Overland Park, KS 66210
913-451-1860
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 1, 2007

Mel Schremmer 1950 - 2007

PHILLIPSBURG — Mel Schremmer, 56, died April 28. Born May 28, 1950, in Great Bend, he was a teacher and counselor at Phillipsburg High School.

Survivors include his wife, Anna, of the home; a son, Scott of Axtell; two daughters, Melinda and Mary Ann Schremmer of the home; four brothers, Wayne of Wichita, Marvin of Great Bend, Leonard of Arvada, Colo., and Dick of Derby; and a sister, Dee Volpert of Great Bend.

Rosary and wake service will be at 7 p.m. today at Sts. Philip and James Catholic Church in Phillipsburg. Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Sts. Philip and James Catholic Church.

Burial will be at the Fairview Cemetery in Phillipsburg with Military Honors by Fort Riley. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. today at the funeral home and 7 to 9 p.m. today at the church. Memorials are suggested to a Mel Schremmer Scholarship Fund or Phillipsburg Golf Course.

Funeral arrangements provided by Olliff-Boeve Memorial Chapel
1115 2nd Street
Phillipsburg, KS 67661
785-543-5311
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, May 1, 2007

Margaret Louise "Peggy" Wright 1927 - 2007

Margaret Louise "Peggy" Wright, 79, of Great Bend, died April 30, 2007, at Harry Hynes Memorial Hospice, Wichita. She was born Oct. 19, 1927, at rural Sawyer, the daughter of Grover E. and Eva Louise Blackwelder Lee. She married Jim Wright on Aug. 25, 1948, at Pratt. He died in March 1984. She was an elementary schoolteacher at Jefferson Elementary School in Great Bend. She was a longtime resident of Great Bend, living a short while in Maryland. She was a member of G.B.N.E.A., K.N.E.A. and Argonne Rebels’ Booster Association, and a prior member of the First United Methodist Church, Faith Community Church, and she was a Cub Scout leader, all of Great Bend.

Survivors include two sons, Jeff Wright of Springdale, Md., and Bill Wright of Wichita; two daughters, Karen Wright of Andover and Suzanne Saville and husband David of Sebastopol, Calif.; and two grandchildren, Amy Wright and Sam Wright. She was preceded in death by three brothers, Argel Lee, Leon Lee and Marvin Lee, and one sister, Marcella Lee.

Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, May 5, at Bryant Funeral Home, Great Bend, with Pastor Ty Flanagan officiating. Interment will be at Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday and 9 a.m. to service time Saturday, with the family receiving friends from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, all at the funeral home. Donations to a memorial fund for Harry Hynes Memorial Hospice or Pals Animal Rescue may be made in care of the funeral home. Condolences may be sent and view 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, May 1, 2007
June 29, 2007

Norma Ruth (Radenberg) Stucky 1914 - 2007


Norma and Art lived on the Stucky Farm southwest of Moundridge. Norma graduated from State Center School in 1927. She also attended the Salt City Business College in Hutchinson in 1948. Norma worked at Peter Rabbit Motor Freight. She also worked at Holt Plumbing as a secretary and in the accounting department.

Norma was a member of Moundridge United Methodist Church. Norma taught Sunday school for many years and was interested in the accomplishments of all those children. Many young fellows helped with the farm work through the years. She enjoyed cooking and baking for them while they lived on the farm.

She loved her nieces and nephews and their families. Norma loved music, fancy work and the beauties of nature. Her preferences were for gardening and embroidery work. Flowers, pets and especially butterflies could be seen in her work.

Survivors include a brother, Glenn C. Radenberg, and his wife, Marvella, of Claflin; two nieces and six nephews. She was preceded in death by her spouse Art Stucky, her parents, two brothers, Harry and Edwin Lee Radenberg, and two sisters, Helen Foster and Dorothy E. Tritzsch.

Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Friday, June 29, at the First Christian Church in Great Bend with the Rev. William F. Johnson officiating. Entombment will be at the Great Bend Cemetery Mausoleum. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. today at Bryant Funeral Home. Memorials are suggested to the First Christian Church Building Fund or Golden Belt Home Health and Hospice, 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, June 28, 2007
June 27, 2007

Virginia Lila Koons


Virginia and surviving spouse Gene ranched and farmed in Kansas and
moved to Tucson in 1985 to share retirement. Prior to marrying Gene, Virginia resided in Great Bend from 1965 until 1981.

Preceded in death by her parents, Edwin Jewell Gates and Alma Jackson, and by her first husband, the Rev. Austin Joyce Staples, Virginia is survived by three children and two grandchildren from her marriage to Austin Staples: daughter Mary Elizabeth Smith and family (maiden name Staples; GBHS graduate 1977) and husband Bryan Smith and grandchildren Jayme and Derek Smith from Tucson, daughter Dr. Joyce Ann Newton (maiden name Staples; GBHS graduate 1975) and husband Brian Newton from Sutherland, Ore., and son Dr. Mark Andrew Staples (GBHS graduate 1972) and wife Argie Staples (daughter of Gene Koons) from Cambridge, Mass. She is also survived by stepdaughter-in-law Christine Roberts and husband Steven Roberts from Plevna; stepgrandchildren Steven Roberts, Cherie Cade, Brenda O’Neal and Eric Shanline; and nine great-grandchildren.

Viewing will be Friday, June 29, from 1 to 4 p.m. at Penwell-Gable Funeral Chapel, 300 East 30th Street, Hutchinson 67504; from 6 to 8 p.m. the family will receive friends. A graveside service will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, June 30, for immediate family and friends in Penwell-Gable Cemetery.

Funeral arrangements provided by Penwell-Gable Funeral Home* 300 E. 30th St. Hutchinson, KS 67501 620-669-0987

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 27, 2007

David Devere Aumiller, Sr. 1936 - 2007

HUTCHINSON — David Devere Aumiller, Sr. 71, died Monday, June 25, 2007, at Wesley Medical Center, Wichita. He was born May 19, 1936, in Selden, the son of Calvin and Bessie Mae Evans Aumiller. He graduated from Radium High School in 1954 and was a lifetime resident of Hutchinson. He was a lifetime truck driver for many companies, including Penwell-Gable Funeral Home, 300 E. 30th St., Hutchinson 67504; to Goodsam Nursing Facility, Leawood, Kan., and then to Via Christi Regional Medical Center, St. Francis Medical Center, Wichita, and to St. John’s Hospital, Topeka. He was a member of the Missouri Bar and the Johnson County Bar Association.

Karen served as a board member with the Dream Factory and was active in her church and children’s school.

Karen enjoyed music, art, outdoor activities and time with her family. She was preceded in death by her paternal grandparents, Henry and Katherine Rein, maternal grandfather, Henry G. and Eugenia Boxberger and parents, Edwin and Virginia Rein, uncle, Carl Boxberger, aunts, Esther Rein and Esther Olson. Karen is survived by her immediate family: husband Brian, 10-year-old daughter Konner and four-year-old son Brett. Karen’s extended family resides in Russell, Great Bend, Smith Center, Parker, Colo., and Springfield, Mo. They include her sister Audrey Vaughn, mother-in-law Dixie Pendland, brother-in-law Stan Vaughn, sister-in-law Brooke Ward, brother-in-law Doug Ward, aunts Ruth Boxberger, Jo Anne Krie, Irene Boxberger, Ester Ethem and Dorothy Wire, uncles Jim Krie, Carl Rein, Eddie Olson and Bob Wire, nieces Whitney Vaughn and Carle Ward, nephews Mark Vaughn and Devon Ward, 13 cousins and many friends.

Funeral arrangements provided by Mount Moriah & Freeman* 10507 Holmes Road Kansas City, MO (816) 942-2004 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 27, 2007

Phyllis Janet Wood 1949 - 2007

SATANTA — Phyllis Janet Wood, 57, entered into heaven June 23, 2007, at Via Christi Regional Medical Center, St. Francis Campus in Wichita. Phyllis was born Dec. 24, 1949, in Seattle, Wash., the daughter of David and Bea Gums. She was married to Loran E. Wood on Aug. 8, 1970, in Harrisonburg, Va. Loran and Phyllis had one daughter, Sherrona Lynn. Phyllis lived in Satanta, where she worked as a nurse at the Satanta Hospital Long Term Care Unit. Her father, David Gums, preceded her in death.

Phyllis is survived by her husband, Loran of Satanta; daughter, Sherrona and husband Wayne Reed of Hutchinson; sisters, Brenda and husband Frank Moore of Mt. Solan, Va., and Jeannie and her husband Jim Goflin of Hutchinson; and brother, Jesse Gums of Mt. Solan, Va. She is also survived by four brothers-in-law and their wives; 13 nieces and nephews; and seven great-nieces and great-nephews. Phyllis will be greatly missed by family and friends alike.

Memorial services will be held in Hutchinson and Sublette. The service in Hutchinson will be held at the Park Place Christian Church at 2 p.m. Thursday, June 28. The service in Sublette will be at the Sublette
JAMES E. UPTON 1950 – 2007

NEWTON — The Venerable James E. Upton, 57, Archdeacon of the Episcopal Diocese of Kansas, died Sunday, June 17, at his home in Newton. He was born on June 9, 1950, in Kansas City, Mo., to James B. Upton and Mary E. (McCarty) Weyand. On June 16, 1979, he married Mary Drescher in Wichita. She survives, at home. Jim was a graduate of Wichita State University with a Bachelor of Arts in History, Anthropology and Education and a Master of Arts degree in Educational Psychology. A longtime educator, Jim taught special-needs children and was the vocational and special needs coordinator for the Sedgwick County Special Education Cooperative. In 1984 Jim was ordained as a deacon in the Episcopal Church. He subsequently served at St. Christopher's and St. Alban's, both in Wichita, and St. Matthew's in Newton. He was an archdeacon for the Diocese of Kansas. Jim also was past director, and was serving as coordinator of the Kansas School of Ministry in Topeka. A dedicated Boy Scout, earning his Eagle Scout designation in 1967 and later the Scout's Silver Beaver Award, Jim worked for many years on the National Boy Scout Council and remained involved with Boy Scouts at both the local and national levels. He served on the board of Camp Wood YMCA, Elmdale, for many years. He also served as Diocesan Junior High Camp counselor and Episcopal camp director from 1980 to 2001. In 2003, Jim received the Bishop's Vision award in the Diocese of Kansas and in 2005 he was one of nine deacons honored with the "Recognition of Diocanal Ministry" designation given by the North American Association for the Diaconate.

He was the son-in-law of Sarah and Larry Drescher, Great Bend.

Surviving family members include: daughter, Megan Tyner of Newton; two sons, James Upton of Wichita and Jeff Upton of Newton; one brother, Bill Upton of Wellington; five sisters, Elizabeth Hill of Lehi, Judi Sheahan of Longwood, Fla., Robyn Weyand of Pikesville, Ky., and ViAnn Neal and Edna Mehihorn, both of Oklahoma City, Okla.; and two grandchildren, Maggie and Lennon James Tyner of Newton. Jim was preceded in death by his mother, Mary Weyand; stepfather, Elmer Weyand; father, James B. Upton; sister, Kay Geiman; and infant brother John Steven.

A vigil service will be at 6:30 p.m. Thursday at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church in Newton. The family will receive friends in the Parish Hall following the service. A Requiem Eucharist will be at 11 a.m. Friday at St. Matthew's with The Right Reverend Dean E. Wolfe, ninth Bishop of the Diocese of Kansas, presiding. The family will have a private interment at a later date. Memorials have been established with The Kansas School of Ministry, Camp Wood YMCA and Quivira Scout Ranch in care of Petersen Funeral Home, 215 North Main, in Newton.

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 26, 2007

ALICE W. PEKAREK 1919 – 2007

WILSON — Alice W. Pekarek, 87, went home to be with her beloved Emie on June 23, 2007 at Hays Medical Center. Mrs. Ernest Pekarek was born Sept. 8, 1919, on the family farm in Lincoln County, the 13th child of Charles F. and Lema E. Conklin Farrington. She lived on that farm until 1930 then moved with the family to Lucas. Alice graduated from Lucas High School in 1938. She worked at the Russell County Courthouse from 1938 until 1946. She married Ernest W. Pekarek on May 2, 1944, at Wilson. They lived on the family farm east of Wilson. He died on Jan. 25, 1982.

Alice was a member of the Presbyterian Church of Wilson, a 60-year member of the American Legion Auxiliary of Wilson, holding many offices of the organization, a volunteer at the Wilson Senior Center for many years, a member and officer of the council for the Senior Center, and a homemaker.

Survivors include her daughter Janet and husband Ted Swafford of Plainville, Kan., the 13th child of Charles F. and Lema E. Conklin Farrington. She lived on that farm until 1930 then moved with the family to Lucas. Alice graduated from Lucas High School in 1938. She worked at the Russell County Courthouse from 1938 until 1946. She married Ernest W. Pekarek on May 2, 1944, at Wilson. They lived on the family farm east of Wilson.

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 26, 2007

Myrna Hein 1941 – 2007

LOGAN — Lewis Schneider, 77, died June 16. Born Dec. 1, 1929, he was the son of Samuel Waldo (S.W.) and Esther Viola (Petersen) Schneider. He graduated from Logan High School in 1947. He attended Kansas State University, majoring in Agricultural Education. He served in the Korean Conflict. After his discharge he taught Vo-Ag to GI's who returned to this area. He started a family farm and ranching operation after his marriage to Marie McClellan in August 1954.

Mr. Schneider was a member of Sunnyside 4-H Club, that his parents organized, and was actively involved in the American Legion, Republican Party, Kansas State Alumni Association, KLA, NCBA, Logan Township Board and the Logan United Methodist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Janene; children, LewJene Schneider of Maize, Dr. LewAnn Schneider of Clay Center, Lloyd Schneider of Logan and Leslye Woodard, of Maize; a sister, Mary Louise Wilcox of Port Ord, Ore.; two brothers, Dr. Robert Schneider of Fairfield Glade, Tenn., and Lt. Col. Donald Schneider of Beavercreek, Ohio; and five grandchildren.

Burial and funeral service took place at Pleasant View Cemetery, with Pastor Dean Gilbert officiating.

Memorials are suggested to the Logan United Methodist Church in care of Logan Funeral Home.

Funeral arrangements provided by Logan Funeral Home
P.O. Box 217
Logan, KS 67646
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 26, 2007

Myrna Hein 1941 – 2007

HESSTON — Myrna Hein, 65, died June 23, 2007, at Via Christi Regional Medical Center, St. Francis Campus in Wichita. Born June 25, 1941, in Dighton, she was the daughter of William "Bill" Anderson and Thelma Gibbs. She married Charles L. Hein on Aug. 10, 1968, in Dighton. He preceded her in death.

Myrna was a charter member of Grace Baptist Church in Hesston, where she shared her love of God with her brothers and sisters in Christ. In addition to her love for Christ and her Church, she treasured her family, animals and God's natural wonders. She will be greatly missed by her family and admired for the courage she showed throughout her illness.

Survivors include her daughter, Lisa Scott of Kalispell, Mont.; two sisters, Bobbie Sue Barber of Hesston and Sherry Lee and Scott Laird of Shawnee; three grandchildren, one great-grandchild; six nephews; four nieces; six great-nephews, seven great nieces, other extended family and friends and beloved cats, Callie and Little Bit. She was
T. Leveta Ives 1920 - 2007

Funeral services for T. Leveta Ives, 86, of Great Bend, formerly of Stockton, will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday, June 26, 2007, at the Main Street Christian Church in Stockton, with the Rev. Vince Williams officiating. Mrs. Ives passed away Thursday, June 21, 2007, at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. She was born Oct. 24, 1920, in Woodston, the daughter of Dolphy Ray and Bertha (Weininger) Cooper. She was a lifelong Stockton resident, working for the K & V Cafe as a waitress and cook, and was a homemaker. On Jan. 20, 1944, she married Cleo D. Ives in Stockton. He passed away April 15, 1976.

Mrs. Ives was a member of the Main Street Christian Church in Stockton and the Monroe-Taylor-Barnes VFW Post No. 8873 Auxiliary, and enjoyed camping, fishing, crocheting, tatting, needlework and making blankets and quilts.

Survivors include her daughter, Tessie Ives, and her fiance, Dave Shultz of Hays; a son, Gale Ives of La Crosse; a sister, Rita Amos of Topeka; a half sister, Murila Ray Cooper of Oklahoma; a brother-in-law and companion, Garland Ensley of the home in Great Bend; one grandson and one great-grandchild. She was preceded in death by her husband, Cleo; a son, Darwin Ives, two sisters, Wanda Morris and Evalee Ensley, and her parents.

Burial will be in the Stockton Cemetery. Visitation will be from 5 to 8 p.m. today and 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday at the Smith-Moore-Overlease Funeral Home, Stockton, and from 9 a.m. to service time Tuesday at the church. Memorial contributions may be made to the church and may be sent in care of the funeral home. Condolences may be sent to the family at over@ruraltel.net.

Funeral arrangements provided by Smith-Moore-Overlease Funeral Home* 723 North First Stockton, KS 67669 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 24, 2007

Robert M. Boyer 1928 - 2007

Robert M. Boyer, 78, of Great Bend, died June 22 at Woodhaven Care Center, Ellinwood. He was born Aug. 3, 1928, in Missouri, the son of Buford and Nanny (Lawless) Boyer. He married Orthella Mae “Betty” Means on Sept. 3, 1947, at Great Bend. She died March 3, 2004. He had lived in Great Bend for more than 60 years. Mr. Boyer was a machinist/mechanic in the oil industry before his retirement.

Survivors include two daughters, Linda Lee Schartz of Grove, Okla., and Debra Fletcher of Great Bend; three sisters, Betty Dewey and June Dewey, both of Kansas City, Mo., and Grace Banner of Indianapolis, Ind.; four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife and three brothers, Wayne, William and Grant Boyer.

A private family service and inurnment will be held at a later date. Memorial donations may be made to Golden Belt Home Health and Hospice, Great Bend.

Funeral arrangements provided by Charter Funerals 2115 Washington Great Bend, KS 67530 620-935-6161 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 24, 2007

Roberta “Bert” Sanger 1927 - 2007

Roberta “Bert” Sanger, 79, of Great Bend, died Dec. 28, 2006, at Great Bend Health & Rehabilitation. She was born April 10, 1927, in Beaver County, Okla., the daughter of Robert and Wanda Davis Sanger. She attended schools in Beaver County including Bethany High School. She married Henry Sanger on Dec. 3, 1947, in Perryton, Texas. He died Aug. 16, 1993. 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 at The Great Bend Manor for many years. Over the years she resided in Beaver County, Okla., Sublette, Skellytown, Texas, Ashland and Great Bend.

She 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.

Survivors include one daughter, Carol Siefkes and husband David of Great Bend; one sister, Billie Jean Bass and husband Joe of San Angelo, Texas; two grandsons, Darin Siefkes and wife Angela of Austin, Texas, and Craig Siefkes of Davenport, Iowa; and one great-granddaughter, Samantha Siefkes. 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 2 p.m. Saturday, June 30, at Bryant Funeral Home with the Rev. Dick Ogle officiating. Inurnment will be at Great Bend Cemetery. There will be no visitation, as cremation has taken place. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations to the Great Bend Public Library, in care of the funeral home, are suggested. 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, June 24, 2007

Frieda Sprague 1912 - 2007

Frieda Sprague, 95, of Great Bend, died June 23 at Central Kansas Medical Center, Great Bend. She was born Feb. 21, 1912, in Barton County, the daughter of Henry Wilhelm Sr. and Elizabeth (Schneider) Wilhelm. She married Lester Sprague on Oct. 27, 1946. He died June 6, 1974. She had lived in Great Bend since 1943. A homemaker, she attended Barton County schools.

She was a member of St. Mark Lutheran Church, Great Bend.

Survivors include numerous nephews, nieces, great-nephews and great-nieces, and great-great-nephews and great-great-nieces. She was preceded in death by six brothers and five sisters.

Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at St. Mark Lutheran Church, Great Bend, with the Rev. Adam D. Wutka officiating. Interment will be at Great Bend Cemetery. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Monday at Charter Funerals, Great Bend, and from 9:30 to 10:20 a.m. Tuesday at the church. Memorial donations may be made to the church.

Funeral arrangements provided by Charter Funerals 2115 Washington Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-6161 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 24, 2007

Lora Lizzie Adams 1925 - 2007

LYONS — Lora Lizzie Adams, 81, died June 21 at Sandstone Heights Nursing Home in Little River. Born Oct. 8, 1925, in Crawford County, Ark., she was the daughter of Frank and Alice Williams Hiatt. She married Edwin B. “Sparky”
Adams on April 22, 1972, in Great Bend. He died Oct. 22, 1993. A longtime resident of Lyons, she was a homemaker.

Mrs. Adams was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary in Lyons.

Survivors include a stepson, Tom Adams of New Mexico; two stepdaughters, Debbie Johnson and Berdena Sloan, both of Hobbs, N.M.; a sister, Nellie Tatom of Texas; 12 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a brother, Lawrence Hiatt.

Memorial service will be at 2 p.m. on Tuesday at Sandstone Heights Nursing Home in Little River. Burial will be at the Raymond Hilltop Cemetery in Raymond. Memorials are suggested to Sandstone Heights Nursing Home in care of Birzer-Sillin Funeral Home in Lyons.

Funeral arrangements provided by Birzer-Sillin Funeral Homes
214 W. Ave. South
Lyons, KS 67554
620-257-2211
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 24, 2007
June 22, 2007
Inola S. Yott 1937 - 2007

HOISINGTON — Inola S. Yott, 70, died June 20, 2007, at Hutchinson Hospital. Born Feb. 27, 1937, in St. Louis, Okla., she was the daughter of Charles and Mabel (Ross) Johnston. She married Emmit Yott on Oct. 17, 1953, in Shawnee, Okla. He preceded her in death on Feb. 5, 2007. A resident of Hoisington since 1965, moving from Great Bend, she was a former employee of Fuller Brush, Golden Belt Home Health and Commercial Credit, all of Great Bend, and Town and Country Supermarket of Hoisington.

Mrs. Yott was a member of the Hoisington Ladies Bowling League and enjoyed gardening.

Survivors include her son, Darrell Yott and wife Laura of Olmitz; a brother, Cecil Johnston and wife Elizabeth of Glendale, Ariz.; a sister, Juanita Brown of Shawnee, Okla.; a sister-in-law, Faye Brooks of Wichita; three grandchildren, David Yott and wife Justina of Hoisington, Theresa Duerksen and husband Joe of Emporia and Dietre Stevenson of Olmitz; and four great grandchildren, Dylan Yott, Dayne Yott, Deryk Yott and Tyler Duerksen. She was preceded in death by two brothers, Charlie and Robert Johnston, and one sister, Charlene Newton.

Following cremation a memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington with the Rev. Gary Clark officiating. Memorials are suggested to the American Cancer Society in care of Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home.

Funeral arrangements provided by Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home*
415 Main
P.O. Box 146
Hoisington, KS 67544
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 22, 2007
Edna "Eddie" Gertrude Sammons 1906 - 2007

LARNED — Edna "Eddie" Gertrude Sammons, 100, died June 15, 2007, at Larned Healthcare Center. Born July 9, 1906, in Folsom, N.M., she was the daughter of John and Elizabeth English Floyd. A longtime resident of Larned, she owned and operated Eddie’s Beauty Shop in Larned.

Survivors include two daughters, Jerry Ashley of Larned and Connie Ruehlen of Lawrence; 11 grandchildren, Belinda Loomis and Dick Warner, both of Great Bend, Kim Warner of Gardner, Steve Warner of Kansas City, Libby Montgomery of Topeka, Forrest Ruehlen of Larned, Robbie Ruehlen of Emporia, Tim Ruehlen of Houston, Texas, Mary Hammer of Edmond, Okla., Georgia Anderson of Naples, Fla., and Katherine Kersting of Lee’s Summit, Mo.; 30 great-grandchildren and several great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a brother, Harold Hedlund; two sisters, Mary Chesterman and Sophia Hendricks; and one grandson, Dallas Ruehlen.

Memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Eastside Baptist Church in Great Bend. Cremation has taken place. Memorials may be sent to Larned Healthcare Center in care of Morell Funeral Home.

Funeral arrangements provided by Morell Funeral Home*
P.O. Box 124
Larned, KS 67550-0124
620-285-2177
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 22, 2007
Beverly A. "Mike" Howard 1936 - 2007

LYONS — Beverly A. "Mike" Howard, 70, loving wife, mother and grandmother went to be with our great Lord Jesus on June 20, 2007, at Hutchinson Hospital. Born Aug. 2, 1936, in Pharoah, Okla., she was the daughter of E. Virgil and Viola Gross Harrelson. She received her Certified Medication Aide and Certified Nurse’s Aide training through Hutchinson Community College. She married Rufus F. Howard on May 4, 1952, in Medford, Okla. A resident of Lyons since 1955, coming from Ellinwood, she was a retired Certified Nurse’s Aide for 40 years, having worked for 30 years at Lyons District Hospital.

Mrs. Howard was a member of the First Baptist Church, a former Sunday School teacher, and a former member of the Women’s Circle Group, all of Lyons.

Survivors include her husband, Rufus Howard, of the home; three sons, John Howard, of Great Bend, Terry Howard, of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., and Bobby Howard, of Evergreen, Colo.; a daughter, Susan Long, of Pomona; a brother, Bobbie Glen Harrelson of Hammond, La.; 20 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by an infant son, Mickey Alan Howard, and her parents.

Memorial service will be at 10 a.m. on Tuesday at First Baptist Church in Lyons with the Rev. Gary Karas officiating. Burial will be at the Lakin Comanche District Cemetery in Ellinwood. Visitation will be from 2 to 8 p.m. Monday at Birzer-Sillin Funeral Home in Lyons with the family receiving friends from 6 to 8 p.m. Memorials are suggested to the Humane Society of the United States in care of the funeral home.

Funeral arrangements provided by Birzer-Sillin Funeral Home
214 West Ave. South
Lyons, KS 67554
620-257-2211
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 22, 2007
Constance M. Daugherty 1938 - 2007

EL DORADO — Constance M. Daugherty of Lubbock, Texas, formerly of El Dorado, died Tuesday, June 19, 2007, in Lubbock. The Celebration of her Life will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at Sunset Lawns Cemetery in El Dorado. Constance was born Oct. 1, 1938, in Osborne, the daughter of Kenneth and Vivian (Jenkins) Hudson. Constance and Earle Daugherty were united in marriage Oct. 1, 1961, in El Dorado; he preceded her in death on Aug. 5, 1989. She was a certified nurse’s aide for local care homes and the hospital. She loved to crochet and to watch baseball.

Surviving family include her sons, Vincent E. of Great Bend, Norman A. of Albuquerque, N.M., and Steven R. of Lubbock, Texas; daughter, Genevieve Goodman of Lubbock, Texas; sister, Sharon S. Wege of El Dorado; half brother, William A. Scott of El Paso; and half sister, Helen A. Anderson of El Dorado; and 10 grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband and son James E. Daugherty. Condolences may be sent to www.kirbymorrisfuneralhome.com.

Funeral arrangements provided by Kirby-Morris Funeral Home*
224 W. Ash
El Dorado, KS 67042
316-321-2260
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 22, 2007
June 21, 2007
Howard Lee "Bud" Lawrence 1928 - 2007

LYONS — Howard Lee "Bud" Lawrence, 79, a resident of Lyons, died Wednesday, June 20, 2007, at St. Francis Hospital in Great Bend. He was born Aug. 1, 1928, in Bennington, Okla., the son of the late Hiram "Frosty" and Jewell "Olive" Martin Lawrence. He was raised in El Dorado, Kan., where he graduated from high school in 1946. He then married the former Viola Harrelson, the love of his life, on Nov. 7, 1946. Bud and Viola moved to Oklahoma in 1950. In 1955, they moved to Great Bend and purchased a home in the Lions Addition. Bud was a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars, a member of American Legion and a former member of the Elks Lodge. He was a member of the El Dorado Baptist Church, a former Sunday School teacher and a member of L Wandend Women’s Circle Group. He taught drivers education in Great Bend for many years. He was a pilot and a member of the Cub Pilots Flying Club. Bud enjoyed fishing, reading, watching the Jayhawks and watching baseball.

Survivors include his wife, Viola of Lyons; daughters, Lisa Lawrence of Great Bend and Karla Lawrence of Houston, Texas; sons, Steve Lawrence and wife Carolyn of Great Bend, and Lance Lawrence of El Dorado, Kan.; four grandchildren, David, Kellie, Walter and Justin; two great-grandchildren, William and Annie; sisters, Virginia Davis of Amarillo, Texas, and Betty Herreman of El Dorado, Kan.; sisters-in-law, Elin Ortego of El Dorado, Kan., and Betty Lawrence of Great Bend; and brother-in-law, Larry Harrelson of El Dorado, Kan.

Funeral arrangements provided by Birzer-Sillin Funeral Home
214 W. Ave. South
Lyons, KS 67554
620-257-2211
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 22, 2007
June 21, 2007
Howard Lee "Bud" Lawrence 1928 - 2007
ALBERT — Howard Lee “Bud” Lawrence, 78, died June 19, 2007, at Central Kansas Medical Center, Great Bend. He was born Sept. 3, 1928, at Heizer, the son of Charles Lee and Viola Hazel Amerine Lawrence. He married Jo Ann Montgomery on Oct. 5, 1954, at Kinsley. She survives. He was a maintenance specialist for Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America, retiring in 1983. He then was a self-employed welder. He was a resident of Albert since 1954, coming from Rush Center. He was a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean War.

He was a member of the Heizer Methodist Church, VFW, and the Albert Volunteer Fire Department.

Survivors, in addition to his wife, of the home, include two sons, Bruce Lawrence of Albert and Brent Lawrence and wife Ann Lawrence, Great Bend, (Kan.); a daughter, Shirley Deege and husband Jon, Kinsley; two brothers, Glenn Lawrence, Malvern, Ark., and Don Lawrence, Parsons, Tenn.; seven grandchildren, Justin Lawrence, Stefanie Lawrence, Amanda Lawrence, Coryell Deege, Carly Jo Deege, Camelle Deege and Annabelle Lawrence, and one grandchild soon to arrive. He was preceded in death by his daughter, Sue Lawrence.

Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, June 23, at Bryant Funeral Home, Great Bend, with Pastor Scott Tempero and Pastor Avery Rutledge officiating. Interment will be in the Albert Community Cemetery at Albert, with military rites conducted by a Fort Riley Honor Guard. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Donations to memorial funds for King Memorial United Methodist Church or the Offerle Methodist Church may be made 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, June 21, 2007

Zella Blanche Mize 1956 - 2007

HOLYROOD — Zella Blanche Mize, 50, died June 18 at Via Christi Regional Medical Center, St. Joseph Campus, Wichita. She was born Aug. 17, 1956, at Ellsworth, the daughter of Jess Mize Jr. and Elizabeth B. Merrill Mize. A retired secretary for Sohm Express, she lived most of her life in Holyrood.

She was a member of St. Peter Lutheran Church, Holyrood.

Survivors include a sister, Lila Sohm, and her husband, Cliff, of Great Bend; a nephew, David Sohm, Great Bend; a niece, Vicki James and her husband Matt, Jetmore; and five great-nephews and -nieces, Cody Sohm, and Taylor, Kaden, Kaylee and Tatum James. She was preceded in death by her father on July 31, 2003, and her mother on Aug. 17, 2006.

A graveside service will be at 1 p.m. today, June 21, at Kanopolis Cemetery in Kanopolis, with Pastor John Sharp officiating. There will be no visitation. Memorials are suggested to St. Peter Lutheran Church, Holyrood.

Funeral arrangements provided by Parsons Funeral Home*
307 N. Lincoln Ave.
Ellsworth, KS 67439
785-472-3861
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 21, 2007

Inola Yott 1937 - 2007

HOISINGTON — Inola Yott, 70, died June 20 at Hutchinson Hospital in Hutchinson.

She was born Feb. 27, 1937. Service arrangements are pending with Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home, Hoisington, and will be announced.

Merlin (Mert) O. Giesler 1931 - 2007

EVERGREEN, Colo. — Merlin (Mert) O. Giesler, 75, died June 16, 2007 in Evergreen, Colo. Born Aug. 25, 1931, in Hudson, Kan., he was the son of Otto and Marie Giesler. After military service, he worked for Welex, a division of Halliburton Company, in Great Bend, Hays, Wichita, and Denver, Colo. He then worked for a variety of other petroleum-related companies after retirement from Welex. He resided the last 34 years in Evergreen, Colo.

Survivors include his son, Troy; granddaughter, Rachel; and grandson, Jacob. He was preceded in death by his wife Belva “Jean” Giesler on Dec. 17, 2006.

A memorial service will be held at 9:30 a.m. on Friday, June 22, at the Trinity Church in Hudson. Memorials may be sent to New Hope Presbyterian Church, 2100 W. Meadows Parkway, Castle Rock, CO 80109.

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 21, 2007*

DODGE CITY — Donald D. Hudson, 79, died June 19 at the Good Samaritan Center, Dodge City. He was born Nov. 27, 1927, in rural Macks ville, the son of George C. and Deedee (Wolf) Hudson. On May 25, 1947, he married Delores L. (Ginest) in rural St. John. She survives, of the home. He was a farmer and seed dealer.

He was a 50-year member of the Masonic Lodge of St. John and Macksville, and the Order of the Eastern Star, St. John and Macksville.

Survivors, besides his wife, include three sons, Rodney Hudson of Bel Aire, Md., Rick Hudson of Macks ville and Roy Hudson of Guymon, Okla.; a sister, Elaine Frack of Webb City, Mo.; eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Friday at the Macks ville Christian Church, Macks ville, with the Rev. David Crook presiding. Burial will be in the Farmington Cemetery, Macks ville. Visitation will be from 1 to 8 p.m. today at Minnis Chapel in Macks ville. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to the Macks ville Christian Church in care of Minnis Chapel, Macks ville.

Funeral arrangements provided by Minnis Chapel
P.O. Box 34 (205 N. Main in Macks ville)
St. John, KS 67576
620-348-2285
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 21, 2007

Albert L. Niedens 1933 - 2007

ALBERT — Howard L. Lawrence, 78, died June 19 at Central Kansas Medical Center, Great Bend.

Service arrangements are pending with Bryant Funeral Home.

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 20, 2007

Albert L. Niedens 1933 - 2007

ALBERT — Howard L. Lawrence, 78, died June 18 at Hutchinson Hospital, Hutchinson. He was born Feb. 17, 1928, in Hodgeman County, the son of John Henry and Bertha Bitter Niedens. He married with his family to northern Barton County in 1940 and to Hoisington in 1945. He graduated in 1951 from Hoisington High School, where he earned multiple varsity letters in basketball and track and field.

Al served in the U.S. Navy from 1955 to 1963 and trained Naval Reservists in Muncie, Ind., in the early 1960s. He married Clara Dietz on Feb. 14, 1960, in Milberger. After concluding his military service, he and his family moved to Great Bend, where he worked as a shipping clerk for Scheufler’s, Thies
Packing and APS also as an oil-field mechanic for FH&B. He retired in 1999.

A longtime member of Trinity Lutheran Church, Al enjoyed sports and was an avid fast-pitch softball player in the service and with local amateur teams in the 1950s and '60s.

Survivors include his wife, the home; three children, Douglas Niedens and his wife Michelle, of Overland Park, Colleen Burton and her husband Kelly, of Great Bend, and Lyle Niedens and his wife Caryl, of Westbrook; three sisters, Leona Karst of Great Bend, Viola Dumler of Russell and Lola Wilks of Derby; and six grandchildren, Molly and Sawyer Niedens, Tanner and Nina Burton and Conley and Pierce Niedens. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Otto Niedens and Marvin Niedens.

A prayer service will be conducted at 7 p.m. today at Bryant Funeral Home, Great Bend. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Trinity Lutheran Church, Great Bend, with the Rev. James A. Strasen officiating. Visitation will be from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. today at Bryant Funeral Home. Memorial donations for Trinity Lutheran Church or the Heartland Cancer Center may be made 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, June 20, 2007

George Douglas Goforth 1945 - 2007

BUSHTON — George Douglas Goforth, 61, died June 18, 2007, at Central Kansas Medical Center, Great Bend. He was born June 24, 1945, in Clarksville, Tenn., the son of William and Helen James Goforth. He married Pamela French on Aug. 31, 1971, at Bountiful, Utah. He had lived in Bushton for the past 30 years. He was a retired helium plant operator for Prax Air. A veteran of the U.S. Navy, he served during the Vietnam War.

He was a member of Claffin Masonic Lodge, Russell Shrine Club, and Isis Temple, Salina.

Survivors include his wife, Pamela, of Bushton; a son, Cody W. Goforth, Lyons; two daughters, Danielle Doyle, Sublette, and April Phillips, Wichita; seven grandchildren, Adam, Gavin, Solomon, AJ, Meghan, Macy and Madison; a sister, Susan Roberts, Salt Lake City, Utah; and a brother, James Goforth, Anchorage, Alaska. He was preceded in death by a son, Douglas Loyal Goforth, on July 19, 1992.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at the United Methodist Church in Bushton, with Pastors Sarah Hickson DeSalazar and Deborah Rains officiating. Interment will be at Bushton Cemetery with military honors conducted by the Holyrood American Legion. Visitation will be from 1 to 8 p.m. today at Parsons Funeral Home, Ellsworth, and 9 to 10 a.m. Thursday at the church. Memorials are suggested to the Shriners’ Children’s Hospitals.

Funeral arrangements provided by Parsons Funeral Home*

307 N. Lincoln Ave.
Ellsworth, KS 67439
785-472-3861

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 20, 2007

Zella Blanche Mize 1956 - 2007

HOLYROOD — Zella Blanche Mize, 50, died June 18 at Via Christi Regional Medical Center, St. Joseph Campus, Wichita. She was born Aug. 17, 1956, at Ellsworth, the daughter of Jess Mize Jr. and Elizabeth B. Merrill Mize. A retired secretary for Sohm Express, she lived most of her life in Holyrood.

She was a member of St. Peter Lutheran Church, Holyrood.

Survivors include a sister, Lila Sohm, Great Bend; a nephew, David Sohm, Great Bend; a niece, Vicki James and her husband Matt, Jetmore; and five great-nephews and great-nieces, Cody Sohm, and Taylor, Kaden, Kaylee and Tatum James. She was preceded in death by her father on July 31, 2003, and her mother on Aug. 17, 2006.

A graveside service will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at Kanopolis Cemetery in Kanopolis, with Pastor John Sharp officiating. There will be no visitation. Memorials are suggested to St. Peter Lutheran Church, Holyrood.

Funeral arrangements provided by Parsons Funeral Home*

307 N. Lincoln Ave.
Ellsworth, KS 67439
785-472-3861

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 20, 2007

Kenneth D. Barta 1937 - 2007

HOLYROOD — Kenneth D. Barta, 69, died June 16 at Ellsworth County Medical Center. Born Sept. 25, 1937, in Ellsworth County, he was the son of Ernest and Frances (Mattas) Barta. A lifetime resident of the Holyrood area, he was an oil pumper for BLG in Russell and a farmer and stockman. He married Mary Haley on Dec. 30, 1960, in Claflin.

Mr. Barta was an Army veteran of Vietnam. He was a member of the Holyrood American Legion.

Survivors include his wife Mary, of the home; two daughters, Laura Montoya and Chary Warner, both of Holyrood; a brother, Dale Barta of Lincoln; a sister, Diane Zeman of Ellsworth; a grandchild, David Zajic; and two great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a grandson, Joshua Warner in 2000, and a sister, Alice Barta in 1938.

Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. today at St. Mary’s Catholic Church in Holyrood with Father David Metz officiating. Burial will be will be at Palacky Cemetery in Grainfield with Father Mark Berland and Father Basil Torrez officiating. Burial will be at the Grainfield Cemetery. Friends may visit from 6 to 7 p.m. today at St. Agnes Educational Center.

Memorials are suggested to Gove County Medical Center and the City of Grainfield playground equipment in care of Schmitt Funeral Home.

Funeral arrangements provided by Schmitt Funeral Home

901 S. Main
Quinter, KS 67752
785-743-6761

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 19, 2007

Albert L. Niedens 1933 - 2007

HOLYROOD — Albert L. Niedens, 78, died June 18 at Gove County Medical Center in Quinter. Born May 29, 1946, in Ellsworth, the son of Carl and Irene (Engel) Heinrich. He graduated from Rural High School in 1964 and Goodland Vocational Technical School with an Associate’s Degree in Business. The co-owner/operator of Heinrich Feeds, Inc., he married Lana Cooper on Dec. 2, 1967. They divorced and he married Kathy Heier on March 31, 2001, in Scott City.

Mr. Heinrich served in the United States Navy in the Vietnam War.

Survivors include his wife of the home; a son, Cody Heinrich of Gardner; a stepson, Michael Lang of the home; a daughter, Amy Heinrich of Wichita; a brother, Galen Heinrich of Grainfield; three sisters, Charlene Gassmann of Grainfield, Carla Heinrich-Traitwein of Austin, Texas, and Kelly Schwintz of Greeley, Colo.; and three grandchildren.

Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. today at St. Agnes Educational Center in Grainfield. Funeral mass will be at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday at St. Agnes Catholic Church in Grainfield with Father Mark Berland and Father Basil Torrez officiating. Burial will be at the Grainfield Cemetery. Friends may visit from 6 to 7 p.m. today at St. Agnes Educational Center.

Memorials are suggested to Gove County Medical Center and the City of Grainfield playground equipment in care of Schmitt Funeral Home.

Funeral arrangements provided by Schmitt Funeral Home

901 S. Main
Quinter, KS 67752
785-743-6761

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 19, 2007
Albert L. Niedens, 74, of Great Bend, died June 18 at Hutchinson Hospital, Hutchinson. Funeral arrangements are pending and will be announced by Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend.

Gertrude A. Newsome 1912 - 2007

SALINA – Gertrude A. Newsome, 95, of Great Bend, died June 17 at Salina Regional Health Center. She was born May 5, 1912, at Holyrood, the daughter of Albert E. and Bertha Christian Stratmann. She married Cecil Oliver Newsome on Dec. 11, 1931, at Holyrood. He died Sept. 9, 1965. She was a resident of Great Bend since 1962, coming from Hoisington. She had resided in Salina for four months. She was a homemaker.

Mrs. Newsome was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church, Eagle's Lodge Auxiliary and Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary, all in Great Bend.

Survivors include one son, Harold C. Newsome and wife Karen, York, Neb.; two daughters, Barbara Ann Randolph and husband Ray, Salina; Nancy Schukman, Casper, Wyo.; one brother, Clarence Stratmann, Wilson; one sister, Edna Pfughet, Ellsworth; 16 grandchildren and many great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a son, Norman Newsome; a daughter, Carrie Lynn Payan. She was a homemaker.

 Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend, with the Rev. James A. Strasen officiating. Interment will be in the Great Bend Cemetery. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Sunday and Monday at Elliott Mortuary in Hutchinson. Memorials are suggested to the William J. Boor Memorial Fund in care of the mortuary.

Elliott Mortuary 1219 N. Main Hutchinson, KS 67501 620-663-3327 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 17, 2007

Donetta P. Payan 1955 - 2007

Donetta P. Payan, 52, died June 14 at her residence in Great Bend. Born April 3, 1955, in Oakley, she was the daughter of Donald Raymond and Willa Joy Brown Herschberger. She married Higinio “Art” Payan on July 10, 1979, at Columbus, Neb. He survives. A resident of Great Bend since 1981, coming from Oxford, she worked at T G & Y and Wal-mart. She was of the Methodist faith and an avid bowler.

Survivors include her husband, of the home; mother Willa Ruth and stepfather Ron of Fanshawe, Okla.; and four brothers, Melvin D. Herschberger and wife Kathy of Arvada, Colo., Monty L. Herschberger and wife Phyllis of Poteau, Okla., Linden D. Herschberger and wife Maureen of Westminster, Colo., and Tonn D. Herschberger and wife Linda of Blue Earth, Minn. She was preceded in death by a daughter, Carrie Lynn Payan.

Funeral service was at 2 p.m. Saturday at Bryant Funeral Home with Steve Thade, Pastoral Assistant with the First United Methodist Church officiating. Burial was in the Great Bend Cemetery North. Memorials are suggested to the family in care of the funeral home.

Bryant Funeral Home* 1425 Patton Road Great Bend, KS 67530 (620) 793-3525 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 17, 2007

June 17, 2007

William J. ”Bill” Boor 1922 - 2007

HUTCHINSON — William J. ”Bill” Boor, 84, died June 14 at Hutchinson Hospital Emergency Room in Hutchinson. Born July 16, 1922, at Beaver, he was the son of Wenzel H. and Anna Marie Hipp Boor. He married Eunice H. Dovel on Feb. 3, 1944, in Kinsley. She died Jan. 26, 2002. He graduated from Hanston High School in Hanston. A longtime resident of Hutchinson, moving from Ellinwood where he lived for 23 years, he was a retired construction worker.

Mr. Boor was a member of the Carpenter’s Union No. 201.

Survivors include a son, Bill Boor of Sterling; four daughters, Linda Azzone of Wichita, Shirley Drennon of Hays, Sharon Proffitt of Hutchinson and Becky Harmon of Sterling; a brother, Leo Boor of Great Bend; two sisters, Jane Henderson of Dundee and Louise Beigij of Salem, Ore.; 11 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a sister, Mildred Boor.

Funeral Mass will take place at 2 p.m. on Tuesday at St. Teresa’s Catholic Church in Hutchinson. Burial will be at Fairlawn Burial Park in Hutchinson. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Sunday and Monday at Elliott Mortuary in Hutchinson. Memorials are suggested to the William J. Boor Memorial Fund in care of the mortuary.

Elliott Mortuary 1219 N. Main Hutchinson, KS 67501 620-663-3327 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 17, 2007

Donetta P. Payan 1955 - 2007

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Survivors include her husband, of the home; mother Willa Ruth and stepfather Ron of Fanshawe, Okla.; and four brothers, Melvin D. Herschberger and wife Kathy of Arvada, Colo., Monty L. Herschberger and wife Phyllis of Poteau, Okla., Linden D. Herschberger and wife Maureen of Westminster, Colo., and Tonn D. Herschberger and wife Linda of Blue Earth, Minn. She was preceded in death by a daughter, Carrie Lynn Payan.

Funeral service was at 2 p.m. Saturday at Bryant Funeral Home with Steve Thade, Pastoral Assistant with the First United Methodist Church officiating. Burial was in the Great Bend Cemetery North. Memorials are suggested to the family in care of the funeral home.

Bryant Funeral Home* 1425 Patton Road Great Bend, KS 67530 (620) 793-3525 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 17, 2007

June 15, 2007

Harold Carl Carrier 1933 - 2007

HOUSTON — Harold Carl Carrier, 74, of Houston passed away Monday, June 11, 2007. He was born Feb. 25, 1933, in Houston, Texas, to Theodore and Sylemen Carrier.

Harold served in the Army during the Korean Conflict. He was a field mechanic for Mustang Industrial Equipment Co. before retiring after 24 years of service.

Harold is survived by his loving wife of 30 years, Betty Carrier; three daughters, Shandra Owens, Janalee Bohn and husband Kenneth Bohn Jr. and Shirley Franklin; six grandchildren, Kenneth, Jennifer, Brandon, Charles, James and Angela; one great-grandchild, Caroline, and many other relatives and friends.

Visitation will be today, June 15, at Forest Park Lawndale from 5 to 9 p.m. with a Rosary at 7 p.m. in the Family Chapel. Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, June 16, at Forest Park Lawndale. Burial will follow at Forest Park Cemetery.

Funeral arrangements provided by Forest Park Lawndale Funeral Home# 6900 Lawndale Houston, TX 77023 713-928-5141 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 15, 2007

Carole Meisenheimer 1930 - 2007

KINGMAN — Carol Meisenheimer, 76, died June 13 at her home in Kingman. She was born July 19, 1930, at Perryton, Texas, the daughter of Robert and Mae Belle Cloud Lawrence. On Jan. 7, 1956, she married Leroy Meisenheimer at Perryton. A Kingman resident since 1960, she was a retired music teacher for USD 331.

She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church, The Presbyterian Women and P.E.O., all of Kingman, and the Presbytery of Southern Kansas.

Survivors include her husband, Leroy; two daughters, Molly Hildebrand, Great Bend, and Leann Osner, Kingman; a brother, Robert Lawrence, Amarillo, Texas; two sisters, Norma Daniell, Amarillo, and Elizabeth Evans, Bastrop, Texas; and five grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a brother, Gene Lawrence.

Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at the First Presbyterian Church, Kingman, with the Rev. John Barkett presiding. Visitation will be from 1 to 8 p.m. today at the Livingston Funeral Home in Kingman. Burial will be in the Hoosier Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made for the First Presbyterian Church and Harry Hynes Hospice, in care of the funeral home.

Funeral arrangements provided by
Larry “Bones” Steinbacher 1945 - 2007

Larry “Bones” Steinbacher, 61, of Great Bend, died June 14 at Central Kansas Medical Center, Great Bend. He was born Nov. 15, 1945, at Great Bend, the son of Charles F. and Eulalia M. Brehm Steinbacher. He married Anne Keenan on July 24, 1971, in Seward. She survives. He was an inspector for Evans, Byerly, Hutchinson and Associates, PA. He was a lifetime resident of Great Bend.

He was a member of Prince of Peace Parish at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church, the Knights of Columbus, Eagles and Elks. He was a life member of the American Legion and VFW, all in Great Bend.

Survivors, in addition to his wife, of Great Bend, include one son, Doug Steinbacher and wife Tammy of Olathe; his mother, of Great Bend; three brothers, Charlie F. Steinbacher, Lawrence, Pete Steinbacher and wife Linda, Chatsworth, Calif., and Jim Steinbacher and wife Debra of Scottsdale, Ariz.; four sisters, Laura Ann Schenkel and husband Ray, Great Bend, Mary Lou Steinbacher, Lakewood, Colo., Jolene Romme and husband Leon, Burleson, Texas, and Jeanne Hollembek and husband Bruce, Wichita; and two grandchildren, Daxen Lane Steinbacher and husband Bruce, Wichita; and two grandchildren, Nathaniel Knox and Kelvin Knox. He was preceded in death by his father, Charles F. Steinbacher.

A vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Sunday with Knights of Columbus Rosary at Bryant Funeral Home, Great Bend. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Monday at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church, Great Bend, with Father Wesley Schawe officiant. Interment will be at the Great Bend Cemetery. Visitation will be from 1 to 9 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home. Memorial funds have been established for Prince of Peace Parish at St. Rose and for the American Heart Association. 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, June 15, 2007

June 14, 2007

Ramon LeRoy Knox 1926 - 2006

HEIZER — Ramon LeRoy Knox, 79, died March 6, 2006, at Hutchinson Hospital. Born Nov. 20, 1926, in Denver, Colo., he was the son of Velma Knox. A resident of Heizer since 1968, coming from Larned, he married Evelene Marie Horyna on Aug. 2, 1953, in Great Bend. She survives. He retired in 1989 from Murphy Tractor, where he was a truck driver.

Mr. Knox was a World War II veteran, serving with the United States Navy. He was a member of St. Mark’s Lutheran Church and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3111.

Survivors include his wife, Evelene Knox, of the home; two sons, Brian L. Knox and wife Narcisa of Guam, and Wesley Knox of Heizer; a half brother, James Dawson of Garden City; a half sister, Maxine Atkinson of Garden City; and two grandchildren, Nathaniel Knox and Kelvin Knox. He was preceded in death by his mother.

A memorial service will be graveside at 11 a.m. Monday, June 18, at Golden Belt Cemetery 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. 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, June 14, 2007

Kenneth Irick 1931 - 2007

LIBERAL — Kenneth Irick, 75, of Liberal, died Monday, June 11, at his home following an extended illness. He was born Aug. 26, 1931, at Shawnee, Okla., the son of John B. and Willie O. Goode Irick. He attended school in Tulsa, Okla., and Dodge City. He was a veteran of the Korean Conflict, serving in the U.S. Navy on a destroyer.

In 2000 he received a letter of appreciation from the South Korean government for his efforts for their country. Kenneth was a salesperson in the oilfield, for Harbison-Fischer for 33 years, and M & M Equipment for nine years, retiring in 2002. He loved hunting, fishing, boating and playing golf.

On Oct. 28, 1956, he married Sharon R. Andrew at Great Bend. She survives.

In addition to his wife, Sharon Irick, he is survived by one son, Kenny Scott Irick, Aurora, Colo.; two daughters, Karla Allen and husband Greg, Aurora, Colo., and Karin Gokey and husband Rick, Liberal; one sister, Lee Gilmore, Plano, Texas; four grandchildren, Jordan and Jamie Allen and Ryan and Kayla Gokey, and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, a brother, Keith Irick, and two sisters, Johnelle Hampton and Willarene Geise.

Memorial services will be conducted at 11 a.m. Friday at the Miller Chapel with the Rev. Jimmy Holman presiding.

Inurnment will be at a later date. The family suggests memorials be sent to the Liberal Home Health & Hospice, American Heart Association or to the American Cancer Society in care of the mortuary.

Funeral arrangements provided by Miller Mortuary*
908 N. Lincoln
Liberal, KS 67901
1-888-624-3844
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 14, 2007

June 13, 2007

Sondra Jean Sweeden 1940 - 2007

KREBS, Okla. — Sondra Jean Sweeden, 67, died June 10 at her residence in Krebs, Okla. Born March 15, 1940, in Osborne, Kan., she was the daughter of Vernon Ayers and Blanche McDaniel Ayers. She grew up and attended schools in Russell. She married Alvin Sweeden on Nov. 15, 1966, in Russell. She was a hostess in several restaurants and often would work weeks of 120 hours while being a wife and mother. She also taught in the Head Start Programs, was a care provider in the private sector for several years, and was a homemaker. Dedicated to helping others, even in death, she was a homemaker mother and enjoyed her family.

Mrs. Sweeden attended the Krebs Baptist Church and the Friendship Church and was a Girl Scout Master.

Survivors include her husband of 41 years, Alvin Sweeden; seven sons, Terry and Barb Herl of Wellington, Tony Herl, Tim and Mary Herl, Robert “Bobby” Sweeden and Tyler and Diane Herl, all of Wichita, Ted Herl of Emporia, and Todd Herl of Fort Supply, Okla.; one daughter, Sandra Sweeden of Krebs, Okla.; a brother, Rodney Ayers of Denver, Colo.; special friends, Virgil and Carol Clark of Heavener, Okla.; 21 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren; and numerous stepbrothers, nieces, nephews, cousins, and bothers and sisters-in-law. She was preceded in death by her parents, Vernon Ayers and Blanche McDaniel; a brother, Jim Ayers; and several stepbrothers.

Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Bishop Chapel of Memorials under the direction of C.F. Bishop Funeral Service with the Rev. Mike Clark officiating. The family requests that donations be made to the American Cancer Society at 4110 S. 100th East Ave., Suite 101, Tulsa, Okla.

Funeral arrangements provided by Bishop Funeral Service and Crematory*
P.O. Box 3344
McAlester, OK 74502
918-426-4244
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 13, 2007

Darin L. Hickel 1971 - 2007
A memorial service was held June 4 at the First United Methodist Church in Arroyo Grande. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made in his name to the American Heart Association, 7272 Greenville Ave., Dallas, TX 75231; or French Hospital Cardiac Care Center, C/o French Hospital Foundation, 1911 Johnson Ave., San Luis Obispo, CA 93401.

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 13, 2007#

June 12, 2007

Dennis W. Terrell 1945 - 2007

STERLING — Dennis W. Terrell, 62, died June 9 at Hutchinson Hospital. He was born March 8, 1945, at Kingman, the son of Wayne and Helen Wells Terrell. He married Donna Lackey on Feb. 21, 1975, at Sterling. A retired oilfield worker, he was a lifetime resident of Sterling. He graduated from Sterling High School in 1963 and attended Sterling College.

He was of the Methodist faith, and was a member of the Sons of the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars Men's Auxiliary, both of Hutchinson.

Survivors include his wife, Donna, of the home; two sons, Timothy J. Terrell of Parsons and Thomas Wayne Terrell of Hutchinson; one daughter, Shelly Grimpo of Salisbury, Mo.; his mother, Helen Evans of Sterling; four sisters, Patricia Harris of San Diego, Linda Welch of Wichita, and Judy Terrell and Ellen Evans, both of Topeka; and five grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his father, his stepfather, Fayne Evans, a brother, Gene Evans, and a nephew, Corey Welch.

Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the United Methodist Church in Sterling. Burial will be at Sterling Community Cemetery. Visitation will be from 2 to 5 p.m. today at the Birzer-Silllin Funeral Home in Sterling. Memorial donations to Special Olympics may be made in care of the funeral home.

Funeral arrangements provided by Birzer-Silllin Funeral Home
Jefferson at Seventh
Sterling, KS 67579
620-278-3531
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 12, 2007

Neoma Marie Boese 1916 - 2007

BAZINE — Neoma Marie Boese, 90, died June 10 at the Ness County Long Term Care facility in Ness City. Born Aug. 22, 1916, at the family farm near Bazine, she was the daughter of John and Mary Berig Beahm. She married Arthur Boese on Aug. 21, 1940, in La Crosse. He died Oct. 29, 1980. A lifetime resident of the Bazine community, she was a homemaker.

Mrs. Boese was a member of the Seventh Day Adventist Church in Bazine.

Survivors include a son, Melvin Boese, of Bazine.

Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. on Wednesday at the Fitzgerald Funeral Home in Ness City with Pastors Ronald and Vera Williams presiding. Burial will be at the Bazine Cemetery. Visitations will be from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. today and until service time on Wednesday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the Bazine Seventh Day Adventist Church or the Ness County EMTs in care of the funeral home.

Funeral arrangements provided by Fitzgerald Funeral Home, Inc.
P.O. Box 96
207 N. Pennsylvania
Ness City, KS 67560
785-798-3892
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 12, 2007

Janice Loy Pfaff 1940 - 2007

NESS CITY — Janice Loy Pfaff, 67, died June 8 at Hutchinson Hospital. Born May 19, 1940, at Kimball, Neb., she was the daughter of Earl and Edith David Barrett. A resident of Ness City since 1966, she was an LPN employed at the Ness County Hospital for the past 34 years. She married Chester Keith Pfaff on Dec. 11, 1957, at Hobbs, N.M.

Mrs. Pfaff was a member of the Untied Methodist Church in Ness City.

Survivors include her husband, of the home; four sons, Randy Pfaff of Russell, Wesley and Stephen, both of Ness City, and Jim of El Dorado; her father, Earl Barrett of Kimball, Neb.; two brothers, David Earl Barrett of Kimball, Neb., and Ronald James Barrett of Harrisburg, Neb., one sister, Earldeen Walker of Kimball, Neb.; five grandchildren; and eight great-granddaughters. She was preceded in death by her mother, Edith Barrett; and two sons, Bruce and Gregory Pfaff.

Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday at the United Methodist Church in Ness City with the Rev. Darlene Nonhoff presiding. Burial will be in the Ness City Cemetery. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. today at Fitzgerald Funeral Home in Ness City and until service time on Wednesday at the church. Memorials are suggested to the Ness County Hospital in care of the funeral home.

Funeral arrangements provided by Fitzgerald Funeral Home, Inc.
P.O. Box 96
207 N. Pennsylvania
Ness City, KS 67560
785-798-3892
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 12, 2007

Lucile M. Uden 1914 - 2007

NESS CITY — Lucile M. Uden, 93, died June 11 at McCook, Neb. Born July 7, 1914, at Great Bend, the son of Kenneth A. and Carol J. Feist Hickel. He was a member of the Prince of Peace Parish at St. Patrick in Great Bend, and A.O.P.A. He had a passion for airplanes and ships, history and loved reading.

Survivors include his parents, Kenneth and Carol Hickel, Great Bend; his paternal grandfather, Fred Hickel, and cousins. He was preceded in death by his paternal grandmother, Agnes Hickey, and Carol Hickel, Great Bend; his sister, Elva Nairn, of Great Bend; his brother, Gene Rinaldi and Marna Bilger; and three grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife of 63 years, Marilyn.
Dona Lee Olivera 1935 - 2007

Dona Lee Olivera, 72, of Great Bend, died June 7 at Hays Medical Center, Hays. She was born Feb. 2, 1935, at Hays, the daughter of Raymond Dewey and Ethel Helen Weaverling Wise. She married Rudolph Valentino Olivera on Oct. 6, 1984, at Santa Barbara, Calif. He died July 25, 1998. She was a self-employed housekeeper. She was a resident of Great Bend since 2005, coming from Santa Barbara, Calif.

She was a member of St. Mark’s Lutheran Church of Great Bend. She was also a member of AARP, Vintage Wheels Car Club, Great Bend, and Sierra Club of Washington, D.C. (fundamentalist for the environment).

Survivors include two brothers, Ray “Keith” Wise of Ojai, Calif., and Vance Wise and his wife Marilyn of Great Bend; two stepsons, Glen Olivera of Barbadio and Alan Olivera and wife Frances of Los Olivos, Calif.; a stepdaughter, Lee Anna Olivera of Los Alamos, Calif.; four stepgrandchildren, four stepgrandchildren and her beloved dog, Ruby.

Funeral will be at 1:30 p.m. Monday at Bryant Funeral Home, Great Bend, with Pastor Adam Wutka officiating. Interment will be at the Goleta Cemetery District in Santa Barbara. Friends may call from 1 to 9 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Monday at the funeral home. Donations to a memorial fund for Golden Belt Home Health and Hospice, or to the charity or organization of the donor’s choice, may be made in care of the funeral home. Condolences may be sent and notice viewed at www.bryanth.net.

Funeral arrangements provided by Bryant Funeral Home*
1425 Patton Road
Great Bend, KS 67530
(620) 793-3525
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 10, 2007

Madalen V. Feist, 81, of Great Bend, died June 9 at Ellinwood District Hospital in Ellinwood. She was born Jan. 25, 1926, near Ellinwood, the daughter of Frank J. and Magdelene Breitenbach Wendel. She married August Feist at Larned. He died in 1989. A Great Bend resident since 1969, formerly of Bushton, she was a homemaker.

Mrs. Feist was a former member of Holy Name Catholic Church and Altar Society in Bushton.

Survivors include a son, Michael Feist, Ellinwood; a daughter, Patricia Doll, Great Bend; a brother, Ambrose Wendel, Great Bend; and two sisters, Helen Sappington, Hoisington, and Irene Harper, Othello, Wash.; one grandson and one great-grandchild. She was preceded in death by three brothers, Leo Wendel, Edward Wendel and Frank Wendel; and two sisters, Anna Feist and Frances Oberle.

Funeral Mass will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Holy Name Catholic Church near Bushton, with the Rev. Steven Scheier officiating. Rosary will be at 7 p.m. Monday at the church. Burial will be in Holy Name Cemetery, Bushton. Friends may call from 1 to 5 p.m. Monday at Kimpel Funeral Home in Ellinwood and from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday at the church. Memorial donations may be made to Holy Name Cemetery Fund and Golden Belt Humane Society, in care of the funeral home.

Funeral arrangements provided by Kimpel Funeral Home
113 North Main
Ellinwood, KS 67526
(620) 564-2300
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 10, 2007

Ramona Delores Milsap 1938 - 2007

RAYMOND – Ramona Delores Milsap, 69, died June 8 at Hutchinson Hospital in Hutchinson. She was born Jan. 6, 1938, at Henryetta, Okla., the daughter of Austin and Ethel Mae Wren Stephens. She graduated from business college in Colorado Springs, Colo., with a degree in accounting and taxes. She married Ray F. Milsap Nov. 7, 1953, at Hutchinson. A Raymond resident for 55 years, she was a homemaker and former accountant and Realtor.

Mrs. Milsap was a member of Baptist Church in Raymond, Doll Makers Guild; former longtime Raymond City Clerk and election board member; served on the Raymond Gym Committee; and graduated from chef’s school in Brunswick, Ga. She was a master porcelain doll artisan and held classes out of her studio in her home.

Survivors include her husband, of the home; two sons, Jon Dirk Milsap of St. Louis, Mo., and Ted Allen Milsap of Sand Springs, Okla.; two daughters, Sue Ann Milsap of Sand Springs, Okla., and
Cynthia Rae Vandagriff of Cordova, Tenn.; eight grandchildren and one great-granddaughter. She was preceded in death by a brother, Thomas Austin Stephens.

Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the church in Raymond, with the Rev. Robert Friesen officiating. Burial will be at Raymond Hilltop Cemetery at a later date. Memorial donations may be made to the Raymond Gym in care of Sillin Funeral Home.

Funeral arrangements provided by Sillin Funeral Homes
214 West Ave. South
Lyons, KS 67554
(620) 257-2211
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 10, 2007

Jeffrey Dean Waddle 1958 - 2007

PRATT – Jeffrey Dean Waddle, 48, died June 8 at the Hays Medical Center, Kansas City. He was born Dec. 11, 1958, at Larned, the son of Conrad and Marlene (Sandor) Waddle. He graduated from St. John High School in 1977.

He was a salesman for Mid-Co Implement, a member of the Leadership 2000 Board, and he belonged to Park Hills Country Club in Pratt. He was vice president of the Pratt High Booster Club for three years. He belonged to the Church of Christ in St. John.

He married Robin Postier Feb. 13, 1988, at St. John. She survives. Other survivors include two daughters, Allyson and Macy Leigh Waddle, both of the home; his parents, Conrad and Marlene Waddle of St. John; two sisters, Debby Waddle of Kansas City, Mo., and Diane Edgett of Norton; four nephews and two nieces.

Visitation will be from 1 to 8 p.m. Monday and from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Larrison Mortuary in Pratt. The family will receive friends from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday. The funeral will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at First United Methodist Church in Pratt with Carl Feril officiating. Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery, Pratt.

Memorials may be made to Silver Maple Camp or American Cancer Society Hope Lodge in care of the mortuary. Personal condolences may be left for the family at www.larrisonmortuary.com.

Funeral arrangements provided by Larrison Mortuary*
300 Country Club Road
Pratt, KS 67124-3149
(620) 672-6436
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 10, 2007

William "Bill" J. Schartz 1917 - 2007

LARNED — William "Bill" J. Schartz, 90, died June 8 at Larned Health Care Center. He was born Jan. 28, 1917, in Ellinwood, the son of Nicholas John and Margaret L. Meyeres Schartz. He was a resident of Larned since 1976, moving from rural Belpre, where he owned and operated a farm.

He belonged to Sacred Heart Catholic Church and Knights of Columbus Fourth Degree, both of Larned, Coronado Assembly and the National Farmers Union. He was a great benefactor to many persons and many organizations.

On June 2, 1937, he married Mary Elizabeth Northart at Ellinwood. They recently celebrated their 70th anniversary. She survives.

Other survivors include two sons, LeRoy William and wife Elnora of Oklahoma City, Okla., and Daniel Jerome and wife Mary, Gothenburg, Neb.; one daughter, Patricia A. Thompson, Larned; one brother, Mark L., Larned; one sister, Wilma Zeigler, Broomfield, Colo.; 12 grandchildren, 22 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

A vigil and rosary will be at 7 p.m. today at Sacred Heart Church, Larned. Funeral Mass will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at the church, with Father Bernard Felix presiding. Visitation will be from noon to 8 p.m. today at Morell Funeral Home, Larned. Burial will be at the Belpre Cemetery, Belpre. Memorials may be sent to the Bill Schartz Memorial to be distributed to Bill's charities in lieu of flowers, in care of Morell Funeral Home in Larned.

Funeral arrangements provided by Morell Funeral Home*
1021 Broadway
P.O. Box 124
Larned, KS 67550-0124
620-285-2177
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 10, 2007

Michael Shaffer Holland 1940 - 2007

RUSSELL — Michael Shaffer Holland, 66, of Russell, died June 7 at the Hays Medical Center after a courageous battle with cancer. Michael was born Sept. 27, 1940, in Ellsworth County, the son of Herbert N. and Helen M. (Shaffer) Holland. He grew up in Russell and graduated from Russell High School in 1958. He was All-State in football and basketball.

He then attended the University of Kansas where he graduated in 1962. He then graduated from the University of Kansas Law School in 1965. He was a member of the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity.

Michael returned to Russell after college and became a law partner with his father, making him the third generation in his family to be a lawyer. The Law and practicing law was a lifelong passion of his. He was the Russell County attorney from 1969 to 1975. He was named "A Fellow" by the Kansas Bar Association in 1988.

Michael was united in marriage to Nancy Gaines on Feb. 5, 1972, in Kansas City, Kan. From this union came two sons, Shaff and Gene.

He was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church of Russell. He also was a member of the Russell Bar Association, Federal Bench Bar Committee, and past president of the Board of Directors for the Independent Committee with Russell Regional Hospital. He obtained his Black Belt degree in Korean Judo in 1967 and then taught Judo in Russell for a few years. He was a member of the Athletic Board of Directors at KS from 1986 to 1990. Michael had three main loves in life: his family, his law practice and skiing.

Surviving family include his wife of 35 years, Nancy of the home; two sons, Michael Shaffer Holland II and wife Bethel Stuart; and Gene Gaines Holland, also of Russell; a sister, Catherine Holland of Russell; and a granddaughter, Elsie Gaines Holland. He was preceded in death by his parents and one sister, Georgia Holland.

Celebration of Life services are scheduled for 2 p.m. Tuesday at Trinity United Methodist Church of Russell. The Rev. Warren Hett will be officiating. Interment will follow at the Russell City Cemetery. Open visitation will be from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday at Pohlman-Varnier-Peeler Mortuary of Russell, with the family present to greet friends from 6 to 7 p.m. A memorial has been established with the Russell Community Foundation – Russell Hospital. Contributions may be sent in care of Pohlman-Varnier-Peeler Mortuary. Condolences may be sent to pvpmortuary@eaglecom.net.

Funeral arrangements provided by Pohlman-Varnier-Peeler Mortuary*
610 North Maple
Russell, KS 67665
785-463-2212
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 10, 2007

Ula Hazel Bemis 1912 - 2007

ULA BEMIS

ULA BEMIS, 94, of Great Bend, died Jan. 19 at Cherry Village Nursing Home in Great Bend. She was born Feb. 25, 1912, at McPherson, the daughter of Ernest and Wyndora Bruce Falgren. She married Carrington W. Bemis on Dec. 24, 1933, at McPherson. He died on Aug. 15, 1969. A lifetime resident of Great Bend, she was a homemaker and a secretary for Bemis Construction.

Mrs. Bemis was a member of First Congregational United Church of Christ in Great Bend.

Survivors include one son, George Bemis and wife Jane, Great Bend; one sister, Zola Brink, LaCresenta, Calif.; two grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one brother, Leon Falgren; and
Memorial graveside service will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Great Bend Cemetery, with Pastor John Grummon officiating. There will be no visitation as cremation has taken place. Condolences may be sent and 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, June 10, 2007

Mildred M. Frederick 1924 - 2007

WILSON — Mildred M. Frederick, 82, died June 6 at Ellsworth County Medical Center, Ellsworth. She was born Aug. 21, 1924, at Dubuque, the daughter of William and Magdalene Claussen Koetkemeyer. She married Henry W. Frederick on Dec. 5, 1946, at Dubuque. She was a lifetime resident of Wilson. She was a cook for the Wilson Public Schools.

She was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary and of Immanuel Lutheran Church, both at Wilson.

Survivors include two sons, Richard Frederick of Wichita and Terry Frederick of Overland Park; a sister, Doris Goad of Great Bend; 10 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by three brothers, Lloyd, Vernon and Bernard "Bud."

Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Wilson, with the Rev. James Wagner officiating. Interment will be in Wilson City Cemetery. Friends may call from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m. today at Foster Mortuary in Wilson, and from 9 a.m. until service time Monday at the church. Memorials are suggested to the church.

Funeral arrangements provided by Foster Mortuary
610 24th St.
Wilson, KS 67490
785-658-2345
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 10, 2007

June 8, 2007

No deaths were reported for June 8, 2007.

June 7, 2007

R. Orville Bryant 1921 - 2007

COUNCIL GROVE — Ralph Orville Bryant, 86, of Council Grove passed away Monday, June 4, 2007, at Mercy Regional Hospital in Manhattan. He was born on April 28, 1921, in rural Ellinwood, the son of Ralph Lester and Ida Dora Panning Bryant. He graduated from Ellinwood High School in 1939. In November 1942, Orville joined the U.S. Army, attaining the rank of sergeant. He served in Headquarters Company of the 11th Armored Division. Part of the European Theater, he was in the Battle of the Bulge and helped liberate Mauthausen Concentration Camp. Orville received numerous medals, including three Bronze Stars, before being honorably discharged in January 1946.

On Feb. 5, 1946, Orville married Bernice Catherine Hamekke at Ellinwood. They made their home in Pawnee County, living on a farm near Rozel. The couple farmed for the next 38 years and was able to spend several retirement winters in Mesa, Ariz., and summers in Gunnison, Colo. Orville served on several civic boards while a resident of Pawnee County. The couple moved to Council Grove in 1990.

Orville was a lifetime member of both the VFW and the American Legion, receiving his 60-year membership pin from the American Legion.

Survivors include his wife, of the home; a son, Darrel Bryant and wife, Rhonda, of Council Grove; a daughter, Janet (Parks) on Feb. 24, 2001, at Seward. He then married Lavina Hanks (Parks) on Feb. 24, 2001, at Seward. She was born Feb. 20, 1926, at Blackwell, Okla., to Ernest and Phylde Cuire (Hacker) Hurst. A resident of Seward since 1947 and a Chase High School graduate, he was a retired oil pumper for Skelly Oil Company and Texaco Oil Company.

He was a World War II Army veteran and member of the American Legion at Great Bend.

On Jan. 8, 1945, he married Erma Lee (Blankenship) at Lyons. She died July 4, 2000. He then married Lavina Hanks (Parks) on Feb. 24, 2001, at Seward. She survives, of the home.

Other survivors include two sons, Gail Dare Hurst and Carol Lauber, Lafayette, Colo., and Logan Lee Hurst and wife Nancy of New York, N.Y.; one daughter, Carma Marie Hurst and Bobby J. Jackson, Norman, Okla.; three stepsons, James Hanks Jr. and wife Jean, Great Bend, Terry Hanks and wife Darla, Otis, and Steven Hanks, Winfield; three stepdaughters, Carolene McCune and husband Brad, Angela Collier and J.R. Meyers, and Diana Osburn, all of Great Bend; one brother, Charles Hurst, Bradford, Ark.; four grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, and 13 stepgrandchildren and 21 stepgreat-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a brother, Lawrence Hurst.

Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Minnis Chapel, St. John, with Father Rene Guesnier, celebrant. Visitation will be from 1 to 8 p.m. Thursday with the family receiving friends from 6 to 8 p.m. at Minnis Chapel. Burial will be in the
1920, on a farm near Trego Center, she was the daughter of Adam and Mary Elizabeth (Michael) Schneider. She attended schools in Trego County. She married Ferdinand F. Nemechek on Oct. 28, 1943 in St. Michael Catholic Church, Collyer. He died Dec. 14, 2004. She was a homemaker.

Survivors include a son, Terry Nemechek of Rialto, Calif.; two daughters, Judith Miller of Albert and Juanita Abston of Largo, Fla.; two sisters, Lydia Hunt of Hays and Rosie Wilson of Burr Oak; a stepsister, Elizabeth Wulf of Wameene; six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a son, Dennis Nemechek, and five brothers, Ben, John, Emanuel, Alex and Theodore Schneider.

Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Thursday at Schmitt Funeral Home in Wameene. Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. on Friday at Christ the King Catholic Church in Wameene, officiated by Father Donald F. Pfannenstiel. Burial will be at Christ the King Cemetery in Wameene. Friends may call from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Thursday at Schmitt Funeral Home. Memorials are suggested to Christ the King Cemetery Fund in care of the funeral home.

Funeral arrangements provided by Schmitt Funeral Home 336 N. 12th Wameene, KS 67672 785-743-6761 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 6, 2007

R. Orville Bryant 1921 - 2007

COUNCIL GROVE — Ralph Orville Bryant, 86, of Council Grove, passed away June 4 at Mercy Regional Hospital in Manhattan. He was born on April 28, 1921, in rural Ellinwood, the son of Ralph Lester and Ida Dora Panning Bryant.

He graduated from Ellinwood High School in 1939. In November 1942, Orville joined the U.S. Army, attaining the rank of sergeant. He served in Headquarters Company of the 11th Armored Division. Part of the European Theatre, he was in the Battle of the Bulge and helped liberate Mauthausen Concentration Camp. Orville received numerous medals, including three Bronze Stars, before being honorably discharged in January 1946.

On Feb. 5, 1946, Orville married Bernice Catherine Hammke at Ellinwood. They made their home in Pawnee County, living on a farm near Rozel. The couple farmed for the next 38 years and was able to spend several retirement winters in Mesa, Ariz., and summers in Gunnison, Colo. Orville served on several civic boards while a resident of Pawnee County. The couple moved to Council Grove in 1990.

Orville was a lifetime member of both the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion, receiving his 60-year membership pin from the American Legion.

Survivors include his wife of the home; a son, Darrel Bryant and wife, Rhonda, of Council Grove; a daughter, Janet (Jan) Hall and husband, Lyle, of Chanute; a foster-son, Robert Selby and wife, Sue, of Nassau Bay, Texas; a brother, Glen Bryant and wife, Jolene, of Larned; and a sister, Evelyn Miller and husband, Carl, of Ellinwood. Also surviving are 10 grandchildren: Andrea & Judson Gladin, Manhattan; Jackie & Adam Lang, Gardner; Kayla Bryant, Manhattan; Kevin Bryant, Manhattan, John & Kierstin Bittel, Topeka; Matt & Joann Bittel, Kansas City, Mo.; Cala & Vince Stadel, Burlington; Jana & John Saul, Fairfax Station, Va.; Paula & Howard Saunders, Overland Park; and Paul & Katie Selby, Portland, Ore. The couple was also blessed with 17 great-grandchildren.

Three brothers, Melvin, Vernon and Donald, and an infant sister preceded him in death.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday at the Calvary Lutheran Church in Council Grove, with burial at Calvary Cemetery. Visitation will be from 7 to 8:30 tonight at Penwell-Gabel Council Grove Chapel.

Memorials may be made to the Morris County Hospital Foundation or to the Calvary Lutheran Church Building Fund in care of Penwell-Gabel Council Grove Chapel. To leave a special message to the family online, visit www.PenwellGabel.com.

Funeral arrangements provide by Penwell-Gabel Council Grove Chapel* 137 North Union Council Grove, KS 66846 1-888-736-9355 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 6, 2006

June 5, 2007

DVirgil G. Mettscher 1924 - 2007

ST. JOHN — Virgil G. Mettscher, 82, died June 2 at Golden Plains Care Home in Hutchinson. Born Dec. 16, 1924, in Hudson, he was the son of William August and Emma W. (Dierking) Mettscher. A resident of St. John from 1935 to 1999, moving to South Hutchinson, he worked for the city of St. John, was a car salesman and worked in a greenhouse. He married Pansy I. Drake on May 18, 1946, at Sylvia. She died in 2003.

Mr. Mettscher was a World War II Navy veteran, serving from 1943 to 1946. He was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, St. John, and the American Legion of Hutchinson.

Survivors include a sister, Leona Rose of Salina; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his wife; two brothers, Albert and Elmer; and five sisters, Amelia McHanley, Elizabeth Pottorf, Bertha Hodkinson, Edna Rice and Mary Steinman. 

Memorial graveside service will be at 2 p.m. on Thursday at Fairview Park Cemetery in St. John with Pastor Linda Toms presiding. Military rites will be by the U.S. Navy honor guard. There will be no visitation. Memorials are suggested to Hospice of Reno County in care of Minnis Chapel in St. John.

Funeral arrangements provided by Minnis Chapel P.O. Box 34 St. John, KS 67576 620-549-3556 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 5, 2007

Donald Keith Berblinger

REDWOOD CITY, Calif. – Donald Keith Berblinger passed away at his home in Redwood City, Calif., on June 1. Funeral arrangements are pending with Kimple Funeral Home in Ellinwood.

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 5, 2007

June 3, 2007

David "Doc" J. Brown Sr. 1948 - 2007

David "Doc" J. Brown Sr., Great Bend, died May 28, 2007, at Central Kansas Medical Center, Great Bend. He was born Jan. 20, 1948, at Great Bend, the son of Joseph P. and Frances J. Ward Brown. A resident of Great Bend since November 2006, moving from Larned, he was a laborer. On Oct. 20, 1972, he married Karen L. McKinnis at Lyons. She survives.

Other survivors include three sons, David "Joe" J. of Lebanon, and Justin A. and Jason R., both of Great Bend; one brother, Marvin, of Radium; two sisters, Margaret Thomas of Great Bend and Linda Woods of Perryton, Texas; and three grandchildren, Tristyn and Avery Brown, children of Joe, and Aubrey Brown, child of Justin. He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Jerry and Russell Brown.

A memorial graveside service will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday at Ebenezer Church, located north of Father Padilla’s Cross on 56th and K-96 Highway, just west of Lyons. Memorials may be sent to the David "Doc" Brown Memorial Fund in care of Morell Funeral Home, P.O. Box 124, Larned, KS 67550-0124.

Funeral arrangements provided by Morell Funeral Home* 1021 Broadway Larned, KS 67550 620-285-2177 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 3, 2007

Eva Julia Hrabe Ingebritson 1913 - 2007

HAYS — Eva Julia Hrabe Ingebritson, of Hays, died May 28, 2007. She was born Jan. 24, 1913, in Rooks County to Vincent and Anna (Novotny) Hrabe. Her parents died when she was six months old. Joseph and Katy Novotny of Zurich and Twin Mounds brought her into their family and raised her. Her new family consisted of William, Rudolph, Milton and Joe Novotny. Eva graduated from Hays High School and then earned her teaching certificate and had taught at the Hrabe School in rural Rooks County. She later became a loan officer at the First Inter-State Bank in Denver, Colo., from where she retired.

Ms. Ingebritson was a member of the Messiah Lutheran Church and the Hays Medical Center Auxiliary, both of Hays.

Survivors include her son, Joel Ingebritson and his wife Paula of Seattle, Wash. She was preceded in death by five brothers, Ed, Milton, Vincent, Fred and Stanley Hrabe.

Memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday, June 6, at the Messiah Lutheran Church with Pastor Kenton Rohrberg officiating. Burial will be at a later date. Memorials are suggested to the church in her name and memory.

Funeral arrangements provided by Hays Memorial Chapel Funeral Home* 20th and Pine Hays, KS 67601 785-626-1009 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 3, 2007

John Elmer Bell 1916 - 2007

VALLEY CENTER — John E. Bell, 91, died May 31 at Asbury Park Care Center in Newton. Born March 2, 1916, in Rosalia, he was the son of Wardie E. and Josephine McHone Bell. He married Ruby Perkins on March 5, 1937, in Cottonwood Falls. She survives. He worked as a pulling unit foreman for Phillips Petroleum in the Hays/Plainville/Great Bend area before retiring after 32 years.

Mr. Bell was a member of the Christian Church and was a 32nd degree Mason with the Masonic Lodge in Lyons.

Survivors include a son, Ronald Bell of Bushton; two daughters, Darlene Kasselman of Valley Center and Diane Cunningham of Park City; a twin sister, Ellen Berno of Topeka; nine grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two sisters, Myrle Skinner Cofer and Mabel Blankenship.

A graveside service was held Saturday at the Matfield Green Cemetery in Matfield Green with the Rev. Melody Kimbrel of the Cottonwood Falls United Methodist Church officiating. Military honors were conducted by the U.S. Navy Funeral Honor Guard. Memorials are suggested to the Good Shepherd Hospice in Wichita, in care of the Brown-Bennett-Alexander Funeral Home.

Funeral arrangements provided by Brown-Bennett-Alexander Funeral Home 201 Cherry Cottonwood Falls, KS 66845 620-273-6311 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 3, 2007

Carleton Cooper 1915 - 2007

ST. JOHN — Carleton Cooper, 91, died June 1 at Leisure Homestead, St. John. He was born Oct. 2, 1915, in rural St. John, to John L. and Mary Elizabeth (Carleton) Cooper. On June 4, 1950, he married Alice L. (Leland) at Manhattan. A lifetime resident of St. John, he was a retired farmer/stockman and a 1941 graduate of Kansas State University with a B.S. degree in business administration.

He was a member of the Eden Valley Church of the Brethren, Dillwyn Board and VFW, all of St. John, and ROTC at KSU. He was a World War II Navy veteran.

Survivors include his wife, of the home; three sons, Norman Cooper of St. John, Dean Cooper of Kansas City, Mo., and Dr. James Cooper of Salina; a daughter, Karen Gogolos of Osborne County; and five grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a brother, Perry Cooper, an infant brother, Baby Cooper, and a sister, Pauline Duer.

His funeral will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Minnis Chapel, St. John, with Pastor Parsram Venkatsamy presiding. There will be no public visitation. Burial will be at the Fairview Park Cemetery, St. John. Memorial donations may be made to the KSU Center for Basic Cancer Research in care of Minnis Chapel.


Jerald "Jerry" Hopkins 1932 - 2007

BISON — Jerald "Jerry" Hopkins, 75, of Bison, died Thursday, May 31, 2007, at Clara Barton Hospital, Hoisington. He was born March 23, 1932, at Bison, the son of Jess and Martha (Foos) Hopkins. He married Ruberta Bieber on Aug. 19, 1968, at Alva, Okla. She preceded him in death on Nov. 16, 2005. He was a lifelong resident of Rush County. He was a farmer and rancher.

He was a member of the National Farmers Organization and the National Rifle Association.

Survivors include two daughters, Marla Urban and husband Tim of Broken Arrow, Okla., and Sharon Hopkins of Bridgeport; a sister, Leona Schneider of Olmitz; three grandchildren, Phil Hopkins of Rush Center, Alicia Stephens of Jenks, Okla., and Greg Urban of Lawrence; one great-granddaughter, Taylor Stephens of Jenks, Okla., and Sharon Hopkins of Bridgeport; one nephew, Buddy Schneider; one niece, Janice Brack and husband Alan; and four great-nephews and great-nieces, Jodi Romeiser, Scott Brack, Jessica Feldhausen and Tyler Schneider. He was preceded in death by
his parents, his wife, and one brother, Glen Hopkins.

Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Monday, June 4, at the Janousek Funeral Home Chapel in La Crosse, with the Rev. Arlyn Thielenhous officiating. Interment will be at La Crosse City Cemetery. Friends are welcome to sign the book from 1 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home. The family will receive friends from 6 to 7 p.m. today at the funeral home. Visitations will be from 9 to 10:50 a.m. Monday at the funeral home, with the family receiving friends there from 10:50 a.m. to 11 a.m. Memorial donations may be made to the Central Rush County Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs) or to the Otis EMTs.

Funeral arrangements provided by Janousek Funeral Home* 719 Pine La Crosse, KS 67548 785-222-2517 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, June 3, 2007

June 1, 2007

No deaths reported for Friday, June 1

July 31, 2007

Mary "Cack" Catherine Rinehart 1924 - 2007

DODGE CITY — Mary "Cack" Catherine Rinehart, 83, died Friday, July 27, 2007, at Presbyterian Manor of the Plains at Dodge City. Mary was born on Feb. 6, 1924, at Spearville, the daughter of Edward and Mary (Schinstock) Sanko. She graduated from Spearville High School. She married Curtis A. Rinehart on Jan. 16, 1945. They resided seven miles southwest of Ford, where they farmed until moving to Dodge City. To this union seven girls were born.

Mary "Cack" was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. Being the wife of a Kansas farmer she could herd cattle, drive a wheat truck, mend fences, run a tractor when needed, milk cows, kiss owies, place the magical band aid just right and draw the best micromic bunnies. Later in life, she loved painting with acrylics, painting and firing ceramics, so much so that after losing her eyesight, she painted and fired each great-grandchild a Nativity for Christmas. While living in Dodge City, she volunteered for hospice, RSVP and Senior Friends, and was a Eucharistic minister for the shut-ins of the Catholic faith. She was a member of the Cathedral of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Daughters of Isabella, the Red Hat Society, the Blue Jeans Card Club of Ford, the Ford Lunch Bunch, the Kitchen Ministries, and the Ford-Kingsdown Co-op.

Survivors include seven daughters, Karen Starly and husband, Scott of Wichita, Brenda Frey and husband, Rod of Ford, Marilyn Schartz of Ellinwood, DeAnn Zimmer and husband, Ron of Page, Ariz. Patty Pruett and husband, Dale of Dodge City, Jodi Newton and husband, Gary of Albuquerque, N.M., and Susan Betschart and husband, Tom of Ashland; two brothers, Floyd Sanko and wife, Rose Mary of Great Bend and Willie Sanko and wife, Imogene of Ellinwood; one sister-in-law, Neva Patterson and husband, Max of Copeland. She is also survived by 15 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren. Mary was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Curtis; four brothers, Herman, Leo, Ed, and Bob; and two sisters, Sister Mary Grace and Emma Calhoun.

The rosary service was at 7 p.m. Monday. Holy Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. today at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Guadalupe, in Dodge City, with the Rev. Ted Skalsky presiding. Interment will be at Maple Grove Cemetery in Dodge City. She had a passion for her religion and for infants and toddlers, poor children, and children with special needs. Memorials are requested to be given to the Sacred Heart School Scholarship Fund or to her great-grandson's medical fund, the Braden Wilson Benefit Fund, in care of the Funeral home. Personal Condolences may be left at www.swaimfuneralhome.com.

Funeral arrangements provided by Swaim Funeral Home* 1901 6th Dodge City, KS 67801 620-227-2136 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 31, 2007

July 29, 2007


HOISINGTON — Robert C. "Bob" Mills, 85, died July 25 at his Hoisington home. He was born Jan. 8, 1922, in Orangeburg, S.C., the son of Benjamin Franklin and Sallie (Shier) Mills. He married Carol Bruce on Dec. 15, 1964, in Hoisington. He was a roustabout for NCRA in Hitschmann. He had lived in Hoisington since 1963, coming from Anthony. He was a U.S. Army veteran.

Survivors include his wife, Virginia, of Hoisington; a son, Wayne Kaiser and wife Delores, Hoisington; a daughter, Nona Prosser and husband Abe, Odin; and three grandchildren, Amanda Prosser, Deandra Kaiser and Derrick Kaiser. He was preceded in death by seven brothers, Frank, Walt, Tony, Lawrence, Joe, John and Louie Kaiser, and seven sisters, Theresa Nather, Leona Stewart, Eleanor Schwartz, Rose Riedel, Margaret Rabenseifner, Sister Rita Kaiser and Sister Bertrand Kaiser.

A vigil service will be at 7 p.m. today, followed by a Knights of Columbus Rosary, at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home, Hoisington. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday, July 30, at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, with the Rev. Dwight Bircket officiating. Burial will be at St. John Cemetery, Hoisington. Friends may call from 1 to 6 p.m. and from 10 to 10:30 a.m. Memorial donations may be made in care of the Sacred Heart School Scholarship Fund or to her great-grandson's medical fund, the Braden Wilson Benefit Fund, in care of the Funeral home. Personal Condolences may be left at www.swaimfuneralhome.com.

Funeral arrangements provided by Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home* 415 North Main/Box 146 Hoisington, KS 67544 620-653-4165 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 29, 2007

Thelma A. Jacobs 1929 - 2007

La CROSSE — Thelma A. Jacobs, 78, died July 26, 2007, at Central Kansas Medical Center, Great Bend. She was born July 12, 1929, at Liebenthal, the daughter of Frank J. and Florina (Sanders) Herrman. She married Celestine W. Jacobs May 20, 1947, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in
Liebenthal. Mrs. Jacobs was a lifelong resident of Rush County. She was a homemaker, and a cook at La Crosse High School before her retirement.

She was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church, La Crosse.

Survivors include her husband, Celestine, of La Crosse; three sons, Raymond Jacobs and his wife Marsha, and Duane Jacobs, all of Great Bend, and Kenneth Jacobs and his wife Connie of Catawissa, Mo.; one daughter, Paula Kuhn and her husband Jed of Great Bend; one brother, Walter Herman of La Crosse; one sister, Sylverina Kreutzer of La Crosse; eight grandchildren, Gabriel Hardman of Central City, Neb., Andrea Long of Hays, Jacob Hardman, stationed in Iraq, Phillip Kuhn and Andrew Kuhn, both of Great Bend, and Austin Jacobs, Jordan Jacobs and Dylan Jacobs, all of Catawissa, Mo.; and two great-grandchildren, Lainey Hardman and Landon Hardman, both of Central City, Neb. She was preceded in death by her parents, two brothers, Balsar Herrman and Lavin Herrman, an infant brother, Walter Herrman, and one sister, Viola Kreutzer.

A vigil service and rosary will be held at 7 p.m. today at the Janousek Funeral Home in La Crosse. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Monday, July 30, at St. Michael's Catholic Church in La Crosse, with Father Rene Labrador officiating. Internment will be in the La Crosse City Cemetery. Visitation will be from 1 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home, with the family receiving friends from 6 to 7 p.m. Memorial donations may be made to Moses at St. Michael's Catholic Church, La Crosse, or to Great Bend Health and Rehabilitation Center, Great Bend.

Funeral arrangements provided by Janousek Funeral Home* 719 Pine La Crosse, KS 67548 785-222-2517 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 29, 2007

Zona A. Starkey 1947 - 2007

ELLINWOOD — Zona A. Starkey, 59, died July 26 at Via Christi Regional Medical Center, St. Francis Campus in Wichita. Born May 9, 1922, at Porter, Minn., she was the daughter of Bernard and Beaulah Larson Smith. She was a 1941 graduate of Lake Benton High School in Minnesota. She married John Blank, Jr. on May 14, 1950, at Lake Benton, Minn. He died April 2, 2001. An Ellinwood resident for the past five years, formerly of Lorraine and Holyrood, she was a nurse’s aide, seamstress and homemaker.

Mrs. Blank was a member of the Immanuel United Church of Christ in Ellinwood.

Survivors include two sons, Dan Blank of Wichita and Merle Dean Blank of Madison, Ala.; two daughters, Marcia Thomas of Springfield, Mo., and Iris Ogden of Great Bend; a brother, Clarence Smith of Brainerd, Minn.; three sisters, Bernadine Swanson of Madison, Ala., Florence Johnson of Marshall, Minn., and Bertha McCarthy of San Antonio, Texas; eight grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a son, Bernard, and seven brothers and sisters.

Funeral service will be at 9:30 a.m. Monday at Immanuel United Church of Christ in Ellinwood with the Rev. Larry Young officiating. Burial will be at St. Paul United Church of Christ Cemetery in Holyrood. Friends may call from 1 to 8 p.m. today at Kimple Funeral Home, Ellinwood. Memorials are suggested to Immanuel United Church of Christ in Ellinwood.

Kimple, Inc. Funeral Home 113 North Main Ellinwood, KS 67526 620-564-2300 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 29, 2007

July 27, 2007

Ray S. (Jiggs) Schulz 1913 - 2007

Ray S. (Jiggs) Schulz, 94, died July 25, 2007, at Great Bend Health and Rehabilitation Center in Great Bend. Born April 4, 1913, near Seward, he was the son of Herman Schulz and Elizabeth Walters Schulz. He attended Country School the first five grades and after his family moved to Great Bend in 1923, he attended and finished all elementary
grades and graduated from Great Bend High School in 1931. He attended Maryland University at College Park in Maryland and received his bachelor of arts degree from Washburn University in 1941 and his law degree two years later in 1943. He served three years from 1935 to 1938 as a traffic officer of the Metropolitan Police Force of Washington, D.C. He enlisted in the United States Naval Reserve on Dec. 15, 1942, and was given a 1st Class Petty Officer's rating. He was assigned to duty at the Navy Yard in Washington, D.C., to assemble all the enlisted personnel records of the Washington area by International Business Machine accounting methods. On July 6, 1943 he was promoted and commissioned ensign because of his accomplishments.

He served in the Pacific Area, making five voyages to the Phoenix Gilbert, Marshall and Hawaiian Islands. He was given a medical discharge April 21, 1945, of the grade of Lt. Junior. A lifetime area resident, he was the first assistant county attorney in Barton County, serving six years. He practiced law in Great Bend for 53 years. He was the founder of the Barton County Historical Society and president for 15 years. He maintained an interest in local history most of his life. He married Genevieve Fryberger on June 10, 1937, in Great Bend. She died July 4, 1977. He married Helen Schwartz Suellentrop on June 20, 1981. She died Sept. 15, 2003.

Mr. Schulz was the past president of the Barton County Bar Association of Great Bend, the Noon Lions Club, and the Barton County Republican Central Committee. He served on the Great Bend and the Central Kansas Library System boards, having chaired both boards several terms. He served and was president of the Great Bend Tree Board. He served as commander of the American Legion Argonne Post 180 and of the Seventh District and was a past state commander of the Department of Kansas, all of the American Legion. He was past president of the Kansas Native Sons and Daughters in Kansas. He held life memberships in the American Legion, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Barton County and State of Kansas Historical Societies and the Kansas Ornithology Society, Elks and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3111. He was a member of the First Christian Church of Great Bend. He was a member of all Masonic bodies. He was chairman of the Barton County Red Cross, and brought the bloodmobile program to the county.

Survivors include two daughters, Vicki Dyas of Santa Cruz, Calif. and Kim Schulz of Linwood; two grandchildren, Ian Mater and Madison Mater; a stepgrandson, John Dyas; and two stepgreat-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by four sisters, Ella, Amelia, Emma and Elizabeth; and six brothers, George, Robert, Fred, Herman, Delbert and Howard.

Mrs. Schneider enjoyed doing mechanical work on cars, cross stitch, word puzzles and sewing.

Survivors include her husband, Rick Peterson of Russell; her father, Theodore Herbel, Jr. of Russell; three brothers, David Jones of O'Fallon, Ill., Doren Herbel of Bartlesville, Okla., and Frank Herbel of Russell; a sister, Dianna Herbel of Russell; parents-in-law, Pete and Nancy Peterson; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her mother and both paternal and maternal grandparents.

A memorial service is scheduled for 2 p.m. Saturday at Pohlman-Varner-Peecher Mortuary of Russell. Interment will follow at Russell City Cemetery. Friends may call from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday. Cremation has preceded the services.


ELLINWOOD — Zona A. Starkey, 59, died July 26 at Via Christi Regional Medical Center, St. Francis Campus, Wichita. She was born Sept. 16, 1947, at Smith Center, the daughter of Howard and Marjorie Stevens Allen. She married Nolan E. Starkey on April 10, 1987, at Kenosha, Wis. She had lived in Ellinwood for more than 25 years. She was a homemaker.

She was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary and VFW Auxiliary, both of Agra.

Survivors include her husband, Nolan E., of the home; a son, Andrew J. Russell of Arkansas; three daughters, Mary J. Feemster of Ellinwood, Tammy K. Flynn, and Angela J. Clawson of Lewis; two brothers, Dennis Allen of Phillipsburg and Floyd Allen of Hutchinson; a sister, Susan Parker of Phillipsburg; her mother and stepfather, Marjorie and Adrian Gingles of Phillipsburg; and six grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her father, Howard Allen.

Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at Calvary Baptist Church, Ellinwood, with Pastor Jason Winget officiating. Friends may call from 1 to 8 p.m. Monday at Kimple Funeral Home, Ellinwood. Burial will be at Lakin-Comanche District Cemetery, Ellinwood. Memorials are suggested to the Ellinwood American Legion and VFW auxiliaries.

Funeral arrangements provided by Kimple Funeral Home 113 North Main Ellinwood, KS 67526 620-564-2300 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 27, 2007 July 26, 2007

Debra Irene “Moose” (Neff) Schneider 1958 - 2007

ELLINWOOD — Zona A. Starkey, 59, died July 26 at Via Christi Regional Medical Center, St. Francis Campus, Wichita. She was born Sept. 16, 1947, at Smith Center, the daughter of Howard and Marjorie Stevens Allen. She married Nolan E. Starkey on April 10, 1987, at Kenosha, Wis. She had lived in Ellinwood for more than 25 years. She was a homemaker.

She was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary and VFW Auxiliary, both of Agra.

Survivors include her husband, Nolan E., of the home; a son, Andrew J. Russell of Arkansas; three daughters, Mary J. Feemster of Ellinwood, Tammy K. Flynn, and Angela J. Clawson of Lewis; two brothers, Dennis Allen of Phillipsburg and Floyd Allen of Hutchinson; a sister, Susan Parker of Phillipsburg; her mother and stepfather, Marjorie and Adrian Gingles of Phillipsburg; and six grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her father, Howard Allen.

Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at Calvary Baptist Church, Ellinwood, with Pastor Jason Winget officiating. Friends may call from 1 to 8 p.m. Monday at Kimple Funeral Home, Ellinwood. Burial will be at Lakin-Comanche District Cemetery, Ellinwood. Memorials are suggested to the Ellinwood American Legion and VFW auxiliaries.

Funeral arrangements provided by Kimple Funeral Home 113 North Main Ellinwood, KS 67526 620-564-2300 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 27, 2007 July 26, 2007

Debra Irene “Moose” (Neff) Schneider, 48, died July 20 at her home. She was born Nov. 9, 1958, in Russell. She attended school for eight years in Colorado and the rest in Russell. She worked as a certified nurse's aide at Alafern Nursing Center and Wheatland Nursing Center before retiring due to her disability.

Mrs. Schneider enjoyed doing mechanical work on cars, cross stitch, word puzzles and sewing.

Survivors include her husband, Rick Peterson of Russell; her father, Theodore Herbel, Jr. of Russell; three brothers, David Jones of O'Fallon, Ill., Doren Herbel of Bartlesville, Okla., and Frank Herbel of Russell; a sister, Dianna Herbel of Russell; parents-in-law, Pete and Nancy Peterson; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her mother and both paternal and maternal grandparents.

A memorial service is scheduled for 2 p.m. Saturday at Pohlman-Varner-Peecher Mortuary of Russell. Interment will follow at Russell City Cemetery. Friends may call from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday. Cremation has preceded the services.

Fred Burleigh Chapman 1940 - 2007

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 25, 2007

Loretta Younkin 1914 - 2007

TORRANCE, Calif. — Loretta Younkin, 93, passed away July 17 at her home in Torrance. She was born Loretta Murphy on May 7, 1914, in Hoisington, and married her husband, Wayne, in Great Bend in 1937. The family moved to Wichita in 1941 and lived there for 15 years. The family then moved to California in 1956.

She was employed in the aerospace industry, working for both Boeing and North American-Rockwell. Loretta lived in the same house in Torrance for 50 years. To all who knew her she became a great friend and a great lady.

She was an active member of St. James Catholic Church in Torrance and in her senior years was involved in NAIM, Catholic Golden Age and Company Calls at Little Company of Mary Hospital.

Loretta was preceded in death by her husband of 50 years, Wayne. She is survived by three sons, Richard, Robert and wife Dianne and Stephen and wife Donna; 10 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. There will be a visitation with recitation of the rosary at Rice Mortuary in Torrance at 7:30 p.m. Monday, July 30. A funeral Mass will be celebrated at St. James Catholic Church in Redondo Beach, Calif., at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, July 31, followed by interment at All Souls Cemetery in Long Beach, Calif. In lieu of flowers the family would like donations to the Little Company of Mary Foundation for the Sister Terrence Endowment, 4101 Torrance Blvd., Torrance, CA 90503.

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 25, 2007*

Fred Burleigh Chapman 1940 - 2007

PAWNEE ROCK — Fred Burleigh Chapman, 66, died July 22 at Central Kansas Medical Center, St. Rose Campus, Great Bend. Born Oct. 22, 1940, in Sacramento, Calif., he was the son of Rollin Merle and Louise Maretha Pratt Chapman. A resident of Pawnee Rock, he was a carpenter. He married Sandra Mullins at Winter Haven, Calif., on Jan. 31, 1964.

Survivors include his wife; five sons, Roland of Great Bend, Fred Chapman II, Daniel, Raymond and Jeffery, all of Pawnee Rock; three daughters, Loretta Olsen of Ellinwood and Deborah Torres and Sarah Wagner, both of Great Bend; a brother, William Chapman of Great Bend; many other brothers and sisters living in California and Nevada; and 13 grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents and many brothers and sisters.

Graveside service will be at 3 p.m. Friday at the Pawnee Rock Cemetery with the Rev. John Grummmon presiding. Friends may visit from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. today and Thursday, and 9 a.m. to noon on Friday at the Beckwith Mortuary in Larned. Memorials may be sent to the American Cancer Society in care of the mortuary. This notice may be viewed and condolences left at www.beckwithmortuary.com.

Funeral arrangements provided by Beckwith Mortuary
P.O. Box 477
Larned, KS 67550
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 25, 2007

Paul Caleb Carrillo 1990 - 2007

Paul Caleb Carrillo, 16, died July 19 at his home in Great Bend. He was born Dec. 21, 1990, in Liberal to Juan Carlos Carrillo and Killi Lynn Westenhaver.

Memorial service will be at 9 a.m. on Saturday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Alva, Okla., with Father Damien Lawrence officiating. There will be no visitation as cremation has taken place. Memorials are suggested to Extreme Hope Christian Fellowship 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 25, 2007

Joann Barker 1933 - 2007

ENID, Okla. — Joann Barker, 74, died July 22 at Integris Baptist Hospital in Oklahoma City. She was born July 21, 1933, in Rozel, to Joe and Esther Rudeen Camp.

She attended high school in La Crosse. On Dec. 2, 1950, she married John Barker in Guymon, Okla. The couple made their home in Helena, Okla., where she worked as a nurse at the nursing home. Later she worked for 10 years as a switchboard operator at the Crabtree Correctional Facility. In 1991 the couple made Enid their home. They owned and operated Barker Auction from 1987 to 2002.

Mrs. Barker was a member of the North Garland Church of Christ.

She is survived by her husband, John, of the home; one daughter, Jennifer Cook of Fayetteville, Ark.; five sons, Johnny Barker of Amarillo, Texas, Jess Barker of Waynoka, Joe Barker of Oklahoma City, and Jack Barker and Jerry Barker, both of Enid; one sister, Doris Smolik of Great Bend; one brother, Russell Dye of Las Vegas, Nev.; 16 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by five brothers.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at the North Garland Church of Christ with the Rev. Gordon Jantz officiating. Burial will be at 2:30 p.m. at the Waynoka, Okla., Municipal Cemetery.

Memorials may be made through the funeral home to Tipton Children’s Home or the pantry fund at the church.

Funeral arrangements provided by Henninger-Allen Funeral Home
601 W. Broadway
Enid, OK 73701
580-233-1700
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 25, 2007

Evangeline Theresa Stickney Luft 1922 - 2007

HOISINGTON — Evangeline Theresa Stickney Luft, 84, died July 23 at St. Francis Medical Center in Topeka. Service arrangements are pending with Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home, Hoisington, and will be announced.

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 25, 2007

July 24, 2007

Leslie Roger Milberger 1933 - 2007

Fair OAKS, Calif.— Leslie Roger Milberger, 74, died July 18, in Fair Oaks, Calif., after an extended battle with cancer. He was born on March 20, 1933, in La Crosse, the son of Leslie and Edith Milberger. He grew up in Great Bend, graduated from Great Bend High School, and, after serving in the U.S. Army, earned a degree in engineering from the University of Kansas. His career took him from Wichita to Sacramento, Calif., Albuquerque, N.M. and back to Sacramento, where he retired as an aerospace engineer.

Survivors include a son and daughter-in-law, Timothy Roger Milberger and Jessica Vando of Seattle, Wash.; a son, Curtis Michael Milberger of Sacramento, Calif.; sister and brother-in-law, Judy and Duane Sonnenburg of Hot Springs Village, Ark.; sister and brother-in-law Janet and Clayton Schartz of Chandler, Ariz.; one brother and sister-in-law, Curt and Mary Milberger of Auburn, Wash.; one sister-in-law, Karen Milberger, and two grandchildren, Michaela and Jaime.

He was preceded in death by his parents, one daughter, Edith Marie, and one brother, Douglas Milberger.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.
Henry Elmer Roberts 1912 - 2007

LARNED — Henry Elmer Roberts, 95, formerly of Macksville, died July 22 at the Larned Health Care and Living Center. Born April 1, 1912, in Jenks, Okla., he was the son of Clarence Cecil and Aurelia Charlotte (Gronow) Roberts. A resident of Macksville from 1951 to 2002, moving to Larned, he was an oil production supervisor for Maxchoen Oil Company and Murphin Drilling Company, until his retirement. He married Vivian Victoria Koehn on July 28, 1938, at Alva, Okla.

Mr. Roberts was a member of the Odd Fellows Lodge in Macksville.

Survivors include his wife, of the home; three daughters, Beverly K. Fenwick of Larned, Karen Holder of Tulsa, Okla., and Patsy Demel of Hosiington; nine grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild. He was preceded in death by a son, Gary Lee Roberts, and four brothers, Francis, Ralph, John and Louie Roberts.

Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday at Minnis Chapel in St. John with the Rev. Isobel Stein presiding. Burial will be in the Fairview Park Cemetery in St. John. Friends may visit from 1 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday at Minnis Chapel. Memorials are suggested to the Stafford County EMS and Pawnee County EMS 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, July 24, 2007

Anthony Gregg Harrelson 1979 - 2007


Mr. Harrelson was a member of the Assembly of God Church and was a church deacon.

Survivors include his wife, of the home; two sons, Mychael Anthony and Caleb Alexander, both of the home; a daughter, Ashlynn Jade, of the home; father, Gary of Odessa, Texas; mother, Darlyne Churchill and husband Tom of Seguin, Texas; a brother Jeremy of Lovington, Texas; a sister, Amy Rhodes of Odessa, Texas; three half brothers, Paul Harrelson of Dallas, Texas, Tanis Harrelson of Odessa, Texas, and Robert Churchill of Denver, Colo.; two half sisters, Jennie Churchill of Denver and Stacey Harrelson of Odessa, Texas; and grandparents H.D. and Nina McMillan of Seminole, Texas. He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Nolan and Bobbie Harrelson.

Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. on Thursday at the Assembly of God Church in Larned with the Revs. Ryan Webster and Ann Holman presiding. Burial will be in the Larned Cemetery. Friends may visit from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. today and Wednesday at Morell Funeral Home in Larned. Memorials are suggested to the Harrelson Children Education Fund in care of the funeral home.

Funeral arrangements provided by
Morell Funeral Home
P.O. Box 124
Larned, KS 67550-0124
620-285-2177
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 24, 2007

July 22, 2007

TIPTON — Faye A. Ellenz, 44, died July 18 at her home in Tipton. She was born Oct. 26, 1962, at Hays, in Ellis County, the daughter of Theodore and Irenne A. (Werner) Panzer. She attended nursing school at Cloud County Community College and worked as a Registered Nurse at Golden Years Living Center in Downs. She married Leland Ellenz in 1988.

Mrs. Ellenz was a member of St. Boniface Catholic Church in Tipton.

Survivors include her husband of 19 years, Leland Ellenz, of the home; two daughters, Sara Ellenz and Kristi Ellenz, of the home; son Gary Ellenz and his wife Melissa of Hays; one granddaughter, Teagan Ellenz of Hays; three brothers, Terry Panzer, Lawrence, Bob Panzer, Ellsworth, and Thomas Panzer of Phoenix, Ariz.; and her mother, Irene Werner of Odin. She was preceded in death by her father.

A Mass of Christian burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Monday at St. Boniface Catholic Church with Father Damian Richards officiating. Interment will be at St. Boniface Catholic Cemetery in Tipton. Friends are invited to call from 6 to 7 tonight at the church in Tipton. Rosary and vigil service will be at 7 p.m. today at the church, with Father Damian Richards officiating. The family requests memorial donations to the Faye Ellenz Children’s Education Fund or Masses to the church.

Funeral arrangements provided by
Clark-Gashaw Mortuary Inc.*
238 North First Street, P.O. Box 348
Osborne, KS 67473
(785) 346-2634
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 27, 2007

Jewel Imogene Ramsey 1912 - 2007

Great Bend, died July 19 at Great Bend Health and Rehabilitation Center. She was born July 26, 1912, at Gage, Okla., the daughter of Edward and Maud Myrtle Jackson Hilliard of Pratt. She married Francis Harold Ramsey on May 14, 1950, at Great Bend. He died Aug. 10, 2002. A resident of Great Bend for over 60 years, she was a self-employed hairdresser and shop owner.

Mrs. Ramsey was a member of First United Methodist Church, Great Bend. She was a Sunday School teacher, Girl Scout Leader and belonged to the Kansas Cosmetology Association.

Survivors include a daughter, Debby Bilyew, Great Bend. She was preceded in death by three sisters, Celo Barber of Kinsley, and Hoyette Sanderlin and Maysel Huff of Lewis.

Graveside service will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Hillcrest Memorial Park, Great Bend, with the Rev. Gary Brooks officiating. Visitiation will be from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Wednesday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Memorials are suggested to First United Methodist Church, 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, July 22, 2007

Thomas A. Peschka 1954 - 2007

Thomas A. Peschka, 52, of Great Bend, died July 19 at Via Christi St. Francis Regional Medical Center in Wichita. He was born Oct. 16, 1954, in Great Bend, the son of Elmer and Geraldine Zorn Peschka. He married Sherry Crosby on Sept. 21, 1985, in Great Bend. A lifetime Great Bend residence, he was a welder and worked in farming.

Survivors include his wife, of the home; mother, of Great Bend; three brothers, Dan Peschka and wife Nancy, Joe Peschka and wife Alethea, and Pat Peschka, all of Great Bend; mother-in-law Betty Crosby, Great Bend; five brothers-in-law, H.E. Crosby and wife Tammy, Lakeland, Fla., Don Crosby and wife Jodi, Diamonhead, Miss., Ed Crosby and wife Karen, Pawnee Rock, Steve Crosby and wife Lisa, San Diego, Calif., and Larry Crosby and wife Diana, Littleton, Colo.; sister-in-law Jackie Reed and husband Sebon, Great Bend; nieces and nephews Joe Peschka Jr., Thomas J. Peschka, Kim Bilder and husband Chris, Georgranne and Jason Hagan, Lance and Amy Crosby, Jason and Ashley Crosby, Kristen and Brad Maddren, Kayla Crosby, Brad and Karen Crosby, Chris Crosby, Lindsay Crosby, Matt Crosby, Jeffrey Crosby, Lauren Crosby, Kaci Reed and Alex Reed; and several great-nieces and great-nephews. He was preceded in death by his father; father-in-law H.E.
Great Bend, KS 67530
(620) 793-3525
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 22, 2007

Madalene D. Oliver 1927 - 2007

Madalene D. Oliver, 79, of Great Bend, died July 20 at CentraCare, Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. She was born Nov. 27, 1917, at Towanda, the daughter of Roy Glen and Iva Baker Mosier. She married James “Jim” Oliver on Jan. 14, 1951, in Great Bend. A longtime resident of Great Bend, she was a homemaker and mother, and had been a Registered Nurse for Dr. A.W. Beahm and Dr. M.M. Swan.

Mrs. Oliver was a member of First Christian Church, serving on various church committees.

Survivors include her husband, of the home; three daughters, Jan Stegelman and husband Stan, Topeka, Nancy Crane and husband Mark, Wichita, and Linda Chisholm and husband Scott, Great Bend; eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Maynard Mosier.

Funeral service will be at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday at Bryant Funeral Home, Great Bend, with the Rev. William F. Johnson officiating. Interment will be in the Great Bend Cemetery. Visitation will be from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday and 9 a.m. until service time Tuesday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Safe Kids Kansas, 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, July 22, 2007

Virama “Sue” Castle 1931 - 2007

Virama “Sue” Castle, 76, died July 15 at her home in Great Bend. Born Jan. 6, 1931, at Brady, Texas, she was the daughter of Earl and Leta Skinner Strother. She married D. Castle on Nov. 16, 1950, at Clovis, N.M. He died Aug. 10, 2004. A resident of Great Bend since 1995, coming from Albert, she was a homemaker.

Mrs. Castle was a member of the Church of Christ and Friends of the Library. She was an avid reader and enjoyed traveling and gardening.

Survivors include a son, Dennis “Mark” Castle and wife Janice of Great Bend; a daughter, Susan Denise Parmley and husband William of Chino, Calif.; a sister, Joyce Meador and husband Homer of Fort Worth, Texas; four grandchildren, Diane Michelle Castle, Dedra Marie Castle-Roraback, both of Great Bend, and William Parmley Jr. and Michael Parmley; and five great-grandchildren, Matthew Castle, Nathan Roraback, Rhianna Parmley, Quentin Walker and Alexander Parmley.

Memorial service will be at 11 a.m. on Tuesday at the Church of Christ in Great Bend with Pastor Chuck Marshall officiating. There will be no visitaion as cremation has taken place. Memorials are suggested to the American Lung...
Minnis Chapel.

to the Cindy M. Parr Memorial Fund for at Minnis Chapel in St. John. Donations

Visitation will be from 1 to 8 p.m. today at the Fairview Park Cemetery, St. John.

Catholic Church, Great Bend, with Father in Prince of Peace Parish, at St. Patrick's

Funeral Mass will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday in Prince of Peace Parish, at St. Patrick's

Chapel, Great Bend, with Father Reggie Urban presiding. Burial will be in the Fairview Park Cemetery, St. John. Visitation will be from 1 to 8 p.m. today at Minnis Chapel in St. John. Donations to the Cindy M. Parr Memorial Fund for Cancer Patients may be made in care of Minnis Chapel.

Funeral arrangements provided by Minnis Chapel

Box 34

St. John, KS 67576
620-549-3556
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 19, 2007

Josephine Marie Giles 1921 - 2007

Chillinuco, Mo. — Josephine Marie Giles, 86, formerly of Great Bend, died on July 17, 2007, at Brandon Woods, in Lawrence. Born March 10, 1921, in Chillinuco, Mo., she was the oldest child of Christian and Clara (Gladiex) Gier. She was a 1939 high school graduate of St. Joseph Academy in Chillinuco, and continued her education by attending Chillinuco Business College. Following college, she moved to Kansas City, Mo. She was employed by Western Auto. While living in Kansas City, Mo., she met Herschel Giles. They were married on June 22, 1946, and lived in Hutchinson and later Great Bend. He died on Jan. 26, 2003.

"Jody" was a full time homemaker and a member of St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church and its Altar Society. She enjoyed traveling to be with friends and family.

Survivors include three daughters, Pam Herrenbruck and husband Galen of Winfield, Kris Jay and husband Mike of Santa Barbara, Calif., and Sharon Johnson and husband Jay of Lawrence; a sister-in-law, Lucille Railsback of Overland Park; six grandchildren, Dr. Todd Herrenbruck, Nicole Jindra, Greg Herrenbruck, Alisha Herrenbruck, Matthew Johnson and Kaitlyn Johnson; seven great-grandchildren, Ingrid, Grant, Matthew Johnson and Kaitlyn Johnson; Tate Herrenbruck, Jacob and Kyle Jindra, and Sylas and Sloan Barnes. She was preceded in death by her husband, Herschel Giles; her parents; a brother, Victor Gier; and a sister, Jeanette Gier.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at St. Columbans Catholic Church in Chillinuco, Mo., at 10 a.m. Saturday. A parish rosary will be held on Friday evening at 7 p.m. with family visitation to follow until 9 p.m. at the Lindley Funeral Home in Chillinuco, Mo. Friends may call after 8 a.m. until 9 p.m. on Friday at the funeral home. Burial will be at St. Columbans Cemetery in Chillinuco, Mo. Memorials are suggested to the Heart of America Hospice in Topeka in care of the funeral home.

Funeral arrangements provided by Lindley Funeral Home*

P.O. Box 47
910 Washington
Chillinuco, MO 66401
800-870-4857
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 19, 2007

Thornton Clair Lohnes 1924 - 2007

Graveside services for Thornton Clair Lohnes will be at 10 a.m. on Saturday at Ness City Cemetery with military graveside rites by the Frank Stall Post 152 of the American Legion of Ness City.

Friends may visit at the Fitzgerald Funeral Home in Ness City from 1 to 8 p.m. today. Memorial contributions may be sent in care of Fitzgerald Funeral Home, P.O. Box 96, Ness City, KS 67560.

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Thornton Clair Lohnes 1924 - 2007

ST. JOHN — Cindy M. Parr, 54, of St. John, died July 17 at Hospice House, Hutchinson. Born Sept. 21, 1952, at Williamsport, Pa., she was the daughter of Arthur J. and Marie L. (Kibler) Hughes. On July 6, 1979, she married Bobby L. Felin at St. John. He died Jan. 19, 1993. On Jan. 27, 1996, she married Danny Parr at St. John. He survives, of the home. A resident of St. John since 1977, she was a past city treasurer for the City of St. John and a bookkeeper. She was a 1970 graduate of Williamsport High School. She was a member of Prince of Peace Parish, Three C's Cancer Support Group and the VFW Ladies Auxiliary Post 3111, all of Great Bend.

Survivors, besides her husband, include three daughters, Karen M. Henderson of Hutchinson, Jannita A. Johnson and husband Galen of Williamsport, Pa., and Tate Herrenbruck, Jacob and Kyle Jindra, and Penka of Russell and Carolyn Rohden of Kansas City, Mo., two grandchildren, Kyle and Kayla Davis, all of Great Bend. She was preceded in death by her husband, Jindra, and Sylas and Sloan Barnes. She was a U.S. Army veteran during the Korean Conflict.

"Jody" was a full time homemaker and a member of St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church and its Altar Society. She enjoyed traveling to be with friends and family.

Survivors include three daughters, Pam Herrenbruck and husband Galen of Winfield, Kris Jay and husband Mike of Santa Barbara, Calif., and Sharon Johnson and husband Jay of Lawrence; a sister-in-law, Lucille Railsback of Overland Park; six grandchildren, Dr. Todd Herrenbruck, Nicole Jindra, Greg Herrenbruck, Alisha Herrenbruck, Matthew Johnson and Kaitlyn Johnson; seven great-grandchildren, Ingrid, Grant, Matthew Johnson and Kaitlyn Johnson; Tate Herrenbruck, Jacob and Kyle Jindra, and Sylas and Sloan Barnes. She was preceded in death by her husband, Herschel Giles; her parents; a brother, Victor Gier; and a sister, Jeanette Gier.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at St. Columbans Catholic Church in Chillinuco, Mo., at 10 a.m. Saturday. A parish rosary will be held on Friday evening at 7 p.m. with family visitation to follow until 9 p.m. at the Lindley Funeral Home in Chillinuco, Mo. Friends may call after 8 a.m. until 9 p.m. on Friday at the funeral home. Burial will be at St. Columbans Cemetery in Chillinuco, Mo. Memorials are suggested to the Heart of America Hospice in Topeka in care of the funeral home.

Funeral arrangements provided by Lindley Funeral Home*

P.O. Box 47
910 Washington
Chillinuco, MO 66401
800-870-4857
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July 18, 2007


Cassilda Schartz on Jan. 12, 1954, in Overland Park, Kan.; three sisters, Marjorie Jones of Yalaha, Fla., Jane Burrow of Hutchinson and June Holoubek of Wichita Falls; two half sisters, LuAnn Penka of Russell, and Carolyn Rohden of California; and his former wife, Jean Lohnes of Hoisington.

Funeral arrangements provided by Owens & Brumley Funeral Home*

1317 9th St.
Wichita Falls, TX 76301
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CLAFLIN — John "Jack" J. Moran Jr., 78, died July 16, 2007, at his residence in Claflin. He was born Jan. 31, 1929, in Claflin, the son of John J. Moran Sr. and Edith (Puckett) Moran. He married Cassilda Schartz on Jan. 12, 1954, in Salina. She survives. He was a retired farmer and a lifetime Claflin resident. He was a U.S. Army veteran during the Korean War, serving as a sergeant. He was a recipient of a Korean Service Medal with three Bronze Stars, United
Virama "Sue" Castle 1931 - 2007

Virama "Sue" Castle, 76, of Great Bend, died July 15, 2007, at her residence. Born Jan. 6, 1931, at Brady, Texas, she was the daughter of Earl and Leta Skinner Strother. She married D. Castle on Nov. 16, 1950, at Clovis, N.M. He preceded her in death Sept. 26, 2005. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Great Bend, First United Methodist Church of Hays, the Bible study group at Royal Plaza and blessed by members of the Congregational Presbyterian Church of Lewiston during the last years of her life. A 50-year member of both the Eastern Star and American Legion Auxiliary, she enjoyed playing bridge, walking, aerobic exercise and playing golf with countless friends along the way. Mib loved Texas bluebonnets, Kansas sunflowers and Idaho dogwoods.

Mildred was not only a wonderful wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister, aunt and godmother, she was always incredibly friendly and never met a stranger. Countless family members, friends and neighbors over her 93 years can attest to her warmth, engaging personality and indomitable spirit. She was truly one-of-a-kind and will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her.

Preceded in death in 2001 by her beloved Tom, Mildred is survived by sister Ruth Clark of Dallas, Texas; her daughter Susan Mann and late husband Ken of Lewiston, Idaho; son John Stevenson and wife Colleen of Melbourne, Fl.; granddaughter Shelleigh Beeson and husband Kevin of Lewiston, Idaho; grandson Shawn Mann and wife Jill of Portland, Ore.; grandson Mark Stevenson and wife Amy of Gainesville, Fl.; granddaughter Michelle Popilek and husband Scott of Rockledge, Fla.; great-grandsons Aidan, Zach, Logan and Josh; and great-granddaughter Madelyn.

Following cremation, a memorial service will be held at the Royal Plaza at a later date, followed by inurnment of her ashes beside her husband Tom’s in Frost, Texas. Anyone wishing to contact the family with a remembrance of Mildred is welcome to e-mail John Stevenson at johnhstevenson @earthlink.net.

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Marjorie V. Beck 1918 - 2007

HOISINGTON — Marjorie V. Beck, 89, died July 15, 2007, at Hutchinson Hospital, Hutchinson. She was born April 12, 1918, in rural Hoisington, the daughter of Peter and Mattie (Murray) Stukey. Marjorie Stukey married Bernard Beck on Oct. 26, 1941. He preceded her in death Sept. 26, 2005. She was a retired bookkeeper for Murdy Motors and J&J Lumber in Hoisington. She was also an accomplished seamstress for Lilies of the Field in Hutchinson. Marjorie was a longtime Hoisington resident, retiring at Mennonite Manor in South Hutchinson. In 2005, she moved to Plum Creek Plaza in Hoisington.

She was a member of Trinity Baptist Church in Hoisington, WMU of that church, First Baptist Church in Hutchinson and recently moved her membership to Lorraine Baptist Church. She was a member of Business and Professional Women in Hoisington, holding several offices. She was an
Ellinwood. He was a lifetime resident of Caroline Auchstetter Schartz. He married Ellinwood, the son of Alphons H. and Hope, 4089 Iron Works Parkway, Lexington, KY 40511.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, July 18, at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home, Hoisington, with the Rev. George Redington officiating. A prayer service will be at 7:30 p.m. tonight at the funeral home. Burial will be at Hoisington Cemetery. Visitation will be from 11 a.m. until 8 p.m. today and 9 a.m. until service time Wednesday, all at the funeral home. Memorial donations for the Claflin Ambulance Service or for Lilies - Marjorie Honorary Sowny Fund may be made 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

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Creed Joshua Rosen

Creed Joshua Rosen, 29, son of Michael E. Rosen of Georgetown, Ky., and Deborah V. Dove Rosen of Louisville, Ky., died Tuesday, July 10, 2007, in Bourbon County, Ky. He was born in Plano, Texas, and he was self-employed.

Surviving besides his parents is his sister, Bree Anna Rosen of Covington, Ky., his maternal grandmother, Lois L. Dove, of Great Bend, his aunt, Mary Keller, of Marshall, Mo., and his two uncles, Carl Rosen, M.D., of Greenville, Ky. and Robby Dove of Great Bend.

Funeral services will be at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday at the W. R. Milward Mortuary-Broadway, conducted by Rabbi Marc Kline. Private family burial will be in Kentucky and Kansas. Contributions may be made in lieu of flowers to Central Kentucky Riding for the Handicapped (Hope), 4089 Iron Works Parkway, Lexington, KY 40511. www.milwardfuneral.com.

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Warren G. Schartz 1931 - 2007

ELLINWOOD — Warren G. Schartz, 75, died July 14 at his rural Ellinwood home. He was born July 30, 1931, in rural Ellinwood, the son of Alphons H. and Caroline Auchtetter Schartz. He married Nadine Canfield on April 22, 1953, at Ellinwood. He was a lifetime resident of Barton County. He was a farmer. He was a member of the American Legion and VFW, both of Ellinwood. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War.

Survivors include a son, Curtis Schartz, Ellinwood; three daughters, Linda Kasselman of Great Bend, Debra Stickney of Chase and Brenda Birzer of Ellinwood; a brother, Orville Schartz of Kingman; 16 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a son, Duane Allen, and three brothers, Malvern, Cletus and Arden.

Rosaries will be at 3 and 7 p.m. today at Kimple Funeral Home, conducted by the Altar Society and the parish, respectively. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Ellinwood, with Father Pascal Klein officiant. Visitation will be from 1 to 8 p.m. today at Kimple Funeral Home, Ellinwood. Burial will be at Lakin-Comanche District Cemetery, Ellinwood. Memorial donations are suggested to the Ellinwood Recreation Commission or to St. Joseph School Living Legacy.

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

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Maxine Gunnarson Rankin 1924 - 2007

OGDEN, Utah — Maxine Gunnarson Rankin, 82, died at her home on June 27. She was born Nov. 26, 1924, in Ogden. She married Roy E. Rankin on Jan. 30, 1943. Roy died Dec. 22,1990. Together they lived in Great Bend for 18 years before returning to Utah in 1967. She was an associate with J.C. Penney for many years.

Mrs. Rankin was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Survivors include four daughters, Linda Randall, Judy Jenne, Roylene Dorius and Denise Pingree, all living in Utah; nine grandchildren, six great-grandchildren and a sister.

Funeral services were held at Leavitt's Mortuary in Ogden on July 2. Interment was at South Ogden Washington Heights Memorial Park.

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July 13, 2007

Esther Mildred Clapham 1924 - 2007

LARNED — Esther Mildred Clapham, 82, died July 11, 2007, at Central Kansas Medical Center, St. Rose Campus, Great Bend. She was born July 26, 1924, near Laverne, Okla., the daughter of James Walter and Edith M. Yoho Rolf. On June 16, 1946, she married Donald Clapham at Ashland. He died May 22, 2007. A resident of Larned since 1947, she was a homemaker.

She was a member of the First Christian Church of Larned, and was very active in Boy and Girl Scouts.

Survivors include two sons, Donald William “Bill,” Larned, and David Burdett; a daughter, Cathy Richards, Larned; a brother, Howard Rolf, Waco, Texas; three sisters, Evelyn Lewis, Phoenix, Ariz., Lois Chappell, Tulsa, Okla., and Doris Kimbrough, Katy, Texas; 13 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Beckwith Mortuary Chapel, Larned, with the Rev. Dan Lundgren and Pastor John Hester presiding. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. today and 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. Saturday at the mortuary. Burial will be in the Larned Cemetery.

Memorials may be sent to the First Christian Church or the American Lung Association, in care of the mortuary. This notice may be viewed and condolences left at www.beckwithmortuary.com.

Funeral arrangements provided by Beckwith Mortuary* P.O. Box 477/916 Main Larned, KS 67550 620-285-2121

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John Francis Kreutzer 1915 - 2007

WICHITA — John Francis Kreutzer, 91, died July 9 at his home in Wichita. He was born Nov. 10, 1915, in Hyacintch, to William and Mary (Gaube) Scwartz. He married Hildegard (Schaffer) on Sept. 6, 1948, at Wichita. He was raised by his stepfather, Adam Kreutzer, and attended grade school in Liebenthal and high school in Schoenchen. He was a World War II Navy veteran and worked at Boeing Aircraft Company in Wichita for 31 years. He retired in 1981 as a quality assurance inspector.

He was a member of St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church and Knights of Columbus, both of Wichita, and a member of the Boeing Retirement Club.

Survivors include his wife, Hildegard Kreutzer, of Wichita; two brothers, Joe Kreutzer of Little Elm, Texas; and two sisters, Melvina Francis of Great Bend and Geneva Sweetman of Wichita. He was preceded in death by two brothers, James and Tony Kreutzer, and three sisters, Mary McMullen, Frances Denning and Clara Sweetman.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Liebenthal. Burial will be in St. Joseph Cemetery, Liebenthal, with military honors by the Hays Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9076. A vigil service will be at 6:30 p.m. Sunday at Cline’s Mortuary of
Hays, 1919 E. 22nd St., Hays. Visitation will be from 4 to 9 p.m. Sunday and 9 to 10 a.m. Monday at Cline’s Mortuary of Hays. Memorial donations may be made to the American Red Cross or to Masses.

Funeral arrangements provided by
Cline’s Mortuary of Hays
1919 E. 22nd
Hays, KS 67601
785-628-8822
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July 12, 2007
Walter J. Stumps 1929 - 2007

HOLYROOD — Walter J. Stumps, 78, died July 8 at his rural Holyrood residence. He was born Jan. 20, 1929, in rural Ellsworth County, the son of Chris and Emma (Feist) Stumps. He married S. Jo Gwinner on Aug. 13, 1955, in Ellsworth. She survives. He was a farmer and a lifetime resident of rural Holyrood.

He was a member of St. Mary’s Catholic Church in Holyrood and a lifetime member of Knights of Columbus in Odin.

Survivors, besides his wife, of Bushton, include two sons, Monte Stumps of Holyrood and Mike Stumps of Tulsa, Okla.; two daughters, Christyn Stumps and Gretchen Donlin, both of Greta, Neb.; a brother, Jerome Stumps of Downey, Calif.; two sisters, Dolores Emmerich of Hastings, Neb., and Joan Breford of Holyrood; and seven grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Edward and Leo Stumps, and three sisters, Agnes Warlop, Eleanor Hujiny and Teresa Shipley.

Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Monday at St. Mary’s Catholic Church, Holyrood, with the Rev. David Metz officiating. Burial will be at the Claflin Cemetery. A vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Sunday, followed by a Knights of Columbus Rosary, both at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home, Hoisington. Visitation will be from 1 to 9 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home. Memorial donations for St. Mary’s Grotto may be made in care of the funeral home.

Funeral arrangements provided by
Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home
Box 146/415 North Main
Hoisington, KS 67544
620-653-4165
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 12, 2007
Velma I. Setser 1911 - 2007

HUDSON — Velma I. Setser, 95, died July 8 at Leisure Homestead, Stafford. Born Sept. 5, 1911, in Barton County, she was the daughter of Fred and Katie Fuller Hewitt. On April 22, 1934, she married Leo Setser in Stafford County. He died Dec. 4, 2000. She was a lifetime resident of Barton and Stafford counties and a homemaker.

She was a member of the Mt. Pleasant United Methodist Church in rural Hudson.

Survivors include a son, Don Setser and wife, Carole, of Manhattan; a daughter, Vivian Evers of Loveland, Colo.; a sister, Lydia Streeter of Hutchinson; five grandchildren, four great-grandchildren and one great-great-granddaughter. She was preceded in death by an infant son, Alvin Ray Setser, and two brothers, Wayne Hewitt and Kenneth Hewitt.

Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. today at Minnis Chapel in Stafford, with the Rev. Robbi Fall presiding. Burial will be at the Stafford Cemetery. Memorials may be sent to the Kidney Foundation in care of the chapel.

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July 11, 2007
Robert Charles Connor 1931 – 2007

BANNING, Calif. — Robert "Bob" Charles Connor, 75, died June 10, 2007, at his home in Banning. He was born Oct. 9, 1931, in Olmitz, Kan. He lived with his parents, Robert and Aurelia, along with seven siblings, Margaret, Jean, John, Mary Lou, Jim, Loretta and Barbara until he joined the Navy in 1951. In 1953, he met and married Lorraine Evans in California, where their children, Lorri, Karen, Rob and Rick were born.

In 1969, Bob married Helen Ledger, and her son Jerry joined the Connor family. After the children left home for good, Bob and Helen’s passion was traveling on their Goldwing motorcycle. Bob and Helen spent countless hours and miles touring the western United States and the landmarks they had to offer until her passing in 1992. In 1996, Bob married Diane Lewis. Bob and Diane enjoyed concerts and debating politics. One of Bob’s favorite memories was The Eagles concert with Diane.

Bob began working in construction in 1956 as a laborer for a framing contractor, moving into rough carpentry, then into supervision, and ultimately his own framing business. Bob was licensed as a general contractor in three states. He worked on multiple construction projects in California, Arizona and Nevada over the course of his lifetime as a general superintendent and project manager. Bob was involved one way or another in the construction of roughly 20,000 homes.

Bob left Shapell Industries after eight years to join the Roston Company, where he divided his time between Arizona and Nevada projects for the past 12 years. He relocated from his home in Carlsbad to Phoenix, Ariz., then went on to Reno, Nev., and finally back to California, where he semi-retired in Banning.

Bob is survived by his wife, Diane Lewis-Connor; former spouse Lorraine Connor; two daughters, Lorri Connor of Helena, Mont., and Karen Crain of El Cajon, Calif.; three sons, Jerry Howard of Anaheim Hills, Calif., Rob Connor of Stockton, Calif., and Rick Connor of Kingsburg, Calif.; four sisters, Margaret Ehrlich of Great Bend, Jean Flager of Hosiington, Loretta Ulrey of Bedford, Iowa, and Barbara Lehning of Logan; a brother, John Connor of Great Bend; eight grandchildren, Robert Westfall, Carrie Wilson, Michaela Crain, Matthew Howard, Sabrina Wold, Sean Connor, Aimee Connor and Lauren Connor; and six great-grandchildren, Tyson Westfall, Gannon Westfall, Serena Wilson, Jesemyn Wilson, Paige Wold and Bianca Connor. He was preceded in death by one brother, Jim Connor, and a sister, Mary Lou Komarek. Weaver Mortuary, Inc., of Beaumont, Calif., was in charge of funeral arrangements. A private family service was held.

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July 10, 2007
Evelyn Pearl Clark 1926 - 2007

Evelyn Pearl Clark, 81, of Great Bend, died July 9 at Midland Hospice House, Topeka. She was born April 2, 1926, at Cherryvale, the daughter of Frederick Wilbur and Lulu May Brooks Rambow. She married James Allen Clark on June 15, 1945, at Cherryvale. He died March 12, 1982. She worked for the Central Kitchen for USD 428 for 22 years, retiring in 1987. She was a resident of Topeka since 2004, coming from Great Bend.

Mrs. Clark was a member of Central Baptist Church, a church deaconess, Women’s Circle, church choir, Vacation Bible School teacher and served on various other church committees, and was a member of the Great Bend Gem and Mineral Society, all of Great Bend.

Survivors include two daughters, Nelda Reynolds and her spouse Bruce, and Patricia Torrez and her spouse Jesse, all of Topeka; one brother, Clyde Rambow, Colorado Springs, Colo.; two sisters, Leota Davis, Wichita, and Wilda Cook, Tonkawa, Okla.; two grandchildren, Christiana Torrez and Jeffrey Torrez and spouse, Signe Sandquist; three great-grandchildren, Courtney Torrez, Erica Torrez and Madison Torrez. She was preceded in death by her spouse, James Allen Clark, an infant brother and a brother, James Clayton Rambow, and a sister, Alice Swayze.

Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Central Baptist Church, Great Bend, with Pastor David Hill officiating. Interment will be at Great Bend Cemetery. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday with family to receive friends from 7 to 8 p.m. at Bryant Funeral Home, Great Bend. Donations to memorial funds for Central Baptist Church or Midland Hospice of Topeka
may be made in care of the funeral home. Condolences may be sent and notice viewed at www.bryantfh.net.

Funeral arrangements provided by
Bryant Funeral Home*
1424 Patton Road
Great Bend, KS 67530
620-793-3525
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 10, 2007

Elsa Valeria Klinge 1918 - 2007

LARNED — Elsa Valeria Klinge, 89, died July 9 at St. Joseph Memorial Hospital, Larned. She was born March 1, 1918, at Fullerton, Neb., the daughter of Joseph and Mary Roman Podraza. A Larned resident since 1998, moving from Wichita, she was a homemaker. On Oct. 2, 1940, she married Martin Klinge at Fullerton, Neb. He died March 29, 1987.

She was a member of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Larned.

Survivors include his wife, of the home; four sons, Steve Wilkinson and wife Sharon of Hoxton, Scott Wilkinson and wife Maxine of Great Bend, John Wilkinson of Hutchinson and Richard Wilkinson of Garden City; one stepson, Jim Churchill and wife Rojean of Woodward, Okla.; three daughters, Diane Ramos, Teresa Hannaford and husband Dennis, and Kimberly Mendez and husband Juan, all of Great Bend; two stepdaughters, Linda Renfro and husband Willard, and Cheryl Muth and husband Dennis, and Kimberly Mendez and husband Juan, all of Great Bend; two stepdaughters, Linda Renfro and husband Willard, and Cheryl Muth and husband Jim, all of Great Bend; three sisters, Retha Trent of Squires, Mo., Gladys Turner of Kansas City, Mo., and Myrtle Hanoch of Midland, Mich.; 19 grandchildren and 27 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a grandson, Grant Renfro.

Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Bryant Funeral Home, Great Bend, with the Rev. Don Paden officiating. Intermement will be at Hillcrest Memorial Park, Great Bend. Visitations will be from 9 a.m. to 9 a.m. Wednesday with family to receive friends from 7 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home. Donations to memorial funds for Barton County Relay for Life or the American Cancer Society may be made in care of the funeral home. Condolences may be sent and notice viewed at www.bryantfh.net.

Funeral arrangements provided by
Bryant Funeral Home*
1424 Patton Road
Great Bend, KS 67530
620-793-3525
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 10, 2007

Elzie Valeria Klinge 1918 - 2007

LARNED — Elsie Valeria Klinge, 89, died July 9 at St. Joseph Memorial Hospital, Larned. She was born March 1, 1918, at Fullerton, Neb., the daughter of Joseph and Mary Roman Podraza. A Larned resident since 1998, moving from Wichita, she was a homemaker. On Oct.
Rev. Ryan Webster presiding. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday and from noon until 8 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home. Burial will be in the Belpre Cemetery at Belpre.

Funeral arrangements provided by
Morell Funeral Home
1021 Broadway
Larned, KS 67530
620-285-2177

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July 6, 2007

Patricia Ann Commerford 1928 - 2007

Patricia Ann Commerford, 78, of Great Bend, died July 3 at her home. Born Nov. 15, 1928, in Abilene, she was the daughter of Paul X. and Mary W. Rauch Whitehair. She married Henry Bernard Commerford on April 29, 1950, at St. Andrew’s Church in Abilene. He died April 1, 2006. A homemaker, she was a resident of Great Bend since 1990, having lived in Topeka, Manhattan, Garden City, Minneapolis, Wamego, Colorado Springs, Colo., Goodland and Roswell, N.M.

Mrs. Commerford was a member of Prince of Peace Parish at St. Patrick, St. Patrick Altar Society and Nu Phi Mu, Beta Sigma Phi and Epsilon Sigma Alpha.

Survivors include three sons, Paul Commerford of Albuquerque, N.M.; Bernard M. Commerford and wife Debra of Norfolk, Neb.; and Matthew J. Commerford and wife Lorraine, Highlands Ranch, Colo.; two daughters, Anne L. Reif and husband Raymond, and Suzanne E. Bussen and husband Joseph, all of Great Bend; two brothers, Paul L. Whitehair and Richard J. Whitehair, both of Abilene; one sister, Mary Lorson of Hope; 14 grandchildren, Kimberlee Westlake and husband David, Jilienne Commerford, Benjamin Commerford, Katie Arunski and husband Matthew, Emily Reif, Cole Reif, Elizabeth Commerford, Zachary Commerford, Catherine Commerford, Nicholas Commerford, Michael Commerford, Christine Commerford, Kyle Bussen and Rachel Bussen; two great-grandchildren, Ian Westlake and Isabelle Westlake. She was preceded in death by two brothers, Donald D. Whitehair and Norman V. Whitehair.

Altar Society Rosary will be at 4 p.m. and Vigil Service at 7:30 p.m., today at Bryant Funeral Home. Funeral service is at 9 a.m. Saturday at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Great Bend with Father Wesley Schawe officiating. Burial will be at the Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may visit from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. today at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Holy Family School Endowment Fund or Prince of Peace Parish in care of the funeral home. Condolences may be sent and noticed viewed at www.bryantfh.net.

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

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Tiny Mitchell 1903 - 2007

TURON — Tiny Mitchell, 103, of Pratt, died July 5 in the Pratt Rehabilitation & Residence Center, Pratt. She was born Oct. 7, 1903, in Neola, the daughter of the late Charles Earsom and Mary Ellen (Phares) Cunningham. She married John Wesley Raush on Sept. 23, 1926. He preceded her in death on Aug. 17, 1936. On Jan. 2, 1939, she married Howard Mitchell in Great Bend. He preceded her in death on April 13, 1966. She was a resident of Pratt, Byers, Antrim and St. John before moving to Turon in 1966. She moved back to Pratt in 1997. Tiny and Howard were dairy farmers until his death. While in Turon she baby-sat numerous children.

Survivors include one sister, Delia Ralston of Clovis, N.M. She was preceded in death by a son, Alfred “Jack” Leroy Raush; seven brothers, Frank, Ray, Arthur, Wesley, Charley, Allen and an infant brother; and six sisters, Ruby Calloway, Marie Mitchell, Ida Smith, Rachel Gardner, Aletha Burns and Florence Young.

Visitation will be from 1 to 8 p.m. today and a 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday and 1 to 8 p.m. Sunday at Larrison Mortuary in Pratt. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Larrison Mortuary in Pratt. Burial will be in Pleasant Valley Cemetery at Preston. Memorial donations may be made to Pratt Rehabilitation & Residence Center or Turon Senior Center in care of the funeral home.

Funeral arrangements provided by
Larrison Mortuary
300 Country Club Road
Pratt, KS 67124

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Cecil Allen McDonald 1920 - 2007

LARNED — Cecil Allen McDonald, 87, died June 25 at St. Joseph Memorial Hospital, Larned. He was born April 18, 1920, at Neodesha, the son of Earl Edward and Ethel May Fender McDonald. A resident of Larned since 1977, he was a retired auctioneer and heavy equipment operator. In 1939, he married Juanita Beery at Independence. They divorced. In 1946, he married Lela Danron at Eureka. They divorced. He was of the Christian faith.

Survivors include three sons, Roger of Neodesha, and Jim and Lewis, both of Larned; four daughters, Sandy Gannaway of Galesburg, Sherlinda Brown of St. Paul, Sharon Kay McGowen of Erie and Barbara Kujath of Wymore, Neb.; three brothers, Frank and Orville, both of Neodesha, and Lewis of Larned; two sisters, Mildred Bohannon of Larned and Louise Bowman of Clay Center; 13 grandchildren, 47 great-grandchildren and 17 great-great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a son, John, a
daughter, Virginia Gevara, three brothers, Alfred, John and Clarence, and one sister, Alma Sealey.

Funeral will be at 1 p.m. Monday at Morell Funeral Home, Larned, with Pastor Ryan Webster presiding. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday and from noon until 8 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home. Burial will be in the Belpre Cemetery at Belpre.

Funeral arrangements provided by Morell Funeral Home 1021 Broadway Larned, KS 67530 620-285-2177 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 6, 2007

Elsie Allegra "Karst" Brack 1919 - 2007

RUSSELL — Elsie Allegra "Karst" Brack, 87, of Russell died Wednesday, July 4, 2007, at the Hays Medical Center. Elsie and her twin sister, Esther Scheuerman, were born July 17, 1919, on the family farm in the Milberger area, the daughters of John Jacob "J.J." and Emelia "Mollie" (Keil) Karst. She grew up in the Milberger area and attended a country school.

Elsie was married to Clifford G. Brack on Jan. 22, 1943, in Reno, Nev. They lived in California for a short time and then returned to Otis. They also lived in Great Bend and Sedalia and moved to Russell in the early 1970s. Clifford preceded her in death on Aug. 6, 2003.

Elsie was a nurse's assistant for St. Rose Hospital in Great Bend in the 50's and for Russell Regional Hospital in the 70's. During the 60's she also worked for Theis Packing and Reisbick Clothing Store in Great Bend.

She was a member of St. John Lutheran Church in Russell, but also attended Trinity Lutheran Churches in Otis and Great Bend and the Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Milberger. She also was a member of the Russell VFW Post 6240 Auxiliary. She enjoyed making ceramics with her husband and sharing them with family and friends.

Surviving family include her daughter, Marsha Gullickson and husband George of Bloomington, Minn.; two grandchildren, Merris Gullickson of Minnesota and Geoff Gullickson of North Dakota; a sister, Herbert Karst of Newton; a sister, Elma Morgenstern of Overland Park; and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, four sisters, three brothers and an infant grandchild.

Celebration of Elsie's Life is scheduled for 10 a.m. Tuesday, July 7, at St. John Lutheran Church of Russell. Interment will follow at Hillcrest Memorial Cemetery near Great Bend. Visitation will be from noon to 8 p.m. today at Pohlman-Varner-Peeler Mortuary in Russell and the family will be present to greet friends from 6 to 8 p.m. at the mortuary. A memorial has been established with St. John Lutheran Church. Contributions and condolences may be sent in care of Pohlman-Varner-Peeler Mortuary, which is in charge of these arrangements.

Funeral arrangements provided by Pohlman-Varner-Peeler Mortuary* 610 North Maple Russell, KS 67665 785-483-2212 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 6, 2007

July 5, 2007

Mildred W. Hughes

ROSE HILL — Mildred W. Hughes, 94, of Rose Hill, formerly of Holyrood, a homemaker, died July 2, 2007. Visitation will be from 1 to 8 p.m. today with funeral services at 10 a.m. Friday at Smith Mortuary, 1415 N. Rock Road, Derby. She was preceded in death by her husband, Kenneth; sisters, Opal Bennett and Beulah Frohreicb; brother, Ray Bennett; and grandchildren, Kent and Amy Cole. Survivors include a daughter, Sharon Beardslee, Rose Hill; a stepson, Jim Hughes, Seattle, Wash.; stepdaughters, Darlene Cole-Pierce, Mulvane, and Joan Kempmann, St. Louis, Mo.; a brother, Ralph Bennett, Holyrood; grandchildren, Rebecca, Johanna, Lisa, Mary, Donna, Verna, Darlene, Barbara, Buffy, Jamie, Sean and Kenny; 25 great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren. View tributes at smithfamilymortuaries.com.

Funeral arrangements provided by Smith Family Mortuaries* 1415 N. Rock Road Derby, KS 67507 316-788-2828 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 5, 2007

Mildred Ellen Stone 1924 - 2007

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas — Mildred Ellen Stone, 83, died July 2. She was born February 11, 1924, at Deven, the daughter of Henry C. and Clara M. (Cook) Veach. She married Elmer G. Stone, who preceded her in death on Dec. 7, 1993. She was a retired bookkeeper.

Survivors include two sons, Richard M. Stone of Wichita and Gene E. Stone of San Clemente, Calif., a daughter, Clara B. Flatt of Portland, Texas, eight grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a brother, George Veach, and two sisters, Flo Veach and Judy Neff.

Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Kimple Funeral Chapel in Ellinwood with the Rev. Jason Winget officiating. Burial will be in Lakin-Comanche District Cemetery in Ellinwood. Visitations will be from 10 a.m. until service time Saturday at Kimple Funeral Home.

Funeral arrangements provided by Kimple Funeral Home

July 4, 2007

Mildred W. Hughes

ROSE HILL — Mildred W. Hughes, 94, of Rose Hill, formerly of Holyrood, a homemaker, died July 2, 2007. Visitation will be from 1 to 8 p.m. today with funeral services at 10 a.m. Friday at Smith Mortuary, 1415 N. Rock Road, Derby. She was preceded in death by her husband, Kenneth; sisters, Opal Bennett and Beulah Frohreicb; brother, Ray Bennett; and grandchildren, Kent and Amy Cole. Survivors include a daughter, Sharon Beardslee, Rose Hill; a stepson, Jim Hughes, Seattle, Wash.; stepdaughters, Darlene Cole-Pierce, Mulvane, and Joan Kempmann, St. Louis, Mo.; a brother, Ralph Bennett, Holyrood; grandchildren, Rebecca, Johanna, Lisa,
Donald N. Burke 1942 - 2007

LAS VEGAS, Nev. — Donald N. Burke, 64, died June 26, 2007, at his residence in Las Vegas. He was born Oct. 18, 1942, at Dodge City, the son of William Chauncey and Julia Hayden Burke. He was a casino gaming dealer for the Monte Carlo Casino in Las Vegas. He was a resident of Las Vegas for 30 years, coming from Dodge City. He was a 1960 graduate of St. Joseph's Military Academy, Hays, and attended Fort Hays State University.

Survivors include one son, Karl Burke, and his wife, Kristie, of Towson, Md.; four brothers, Claude Burke and wife Mary, and John Burke and wife Mary, all of Denver, Colo.; William J. Burke of Newton and Lawrence J. Burke of Sorrento, Fla.; two sisters, Rosemary Sanko and husband Floyd of Great Bend and Julia Stolz and husband Gary of St. George, Utah; two grandchildren, Alex and Sarah Burke; seven nieces and six nephews.

Burial will be at 10 a.m. Monday, July 9, at St. Patrick Catholic Church, Great Bend. With Father Wesley Schwabe officiant. Interment will be at the Great Bend Cemetery. Visitation will be from 1 to 9 p.m. Sunday at Bryant Funeral Home, Great Bend. Donations are suggested to memorial funds for the Holy Family School Endowment or for the Prince of Peace Parish in care of the 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
620-792-3525

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 4, 2007

Lewis Schneider 1929 - 2007

LOGAN — Lewis Schneider, 77, died June 16. Born Dec. 1, 1929, he was the son of Samuel Waldo (S.W.) and Esther Viola (Peterson) Schneider. He graduated from Logan High School in 1947. He attended Kansas State University, majoring in agricultural education. He served in the Koran Conflict. After his discharge he taught Vo-Ag to GI's who returned to this area. He started a family farm and ranching operation after his marriage to Janene Marie McClellan in August 1954.

Mr. Schneider was a member of Sunnyside 4-H Club, that his parents organized, and was actively involved in the American Legion, Republican Party, Kansas State Alumni Association, KLA, NCBA, Logan Township Board and the Logan United Methodist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Janene; children, LewJene Schneider of Maize, Dr. LewAnn Schneider of Clay Center, Lloyd Schneider of Logan and Leslye Woodard, of Maize; a sister, Mary Louise Wilcox of Port Ord, Ore.; two brothers, Dr. Robert Schneider of Fairfield Glade, Tenn., and Lt. Col. Donald Schneider of Beavercreek, Ohio; five grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Burial and funeral service took place at Pleasant View Cemetery, with Pastor Dean Gilbert officiating.
Memorials are suggested to the Logan United Methodist Church in care of Logan Funeral Home.

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 4, 2007

July 3, 2007

Edgar Cramer 1924 - 2007

AMARILLO, Texas — Edgar Cramer, 82, of Amarillo, died July 1. Burial will be at 2 p.m. today at Great Bend Cemetery in Great Bend.

Mr. Cramer was born on Oct. 15, 1924, in Four Acres, Okla., to Bert and Jenny Cramer. He owned a crane business in Colorado for over 30 years. Mr. Cramer belonged to Operating Engineers. He was a Baptist.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Viola Cramer, in 1997.

He is survived by his son, Eddie Cramer of Amarillo; three stepsons, Larry Kubitscheck and Jon Kubitscheck, both of Great Bend, and Ronnie Kubitscheck of Nashville, Tenn.; two stepdaughters, Jodie Hampton and Sharon Radke, both of Bryan, Texas; and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to BSA Hospice, P. O. Box 950, Amarillo, TX 79176-0001. Funeral arrangements were provided by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Directors in Amarillo.

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 3, 2007

Mary Rogers Markel

DEWEY — Mrs. Mary Rogers Markel, 98, formerly of Great Bend, died at 1:45 a.m. July 2 at the Forrest Manor Nursing Home in Dewey, Okla.

Graveside funeral services for Mrs. Markel will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Great Bend Cemetery at Great Bend, with Mr. Robert Hamm of Dewey, Okla., officiating. Funeral services and interment are under the direction of the Stumpff Funeral Home & Crematory in Bartlesville, Okla.

A memorial has been established and those who wish may send their contributions to the First United Methodist Church, 2123 Forrest Ave., Great Bend, KS 67530.

Mrs. Markel was preceded in death by her husband, Glenn E. Markel, on Oct. 3, 1986, and by a grandson, Rick Markel.

Survivors include two sons, Dr. Larry Markel and his wife, Kay, of Bartlesville and Wayne Markel and his wife, Shirley of Edmond, Okla.; her special sister-in-law, Mary Tarlton of Hoisington; four grandchildren, Larry Markel, Lori Elliott, Malia Markel Rutherford and Sterling Markel; six great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral arrangements provided by Stumpff Funeral Home & Crematory*
1600 S.E. Washington Blvd.
Bartlesville, OK 74006
918-333-4300

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 3, 2007

July 1, 2007

Edward E. Crews 1926 - 2007

ELLINWOOD — Edward E. Crews, 80, died June 30 at Hospice House in Hutchinson. He was born Oct. 6, 1926, at Milford, Neb., the son of Dorothy Crews. He married Pauline Vice on March 21, 1947, at Humbolt, Neb. An Ellinwood resident for the past 13 years, formerly of Sunrise Beach, Mo., and Kansas City, Kan., he was a floorcovering installer for over 40 years.

Crews was a charter member of Westlake Christian Church in Laurie, Mo., and attended Immanuel United Church of Christ in Ellinwood. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II.

Survivors include his wife Pauline of the home; a daughter, Carol Frees and husband Jerry, Ellinwood; four brothers, Meryle Fritz, Omaha, Neb., Donald Fritz, Clovis, Calif., Melvin Fritz, Topeka, and Sterling Fritz, Tucson, Ariz.; two sisters, Deloris Hixon and Darleen Ginsbach, both of Tucson, Ariz.; and two grandchildren, Lacy and Austin Frees. He was preceded in death by his parents, George and Dorothy Fritz; a brother, Gary Fritz; and grandparents Marvin and Martha Crews.

Graveside service will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Lakin-Comanche District Cemetery in Ellinwood with the Rev. Larry Young officiating. Visitation will be from 1 to 8 p.m. Monday at Kimple Funeral Home in Ellinwood. Memorials are suggested to Immanuel United Church of Christ in Ellinwood or Hospice House in Hutchinson Garden Fund, in care of the funeral home.

Funeral arrangements provided by Kimple Funeral Home*
113 North Main
Ellinwood, KS 67526
(620) 564-2300
fax 564-2301

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 1, 2007

Donald N. Burke 1942 - 2007

LAS VEGAS, Nev. — Donald N. Burke, 64, died June 26 at his residence in Las Vegas. Nev. Services are pending with Bryant Funeral Home, 1425 Patton Road, Great Bend.

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, July 1, 2007

August 31, 2007

Marie Harriet Koehn 1935 - 2007

LARNED — Marie Harriet Koehn, 72, died Aug. 29 at St. Joseph Memorial Hospital in Larned. Born Jan. 26, 1935, in Hulbert, Mich., she was the daughter of Charles Henry and Loretta Mary LeMere Kecker. A longtime Pawnee County resident, moving from Stafford County, she was a cook for the Sonic Drive-In. She married Vernon E. Koehn on Feb. 19, 1954, in Hulbert, Mich. He survives.

Mrs. Koehn was of the Baptist faith and a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and VFW Auxiliary, both of Larned.

Survivors include two sons, Daniel and Steven of Larned; a daughter, Lynette Lewis of Larned; 10 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a daughter, Loretta Joan Koehn.

Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday at Beckwith Mortuary Chapel in Larned with Pastor Dan Lundgren presiding. Burial will be at the Larned Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. today and 9 a.m. to service time on Saturday, at the mortuary. Memorials are suggested to the Larned EMS in care of Beckwith Mortuary in Larned. Condolences may be left at www.beckwithmortuary.com.

Funeral arrangements provided by Beckwith Mortuary
916 Main
Larned, KS 67560
620-285-2121

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 31, 2007

August 30, 2007

Junior William Reiser 1919 - 2007

ELLINWOOD — Junior William Reiser, 87, died Aug. 27 at Ellinwood District Hospital Long-Term Care. Born Sept. 15, 1919, in Ellinwood, he was the son of William Reiser and Josephine Graff Reiser. A lifetime resident of Ellinwood, he was a mechanic at Mobil Oil, retiring in 1984. He was known locally as the “Boat Man.” He married Ruth Oleene Whala on March 14, 1942, in Great Bend. She died Jan. 15, 1996. He married Rosie E. Martens on Nov. 21, 1998, in Ellinwood. She survives.

Mr. Reiser was a member of Calvary Baptist Church in Ellinwood.

Survivors include his wife, Rosie, of the home; a daughter, Sherry Pitts (Mrs. Bob) Goeller of Great Bend; four brothers, Homer F. Reiser of Ellinwood, Howard C. Reiser of Pryor, Okla., Norman Reiser of McPherson and Elvin Reiser of Artesia, N.M.; a sister, Hazel Kuehler of Fort Worth, Texas; two grandchildren, Kim and Roger Sell of Great Bend and Kara and Jeff Potter of Claflin; and four great-grandchildren, Connor and Kendal Sell of Great Bend and Annie and Zoe Potter of Claflin.

Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Calvary Baptist Church in Ellinwood with the Rev. Jason Winget and the Rev.
Roy Savage officiating. Burial will be at Lakin-Comanche District Cemetery in Ellinwood. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. today with family receiving friends from 7 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Calvary Baptist Church in Ellinwood, Ellinwood District Hospital Swing Bed or Golden Belt Home Health and Hospice.

Funeral arrangements provided by Kimple, Inc. Funeral Home* 113 N. Main Ellinwood, KS 67526 620-564-2300 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 30, 2007

Wanda Louise DeBey Bliss 1924 – 2007

LYONS — Wanda Louise DeBey Bliss, 82, of Lyons, died Aug. 28, 2007, at Hospice House, Hutchinson. She was born Dec. 5, 1924, on a farm near Agra, the daughter of George and Mary Evelyn Hebrew DeBey. She graduated from Downs High School. She was known to her husband as “Woman,” her children as “Momma,” and her grandchildren and great-grandchildren as “G-G.” Most of her life she was a homemaker, wife and mother, but she did work outside the home as a personal care assistant. Her loving ways will be missed by all who loved her.

In June of 1942 she married Paul R. Bliss Sr. He died May 6, 1998.

Survivors include one son, Paul, and his wife, Joyce, of Durham, N.C.; two daughters, Paula and her husband Ron Bieberle of Ellinwood, and Sherry and her husband Gerald Cole of Hutchinson; a daughter-in-law, Jill Bliss, of Tulsa, Okla.; four grandchildren, Melanie and her husband Dan Zink of Ellinwood, Kimberly Bliss of Tallahassee, Fla., Christy Richards and her husband Jeff of Hutchinson, and Jessa Bliss of Tulsa; three grandsons, Ron Bieberle and wife Shawna of Lyons, Brannon Cole and wife Autumn of Broken Arrow, Okla.; five great-granddaughters, Stacy and Lindsey Zink of Ellinwood, Kaitlin Richards of Hutchinson, and Taya and Tia Cole of South Hutchinson; seven great-grandsons, Clint Bieberle of Hutchinson, Brett Bieberle of Lyons, Kyle Zink of Ellinwood, Brody, Braden and Brock Cole of South Hutchinson and Trey Richards of Hutchinson. She was preceded in death by her parents, two brothers, Harris and Harley DeBey, her husband, Paul R. Bliss Sr., and a son, Vincent George Bliss.

Graveside services will be held at 10 a.m. Friday in the Lyons Municipal Cemetery with the Rev. Curtis Fitzgerald officiating. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to Hospice House in Hutchinson in care of Birzer-Sillin Funeral Home, P.O. Box 89, Lyons, KS 67554.

Funeral arrangements provided by Birzer-Sillin Funeral Home* 214 West Ave. South Lyons, KS 67554 620-257-2211 Great bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 30, 2007

August 29, 2007

Helen Pember 1911 – 2007

NESS CITY — Helen Pember, 95, died Aug. 26 at the Ness County Hospital in Ness City. Born Oct. 26, 1911, in Galatia, she was the daughter of Jacob and Katherine (Steinert) Steinert. A resident of Ness County since 1932, she was a homemaker. She married Glen A. Pember on Feb. 8, 1932, at Russell. He died on May 18, 1986.

Mrs. Pember was a member of the First Baptist Church and the American Baptist Women in Ness City and a member of AARP.

Survivors include a son, Marion D. Pember of Shawnee; a daughter, Juanita K. Parker of Ness City; a stepbrother, D.B. Schwartzkopf of Hutchinson; four grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her brother, Elmer Steinert; two sisters, Hattie Schober and Hilda Schober; one son-in-law, Steve McAdoo; and a stepbrother, Earl Schwartzkopf.

Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at the First Baptist Church in Ness City with the Rev. Russell King presiding. Burial will be at the Ness City Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. today at Fitzgerald Funeral Home in Ness City. Memorials are suggested to the American Baptist Women Love Gift or American Diabetes Association.

Funeral arrangements provided by Fitzgerald Funeral Home, Inc. PO Box 96 207 N. Pennsylvania Ness City, KS 67560 785-798-3243 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 29, 2007

Fredric B. Cunningham 1915 – 2007

Graveside service arrangements have been announced for Fredric B. Cunningham. The service will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Hillcrest Memorial Park in Great Bend, with the Rev. George Martin officiating.

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 29, 2007

William Junior Reiser 1919 – 2007

ELLINWOOD — William Junior Reiser, 87, died Aug. 27 at Ellinwood District Hospital Long-Term Care. Born Sept. 15, 1919, in Ellinwood, he was the son of William Reiser and Josephine Graff Reiser. A lifetime resident of Ellinwood, he was a mechanic at Mobil Oil, retiring in 1984. He was known locally as the "Boat Man." He married Ruth Oleene Whala on March 14, 1942, in Great Bend. She died Jan. 15, 1996. He married Rosie E. Martin on Nov. 21, 1998, in Ellinwood. She survives.

Mr. Reiser was a member of Calvary Baptist Church in Ellinwood.

Survivors include his wife, Rosie, of the home; a daughter, Sherry Pitts (Mrs. Bob) Goeller of Great Bend; four brothers, Homer F. Reiser of Ellinwood, Howard C. Reiser of Pryor, Okla., Norman Reiser of McPherson and Elvin Reiser of Artesia, N.M.; a sister, Hazel Kuehler of Fort Worth, Texas; two grandchildren, Kim and Roger Sell of Great Bend and Kara and Jeff Potter of Claflin; and four great-grandchildren, Connor and Kendal Sell of Great Bend and Annie and Zoe Potter of Claflin.

Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. on Friday at Calvary Baptist Church in Ellinwood with the Rev. Jason Winget and the Rev. Roy Savage officiating. Burial will be at Lakin-Comanche District Cemetery in Ellinwood. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday with family receiving friends from 7 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Calvary Baptist Church in Ellinwood, Ellinwood District Hospital Swing Bed or Golden Belt Home Health and Hospice.

Funeral arrangements provided by Kimple, Inc. Funeral Home* 113 N. Main Ellinwood, KS 67526 620-564-2300 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 29, 2007

August 28, 2007

Sheila K. Koerner 1943 - 2007

Sheila K. Koerner, 63, Great Bend, passed away Aug. 25. She was born in Great Bend on Nov. 29, 1943, to Richard and Lucille Scheck. Sheila was Social Services director for Cherry Village for 30 years, retiring in 2007. She was also the property manager for Cheyenne Village for 23 years, retiring in 2007. Sheila devoted her life to helping others.

Ms. Koerner is survived by her mother, Lucille Scheck; one son, Scott Koerner, Elizabeth, Colo.; two daughters, Christine Torres, Great Bend, and Terra Davis, Palisade, Neb.; five grandchildren, Tyler, Masen, Alyxius, Skylar and Teigan; and two sisters, Gayle Cell and Linda Wise.

Mass of Christian Burial will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at St. Patrick's Church, 4100 Broadway. Friends may call from 1 to 7 p.m. today at Charter Funerals. Rosary will be at 6 p.m. today at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association.

Funeral arrangements provided by Charter Funerals*
He was a member of the Prince of Peace Parish at St. Rose and the American Legion Argonne Post 180, and a former Scout leader and Little League baseball coach.

Survivors include his wife, of the home; two sons, David Reiser and wife Tricia, Great Bend, and Richard Reiser and his wife LaVonne, of Schierwaldenrath, Germany; two daughters, Debbie Converse and husband Roger of Harveyville and Cheryl Schaub and husband Steve, Parker, Colo.; one sister, Jennie Ueckert, Great Bend; two brothers, Elmer Reiser and Larry Reiser, both of Great Bend; and nine grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Alois Reiser and Ralph Reiser.

A vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday at Bryant Funeral Home, Great Bend. Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church, with Father Reginald A. Urban officiating. Interment will be at Hillcrest Memorial Park, Great Bend, with U.S. Navy Military Honors. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. Donations to memorial funds for Harry Hynes Memorial Hospice, the American Kidney Foundation or the Holy Family School Endowment Fund may be made 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, Aug. 28, 2007

Tommy Lynn “Tom” Williams 1950 - 2007

NESS CITY — Tommy Lynn “Tom” Williams, 56, died Aug. 25 in rural Hodgeman County. Born Aug. 28, 1950, at Odessa, Texas, he was the son of Guy Arlton and Marie Martin Williams. A resident of Ness City for the past 31 years, he was the owner and operator of J & S Electric where he was an oilfield electrician. He married Connie Gerstner on April 26, 1974, in Cottonwood Falls.

Mr. Williams was a member of the Sacred Heart Church and Knights of Columbus, both of Ness City, and Kansas Independent Oil and Gas Association.

Survivors include his wife; two daughters, Kimberly Yaeger of Omaha, Neb., and Lisa Williams of Hutchinson; two brothers, Mickey Williams of Eastland, Texas, and Buddy Williams of Parma, Mich.; a half sister, Penny Blalack of Reno, Nev.; and three grandchildren, Dawson Yaeger, Sophie Williams and Tommy Williams. He was preceded in death by a daughter, Tricia Whipple, and a granddaughter, Nicole Whipple.

Parish vigil will be at 7 p.m. today at the Sacred Heart Church in Ness City. Funeral mass will be at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday at the church with Father Henry Hildebrandt presiding. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. today at Fitzgerald Funeral Home in Ness City and after 4 p.m. at the church. Memorials are suggested to the Grandchildren’s Educational Fund in care of the funeral home.

Funeral arrangements provided by Fitzgerald Funeral Home, Inc.* 207 N. Pennsylvania Ness City, KS 67560 785-798-3243 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 28, 2007

Kedric B. Cunningham 1915 - 2007

McPHERSON — Kedric B. “Casey” Cunningham, 91, died Aug. 26 at Mennonite Friendship Manor in South Hutchinson. Born Nov. 9, 1915, in Augusta, he was the son of Maurice J. "Nick" and Alta Victoria Bogue Cunningham. He attended Southwestern College in Winfield. A resident of South Hutchinson, formerly of McPherson, he was a retired field supervisor for Halliburton Oilfield Services in Kansas, twice in Great Bend, Ohio and Michigan. He had also worked as a sales clerk for Central Services in McPherson. He married Virginia Nadine Barnes in El Dorado.

Mr. Cunningham was a member of the South Hutchinson Christian Church, was past exalted ruler of the B.P.O.E. No. 502 and a former member of the Masonic Lodge.

Survivors include, his wife; two sons, John D. of McPherson and Ronald G. of Ellinwood; three daughters, Karen S. Base of McPherson, Linda K. Gardner of Haysville, Ohio, and Vicky I. Polreis of Nickerson; 10 grandchildren; and great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Maurice D. and James Cunningham.

Parish vigil will be at 7 p.m. today at the Sacred Heart Church in Ness City. Funeral mass will be at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday at the church with Father Henry Hildebrandt presiding. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. today at Fitzgerald Funeral Home in Ness City and after 4 p.m. at the church. Memorials are suggested to the Grandchildren’s Educational Fund in care of the funeral home.

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Kedric B. Cunningham 1915 - 2007

McPHERSON — Kedric B. “Casey” Cunningham, 91, died Aug. 26 at Mennonite Friendship Manor in South Hutchinson. Born Nov. 9, 1915, in Augusta, he was the son of Maurice J. "Nick" and Alta Victoria Bogue Cunningham. He attended Southwestern College in Winfield. A resident of South Hutchinson, formerly of McPherson, he was a retired field supervisor for Halliburton Oilfield Services in Kansas, twice in Great Bend, Ohio and Michigan. He had also worked as a sales clerk for Central Services in McPherson. He married Virginia Nadine Barnes in El Dorado.

Mr. Cunningham was a member of the South Hutchinson Christian Church, was past exalted ruler of the B.P.O.E. No. 502 and a former member of the Masonic Lodge.

Survivors include, his wife; two sons, John D. of McPherson and Ronald G. of Ellinwood; three daughters, Karen S. Base of McPherson, Linda K. Gardner of Haysville, Ohio, and Vicky I. Polreis of Nickerson; 10 grandchildren; and great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Maurice D. and James Cunningham.

Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. on Wednesday at South Hutchinson Christian Church, 111 East First, with the Rev. Brian Barrie presiding. Inurnment will be at Hillcrest Memorial Park in Great Bend with the Rev. George Martin officiating. Service time is pending; see Wednesday’s paper. There will be no visitation. Cremation has taken place. Memorials are suggested to Hospice Care of Kansas or South Hutchinson Christian Church, both in care of Stockham Family Funeral Home in McPherson. Personal condolences may be sent to the family at www.stockhamfamily.com.

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 28, 2007

August 26, 2007

Evelyn Louise Jones 1924 - 2007

Evelyn Louise Jones, 82, of Great Bend, died Aug. 23, 2007, at Great Bend Health & Rehabilitation Center, Great Bend. Born Oct. 1, 1924, at Poram, Okla., she was the daughter of William J. and Tinnie Dunn Satterfield. She married Jesse Jones in 1944; to this union they were given three sons and one daughter. She was a homemaker until 1980, then was a cashier at the Holiday Inn for eight years. Starting in 1990, she became a caregiver for the elderly. She was a resident of Great Bend for 63 years, coming from Otis.

She was a member of the First Assembly of God Church, Great Bend.

Survivors include one son, Harold Jones, of Manchester, Mass.; two grandchildren whom she cared for, Kevin Schreiner of Austin, Texas, and Shawna Goans of Great Bend; one brother, Kenneth Satterfield, of Tulsa, Okla.; one sister, Jeanne Lacy, of Mesa, Ariz.; seven grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two sons, William M. Jones and Steven R. Jones, a daughter, Janice Hauck, and two brothers.

Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Monday, Aug. 27, at First Assembly of God Church, Great Bend, with the Rev. Dwight Dozier officiating. Interment will be at the Great Bend Cemetery. Visitation will be from 1 to 9 p.m. today at Bryant Funeral Home, with the family to receive friends there from 7 to 8 p.m. Donations to a memorial fund for 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.

Funeral arrangements provided by Bryant Funeral Home* 1425 Patton Road Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-3525 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 26, 2007

Helen Lessor 1913 - 2007

Evelyn Louise Jones, 82, of Great Bend, died Aug. 23, 2007, at Great Bend Health & Rehabilitation Center, Great Bend. Born Oct. 1, 1924, at Poram, Okla., she was the daughter of William J. and Tinnie Dunn Satterfield. She married Jesse Jones in 1944; to this union they were given three sons and one daughter. She was a homemaker until 1980, then was a cashier at the Holiday Inn for eight years. Starting in 1990, she became a caregiver for the elderly. She was a resident of Great Bend for 63 years, coming from Otis.

She was a member of the First Assembly of God Church, Great Bend.

Survivors include one son, Harold Jones, of Manchester, Mass.; two grandchildren whom she cared for, Kevin Schreiner of Austin, Texas, and Shawna Goans of Great Bend; one brother, Kenneth Satterfield, of Tulsa, Okla.; one sister, Jeanne Lacy, of Mesa, Ariz.; seven grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two sons, William M. Jones and Steven R. Jones, a daughter, Janice Hauck, and two brothers.

Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Monday, Aug. 27, at First Assembly of God Church, Great Bend, with the Rev. Dwight Dozier officiating. Interment will be at the Great Bend Cemetery. Visitation will be from 1 to 9 p.m. today at Bryant Funeral Home, with the family to receive friends there from 7 to 8 p.m. Donations to a memorial fund for 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.

Funeral arrangements provided by Bryant Funeral Home* 1425 Patton Road Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-3525 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 26, 2007
Jodi Kathleen Gerritzen-Barber 1958 - 2007

LAFAYETTE, Colo. — Jodi Kathleen Gerritzen-Barber, of Lafayette, Colo., died Friday, Aug. 17, at Boulder Community Hospital in Boulder, Colo. She was 48. Jodi was born on Sept. 12, 1958, in La Crosse, Kan., to Joseph Edward and Mary Kay (Schloemer) Gerritzen. She was a graduate of Otis-Bison High School in Otis, and received a Licensed Practical Nursing degree from Wichita Area Vo-Tech in Wichita. She attended Barton County Community College in Great Bend, and Front Range Community College in Fort Collins, Colo.

Jodi married Jim Barber on Jan. 21, 1993, in Burlington, Colo., and worked as an LPN at the Peaks Care Center of Longmont, Colo.

Survivors include her husband, Jim, of Loveland, Colo.; a brother, Joseph Andrew Gerritzen of Newton; and a sister, Julia Ann (Gerritzen) Farquhar of Saint Charles, Ill. She was preceded in death by her mother, Mary Kay; father, Joseph Edward; brother, Galen Aaron; grandparents, Ben and Ruth Schloemer, Rose Scott and Frank J. and Angela A. (Nettee) (Herman) Gerritzen.

Memorial contributions may be made in Jodi’s name to the American Diabetes Association, P.O. Box 144, Alexandria, VA 22312 or online at http://www.diabetes.org/home.jsp.

We love you and will miss you. I’m sure you are with Mom, Dad and Galen now.

M.P. Murphy & Associates Funeral Directors, 4984 Idlewild Trail, Boulder, CO 80301, is in charge of arrangements.

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 26, 2007*

Merrill V. Younkin 1925 - 2007

EDMONDS, Wash. — Devoted, loving husband and father, Merrill Vernon Younkin, 82, joined the mate of his soul, Dorothy Y. Younkin, who preceded him in death last year. He quietly passed away on Aug. 16, 2007. Born in Great Bend, Feb. 2, 1925, he was the youngest son of Charles F. and Nannie S. Younkin. After graduating from Great Bend High School in 1943 he joined the U.S. Navy, serving his country honorably and with distinction aboard the destroyer, USS Wallace L. Lind (DD-703) until 1946.

Returning home from the war, he was introduced to Dorothy Kerbs, and later, on Dec. 22, 1946, they married. He graduated from Wichita Business College under the GI Bill and accepted an Industrial Engineering position (IE) with The Boeing Company in Wichita. Merrill would spend 37 successful years with The Boeing Company. He joined Boeing Management in 1951. In 1968 he transferred to Everett, Wash., and dedicated the next several years of his life contributing to the success of the 747, immortalized in Boeing lore along with fellow Everett employees of the time, known as “The Incredibles.”

He served on the Executive Management Council for the United Way of Snohomish County, Wash. Merrill retired from Boeing in 1987 as senior director of Industrial Engineering at Renton, Wash. In his career he was involved with the B-47, B-52 and all Boeing commercial airliners through the 767. Merrill and Dorothy enjoyed a long, relaxed, and enjoyable retirement traveling the country in their motor home, visiting many exotic locations and their annual winter sojourn to Palm Springs, Calif. During his retirement years, he devoted much time to the research of family genealogy. Early in adult life he spent over 15 years working with the Boy Scouts of America.

He was a member of The American Historical Society of Germans from Russia, Lynnwood Elks 2717, American Legion Post 66, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3070, and St. Matthew Lutheran Church. His lifelong hobby was coin collecting and he was an active member of the American Numismatic Association and Society of Paper Money Collectors.

Merrill is survived by his son Keith and daughter Jayne Younkin, both of Edmonds, Wash.; sisters, Francis Fox and Patricia Baxter of Great Bend, and 20 nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his mother and father, older brothers George, Wayne and Dwight; and the Love of his Life, wife Dorothy.

Merrill will always be remembered for his love and devotion of family, his compassion for others, adventurous spirit and his sense of humor. He will be greatly missed by all whose lives and hearts he touched in so many ways.

Funeral service will be at Edmonds Lutheran Church on 23525 84th Avenue West, Edmonds, Wash., on Wednesday, Aug. 29. Viewing will be 10:30 a.m. until noon. There will be a gathering during this time with refreshments and socializing prior to the service. The service begins at noon. Burial with military honors will immediately follow the service, at Edmonds Cemetery, 820 15th Ave SW.

In lieu of flowers, cash donations may be given to the Edmonds Fire Safety Foundation, P.O. Box 157, Edmonds, WA 98020.

Funeral arrangements provided by Beck’s Funeral Home*, 405 Fifth Ave. South/Box 1567 Edmonds, WA 98020-1567

425-771-1234

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 26, 2007 #

August 24, 2007

Vera Eveloyn Nulf1906 - 2007

LARNED — Vera Eveloyn Nulf, 100, died Aug. 22 at the Larned Healthcare Center. Born Dec. 7, 1906, in Fort Scott, she was the daughter of James George and Margaret Hills Hyle. A longtime resident of Larned, she was a retail clerk and homemaker. In November 1926 she married Harry Joseph Babb. He died in 1968. On July 15, 1961, she married David Elmer Nulf in Larned. He survives.

Mrs. Nulf was a member of the First Christian Church, EHU and Eastern Star, all of Larned, and Royal Neighbors of Fort Scott.

Survivors include her husband, David Elmer Nulf; three sons, Larry Nulf and David Nulf, both of Burrrton, and Mike Babb of Wichita; five daughters, Tharya Frazier and Elaine Slack, both of Larned, Edna Mae Webster of Dallas, Texas, Carolyn Roach of Bella Vista, Ark., and Pam Davis of Lewis; 26 grandchildren, 35 great-grandchildren; and six great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded
in death by three brothers, Cliff, Jess and Harry; two sisters, Ruby Ayers and Murdie Hyle; and three grandsons, Ricky Webster, Brad Frazier and Dustin Maxwell.

Funeral service will be at 1:30 p.m. Monday at the First Christian Church in Larned, with Pastor Dan Lundgren and Pastor Mike Babb presiding. Burial will be at the Larned Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday and 1 p.m. to 8 p.m. Sunday, with the family receiving friends from 7 to 8 p.m. Sunday at Beechtree Mortuary Chapel in Larned. Memorials are suggested to the church, Home Health and Hospice or Vera Nulf Nursing Scholarship, all in care of Beechtree Mortuary. Condolences may be left at www.beechtimortuary.com.

Funeral arrangements provided by Beechtree Mortuary, Inc.
P.O. Box 477
Larned, KS 67550
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 24, 2007

Darlene Rowland 1927 - 2007

Darlene Rowland, 79, of Great Bend, died Aug. 22 at the Great Bend Health and Rehabilitation Center. Born Oct. 10, 1927, at Marceline, Mo., she was the daughter of Charles and Mayme West Huffman. On June 1, 1945, she married Rodger Rowland in Great Bend. He survives. This union was blessed with two daughters, Cheryl and Pam. She was a homemaker, thoroughly enjoying family times.

Mrs. Rowland was a member of the Trinity Lutheran Church in Great Bend.

Survivors include her husband, Rodger Rowland of the home; two daughters, Cheryl Kottwitz and husband Kent of Overland Park, and Pam Kuhn and husband David of Plano, Texas; a brother, Glen Huffman and wife Shirley of Bethany, Okla.; four grandchildren, Shelly Taggart and husband Dan, Scott McNeill and wife Melissa, Christina Kuhn and Courteney Kuhn; five great-grandchildren, Austin, Nolan and Andrew Taggart, and Kaylee and Braden McNeill. She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Don Huffman.

Funeral service will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Great Bend with the Rev. James A. Strasen officiating. Burial will be at the Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may visit from noon to 9 p.m. today and from 9 to 11 a.m. Saturday at Bryant Funeral Home. Memorials are suggested to the Alzheimer’s Association 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, Aug. 24, 2007

August 23, 2007

Betty Ann (Houska) Lewis 1941 - 2007


She was a past member of Trinity Lutheran Church, present member of the Messiah Lutheran Church and the Messiah Lutheran Church Ladies Group. Betty also loved to bake cookies for Vacation Bible School.

Mrs. Lewis is survived by her husband, William D. Lewis; sons, Kenton D. Lewis of Topeka and Myles L. Lewis of Wichita; and by one grandson, Eian B. Lewis. She was preceded in death by her parents and an infant sister, Mary Alice Houska.

Funeral service will be Friday, Aug. 24, at Charter Funerals, Great Bend, with Pastor Adam Wutka officiating. Burial will be at Claflin City Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. until service time Friday, at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers the family requests donations be made to Trinity Lutheran Church, 2701 24th, Great Bend.

Funeral arrangements provided by Charter Funerals*
2115 Washington
Great Bend, KS 67530
620-793-6161
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 23, 2007

Leona Kershner Cane 1914 - 2007

GARDEN CITY — Leona Kershner Cane, 93, died Aug. 20 at her Garden City home. She was born July 24, 1914, at Burdett, the daughter of Charles W. and Emma L. (Shaffer) King. She married Eldred “E.B.” Kershner on Oct. 5, 1932. He died July 24, 1973. She then married Al Cane on July 24, 1991, at Larned. He died Aug. 5, 2005. Leona grew up and attended schools in Pawnee County. After her marriage, she and her husband lived on the farm in Pawnee County until moving to Sheridan Lake, Colo., in 1956, where they ran the Boulware Mercantile Store. She later lived in South Fork, Colo., Great Bend and Lamar, Colo., before moving to Garden City in 2006.

She was a member of the Seventh-Day Adventist Church of Garden City.

Survivors include three sons, Richard “Dick” Kershner of Georgetown, Texas, Don Kershner of Sheridan Lake, Colo., and Darrell “Shorty” Kershner of Belpre; a daughter, Janet Rivera, of Garden City; two sisters, Elma Kershner of Edmond, Okla., and Hazel Woelk of Sheridan Lake; 12 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by four sisters, two brothers and one grandson, Casey Birch.

Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Garnand Funeral Home, Garden City, with Pastor Jeff Paisley officiating. A graveside service will be at 2:30 p.m. Friday in the Larned Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home. Memorial donations for the Seventh-Day Adventist Church may be made in care of the funeral home. Condolences may be emailed to garnandfh@sbcglobal.net.

Funeral arrangements provided by Garnand Funeral Home
412 North 7th
Garden City, KS 67846
620-276-3219
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 23, 2007

August 22, 2007

No deaths reported.

August 21, 2007

Barbara M. Warner 1939 - 2007

MANHATTAN — Barbara M. Warner, 67, died Aug. 17 at the Stormont-Vail Regional Medical Center in Topeka. Born Oct. 2, 1939, in Great Bend, she was the daughter of Joseph G. and Theresa J. (Korf) Birzer. She earned master’s degrees in teaching and library science from Kansas State University and was a school teacher for 30 years, retiring in 2006.

She married Bill Warner on Jan. 31, 1960, in Larned. This union was blessed with three children, Debbi, Mark and David.

Mrs. Warner was very involved in her church, being a member of the Church Circle and leader of the Bell Choir. She was a member of Prairie Star Quilt Guild and Konza Prairie Quilt Guild, and loved her work with K-State concessions for 23 years. Barbara loved and was loved by her husband, children, grandchildren, and all of her family and friends.

Survivors include her husband Bill of the home; two sons, Mark A. Warner and wife Laura G. of Zeandale and David P. Warner of Prairie Village; a daughter, Debbi DeVenuto of St. George; two sisters, Patricia Birzer of Larned and Jolene Bussey of McPherson; two granddaughters, Christa M. and Grace E. Warner; and many other family and friends.

Mass of Christian burial will be at 11 a.m. on Wednesday at the Seven Dolors
Catholic Church in Manhattan with Father Joseph Popelka as celebrant. Cremation will follow with private inurnment at a later date. Family will receive friends from 6 to 7 p.m. today at the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home in Manhattan. A Christian Wake service and rosary will follow the visitation at 7 p.m. Memorials have been established for the Manhattan Public Library or the Northview School Library. Contributions may be left in care of the funeral home. Online condolences may be left for the family through the funeral home Web site at www.ymlfuneralhome.com.

Funeral arrangements provided by
Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen
Funeral Home*  
1616 Poyntz Avenue
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 21, 2007

Norbert Louis Bieberle 1938 - 2007

Norbert Louis Bieberle, 69, of Great Bend, passed away at Via Christi Regional Medical Center in Wichita on Aug. 16. He was born Jan. 29, 1938, to Nick Louis Bieberle and Rose Elizabeth Schartz in Great Bend. He received his education in Ellinwood, and married Mary Clevenger Christopher on Aug. 12, 1978. They made their home in Great Bend, where Norbert retired from USD 428 in grounds and transportation.

Norbert loved horses, children in general, and machinery. He was a great friend to all the neighborhood children, especially Jenna and Dylan.

He is survived by his wife Mary Bieberle of the home; a daughter, Sherryl Martin of Fort Smith, Ark.; three sons, Greg Allen Bieberle of Gilbert, Ariz., Brian Louis Bieberle of Cottonwood, Ariz., and Kevin Wayne Bieberle of Great Bend; six brothers, Robert Ewald of Billings, Mo., Jerome Ewald of Wichita, Marvin Bieberle of Great Bend, Ronald Bieberle Sr. of Ellinwood, Gordon Bieberle of Chicago and Floyd Bieberle of Derby; and three sisters, Joyce Leiker of Midland, Texas, Bernadine Overman of Chicago, Ill., and Floyd Bieberle of Denver.

Norbert was preceded in death by a son, Allen, and a sister, Velma Rehme of Kansas City, Mo.; a brother, Alvin Heine of Ellinwood, with the Rev. Jeff Frakes officiating. Burial will be at Lakin-Comanche District Cemetery, Ellinwood. Friends may call from 1 to 8 p.m. on Monday, with the family receiving friends from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., at Kimple Funeral Home, Ellinwood. Memorial donations may be made to the St. John Child Development Center or to the Ellinwood Hospital Auxiliary.

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Norbert is survived by his wife Mary Bieberle of Great Bend; daughter Sherryl Martin of Fort Smith, Ariz.; sons, Greg Allen Bieberle of Gilbert, Ariz., Brian Louis Bieberle of Cottonwood, Ariz., and Kevin Wayne Bieberle of Great Bend. He also is survived by brothers, Robert Ewald of Billings, Mo., Jerome Ewald of Wichita, Marvin Bieberle of Great Bend, Ronald Bieberle Sr. of Ellinwood, Gordon Bieberle of Chicago, Ill., and Floyd Bieberle of Derby; sisters, Joyce Leiker of Midland, Texas, Bernadine Overman of Scottsbluff, Neb., and Corrine Batchman of Ellinwood.

Norbert was preceded in death by his parents.

Viewing and visitation will be from 1 to 7 p.m. today. Service will be at 10 a.m. on Monday at the First Assembly of God in Great Bend, with burial to follow at the Great Bend Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Assembly of God Church or the choice of the donor. Charter Funerals Great Bend is in charge of arrangements.

Funeral arrangements provided by
Charter Funerals*  
2115 Washington St.
Great Bend, KS 67530  
620-793-6161
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 19, 2007

Dorothy Mae Bryant 1918 - 2007

ELLINWOOD — Dorothy Mae Bryant, 89, died Aug. 17 at Clara Barton Hospital in Hoisington. She was born Feb. 15, 1918, in rural Chase, the daughter of Walter and Alma Panning Heine. She married Charles A. Bryant on Nov. 23, 1936, at Susank. He died Oct. 12, 1977. She was a lifetime resident of Barton and Rice counties. She was a 1935 graduate of Chase High School and had been a nurse’s aide at Ellinwood District Hospital.

She was a member of St. John Lutheran Church, and of the Ellinwood District Hospital, American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars auxiliaries, all of Ellinwood.

Survivors include three sons, Eldon Bryant of Hillsboro, Ore., Phillip Bryant of Chase and Martin Bryant of Leawood; two daughters, Barbara Worman of Ellinwood and Phyllis Gannaway of Kansas City, Mo.; a brother, Alvin Heine of Chase; a sister, Velma Rehme of Loveland, Colo.; 17 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a son, Allen, and a sister, Ruth Deaver.

Funeral service will be at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday at St. John Lutheran Church, Ellinwood, with the Rev. Jeff Frakes officiating. Burial will be at Lakin-Comanche District Cemetery, Ellinwood. Friends may call from 1 to 8 p.m. Monday, with the family receiving friends from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., at Kimple Funeral Home, Ellinwood. Memorial donations may be made to the St. John Child Development Center or to the Ellinwood Hospital Auxiliary.

Funeral arrangements provided by
Kimple Funeral Home  
113 North Main
Ellinwood, KS 67526
Leonard “Larry” Schwien 1930 - 2007

RUSSELL — Leonard L. “Larry” Schwien, 77, of Russell, died Aug. 15 at his home. He was born on May 7, 1930, on the family farm in rural Russell, the son of Sigmond and Lydya (Bender) Schwien.

Larry attended the Russell school district and later he received his degree in electric repair from a home study course. He was united in marriage to Norma Boxberger on Jan. 7, 1951, in Russell and from this union Larry and Norma were blessed with two sons and three daughters.

Larry enjoyed working as a farmer and stockman and retired in 1995 when his son Stan took over. He also operated an electronic repair shop at his home for many years. He worked for F & M Oil Company for 15 years. He enjoyed building things and was proud to have helped build the TV tower in Great Bend.

He was known for being a patient man, always having a smile on his face, having a sense of humor and humming while he worked. He enjoyed spending time with his family, playing with his grandchildren, working the CB radio and tinkering on small electronics for family and friends.

He was a member of the Trinity United Methodist Church in Russell and was a church council member.

Surviving family include his wife of 56 years, Norma of the home, one son, Stan Schwien and wife Fonna of Russell; three daughters, Marcella Juergensen and husband David of Great Bend, Belinda Petty and husband David of Newport News, Va., and Brenda Keffer and husband Lee of Russell; a sister of Milberger; and 11 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren.

Those preceding Larry in death were his parents; one son, Stewart Schwien, on Aug. 20, 1973; one grandson; two sisters and one brother.

A celebration of Larry’s life will be at 10 a.m. Monday at the Trinity United Methodist Church in Russell. Burial will follow the service at the Russell City Cemetery. Visitation will be from noon to 8 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, with the family present to greet friends from 7 to 8 p.m. Sunday evening. A memorial has been established with Southwind Hospice and Trinity United Methodist Church.

Dorothy Lee Schmidt 1959 - 2007

Dorothy Lee Schmidt, 48, of Great Bend, died Aug. 13, at Central Kansas Medical Center, Great Bend. She was born Jan. 6, 1959, at Post, Texas, the daughter of Domingo and Petra Luna Tijerina. She married Ron Schmidt on Oct. 14, 1976, at Garden City. She survives. She was a homemaker and a resident of Great Bend since 1989, coming from Garden City.

She was of the Catholic faith.

Survivors include a companion, Toby Leech, of Great Bend; five sons, Scott Schmidt of Horton, Ronnie Schmidt, Jr. and wife Shara and Chancy Schmidt and wife Trina, all of Great Bend, Monte Schmidt and wife Misti of Enid, Okla., and Cody Schmidt of Hays; three daughters, Christie Tijerina & Victor Florez, Mistie Gomez and husband Pete, and Lacy Schneweis and husband Blake, all of Great Bend; four brothers, Bobby Luna of Iowa, Fernando Martinez of Hutchinson, John Martinez of Inman and Natch Carrasco of Great Bend; two sisters, Bertha Garcia of Crete, Neb., and Debbie Martinez of Dodge City; and 16 grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a sister, Margaret Salas.

Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday, at Bryant Funeral Home, Great Bend, with the Rev. Julie Shields officiating. Interment will be in the Golden Belt Cemetery, Great Bend. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Donations to a memorial fund for the family may be made 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, Aug. 15, 2007

C. Louise Rucker 1920 - 2007

MESA, Ariz. — C. Louise Rucker, 87, died Aug. 13 at Evergreen Mesa Christian Care, in Mesa, Ariz. She was born Feb. 11, 1920, in Hodgeman County, the daughter of Elias and Beaulah Dunford Hoagland. On June 22, 1940, she married Maurice M. Rucker at Burdett. He died Aug. 26, 1991. A resident of Mesa since 1992, moving from Burdett, she was a homemaker.

She belonged to the United Methodist Church, Burdett.

Survivors include one daughter, Deanna M. Kiester, Gilbert, Ariz.; one sister-in-law, Sylvia Hoagland, Hutchinson; three grandchildren and the two great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a brother, Merrill L. Hoagland, and a sister, Maxine Waterhouse.
August 14, 2007

Irene Ethel Ellis 1915 - 2007

Irene Ethel Ellis, 92, died Aug. 12 at Great Bend Health and Rehabilitation Center in Great Bend. Born Jan. 17, 1915, in Flagstaff, Ariz., she was the daughter of Edward and Ethel Ecklin Eastham. She married George Wayne Ellis on April 3, 1947 in Arkansas City. He died Sept. 7, 1962. A resident of Great Bend since 1956, moving from El Dorado, she was a clerk at the Barton County Courthouse until retirement.

Mrs. Ellis was a member of Central Baptist Church in Great Bend.

Survivors include two daughters, Constance J. Hartwig and husband Dale, and Doris D. Lehman and husband Larry, all of LIttleton, Colo.; a brother, William Eastham of Kaufman, Texas; six grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a brother, Ray Eastham, and a sister, Ailene Perkins.

Funeral service will be at 9:30 a.m. today at the church with Pastor David Hill officiating. Burial will be at Walnut Valley Memorial Park in El Dorado at 1 p.m. Memorials are suggested to Central Baptist Church. 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, Aug. 14, 2007

Virgil M. Clawson 1932 - 2007

LARNED — Virgil M. Clawson, 75, died Aug. 11 at St. Joseph Memorial Hospital in Larned. Born Jan. 31, 1932, he was the son of Arnold B. and L. Hazel Ross Clawson. A resident of Larned since 1957, he was a retired mechanic at Shank Chevrolet in Larned. He married Delores June Koelsch on March 24, 1955, at Newkirk, Okla.

Mr. Clawson was a member of the Church of the Nazarene in Larned. He served in the U.S. Army, a veteran of the Korean Conflict.

Survivors include his wife, of the home; two sons, Larry and Virgil, both of Larned; three daughters, Beverly Boman of Rozel, and Betty Ryan and Mary Blide, both of Larned; one brother, A.B. Clawson of Great Bend; one sister, Maxine Yeager of Larned; one stepsister, Irene; Hope Meiners of Larned; 15 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by four brothers, Joe, Earl, Ben, and Edward Clawson; and two sisters, Carolyn Fairchild and Marian Dick.

Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Morell Funeral Home in Larned, with Pastor Leroy Lyon presiding. Burial will be at the Larned Cemetery. Friends may visit from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. today and 9 a.m. to service time on Wednesday 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
P.O. Box 124
Larned, KS 67550-0124
620-285-2177
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 14, 2007

Marie F. Hays 1913 - 2007

JETMORE — Marie F. Hays, 94, died Aug. 11 at Hodgeman County Long Term Care Center in Jetmore. Born Aug. 10, 1913, in Kansas City, Mo., she was the daughter of Helena Riedl. She was a lifetime resident of the area. She was a homemaker, farmer, horsewoman and worked in restaurants. She married Edward J. Zimmer, then, on Nov. 24, 1961, Luther B. Hays, in Jetmore. He died Feb. 25, 1988.

Mrs. Hays was a member of the St. Lawrence Catholic Church, Altar Society, Grandmas Club, and Hodgeman County Extension Unit, all of Jetmore.

Survivors include two daughters, Theresa Burns of Jetmore and Virginia Strong of Dighton; 11 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren and six great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two sons, Joseph Carl and John E. Zimmer.

Vigil was at 7 p.m. Sunday. Funeral Mass was at 11 a.m. Monday at the church with Father Ted Stoecklein officiating. Burial was at Fairmount Cemetery in Jetmore. Memorials are suggested to the Marie Hays Memorial in care of Beckwith Funeral Home.

Beckwith Funeral Home
P.O. Box 663
Jetmore, KS 67854
620-657-8331
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 14, 2007

Mary Edna Fox 1914 - 2007

ST. JOHN — Mary Edna Fox, 93, of St. John, died Aug. 11 at Kenwood Plaza in St. John. She was born Jan. 12, 1914, at Brooklyn, Ill., the daughter of Edward and Dora May (Pelsor) Cooper. On Feb. 26, 1947, she married Earl Fox at St. John. He preceded her in death. Most of her life was spent in Stafford County. She was a homemaker, a clerk-typist for both Stafford County ASCS and state ASCS offices, payroll clerk for Rohr Aircraft in Chula Vista, Calif., and a graduate of St. John High School in 1931.

She was a member of the First Baptist Church, Stafford County Farm Bureau, Harmony Music & Study Club and Antrim EHU, all of St. John, and North Star Community Club, Stafford.
Margaret Elizabeth Baltzell Walter of Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 14, 2007

Margaret Elizabeth Walter of Great Bend passed away on Aug. 12. She was known to many as Darlene due to her mother's indecisive nature when it came to naming her daughter back in 1929.

Margaret was born Aug. 17, 1929, to Roby D. and Sally Jane Hawk Baltzell in Great Bend, where she lived her entire life. She graduated from Great Bend High School with the Class of 1947 and then began studying accounting in college at both Washington State and Ohio University.

She married Harold L. Walter on Jan. 14, 1951, at Great Bend. She spent many happy years supporting him as a farmer's wife and homemaker. She was baptized at Trinity Lutheran Church. Minnie enjoyed embroidering and sewing.

Survivors include three sons, Wayne Fox, St. John, Leo Fox, Stafford, and John Fox, Wichita; one daughter, Doris Anderson, Stafford; 14 grandchildren, 35 great-grandchildren and 18 great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two sons, Elmer Eugene and Russell Dean Fox, an infant daughter, Mary Grace Fox, three brothers, Chester, Harlan and Glenn Cooper; two sisters, Mabel Marie Fox and Gladys Russell; two grandchildren, Chester Lance and Dianne Marie, a great-granddaughter, and a great-great-granddaughter.

Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Friday at the First Baptist Church, St. John, with Pastor David Campbell presiding. Burial will be in the Stafford Cemetery. Visitation will be from 1 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Minnis Chapel, St. John. Memorials are suggested to the church or to the American Heart Association, in care of Minnis Chapel, St. John.

Funeral arrangements provided by Minnis Chapel, Inc. 526 E. 4th Ave./P.O. Box 34 St. John, KS 67576 620-549-3556 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 14, 2007

Funeral arrangements provided by Bryant Funeral Home* 1425 Patton Road Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-3525 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 14, 2007

EMPORIA — Minnie Bertha (Hill) Houska, 94, of Emporia, passed away on Aug. 11. Born March 24, 1913, in Russell County, she was the daughter of Johann and Alvina Hill. She married Lloyd C. Houska on March 20, 1935. A resident of Great Bend since 1979, moving to Emporia, she was a farmer's wife and homemaker. She was baptized at Trinity Lutheran Church. Minnie enjoyed embroidery and sewing.

Survivors include her daughter, Betty Ann Lewis and husband William of Emporia; two sisters, Viola Adamek of Ellisville and Linda (Worden) Adamek of Folsom, Calif.; and two grandsons, Kenneth B. Lewis and Myles Lewis. She was preceded in death by her husband, Lloyd; her parents, an infant daughter, Mary Alice Houska; brothers, John Hill, Ernest Hill, Harvey Hill and Alvin Hill; and a sister, Edna Hill.

Graveside service will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at Claflin City Cemetery. Friends may call from noon to 5 p.m. Wednesday and 9 a.m. to noon Thursday at Charter Funerals, 2115 Washington. Memorial contributions may be made to Claflin EMS.

Funeral arrangements provided by Charter Funerals* 2115 Washington Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-6161 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 14, 2007

Glenn E. Yager '1939 - 2007

CLAFLIN — Glenn E. Yager, 68, died Aug. 11 at Lake City Hospital in Lake City, Colo. He was born Feb. 9, 1939, in Ellinwood, the son of Otis E. and LaVerne (Waymire) Yager. He married Kathryn Grizzell on June 6, 1964, in Claflin. He was the maintenance coordinator for Northern Natural Gas Company and retired with Enron. After retiring he did his lifelong dream of farming. He was a longtime Claflin resident, coming from Hoisington. For six years he served in the Kansas Air National Guard with the 190th Recon Group. He graduated from Hoisington High School in 1957 and from Fort Hays State University in 1963.

Yager was a member of the United Methodist Church and Masonic Lodge AF & AM No. 424, both of Claflin, Scottish Rite of Salina and Isis Shrine Temple, also of Salina.

Survivors include his wife, Kathy, of the home; a son, David B. Yager of Eglin Air Force Base, Fla.; a daughter, Jennifer K. Pederson of Gurnee, Ill.; his mother, LaVerne Yager of Hoisington; two brothers, Lyle Yager of Pismo Beach, Calif., and Carl Yager of Lakewood, Colo.; and two grandchildren. His father preceded him in death.

Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at the church in Claflin, with the Rev. Gene Langhofer officiating. Burial will be at the Claflin Cemetery, with Masonic graveside rites. Visitation will be from 11 a.m. until 8 p.m. Wednesday at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington and from 9:30 a.m. to service time Thursday at the church. Memorial donations for the Claflin Ambulance Service or for Kansas Wildlife and Parks may be made 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. 14, 2007

Clayton W. Pearson Sr. 1919 - 2007

WICHITA — Clayton W. Pearson Sr., 88, retired Haliburton Oil transportation driver, passed away on Aug. 10. Funeral services are scheduled for 10:30 a.m. today in the Garden Chapel of Watson Reflection Pointe, Wichita. Military Burial will follow at 3 p.m. in the Hillcrest Cemetery, Great Bend. Clayton was born
on Aug. 12, 1919, to Albin and Nina (Footwrangler) Pearson. He served his country in the United States Army during World War II and on Aug. 7, 1946, he married Frances Ruth Nilson. They had just celebrated their 61st wedding anniversary. This past year, he and Frances moved to Wichita from Great Bend.

He is survived by his loving wife, Frances, a son, Clayton Pearson Jr. and wife Linda, of Great Bend, daughters, Sue Koch and husband Mike, of Rogers, Ark., and Kay Finn and husband Bob, of Wichita; seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Share memories of Clayton at watsonfuneral.com.

Watson Funeral Home
Reflection Pointe Cemetery*
3201 S. Webb Road
Wichita, KS 67210
316-618-9898
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 14, 2007
August 12, 2007

MOORESVILLE, N.C. — Carl Wayne “Chuck” Tournear, 37, went to be with his Lord and Savior on Aug. 3 in Mooresville, N.C. Chuck was born Dec. 24, 1969, in Dallas, Texas. Chuck is survived by his parents, Gary and Sally Tournear of Alamogordo, N.M., his brother, Garrett Tournear of Whidbey Island, Wash., his grandparents, Carl and Clara Cook, of Peyton, Colo., and many aunts, uncles, cousins and friends. Preceding him in death were his grandparents, Irving and Mildred Tournear, and uncle, Arlon Don Cook.

Chuck grew up in Great Bend, graduating from Great Bend High School in 1988. Chuck had a love for Olympic Weightlifting and competed in several tournaments, nationals, and won the gold medal at the Junior Olympics. After high school he joined the U.S. Marine Corps (Semper Fi). Upon completion of his enlistment he attended vocational school and became certified in HVAC.

While working in the HVAC industry he continued his education at Fort Hays State University, completing his degree in physical science. He then became part of the football coaching staff as a strength trainer at Texas State University in San Marcos. Chuck also taught classes and coached at several universities, the Olympic Training Center, and finally at Pitt University, where he trained NASCAR pit crews in strength and speed conditioning.

Funeral arrangements have yet to be completed, and a memorial service will be announced at a later date. Cabin-Cook Funeral Home of Mooresville is in charge of arrangements.

“We all love you and will always miss you.”

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 12, 2007*

David E. Bowers 1942 - 2007

HUTCHINSON — David E. Bowers, 65, of Hutchinson, died Aug. 9 at the Deseret Healthcare of Hutchinson. He was born on June 26, 1942, at Herington, the son of H. Verle and Estella C. (Engel) Bowers. He grew up in Herington and graduated from Herington High School with the class of 1960, and then received his bachelor’s degree in physical education from Kansas State University in 1965. He taught for a year in Arizona at the Navajo Indian Reservation. During the summer, while he was attending school, he worked on the railroad.

Bowers was a member of the St. Paul’s Lutheran Church in Herington.

Survivors include his father, of Herington; a brother, James Bowers and wife Sharon of Great Bend; three nephews, Barry Bowers and Mark Bowers, both of Great Bend, and Robert Bowers of Ottawa; a niece, Shelley Chivia of Meridan, Miss.; five great-nephews, four great-nieces and a great-great niece, Briley Ann Bowers. He was preceded in death by his mother Estella Bowers, and his sister Claire Ann Bowers on July 1, 2003.

A graveside service will be held at 10:30 a.m. Monday at the Sunset Hill Cemetery in Herington, with Pastor Bill Peterson officiating. The family will receive friends this evening at the Penwell-Gabel Funeral Home, Herington Chapel, from 7 to 8 p.m. The family requests memorials to the Hospice Care of Kansas or the Deseret Healthcare of Hutchinson, in care of the funeral home. To leave a special message for the family online, visit www.PenwellGabel.com.

Funeral services provided by
Penwell-Gabel Funeral Home & Crematory
Herington Chapel*
404 South Broadway
Herington, KS 67449-3038
(785) 258-2244
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 12, 2007

Pearl Ann Call

Pearl Ann Call, 75, of Great Bend, died Aug. 10. Arrangements are pending with Bryant Funeral Home, 1425 Patton Road, Great Bend.

Clayton W. Pearson Sr. 1919 - 2007

WICHITA — Clayton W. Pearson Sr., 88, retired Halliburton Oil transportation driver, passed away on Aug. 10. He was born on Aug. 12, 1919, the son of Albin and Nina (Footwrangler) Pearson. He served his country in the United States Army during World War II, and on Aug. 7, 1946, he married Frances Ruth Nilson. They had just celebrated their 61st wedding anniversary. This past year, he and Frances moved to Wichita from Great Bend.

He is survived by his loving wife, Frances, a son, Clayton Pearson Jr. and wife Linda, of Great Bend, daughters, Sue Koch and husband Mike, of Rogers, Ark., and Kay Finn and husband Bob, of Wichita; seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Funeral services are scheduled for 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, in the Garden Chapel of Watson Reflection Pointe, Wichita. Military Burial will follow at 3 p.m. in the Hillcrest Cemetery, Great Bend. A memorial has been established with the American Legion Post No. 180 in Great Bend. Share memories of Clayton at www.watsonfuneral.com.

Watson Funeral Home*
Reflection Pointe Cemetery
3201 S. Webb Road
Wichita, KS 67210
316-618-9898
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 12, 2007

Hannah Marie Auston 1908 - 2007

LA CROSSE — Hannah Marie Auston, 98, died Aug. 7 at Rush County Memorial Hospital in La Crosse. She was born Nov. 16, 1908, at Bison, the daughter of John and Anna Elizabeth (Scheuerman) Schwindt. She was a graduate of Utica High School. She married Charles Edward Auston on April 29, 1929, at Lyons. He preceded her in death on May 29, 1983. A lifelong resident of Rush County, she was a homemaker and employed at the Rush County Memorial Hospital for 26 years, until her retirement in 1986.

Mrs. Auston was a member of the United Methodist Church in Alexander.

Survivors include a son, Charles A. Auston, Great Bend; three daughters, Charlene Y. Fink of Hoyt, Joan B. Grimes of Marco Island, Fla., and Norma J. Teater of Kansas City, Mo.; two sisters, Minnie Nicoll, Denver, Colo., and Ethel Duncan, Hartman, Ark.; 11 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a grandson, Lee Dilsaver; a brother, Benjamin F. Schwindt; and six sisters, Sarah E. Baker, Ella E. Yost, Anna E. Bisterfeld, Clara E. Foos, Nima M. Mellick and Martha M. Bernbeck.

A cremation and private graveside memorial service was held.

Funeral arrangements provided by
Janousek Funeral Home
719 Pine
La Crosse, KS 67548
(785) 222-2517
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 12, 2007

Clayton W. Pearson Sr.*
Marlene Hassenplug 1951 – 2007

SOUTH COFFEYVILLE, Okla. — Marlene Annette Hassenplug, 56, of South Coffeyville, Okla., passed away Aug. 8 at her home.

She was born July 14, 1951, at Great Bend to Milton and Mary Agnes (Gleissner) Yarmer. She grew up in the Galatia area, attending grade school at St. Ann’s Catholic School in Olmitz and graduating from Hoisington High School. After high school, she attended Emporia State University and Tulsa University, where she received her degree in medical records administration.

On Aug. 18, 1973, she married Michael Hassenplug at St. Ann’s Catholic Church in Olmitz. Following their marriage, they made their home in the Kansas City area until moving to Coffeyville in 1980.

Marlene was a member of Holy Name Catholic Church in Coffeyville and Holy Name Altar Society.

Survivors include her husband, Mike Hassenplug of the home; one son, Steven Hassenplug of South Coffeyville; her father Milton Yarmer of Olmitz; and three brothers, Melvin Yarmer of Albert, Maurice Yarmer of Galatia and Michael Yarmer of Albert. She was preceded in death by her mother, Mary Agnes Yarmer in 2006.

Mass of Christian Burial will be at 11 a.m. today at Holy Name Catholic Church in Coffeyville, with Father Jerome Sperxarth officiating. A Rosary Service will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday in St. Ann’s Catholic Church in Olmitz, with burial following in St. Ann’s Cemetery at Olmitz, with Father Ulan Murphy officiating.

The family suggests memorials to Holy Name Catholic Church in Coffeyville or Cornerstone Hospice in Bartlesville, Okla. Contributions may be left with the funeral home or mailed c/o David W. Barnes Funeral Home, 306 N. Cline Rd., Coffeyville, KS 67337.

Funeral arrangements provide by: Barnes Funeral Home* 306 North Cline Rd., Coffeyville, KS 67337 620-251-6008 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 10, 2007

August 9, 2007

Leonard W. Koch 1916 - 2007

Leonard W. Koch, 91, of Great Bend, died Aug. 8 at Midland Hospice House in Topeka. He was born March 4, 1916, at Ellinwood, the son of William and Sophia Amelia Scheufler Koch. He married Doris E. Brown on July 22, 1940, at Alva, Okla. She died on April 22, 2000. A resident of Great Bend since 1924, he was a self-employed mechanic and farmer.

He was a World War II veteran, serving with the United States Army.

Koch was a member of the Central Baptist Church, American Legion Argonne Post 180 and Golden Belt Campers, all of Great Bend.

Survivors include one son, E. Ray Koch and wife Jean, Grand Junction, Colo.; one daughter, Betty Immenschuh and husband Dick, Topeka; four grandchildren, Kara Miller, Robin Droge, Scot Immenschuh and Eric Koch; and three great-grandchildren, Mallory Droge, Sam Immenschuh and Max Immenschuh. He was preceded in death by a brother, Milton Koch, and three sisters, Faye Kinzel, Katherine Coyle and Adell DeVerse.

Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Central Baptist Church with the Rev. Gordon Rhodes and the Rev. David Hill officiating. Intermment will be in the Great Bend Cemetery. Visitation will be from 1 to 9 p.m. Friday, with family to receive friends from 6 to 8 p.m., at Bryan Funeral Home. Memorials are suggested to Central Baptist Church, in care of the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent and notice viewed at www.bryanfh.net.

Funeral arrangements provided by Bryan Funeral Home* 1425 Patton Road Great Bend, KS 67530 (620) 793-3525 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 9, 2007

August 8, 2007

Opal E. Battin 1914 - 2007

LARNED — Opal E. Battin, 92, died Aug. 6 at St. Joseph Memorial Hospital, Long Term Care Unit. She was born Sept. 17, 1914, at Larned, the daughter of Austin R. and Bertha Mae Malone Kennedy. On Oct. 17, 1930, she married C. Melvin Battin at Dodge City. He died Nov. 18, 1999. A longtime Larned resident, she was a retired secretary of medical records for Gleason Hospital and also was a secretary in the banking industry.

She was a member of Grace Lutheran Church, and a former member of the Fort Larned Lions Club and Larned Garden Club, all of Larned.

Survivors include a son, Melvin Austin Battin, Larned, six grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren and 12 great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a daughter, Peggy Ann Roper, and a grandson, Jeffrey Roper.

Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at the Beckwith Mortuary Chapel in Larned, with Pastor Richard Boyer presiding. Visitation will be 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 St. Joseph Memorial Hospital Auxiliary, South Wind Hospice or Grace Lutheran Church in care of Beckwith Mortuary, P.O. Box 477, Larned, KS 67550. Condolences may be left and this notice viewed at www.beckwithmortuary.com.
Funeral arrangements provided by
Beckwith Mortuary
916 Main
Larned, KS 67550
620-285-2121
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 8, 2007

Ann Pringle 1927 - 2007

Ann Pringle, 79, of Great Bend, died Aug. 7 at the Kansas Medical Center in Andover. Mrs. Pringle was born Ann Chamberlin on Sept. 9, 1927, at Lincoln, Neb., the daughter of William and Ann (Stenger) Chamberlin. She married William H. Pringle in 1950 at Lincoln, Neb. He died in 1990. She was a retired bookkeeper for Eller Brothers Automotive & Tire.

She was a member of First Presbyterian Church of Great Bend and the League of Women Voters.

Survivors include a son, Steve Pringle of Great Bend; two daughters, Jean Pringle and Sarah Krom, both of Great Bend; a sister, Nancy Weir of Imperial, Neb.; seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. She was also preceded in death by a son, Peter C. Pringle, and a sister, Margaret Sands.

A memorial service will be held at 9:30 a.m. Friday at First Presbyterian Church, Great Bend. A private burial will be held in Riverview Cemetery at Kansas City. There will be no visitation. Memorials may be given to the church or to the Golden Belt Humane Society.

Funeral arrangements provided by
Christians Funeral Home
103 North Washington/Box 386
Lindsborg, KS 67456
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 8, 2007

August 7, 2007

Alice Marie Waters 1928 - 2007

ST. JOHN — Alice Marie Waters, 78, of St. John, died Aug. 5 at Stafford District Hospital in Stafford. Born Sept. 15, 1928, at Dodge City, she was the daughter of Fay and Ruth N. (Bright) Reese. She married Ernest N. Waters at Wichita on July 12, 1953. He died in 1990. She was a retired homemaker and a member of the First Methodist Church, EHU and Mothers Club, all of St. John.

Survivors include a daughter, Diane Getty, St. John, three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two sons, Eric Reese Waters and Ray Nathan Waters.

Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Minnis Chapel in St. John, with Pastor Tim Morris presiding. Burial will be in the Fairview Park Cemetery, St. John. Visitation will be from 1 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral chapel. Memorial donations to the St. John Fire Department may be made in care of Minnis Chapel, Box 34, St. John, KS 67576.

Funeral arrangements provided by
Minnis Chapel
526 E. 4th Ave.
St. John, KS 67576
620-549-3556
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 7, 2007

Ann (Geier) Herrman 1919 - 2007

La CROSSE — Ann (Geier) Herrman, 87, died Aug. 2 at the Rush County Nursing Home in La Crosse. Born Sept. 19, 1919, in Hays, she was the daughter of Peter and Catherine (Bach) Geier. A 67-year resident of Rush County, moving from Garden City, she was a homemaker. She married Leonard Herrman on May 28, 1940, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Liebenthal. She was a dedicated farmer's wife and mother to her five daughters. She delighted in showering her grandchildren with handmade gifts and was a generous neighbor and friend.

Mrs. Herrman was a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church and St. Ann's Altar Society, both in Liebenthal, Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary in La Crosse and Volga German Society in Hays.

Survivors include her husband, Leonard Herrman of La Crosse, four daughters, Mary Catherine Brenning and husband Don of Great Bend, Ruth Siress and husband Kenny of Fountain Hill, Ariz.; a brother, Florian Geier of Garden City; 11 grandchildren; and 26 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, Peter and Catherine (Bach) Geier, a daughter, Elaine Herrman, six brothers and two sisters.

Funeral service was Monday at St. Michael's Catholic Church, La Crosse, with Father Gilbert Herrman and Father Rene Labrador officiating. Burial was at St. Joseph's Cemetery in Liebenthal. Memorials are suggested to St. Ann's Altar Society in Liebenthal or St. Michael's Memorial in La Crosse.

Funeral arrangements provided by
Janousek Funeral Home*
719 Pine
P.O. Box 550
La Crosse, KS 67548
785-222-2517
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 7, 2007

Helen Leona Rohr 1917 - 2007

Helen Leona Rohr, 89, died Aug. 1 at her residence in Great Bend. Born Aug. 21, 1917, in Ness City, she was the daughter of Andrew and Rosa Dinges Stecklein. She married Fred A. Rohr on Sept. 29, 1941, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Ness City. He died Nov. 24, 1994. A resident of Great Bend since 1954, coming from Ness City, she was a homemaker.

Mrs. Rohr was a member of the Prince of Peace Parish at St. Patrick and Altar Society.

Survivors include two sons, Ron Rohr and wife Patty of Great Bend and George Rohr of Columbia, Mo.; three sisters, Lenora Springer and Frieda Ureita, both of Denver, Colo., and Sister Lillian Stecklein of Wichita; four grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; two step-grandchildren; and five step-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by four brothers, Edgar Stecklein, Marvin Stecklein, Paul Stecklein and Frank Stecklein; two sisters, Lillian Linenberger and Ida Wilber; and a grandson, Mitch Rohr.

Altar Society Rosary and Vigil Service were Monday at Bryant Funeral Home. Graveside service will be at 10:30 a.m. today at the Great Bend Cemetery with Father Reginald A. Urban officiating. Memorials are suggested to Prince of Peace 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, Aug. 7, 2007

Lloyd Lincoln Jaynes 1921 - 2007

HOISINGTON — Lloyd Lincoln Jaynes, 86, of Hoisington, went home to his Heavenly Father on Aug. 5, joining his wife, Joyce. Born Feb. 12, 1921, in Manti, Utah, he moved to Hoisington in 1938 and graduated as outstanding senior boy in 1941. He attended Kansas State University and served in the U.S. Army Air Corps as an officer in World War II. He returned to Hoisington, becoming a partner in Suburban Laundry and Dry Cleaners. He was actively involved in his adopted home area, serving from Hoisington as mayor, HRHS District 431 as school board member and board president, the Barton County Community College Foundation Board (endowment association) as one of the original incorporators, on the legislative council of the Kansas Association of School Boards, Kiwanis Club, Lake Barton Club, Hoisington Gun Club, Mallard Club, American Legion and numerous athletic sporting activities.

He was preceded in death by his wife, his parents and eight siblings. He is survived by his children, Craig of Jamestown,
Eileen B. Schmidt 1929 - 2007

Eileen B. Schmidt, 78, of Great Bend, died Aug. 4 at Central Kansas Medical Center. Born July 19, 1929, in Wichita, she was the daughter of Elmer Stanton and Jennie Harris Addis. She graduated from East High School in Wichita in 1947 and Northwest Nazarene College in Nampa, Idaho. A longtime resident of Lyons, moving to Great Bend, she was a retired elementary school teacher in Lyons, Pawnee Rock and Hoisington. She married Jacob H. Schmidt on Aug. 12, 1951, in Wichita. He died July 19, 1982.

Mrs. Schmidt was a member of the Church of the Nazarene in Lyons, the Quilting Club in Lyons and various teachers' associations.

Survivors include a brother, John Addis of Paducah, Ky., and numerous nieces and nephews and great-nieces and great-nephews. She was preceded in death by a brother, Norman Addis, and two sisters, Dora Chase and Carmen Dayton.

Funeral service will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday at the Church of the Nazarene in Great Bend with Dr. Don Stromeyer officiating. She has donated her body to the KU School of Medicine. Friends may visit from 7 to 9 p.m. today at the home of Bill Dayton, 56 Karen, Great Bend, and after the memorial service on Wednesday. Memorials are suggested to the Salvation Army Disaster Relief Fund in care of Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home.

Funeral arrangements provided by Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home*
415 N. Main
Hoxingston, KS 67555
620-653-4165
Great Bend (KS.) Tribune, Aug. 7, 2007

Larry F. Chadd 1944 - 2007

MACKSVILLE — Larry F. Chadd, 62, of rural Macksville, died Aug. 5 at his home. Born Aug. 24, 1944, in Great Bend, he was the son of Paul Chadd and Greta (Patterson) Chadd Magers. He married Leah Rae Rusco in St. John on June 13, 1965. She survives, of the home. A lifetime resident of Stafford County, he was a farmer/stockman. He was a Vietnam Navy veteran, serving from 1966 to 1969.

He was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Pratt, Ground Water Management Board for District No. 5, and the Albano Township Board, both in Stafford County.

Survivors, besides his wife, include a son, Shane R. Chadd, Pratt; two daughters, Heidi L. Peck, Olathe, and Holly L. Whitesell, Plano, Texas; a half brother, Michael Kennedy of Yuma, Ariz.; a sister, Darleen Beaman of Sunnyvale, Calif., and four grandchildren. He was preceded in death by both parents, a brother, Duane Chadd, and a sister-in-law, Lawanda Detrich.

A vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Thursday at the St. John Catholic Church, Pratt. Funeral Mass will be at 1 p.m. Friday at the church, with Father Gregory LeBlanc presiding. Burial will be in the Fairview Park Cemetery at St. John. Visitation will be from 1 to 8 p.m. Wednesday and 2 to 5 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Memorial donations to the Sacred Heart School or the Larry F. Chadd Memorial Scholarship Fund may be made in care of Minnis Chapel, Box 34, St. John, KS 67576.

Funeral arrangements provided by Minnis Chapel
Box 34/526 E. 4th
Dorothy M. Kopke Memorial Scholarship Fund at the First Christian Church of Great Bend or donor's choice 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, Aug. 7, 2007

David Dee Heaton 1968 - 2007

PRATT — David Dee Heaton, 39, died Aug. 4. He was born July 25, 1968, at Pratt, the son of Kurt and Carolyn Heaton of Pratt. He married Rebecca Wimmer on June 24, 1996. She survives. David graduated from Pratt High School, lettering in three sports, and was a State of Kansas Scholar. He attended Pratt Community College, and after serving in the United States Army, graduated with a degree in mass communications from Kansas State University. David's work history included Kansas Yville, Stanion Electric, Public Radio of Kansas, Hutchinson News advertising and director of advertising at The Great Bend Tribune.

He was a loving, devoted father and enjoyed spending time with his three children: Darren, Ryan and Hayley. He is also survived by a sister, Kristi Shaffer of Topeka.

Cremation has taken place. There will be no visitation. A memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Larrison Mortuary, Pratt, with Pastor Steven Kendal officiating. Private inurnment will be in Greenlawn Cemetery at a later date. Memorials may be made to the David Heaton Children's Fund in care of Larrison Mortuary. Personal condolences may be left for the family at www.larrisonmortuary.com.

Funeral arrangements provided by
Larrison Mortuary
300 Country Club Road
Pratt, KS 67124
620-672-6436
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 7, 2007

August 5, 2007

Helen Leona Rohr 1917 - 2007

Helen Leona Rohr, 89, of Great Bend, died Aug. 1. Services are pending with Bryant Funeral Home, 1425 Patton Road, in Great Bend.


WICHITA — Jack D. Tucker, 60, retired ACI truck driver, passed away Aug. 4. He was born July 4, 1947.

Survivors include two brothers, Norman Tucker and wife Carolyn of Derby and Thomas of Hutchinson; former spouse, Pamela Tucker of Great Bend; and numerous nieces, nephews, family and friends.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday in the Garden Chapel of Watson Reflection Pointe in Wichita. Burial will be at 3 p.m. in the Great Bend Cemetery. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home. Memories
may be shared and notice viewed at watsonfuneral.com.

Funeral arrangements provided by Watson Funeral Home*
Reflection Pointe Cemetery
3201 S. Webb Road
Wichita, KS 67210
(316) 618-9898
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 5, 2007
Billie JoAnne Patterson 1937 - 2007

CHASE — Billie JoAnne Patterson, 70, died Aug. 3 at Hutchinson Hospital in Hutchinson. She was born May 2, 1937, at Hoisington, the daughter of John William and Marrietta Hetler Lane. She married Robert J. Patterson on Feb. 21, 1958, at Miami, Okla. He died Dec. 24, 2001. A longtime Chase resident, she was co-owner of Patterson’s Auto Salvage and owner of B & R Kennel, both of Chase, and a former employee of Lyons Good Samaritan Center.

Mrs. Patterson was a former member of the Order of the Eastern Star, Chase.

Survivors include two sons, Robert Patterson Jr., Stafford, and Billy Bob Patterson, Wichita; two daughters, Robin Jesseph, Chase, and Jessica Patterson, Lyons; seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by three infant sons; three sisters, Delores Wynn, Virginia Krom and Betty Cruth; a granddaughter, Jenny Jesseph; and a grandson, Bobby Patterson.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Birzer-Sillin Funeral Home in Lyons with Johnnie Hardie officiating. Burial will be in the Raymond Hilltop Cemetery, Raymond, at a later date. Visitation will be from 2 to 5 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the Center for Basic Cancer Research KSU, in care of the funeral home.

Funeral arrangements provided by Birzer-Sillin Funeral Home
214 West Ave., South Lyons, KS 67554
(620) 257-2211
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 5, 2007
John Allen Cook 1919 - 2007

LARNED — John Allen Cook, 88, died Aug. 3 at Hospice House in Hutchinson. He was born Aug. 1, 1919, at Ash Valley, the son of George H. and Mollie Sunley Cook. He married Estel F. Nash on July 13, 1940, at Dodge City. He was a retired farmer.

Cook was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Larned.

Survivors include his wife, of the home; one daughter, Carolyn Hoyer, Hutchinson; two grandchildren, Jeanne Hoyer and Suzanne Gray, both of Topeka; four great-grandchildren and one great-great grandson. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Omer Cook and Oscar Cook; two sisters, Ruth Tiday and Hazel Conger; and one grandson, John Andrew Hoyer.

Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at Morell Funeral Home in Larned, with Pastor Bill Fitzgerrel presiding. Visitation will be from noon to 8 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. until service time Monday at the funeral home. Burial will be in the Larned Cemetery. Memorials may be sent to the church in care of the funeral home.

Funeral arrangements provided by Morell Funeral Home*
P.O. Box 124, 1021 Broadway
Larned, KS 67550-0124
(620) 285-2489
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 5, 2007
Warren H. Kopke 1923 - 2007

Warren H. Kopke, 83, of Great Bend, died Aug. 4 at Central Kansas Medical Center. Services are pending with Bryant Funeral Home, 1425 Patton Road, in Great Bend.

Fred J. Suellentrop 1935 - 2007

SUNNYVALE, CALIF. — Fred J. Suellentrop passed away peacefully surrounded by his family on July 26, due to complications of Progressive Supranuclear Palsy (PSP). He was born December 14, 1935 in Great Bend, to Paul and Genevie Suellentrop. He attended St. Rose School and Great Bend High School. Fred went on to receive bachelor’s degrees simultaneously in Mechanical and Electrical Engineering from Kansas State University. He received his master’s degree in Aeronautical Engineering from Stanford University. Fred worked for Lockheed Missiles and Space Company in Sunnyvale for 34 years. He left Lockheed for a brief time in 1969 to work for Martin Marietta in Denver, Colo. on the Viking Mars Lander, where he did preliminary design and testing of their weather station to be placed on Mars. He returned to Lockheed until he retired in Aug. 1992.

Fred was an active member at St. Simon Parish in Los Altos, Calif. He was an avid radio-control model airplane builder and flier. He enjoyed spending time a his cabin at Blue Lake Springs in Arnold, Calif., with family and friends.

Fred is survived by his wife of almost 48 years, Joan (Dalpiaz); his children Connie (Jim Mitchell), Judy (Fred Schwede), Tom and John; grandchildren Christopher, Patrick and Gregory Mitchell; step-grandchildren Kenzie and Issac Schwede; sister Janet Waits; and many nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

The family would also like to thank the HCR Manor Care staff for their loving kindness and care for Fred.

A Vigil Service was held on July 29 at Cusimano Family Mortuary, Mountain View, Calif. A Funeral Mass was held on July 30 at St. Simon Church, Los Altos. Interment followed at Gate of Heaven Cemetery, Los Altos. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Fred’s memory to: Cure PSP, Executive Plaza III, 11350 McCormick Rd., Suite 905, Hunt Valley, MD 21031-9956 or The Parkinson’s Institute, 1170 Morse Ave., Sunnyvale, CA. 94089-1605.

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August 3, 2007

Neil LeRoy Lyman 1943 - 2007

LARNED — Neil LeRoy Lyman, 63, died July 31 at Lenexa. Born Dec. 28, 1943, in Lane County, he was the son of Sidney Joseph and Pauline Keuhn Lyman. A Larned resident since 1992, moving from Great Bend, he was a retired power plant operator for Larned State Hospital. He married Eulinda Fae Henkle at Great Bend on Dec. 11, 1982. She died Feb. 10, 2007.

Mr. Lyman was a member of the First Baptist Church in Larned, Rozel.

Survivors include two sons, Bill Crawford of Great Bend and Joe Crawford of Edna; a daughter, Christy Meyer of Larned; a brother, Richard of Lenexa; and five grandchildren.

Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at the Beckwith Mortuary Chapel in Larned with Pastor Jim Strasen presiding. Burial will be at the Larned Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. today at the mortuary. Memorials are suggested to the American Cancer Society in care of the mortuary. Condolences may be left and notice viewed at www.beckwithmortuary.com.

Funeral arrangements provided by Beckwith Mortuary, Inc.
P.O. Box 477
Larned, KS 67550
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 3, 2007
Dorothy May (Grammy) Frost 1928 - 2007

LITTLE ELM, Texas — Dorothy May (Grammy) Frost, 79, died Aug. 1 in Little Elm, Texas. Born May 21, 1928, in Fain, Okla., she was the daughter of Leonard Ward and Lebbie (Briedwell).

Survivors include her sons, Leonard Frost and Jack Frost both of Houston, Texas, and Mark Ward of Little Elm, Texas; a daughter, Caroline Montgomery of Houston; three sisters, Pauline Thomason, Mildred Bullard and Marie McNett, all of Great Bend; 14 grandchildren; and 24 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday. Burial will follow at Below
Cemetery in Aubrey, Texas. Visitation will be today with family receiving friends during the evening beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Funeral arrangements provided by
Turrentine-Jackson-Morrow Funeral Home
8520 Main Street
Frisco, TX 75034
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 3, 2007
August 2, 2007


HOISINGTON — Robert “Bob” Anthony Oetken, 57, died July 17 at his home in Sealy, Texas. Born Sept. 22, 1949, in Great Bend, he was the son of William B. Oetken and Charlene (Wonsetter) Oetken. He attended school in Larned and joined the U.S. Navy immediately thereafter where he served as a minesweeper. He returned to Hoisington and worked for Klima Well Service until 2005, then moved to Sealy, Texas, where he worked for Lone Wolf Operating Company as manager.

Mr. Oetken was a lifetime member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and a great friend to many.

Survivors include two daughters, Sarah Bruce and husband Terry of Hutchinson and Deborah Clingman and husband Chris of Beloit; two brothers, Steve Oetken of Great Bend and Charles Oetken of Larned; a sister, Marcia Oetken-French of Great Bend, and a grandson, Garrett Tindall of Hoisington. He was preceded in death by his father, William Oetken, and mother, Charlene Wonsetter-Williams; and two brothers, Kevin and David Oetken.

Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington with Pastor Thomas Lovell officiating. There will be no visitation as cremation has taken place. Memorials are suggested to the American Diabetes Association 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

August 1, 2007

Rosie Etherton 1920 - 2007

MOUND RIDGE — Rosie F. Etherton, 86, died July 30 at Memorial Home in Moundridge. She was born Sept. 9, 1920, at Pretty Prairie, the daughter of Albert and Anna Graber Kaufman. She married Charles L. Etherton on Jan. 8, 1951, at Tucumcari, N.M. He died Nov. 23, 1996. A Moundridge resident for the past two years, she was formerly of Buena Vista, Colo. She was a homemaker.

She was a member of First Lutheran Church in Buena Vista.

Survivors include three sisters, Ruby Graber of Moundridge, Margie Kaufman of Hutchinson and Donna Jarmer of Chapman; a brother, Victor Kaufman of Hutchinson; three sisters-in-law, Judy McKee, Burrun, Lavina Kaufman, Mount Hope, and Margaret Shehorn, Missouri; and a brother-in-law, Victor Etherton of California.

A graveside service will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Lakin-Comanche District Cemetery, Ellinwood, with the Rev. Jeff Frakes officiating. Memorial donations for the Harry Hines Hospice at Newton may be made in care of Kimple Funeral Home.

Funeral arrangements provided by
Kimple Funeral Home
1303 Center
Ellinwood, KS 67526

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Aug. 1, 2007

Gary G. Karst 1936 - 2007

TOPEKA — Gary G. Karst, 70, of Topeka, lost his battle to leukemia and joined his Lord and Savior on Sunday, July 29, 2007 at Stormont-Vail Regional Health Center.

Gary was born Sept. 2, 1936, on a small farm located near Galatia in Barton County, and was the youngest child of Emil and Clara (Nuss) Karst. He was baptized Sept. 27, 1936, and was confirmed April 10, 1949, in Russell County.

He attended elementary school in a one-room schoolhouse and graduated from Great Bend High School. After attending Fort Hays State College for two years, he transferred to Kansas State University and graduated with a bachelor of architecture degree.

Gary was married to Loretta Marie Staub on Nov. 30, 1957, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Great Bend. They moved to Topeka in November of 1960 where he joined the architectural firm of Horst & Terrill as an employee and later as a partner.

He was a principal and Director of Design for 41 years with Horst, Terrill & Karst Architects, P.A. The firm has offices located in Topeka and Overland Park. Gary was responsible for the design and construction of several hundred projects throughout Kansas and Missouri consisting of educational facilities from pre-kindergarten through post-graduate university research facilities, correctional facilities along with municipal facilities. Many of these projects received design recognitions from both peers and user groups.

Some of the local buildings for which his firm was responsible include the Forbes Field Air Terminal, the Kansas Expo Center, the Bennett Computer Center at Wichita State University, the Topeka & Shawnee County Public Library, the new Kansas Juvenile Correctional Complex, Landon Junior High School, French Junior High School and Seaman High School.

Gary was an active member of the American Institute of Architects and served on multiple committees from the local, state as well as national level. He was elected president of Kansas AIA and was also awarded the Henry W. Schirmer Distinguished Service Award by his peers. Topeka Mayor Charles Wright appointed him to serve on the Capital City Redevelopment Agency and was a member of that agency throughout its existence. He was also a member of Optimist International and served in many capacities including president of the Breakfast Club and lieutenant governor of Zone 6.

Gary was active in his church through the years and served on many boards, including serving as president of the congregation. He enjoyed designing and building furniture, traveling and spending time with his family.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a sister Vierna, who died in infancy, and a brother, Albert E. Karst of Hays.

Gary is survived by his wife, Loretta, of Topeka, and three children: Kevin Karst and his wife Annette, Kansas City, Mo.; Sheri Curran and her husband Scott, Tulsa, Okla.; and Stacey Utech and her husband Randy, Topeka. He is also survived by four grandchildren: Travis and Kaitlin Curran and Madison and Makena Utech. Additionally, he is survived by three sisters: Dorothy Rube, Hoisington; Lafern Niedens, Great Bend; and Joyce Lust, Hoisington.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, Aug. 3, at Faith Lutheran Church, 1716 SW Gage, Topeka. Interment will follow at Mount Hope Cemetery. He will lie in state after 11 a.m. Thursday at Penwell-Gabel Mid Town Chapel, 1321 SW 10th Avenue, Topeka, where there will be a Celebration of Life Service at 7 p.m. with a visitation to follow until 8:30 p.m. Thursday. Memorial contributions may be given to Topeka Lutheran School-Grow Our School Campaign, 701 SW 10th Avenue, Topeka, and three children: Kevin Karst and his wife Annette, Kansas City, Mo.; Sheri Curran and her husband Scott, Tulsa, Okla.; and Stacey Utech and her husband Randy, Topeka. He is also survived by four grandchildren: Travis and Kaitlin Curran and Madison and Makena Utech. Additionally, he is survived by three sisters: Dorothy Rube, Hoisington; Lafern Niedens, Great Bend; and Joyce Lust, Hoisington.

Funeral arrangements provided by
Penwell-Gabel Mid Town Chapel*
1321 SW 10th Avenue
Topeka, KS 66604
785-354-8558

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September 30, 2007

*Funeral arrangements provided by Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home

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785-620-564-2300

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Mr. Scheuerman was a member of the Winter Garden United Methodist Church.

Survivors include his wife of 62 years; a son, Robin, and a daughter, Lois Schremmer, both of Winter Garden, Fla.; four grandchildren, Tara of Winter Garden, Fla., Brandon Schremmer of Clermont, Fla., Shawna and husband Seth Traub of Tampa, Fla., and Kimberly Scheuerman of Gainesville, Fla.; and five great-grandchildren, Tia, Taylor, Tanner, Trevor and Emily Traub.

Memorial donations can be made to Bion Methodist Church in Bion.

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Thelma Arlene “Peggy” Gore 1932 - 2007

LARNED — Thelma Arlene “Peggy” Gore, 75, died Sept. 27, 2007, at St. Joseph Memorial Hospital in Larned. Born Aug. 7, 1932, in Barton County, she was the daughter of Gordon and Bessie Morris Flanders. A lifetime Pawnee County resident, she was a homemaker. On Jan. 10, 1951, she married Roger Gore. He survives.

Mrs. Gore was a member of the First Christian Church of Great Bend, Fort Larned Historical Society and the American Diabetes Association.

Survivors include her husband; two sons, Wayne of Pawnee Rock and Michael of Larned; a daughter, Karen Gore of Larned; four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a son, Stanly; a daughter, Jeannette Gore; three brothers, Earl Flanders, Clyde Flanders and Ray Flanders; and a sister, Dora Kasselman Walleit.

Funeral service will be at 2:30 p.m. Monday at the Beckwith Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. Bill Johnson presiding. Burial will be in the Larned Cemetery.

Funeral arrangements provided by Beckwith Mortuary
P.O. Box 477
Larned, KS 67550

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 30, 2007


Survivors include a son, Richard, Houston, Texas; two daughters, Nancy Zino, Thousand Oaks, Calif., and Sue Alldredge, Lawrence; two sisters, Natele Herold, Great Bend, and Meredith Ward, Norman, Okla.; seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Warren.

Condonences may be sent to www.rumsey-yost.com. Rumsey-Yost Funeral Home in Lawrence is in charge of arrangements.

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 30, 2007#

Helen C. Schneweis 1908 - 2007

CLALFIN — Helen C. Schneweis, 99, died Sept. 28, 2007, at Central Kansas Medical Center, Great Bend. She was born Feb. 28, 1908, in Barton County, the daughter of Frank and Caroline (Fousner) Schneweis. She was a homemaker and assisted Dr. Jury in Claflin. She was a lifetime Barton County resident.

She was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, the Altar Society, and a past member of Daughters of Isabella, all of Claflin.

Survivors include two sisters, Eleanor Prosser and Sister Henrietta Schneweis, both of Great Bend; and numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by two brothers, Walter and Albert Schneweis, and two sisters, Agnes Herold, Great Bend, and Meredith Ward, Spearville.

A vigil service will be at 6 p.m. today, followed by an Altar Society rosary, at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home, Hutchinson. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Claflin, with Father Charles Mazouch officiating. Burial will be at Holy Family Cemetery, Odin. Friends may call from 1 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home. Donations to memorial funds for the Dodge City Diocese or for the Claflin Ambulance Service, or to the charity or organization of the donor’s choice 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

620-653-4165

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 30, 2007

Pauline Owens

ELLINWOOD — Pauline Owens died Sept. 29, 2007, at Hospice House, Hutchinson. Arrangements and survivors will be announced by Kimple Funeral Home, Ellinwood.

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 30, 2007

Elva Mae Holman

OVERLAND PARK — Elva Mae Holman, 88, died Sept. 28, 2007, at Woodhaven Care Center in Ellinwood. Born Aug. 7, 1919, at Argonia, she was the daughter of Charles and Grace McGreger Jeffries. An Ellinwood resident for the past two years, she was formerly of Norman, Okla., and Overland Park. She married Melvin V. Holman on Sept. 16, 1942, at Spearville.

She was a member of First Presbyterian Church, Great Bend, and Presbyterian Women in Norman, Okla.

Survivors include her husband, Melvin, of Ellinwood; two sons, Marston Holman of Great Bend and Melvin V. Holman of Yuma, Ariz.; a brother, George Jeffries, of Mayfield; and two grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a brother, Charles Milo, and sisters, Alene Roe and Dorothy Hamilton.

A graveside memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Milan (Kan.) Cemetery, with the Rev. Hal Staats officiating. Memorial donations for the Salvation Army are suggested, in care of Kimple Funeral Home, Ellinwood.

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

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 30, 2007

Phyllis Jean Fischer 1929 - 2007

Phyllis Jean Fischer, 78, of Great Bend, died Sept. 27, 2007, at Country Place Senior Living Center, Ellinwood. She was born June 10, 1929, at Great Bend, the daughter of Harold E. and Vera L. Girling Baker. She married Leroy E. Fischer on Jan. 25, 1948, at Hudson. She was the former owner of Organic Cupboard Health Food Store.

Mrs. Fischer was a member of First Congregational United Church of Christ, Great Bend, and a former member of Peace Church of Hudson, the Barton County Arts Council, Golden Belt Community Concert Association and RSVP.
Survivors include three sons, Harold Fischer and wife Diane of Seward, Craig Fischer and wife Linda of Ellinwood and Marc Fischer and wife Michelle of Hudson; 10 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 2, at First Congregational United Church of Christ, Great Bend, with the Rev. Diana Coberly and Pastor Wade Russell officiating. Private family inurnment will occur at a later date at Peace Cemetery, Hudson. There will be no visitation, as cremation has taken place. Donations to memorial funds for Country Place Senior Living Center, Golden Belt Home Health and Hospice or First Congregational United Church of Christ may be made in care of Bryant Funeral Home. Condolences may be sent and noticed 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, Sept. 30, 2007

September 28, 2007

Velma M. Rehme 1924 - 2007

ELLINWOOD — Velma M. Rehme, 83, died Sept. 26, 2007, at Good Samaritan Retirement Village in Loveland, Colo. Born on Aug. 12, 1924, in Chase, she was the daughter of Walter Heine and Alma Panning. She was graduate of Chase High School in 1942. A resident of Loveland, Colo., since 2002, formerly of Ellinwood, she was a bookkeeper for Rehme Heating and Plumbing of Ellinwood and a receptionist for Dr. Harry Liggett. She married Herman Rehme on Nov. 25, 1945, in Chase. He died July 4, 2001.

Mrs. Rehme was a member of Immanuel United Church of Christ and Heritage Club, both in Ellinwood, and the Ellinwood District Hospital Auxiliary.

Survivors include three sons, Norman Rehme of Loveland, Colo., and Edwin Rehme and Erwin Rehme both of Longmont, Colo.; a brother, Alvin Heine of Chase; eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Herman, and two sisters, Ruth Deaver and Dorothy Bryant.

Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Immanuel United Church of Christ in Ellinwood with Pastor Larry Young officiating. Burial will be at the Lakin-Comanche District Cemetery in Ellinwood. Friends may visit from 3 to 8 p.m. Sunday at Kimple Funeral Home. Memorials are suggested to Immanuel United Church of Christ in Ellinwood and Ellinwood District Hospital Auxiliary.

Funeral arrangements provided by Kimple, Inc. Funeral Home
113 N. Main
Ellinwood, KS 67526
620-564-2300
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 28, 2007

Patricia F. Raup 1924 - 2007

TIMKEN — Patricia F. Raup, 83, died Sept. 25, 2007, at her home in Timken. Born Jan. 30, 1924, in Framingham, Mass., she was the daughter of Maurice J. and Dorothy K. Devine Fontaine. She graduated from Hampden High School in Hampden, Conn. in 1941. A resident of Timken since 1976, moving from Danville, Ill., she was an executive secretary for many years. She married Rowland S. Raup in Mt. Carmel, Conn., on Oct. 18, 1944. He died Sept. 19, 1998.

Mrs. Raup was a member of the Gay Ginghams of Rush County, attended St. Mary and Martha’s Episcopal Church in Larned and was a volunteer at the local hospital in Illinois.

Survivors include two sons, Paul M. of Dodge City and Thomas J. of Timken; a daughter, Katherine Wilson of Wheatland, Wyo.; a sister, Barbara McGuire of Clinton, Conn.; four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Monday at the St. Mary and Martha’s Episcopal Church in Larned with Father Mark Cowell presiding. Burial will be at the Larned Cemetery. Friends may call from 1 to 8 p.m. Sunday at Beckwick Mortuary. Memorials are suggested to the Southwind Hospice in care of the mortuary. Condolences may be left at www.beckwithmortuary.com.

Funeral arrangements provided by Beckwick Mortuary
P.O. Box 477
Larned, KS 67550
620-285-2121
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 28, 2007

September 27, 2007

Mrs. Herman (Velma) Rehme

Mrs. Herman (Velma) Rehme, 83, former Ellinwood resident, died Sept. 26, 2007, at Good Samaritan Retirement Village in Loveland, Colo. Survivors and arrangements will be announced by Kimple Funeral Home in Ellinwood.

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 27, 2007

Wanda J. Ford 1932 - 2007

HOISINGTON — Wanda J. Ford, 75, died Sept. 25, 2007, at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. Born Feb. 15, 1932, in Allan, Okla., she was the daughter of Raymond J. and Daisy (Goodman) Beams. A resident of Hoisington for 45 years, coming from Russell, she married Kenneth Ford on June 19, 1950, in Great Bend. She was a medication aide and nurse’s aide for various health institutions in Barton County.

Mrs. Ford was a member of Hoisington Bible Church.

Survivors include her husband, of the home; a son, Kenneth R. Ford of Great Bend; two daughters, Jacquette Ford of Hoisington and Melissa Titel and husband Richard of Ellinwood; a brother, Alva R. Beams, of Green Bay, Wis.; eight grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a son, Steven Lowell Ford, a daughter, Joyce Marie Ford, and a brother, Byron Beams.

Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. on Saturday at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington with the Rev. Gary Clark officiating. Burial will be at the Hoisington Cemetery. Friends may visit from 1 to 5 p.m. today, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Friday and 9 a.m. to service time on Saturday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the American Cancer Society 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, Sept. 27, 2007

LeRoy Duane Rein 1929 - 2007

LeRoy Duane Rein, Sr., 78, of Jal, N.M., died Sept. 26, 2007. He was born May 30, 1929, in Ness County, Kan. He was a retired oilfield truck driver.

Survivors include his wife, Veva Lee Rein, of Jal; a son, LeRoy Duane Rein, Jr., of Carlsbad, N.M.; three daughters, Lana Rae Pitts of Hodenville, Okla., and Betty Jean Trude and Meloede Rein, both of Salina; one brother, Milton Rein of Great Bend; two sisters, Darlene Mylos of Hoisington and Joyce Wegelee of Otis; and seven grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday at Calvary Baptist Church of Jal, N.M., with Brother Alan Speed officiating. Interment will follow at Jal Cemetery. Condolences to the family can be sent at fs-fp.com.

Funeral arrangements provided by Family Services Funeral Parlor
911 E. School St./P.O. Box 905
Kermit, TX 79745
(432) 586-9003
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 27, 2007

Clarence Petrie 1936 - 2007

Clarence Petrie, 71, of Great Bend, died Sept. 22, 2007, at his home. Born Feb. 28, 1936, in Hill City, he was the son of
Survivors include two sons, Cecil Petrie and wife Kim of Great Bend and Aaron Fulton of Wichita; four daughters, Fran Miller of Olathe, Sheryl Wright and husband Dimitrius of Olathe, Tiffany Cooper and husband Terry and Brittany Fulton, all of Salina; one brother, Norman Petrie of Hill City; 21 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Bryant Funeral Home, Great Bend, followed by a graveside service and interment at Golden Belt Memorial Park in Great Bend, with the Rev. Loyse Clay and Brother Albert Robinson officiating. There will be no visitation as cremation has taken place. Memorials are suggested to Clarence Petrie Memorial Fund 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, Sept. 27, 2007

September 26, 2007

Wanda J. Ford 1932 - 2007

HOISINGTON — Wanda J. Ford, 75, died Sept. 25 at Central Kansas Medical Center, Great Bend. She was born Feb. 15, 1932. Friends may call after 1 p.m. Thursday at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home, Hoisington. Complete service arrangements are pending there and will be announced.

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 26, 2007

Harul Lee Roe 1927 - 2007

ABILENE — Harul Lee Roe, 80, died Sept. 23, 2007, at the Village Manor in Abilene. He was born July 27, 1927, at Blackburn, Okla., the son of Lewis Oliver and Vurnia Mary (Robinson) Roe. Growing up in the area, he attended local schools. He married Georgia Branson on Feb. 16, 1957. She died July 4, 1990. All their married life was spent in Great Bend, where he was a truck driver and appliance repairman until retiring in 1991. He served in the U.S. Army, in Germany and Korea, from 1948 until 1958. He moved to Abilene to make his home at Frontier Estates in 1993. He was a member of Calvary Free Will Baptist Church and the Veterans of Foreign Wars and was a life member of Senior Citizens.


A memorial service will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at the Abilene First United Methodist Church, with the Rev. Jim Edwards officiating. Inurnment will be held at 10:30 a.m. Oct. 6 in the Hillside Cemetery at Great Bend. The family suggests that memorial contributions in Mr. Roe’s name be given to the VFW at Abilene.

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September 25, 2007

Albina A. Schmidt 1922 - 2007

HAYS — Albina A. Schmidt, 84, of Hays, and a former Plainville resident, died Sunday, Sept. 23, 2007, at Hays Medical Center. Born Dec. 11, 1922, in Victoria, she was the daughter of Clemens and Catherine (Stang) Hammerschmidt. She married Fidelis J. Schmidt on Nov. 26, 1940, in Victoria. He preceded her in death. She was a homemaker and enjoyed quilting as a hobby.

Mrs. Schmidt was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church and Daughters of Isabella, both of Plainville.

Survivors include three sons, Gerald Schmidt, and Eugene Schmidt and wife Dianne, all of Great Bend, and Patrick Schmidt and wife Linda of Manhattan; three daughters, Patricia Roy and husband Cecil of Stockton, Kathryn Holmes and husband Michael of Manhattan and Jacquelyn Morgan and husband Robert of Menlo; one brother, Eimar Hammerschmidt of Garden City; three sisters, Evelyn Henry of Pratt, Hubertine Stecklein of Denver, Colo., and Delores Mermis of Russell; 20 grandchildren and 38 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband Fidelis; one grandson, Joseph Morgan; and three sisters, Mary Schmidt, Tina Riedel and Helen Bresaw.

Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. on Wednesday at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Hays. Burial will be at St. Joseph's Cemetery in Hays. Friends may call from 5 to 8 p.m. today and from 9 to 9:30 a.m. Wednesday at Brock's North Hill Chapel in Hays. A Daughters of Isabella Rosary service will be at 6:30 p.m. followed by a Parish Wake service at 7 p.m. today at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the American Diabetes Association.

Funeral arrangements provided by
Brock's North Hill Chapel*

P.O. Box 86
2509 Vine Street
Hays, KS 67601
785-625-3215
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 25, 2007

Clarence Petrie 1936 - 2007

Clarence Petrie, 71, of Great Bend, died Sept. 22, 2007, at his home. Born Feb. 28, 1936, in Hill City, he was the son of Orlando and Viola Moore Petrie. His wife, Lorraine Fulton, is deceased. He worked in construction and was a truck driver. He enjoyed hunting, fishing and playing dominoes, being around people and preparing barbecues.

Survivors include two sons, Cecil Petrie and wife Kim of Great Bend and Aaron Fulton of Wichita; four daughters, Fran Miller of Olathe, Sheryl Wright and husband Dimitrius of Olathe, Tiffany Cooper and husband Terry, and Brittany Fulton, all of Salina; one brother, Norman Petrie of Hill City; 21 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Graveside service will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Golden Belt Memorial Park in Great Bend with the Rev. Loyse Clay and Brother Albert Robinson officiating. There will be no visitation as cremation has taken place. Memorials are suggested to Clarence Petrie Memorial Fund 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, Sept. 25, 2007

Lenora Clarissa Miller 1910 - 2007

ALBERT — Lenora Clarissa Miller, 96, died Sept. 23, 2007, at her home. She was born Dec. 8, 1910, at Shaffer, the daughter of J.W. and Rosa Hanhardt Reinhardt. She married David J. Miller on Aug. 18, 1936, at Bison. He died on Dec. 25, 1995. She was a teacher and homemaker. She was a lifetime resident of Rush County. She was a member of the Seventh Day Adventist Church, Great Bend.

Survivors include a daughter, Doris Reile-Kneller and husband Roger Kneller of Albert; a sister, Matilda Baker, of Denver, Colo.; two sisters-in-law, Lenore Reinhardt and Arlyn Miller, both of La Crosse; one brother-in-law, John Allen, Pavo, Ga.; two grandchildren, Bruce Reile and wife Cheryl of Cheney and Marina Reile-Rodriquez and husband Jesus of Rialto, Calif.; and five great-grandchildren, Nathan Reile, Melissa Reile, David Rodriguez, Quetzalli Rodriguez and Iztzali Clarissa Rodriguez. She was preceded in death by a brother,
On May 8, 1937, Atrice and Merlin H. Moore were united in marriage in Norton. They made their home in the Norton area until 1946, at which time they moved to Almena. Merlin passed away on Aug. 4, 1981, and in 1995, Atrice moved to Lindsborg to be near family. In July 2005, she moved to Great Bend.

She was a member of the Almena United Methodist Church, the American Legion Auxiliary in Almena, the Sunny Susans and the Rebekah Lodge. She was an avid reader and enjoyed writing poetry.

Survivors include one son and his wife, James and Donna Moore, Great Bend; eight grandchildren, Barbara Beard of Harrisonville, Mo., Lori Harmon of Victoria, Lewis Harmon of Memphis, Tenn., Shelley Weilert of Hays; Kellie Harmon of Lawrence, Michael Moore-Biros of Huntley, Ill., Rick Schmidt of Post Falls, Idaho, and Kimberly Breen of Nampa, Idaho; 22 great-grandchildren; one special niece, Gloria, and her husband, Steve Cole, of Norton; and other relatives and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, one daughter, Judith Harmon, one brother, Wilbert Brewster, and one sister, Marjorie Atkinson.

Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Enfield Funeral Home in Norton, with interment in Mt. Hope Cemetery at Almena. Friends may call the funeral home from 3 until 8:30 p.m. Wednesday. Memorials may be made to the Atrice Moore Memorial Fund, in care of the funeral home.

Funeral arrangements provided by Enfield Funeral Home*
215 West Main
Norton, KS 67654
785-877-5135
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 25, 2007

June Cain

WICHITA — June Cain, 81, formerly of Great Bend, retired Komarek Jewelry office manager of 26 years, passed away Thursday, Sept. 20, 2007. Service was at 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 22, at Downing & Lahey Mortuary West in Wichita. Graveside service was at 3 p.m. Saturday at the Hoisington Cemetery. She was preceded in death by her parents, Zed and Dessie Mitcherson, and her husband, Howard Cain. Survivors include a daughter, Cheryl (Bill) Earle of Wichita; a son, Randy Cain of Garden City; seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. A memorial has been established with the National Ovarian Cancer Coalition, Kansas Chapter, 1814 Redbarn Ln., Wichita, KS 67212. Tributes to the family via www.dlwichita.com.

Funeral arrangements provided by Downing & Lahey Mortuary West*
6555 East Central
Wichita, KS 67206
Mathilda (Tillie) H. Reif 1922 - 2007

HOISINGTON — Mathilda (Tillie) H. Reif, 85, died Sept. 20, 2007, after a long and courageous battle with colon cancer. Born March 21, 1922, on a farm west of Odin, she was the daughter of Frank and Mary (Koester) Rziha. She attended grade school and graduated from high school from Holy Family School in Odin. She married Lawrence E. (Larry) Reif on Oct. 6, 1947, at Holy Family Church in Odin. He preceded her in death on April 8, 2006. Tillie and Larry resided on the family farm north of Odin for 48 years before moving to Hoisington in 1995. Tillie’s passion in life was her love and devotion to her husband, to her daughter and son and to her grandchildren. Everyone admired her beautiful flowers and her skill of growing bountiful vegetables in her garden. Amidst the fresh aroma of lilac bushes surrounding her garden, she spent many an hour tending to her passion. Even in her final days of life, Tillie was dreaming about her next garden. In August, the Rzihas had their family reunion. Tillie was not able to attend. Her nieces and nephews from all over the United States came to visit her in the hospital the day before the reunion and again before departing for their homes. Mother brought all of us together to celebrate the love of our families.

Tillie was a member of St. John the Evangelist Church in Hoisington. She was a lifetime member of the St. Ann’s Altar Society of Odin and Daughters of Isabella of Claflin. She was an instructor of religious education classes for many years at Holy Family Parish. She was a past member of the Odin EHU and DCCW of Dodge City.

Survivors include a daughter, Susan Jenson, and her husband Ron and their children Kyle and Kristi of Odin; a son, Tim Reif and wife Sheryl of Plano, Texas, Tim’s daughter Hayley Reif of Sand Springs, Okla., and Sheryl’s children, Cherie and Kenny Empey, also of Plano; a brother, Joseph Rziha of Hoisington; and two sisters, Ann Hunsley of Hoisington and Catherine Hipp of Wichita. She was preceded in death by her brother, Frank Rziha, and six sisters, Margaret Olsen, Sister Mary Jordan, an infant sister, Alberta, Agnes Penka, Helen McCann and Rose Schneider.

A Daughters of Isabella Rosary was at 2 p.m. and a family rosary at 7 p.m. on Saturday. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Hoisington with Father Dwight Birket presiding. Burial will be at the Holy Family Cemetery in Odin. Friends may call from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. today with the Vigil Service at 7 p.m. today, followed by an Altar Society and Daughters of Isabella rosary at the funeral home. The family requests in lieu of flowers memorials to Southwind Hospice in Pratt or Kans for Kids in care of Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in 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, Sept. 23, 2007

Colby Justin McEntire 2005 - 2007

CHICKASHA, Okla. – Colby Justin McEntire, 2-year-old son of Brian and Amanda McEntire, was born March 25, 2005, in Norman, Okla., and was granted his angel wings on Sept. 20, 2007, following a lifetime illness. His final days were spent surrounded by family and friends that Colby had touched in some small way throughout his short, yet very memorable life.

Colby’s life would seem too short to many, but those who were touched by him understand that the quality of existence far exceeds the quantity of time in which one lives. His beautiful eyes and winning smile could melt the hearts of those around him. Colby possessed strength, perseverance, and an ability to overcome incredible odds. With his courage he helped us to believe that each day is a blessing and an opportunity to create lasting memories. He could spend hours playing with his favorite cars and tractors and cuddling close to those he loved much. He enjoyed playing with bubbles, dancing, finger painting, playing with his baby sister, and reading stories.

He loved the color orange, Curious George, Diego, and his dog and cat, Zane and Callie.

With Colby’s passing, we remind others that his life is one to be celebrated. Although we will miss him every day, he will forever remain in our hearts. Through his teachings about life, we were able to create wonderful memories and it has been a privilege to be his parents. We are so thankful Colby’s sister, Macy, met her brother so she can hold dear the memory of Colby’s incredible courage.

Colby is survived by his loving parents, Brian and Amanda McEntire; sister Macy McEntire; paternal grandparents Linda Harris, Pat Buth, and Richard and Phyllis McEntire; maternal grandparents Ron and Karen Barrow and Norman and LouAnn Legleiter; paternal great-grandfather Elmor Buth; maternal great-grandmother Helen Klein, maternal great-grandparents Bill and Rita Legleiter; uncle/godfather, Nathan Legleiter and wife Shana; uncle Greg and wife/godmother Melissa; aunt Audrey Barrow; and cousin Nelson Legleiter.

He was predeceased by his paternal great-grandparents Chester and Ethel Harris, Myrtle Buth; and maternal great-grandfather Larry Klein.

Funeral Mass will be held at 10:30 a.m. Monday at the St. Joseph Catholic Church of Union City. Wake service will be held at 7 p.m. Interment will be in the Fairview Cemetery, Tuttle, Okla. under the direction of Sevier Funeral Home of Tuttle. Memorial contributions may be made to Colby Justin McEntire Memorial Fund at Chickasha Bank, Tuttle Branch. 405 381-9955.

You may also visit www.caringbridge.com visit ColbyMcEntire.

Funeral arrangements provided by Sevier Funeral Home* 702 Chickasha Ave. Chickasha, OK 73018 (405) 224-4266 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 23, 2007

Barbara Jo Moeder 1950 - 2007

Barbara Jo Moeder, 56, of Great Bend, died Sept. 22, 2007, at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. She was born Nov. 12, 1950, at Great Bend, the daughter of Albert P. and Adella M. Machal Brenner. A lifetime resident of Great Bend, she was a homemaker and assistant manager at the Wal-Mart Pharmacy.

She was a member of Prince of Peace Parish at St. Rose and the Altar Society.

Survivors include three sons, Adam Moeder, Great Bend, Travis Moeder, Lawrence, and Paul Moeder, Hoisington; one sister, Sheila Becker and husband Jerry, Great Bend; her aunt Muriel Machal, Great Bend; and two granddaughters, Allyssa Moeder and Callie Moeder. She was preceded in death by two sisters, Karen Becker and Alberta Boxberger.

Altar Society Rosary will be at 4 p.m. Tuesday, followed by a vigil and rosary at 7:30 p.m., all at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church in Great Bend, with Father Reginald A. Urban officiating. Interment will be at Great Bend Cemetery North. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday at the Funeral Home. Memorials are suggested to American Cancer Society or American Heart Association, in care of the funeral home. Condolences may be sent and notice viewed at www.bryantnf.net.

Funeral arrangements provided by Bryant Funeral Home* 1425 Patton Road Great Bend, KS 67530 (620) 793-3525 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 23, 2007
Junalie Ann Leiker 1931 - 2007

Junalie Ann Leiker, 76, died Sept. 20, 2007, at her residence in Great Bend. She was born Sept. 18, 1931, at Visalia, Calif., to Harry and Bertha Ross Archer. She married LaVern Leiker on Aug. 6, 1965 at Hill City. She was a resident of Great Bend since February of 1966, coming from Hill City. She had been a receptionist and assistant for Countryside Veterinary, and also worked for Big A Warehouse.

Mrs. Leiker was a volunteer for the Great Bend Humane Society. She enjoyed motorcycles, bowling, roller skating and fishing.

Survivors include her husband, of the home; daughter Karla Cordes and her husband Bill, Lawrence; and four grandchildren, Josha Schmitt, Shannon Cordes, Easton Cordes and Kaidon Cordes. She was preceded in death by an infant son Ricky Leiker.

Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend with Father Wesley Schawe officiating. Private family inurnment will be at a later date at Munjor Cemetery in Munjor. Visitation will be from 1 to 9 p.m. today, with family to receive friends from 7 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the American Lung Association or Golden Belt Home Health and Hospice 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, Sept. 23, 2007

September 21, 2007

Betty Kathleen Lee

WICHITA — Betty Kathleen Lee, 81, wife of Jerold R. Lee (deceased) and mother of Linda M. Lee and Sandra R. Lee, passed away Sept. 20, 2007. She and her husband formerly lived in the Great Bend-Hoisington area. Visitation will be held Saturday, Sept. 22, from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m., then a graveside service to celebrate her life will be held at 11 a.m., both at Lakeview Memorial Gardens, 12100 E. 13th St., Wichita.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Jerold R. Lee, a sister, Joan Reid, and two sisters-in-law, Mary Stafford and Laura Lynn. Survivors include two daughters of Wichita, a sister, Mary Beasley, of England; a sister-in-law, Frances Hessellius, Littleton, Colo.; seven nieces and eight nephews; 19 great-nieces and great-nephews, and 19 great-great-nieces and great-great-nephews. The family requests no flowers; memorial contributions can be made to Harry Hynes Hospice, and or American Lung Association. To leave an online condolence please visit www.mylakeviewfuneralhome.com.

Funeral arrangements provided by Lakeview Memorial Gardens* 12100 E. 13th St. Wichita, KS 67206 316-684-8200 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 21, 2007

Mason A. “Brownie” Brown 1925 - 2007

Mason A. “Brownie” Brown, 82, of Great Bend, died Sept. 19, 2007, at his granddaughter’s residence in Concord, N.C. Born Aug. 9, 1925, in Las Animas, Colo., he was the son of Humphrey Adelbert and Mary Augusta Mason Brown. He married Sharron J. Zook on April 25, 1960, at Raton, N.M. She survives. A resident of Great Bend since 1966, coming from Salina, he was a telephone repeaterman for Southwestern Bell Telephone.

Mr. Brown was a U.S. Army Veteran. He was a member of Central Baptist Church, American Legion Argonne Post No. 189, Delta Post No. 27, Great Bend Masonic Lodge No. 15 and Sunflower Shrine Club, all in Great Bend, a life member of Nt. Nebo Chapter Royal Arch Masons No. 36, High Priest from 1996 to 1997, Golden Belt Council of Royal and Select Masters No. 21, St. Omer Commandery Knight Templars No. 14, Commander 1998, Order of High Priesthood of Kansas, The Council of Thrice Illustrious Masters of Kansas, the Kansas Association of Past Commanders of Knights Templar, Jay A. Sheldon Order No. 117 in Dodge City, ISIS Temple A.A.O.N.M.S. of Salina, Knights of the York Cross of Honor, Ellinwood Masonic Lodge No. 217, Master 2001-2002, Emporia Council Royal and Select Masters No. 7, Illustrious Master 1999, Order of Eastern Star Golden Sheaf Chapter No. 226, Scottish Rite of Freemasonry-Southern Jurisdiction of Valley of Topeka, Red Cross of Constantine (Calvary Conclave), Allied Masonic Degrees-Sunflower Chapter No. 383 of Wichita and Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests River Jordan Tabernacle XXXVIII, all in Wichita, Grand Order of the Sword of Bunker Hill, The Royal Order of Scotland, Kansas Council No. 53, Knight Masons, Russell Shrine Club of Russell, Telephone Pioneers, Telephone Pioneers Family Campers No. 208, National Rifle Association and AARP.

Survivors include his wife, Sharron Brown of the home; a daughter, Adel Ostrom and husband Curtis of Mooresville, N.C.; a granddaughter, Brandi Johnson and husband Mike of Concord, N.C.; a grandson, Blaine Ostrom and wife Valerie of Owingsville, Ky.; two sisters, Emily Lou Carpenter of Pueblo, Colo., and Judy Rasmussen of Carlsbad, N.M.; and seven great-grandchildren, Tamera, Mason, Kaytlin and Alexis Johnson, and Courtneym, Kelsey and Christian Ostrom. He was preceded in death by two brothers, A.P. and Hugh Brown, and a sister, Mary Jo White.

Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. on Monday at Central Baptist Church in Great Bend officiated by the Rev. David Hill and the Rev. Gordon Rhodes. Interment will be at 2 p.m. at Zook Cemetery in Zook with Masonic Rites. Friends may visit from 1 to 9 p.m. Sunday with the family receiving friends from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Bryant Funeral Home. Memorials are suggested to the Shrine Travel Fund 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, Sept. 21, 2007

June Cain

WICHITA — June Cain, 81, formerly of Great Bend, retied Komarek Jewelry office manager of 26 years, passed away Thursday, Sept. 20, 2007. Visitation with the family will be from 7 to 8:30 p.m. today, Sept. 21, and service will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 22, both at Downing & Lahey Mortuary West in Wichita. Graveside service will be at 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 22, at the Hoisington Cemetery.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Zed and Dessie Mitcherson, and her husband, Howard Cain. Survivors include a daughter, Cheryl (Bill) Earle of Wichita; a son, Randy Cain of Garden City; seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. A memorial has been established with the National Ovarian Cancer Coalition, Kansas Chapter, 1814 Redbarn Lane, Wichita, KS 67212. Tributes to the family via www.dlwichita.com.

Funeral arrangements provided by Downing & Lahey Mortuary West* 6555 East Central Wichita, KS 67206 316-773-4553 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 21, 2007

Mathilda “Tillie” Reif 1922 - 2007

HOISINGTON — Mathilda “Tillie” Reif, 85, died Sept. 20 at Clara Barton Hospital, Hoisington. She was born March 21, 1922. Service arrangements are pending with Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home, Hoisington, and will be announced. Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 21, 2007

Merica Elaine “Mickey” Teichmann 1919 - 2007

HUDSON — Merica Elaine “Mickey” Teichmann, 87, died Sept. 20, 2007, at Great Bend Health & Rehabilitation Center, Great Bend. She was born Oct.
Ruby Mohl-Blake, 90, of Great Bend. Born in Burr Oak, to Earl G. and Ruby E. (Boitnott) Thomas. He enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1951 and retired on June 18, 1970. On Aug. 11, 1956, he married Patty L. Herndon at the First Christian Church in Lebanon, Kan. He was a barber and also the elementary school custodian in Lebanon. After the closing of the school, they traveled to Arizona and South Dakota, where he was groundkeeper at RV parks.

He was a member of First Christian Church in Lebanon and attended the First Congregational United Church of Christ in Hastings, Neb. — Hastings resident Glen L. Thomas, 77, died Sept. 14 at Mary Lanning Memorial Hospital. He was born July 3, 1930, in Burr Oak, to Earl G. and Ruby E. (Boitnott) Thomas. He graduated from Esbon High School in 1949.

Hastings, Neb. — Hastings resident Glen L. Thomas, 77, died Sept. 14 at Mary Lanning Memorial Hospital. He was born July 3, 1930, in Burr Oak, to Earl G. and Ruby E. (Boitnott) Thomas. He graduated from Esbon High School in 1949.

He enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1951 and retired on June 18, 1970. On Aug. 11, 1956, he married Patty L. Herndon at the First Christian Church in Lebanon, Kan. He was a barber and also the elementary school custodian in Lebanon. After the closing of the school, they traveled to Arizona and South Dakota, where he was groundkeeper at RV parks.

He was a member of First Christian Church in Lebanon and attended the First Congregational United Church of Christ in Hastings, Neb. — Hastings resident Glen L. Thomas, 77, died Sept. 14 at Mary Lanning Memorial Hospital. He was born July 3, 1930, in Burr Oak, to Earl G. and Ruby E. (Boitnott) Thomas. He graduated from Esbon High School in 1949.

He enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1951 and retired on June 18, 1970. On Aug. 11, 1956, he married Patty L. Herndon at the First Christian Church in Lebanon, Kan. He was a barber and also the elementary school custodian in Lebanon. After the closing of the school, they traveled to Arizona and South Dakota, where he was groundkeeper at RV parks.

He was a member of First Christian Church in Lebanon and attended the First Congregational United Church of Christ in Hastings, Neb. — Hastings resident Glen L. Thomas, 77, died Sept. 14 at Mary Lanning Memorial Hospital. He was born July 3, 1930, in Burr Oak, to Earl G. and Ruby E. (Boitnott) Thomas. He graduated from Esbon High School in 1949.

Survivors include one son, Larry Teichmann, and companion Rosie, of Great Bend; one daughter, Barbara Erb, of Levelland, Texas; one stepson, David Blake of Levelland, Texas; one stepdaughter, Mildred (Billie) Lambert, of Lompoc, Calif.; 10 grandchildren, three stepgrandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, one son, Donald Richard Mohl, and one grandson, Gregory Allan Loyd.

Funeral service will be at 2:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 24, at Peace Church, Hudson, with Pastor Wade Russell officiating. Interment will be at Peace Cemetery, Hudson. Visitation will be from 1 to 9 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 23, with the family to receive friends from 7 to 8:30 p.m., and Monday, Sept. 24, from 9 a.m. to noon, at all by a sister, Thelma (Lou) Dwyer.
Donald Dean Karst, 70, died Sept. 15 at the Wheatland Nursing Center in Russell. Born July 9, 1937, in Milberger, he was the son of William Fredrick and Lydia (Templing) Karst. The family moved to Russell in the 1940s. He began working in the oilfield pulling unit business in the early 1950s and eventually started Don Karst Well Service in the 1970s, and became an independent oil producer until he retired due to his health. He lived in Russell until moving to Hays in 1982 and returned to Russell in 1989. He married Diana Newsome on Sept. 5, 1970, at St. John’s Lutheran Church in Russell. She died Feb. 15, 1985.

Mr. Karst was a member of St. John’s Lutheran Church in Russell.

Survivors include two sons, Monty Karst and wife Kaylee and Todd Alan Templeton, all of Russell; a stepson, Brian Reddig of Gorham; a stepdaughter, Jennie Dandrige of Larned; a sister, Ruth Miller of Russell; and six grandchildren, Randilyn Karst, Nash Karst, Autumn Karst, Cane Reddig, Tad Reddig and Diana Dandrige. He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife; three brothers, Clarence, Herbert, and Elmer Karst; and one sister, Alvina Templeton.

Funeral will be at 11 a.m. on Wednesday at St. John’s Lutheran Church with Pastor Roger Dennis officiating. Burial will be at the St. John’s Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. today with the family receiving friends between 7 and 9 p.m. Memorials are suggested to the Alzheimer’s and Related Disorders Association in care of the funeral home.

Funeral arrangements provided by Russell Funeral Home* 610 North Elm Street P.O. Box 566 Russell, KS 67665 785-483-4399 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 18, 2007

Martin Gilmore Olsen

BURDETT — Martin Gilmore Olsen, 89, died Sept. 14 at the Hodgeman County Health Center in Jetmore. A cremation memorial is pending and will be announced by Beckwith Mortuary Inc., in Larned.

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 18, 2007

Donald Dean Karst 1937 - 2007

RUSSELL — Donald Dean Karst, 70, died Sept. 15 at the Wheatland Nursing Center in Russell. Born July 9, 1937, in Milberger, he was the son of William Fredrick and Lydia (Templing) Karst. The
Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Monday at the Messiah Lutheran Church, 20th and Main, Hays. Burial will be at the Mt. Allen Cemetery. A Lutheran Prayer Service will be at 6 p.m. today at the Messiah Lutheran Church. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. today at the church and from 9:30 a.m. until service time on Monday. A memorial fund has been established in her name and memory for an educational fund for her children.

Funeral arrangements provided by Hays Memorial Chapel Funeral Home* 20th and Pine Hays, KS 67601 785-628-1009 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 16, 2007

William R. "Ray" Zecha 1918 - 2007

FORT DODGE — William R. "Ray" Zecha, 89, died Sept. 12 at Western Plains Medical Complex in Dodge City. Born Jan. 3, 1918, in Odin, he was the son of William B. and Frances (Frenzl) Zecha. He married Helen Hitzschmann on May 17, 1949, in Odin. Moving to Fort Dodge in 2005 from Waterloo, he was a retired farmer and stockman and worked for the Galesburg Township for 22 years and was a former member of the board of directors of the Cheney COOP.

Mr. Zecha served in the United States Army during World War II. He was a member of St. Andrew Catholic Church in Wright, and Disabled American Veterans and Howard Gotschall Post No. 1714, Veterans of Foreign Wars, all of Dodge City.

Survivors include his wife of the home; a daughter, Coleen Albert of Dodge City; two brothers, Victor Zecha of Larned and Clarence Zecha of Claflin; three sisters, Matilda Penka of Odin, Lucille Schneweiss of Great Bend and Doris Weiser of Hoisington; four grandchildren, Michael Albert, Chris Albert, Shawn Albert and Rebecca Lee; and four great-grandchildren, Anika, Trevor, Amber and Brayden. He was preceded in death by his parents; three brothers, Herman, Robert and Frances; and four sisters, Eleanor Johannig, Helen Straub, Kathleen Zecha and Agnes Penka.

Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. today at St. Andrew's Catholic Church in Dodge City. Funeral Mass will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at the church with the Rev. Robert Schremmer celebrating. Burial will follow at the Kansas Veterans Cemetery at Fort Dodge with military rites by Howard Gotschall Post No. 1714, VFW. Friends may visit from noon to 4 p.m. today at Swaim Funeral Home. Memorials are suggested to Hospice of the Prairie or the American Cancer Society in care of the funeral home. Personal condolences may be left at www.swaimfuneralhome.com.

Funeral arrangements provided by Swaim Funeral Home* 1901 6th Dodge City, KS 67801 620-227-2136 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 16, 2007

Kay L. Oliphant 1939 - 2007

OFFERLE - Kay L. Oliphant, 68, died Sept. 14 at Western Plains Medical Center, Dodge City. She was born Jan. 27, 1939, at Spearville, to Walter and Thelma (Kleysteuber) Kurth. She married Rodney G. Oliphant on July 15, 1961, at Offerle. A longtime resident of rural Offerle, she was office manager at Oliphant Veterinary Hospital.

Mrs. Oliphant was a member of Offerle United Methodist Church, and served on the church board. She was also a member of P.E.O. and the 4-H Foundation.

Survivors include son David Oliphant, Offerle; daughter Debra Abercrombie, Monument, Colo.; two brothers, Ronnie Kurth, Plano, Texas, and Wayne Kurth, Evergreen, Colo.; a sister, Maxine Fisher, LaJunta, Colo.; and four grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a sister, Beverly Orbelo.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at the church in Offerle with the Rev. Avery Rutledge officiating. Burial will be in Evergreen Cemetery, Offerle. Memorials to the church may be made in care of McKillip Memorial Funeral Home.

Funeral arrangements provided by McKillip Memorial Funeral Home P.O. Box 304 Kinsley, KS 67547 (620) 659-2311 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 16, 2007

Dianna Lynn Muth 1956 - 2007

LONGMONT, Colo. — Dianna Lynn Muth, 51, of Longmont, Colo., died Sept. 10 at her home. She was born May 5, 1956, in Rush Center; a brother, Darren Muth and Denise Appel and her husband Rich of Rush Center; a brother, Darren Muth and wife Ruth of Longmont, Colo.; five aunts and uncles; two great-aunts; 11 nieces and nephews; six great-nieces and numerous cousins.

Funeral service was at 10 a.m. Saturday at First Evangelical Lutheran Church with the Rev. Steve Berke officiating. Interment was at Ryssby Cemetery. Memorial contributions are suggested to First Lutheran Church and can be sent to Ahlberg Funeral Chapel in Longmont. Visit www.ahlbergfuneralchapel.com to leave condolences for the family.

Funeral arrangements provided by Ahlberg Funeral Chapel* 326 Terry Street Longmont, CO 80501 (303) 776-2313 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 16, 2007

Robert D. (Bob) Blanding 1925 - 2007

ST. JOHN — Robert D. (Bob) Blanding, 81, of St. John, died Sept. 15 at Leisure Homestead, St. John. He was born Nov. 25, 1925, at Formoso, to Leo and Cleo (Briggs) Blanding. A 41-year-resident of St. John, coming from Stafford, he was a retired Kansas Department of Transportation road maintenance worker. He graduated from Formoso High School and was a U.S. Army Veteran of World War II. On Jan. 26, 1947, he married Murna Ilene (Porter) Blanding. She preceded him in death.

Mr. Blanding was a life member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and was a member of the American Legion, as well as past member of the Lions Club.

Survivors include three daughters, Roberta Tillman, Sand Springs, Okla., Donna Tucker, St. John, and Dianne Wells, Hudson; a brother, Max Blanding, Wichita; nine grandchildren, Chadd, Jim, Jes, Christiane, Cathie, Thomas, Craig, Karla and Karen; and 18 great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by both parents; a brother Rex; a sister Bernice Romero; and a great-granddaughter, Sarah McCurdy.

Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Minnis Chapel, St. John, with Rodney Lyons presiding. Burial will be in the Fairview Park cemetery, St. John, with military honors. Visitation will be from 1 to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home. Memorials to the South Wind Hospice or First Baptist Church may be made in care of the funeral home.

Funeral arrangements provided by Minnis Chapel* P.O. Box 34 St. John, KS 67576 (620) 786-9440 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 16, 2007

Wilma Krug 1914 - 2007

RUSSELL — Wilma Krug, 93, of Russell, died Sept. 13 at Wheatland Nursing Center of Russell. She was born July 23,
Wilma was of the Nazarene faith.

Mrs. Buskirk was the daughter of Clyde Anderson and Salamena (Radke) Boger. She grew up in the Hoisington area and attended the Hoisington Country Schools. Wilma was united in marriage to Tillman Lester Krug on Nov. 15, 1936, in Russell County. He preceded her in death on June 4, 1979. From this union Wilma and Lester were blessed with one daughter named Twyla.

Wilma was an active member of the St. John Lutheran Church of Russell, the Busy Stitcher Sewing Club and a former member of the Russell County Saddle Club. She enjoyed gardening, working with crafts, playing cards with friends and spending time with her family. She especially enjoyed baby-sitting her grandchildren and many other children in the community.

Surviving family include her daughter Twyla Ehrlich and husband Dale of Russell; two brothers, Emanuel Boger of Great Bend and Armen Boger of Silverdale, Wash.; three sisters, Irene Kimpler of Ellinwood, Alvina Haas of rural Hoisington and Clara Cook of Colorado; two granddaughters, Tori Hall and husband Roy of Russell and Tami Ehrlich of Manhattan; and one great-grandaughter, Halle Renae Hall of Russell.

Other family preceding Wilma in death were her parents; two sisters, Tillie Krug and Mary Lou Holmes; and one grandson, Thomas David Ehrlich.

A celebration of Wilma’s Life is scheduled for 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at the St. John Lutheran Church of Russell. Burial will follow at the St. John Lutheran Cemetery in Russell. Visitation will be from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday, with the family present from 7 to 8 p.m. A memorial has been established to the Wilma Krug Memorial Fund. Contributions and condolences may be left with Pohlman-Varner-Peeler Mortuary, which is in charge of arrangements. Condolences may be e-mailed to pvpmortuary@eaglecom.net.

Funeral arrangements provided by Pohlman-Varner-Peeler Mortuary* 610 N. Maple Russell, KS 67665 (785) 483-2212 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 16, 2007

Survivors include one son, Gary Buskirk and wife Sheila, Greenwood, Mo.; two daughters, Debbie Manbevers and husband Bud, Neodesha, and Darcy Jacobs and husband Nick, Great Bend; one sister, Myrtle Yancey, Tyler, Texas; five grandchildren, Angel, Lance, Gary, Scott and Ryan; nine great-grandchildren; and one adoptive son, Paul Pack and wife Tia, Great Bend. She was preceded in death by one son, Guy Edward Buskirk; and four brothers, Jim O’Dell, Glen O’Dell, Clyde O’Dell, and Ernie O’Dell; and infant brother Carl O’Dell.

Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend, with the Rev. John Grummon officiating. Interment will be at Hillcrest Memorial Park, Great Bend. Visitation will be from 1 to 9 p.m. Monday and 9 a.m. until service time Tuesday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Golden Belt Home Health and Hospice, in care of the funeral home. 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, Sept. 16, 2007

September 14, 2007

Josephine T. Pozalek 1925 - 2007 TIMKEN — Josephine T. Pozalek, 82, died Sept. 8, 2007, at Triumph Hospital in Denver, Colo. Born Aug. 16, 1925, in Otis, she was the daughter of Joseph and Sophie (Matal) Tuzicka. A lifelong resident of Rush County, she was a homemaker. She married Edward T. Pozalek on Aug. 24, 1948 in Rush County. He died on June 24, 1996.

Mrs. Pozalek was a member of the Holy Trinity Catholic Church, Holy Trinity Catholic Church Choir and St. Ann’s Altar Society, and a past member of Holy Trinity Catholic Church, Holy Trinity Catholic Church Council and St. Ann’s Altar Society, all in Timken.

Survivors include three daughters, Margaret Pozalek and significant other, Derry Knauf, of La Crosse, Angela Leikam and her husband Joseph Leikam of Plainville, and Rita Holmes of Centennial, Colo.; three brothers, Lester Tuzicka of Albuquerque, N.M., Joseph Tuzicka of Great Bend and Francis Tuzicka of Colorado Springs, Colo.; a sister, Cecelia Horacek of Munjor; and five grandchildren, Amy Thorne of Larned, Ryan Pozalek of Clifton, Tami Hoch of Great Bend, and Taylor Leikam and Travis Leikam, both of Plainville. She was preceded in death by her parents, Joseph and Sophie (Matal) Tuzicka, her husband, Edward T. Pozalek; a son, James Pozalek; and five brothers, Father Fredrick Tuzicka, Louis Charles Tuzicka, Willard Tuzicka, Williford Tuzicka and George Tuzicka.

Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. today at Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Timken with Father Rene Labrador officiating. Burial will be at Holy Cross Cemetery in Timken. Memorials are suggested to the Josephine T. Pozalek Memorial.

Funeral arrangements provided by Janousek Funeral Home* 719 Pine La Crosse, KS 67549 785-222-2517 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 14, 2007

Bernard Clair "Bud" Schneider, Ph.D 1947 - 2007

OLMITZ — Bernard Clair "Bud" Schneider, Ph.D, 60, died Sept. 10, 2007, at Hutchinson Hospital, Hutchinson. Born Aug. 13, 1947, at Great Bend, he was the son of Bernard A. and Leona L. Hopkins Schneider. Bud grew up on a farm outside Olmitz, along with his sister, Janice. Soon after graduating from Hoisington High School, Bud started his studies at Fort Hays Kansas State College, studying psychology, but was soon called to serve time in the U.S. Army.

Bud’s last duty assignment in the Army was the 1st BN, 30th ARTY 1st Air Cavalry Division. He served in the Army from Oct. 11, 1966, and was honorably discharged on Oct. 10, 1972. Bud served in the 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile) in the Republic of Vietnam. While in the service he received the National Defense Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal and the Good Conduct Medal.

After discharge he returned to college and finished his bachelor of arts degree on Dec. 20, 1971, and his master’s degree on Dec. 21, 1972. At Fort Hays Kansas State College, Bud was initiated into the Psi Chi Chapter, for the National Honor Society in Psychology. Bud worked as a psychologist over the years in various capacities, with the most recent employment with the Juvenile Correctional Facility at the Larned State Hospital Complex. In recent years he also completed his doctorate in psychology.

Over the years Bud pursued his interest in working with cattle. He began his business in the 1970s, where he learned to artificially inseminate cattle. In the late 1980s he learned to embryo transfer and began his business, "Embryo Specialty Services.”

Bud was married to Paula Daylor, Sept. 8, 1979, in Manhattan. They had one son, Tyler Cole Schneider. Their marriage
Joyce Marlene Campbell 1941 - 2007

Joyce Marlene Campbell, 65, of Great Bend, passed away at Via Christi Regional Medical Center in Wichita on Monday, Sept. 10, 2007. Marlene was born Nov. 27, 1941, to Ronald James Hoffman and Mary Charlotte Cline in Lyons. She received her education in Lyons, and married Wayne Keith Campbell on June 19, 1992. They made their home in Great Bend.

Marlene loved her dogs and collected salt and pepper shakers.

Marlene is survived by her husband, Wayne Campbell of Great Bend; four sisters, Rhonda Harmon of Bennington, Tana Hendrickson and Linda Kersting, both of Cheney, and Dana Flory of Liberty, Mo.; a stepdaughter, Teresa Bryant of Chase, and a stepson, Martin Campbell of New Virginia, Iowa; as well as three grandchildren. Marlene was preceded in death by her son, Glenn Patrick McKay, and brother, Ron Hoffman.

Viewing and visitation will be from noon to 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 10, from noon to 7 p.m. Funeral service will be at Charter Funerals in Great Bend at 1 p.m., Monday, Sept. 10, with the Rev. Dick Ogle officiating. Burial will be at the Hoisington Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the family of Marlene Campbell.

Funeral arrangements provided by Charter Funerals* 2115 Washington Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-6161 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 13, 2007

Josephine T. Pozalek

Josephine T. Pozalek of Timken died Sept. 8 at Triumph Hospital in Denver, Colo. Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, Sept. 14, at Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Timken. Friends may visit from 4 to 8 p.m. today at Janousek Funeral Home in La Crosse. A vigil service and rosary will be held at 7 p.m.

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 13, 2007

September 12, 2007

Janice K. Grubb 1948 - 2007

HOLYROOD — Janice K. Grubb, 58, died Sept. 9 at Ellsworth County Medical Center in Ellsworth. Born Oct. 31, 1948, in Great Bend, she was the daughter of Frank Oshel and Elsie Purma. She married Dwaine Grubb. A lifetime resident of Hoolyrood, she was a schoolteacher at Claflin after raising her children.

Mrs. Grubb was a member of the United Church of Christ in Hoolyrood.

Survivors include her husband of Hoolyrood; two sons, Mitchell Grubb of Hoisington and Ted Grubb of Cincinnati, Ohio; a daughter, Lesah Beagley of Russell; a sister, Judy Glaser of Liberty, Kansas; and three grandchildren. Marlene was preceded in death by her parents.

Graveside service will be at 10 a.m. on Thursday at Palacky Cemetery in Hoolyrood. Memorial services are suggested to the Claflin Community Scholarship Fund or Ellsworth County Medical Center.

Funeral service provided by Foster Mortuary, Inc., 610 24th Street, Wilson, KS 67490 785-658-2345 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 12, 2007

Joyce Marlene Campbell 1941 - 2007

Joyce Marlene Campbell, 65, of Great Bend, passed away at Via Christi Regional Medical Center in Wichita on Monday, Sept. 10, 2007. Marlene was born Nov. 27, 1941, to Ronald James Hoffman and Mary Charlotte Cline in Lyons. She received her education in Lyons, and married Wayne Keith Campbell on June 19, 1992. They made their home in Great Bend.

Marlene loved her dogs and collected salt and pepper shakers.

Marlene is survived by her husband, Wayne Campbell of Great Bend; four sisters, Rhonda Harmon of Bennington, Tana Hendrickson and Linda Kersting, both of Cheney, and Dana Flory of Liberty, Mo.; a stepdaughter, Teresa Bryant of Chase, and a stepson, Martin Campbell of New Virginia, Iowa; as well as three grandchildren. Marlene was preceded in death by her son, Glenn Patrick McKay, and brother, Ron Hoffman.

Viewing and visitation will be from noon to 7 p.m. Thursday. Funeral service will be at Charter Funerals in Great Bend at 1 p.m. Friday, with burial to follow at the Hoisington Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the family of Marlene Campbell.

Funeral arrangements provided by Charter Funerals* 2115 Washington Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-6161 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 12, 2007

Bernard Clair "Bud" Schneider, Ph.D 1947 - 2007

OLMIGHT — Bernard Clair "Bud" Schneider, Ph.D, 60, died Sept. 10 at Hutchinson Hospital, Hutchinson. Born Aug. 13, 1947, at Great Bend, he was the son of Bernard A. and Leona L. Hopkins Schneider. Bud grew up on a farm outside Olmitz, along with his sister, Janice. Soon after graduating from Hoisington High School, Bud started his studies at Fort Hays Kansas State College, studying psychology, but was called to serve in the U.S. Army.

Bud’s last duty assignment in the Army was the 1st BN, 30th ARTY 1st Air Cavalry Division. He served from Oct. 11, 1966, until he was honorably discharged on Oct. 10, 1972. Bud served in the 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile) in the Republic of Vietnam. While in the service he received the National Defense Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal and the Good Conduct Medal.

After discharge he returned to college and finished his Bachelor of Arts degree on Dec. 20, 1971, and his master's degree on Dec. 21, 1972. At Fort Hays college, Bud was initiated into the Psi Chi Chapter, the National Honor Society in Psychology. Bud worked as a psychologist over the years in various capacities, with the most recent employment with the Juvenile Correctional Facility at the Larned State Hospital Complex. In recent years he also completed his doctorate in psychology.

Over the years Bud pursued his interest in working with cattle. He began his business in the 1970s, where he learned to artificially inseminate cattle. In the late 1980s he learned embryo transfer and began his business, "Embryo Specialty Services."

Bud was married to Paula Daylor, Sept. 8, 1979, in Manhattan. They had one son, Taylor Cole Schneider. Their marriage ended, but those who knew
Bud knew of his love, pride and devotion to his son.

Survivors include a son, Tyler Cole Schneider, of Kansas City, Mo.; a significant other, Sheila Jones, Great Bend; a sister, Janice Brack and husband Alan of Bison; a nephew, Scott Brack and wife Jeana; two nieces, Jodi Romeiser and husband Duane, and Jessica Feldhausen and husband Rusty; and great-nieces and great-nephews Spencer and Brielle Romeiser and Carley, Cailyn and Colton Brack. He was recently preceded in death by an uncle, Jerry Hopkins. His mother passed away on Tuesday, Sept. 11, 2007.

Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Bryant Funeral Home, Great Bend, with the Rev. Arlyn Thielenhaus officiating. Interment will be at the La Crosse Cemetery, La Crosse, with military honors conducted by a Fort Riley Honor Guard. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home, with the family to receive friends from 7 to 8 p.m. Donations to a memorial fund for the American Cancer Society may be made 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, Sept. 12, 2007

Ronald Dean Schaben 1931 - 2007

BAZINE — Ronald Dean Schaben, 76, died Sept. 10 at Central Kansas Medical Center, Great Bend. He was born Aug. 2, 1931, on the farm south of Bazine, to Glenster and Mabel Bondurant Schaben. He was a farmer and rancher and a lifetime resident of the Bazine area.

He was a member of St. Luke’s Lutheran Church, Bazine, where he served on many boards and committees.

On Sept. 4, 1948, he married Johnette Wittman at Bazine. She survives, of the home.

Other survivors include two sons, Johnny Schaben and his wife Yolanda, of Great Bend, and Bradley Schaben and Elaine Younger, of Bazine; daughter Jolana McCart and her husband Mark of Norman, Okla.; brother Larry Schaben of Shelton, Wash.; sister Margaret Haek of Hoquiam, Wash.; six grandchildren, Kimberly Achatz, Staci and Rich Johnson, Ryan Schaben, Greg Schaben, Kelly McCart and Ashley and Andrew Stenzel; and one great-grandson, Kaden Achatz.

Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at St. Luke’s Lutheran Church, Bazine, with Pastor Warren Prochnow presiding. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. today at Fitzgerald Funeral Home, Ness City. The family will be hosting the visitation from 7 to 9 p.m. Burial will be in the Bazine Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the Bazine Cemetery Fund or to St. Luke’s Church.

Funeral arrangements provided by Fitzgerald Funeral Home* 207 North Pennsylvania Ness City, KS 67560 785-798-3243 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 12, 2007

Helen A. Bird 1923 – 2007

COQUILLE, Ore. — Helen A. Bird, 84, died Sept. 4 in Coquille, Ore. She was born March 9, 1923, in Great Bend, to Charles S. and Dora Roberson Dorfshaffer.

Helen was born and raised a farm girl in central Kansas. In high school she fell in love with another farm kid, Lee E. Bird. He joined the Army Air Corps and her farm boy became a fly boy. They were married in the base chapel on Randolph Field, Texas, on December 14, 1941, one week after the bombing of Pearl Harbor. Because of the war and Lee’s continuing military service, their four children were all born in different states, Kansas, Nebraska, Alaska and Texas.

After leaving the military, they tried the farm life in Kansas again, but it just wasn’t the same. They had, over the years, developed a sense of adventure and a touch of wanderlust. After many more years in Alaska and Texas, they finally came to Oregon and lived in Coquille for the last six years.

Helen had a voracious mind and was interested in genealogy, history and just about every other subject under the sun. She had a magic touch with plants, and was a talented watercolor artist and an excellent cook. But her main gift was love. She was the heart of her family and taught everyone, by her example, about love, care and respect for others. She was the best wife, mother, grandmother and friend anyone could ask for and we all felt treasured in her warmth.

Helen is survived by her husband, of the home; daughter Sue and her husband Barry Johnson of Coos Bay, Ore.; daughter Helen E. “Beth” Bird and her husband Joe Miller of Vail, Colo.; son Steve and his wife Debbie Bird of Fort Fairfield, Maine; granddaughters, Terri Williams, Tammy Draper, Tina Zook and her husband Dan, Cara Daniels and her husband Kenny; grandson Seth Bird; four great-grandsons, three great-granddaughters and three great-great-granddaughters. She was preceded in death by her son, Stan E. Bird.

The family suggests memorial contributions be made to South Coast Hospice, 1620 Thompson Rd., Coos Bay, OR 97420. Funeral services will be held at a later date.

Funeral arrangements provided by Myrtle Grove Funeral Service* 2645 Woodland Drive Coos Bay, OR 97420 1-800-396-3158 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 12, 2007

Marcellus A. “Matt” Legleiter 1912 - 2007

La CROSSE — Marcellus A. “Matt” Legleiter, 95, died Sept. 11 at the Rush County Nursing Home in La Crosse. Born June 21, 1912, in Liebenthal, he was the son of Christian E. and Margaret (Dinges) Legleiter. He married Irene R. Bag gall on April 24, 1934, in Liebenthal. She died Oct. 27, 1969. A resident of La Crosse since June of 2007, moving from Holmes County, where he was a resident since 1974, he worked at grain elevators in La Crosse, Solomon and Nekoma before his retirement.

Mr. Legleiter was a member of St. Mary’s Catholic Church in Holyrood and the Knights of Columbus Council No. 2100 in Olmitz.

Survivors include two sons, Cletus Legleiter and wife Rita of St. Marys, and Robert Legleiter and wife Lou An of Shawnee; three daughters, LaRue Maneth and husband Melvin Maneth of Albert, LaVonne McCarty of Mesa, Ariz., and Judy Weiser of Phoenix, Ariz.; two brothers, Joe Legleiter of Argonia and Paul Legleiter of Alamogordo, N.M.; three sisters, Rose Pfannenstiel of Hutchinson, Mary Margaret Brown of Ozawikie and Barbara McClure of Emporia; 18 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren, three stepgrandchildren and four stepgreat-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, Christian E. and Margaret (Dinges) Legleiter; his wife, Irene R. Bag gall; two brothers and two sisters.

Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at St. Michael’s Catholic Church in La Crosse with Father Rene Labador officiating. Burial will be at the La Crosse City Cemetery. Friends may visit from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday at the Janousek Funeral Home in La Crosse, with a vigil service and rosary at 7 p.m. Memorials are suggested to St. Michael’s Catholic Church or St. Michael’s Social Commission, both of La Crosse.

Funeral arrangements provided by Janousek Funeral Home* 719 Pine La Crosse, KS 67548 785-222-2517 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 12, 2007

Louis Cleveland “Cleve” Kinneer 1939 - 2007

CLAREMORE, Okla. — Cleve Kinneer passed away Sept. 7 in San Antonio, Texas. He was 68.
Cleve was born in Claremore, Okla., on Feb. 21, 1939, to Louis Kinnear and Juanta (Beck) Alexander Kinnear. A 1957 graduate of Great Bend High School, Cleve enjoyed baseball, basketball and football. His baseball team took the state championship. He graduated from Oklahoma Military Academy, received his bachelor's degree from Northeastern State University, and a master's degree from the University of Tulsa. On Aug. 15, 1959, Cleve and Carol Bryant married.

A teacher and coach, Cleve taught at Claremore, Pawhuska and Bishop Kelly high schools in Oklahoma. In 1972, Cleve took a job in school administration in Claremore. He became principal of Claremore High School in 1981 and held that position until retirement in 1999.

Cleve's love of family developed into an interest in genealogy and he traced his family's ancestry back several generations.

Family members who survive include Cleve's daughter, Dr. Lesa Kinnie Weber, and her husband Jeff, of San Antonio; his grandchildren, Alexandra and Parker Weber; his sister, Ann Lowe and her husband Tommy, of Texas; a brother, Steve Kinnie and his wife Melinda, of Virginia; a nephew, Dr. M. Allen Fry and his wife, Dr. Jennifer Brokaw of San Francisco, Calif.; a niece, Jennifer Simpson, and her husband Mike, of Tulsa; three great-nieces, Claire and Meredith Fry and Mckynlee Simpson, and great-nephews Jacob and Kade Simpson.

Cleve was preceded in death by his wife, Carol, on June 7, 2003.

Services will be at 11 a.m., Saturday at Woodlawn Cemetery, Claremore, under the direction of Rice Funeral Service. Mike Bryant and the Rev. Steve Cloud will share words of comfort.

Following the service a reception will be held at Pink House, 210 W. 4th Street, Claremore. In Cleve's honor a tree will be planted on the campus of Claremore High School. Memorial contributions in Cleve's honor may be made to Claremore Public Schools Foundation, 310 N. Weenonah, Claremore, OK 74017.

Funeral arrangements provided by Rice Funeral Service®, 631 East Will Rogers Blvd. Claremore, OK 74017 918-341-0376 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 12, 2007

Leona Schneider 1924 - 2007

OLMIZT — Leona Schneider, 83, died Sept. 11 at Clara Barton Hospital, Hutchinson. She was born Feb. 19, 1924, at Bison, the daughter of Jess B. and Martha Foos Hopkins. She married Bernard A. Schneider on Aug. 21, 1942, at Omlitz. They were divorced. She was a homemaker and she cleaned homes and businesses. She was a resident of the Olmitz area for 63 years, coming from Bison.

Survivors include a daughter, Janice Brack, and husband Alan, of Bison; four grandchildren, Jodi Romeiser and husband Duane, Scott Brack and wife Jeana, Jessica Feldhausen and husband Rusty, and Tyler Schneider; and five great-grandchildren, Spencer and Brielle Romeiser and Carely, Cailyn and Colton Brack. She was preceded in death by her son, Bernard "Bud" C. Schneider, Ph.D on Sept. 10, 2007, an infant brother, Glenn Hopkins, and recently, a brother, Jerry Hopkins.

Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Bryant Funeral Home, Great Bend, with the Rev. Arlyn Thielenhuis officiating. Interment will be at the La Crosse Cemetery, La Crosse. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday, with the family to receive friends from 7 to 8 p.m., and 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday, at the funeral home. Donations to a memorial fund for the Golden Belt Humane Society may be made 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, Sept. 12, 2007

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Lois K. Harms 1919 - 2007

Lois K. Harms, 87, of Great Bend, died Sept. 8 at Cherry Village Nursing Home in Great Bend. Born Oct. 26, 1919, at Redfield, she was the daughter of Glen E. and Minnie Iva Steele Bolinger. A resident of Great Bend since 1973, coming from Larned, she married Lester Harms on Aug. 5, 1951, in rural Albert. He died April 21, 1980.

Mrs. Harms was a member of the Trinity Lutheran Church in Great Bend and various ladies’ church organizations.

Survivors include two brothers, Ivan Bolinger and Glen Bolinger Jr., both of Olathe; and numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by a brother, Russell Bolinger.

Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at the church with the Rev. James Strasen officiating. Burial will be at the Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may visit from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Wednesday at Bryant Funeral Home. A memorial service will be at 10 a.m. at St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church on Friday, Sept. 14. Memorials are suggested to the Trinity Lutheran Church or the American Diabetes Association, in care of the funeral home.

Funeral arrangements provided by Bryant Funeral Home 1425 Patton Road Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-3525 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 11, 2007

Mildred L. Fitzgerrel 1908 - 2007

HUTCHINSON — Mildred L. Fitzgerrel, 99, died Sept. 9 at Dillon Living Center, Hutchinson. She was born Aug. 21, 1908, in Chicago, Ill., the daughter of Robert and Martha G. Endicott Moore. She married the Rev. John Fitzgerrel on Aug. 21, 1928, at Chicago. He died in 1979. She was a homemaker. She was a resident of Hutchinson for two years, coming from Lancaster, Calif., and had previously lived in Bushton.

Mrs. Fitzgerrel was a member of Bushton United Methodist Church, Bushton.

Survivors include two sons, John Fitzgerrel Jr., of Las Cruces, N.M., and the Rev. William Fitzgerrel of Larned; three daughters, the Rev. Juanita Catlin, Hutchinson, Joyce Ball of Melbourne, Fla., and Fern Emanuel of Amarillo, Texas; 12 grandchildren and many great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by five sisters.

A graveside service will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Great Bend Cemetery, with the Rev. Juanita Catlin and the Rev. William Fitzgerrel officiating. Visitation will be from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Wednesday at Bryant Funeral Home.

Funeral arrangements provided by Bryant Funeral Home 1425 Patton Road Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-3525 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 11, 2007

Edra Mae Otte 1917 - 2007

Edra Mae Otte, 90, of Great Bend, died Sept. 8 at River Bend Assisted Living, Great Bend. She was born Aug. 17, 1917, at Luray, the daughter of Daniel Ruble and Grace Walmer Brown. She married Harry Hudnall on June 17, 1934, in Russell County. She married Orval Otte on Oct. 29, 1971, at Great Bend. She was a homemaker, and a resident of Great Bend since 1969, coming from Derby.

She was a member of the First Congregational United Church of Christ, Fort Zarah EHU and Tuesday Morning Prayer Group, all of Great Bend.

Survivors include her husband, Orval Otte, of the home; two sons, Harold Hudnall and wife Velda, Great Bend, and Dr. Lynn Otte and wife Anne of Herington; six daughters, Karen Hudnall Jakub and husband Keith of Derby, Connie Hudnall Steinele of Minturn, Colo.,
Francis "Tip" Tipton 1921 - 2007

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla. — Francis "Tip" Tipton, 86, died Sept. 6 at Deaconess Hospital, Oklahoma City. He was born May 8, 1921, at Gridley, Kan., the son of Walter and Lottie (McCormick) Tipton. He married Leonora Schartz on May 28, 1946, at Ellinwood. She survives. He was a station operator for Natural Gas Pipeline Co. of America at the Great Bend/Heizer plant. He was a resident of Oklahoma City since 2000, coming from Hoisington. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II.

He was a member of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, Hoisington, and Knights of Columbus Council 2100, Olmitz.

Survivors, in addition to his wife, Leonora, of the home, include a daughter, Jackie Crabtree, of Oklahoma City; two grandchildren and one great-grandson. He was preceded in death by a son, Harry "Bud" Hudnall Jr., two brothers, two sisters, an infant sister, and an infant grandchild.

Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Bryant Funeral Home, with the Rev. Diana Coberly and Pastor Todd Hudnall officiating. Interment will be at the Lurar Cemetery in Lurar. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. today, with the family to receive friends from 7 to 8 p.m., and from 9 a.m. to service time Wednesday, all at the funeral home. Donations to a memorial fund for the First Congregational United Church of Christ may be made in care of the funeral home. Condolences may be sent and notice viewed at www.bryantfh.net.

Funeral arrangements provided by Bryant Funeral Home*
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Francis "Tip" Tipton 1921 - 2007

American Heart Association, in care of the funeral home.

Funeral arrangements provided by
Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home
415 North Main/Box 146
Hoisington, KS 67544
620-653-4165

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 9, 2007

Edra Mae Otte

Edra Mae Otte, 90, of Great Bend, died Sept. 8 at River Bend Assisted Living, Great Bend. Funeral arrangements are pending with Bryant Funeral Home, Great Bend, and will be announced.

Karen JoAnn Stone 1939 - 2007

Karen JoAnn Stone, 67, of Great Bend, died Sept. 6, 2007, in Wichita. She was born Nov. 19, 1939, at Great Bend, the daughter of William H. and Anna Meta Dirks Drehle. Karen was a supervisor for J C Penney's before her retirement Dec. 31, 2004. She was a lifetime resident of Great Bend.

She was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church, Great Bend.

Survivors include one son, Shelby Stone, Great Bend; one daughter, Karla Stone, Wichita; and one granddaughter, Gentry Anna Stone. She was preceded in death by a brother, Merle W. Drehle, and a sister, Opal A. Dieckhoff.

A graveside service will be at 1 p.m. Monday, Sept. 10, at Great Bend Cemetery North, Great Bend. Officiant will be Chaplain Paul Danner. Visitation will be from 1 to 9 p.m. today, with the family to receive friends from 7 to 8 p.m., at Bryant Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to the Gentry Anna Stone Education Fund. 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

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Leo N. Kaiser 1926 - 2007

CLAFLIN — Leo N. Kaiser, 81, of Claflin, died Sept. 7, 2007, at Central Kansas Medical Center, Great Bend. He was born March 27, 1926, at rural Beaver, the son of Joe and Mary (Meyeres) Kaiser. He married Marilyn Breford on Sept. 25, 1954, at Bushton. She survives. Leo worked for Brackeen Line Cleaning in Claflin for 50 years and was also a farmer. He was a longtime Claflin resident.

He was a member of the Holy Name Catholic Church of Bushton, and of Knights of Columbus and American Legion Post 320, both of Ellinwood. He was a U.S. Army veteran, having served with the 4th Infantry.

Survivors include his wife, Marilyn Kaiser, at the home; two daughters, Mary Pryor and her husband Bob of Great Bend, and Angie Clutter and her husband Don of Hoisington; two sons, Terry Zink and his wife Donella of McPherson and Jon Kaiser and his wife Ruth of Ellinwood; two brothers, Louis Kaiser of Colorado Springs, Colo., and Don Kaiser of Great Bend; a sister, Lucille Beck of Claflin; six grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren, four stepgrandchildren and two stepgreat-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Robert Kaiser and Richard Kaiser.

A rosary will be at 7 p.m. today at Holy Name Catholic Church, in rural Bushton. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Monday, Sept. 10, at the church, with Father Steven Scheier and Father James Roth officiating. Burial will be at Holy Name Cemetery, Bushton, with a military flag presentation by American Legion Post 320. Visitation will be from 1 to 4:30 p.m. today at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home, Hoisington, and after 6 p.m., until 8 p.m., at the church. Memorials are suggested to the Holy Name Cemetery Fund or to the Claflin Ambulance Service in care of the funeral home.

Funeral arrangements provided by
Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home*
415 North Main/Box 146
Hoisington, KS 67544
620-653-4165

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 9, 2007

Carolyn A. Sallabedra Reimer 1940 - 2007

FOWLER — Carolyn A. Sallabedra Reimer, 67, passed away after a short battle with cancer, Tuesday, Sept. 4, 2007, at the Meade District Hospital in Meade. She was born May 24, 1940, in Stafford, the daughter of Howard and Esther (Hildebrand) Hearn. As a young girl she attended the Stafford school system, graduating from Stafford High School in the Class of 1958. On June 21, 1958, she married Sonny Sallabedra in Stafford. They later divorced. On Nov. 5, 1994, she married Martin T. Reimer of Fowler, in Stafford.

Carolyn was a faithful servant of the Lord and the healthcare community for more than 40 years as a nurse's aide, respiratory therapist, and in home health care.

She was a member of the Fowler Friends Church, Fowler. Carolyn loved to spend many hours tending her garden and flower beds, cooking, spending time with her family, and taking care of others was her special gift.

She is survived by her husband, Martin T. Reimer of rural Fowler; her children,
Funeral arrangements provided by Ayres-Callbeck Mortuary* 115 E. Fourth Pratt, KS 67124 316-672-5531 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 7, 2007

Andrew "Andy" Logan Montoya 1986 - 2007

Andrew "Andy" Logan Montoya, 20, of Great Bend, died Sept. 5 at Via Christi St. Joseph Hospital in Wichita. He was born Nov. 4, 1986, at Great Bend, the son of Tom and Lorraine Bowman Montoya. A lifetime resident of Great Bend, he was a production worker for the Fuller Brush Company.

He was a member of Grace Community Church, Great Bend, and was involved in many groups as a drummer.

Survivors include his parents, Thomas and Lorraine Montoya of the home; one sister, Laura Millard and husband Paul, Great Bend; one nephew, Nathan Millard; maternal grandmother, Patricia Bowman, Manhattan; and paternal grandfather, Ken Krouter of Missouri. He was preceded in death by his maternal grandmother, Patricia Bowman, and paternal grandmother Kay Krouter.

Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Grace Community Church with Pastor Roy Savage and Pastor Bruce Boehme officiating. Interment will be in the Great Bend Cemetery North. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. today, with family to receive friends from 7 to 8 p.m., at Bryant Funeral Home. Memorials are designated to Mandi (Andy’s girlfriend), to further her college education. Memorials 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, Sept. 7, 2007

Janice Marie German 1925 - 2007

J.W. Smith 1933 - 2007

SEWARD — J.W. Smith, 74, of Seward, died Sept. 3 at the Robert J. Dole VA Medical Center in Wichita. Born June 18, 1933, in Paducah, Ky., he was the son of Willard and Marie Grimes Smith. He married Karen Wright on Feb. 10, 1975, at Brookport, Ill. She survives. A resident of Seward since 1984, coming from Paducah, Ky., he was a driver and trainer of Standard Bred horses.

Mr. Smith was a member of the United States Trotting Association, American Boer Goat Association and American Rabbit Breeders Association. He was a veteran of the Korean War, serving with the U.S. Army.

Survivors include his wife, Karen Smith of the home; three daughters, Cherilyn Lyles and Melinda Smith, both of Tamucula, Calif., and Lisa McBride of Hooker, Okla.; a brother, Denny Smith of Orlando, Fla.; two sisters, Betty Fennell and Donna Smith, both of Paducah, Ky.; six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Larry and Kenny Smith.

Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Friday at the First Presbyterian Church in Great Bend with the Rev. Hal Staats officiating. Burial will be at the Great Bend Cemetery with Military Honors. Friends may visit from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. today at Bryant Funeral Home. Condolences may be sent and notice viewed at www.bryantfh.net.

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Dorothy Milam of Grandbury, Texas, and Springs Village, Ark.; two sisters, Bend; a brother, Jack Kizer of Hot Schippert and husband Jim of Great Cargill, of the home; a daughter, Dianne WCTU, all of Great Bend.

He lived in Great Bend, Wichita, Kansas City, Oklahoma City and, most recently, Plano, Texas.

Graveside funeral services with military honors will be held Friday, Sept. 7, at 1 p.m. at Restland Cemetery, 9220 Restland Road, Dallas, Texas. Visitation will be from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Friday at Restland Funeral Home in Dallas.

Jules Kellogg of Kansas City, Mo. She received a Bronze Star.

Virginia Russell of Little Rock, Ark.; two grandchildren, David Schippert, M.D., and wife Jessica of Rochester, N.Y., and Brian Schippert of McPherson; and one great-granddaughter, Elizabeth Schippert. She was preceded in death by two brothers, Wayne and Joe Kizer, three sisters, Lucille Forbes, Reba Wilburn and Geneva Campbell, one granddaughter, Kristina Schippert.

Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Friday, Sept. 7, at Bryant Funeral Home, Great Bend, with the Rev. Hal Staats officiating. Interment will be at Great Bend Cemetery. Visitation will be from 1 to 9 p.m. today with the family receiving friends from 7 to 8 p.m., and from Friday from 9 a.m. to service time, all at Bryant Funeral Home. Memorial donations for the First Presbyterian Church or for 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.

Funeral arrangements provided by Bryant Funeral Home* 1425 Patton Road Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-3525 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 6, 2007

Survivors include her mother, Beverly S. Tauscher; two sisters, Beverly and Bonnie Buehler and Don and Jane Steinert, all of Claflin, and Vernon Pflughoeft and Rita Clements of Chase.

Graveside service will be at 5 p.m. on Friday at Claflin Cemetery. The family will gather at the Immaculate Conception Parish Center following the service.

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, Sept. 5, 2007

Shannon Irene Tauscher 1967 - 2007

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Shannon Irene Tauscher died Sept. 1 in Kansas City, Mo. Born on Nov. 1, 1967, in Winfield, she was the daughter of Daniel O. Babb and Beverly S. Leffingwell. A 1986 graduate of Great Bend High School, she received her bachelor of social work degree in 1997 and master of social work degree in 1999, both from the University of Kansas. She received her juris doctor degree in 2001 from the School of Law at the University of Kansas and was the recipient of the Walter Hiersteiner Outstanding Service Award. The recipient of this award, chosen by the faculty, is the graduating senior whose service to his or her fellow students in the School of Law, or the university community, demonstrates the greatest promise for contribution to the legal profession and to society.

In addition, while completing her bachelor and master degrees, she was recognized for her tireless efforts in her work with the Community Drop-In Center in Lawrence and her work as a homeless outreach specialist for Bert Nash Community Mental Health Center.

Survivors include her mother, Beverly S. Leffingwell of Wichita; sister and brother-in-law Stephanie Tauscher-Rank and Jeff Rank of Otley, England; brother Eric J. Tauscher of Wichita; nephew Nathaniel Rank of Otley, England; and life partner, Jules Kellogg of Kansas City, Mo. She was preceded in death by her father, Dan C. Babb; paternal grandparents John Babb and Inez Babb of Eufaula, Ala.; and maternal grandparents John Leffingwell of Moline and Doris Irene Weber of Arkansas City.

Memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Unity Temple on the Plaza, 707 W. 47th Street, Kansas City, Mo. (877-886-9748). In lieu of flowers, the family request donations be made to City Union Mission, 1100 E. 11th St., Kansas City, MO 64106, 816-474-9380 or Lawrence Open Shelter, Inc., 214 W. 10th St., Lawrence, KS 66044, 785-832-0040.
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 5, 2007*

Susie Mae Ellis 1918 - 2007

LARNED — Susie Mae Ellis, 89, died Sept. 1 at Larned Healthcare Center. Born March 9, 1918, at Chilton, Texas, she was the daughter of Henry N. and Susan A. White Lawrence. She married John Henry Ellis, Jr. on Oct. 1, 1938, in Comanche, Texas. He survives. A resident of Larned since March 2004, she was a homemaker.

Mrs. Ellis was a member of the Church of Christ in Clarksville, Ark.

Survivors include a son, David L. Ellis of Fairfield Bay, Ark.; a daughter, Reba S. Glidewell of Shreveport, La.; a brother, Duward Lawrence of Monterey, Tenn.; five grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two brothers, Bill and Claude Lawrence, and a sister, Mary Stewart.

Graveside service will be at 11 a.m. today at Brown Ranch Cemetery in Coleman, Texas, with Pastor Joe Hailey presiding. Memorials may be sent to the Larned Healthcare Center or Parkinson's Association, in care of Morell Funeral Home.

Memorial donations provided by Morell Funeral Home, P.O. Box 124, Larned, KS 67550-0124

620-285-2177

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 5, 2007

Rev. Burl Allison, Jr. 1911 - 2007

AUGUSTA — The Rev. Burl Allison, Jr., 96, longtime Augusta resident and local historian, author of “Augusta, Kansas 1868-1990,” passed from this life on Sept. 2, 2007. Visitation will be from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 7, at Headley Funeral Chapel, Augusta. Funeral service will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday at the Augusta First United Methodist Church. Interment will be at Elmwood Cemetery, Augusta.

Burl, the eldest of seven boys, was born to Burl, Sr. and Perna (Diebold) Allison on March 25, 1911, at Christy Township, Ill. The family moved to Augusta in the spring of 1922. He graduated from Augusta High School in 1929 and attended Butler County Junior College.

On Dec. 20, 1934, he married Lois Schulz at the Methodist parsonage in Augusta. To this union three children were born; Stephen, George Michael and Susan.

Burl owned and operated Allison’s Barber Shop for many years until his retirement. He took on a second career as a Methodist minister and served in the Rosalia and Potwin Methodist churches, as well as visitation pastor for the Augusta Methodist Church. He was very active in the Augusta community, serving on the city council, the school board, chamber of commerce, Augusta Arts Council, Augusta Historical Society, Augusta Housing Authority and Kansas Council on Aging.

With help from his wife, Lois, the local Meals-On-Wheels was reorganized and both were instrumental in forming the Augusta Community Caring Center.

Burl is survived by his children, Stephen Allison and wife, Sue, of Wichita, Dr. Mike Allison and wife, Sally, of Great Bend, and Susan Lytton and husband, Bob, of Augusta; eight grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Lois, his parents, his brothers, David Allison, John Hugh Allison, Cloyd Max Allison, Edgar Allison, Russell Allison and Dale Clifford Allison, and grandson, Chris Allison.

Memorials may be made to First United Methodist Church of Augusta and Augusta Community Caring Center.

Memorial arrangements provided by Headley Funeral Chapel*

813 State Street
Augusta, KS 67010
316-775-7778

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 5, 2007


OTIS — Lynette Ann Garcia, 46, died Sept. 4, 2007, at her residence in Otis. She was born July 20, 1961, in Denver, Colo., the daughter of Francisco Franco and Barbara Strecke Garcia. She was a longtime resident of Rock Springs, Wyo.

She was a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Galatia and a lifetime member of VFW Auxiliary No. 10056 in Dupois, Wyo. She was a graduate of Big Horn Basin Children’s Center in Thermopolis, Wyo.

Survivors include her mother, Barbara Merry, and stepfather, Roscoe Merry, both of Otis; two aunts, Karen Maier of Otis and Melba Haines of Ponca City, Okla.; and five cousins, John Dietz, James Dietz, Brian Maier, Tim Maier and Eric Maier. She was preceded in death by her father and her grandparents, Paul and Hemine Strecke.

Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Friday at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Galatia, with the Rev. Adam Wutka officiating. Burial will be at Fairview Cemetery, Galatia. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. today at the Chase Cemetery in Chase. Friends may visit from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. today at Bryant Funeral Home. Memorials are suggested to the Dean A. Mortimer Expense Fund. Condolences may be sent and notice viewed at www.bryantfh.net.

Memorial arrangements provided by Bryant Funeral Home*

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Great Bend, KS 67530
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Beverly Ann Kauffman 1929 - 2007

Beverly Ann Kauffman, 78, Great Bend, died Sept. 2 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. She was born July 9, 1929, at Kansas City, Mo., the daughter of Luroff Durward and Mary Jane Calfee Holdren. She married Bob Bruce Burgard Oct. 1, 1948, at Kansas City, Mo. He died Aug. 6, 1972. She married Robert Landis Kauffman Feb. 10, 1973, at Salina. He died Sept. 16, 1998. She was a homemaker and co-owner of Brann’s Warehouse Inc. in Salina and was a resident of Great Bend since 2003, moving from Salina.

Funeral arrangements provided by Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home*

415 North Main/Box 146
Hoisington, KS 67544
620-653-4165

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J.W. Smith 1933 - 2007

SEWARD — J.W. Smith, 74, died Sept. 3 at the Robert J. Dole VA Medical Center in Wichita. He was born June 18, 1933. Service arrangements are pending with Bryant Funeral Home, Great Bend, and will be announced.

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 5, 2007

Dean A. Mortimer 1954 - 2007

DIGHTON — Dean A. Mortimer, 52, died Sept. 1 at Great Bend. Born Nov. 11, 1954, at Lyons, he was the son of Forrest Allen and Eva M. Bowman Mortimer. A resident of Dighton for one year, coming from Wichita, he was a driller in the oil production industry. He married Toni Denney Counts. She survives.

Mr. Mortimer was a member of the United Methodist Church in Dighton.

Survivors include his wife, Toni Counts of Dighton; a daughter, Eva Mortimer of Topeka; his mother, Eva Mortimer of Hutchinson; two sisters, Susan Goans and husband Roy, and Mazella Woods, all of Hutchinson; and two grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his father, Forrest A. Mortimer.

Graveside service will be at 3 p.m. today at the Chase Cemetery in Chase. Friends may visit from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. today at Bryant Funeral Home. Memorials are suggested to the Dean A. Mortimer Expense Fund. Condolences may be sent and notice viewed at www.bryantfh.net.

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Forrest Allen and Eva M. Bowman Mortimer. She married Robert Landis Kauffman Feb. 10, 1948, at Kansas City, Mo., the daughter of Francisco Franco and Barbara Strecke Garcia. She was a longtime resident of Rock Springs, Wyo.

She was a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Galatia and a lifetime member of VFW Auxiliary No. 10056 in Dupois, Wyo. She was a graduate of Big Horn Basin Children’s Center in Thermopolis, Wyo.

Survivors include her mother, Barbara Merry, and stepfather, Roscoe Merry, both of Otis; two aunts, Karen Maier of Otis and Melba Haines of Ponca City, Okla.; and five cousins, John Dietz, James Dietz, Brian Maier, Tim Maier and Eric Maier. She was preceded in death by her father and her grandparents, Paul and Hemine Strecke.

Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Friday at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Galatia, with the Rev. Adam Wutka officiating. Burial will be at Fairview Cemetery, Galatia. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday, with the family receiving friends from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington; and Friday from 12:30 until 2 p.m. at the church. Memorial donations are suggested to St. Paul Lutheran Church, in care of the funeral home.

Funeral arrangements provided by Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home* 

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Mrs. Kauffman was a member of Community Christian Church of Great Bend. She was a volunteer at St. John’s Hospital and former member of St. John’s Lutheran Church, both of Salina.

Survivors include: One son, Barry Bruce Burgard and wife Ruth of Goddard; two daughters, Barbara Jo Holzman of Wichita and Brenda Ann Barger and husband Steven of Great Bend; one stepson, Robert Larry Kauffman of Panama City Beach, Fla.; one stepdaughter, Sharon DeBriere and husband Terry of Alva, Fla.; one sister, Patricia Ham of Littleton, Colo.; 17 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a toddler son, Brently J. Burgard.

Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. today at the Community Christian Church with the Rev. Jack Sweany officiating. Graveside service will be at 2:30 p.m. today at Roselawn Cemetery in Salina. Visitation was Monday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Memorials are suggested to Golden Belt Home Health and Hospice. Condolences may be sent and notice viewed at www.bryantfh.net.

Funeral arrangements provided by Bryant Funeral Home* 1425 Patton Rd. Great Bend, Kan. 620-793-3525 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 4, 2007


HEIZER – Anthony W. “Tony” Bailey, 52, Heizer, died Sept. 1 at Via Christi St. Francis Regional Medical Center in Wichita. He was born Feb. 3, 1955, at Great Bend, the son of Arthur L. “Jack” and Katherine J. Hudran Bailey. He was an oilfield worker, working for Mallard Drilling, and was a lifetime Barton County resident.

Bailey was a member of Prince of Peace Parish at St. Rose in Great Bend.

Survivors include: His mother of the home; four brothers, Lawrence Michael Bailey and wife Toni of Fort Collins, Colo., Rodney Raymond Bailey and wife Martha of Simpsonville, S.C., Donald Lee Bailey and wife Jackie of Giddings, Texas, and Kevin James Bailey and wife Shelly of Shawnee; three sisters; Marilyn Ann Petty and husband Steve of Great Bend, Alice Marie Neidhart and husband Paul of Naperville, Ill., and Dianna Kay Allison and husband Gregory of Great Bend; five nephews; and three nieces. He was preceded in death by his father, one nephew and one great-nephew.

Funeral will be at 11 a.m. today at Morell Funeral Home in Larned with the Rev. Dick Ogle officiating. Burial will be at Larned Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. until service time today at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the Mary Sue Sharp Memorial Fund in care of the funeral home.

Funeral arrangements provided by Morell Funeral Home P.O. Box 124 Larned, Kan. 620-285-2177 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 4, 2007

September 2, 2007

Mary S. Sharp 1944 - 2007

Mary S. Sharp, 63, Great Bend, died Sept. 1. Arrangements are pending with Morell Funeral Home in Larned.

Robert D. Barrow 1930 - 2007

Robert D. Barrow, 77, long-time resident of rural Great Bend, died Aug. 31 at Woodhaven Care Center in Ellinwood. Born Jan. 13, 1930 at Great Bend, he was the son of Elmer L. and Florence Johnson Barrow. He married Romain M. Hullman on June 12, 1955, at Hudson. She died Sept. 27, 2000. He was a farmer and carpenter.

Mr. Barrow was an active member of Immanuel United Church of Christ in Ellinwood. He was a paratrooper in the U.S. Army.

Survivors include three sons, Ron L. Barrow and wife, Karen, and Terry D. Barrow, all of Great Bend and Tom A. Barrow of York, Pa.; a brother, Donley “Jack” Barrow of Ellinwood; and a sister, Shirley Barrow of Lake Ozark, Mo.; five grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and special friend, DeSales Feist of Ellinwood.

Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday at Immanuel United Church of Christ in Ellinwood, with the Rev. Larry Young officiating. Burial will be in Lakin-Comanche District Cemetery in Ellinwood. Friends may call from 3 to 8 p.m. on Monday at Kimple Funeral Home, Inc. Memorials are suggested to the church or the American Cancer Society.

Funeral arrangements provided by Kimple Funeral Home, Inc.* 113 N. Main Ellinwood, KS 67526 620-564-2300 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 2, 2007

Jerry D. Hopkins 1937 - 2007

LARNED - Jerry D. Hopkins, 69, died Aug. 29 at Hays Medical Center. Born Dec. 13, 1937, in Otis, he was the son of A.K. and Emma (Schneider) Hopkins. An 18-year resident of Pawnee County, moving from McPherson, where he lived for 11 years, he was a truck driver for Hunt Transportation of Omaha, Neb., where he received the Two Million Mile Award. He married Elizabeth “Betty” Skinner on June 6, 1960, in Great Bend. She died March 13, 1989.

Survivors include three sons, Bruce Hopkins of McPherson, Brian Hopkins of Wichita and Gerald Hopkins of Larned; a brother, Maurice Hopkins of Larned; nine grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. on Tuesday at Janousek Funeral Home Chapel in La Crosse with the Rev. Linda Bolz officiating. Burial will be at the La Crosse City Cemetery. Friends may visit from 1 to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home with the family receiving friends from 6 to 7 p.m. Memorials are suggested to Hays Medical Center, Hays.

Funeral arrangements provided by Janousek Funeral Home 719 Pine LaCrosse, KS 67548 785-222-2517 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 2, 2007
**Helen Mary Huslig 1916 - 2007**

Helen Mary Huslig, 90, died Oct. 27 at Hope Hospice House in Bonita Springs, Fla. Born Nov. 30, 1916, in Great Bend, she was the daughter of Obed and Eula Toadvine. She married Carl Moller on Aug. 29, 1936, at Scott City. He died Feb. 11, 1993. They opened the Hoisington Dairy Queen in 1953 and she later retired from the Barton County Register of Deeds Office in Great Bend. She was a resident of Hoisington from 1953 to 2002, moving to Florida to be closer to her children.

Survivors include a son, Bob Moller of Naples, Fla.; a step-son, Joe Moller and wife Dotti of Ardenvoir, Wash.; a daughter, Betty Reese and husband Bill of Bonita Springs, Fla.; a sister, Vada Whitehill of Latham; four grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a brother; two sisters; and a step-son, Duane Moller.

Cremation has taken place. A memorial service will be held at a later date in Hoisington. Memorials are suggested to Hope Hospice JoAnn’s House, Bonita Springs, Fla. In care of Nicholson Ricke Funeral Home.

**Funeral arrangements provided by Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home**

1425 Patton Road
Great Bend, KS. 67530
620-793-3525
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 31, 2007

**Helen A. Bird 1923 - 2007**

A memorial service will be held for Helen A. Bird, 84, of Coquille, Ore., at 2 p.m. Monday at the South Coast Hospice Bereavement Center, 1610 Thompson Rd. in Coos Bay, Oregon.

Helen was born March 9, 1923, in Great Bend, to Charles S. and Dora Roberson Dorfshaffer. She died Sept. 4, 2007, in Coquille, Oregon.

Helen was born and raised a farm girl in central Kansas. In high school she fell in love with another farm kid, Lee Bird. He joined the Army Air Corps and her farm boy became a fly boy, later piloting B17’s in the Pacific. They were married in the base chapel on Randolph Field, Texas on December 14, 1941, one week after the bombing of Pearl Harbor. Because of the war and Lee’s continuing military service, their four children were all born in different states, Kansas, Nebraska, Alaska, and Texas.

After leaving the military, they tried the farm life in Kansas again, but it just wasn’t the same. They had, over the years, developed a sense of adventure and a touch of wanderlust. After many moves, including Colorado, California, and more years in Alaska and Texas, they finally came to Oregon and lived in Coquille for the last six years.

Helen had a voracious mind and was interested in genealogy, history and just about every other subject under the sun. She had a magic touch with plants, was a talented watercolor artist and an excellent cook. But her main gift was love. She was the heart of her family and taught everyone, by her example about love, care and respect for others. She was the best wife, mother, grandmother and friend anyone could ask for and we all felt treasured in her warmth.

Helen is survived by her husband, Lee E. Bird of Coquille, Ore.; daughter and son-in-law, Sue and Barry Johnson of Coos Bay, Ore.; daughter and son-in-law, Helen E. "Beth" Bird and Joe Miller of Vail, Colo.; son and daughter-in-law, Steve and Debbie Bird of Ft. Fairfield Maine; granddaughters, Terri Williams, Tammy Draper, Tina Zook and her husband Dan, Cara Daniels and her husband Kenny; grandson Seth Bird; four great-grandsons, three great-granddaughters and three great-great-granddaughters.

She was preceded in death by her son, Stan E. Bird.

The family suggests memorial contributions be made to South Coast Hospice, 1620 Thompson Rd., Coos Bay, OR 97420.

**Funeral arrangements provided by Myrtle Grove Funeral Service**

2645 Woodland Dr.
Coos Bay, OR 97420
(800) 396-3158
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 31, 2007

**Wayne Barger 1936 - 2007**

PORT ST. LUCIE, Fla. – Wayne Barger, 71, passed away Oct. 28 at his residence in Port St. Lucie, Fla.

He was born April 28, 1936, in Barton County, Kansas, and had been a resident of Port St. Lucie for the past 20 years, coming from Great Bend.

Prior to retirement he was owner and operator of Barger Electric in Great Bend and in Port St. Lucie. He was a veteran of World War II, serving with the U.S. Army.

Barger was a member of Central Kansas Builder's Association and a member of Great Bend Electrical Board. He was a member of Redeemer Lutheran Church in Stuart, Fla. where he was a soloist and member of the church choir. He served as an elder at the church as well.

Survivors include his wife of 49 1/2 years, Kathleen Z. Barger of Port St. Lucie; one son, Jan William Barger of Palm City, Fla.; three daughters, Shanda Azzi of Stuart, Fla., Sonya Ivy of Oklahoma City, Okla., and Lori Barger of Jensen Beach, Fla.; 10 grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren; and four sisters, Iona Ramsey of Pensacola, Fla., Leila Harders of Benton, Alene Clarke of Great Bend and Shirley Likes of Mechanicsburg, Pa.

Visitation will be from 4 to 7 p.m. Friday at Yates funeral Home Chapel in Port St. Lucie. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Redeemer Lutheran Church in Stuart, with Pastor David Albers officiating. Interment will be in Forest Hills Memorial Park, Palm City, Fla. Those who wish may make contributions to Redeemer Lutheran Church.
Church Music Department, 2450 East Ocean Blvd, Stuart, FL, or to Pancreatic Cancer Action Network, 2141 Rosecrans Avenue, Suite 7000, El Segundo, CA 90291 at www.pancan.org.

Funeral arrangements provided by Yates Funeral Home* 7951 South US 1 Port Saint Lucie, Florida 34952 (772) 878-2300

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 31, 2007

October 30, 2007
Nina I. Alsup 1926 - 2007

ELLINWOOD — Nina I. Alsup, 81, died Oct. 27 at Ellinwood District Hospital. Born Sept. 27, 1926, in Osawatomie, she was the daughter of Peter Yocum and Ada MacKenzie. A resident of Ellinwood for the past 37 years, formerly of Neodesha and Osawatomie, she was a retired food service worker for Woodhaven Care Center in Ellinwood. She married John A. Alsup on Dec. 24, 1953, at Osawatomie. He died on Oct. 16, 2000.

Mrs. Alsup was a member of the United Methodist Church and Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary, both in Ellinwood.

Survivors include two sons, William M. and wife Rashell Alsup of Ellinwood and Jeff A. and Barbara J. Carter, all of Great Bend; two daughters, Susan G. and Jim Anderson and Barbara J. Carter, all of Great Bend; two nieces; two nephews; his wife's grandmother; aunts; uncles; cousins; and friends. He was preceded in death by his sister, Mary Jane; his brother, Curtis; an uncle; and his grandparents.

Graveside service will be at 1:30 p.m. Thursday at Lakin–Comanche County Cemetery with the Rev. Vernon Mealer officiating. Friends may call from 1 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, with the family receiving friends from 5 to 7 p.m., and from 9 a.m. to noon Thursday. Memorials are suggested to the United Methodist Women and the VFW Auxiliary.

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

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 30, 2007

Helen Mary Huslig 1916 - 2007

Helen Mary Huslig of Great Bend died Oct. 27 at Pioneer Ridge in Lawrence. Service arrangements are pending with Bryant Funeral Home and will be announced.

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 30, 2007

October 28, 2007
Michael Hans Frydendall

WICHITA — Michael Hans Frydendall, 57, former Ellinwood resident, died Oct. 26 at St. Francis Hospital in Wichita. Arrangements will be announced by Kimple Funeral Home in Ellinwood.

Mark D. Webb 1957 - 2007

CARL JUNCTION, Mo. — Mark D. Webb, 49, of Carl Junction, passed away Oct. 26 at his home, following a battle with cancer. Mark was born Dec. 26, 1957, in Wagoner, Okla., the son of Harold Webb and Selma Flippin Webb. He graduated from Hoisington High School in Hoisington before moving and living the last 10 years in the Carl Junction area. Mark had worked as the plant manager for Clean The Uniform Company, in Webb City, Mo. He was also a member of Briarbrook Country Club and loved the outdoors, especially raising his cows.

Mark was dedicated to his family and his love and kindness will be greatly missed.

Mark married Marcia Bahr on July 5, 1980, in Hoisington. She survives. He is also survived by his daughter, Dacon Webb, of Springfield, Mo.; his mother, Selma Webb, of Hoisington; three brothers, Alan Webb and his wife Julie, of St. John, Mo., Phillip Webb and his wife Celia, of Hoisington, and John Webb and his wife Courtney, of Noble, Okla.; one sister, Martha Jones and her husband Mike, of Wichita; many nieces and nephews and a host of friends. Mark was preceded in death by his father, Harold Webb, and one brother, Paul Webb.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at the Mason-Woodard Chapel with the Rev. Bill Cowell, officiating. Interment will be in Ozark Memorial Park Cemetery. Pallbearers will be Gerald Ball, John Ekstromer, Larry Hardy, Steve McKenzie, David Mertens, Jerry Scheppmam, Ray Schmidt, Brandon Stidham and Rick Williams. The family will receive friends from 4 to 5 p.m. today at the Mason-Woodard Chapel. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are requested to the Dacon Webb Educational Fund in care of the mortuary.

Funeral arrangements provided by Mason-Woodard Mortuary* 3701 E. 7th Street Joplin, MO 64801 417-781-1711

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 28, 2007

October 26, 2007
No deaths reported

October 25, 2007

Rosie D. Hejny 1927 - 2007

Rosie D. Hejny, 80, of Great Bend, died Oct. 23 at Central Kansas Medical Center, Great Bend. Born May 2, 1927, in Barton County, she was the daughter of N.J. and Mary Horyna Gleissner. She married Lloyd Henry Hejny on Oct. 10, 1946, at Hoisington. He died Oct. 30, 2002. She was a homemaker and a lifetime resident of Barton County.

Mrs. Hejny was a member of First United Methodist Church, Great Bend.

Survivors include a son, Larry Hejny, and wife Billie of Great Bend; a daughter, Janis Link of Great Bend; a sister, Irene Holopirek of Timken; four grandchildren, Michael Link and wife Kristi of Newton, Steven Link of Hutchinson, Ginger Howard and husband Michael of San Diego, Calif., and Jenna Hejny of Olathe; and two great-grandchildren, Allison and Emma Link. She was preceded in death by a sister, Lillian Durban, and a son-in-law, Mark Link.

Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Friday at First United Methodist Church, Great
Bend, with the Rev. Gary Brooks officiating. Interment will be in Great Bend Cemetery. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. today at Bryant Funeral Home, Great Bend. Donations to a memorial fund for the church may be made 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, Oct. 25, 2007

Cecilia Huschka 1917 - 2007

ELLINWOOD — Cecilia Huschka, 90, died Oct. 23 at Central Kansas Medical Center, Great Bend. She was born May 9, 1917, in Odin, the daughter of Peter Debes and Catherine Herrman Debes. She married William B. Huschka Oct. 14, 1947, at Odin. He died Oct. 11, 2004. A lifetime Barton County resident, she did custodial work at the Ellinwood Post Office and at Woodhaven Care Center.

Mrs. Huschka was a member of St. Joseph’s Catholic Church and Altar Society.

Survivors include a son, Paul Huschka, of Ellinwood; and two daughters, Dolores Boyle of Tulsa, Okla., and Janet Hanson of Salina; and one grandson. She was preceded in death by three brothers, John, Joe and Frankie, and five sisters, Matilde Debes, Agnes Wondra, Nora Martin, Irma Debes and Regina Kaiser.

An altar society rosary will be at 3 p.m. today and a vigil service at 7:30 p.m. today, both at Kimple Funeral Home in Ellinwood. Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at St. Joseph’s Catholic Church, Ellinwood, with Father Charles Mazouch officiating. Burial will be at Lakin-Comanche District Cemetery, Ellinwood. Visitation will be from 1 to 8 p.m. today at Kimple Funeral Chapel. Donations to memorial funds for the Sts. Peter and Paul Restoration Fund or the St. Joseph’s School Legacy Fund may be made in care of the funeral home.

Funeral arrangements provided by Kimple Funeral Home 113 North Main Ellinwood, KS 67554 620-564-2300 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 25, 2007

Fred L. Erb 1921 - 2007

NESS CITY — Fred L. Erb, 86, died Oct. 24 at the Ness County Long Term Care, Ness City. Born Aug. 1, 1921, in rural Bazine, he was the son of Fred A. and Elizabeth Gross Erb. On May 2, 1948, he married Norma Brack in Bazine. She survives. He was a well-known automotive mechanic. A lifetime resident of Ness County, he had lived in Ness City since 1969. He loved to play golf and cards.

Survivors, besides his wife, include four sons, Fred A. Erb and wife Mary of Longmont, Colo., Eugene A. Erb and wife Barbara of Ness City, Donald D. Erb and wife Diane of Great Bend and Steve D. Erb of Hays; one daughter, Vickie S. Hicks and husband Doug of Hays; two brothers, Earl Erb of Ness City and Richard Erb of Marshfield, Mo.; nine sisters, Marge Schaben, Evelyn Pitzer and Jeannee Posey, all of Hutchinson, Grace Risley of Dodge City, Lonna Cherry of Hoisington, Geraldine Floyd and Jeannie Hamilton, both of Marshfield, Mo., Shirley Erb of Mesa, Ariz., and Norma Janssen of San Diego, Calif.; 13 grandchildren, five step-grandchildren and 24 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by three brothers, Elmer, Pearl and Leo Erb.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. today at the United Methodist Church, Ness City, with the Rev. Darlene Nonhof presiding. Burial will be in the Ness City Cemetery. Visitation will be from 1 to 9 p.m. today and 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday at Fitzgerald Funeral Home in Ness City. The family will be present to receive friends from 7 to 8 p.m. Friday. Memorial contributions may be made to the United Methodist Church or Ness County Long Term Care, both of Ness City, or to the American Alzheimer’s Association.

Funeral arrangements provided by Fitzgerald Funeral Home* 207 North Pennsylvania Ness City, KS 67560 785-798-3243 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 25, 2007

October 24, 2007

Victor A. McAtee 1925 - 2007

LYONS — Victor A. McAtee, 82, died Oct. 22 at Good Samaritan Center in Lyons. Born Oct. 18, 1925 in rural Lyons, he was the son of Cleo and Irene Chase McAtee. He was a partner in the Claflin Bowling Alley. He sold school buses and owned a charter bus service. In 1983, he and his wife moved to Lyons where he helped with funerals at the Sillin Mortuary for many years; serving on the board helping to establish a Community Scholarship Fund at Bushton; was a Silver-Haired Legislator for several years for Cheyenne County in St. Francis.

Survivors include his wife, Loma, of the home; three sons, Terry and wife Jean of Great Bend, Farrell and wife Becky of St. Francis, and Randy and wife Kathy of Yukon, Okla.; nine grandsons, Travis and wife Carol, Trent and wife Jenny, Ryan, Justin, Brock and his wife Danielle, Joel, Aren, Jarad, Neal and wife Janette; a granddaughter, Jena Berschauer and husband Eric; five great-grandsons, Reed and Gage McAtee, Chance and Cason Berschauer, and Grant McAtee; and one great-granddaughter, Keyton McAtee. He was preceded in death by a brother, Harvey McAtee and wife Rita and his parents. He truly loved everyone in his family and they all loved him as well. He also leaves a host of good friends and neighbors.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. on Friday at First Baptist Church in Lyons with Rev. Gary Karas officiating. Burial will be at the Lyons Municipal Cemetery with military honors by the United States Marine Corp. Friends may visit from 9 to 11 a.m. and 1 to 7 p.m. Thursday at Birzer-Sillin Funeral Home in Lyons with family present on both evenings. Memorials are suggested to the Claflin Community Scholarship Fund or the Bushton Community Scholarship Fund, in care of the funeral home.

Funeral arrangements provided by Birzer-Sillin Funeral Home* 214 West Ave. South Lyons, KS 67554 620-257-2211 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 24, 2007

Cecilia Huschka

ELLINWOOD — Cecilia Huschka, 90, died Oct. 23 at Central Kansas Medical Center, Great Bend. Survivors and arrangements will be announced by Kimple Funeral Home in Ellinwood.

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 24, 2007

William O. Beck 1915 - 2007

Lou Broils 1919 - 2007
Lou Broils, 88, of Great Bend, died Oct. 23 at Central Kansas Medical Center, Great Bend. She was born Sept. 8, 1919 at Great Bend, the daughter of William and Allie Lewis Franklin. She married John W. Broils Jr. on Jan. 15, 1938 at Great Bend. He died Oct. 21, 2004. A Great Bend resident since 1942, coming from Russell, she was a homemaker.

Mrs. Broils was a member of Myers Chapel AME Church, Great Bend, Stewardess Board, Missionary Board and the choir.

Survivors include two sons, Marion Allen Broils and wife Wanda, Lee’s Summit, Mo., and William Eugene Broils and wife Joyce, Topeka; a daughter-in-law, Billie Broils, Larned; 14 grandchildren, and 21 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a son, Richard Herman Broils; two brothers Alfred Franklin and Leonard Franklin; and a sister, Alberta Webb.

Funeral service will be 11 a.m., Saturday at Bryant Funeral Home, Great Bend, with the Rev. Loyse Clay officiating. Visitation will be from noon to 9 p.m. Friday with the family receiving friends from 6 to 7 p.m., at the funeral home. Interment will be at Great Bend Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to Myers Chapel AME Church 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 Rd.
Great Bend, KS 67530
620-793-3525
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 23, 2007

HOLYROOD — Stephen "Steve" Montoya, 46, died Oct. 20 at his residence in Holyrood. Born June 7, 1961, in Wichita, he was the son of Aaron Christopher and Kay Saundra "Einsworth" Montoya. He graduated from Quivira Heights High School and attended Barton County Community College. He was married to Verna Krier. He married Cheryl Gabbard on March 25, 1986, in Great Bend. She survives. He worked as a lineman for 17 years and for two years as a supervisor at Superior Essex in Hoxingston, previously working in the oilfields as a roughneck. He enjoyed his computer and fishing.

Survivors include his wife, Cheryl Montoya of Holyrood; two sons, Kenny Montoya and Brian Montoya, both of Holyrood; four daughters, Melissa Trout of Ellsworth, and Christy Hopkins, Candi McNeal and Jessica Montoya, all of Holyrood; a stepfather, Ken Krauter of Carthage, Mo.; four brothers, Tom Montoya of Great Bend, Chris Montoya and Paul Montoya, both of Holyrood, and Mike Montoya of Salina; three sisters, Karen Gieselman of Holyrood, Sue Julian of Woodward, Okla., and Teresa Parsons of Euless, Texas; six grandchildren; eight step-grandchildren; and 14 nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and a nephew, Andy Montoya.

Graveside service will be at noon today at the Abbyville Cemetery in Abbyville with Pastor Debby Rains officiating. Memorials are suggested to Hospice of Salina in care of the funeral home.

Funeral arrangements provided by
Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home*
415 N. Main
P.O. Box 146
Hoslington, KS 67544
620-653-4165
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 23, 2007

Rebecca Jane Tribble 1986 - 2007
RUSSELL — Rebecca Jane Tribble, 21, of Manhattan, and formerly of Russell, died Sunday, Oct. 21, from an automobile accident near Russell. Rebecca was born Oct. 12, 1986, in Wichita, the daughter of Ronnie D. and Karen Ann (Schulte) Tribble. Growing up, Rebecca and her family lived in Valley Center, then La Crosse, and in 1996 her family moved to Russell. She graduated from Russell High School in 2005. She was very active in high school with sports, National Honor Society, Letterman’s Club, school plays and musicals.

RUSSELL — Rebecca Jane Tribble, 21, of Manhattan, and formerly of Russell, died Sunday, Oct. 21, from an automobile accident near Russell. Rebecca was born Oct. 12, 1986, in Wichita, the daughter of Ronnie D. and Karen Ann (Schulte) Tribble. Growing up, Rebecca and her family lived in Valley Center, then La Crosse, and in 1996 her family moved to Russell. She graduated from Russell High School in 2005. She was very active in high school with sports, National Honor Society, Letterman’s Club, school plays and musicals.

Survivors include her wife, Mary E. "Beth" Hill at Larned. She died Nov. 12, 2003. A longtime resident of Larned, he was a retired linotype operator for the Tiller and Toiler newspaper.

Mr. Beck belonged to the First Presbyterian Church and Veterans of Foreign Wars, both of Larned, and American Legion, Garfield. He served as a captain in the U.S. Army during World War II.

Survivors include two daughters, Carol Champion, Colorado Springs, Colo. and Linda Wyman-Mead, Larned; a stepson, Tony Hill, Holcomb; a stepdaughter, Linda Wyman, Mead; three grandchildren, Tamara Sue Champion, Jennifer Wyman and Vern Champion; six step-grandchildren, Troy Mead, Jason Mead, Rachelle Shoemake, Brian Hill, Brandon Hill and Brant Harms; and 13 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two sisters, Thelma Beck and Lois Barricklow, and two step-sisters, Ione Duffy and Helen Douglas.

Funeral service will be at 1:30 p.m. Friday at Morell Funeral Home, Larned, with Pastor Dennis Scheibmeir presiding. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday, and from 9 a.m. until service time Friday at the funeral home. Burial will be in the Larned Cemetery. Memorials may be sent to First Presbyterian 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, Oct. 24, 2007
Rebecca was attending her third year at Kansas State University, where her major was business and marketing. She was the social chairman of the Alpha Kappa Psi Business Fraternity.

Rebecca was a member of St. Mary’s Catholic Church of Russell and the St. Isadore Catholic Church in Manhattan. She was an active person who was always on the go. She loved sports, camping and spending time with family and friends. She was a true K-State fan.

Her surviving family includes her parents, Ronnie and Karen Tibble of Russell; one brother, Benjamin Ralph Tibble of Manhattan; two sisters, Sarah Marie Tibble of Russell and Rachel Lea Tibble of Kansas City, Kan.; maternal grandparents, Ralph and Helen Schulte of Russell; several aunts and uncles; and special friend, Tyson Dinges of Manhattan. She was preceded in death by her paternal grandparents, Ralph A. and Gladys M. Tibble.

Celebration of the Funeral Mass is scheduled for 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at St. Mary, Queen of Angels Catholic Church of Russell. Interment will follow at St. Mary’s Catholic Cemetery. The vigil will be held at 7:30 p.m. today, at St. Mary’s Queen of Angels Catholic Church. Visitation will be from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. today at Pohlman-Varner-Peeler Mortuary of Russell. Memorials have been established with St. Mary’s Catholic Church or the Russell High School Athletic Department. Contribution and condolences may be left with Pohlman-Varner-Peeler Mortuary or on their Web site, pvmortuary.com.


Bill P. Drewmond 1919 - 2007

Bill P. Drewmond, 88, of Great Bend, died Oct. 22 at Great Bend Health and Rehabilitation Center. He was born Feb. 15, 1919, at Hoisington, the son of Edward Randolph Ashe and Lillie Mathilda Niedens. He received his education in Great Bend. He was an oil-field laborer. Cremation has taken place. Memorials may be made to the Family of Mr. Drewmond.

Funeral arrangements provided by Charter Funerals 2115 Washington Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-6161 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 23, 2007

Leona Rose 1919 - 2007

MACKSVILLE — Leona Rose, 88, died Oct. 20 at Windsor Estates Nursing Home in Salina. Born Aug. 14, 1919 in Hudson, she was the daughter of August and Emma (Derking) Mettscher. She married William Russell Rose on Sept. 7, 1941 in North Platte, Neb. He died in 1979. She was a homemaker and past supervisor at Parkview Manor Nursing Home in Macksville.

Mrs. Rose was a former member of the Macksville Christian Church and the Rebekah’s Lodge in St. John.

Survivors include two daughters, Kay Parks and husband Lyle and Dee Satterlee and husband Don all of Salina; seven grandchildren; and one great grandchild. She was preceded in death by both parents; her husband; two brothers, Albert and Virgil Mettscher; and four sisters, Amelia McElhaney, Elizabeth Pottorf, Bertha Hodgkinson, and Edna Rice.

Graveside service will be at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday at Fairview Park Cemetery in St. John with Tom Hudson presiding. Visitation will be from 1 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the Windsor Estates Nursing Home in care of the funeral home.

Funeral arrangements provided by Minnis Chapel, Inc.* Box 34 St. John, KS. 67576 620-786-9440 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 23, 2007

Patricia "Pat" Marie Minks 1935 - 2007

ST. JOHN — Patricia "Pat" Marie Minks, 72, died Oct. 21 at her home in St. John. She was born March 17, 1935, in Utica, the daughter of Bernard and Lavilla (Donovan) Sculley. She married Leslie R. Minks at Dighton on Nov. 6, 1954. He survives, of the home. She was a retired deputy clerk of the Stafford County District Court. She was a 1953 graduate of Beeler High School and a graduate of Brown-Mackie College in Salina in 1954. She was a resident of St. John since 1971, coming from Shields.

Mrs. Minks was a member of the First United Methodist Church, UMW, EHU, Shepherd’s Center volunteer, and 4-H leader, all of St. John, and a member of the VFW Auxiliary of Great Bend.

Survivors, besides her husband, include a son, Galen Minks, Wichita; two daughters, Dianna Sterling of Norman, Okla., and Susan Garcia of Hutchinson; two sisters, Jean Stewart of Hutchinson and Joyce Stegman of Klamath Falls, Ore.; four grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, three stepgrandchildren and three stepgreat-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents and three brothers, Eddie, Bob and Ken Sculley.

Funeral service will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at the First United Methodist Church, St. John, with Pastors Robbie Fall and Jim Lakey presiding. Interment will be in the Fairview Park Cemetery at St. John. Visitation will be from 1 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Minnis Chapel, St. John. Memorials may be made to the Methodist Church or Shepherd’s Center in care of the funeral home.

Funeral arrangements provided by Minnis Chapel Box 34 St. John, KS 67576 620-786-9440 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 23, 2007

Virginia Wilson 1918 - 2007

Virginia Wilson, 89, of Great Bend, died Oct. 21 at her daughter’s home. She was born Aug. 16, 1918, at Ness City, the daughter of Fredrick Jacob and Marian Ruth Curtis Shauers. She married Stanley Sculley Sept. 20, 1936, at Alva, Okla. He died Dec. 2, 1945. She married Edwin A. Wilson July 28, 1956, at Hoisington. He died Dec. 5, 1979. Mrs. Wilson was a group chief operator for Southwestern Bell. She was a resident of Great Bend since 1939, coming from Ness City.

She was a member of the First Congregational United Church of Christ and the Telephone Pioneers of America.

Survivors include three daughters, Glenda Lira of Wellington, and Rhonda Settle and husband Harold, and Tami Reeves and husband Billy, all of Great Bend; a brother, Charles Shauers, Ness City; 10 grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren and 12 great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one son, John Fredrick Sculley; a grandson, Kenneth Lira; five brothers, Tom Shauers, Robert Shauers, Mike Shauers, Delbert “Duge” Shauers and Lee Shauers; and two sisters, Jeanne Miller and Vada Reinert.

Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Bryant Funeral Home, Great Bend, with Pastor Dave Wesner officiating. Interment will be at Great Bend Cemetery. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Wednesday with the family to receive friends from 6 to 7 p.m., and 9 a.m. to service time Thursday, all at the funeral home. Donations to a memorial fund for the Heartland Cancer Center may be made 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, Oct. 23, 2007

Irus Sauder 1915 - 2007

Irus Sauder, 92, of Great Bend, died Oct. 21 at Central Kansas Medical Center,
Amos Ellery Bayer 1936 - 2007

Raymond - Amos Ellery Bayer, 71, died Oct. 19 at Hutchinson Hospital in Hutchinson. He was born March 8, 1936, in Great Bend. He was the son of Will John and Grace Elizabeth Hoover Sauder. He married Loretta Martin on April 10, 1952, at Elko, Nev. She survives. Amos graduated from Dawson High School in Dawson, Neb., in 1934 and enjoyed many reunions with classmates including their 60th. He served as a member of Community Christian Church in Great Bend. He was an avid fisherman and traveler. He enjoyed playing pinochle and offering tips to his granddaughters for their 4-H show pigs.

Survivors include his wife, Loretta Sauder, of the home; a son, Art Sauder and wife Connie of Great Bend; two daughters, Becky Sauder and Beth Mason, both of Carlsbad, Texas; and three grandchildren, Jana Keeley and husband Matt of Topeka, and Gentry Sauder and Makenzie Sauder, both of Great Bend. He was preceded in death by a sister, Loree Curtis, and a son-in-law, Dennis Mason.

Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Bryant Funeral Home, Great Bend, with Pastor Jack Sweany officiating. Interment will take place at the Elko (Nev.) Cemetery at a later date. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. today, at Bryant Funeral Home. Donations to the Jose Luis Rincon, Jr. Memorial 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

Darrel H. Moore 1922 - 2007

Darrel H. Moore, 85, of Great Bend, died Oct. 20 at Great Bend Health & Rehabilitation Center. Born March 24, 1922, at Otis, he was the son of Daniel and Lena Brack Moore.

He married Dorothy Brannan Reinhardt on March 25, 1951, at Manhattan. She died March 3, 1990. He married Elizabeth Ewing on July 11, 1992, at Great Bend. Mr. Moore was a city engineer for the City of Great Bend, staking engineer for Midwest Energy, and was involved in farming.

He was a lifetime resident of Barton and Rush counties. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army, serving in the China Burma India Theater as an Army Engineer.

Moore was a member of First United Methodist Church, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Morris-McFadden Post 311, American Legion Argonne Post 180 and the Rotary Club, all of Great Bend; and was a former 4-H leader, and youth and adult Sunday School teacher.

Survivors include his wife, Elizabeth Moore, of the home; three sons, Kent Reinhardt, Otis, Lynn Moore, Newton, and Thane Moore, Lexington, Neb.; stepson Doug Ewing, Ellinwood; daughter Susan Tammen, Timken; two stepdaughters, Terri Kohls, Great Bend, and Sandy Parret, Larned; 22 grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one stepson, Gary Ewing, and one son-in-law, Bob Tammen.

Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Gary Brooks officiating. Interment will be at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday at Otis Methodist Cemetery in Otis. Friends may visit from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday, with the family present from 7 to 8 p.m., at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Memorials are suggested to the First United Methodist Church, 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

Gabina Alvarado 1954 - 2007

Gabina Alvarado, 52, of Great Bend, died Oct. 18 at Via Christi St. Francis Regional Medical Center in Wichita. She was born Oct. 25, 1954, at Primo de Verdad, Durango, Mexico, the daughter of Guillermo and Maria de la luz Villa Tamayo. She married Tomas Alvarado in San Juan, Durango, Mexico. A resident of Great Bend since 2002, coming from Odessa, Texas, she was a homemaker.

Mrs. Alvarado was a member of Assemblea Apostolica De la Fe Baptist Church.

Survivors include her husband, of the home; parents, of Primo de Verdad; two sons, Alfonso Alvarado and Enrique Alvarado, both of Great Bend; one daughter, Eva Alvarado, Great Bend; one brother, Isidro Tamayo, Indianapolis, Ind.; five sisters, Maria Arevalo, Tamaulipas, Mexico; Carmen Tamayo, Juarez, Mexico; Margarita Tamayo, Tijuana, Mexico; Celina Moreno, Great Bend; and Consuelo Tamayo, Juarez, Mexico.

Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Interment will be in Great Bend Cemetery North. Friends may visit from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday at the funeral home. Memorial donations to the Gabina Alvarado Expense 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

Amos Ellery Bayer 1936 - 2007
at Great Bend, the son of Amos J. and Laura Lebbin Bayer. He married Sally Bayer, Ellinwood. They later divorced. A lifetime Ellinwood resident, he was a farmer.

Bayer was a member of Immanuel United Church of Christ in Ellinwood and Eagles of Great Bend. He was an Army veteran.

Survivors include a nephew, Greg Bayer of Pawnee Rock; sisters-in-law, Eileen Bayer of Seward and Virginia Bayer of Ellinwood; stepson, James Shaw of Great Bend; and friend Carol Smith of Ellinwood.

Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at the church in Ellinwood, with the Rev. Larry Young officiating. Burial will be in the Lakin-Comanche District Cemetery, Ellinwood. Friends may visit from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday at Kimple Funeral Home in Ellinwood. Memorials are suggested to the Immanuel United Church of Christ Foundation.

Funeral service provided by Kimple Funeral Home* 113 North Main Ellinwood, KS 67526 (620) 564-2300 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 21, 2007

Laura Lavergne Caspers 1913 - 2007

SMITH CENTER — Laura Lavergne Caspers, 94, died Oct. 18 at Smith County Long Term Care. Born Aug. 8, 1913, in Gaylord, she was the daughter of John and Martha (Rust) Wolf. She was a homemaker.

Survivors include two sons, Gerald Caspers of Gaylord and Robert Caspers of Smith Center; two daughters, Phyllis Pierce and Karen Cook, both of Ellsworth; 18 grandchildren; 54 great-grandchildren; and 16 great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral service will be at 1:30 p.m. on Monday at the St. John Lutheran Church in Athol with Pastor Patricia Reep officiating. Burial will be at Myer Pleasant View Cemetery in Athol. Friends may visit from 3 to 8 p.m. Monday at the Kimple Funeral Home. Friends may visit from 1 to 9 p.m. today, with the family receiving friends from 7 to 8 p.m., at Bryant Funeral Home, Great Bend. Memorials are suggested to the St. Mark Building Fund or the Golden Belt Humane Society, all 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, Oct. 21, 2007

October 19, 2007

Raymond A. Schneider 1923 - 2007

OLMIZT — Raymond A. Schneider, 84, died Oct. 17 at Central Kansas Medical Center. Born Aug. 5, 1938, in Akron, Ohio, she was the daughter of William J. and Mary J. (Marker) Brown. She married Donald M. Beers on Oct. 1, 1962, in Aurora, Colo., He died on Jan. 30, 1993. A resident of Hoisington, moving to Great Bend after the 2001 tornado, she was a homemaker.

Mrs. Beers was a U.S. Army veteran with the rank of sergeant, serving during peacetime from 1957 to 1962. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church and the Pink Ladies of Clara Barton Hospital, both in Hoisington.

Survivors include a son, Don Beers Jr. of Great Bend; stepmother, Elaine Brown Books of Hodgen, Okla.; two brothers, William J. Brown of Skiatook, Okla. and Terry Brown of Claremore, Okla.; a sister, Becky Erwin of Claremore, Okla.; and two grandchildren, Courtney Beers and Brittany Beers, both of Great Bend.

Graveside service will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Hoisington Cemetery with the Rev. Wayne Flanders officiating. Military graveside rites will be conducted by Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 7428 and American Legion Post No. 286. There will be no visitation as cremation has taken place. Memorials are suggested to the American Lung Association in care of the funeral home.

Funeral arrangements provided by Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home* 415 North Main P.O. Box 146 Hoisington, KS 67544 (620) 653-4165 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 21, 2007

J. W. “Dub” Hamilton 1926 - 2007

ROZEL — J. W. “Dub” Hamilton, 81, died Oct. 19 at Good Samaritan Center in Lyons. Born Sept. 27, 1926, in Broken Arrow, Okla., he was the son of Loy and Mable Marie Lowe Hamilton. A longtime resident of Great Bend, formerly of Rozel, he was a resident of Lyons for two years. He retired from Wilbert Vault Co., Kinsley in 1988. He was a graduate of Talala High School in Talala, Okla.

Hamilton was a U.S. Army veteran, serving during World War II and the Korean War. He was a member of the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars, both of Larned, and the Bowling Association in Great Bend.

Survivors include a brother, Paul Hamilton of Fort Smith, Ark.; and caretaker, Phyllis Rainbolt of Great Bend. He was preceded in death by three brothers and a sister.

There will be no service, as cremation has taken place. Burial will be at the Lyons Municipal Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to Good Samaritan Center in care of Birzer-Sillin Funeral Home in Lyons.

Funeral arrangements provided by Birzer-Sillin Funeral Homes 214 West Ave. South Lyons, KS 67554 (620) 257-2211 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 21, 2007

Mary C. Streeker 1935 - 2007

Mary C. Streeker, 72, of Great Bend, died Oct. 18 at Select Specialty Hospital in Wichita. Born Feb. 25, 1935, at Wilson, she was the daughter of John Nelson and Stella Florence Spears Davis. She married Dennis D. Streeker Sr., on Nov. 27, 1955, in Russell. A resident of Great Bend since 1959, coming from Russell, she was an Avon Sales Lady for 36 years.

Mrs. Streeker was a member of St. Mark Lutheran Church, Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary, Eagles Auxiliary, Cheyenne Sportman’s Club and TOPS, all of Great Bend.

Survivors include her husband, of the home; two sons, Dennis D. Streeker Jr. and wife Joyce of Great Bend, and John N. Streeker and wife Lisa of Greenwell Springs, La.; a brother, Kenneth “Bud” Pekarek of Great Bend; a sister, Linda Zubillaga and husband Vaughn of Chase; two grandchildren, Christopher Streeker and Katie Streeker; two stepgrandchildren, Hope Vaughn and Josh Vaughn; and a great-granddaughter, Samantha Vaughn. She was preceded in death by two daughters, an infant and Roxanne Streeker; a sister, Betty Jane “Pat” Soucek; and a sister-in-law, Carrie Lee Pekarek.

Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Monday at St. Mark Lutheran Church in Great Bend with Pastor Adam Wutka officiating. Burial will be at the St. John Lutheran Cemetery in Russell. Friends may visit from 1 to 9 p.m. today, with the family receiving friends from 7 to 8 p.m., at Bryant Funeral Home, Great Bend. Memorials are suggested to St. Mark Building Fund or the Golden Belt Humane Society, all 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, Oct. 21, 2007
Mr. Schneider was a member of St. Ann Church and the Knights of Columbus, both of Olmitz.

Survivors include his wife, Dorothy Schneider, of the home; two sisters, Rose M. Dietz of Hoisington and Marge Steiner of Overland Park; a granddaughter, Erica Bolficoff and husband, Scott of Lake Dallas, Texas; and three great-grandchildren, Kylie, Kira and Noah Bolficoff. He was preceded in death by a son, Michael A. Schneider, and two brothers Marion and Joseph Schneider.

Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. today at St. Ann Catholic Church in Olmitz. Funeral service will be at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at the church with Father Ulan Murphy officiating. Burial will be at St. Ann Cemetery in Olmitz. Visitation will be from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. today at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home, Hoisington, and from 5:30 to 8 p.m. today and 9 a.m. until service time Saturday, all at the church. Memorials are suggested to St. Ann 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
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 19, 2007

Mary C. Strecker 1935 - 2007

Mary C. Strecker, of Great Bend, died Oct. 18 at Select Specialty Hospital at St. Francis Campus, Via Christi Regional Medical Center, Wichita. She was born Feb. 25, 1935. Service arrangements are pending with Bryant Funeral Home, Great Bend, and will be announced.

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 19, 2007

Gabina Alvarado 1954 - 2007

Gabina Alvarado, of Great Bend, died Oct. 18 at Via Christi Regional Medical Center, St. Francis Campus, Wichita. She was born Oct. 25, 1954. Service arrangements are pending with Bryant Funeral Home, Great Bend, and will be announced.

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 19, 2007

October 18, 2007

Edward Lambert Penka 1924 - 2007

Edward Lambert Penka, 83, of Great Bend, died Oct. 17 at Great Bend Health and Rehabilitation Center, Great Bend. He was born Aug. 10, 1924, at Beaver, the son of Frank and Anna Kultgen Penka. Edward married Evelyn J. Stoss on Oct. 15, 1947, at Olmitz. She survived. He was a farmer and had retired as manager of the Boyd Co-op. He had been a resident of Great Bend since 1967, coming from Beaver.

Mr. Penka was a member of Prince of Peace Parish at St. Patrick Catholic Church.

Survivors, in addition to his wife, Evelyn, of the home, include a son, Kenneth Penka, and wife Rhonda, Great Bend; two daughters, Karen Wallace and husband Ken, Wichita, and Kathy Penka of Lenexa; three sisters, Mary Frances Penka of Derby, Eleanor Haddelson of Hutchinson and Phyllis Hashman of Glendale, Ariz.; 10 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a son, Dale E. Penka.

A vigil service will be at 7 p.m. today at Bryant Funeral Home, Great Bend. Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at St. Patrick Catholic Church, Great Bend, with Father Reginald A. Urban officiating. Interment will be at 2 p.m. Friday at St. Joseph Cemetery in Beaver. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. today at the funeral home. Donations to a memorial fund for the Holy Family School Endowment Fund may be made in care of the funeral home. Condolences may be sent and notice viewed at www.bryanthfn.net.

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

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 18, 2007

Ronald J. “Ronnie” Tauscher 1946 - 2007

HOISINGTON — Ronald J. “Ronnie” Tauscher, 61, died Oct. 15 at Clara Barton Hospital, Hoisington. Born March 22, 1946, at Hoisington, he was the son of John and Rosella (Wasinger) Tauscher. A driller for Val Energy in Wichita, he was a lifetime resident of the Hoisington-Great Bend area.

He was a member of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Hoisington.

Survivors include a son, Eric Tauscher, Wichita; a daughter, Stephanie Rank, and husband Jeff of Otley, the United Kingdom; his fiancée, Shannon Ferranti, of Glendale, Ariz.; four brothers, Kenny Tauscher and Ernie Tauscher, both of Arkansas City, Eldon Tauscher of Larned and Harold Tauscher of Chicago; and a grandson, Nathaniel Rank of Otley, the United Kingdom. He was preceded in death by two sisters, Henrietta Farmer and Bernice Riedel, and two brothers, Lee and Gerald Tauscher.

A vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Friday at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home, Hoisington. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, Hoisington, with Father Dwight Bircket officiating. Burial will be at the St. John Cemetery in Hoisington. Friends may call from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. until 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the Hoisington Ambulance Service, Kans for Kids, the Clara Barton Foundation or the charity or organization of the donor’s choice, in care of the funeral home.

Funeral arrangements provided by Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home*
415 North Main
Hoisington, KS 67544
620-653-4165

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 18, 2007

October 17, 2007

LaRee E. Thomas 1921 - 2007

DIGHTON – LaRee E. Thomas, 86, died Oct. 16 at Wesley Medical Center in Wichita. She was born March 19, 1921, at Daykin, Neb., the daughter of Ralph and Ida (Heidemann) Mead. She married Leonard G. Thomas on June 8, 1941, at Dighton. He died Feb. 15, 1992. After her husband’s death, she lived with family in Girard, Great Bend and Wichita.

Mrs. Thomas was a member of the United Methodist Church of Dighton, Sutton EHU Unit, American Legion Auxiliary, and was an Amy Aggie 4-H leader.

LaRee grew up in Finney County, graduated from Garden City High School and attended Garden City Community College. After her marriage, the couple lived in Lane County. She worked for J.E. Mowery & W.V. Young Abstract Company in Dighton while her husband was serving in World War II. After his discharge they farmed in the Dighton area. She enjoyed sewing, gardening and her church volunteer work.

Survivors include one son, Curt Thomas of Dodge City; two daughters, Carol Thomeczek of Girard, and Rita Schmidt of Great Bend; one brother, Melvin Mead of Garden City; one sister, Betty Specht of Garden City; nine grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; two sisters, Bernice Drees and Shirley Blake; one brother, Dale Mead; and one great-grandson, Marshall Woods.

Funeral service will be 2 p.m. Thursday at the United Methodist Church in Dighton, with the Rev. David Randall and Rev. Lynn Schlosser officiating. Visitation will be from 1 to 8 p.m. today, and 9 to 11 a.m. Thursday at Boomhower Funeral Home in Dighton. Burial will be at Dighton Memorial Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to the United Methodist Church of Dighton or American Cancer Society in care of the funeral home. Condolences may be e-mailed to garnanfdh@sbcglobal.net.
Funeral Arrangements provided by Boomhower Funeral Home*
145 N. Wichita
Dighton, KS 67839
(620) 397-5792
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 17, 2007

Scott Allen Roughton 1965 - 2007

GREELEY, Colo. – Scott Allen Roughton, 42, died Oct. 10 at Springfield, Mo. He was born April 22, 1965, in Oklahoma City, Okla., the son of Revis and Janice Roughton. A graduate of Great Bend High School, he was a self-employed contractor at Overhead Doors.

Survivors include his mother; daughter Abree Roughton; granddaughter Adelynn Hernandez; three sisters, Lisa Cook, Fran Werth and Dena Kinzel; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his father.

Memorial service will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Walker Funeral Service Chapel in Shawnee, Okla., with the Rev. Larry Sparks officiating. Donations may be made for his granddaughter Adelynn in care of IBC Bank, 2512 N. Harrison, Shawnee, OK 74804.

Funeral arrangements provided by Walker Funeral Service*
201 East 45th
Shawnee, OK 74804
(405) 273-4700
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 17, 2007

October 16, 2007

Leonard D. Elder 1928 - 2007

BISON — Leonard D. Elder, 79, died Oct. 13 at Rush County Nursing Home in La Crosse. Born June 4, 1928, in rural Bison, he was the son of William F. and Minnie (Seuser) Elder. He was a 1946 graduate of Bison High School. He married N. JoAnne Hall on Jan. 16, 1949, at the United Methodist Church in Bison. A lifelong resident of Rush County, he was a retail clerk and grain supervisor at Overhead Doors.

Survivors include a brother, Joseph Hekele of Odin; two sisters, Ruth Corbett and Alex Hekele; and a sister, Tillie Springer.

Memorial service will be at 7:30 p.m. today followed by an Altar Society Rosary at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. on Wednesday at Holy Family Catholic Church with Father Dwight Bircket officiating. Burial will be at Holy Family Cemetery in Odin. Friends may visit from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. today with the Rev. Larry Sparks officiating. Family will receive friends from 10 to 10:20 a.m. at the United Methodist Church in Bison. Memorials are suggested to 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, Oct. 16, 2007

Mary T. Hekele 1911 - 2007

ODIN — Mary T. Hekele, 96, died Oct. 14 at Woodhaven Care Center in Ellinwood. Born Aug. 22, 1911, in Odin, she was the daughter of Joseph and Anna (Seus) Hekele. A lifetime resident of Odin, she was the head cook for the Odin school system for 19 years, retiring when the school closed. She loved to play bingo and cards with her family and also loved to cook and sew.

Ms. Hekele was a member of Holy Family Catholic Church and the Altar Society, both of Odin.

Survivors include a brother, Joseph Hekele of Odin; two sisters, Ruth Corbett of Ellinwood and Rose Schwartz of Hoisington; and numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by five brothers, John, Martin, Arthur, Frank and Alex Hekele; and a sister, Tillie Springer.

Vigil service will be at 7:30 p.m. today followed by an Altar Society Rosary at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. on Wednesday at Holy Family Catholic Church with Father Dwight Bircket officiating. Burial will be at Holy Family Cemetery in Odin. Friends may visit from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. today at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the Odin Cemetery or Woodhaven Care Center in care of the funeral home.

Funeral arrangements provided by Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home*
415 N. Main
P.O. Box 146
Hoisington, KS 67544
620-653-4165
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 16, 2007

Alma M. Marlett 1919 - 2007

LARNED — Alma M. Marlett, 88, died Oct. 13 at Larned Healthcare Center in Larned. Born March 9, 1919, in Larned, she was the daughter of Oscar F. and Ruth J. Doidge Smeltzer. A longtime resident of Larned, she was a homemaker and bookkeeper for a family-operated business. She married Lawrence E. Marlett on Sept. 29, 1940, at Kinsley. He died Jan. 6, 2004.

Mrs. Marlett was a member of the First Christian Church and past member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary, both in Larned.

Survivors include a son, Vernal L., of Ponca City, Okla.; a daughter, Karen M. Hall of Larned; a brother, Keith Smeltzer of La Mesa, Calif.; six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a son, Raymond Dean, and two sisters, Iva Six and Grace Goudy.

Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. on Wednesday at Morell Funeral Home in Larned with Pastor Dan Lundgren presiding. Burial will be at Browns Grove Cemetery in Burdett. Friends may visit from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. today with the family receiving friends from 6 to 8 p.m. and from 9 a.m. to service time on Wednesday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Larned EMS or First Christian 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, Oct. 16, 2007

Mary Lee Barry 1942 - 2007

Mary Lee Barry, 65, of Great Bend, died Oct. 9 at Central Kansas Medical Center. Born Oct. 6, 1942, in Preston, she was the daughter of George and Mary Ruby (Cunningham) Callaway. She attended Great Bend High School and was employed by Rosewood Services.

Ms. Barry was a member of Extreme Hope Christian Church in Great Bend.

Survivors include a son, Daniel Barry of Larned; two daughters, Kandyce Miskell of Great Bend and Mary Elaine Barry of Corpus Christi, Texas; a brother, Alan Callaway of Platteville, Colo.; a sister, Peggy Christiansen of Hudson; and six grandchildren, Timothy Barry, Charles Miskell, Page Barry, Samantha Joe Pruell, Katien Pruell and Stephanie Mason. She was preceded in death by her parents.

Memorial service will be at 2:30 p.m. on Saturday at Extreme Hope Christian Church in Great Bend under the direction of Pastor Mike Joiner. Memorials are
suggested to Rosewood Roots and Wings Association.

Funeral arrangements provided by Charter Funerals* 2115 Washington Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-6161 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 16, 2007

Ronald "Ronnie" Tauscher 1946 - 2007

HOISINGTON — Ronald “Ronnie” Tauscher, 61, died Oct. 15 at Clara Barton Hospital, Hoisington. He was born March 22, 1946. Service arrangements are pending with Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home, Hoisington, and will be announced.

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 16, 2007

Helen Lucille Gilbert 1919 - 2007

TOPEKA — Helen Lucille Gilbert passed away Oct. 13 at the Lexington Park Nursing Facility in Topeka. Helen was born on June 21, 1919, to Elmer and Oro Ellis. She was the eighth of nine children born to that union. Her parents, three sisters and five brothers preceded her in death. Helen was united in marriage to Howard Graves on April 15, 1939, in Larned. They had one daughter, Amy. They were later divorced.

Survivors include her daughter, Amy Kelley and her husband Tom of Topeka; three grandchildren, Jodie Soldan and her husband, Alan, and Rob Kelley and his wife, Angela all of Topeka, and Jill Kelley of Phoenix, Ariz. She is also survived by her great-granddaughter, Abigail Fair of Topeka. She leaves a host of loving nieces and nephews and many friends.

Her indomitable spirit will be missed by all those she leaves behind who loved her. Rest in peace.

No services are planned. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to the Capital City School clothing bank, 500 SW Tuffy Kellogg Drive, Topeka, KS 66606.

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 16, 2007*

Patty L. Suchy 1933 - 2007

IOLA — Patty L. Suchy, 74, died Oct. 14 at St. Luke’s Hospital in Kansas City, Mo. Born March 14, 1933, in Hardtner, she was the daughter of James and Marguerite (Lowe) Shaw. She married Freddie Suchy on April 10, 1949. He died on June 18, 1993. They lived in Great Bend until moving to Westphalia in 1962, where they operated a dairy. In 1976 they moved to Iola. She owned and operated the Treasure Chest Flea Market for many years and continued to work there until her death. Her hobbies included painting, scrapbooking and working in her yard.

Survivors include two sons, Steve Suchy and wife Debra of Iola, and David Suchy and Charles Hadden of Overland Park; a daughter, Lennet Thomas and husband Leslie of Garnett; a brother, Bill Shaw and wife Nan of Wichita; a sister, Stella Borgen of Warsaw, Mo.; Parker McDaniels, whom she considered family; eight grandchildren, Shay Garrison, Chastity Suchy, Tyson, Artie and David Elmer, Angela Mikessell, Eric Thomas and Thomas Hadden; and nine great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by three sons, Russell Dean, Freddie Lee, and James Mathew Suchy; and one sister, Nancy Razor.

Funeral service will be at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday at Waugh-Yokum and Friskel Memorial Chapel in Iola. Burial will be at the Highland Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to the charity of your choice, as she helped others all her life.


Jessie Ann Scott 1914 - 2007

RANSOM — Jessie Ann Scott, 92, died Oct. 13 at Grisell Memorial Hospital in Ransom. Born Dec. 31, 1914, in Ransom, she was the daughter of John L. and Hattie A. Brant Petty. A lifetime resident of Ransom, she was a homemaker. She married Robert W. Scott in Ransom on Nov. 1, 1933. He survives.

Mrs. Scott was a member of the Church of Christ, a leader of the Jr. Farmers and 4-H and was active in the Mennonite Church, all in Ransom.

Survivors include two sons, Bob G. Scott of Wichita and Bill D. Scott of Ransom; five grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her brother, Harold Petty; a grandson, Todd Scott; and a great-grandson, Kyle Scott.

Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. on Wednesday at the Church of Christ in Ransom with the Rev. Eric Buller presiding. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. today at the Fitzgerald Funeral Home in Ness City. Burial will be at the Ransom Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to the Ransom Mennonite Church or the Go-Getters Senior Center.

Funeral arrangements provided by Fitzgerald Funeral Home Inc. P.O. Box 96; 207 N. Pennsylvania Ness City, KS 67560 (785) 798-3243 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 14, 2007

Ruth Tegarden 1901 - 2007

PRATT - Ruth Tegarden, 106, died Oct. 11 at South Wind Hospice Home in Pratt. Born Oct. 11, 1901, at Langdon, she was the daughter of Joel and Mary Etta (Ream) Raines. She married Clifford Glenn Tegarden on Jan. 4, 1924. He died Oct. 3, 1960. She was a homemaker.

Survivors include one sister, Ophella Greer of Greeley, Colo.; one daughter-in-law, Evelyn Tegarden; six grandchildren, Glenda and Richard Zimmerman and Carol and John Elliott, all of Great Bend, Kathleen Tetrick of Enid, Okla., Daleen and Steve Palmer of Rockford, Ill., and Lori Walter and Dana and Robert Bullock, October 14, 2007

Ethel Mabel Boese 1904 - 2007

ALEXANDER - Ethel Mabel Boese, 103, died Oct. 11 at the Rush County Nursing Home in LaCrosse. She was born April 17, 1904, in Nekoma, the daughter of Friend E. and Myrtle Stephens Morgan. She married Paul H. Swartz on Aug. 5, 1922, at LaCrosse. He died on March 25, 1925. She then married Elmer R. Boese on June 26, 1937, at LaCrosse. He died Dec. 13, 1966. She was a homemaker and a lifetime resident of Rush County. She was a resident of the Rush County Nursing Home for 10 years, coming from Alexander.

She attended the United Methodist Church and was a member of the Golden Keys Senior Center, both of Alexander, and the Veterans of Foreign Wars Ladies Auxiliary in LaCrosse.

Survivors include three sons, Henry Swartz of Alexander, Roger Boese, McDoel, Calif., and F. Wayne Boese, Matheson, Colo.; two daughters, Hazel M. Scheuerman, Ellinwood, and Estella R. Miller, WaKeeney; 24 grandchildren, 52 great-grandchildren and 25 great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one son, Bert Swartz; one daughter, Erma Stegman; two brothers, one who died in infancy and Friend Morgan Jr.; four sisters, Verna Scheuerman, Blanche Schrott, Clara Graham and Alice Quesenberry; and three grandsons and two granddaughters.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at the church in Alexander. Burial will be in the Alexander Cemetery. Visitation will be from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. today at Fitzgerald Funeral Home in Ness City. Memorial contributions may be made to the United Methodist Church and the Golden Keys Senior Center, both of Alexander.

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Survivors include one sister, Ophella Greer of Greeley, Colo.; one daughter-in-law, Evelyn Tegarden; six grandchildren, Glenda and Richard Zimmerman and Carol and John Elliott, all of Great Bend, Kathleen Tetrick of Enid, Okla., Daleen and Steve Palmer of Rockford, Ill., and Lori Walter and Dana and Robert Bullock,
all of Garden City; four step-grandchildren, Gary and Sarah Johnson of North Highlands, Calif., Irene Strunk of Bossier, La., and Judy Pulec and Howard and Cathy Johnson, all of Great Bend; 24 great-grandchildren, 44 great-great-grandchildren; and best friend of 76 years, Marjorie Bartholomew. She was preceded in death by three sons, Glen Oakley Tegarden, Dale Tegarden and Kenneth Earl Tegarden; three brothers, Ben Raines, Hugh Raines and Jeff Raines; and five sisters, Elizabeth Huff, Sara Justice, Tallulah Bell Greer, Matilda Greer and Jo Mildred Snyder.

Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at Larrison Funeral Home in Hutchinson. Burial will be at the Turon Cemetery. Friends may visit from 1 to 8 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to South Wind Hospice in care of the mortuary. Personal condolences may be left at www.larrisonmortuary.com.


Mr. Bixby was a U.S. Army Air Corps veteran, serving in World War II. He was a member of St. Teresa’s Catholic Church and the Knights of Columbus, all in Hutchinson.

Survivors include his wife; three sons, Daryl and his wife Emma, and David and his wife Nancy, all of Salina, and Dana and his wife Cheryl of Mountain Home, Idaho; two daughters, Donna Lee Hosso and her husband Bob of Glendale, Ariz., and Sherry and husband Lee of Denver, Colo.; a brother George Lee Bixby of Greenville, S.C.; 16 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two sisters, Jane and Lynette.

Rosary will be at 7 p.m. on Sunday at the Heritage Funeral Home. Funeral mass and cremation services will be at 10 a.m. on Monday at St. Teresa’s Catholic Church in Hutchinson with Father Stuart Smeltzen presiding. Burial will be at the Fairlawn Burial Park. Friends may call from 1 to 6 p.m. Saturday and from 1 to 6 p.m. on Sunday at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to St. Teresa’s Catholic Church School.

Funeral arrangements provided by Heritage Funeral Home* 528 N. Main Hutchinson, KS 67501 620-662-6720 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 12, 2007 October 11, 2007 Josephine A. Skolaut 1913 - 2007 Josephine A. Skolaut, 94, of Great Bend, died Oct. 9 at Great Bend Health and Rehabilitation Center. Born July 31, 1913, in Barton County, she was the daughter of Otto Joseph and Josephine A. Bahr Maneth. She married George A. Skolaut on Nov. 12, 1934, in Olmitz. He died Jan. 29, 2001. A lifetime resident of Barton County, she was a homemaker.

Mrs. Skolaut was a member of Prince of Peace Parish at St. Patrick Altar Society and Daughters of Isabella, all of Great Bend. She was a volunteer of the Central Kansas Medical Center Auxiliary for 25 years and the American Red Cross for five years.

Survivors include a son, Marvin Skolaut and wife Marilyn of Olmitz; three grandchildren, Marsha Miller, Monica Markiewicz and Mark Skolaut; three great-grandchildren, Erika Helms, Cal Markiewicz and Adam Markiewicz; one stepgreat-grandson, Thomas Miller. She was preceded in death by her husband and four brothers, John Maneth, Bernard Maneth, Otto Maneth, Jr. and Freddie Maneth.

Vigil service will be at 7:30 p.m. Friday at Bryant Funeral Home. Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday at St. Patrick Catholic Church with Father Wesley Schawe officiating. Burial will be at the Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may visit from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday at Bryant Funeral Home. Memorials are suggested to Holy Family School Endowment Fund in care of the funeral home. Condolences may be sent and notice viewed at www.bryanth.net.

Funeral arrangements provided by Bryant Funeral Home* 1425 Patton Road Great Bend, KS 67530 (620) 793-3525 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 10, 2007 Judy Cromwell 1944 - 2007 TOPEKA — Judy Kay Cromwell, 63, a lifetime Kansas resident, died Oct. 6 at home in Topeka. She was born April 26, 1944, at Hoisington, the daughter of Myr and Lucy Miller Cromwell. She was a social studies teacher in the Topeka school system for 38 years.

Survivors include one brother, Larry Cromwell of Burlington, Colo.; three sisters, Jean Pettibone and husband Richard of Kanorado, Dixie Roth and husband James of Fort Worth, Texas, and Virginia Dolins and husband Richard of New York; eight nieces and nephews, and nine great-nieces and great-nephews.
Visitation will be from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday at Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home in Topeka. Inurnment will be at 1:30 p.m. Friday at Hoisington at the Hoisington City Cemetery. Memorial contributions can be made to the donor’s choice, in care of the funeral home. Online condolences may be sent to www.kevinbrennanfamily.com.

Funeral arrangements provided by Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home* 2801 SW Urish Road Topeka, KS 66614 (785) 272-7888 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 10, 2007

Monica C. Robl 1907 - 2007
ELLINWOOD — Monica C. Robl, 100, died Oct. 7 at Woodhaven in Ellinwood. She was born April 1, 1907 in St. Sebastian, Ohio, the daughter of Mathias and Agnes Schaefer Heyne. A resident of Ellinwood since 1912, she was a homemaker. She graduated from Ellinwood High School in 1926. She married Edward Robl on Sept. 24, 1929, in Ellinwood. He died on April 12, 1981.

Mrs. Robl was a member of St. Joseph’s Catholic Church, Altar Society, Daughters of Isabella and Heritage Club, all of Ellinwood.

Survivors include two sons, Roy E. Robl of Ellinwood and Ronald Robl of Longmont, Colo.; a daughter, Corrine Tekavec of Littleton, Colo.; 15 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a son, Maurice Robl; three brothers who died in infancy; and sisters, Rosa Kramp, Barbara Apel, Clara Whitney, Sister Caroline, Frieda Miller and Margaret Knorr.

Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. today at St. Joseph’s Catholic Church in Ellinwood with Father Charles Mazouch officiating. Burial will be at the Lakin-Cimarron-Co. Cemetery in Ellinwood. Memorials are suggested to St. Joseph’s School Living Legacy Fund or the Ellinwood Heritage Club.

Funeral arrangements provided by Kimple, Inc. Funeral Home# 113 North Main Ellinwood, KS 67526 620-564-2300 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 10, 2007

Roy R. Dirks 1916 - 2007

Roy R. Dirks, 90, of Great Bend, died Oct. 9 at Great Bend Health & Rehabilitation Center. He was born Dec. 18, 1916, at Pawnee Rock, the son of Jacob and Carrie Ratzliff Dirks. He married Mary M. Kingston on March 17, 1947, at Great Bend. A lifetime area resident, he was a self-employed farmer.

Mr. Dirks was a World War II veteran, serving with the U.S. Army in China Burma India Theater. He was a member of the Bergthal Mennonite Church, Pawnee Rock; Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3111; American Legion Argonne Post 180; and Barber Shoppers.

Survivors include his wife, of the home; two sons, Glen E. Dirks, Great Bend, and Gene F. Dirks, Wichita; and two sisters, Evelyn Dirks, Newton, and Mattie Smith, Phoenix, Ariz. He was preceded in death by a son, Kenneth Dirks; three brothers, Chester, Dan and Harvey Dirks; and two sisters, Mae Anderson and Fern Smith.

Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend, with Pastor Lynn Schlosser and Pastor Todd Schlosser officiating. Interment will be in the Great Bend Cemetery, with full military rites conducted by Fort Riley Honor Guard. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Bergthal Mennonite Church or Alzheimer's Association, in care of the funeral home. Condolences may be sent and notice viewed at www.bryanthn.net.

Funeral arrangements provided by Bryant Funeral Home* 1425 Patton Road Great Bend, KS 67530 (620) 793-3525 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 10, 2007

October 9, 2007

Richard "Dick" Lewis Davis Sr. 1928 - 2007

Richard "Dick" Lewis Davis Sr., 79, died Oct. 6, at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. Born March 3, 1928 in St. Louis, Mo., he was the son of Dewey George and Mildred Dague Davis. He married Lucille Meis on Dec. 31, 1947, in Garden City. A resident of Great Bend since 1957, moving from Larned, he was a general superintendent for H-30 Drilling Company until his retirement.

Mr. Davis was a Navy veteran of World War II, serving in the Pacific Theatre on the USS Caldwell. He was a member of the First Christian Church in Scott City. He was a lifetime member of VFW Post No. 3111 in Great Bend, and the National Rifle Association.

Survivors include his wife, of the home; a son, Richard Lewis Davis Jr. and wife Mary of Great Bend; three daughters, Patricia Svatos Skelton and husband Gary and Cynthia Ann Carter, all of Great Bend, and Deborah Susan Durler of Bronson, Mo.; a sister, Kathleen Conard of Colorado Springs, Colo.; nine grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Jerry Davis and Victor Davis, and a great-grandson, Christopher Michael Davis.

Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Bryant Funeral Home with the Rev. William F. Johnson officiating. Burial will be at the Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may visit from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. today and 9 a.m. until service time on Wednesday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the American Diabetes Association in care of the funeral home. Condolences may be sent and notice viewed at www.bryanthn.net.

Funeral arrangements provided by Bryant Funeral Home* 1425 Patton Road Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-3525 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 9, 2007

Jessica A. Jones 1981 - 2007

TERRE HAUTE, Ind. — Jessica A. Jones, 26, died Oct. 3 at Terre Haute, Ind. Born July 27, 1981, in Great Bend, she was the daughter of Kevin S. and Susan A. Dunlap. She was a front desk clerk at the Drury Inn in Terre Haute, Ind.

She was a member of St. Charles First Assembly of God Church.

Survivors include her mother, Susan A. Dunlap of O'Fallon, Mo.; three sons, Jaylen Jones, Jacob Jones and Jarren Jones, all of Terre Haute, Ind.; a daughter, Jasmine Jones of Terre Haute, Ind.; a brother, Joseph S. Dunlap and wife Ashley of Great Bend; grandfather, the Rev. Jim Floyd and wife Carol of Bowling Green, Ky.; grandmother, Pat Floyd of Bowling Green, Ky.; grandparents, Richard and Ramona Dunlap of Great Bend; and a cherished niece, cousin and friend. She was preceded in death by her father, Kevin S. Dunlap.

Funeral service was Monday at Ark of Safety Church (formerly St. Charles First Assembly of God Church) in St. Charles, Mo. Burial was at the St. Charles Memorial Gardens in St. Charles, Mo. Memorials are suggested to St. Charles First Assembly of God Church in care of Baue 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, Oct. 9, 2007

Belva E. (Bealby) Vonfeldt 1922 - 2007

ELLIS — Belva E. (Bealby) Vonfeldt, 85, died Oct. 5 at the Ellis Good Samaritan Center in Ellis. Born Jan. 14, 1922, in Natoma, she was the daughter of Archie and Vivian (Reynolds) Bealby. She was a graduate of Natoma High School. She married Ralph Newton on Aug. 26, 1939. He preceded her in death while fighting for his country during World War II. She married Robert Vonfeldt on Aug. 1, 1947. He preceded her in death on Nov. 12, 1987. A resident of Ellis since 1958, she was a homemaker. She will be remembered as a loving mother, grandmother and compassionate woman, always willing to help others.
Mrs. Vonfeldt was a member of St. Mary’s Catholic Church and an active member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary of Ellis.

Survivors include a son, Jim Newton and wife Liz of Ellis; a daughter, Carla Dethertage and husband Coyle of Great Bend; six grandchildren, Pam Newton and Eric Newton, both of Ellis, Caryl Niedens and husband Lyle of Westwood, Randy Newton of Hays, Liza Francis of Great Bend and Ryan Newton of Wichita; and two great-grandsons, Conley and Pierce Niedens of Westwood. She was preceded in death by her first husband, Ralph Newton; her second husband, Robert Vonfeldt; her parents; two sisters, Beulah Springfield and Doris "Pug" Miller; one brother, Carl “Peanuts” Bealby; and one granddaughter, Lori Francis.

Burial will be at 10 a.m. today at St. Mary’s Cemetery in Ellis. Friends may visit from 9:30 a.m. to service time today at Wasinger-Keithley Funeral Chapel. Memorials are suggested to the St. Mary’s Catholic Church.

Funeral arrangements provided by Wasinger-Keithley Funeral Chapel* 400 E. 17th Ellis, KS 67637 785-726-4400 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 9, 2007

Monica C. Robl 1907 - 2007

ELLINWOOD — Monica C. Robl, 100, died Oct. 7 at Woodhaven in Ellinwood. She was born April 1, 1907 in St. Sebastian, Ohio, the daughter of Mathias Hayne and Agnes Schaefer Hayne. A resident of Ellinwood since 1912, she was a homemaker. She graduated from Ellinwood High School in 1926. She married Edward Robl on Sept. 24, 1929, in Ellinwood. He died on April 12, 1981.

Mrs. Robl was a member of St. Joseph’s Catholic Church, Altar Society, Daughters of Isabella and Heritage Club, all of Ellinwood.

Survivors include two sons, Roy E. Robl of Ellinwood and Ronald Robl of Longmont, Colo.; a daughter, Corrine Tekavec of Littleton, Colo.; 15 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a son, Maurice Robl; three brothers who died in infancy; and sisters, Rosa Kramp, Barbara Apel, Clara Whitney, Sister Caroline, Frieda Miller and Margaret Knorr.

Rosaries will be at 3 p.m. today with the Altar Society followed by Daughters of Isabella Rosary. Vigil service will be at 7:30 p.m. today at the funeral home. Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday at St. Joseph’s Catholic Church in Ellinwood with Father 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 St. Joseph’s School Living Legacy Fund or the Ellinwood Heritage Club.

Funeral arrangements provided by Kimple, Inc. Funeral Home 113 North Main Ellinwood, KS 67526 620-564-2300 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 9, 2007

October 7, 2007

Wilma E. Pitzer 1930 - 2007

LARNED - Wilma E. Pitzer, 76, died Oct. 4 at St. Joseph Memorial Hospital in Larned. Born Dec. 7, 1930, at Liberal, she was the daughter of Elmer and Vivian M. Matthews Burnett. She married Dwight Pitzer at Meade on June 3, 1973. He died Dec. 8, 1990. She was an upholster and homemaker.

Mrs. Pitzer was a member of the Seventh Day Adventist Church in Larned.

Survivors include a brother, Robert Burnett of Galesburg; two sisters, Vida North of Parsons and Lavera Beard of Belpre; and several nieces and nephews.

Graveside service will be at 2 p.m. on Monday at Graceland Cemetery in Meade. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on Monday at Morell Funeral Home in Larned. Burial will be in Graceland Cemetery.

Funeral services provided by Morell Funeral Home 1021 Broadway Larned, KS 67550 620-285-2177 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 7, 2007

Bertha Drees 1909 - 2007

HOISINGTON - Bertha Drees, 97, died Oct. 5 at Clara Barton Hospital in Hoisington. Born Nov. 9, 1909, in rural Hays, she was the daughter of Joseph and Margaret (Befort) Binder. She married Frederick Drees on Feb. 10, 1931, at Hays. He preceded her in death on May 29, 1942. She was a resident of Hoisington since 1940, coming from Hays. She owned and operated Drees Cleaners in Hoisington, retiring in 1976.

Mrs. Drees was a member of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church and Altar Society, both of Hoisington. She was also a member of the Better Business Bureau.

Her family would like to extend their gratitude to her special care-givers, Marge and Angel, and also to Carma, who cared for Grams until the very end of her life. Bertha will be dearly missed by all of her family and friends.

Survivors include two sons, Tony Drees and wife Lila of Athens, Texas, and Kenneth Drees and wife Marla of Olath; one brother, Paul Binder of Hays; one sister, Helen Gross of Hays; eleven grandchildren, Fred Drees, Tim Drees, Carma Strayer, Randy Drees, Kelly Anthony, Christy Harmon, Marc Drees, Brad Drees, Mitch Drees, Shawn Ferris, and Brian Drees; and fifteen great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two sons, Virgil and Eddy Drees; a daughter, Norma Lee Drees; four brothers, Isadore, Alois, Adolph, and Julius Binder; a sister, Mary Lafferty; and three grandchildren, Amy Drees, Julie Drees, and David Drees.

Funeral service will be at 10 a.m., Tuesday, Oct. 9, 2007, at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, with Father Dwight Bircket officiating. Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Monday, followed by an Altar Society Rosary at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home, Hoisington. Burial will be at St. Joseph Cemetery, Hays, at 12:30 p.m., Tuesday, with Father Earl Befort presiding. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the National Kidney Foundation, Juvenile Diabetes Association or St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in care of the funeral home.

Funeral services provided by Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home* 415 N. Main P.O. Box 146 Hoisington, KS 67544 620-653-4165 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 7, 2007

Elvira Marie Scheuerman 1935 - 2007


Mrs. Scheuerman was a member of St. Joseph’s Catholic Church.

Survivors include a son Merle C. Scheuerman of Ellinwood; two daughters, Merletta M. Scheuerman and Marietta M. Link, both of Ellinwood; three brothers, Leon Basgall of Hays, Kenneth Basgall of La Crosse and Larry Basgall of Topeka; two sisters, Sandra Dixon of Ellinwood and Angela Basgall of La Crosse; 12 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by three daughters, Margaret, Mary and Marie; a brother Arvin; a sister Velma Rose; and a granddaughter, Jessica Marie Williams.

Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday at Kimple Funeral Chapel in Ellinwood,
with the Rev. Charles Mazouch officiating. An Altar Society Rosary will take place at 3 p.m. on Monday. Visitation will be from 1 to 8 p.m. on Monday. Burial will be in Lakin-Comanche District Cemetery in Ellinwood. Memorials are suggested to Elvira Scheuerman Memorial Fund in care of the funeral home.

Funeral services provided by Kimple Inc. Funeral Home 113 North Main Ellinwood, KS. 67526 620-564-2300 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 7, 2007

Nelson Nova Call 1932 - 2007

Nelson Nova Call, 75, of Great Bend, died Oct. 5 at Great Bend Health & Rehabilitation Center in Great Bend. Born July 18, 1932, at Porum, Okla., he was the son of Nova and Florence Dandridge Call. He married Pearl Ann Kipps on Sept. 14, 1954 at Great Bend. She died Aug. 10, 2007. An owner/operator of Swift Formation Testers, he lived most of his life in Great Bend, coming from Oklahoma.

Mr. Call was a U.S. Army veteran, serving in the Korean War. He was a member of the Elks Lodge No. 1127, American Legion Post No. 180, and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3111, all of Great Bend.

Survivors include a son Greg Call of Hootington; a daughter Paula Peterson of Spring, Texas; three sisters, Doris Phillips and Phylis Pate both of Muskogee, Okla., and Sissy Griffin of Sulpacula, Okla.; and three grandchildren, Matthew Leiker of Spring, Texas, Nicholas Leiker of Norfolk, Va., and Audra Call. He was preceded in death by six siblings.

Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend, with the Rev. Gary Brooks officiating. There will be no visitation. Inurnment will be private with the family at a later date. Memorials are suggested to Barton County Relay for Life in care of the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent and notice viewed at www.bryantfh.net.

Funeral services provided by Bryant Funeral Home* 1425 Patton Road Great Bend, KS. 67530 620-793-3525 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 7, 2007

October 5, 2007

Mary Gladys (Rigby) Tyler 1917 - 2007

La CROSSE — Mary Gladys (Rigby) Tyler, 90, died Oct. 1, 2007, at Rush County Nursing Home in La Crosse. Born Feb. 21, 1917, in Osborne County, she was the daughter of Harry and Merle (Bealby) Rigby. A five-year resident of La Crosse, moving from Great Bend, she was a homemaker. She married Herbert E. Tyler on May 25, 1979, in Great Bend.

Survivors include her husband, Herbert E. Tyler of La Crosse; two stepsons, Herbert Tyler, Jr. and wife Brenda Tyler of Las Vegas, Nev. and Roy DeConato, of El Dorado; four stepdaughters, Joyce Blake and husband, Joe Blake of El Dorado, Jacque Blair and husband Roger Blair of Scott City, Mary Willems and husband Neil Willems of Granby, Colo., and Linda Riedel and husband Don Riedel of La Crosse; a brother, Kenneth "Pat" Rigby and wife Paula Rigby of Hays; 16 grandchildren; 24 stepgrandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; 17 stepgreat-grandchildren; seven great-great-grandchildren; and numerous nephews and nieces. She was preceded in death by her parents, Harry and Merle (Bealby) Rigby; two sons, Marvin Dean Pangburn and John Clifton "JC" Pangburn; two great-grandsons, Eric Dustin Riley and Rueger DeGarmo; one brother, Harold "Mike" Rigby; and three sisters, Reva (Rigby) Beck, Winnie (Rigby) Davis and Louise Rigby.

Funeral service was at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Janousek Funeral Home Chapel in La Crosse with Pastor Don Paden officiating. Memorials are suggested to the Rush County Nursing Home in La Crosse or the American Diabetes Association.

Funeral arrangements provided by Janousek Funeral Home* 719 Pine St. La Crosse, KS 67548 785-222-2517 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 5, 2007

October 4, 2007

No deaths reported.

October 3, 2007

Gloria Knight Adams 1938 - 2007

JUNCTION, Texas — Gloria Knight Adams, 69, of Junction, passed away Sunday, Sept. 30, 2007, at Kimble Hospital following a lengthy illness. She was born in Boswell, Okla., on Sept. 13, 1938.

Mrs. Adams was preceded in death by her parents, Noel and Virginia Knight of Lyons.

Survivors include her husband, Donald Adams of Junction; a son and daughter-in-law, Scott and Carol Crites of Katy, Texas; a brother, Don Knight of Kilgore, Texas; and a sister, Shirley Knight Hopkins of New York, N.Y.

Graveside funeral services were held Tuesday at the Junction Cemetery with Shane Mogford officiating. Arrangements were under the direction of Graham Funeral Home. The family requests memorial contributions be made to the building fund at the Hill Country Baptist Church, 322 South 11th St., Junction, TX 76849, the Lupus Foundation at lupus.org, or to a charity of their choice.

Funeral arrangements provided by Graham Funeral Home* P.O. Box 265 Junction, TX 76849 (325) 446-3076 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 3, 2007

October 2 , 2007

Pauline Owens 1914 - 2007

ELLINWOOD — Pauline Owens, 93, died Sept. 29, 2007, at Hospice House in Hutchinson. Born June 15, 1914, in Haviland, she was the daughter of Chester Arthur Kendall and Ada Woodward. She married Hills L. Owens on Oct. 28, 1939, at Haviland. He died May 13, 1976. A resident of Ellinwood for more than 30 years, formerly of Leoti, she was a farm wife and homemaker, farming with her husband in both Wichita and Greeley counties. She received her high school diploma from Friends Academy in 1932 and graduated from Friends Bible College in 1934. She received her lifetime teaching certificate from Fort Hays State University.

Mrs. Owens was a member of Haviland Friends Church in Haviland, and attended the United Methodist Church in Ellinwood. She had been active in the Parks Presbyterian Church in rural Leoti.

Survivors include her daughter, Cheryl and husband Virgil Salem of Ellinwood; a brother, Dean Kendall of Haviland; a sister, Jeanine Jones of Hutchinson; a grandson, Scott Salem of Ellinwood; a granddaughter, Lori and husband Greg Rosenhagen of Conway Springs; and two great-grandchildren, Brooke and Rachel Rosenhagen, both of Conway Springs. She was preceded in death by her husband, Hills; a brother, Don Kendall; and two sisters, Wilma Harmon and Beth Hillman.

Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. today at Kimple Funeral Chapel in Ellinwood with the Rev. Vernon Maelzer officiating. Graveside service will be at 12:30 p.m. today at Haviland Cemetery with the Rev. Everett Jantz officiating. Memorials are suggested to Barclay College in Haviland and Parks Presbyterian Church in Leoti.

Funeral arrangements provided by Kimple, Inc. Funeral Home* 113 N. Main Ellinwood, KS 67526 620-564-2300 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 2, 2007

Elinor M. Krampe 1908 - 2007

HUTCHINSON — Elinor M. Krampe, 99, died Sept. 29, 2007, at Good Samaritan Center in Hutchinson. Born July 20, 1908, in Silica, she was the daughter of Bernard and Dina Deuser Krampe. A longtime resident of Hutchinson, she was
Donald K. Kirkman 1953 - 2007

Donald K. Kirkman, 54, of Great Bend, died Sept. 30, 2007, at Wesley Medical Center in Wichita. He was born Sept. 30, 1953, at Great Bend, to K.W. "Pete" and Dolores M. Murphy Kirkman. He married Sandy Milhon in Great Bend. He later married Karla Sparkman Baldwin in Great Bend. She survives. A farmer and cattlemen, he was a lifetime resident of Great Bend.

Mr. Kirkman was a member of Prince of Peace Parish at St. Patrick, Kansas Livestock Association, Kansas State Alumni Association, served on the board of directors of Straub International and was a former member of the Great Bend Chamber of Commerce board of directors.

Survivors include his wife, Karla Kirkman of the home; four sons, Dustin Kirkman of Wichita, Tracy Baldwin and wife Heather of Stillwater, Okla., Aaron Baldwin and wife Jamie of Great Bend, and Richard Baldwin and wife Candie of Great Bend; one daughter, Ashley Baldwin of Great Bend; one brother, Roger Murphy and wife Mary Lou of Great Bend; one sister, Jill Eliason and husband Dan of Overland Park; an aunt, Margaret Miller of Great Bend; five grandchildren, Erika, Brantley, Annah, Derion and Dakota; and his best friend and faithful companion, Bear. He was preceded in death by his parents, and a brother, Joseph Douglas Kirkman.

Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. today at the Church of the Holy Cross in Hutchinson with Father Charles Mazouch and Father Joseph Eckberg officiating. Burial will be at the Lakin-Comanche Cemetery in Ellinwood. Memorials are suggested to the church or to The Good Samaritan Fund at the nursing home, in care of the funeral home.

Funeral arrangements provided by Elliott Mortuary 1219 North Main Hutchinson, KS 67501 620-663-3327 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 2, 2007

Joe Gilmore 1922 - 2007


He was a World War II Navy veteran, and a member of the Ellinwood Methodist Church and American Legion Post No. 71 of Kansas City, Mo.

Survivors include two daughters, Carol Newcomer of Watstown, Pa., and Lynda Wood and her husband Lloyd of Ellinwood; five grandchildren, Sgt. William Berry, Rafael Newcomer, Jessica Newcomer, Lloyd Wood III and Joanna Hohn; and five great-grandchildren. One daughter, Anna Louise Gilmore, and one grandson, James Berry, preceded him in death.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday at the Ellinwood Methodist Church. A burial service will be held at Resurrection Catholic Cemetery in Lenexa at a later time. Memorials may be sent to the Ellinwood Methodist Church or the Ellinwood Heritage Senior Center.

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 2, 2007

Maurice D. Russell

BEAVER, Okla. — Maurice Dale Russell, 76, died Sept. 14, 2007, at Southwest Medical Center, Liberal. He was born March 5, 1931, in Hydro, Okla., the son of Lee Edward and Nelila Lucille Ditmore Russell. At age 9, Maurice moved with his family to Talala, grew up in the Talala and Nowata areas, and graduated from Talala High School in 1949. On June 14, 1951, he married Margaret Ann Dawson. They moved to Great Bend in 1953 and he went to work in the oil fields. He moved to Liberal in 1974. He and Margaret divorced in 1980 and he moved to Beaver, Okla., in 1981. On Oct. 16, 1981, he married Mollie Blevins in Lawton, Okla. He enjoyed working, spending time with his family, golfing and being with his pets, Snuggles and Ginger.

He belonged to the American Legion Post No. 149, First Christian Church of Beaver, and the morning coffee crew at Ned and Darlene’s in Beaver.

He was a member of First Church of God, Great Bend, since 1951 and was a board member. He enjoyed trap shooting, oil painting, golf and spending time with his grandchildren.

Survivors include his wife, Pat, of the home; a son, Craig Scheuerman and wife Dawn of Great Bend; a daughter, Carla Raybern and husband Jim of McPherson; a stepson, Tino Vieyra, of Mobile, Ala.; six stepdaughters, Mary Schridde, Cecilia Saindon and Terry Wilson, all of Great Bend, Diedre Baker of Kinsley, Brenda Vieyra of Houston, Texas, and Lisa Frame of Los Angeles; four grandchildren, Shayla and Tylen Raybern and Jessica and Jeree Scheuerman; 11 stepgrandchildren and two great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a son, Scott Scheuerman, and three sisters, Bernice Keller, Betty Jo Willis and Karen Ruddick.

Funeral service will be at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday at First Church of God, with the Rev. Tom Smith and the Rev. Dick Ogle officiating. Interment will be at the La Crosse Cemetery with full military rites conducted by a Fort Riley Honor Guard. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. today, with the family to receive friends from 6 to 7 p.m., and 9 to 11 a.m. Wednesday, all at Bryant Funeral Home, Great Bend. Donations to the Jimmy G. Scheuerman Memorial Fund or to First Church of God may be made 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, Oct. 2, 2007

BEAVER, Okla. — Maurice Dale Russell, 76, died Sept. 14, 2007, at Southwest Medical Center, Liberal. He was born March 5, 1931, in Hydro, Okla., the son of Lee Edward and Nelila Lucille Ditmore Russell. At age 9, Maurice moved with his family to Talala, grew up in the Talala and Nowata areas, and graduated from Talala High School in 1949. On June 14, 1951, he married Margaret Ann Dawson. They moved to Great Bend in 1953 and he went to work in the oil fields. He moved to Liberal in 1974. He and Margaret divorced in 1980 and he moved to Beaver, Okla., in 1981. On Oct. 16, 1981, he married Mollie Blevins in Lawton, Okla. He enjoyed working, spending time with his family, golfing and being with his pets, Snuggles and Ginger.

He belonged to the American Legion Post No. 149, First Christian Church of Beaver, and the morning coffee crew at Ned and Darlene’s in Beaver.

He was a member of First Church of God, Great Bend, since 1951 and was a board member. He enjoyed trap shooting, oil painting, golf and spending time with his grandchildren.

Survivors include his wife, Pat, of the home; a son, Craig Scheuerman and wife Dawn of Great Bend; a daughter, Carla Raybern and husband Jim of McPherson; a stepson, Tino Vieyra, of Mobile, Ala.; six stepdaughters, Mary Schridde, Cecilia Saindon and Terry Wilson, all of Great Bend, Diedre Baker of Kinsley, Brenda Vieyra of Houston, Texas, and Lisa Frame of Los Angeles; four grandchildren, Shayla and Tylen Raybern and Jessica and Jeree Scheuerman; 11 stepgrandchildren and two great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a son, Scott Scheuerman, and three sisters, Bernice Keller, Betty Jo Willis and Karen Ruddick.

Funeral service will be at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday at First Church of God, with the Rev. Tom Smith and the Rev. Dick Ogle officiating. Interment will be at the La Crosse Cemetery with full military rites conducted by a Fort Riley Honor Guard. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. today, with the family to receive friends from 6 to 7 p.m., and 9 to 11 a.m. Wednesday, all at Bryant Funeral Home, Great Bend. Donations to the Jimmy G. Scheuerman Memorial Fund or to First Church of God may be made in care of the funeral home. Condolences may be sent and notice viewed at www.bryantfh.net.

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Maurice D. Russell
He was preceded in death by his wife, Mollie; his parents, Lee and Nelia; two brothers, Perry of Windom, Minn., and Charles (Budge) of Oceanside, Calif.; two sisters, Rosalie Phillips of Henderson, Nev., and an infant sister, LeAtrice Russell, Hydro, Okla.; his first wife, Margaret Ann Lee; two grandchildren, Jesse Russell and Jarred Grice; and a great-granddaughter, Zoey Foster.

Survivors include two sons, Lloyd Russell, Clarksville, Tenn., and David Russell, Pampa, Texas; five daughters: Connie Renberger of Derby, Anita Kay Grice of Ulysses, Francie Tryon of Liberal, Linda (Blevins) Foster of Forgan, Okla., and Judy Blevins of Harrison, Ark.; two brothers, Roger Russell of Lindsay, Okla., and Cecil Russell of Carlsbad, Calif.; two sisters, Aileen Howard of Abilene, Texas, and Shirley (JoAnn) Hobbs of Nowata, Okla.; 18 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild; and many nephews, nieces and friends.

The funeral was Wednesday, Sept. 19, at Beaver First Christian Church with Rick Main and Kurt Coleman presiding. Burial was in the Liberal Cemetery. Clark Funeral Service, Beaver, Okla., was in charge of arrangements. Memorials may be made to the donor’s choice.

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 2, 2007

Euleama Maxine Hargis 1926 - 2007

MIAMI, Okla. — Euleama Maxine Hargis, 79, of Miami, died at 8:50 p.m. Friday, Sept. 28, 2007, at Miami Nursing Center after a short illness. She was born May 25, 1928, in "Y" City, Ark., to Roy and Maggie (Ward) Smith. She graduated from Mena (Ark.) High School in 1947.

She moved to Miami in the early 1950s and attended Miami Beauty College, where she received her cosmetology degree. She worked as a beautician for various beauty salons in Miami. She enjoyed quilting and was an excellent cook who took great pleasure in baking for others.

She was of the Christian faith.

She married Tilman Garrett; they were later divorced. She then married O.L. "Buddy" Hargis, and they were later divorced.

Survivors include two daughters, Derinda Bussman of Great Bend and Sharon Mailath of Tulsa, Okla.; five grandchildren, Melissa Mailath, Daniel Mailath and Tyler Mailath, all of Tulsa, Ryan Bussman of Derby and Derrick Bussman of Hays; and five great-grandchildren, Melynda, Lauren, Shelby, Garrett and Daniel. She was preceded in death by one brother, Calvin Smith.

There will be a memorial service at 10 a.m. Monday at Cooper-Alhouse Funeral Home in Miami, with the Rev. Bob Barker officiating. Honorary pallbearers will be Ryan Bussman, Derrick Bussman, Daniel Mailath and Tyler Mailath. The family suggests memorial donations to The Harbor, in care of the funeral home.

Funeral arrangements provided by Cooper-Alhouse Funeral Home* 5 B St. Northwest Miami, OK 74354 918-542-3311 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Oct. 2, 2007

September 30, 2007

Eugene Forest Scheuerman 1921 - 2007


Mr. Scheuerman was a member of the Winter Garden United Methodist Church.

Survivors include his wife of 62 years; a son, Robin, and a daughter, Lois Schremmer, both of Winter Garden, Fla.; four grandchildren, Brandon Schremmer of Clermont, Fla., Shawa and husband Seth Traub of Tampa, Fla., and Kimberly Scheuerman of Gainesville, Fla.; and five great-grandchildren, Tia, Taylor, Tanner, Trevor and Emily Traub.

Memorial donations can be made to Bison Methodist Church in Bison.

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 30, 2007*

Thelma Arlene "Peggy" Gore 1932 - 2007

LARNED — Thelma Arlene "Peggy" Gore, 75, died Sept. 27, 2007, at St. Joseph Memorial Hospital in Larned. Born Aug. 7, 1932, in Barton County, she was the daughter of Gordon and Bessie Morris Flanders. A lifetime Pawnee County resident, she was a homemaker. On Jan. 10, 1951, she married Roger Gore. She survives.

Mrs. Gore was a member of the First Christian Church of Great Bend, Fort Larned Historical Society and the American Diabetes Association.

Survivors include her husband; two sons, Wayne of Pawnee Rock and Michael of Larned; a daughter, Karen Gore of Larned; four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a son, Stanly; a daughter, Jeanette Gore; three brothers, Earl Flanders, Clyde Flanders and Ray Flanders, and a sister, Dora Kasselman Wallett.

Funeral service will be at 2:30 p.m. Monday at the Beckwith Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. Bill Johnson presiding. Burial will be in the Larned Cemetery. Friends may visit from 1 to 8 p.m. today and 9 a.m. to noon on Monday. Memorials may be sent to the Pawnee County 4-H or the Larned EMS, both in care of Beckwith Mortuary, P.O. Box 477, Larned, KS 67550. Condolences may be left at www.beckwithmortuary.com.

Funeral arrangements provided by Beckwith Mortuary

Larned, KS 67550

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Beverly J. (Billingsley) Hornsby


Survivors include a son, Richard, Houston, Texas; two daughters, Nancy Zino, Thousand Oaks, Calif., and Sue Alldrdedge, Lawrence; two sisters, Natalie Herold, Great Bend, and Meredith Ward, Norman, Okla.; seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Warren.

Condolences may be sent to www.rumsey-yost.com. Rumsey-Yost Funeral Home in Lawrence is in charge of arrangements.

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 30, 2007#

Helen C. Schneweis 1908 - 2007

CLAFLIN — Helen C. Schneweis, 99, died Sept. 28, 2007, at Central Kansas Medical Center, Great Bend. She was born Feb. 28, 1908, in Barton County, the daughter of Frank and Caroline (Foushner) Schneweis. She was a homemaker and assisted Dr. Jury in Claflin. She was a lifetime Barton County resident.

She was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, the Altar Society, and a past member of Daughters of Isabella, all of Claflin.

Survivors include two sisters, Eleanor Prosser and Sister Henrietta Schneweis, both of Great Bend; and numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by two brothers, Walter and Albert Schneweis, and two sisters, Agnes Hipp and Regina Hipp.

A vigil service will be at 6 p.m. today, followed by an Altar Society rosary, at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home, Hutchinson. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Immaculate Conception
Catholic Church, Claflin, with Father Charles Mazouch officiating. Burial will be at Holy Family Cemetery, Odin. Friends may call from 1 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home. Donations to memorial funds for the Dodge City Diocese or for the Claflin Ambulance Service, or to the charity or organization of the donor’s choice may be made in care of the funeral home.

Funeral arrangements provided by Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home
415 North Main/Box 146
Hosington, KS 67544
620-653-4165

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 30, 2007

Pauline Owens

ELLINWOOD — Pauline Owens died Sept. 29, 2007, at Hospice House, Hutchinson. Arrangements and survivors will be announced by Kimple Funeral Home, Ellinwood.

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 30, 2007

Elva Mae Holman

OVERLAND PARK — Elva Mae Holman, 88, died Sept. 28, 2007, at Woodhaven Care Center in Ellinwood. Born Aug. 7, 1919, at Argonia, she was the daughter of Charles and Grace McGreger Jeffries. An Ellinwood resident for the past two years, she was formerly of Norman, Okla., and Overland Park. She married Melvin V. Holman on Sept. 16, 1942, at Spearville.

She was a member of First Presbyterian Church, Great Bend, and Presbyterian Women in Norman, Okla.

Survivors include her husband, Melvin, of Ellinwood; two sons, Marston Holman of Great Bend and Melvin V. Holman of Yuma, Ariz.; a brother, George Jeffries, of Mayfield; and two grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a brother, Charles Milo, and sisters, Alene Roe and Dorothy Hamilton.

A graveside memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Milan (Kan.) Cemetery, with the Rev. Hal Staats officiating. Memorial donations for the Salvation Army are suggested, in care of Kimple Funeral Home, Ellinwood.

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

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 30, 2007

Phyllis Jean Fischer

Phyllis Jean Fischer, 78, of Great Bend, died Sept. 27, 2007, at Country Place Senior Living Center, Ellinwood. She was born June 10, 1929, at Great Bend, the daughter of Harold E. and Vera L. Girling Baker. She married Leroy E. Fischer on Jan. 25, 1948, at Hudson. He died Feb. 16, 1996. She was the former owner of Organic Cupboard Health Food Store. She was a lifetime resident of Barton and Stafford counties.

Mrs. Fischer was a member of First Congregational United Church of Christ, Great Bend, and a former member of Peace Church of Hudson, the Barton County Arts Council, Golden Belt Community Concert Association and RSVP.

Survivors include three sons, Harold Fischer and wife Diane of Seward, Craig Fischer and wife Linda of Ellinwood and Marc Fischer and wife Michelle of Hudson; 10 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 2, at First Congregational United Church of Christ, Great Bend, with the Rev. Diana Coberly and Pastor Wade Russell officiating. Private family inurnment will occur at a later date at Peace Cemetery, Hudson. There will be no visitation, as cremation has taken place. Donations to memorial funds for Country Place Senior Living Center, Golden Belt Home Health and Hospice or First Congregational United Church of Christ may be made in care of Bryant 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, Sept. 30, 2007

September 28, 2007

Velma M. Rehme

ELLINWOOD — Velma M. Rehme, 83, died Sept. 26, 2007, at Good Samaritan Retirement Village in Loveland, Colo. Born on Aug. 12, 1924, in Chase, she was the daughter of Walter Heine and Susie (Jeffries) Rehme of Loveland, Colo.; a brother, George Jeffries, of Yuma, Ariz.; a brother, George Jeffries, of Mayfield; and two grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Herman, and two sisters, Ruth Deaver and Dorothy Bryant.

Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Immanuel United Church of Christ in Ellinwood with Pastor Larry Young officiating. Burial will be at the Lakin-Comanche District Cemetery in Ellinwood. Friends may visit from 3 to 8 p.m. Sunday at Kimple Funeral Home. Memorials are suggested to Immanuel United Church of Christ in Ellinwood and Ellinwood District Hospital Auxiliary.

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

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 28, 2007

Patricia F. Raup

TIMKEN — Patricia F. Raup, 83, died Sept. 25, 2007, at her home in Timken. Born Jan. 30, 1924, in Framingham, Mass., she was the daughter of Maurice J. and Dorothy K. Devine Fontaine. She graduated from Hampden High School in Hampden, Conn. in 1941. A resident of Timken since 1976, moving from Danville, Ill., she was an executive secretary for many years. She married Rowland S. Raup in Mt. Carmel, Conn., on Oct. 18, 1944. He died Sept. 19, 1998.

Mrs. Raup was a member of the Gay Gingham of Rush County, attended St. Mary and Martha’s Episcopal Church in Larned and was a volunteer at the local hospital in Illinois.

Survivors include two sons, Paul M. of Dodge City and Thomas J. of Timken; a daughter, Katherine Wilson of Wheatland, Wyo.; a sister, Barbara McGuire of Clinton, Conn.; four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Monday at the St. Mary and Martha’s Episcopal Church in Larned and was a volunteer at the local hospital in Illinois.

Funeral arrangements provided by Beckwith Mortuary
P.O. Box 477
Larned, KS 67550
620-285-2121

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 28, 2007

September 27, 2007

Mrs. Herman (Velma) Rehme

Mrs. Herman (Velma) Rehme, 83, former Ellinwood resident, died Sept. 26, 2007, at Good Samaritan Retirement Village in
HOISINGTON — Wanda J. Ford, 75, died Sept. 25, 2007, at Great Bend. She was born May 28, 1936, in Hill City, he was the son of Orlando and Viola Moore Petrie. His wife, Lorraine Fulton, is deceased. He worked in construction and was a truck driver. He enjoyed hunting, fishing and playing dominoes, being around people and preparing barbecues.

Survivors include two sons, Cecil Petrie and Aaron Fulton of Wichita; four daughters, Fran Miller of Olathe, Sheryl Wright and husband Jerry, Norman Petrie of Hill City; 21 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Bryant Funeral Home, Great Bend, followed by a graveside service and interment at Golden Belt Memorial Park in Great Bend, with the Rev. Loyse Clay and Brother Albert Robinson officiating. There will be no visitation as cremation has taken place. Memorials are suggested to Clarence Petrie Memorial Fund in care of the funeral home. Condolences may be sent and 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, Sept. 27, 2007

September 26, 2007

Wanda J. Ford 1932 - 2007
LeRoy Duane Rein 1929 - 2007

HOISINGTON — Wanda J. Ford, 75, died Sept. 25 at Central Kansas Medical Center, Great Bend. She was born Feb. 15, 1932. Friends may call after 1 p.m. Thursday at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home, Hoisington. Complete service arrangements are pending there and will be announced.

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 26, 2007

Harul Lee Roe 1927 - 2007

ABILENE — Harul Lee Roe, 80, died Sept. 23, 2007, at the Village Manor in Abilene. He was born July 27, 1927, at Blackburn, Okla., the son of Lewis Oliver and Vurnia Mary (Robinson) Roe. Growing up in the area, he attended local schools. He married Georgia Branson on Feb. 16, 1957. She died July 4, 1990. All their married life was spent in Great Bend, where he was a truck driver and appliance repairman until retiring in 1991. He served in the U.S. Army, in Germany and Korea, from 1948 until 1958. He moved to Abilene to make his home at Frontier Estates in 1993.

He was a member of Calvary Free Will Baptist Church and the Veterans of Foreign Wars and was a life member of Senior Citizens.


A memorial service will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at the Abilene First United Methodist Church, with the Rev. Jim Edwards officiating. Inurnment will be held at 10:30 a.m. Oct. 6 in the Hillside Cemetery at Great Bend. The family suggests that memorial contributions in Mr. Roe’s name be given to the VFW at Abilene.

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 26, 2007*

September 25, 2007

Albina A. Schmidt 1922 - 2007

HAYS — Albina A. Schmidt, 84, of Hays, and former Plainville resident, died Sunday, Sept. 23, 2007, at Hays Medical Center. Born Dec. 11, 1922, in Victoria, she was the daughter of Clemens and Catherine (Stang) Hammerschmidt. She married Fidelis J. Schmidt on Nov. 26, 1940, in Victoria. He preceded her in death in 1976. She has been a homemaker and enjoyed quilting as a hobby.

Mrs. Schmidt was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church and Daughters of Isabella, both of Plainville.

Survivors include three sons, Gerald Schmidt, and Eugene Schmidt and wife Dianne, all of Great Bend, and Patrick Schmidt and wife Linda of Manhattan; three daughters, Patricia Roy and husband Cecil of Stockton, Kathryn Holmes and husband Michael of Manhattan and Jacquelyn Morgan and husband Robert of Menlo; one brother, Elmer Hammerschmidt of Garden City; three sisters, Evelyn Henry of Pratt, Hubertine Stecklein of Denver, Colo., and Delores Mermis of Russell; 20 grandchildren and 38 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband Fidelis; one grandson, Joseph Morgan; and three sisters, Mary Schmidt, Tina Riedel and Helen Bresaw.
Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. on Wednesday at St. Joseph’s Catholic Church in Hays. Burial will be at St. Joseph’s Cemetery in Hays. Friends may call from 5 to 8 p.m. today and from 9 to 9:30 a.m. Wednesday at Brock’s North Hill Chapel in Hays. A Daughters of Isabella Rosary service will be at 6:30 p.m. followed by a Parish Wake service at 7 p.m. today at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the American Diabetes Association.

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Funeral arrangements provided by Brock’s North Hill Chapel* P.O. Box 86 2509 Vine Street Hays, KS 67601 785-625-3215 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 25, 2007 Clarence Petrie 1936 - 2007

Clarence Petrie, 71, of Great Bend, died Sept. 22, 2007, at his home. Born Feb. 28, 1936, in Hill City, he was the son of Orlando and Viola Moore Petrie. His wife, Lorraine Fulton, is deceased. He worked in construction and was a truck driver. He enjoyed hunting, fishing and playing dominoes, being around people and preparing barbecues.

Survivors include two sons, Cecil Petrie and Aaron Fulton of Wichita; four daughters, Fran Miller of Olathe, Sheryl Wright and husband husband Dimitrius of Olathe, Tiffany Cooper and husband Terry, and Brittany Fulton, all of Salina; one brother, Norman Petrie of Hill City; 21 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Graveside service will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Golden Belt Memorial Park in Great Bend with the Rev. Loyse Clay and Brother Albert Robinson officiating. There will be no visitation as cremation has taken place. Memorials are suggested to the American Heart Association.

Funeral arrangements provided by
Bryant Funeral Home* 1425 Patton Road Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-3525 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 25, 2007

William A. Miller 1913 - 2007

KINGMAN — William A. Miller, 94, died Sept. 23, 2007, at Hilltop Manor in Cunningham. He was born May 5, 1913, at Cunning-ham, the son of Anton and Frances Hageman Miller. A longtime resident of the Kingman area, he was a retired farmer, custom cutter and co-owner/operator of Miller’s Rest Home. On Oct. 17, 1939, he married Elenora Goetz of Great Bend, graduating from Great Bend High School in 1939. Chuck had a love for Olympic Weightlifting and competed in several tournaments, nationals and won the gold medal at the Junior Olympics. After high school he joined the U.S. Marine Corps (Semper Fi). Upon completion of his enlistment, he attended vocational school and became certified in HVAC. While working in the HVAC industry, he continued his education at Fort Hays State University, completing his degree in physical science. He then became part of the football coaching staff as a strength trainer at Texas State University in San Marcos. Chuck also taught classes and coached at several universities, the Olympic Training Center, and finally at Pitt University, where he trained NASCAR pit crews in strength and speed conditioning.

Survivors include his parents, Gary and Sally Tournear of Alamogordo, N.M.; his brother Garrett Tournear of Whidbey Island, Wash.; his grandparents, Carl and Clara Cook of Peyton, Colo.; and many aunts, uncles, cousins and friends. “We all love you and will always miss you.” He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Irving and Mildred Tournear, and an uncle, Arion Don Cook.

Memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday at First Southern Baptist Church in Great Bend with the Rev. Dr. Doyle Smith officiating. Memorials are suggested to the Great Bend High School Athletic Department in care of Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Condolences may be sent and notice viewed at www.bryantfh.net.

Memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday at First Southern Baptist Church in Great Bend with the Rev. Dr. Doyle Smith officiating. Memorials are suggested to the Great Bend High School Athletic Department in care of Bryant Funeral Home in 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
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 25, 2007

Atrice L. Moore 1915 - 2007

Atrice Louise Moore, Great Bend, daughter of James O. and Nellie G. (Ball) Brewster, was born Sept. 12, 1915, in Norton and passed away at Central Kansas Medical Center, Great Bend, on Sept. 22, 2007, at the age of 92. She grew up in the Norton/Lenora area and graduated from Norton High School.

On May 8, 1937, Atrice and Merlin H. Moore were united in marriage in Norton. They made their home in the Norton area until 1946, at which time they moved to Alma. Merlin passed away on Aug. 4, 1981, and in 1995, Atrice moved to Lindsborg to be near family. In July 2005, she moved to Great Bend.

She was a member of the Alma United Methodist Church, the American Legion Auxiliary in Alma, the Sunny Susans and the Rebekah Lodge. She was an avid reader and enjoyed writing poetry.

Survivors include one son and his wife, James and Donna Moore, Great Bend; eight grandchildren, Barbara Beard of Harrisonville, Mo., Lori Harmon of Victoria, Lewis Harmon of Memphis, Tenn., Shelley Weilert of Hays; Kellie Harmon of Lawrence, Michael Moore-Biros of Huntley, Ill., Rick Schmidt of Post Falls, Idaho, and Kimberly Breen of Nampa, Idaho; 22 great-grandchildren; one special niece, Gloria, and her husband, Steve Cole, of Norton; and one brother, Wilbert Brewster, and one sister, Marjorie Atkinson.

Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Enfield Funeral Home in Norton, with interment in Mt. Hope Cemetery at Almena. Friends may call at the funeral home from 3 until 8:30 p.m. Wednesday. Memorials may be made to the Atrice Moore Memorial Fund, in care of the funeral home.

Funeral arrangements provided by Enfield Funeral Home* 215 West Main Norton, KS 67654 785-877-5135 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 25, 2007

September 23, 2007

June Cain

WICHITA — June Cain, 81, formerly of Great Bend, retired Komarek Jewelry office manager of 26 years, passed away Thursday, Sept. 20, 2007. Service was at 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 22, at Downing & Lahey Mortuary West in Wichita. Graveside service was at 3 p.m. Saturday at the Hoisington Cemetery. She was preceded in death by her parents, Zed and Dessie Mitcherson, and her husband, Howard Cain. Survivors include a daughter, Cheryl (Bill) Earle of Wichita; a son, Randy Cain of Garden City; seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. A memorial has been established with the National Ovarian Cancer Coalition, Kansas Chapter, 1814 Redbarn Ln., Wichita, KS 67212. Tributes to the family via www.dlwichita.com.

Funeral arrangements provided by Downing & Lahey Mortuary West* 6555 East Central Wichita, KS 67206 316-773-4553 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 23, 2007

Mathilda (Tillie) H. Reif 1922 - 2007

HOISINGTON — Mathilda (Tillie) H. Reif, 85, died Sept. 20, 2007, after a long and courageous battle with colon cancer. Born March 21, 1922, on a farm west of Odin, she was the daughter of Frank and Mary (Koester) Rziha. She attended grade school and graduated from high school from Holy Family School in Odin. She married Lawrence E. (Larry) Reif on Oct. 6, 1947, at Holy Family Church in Odin. He preceded her in death on April 8, 2006. Tillie and Larry resided on the family farm north of Odin for 48 years before moving to Hoisington in 1995.

Tillie's passion in life was her love and devotion to her husband, to her daughter and son and to her grandchildren. Everyone admired her beautiful flowers and her skill of growing bountiful vegetables in her garden. Amidst the fresh aroma of lilac bushes surrounding her garden, she spent many an hour tending to her passion. Even in her final days of life, Tillie was dreaming about her next garden. In August the Rzihas had their family reunion. Tillie was not able to attend. Her nieces and nephews from all over the United States came to visit her in the hospital the day before the reunion and again before departing for their homes. Mother brought all of us together to celebrate the love of our families.

Tillie was a member of St. John the Evangelist Church in Hoisington. She was a lifetime member of the St. Ann's Altar Society of Odin and Daughters of Isabella of Claflin. She was an instructor of religious education classes for many years at Holy Family Parish. She was a past member of the Odin EHU and DCCW of Dodge City.

Survivors include a daughter, Susan Jensen, and her husband Ron and their children Kyle and Kristi of Odin; a son, Tim Reif and wife Sheryl of Plano, Texas, Tim's daughter Hayley Reif of Sand Springs, Okla., and Sheryl's children, Cherie and Penny Empey, also of Plano; a brother, Joseph Rziha of Hoisington; and two sisters, Ann Hunsley of Hoisington and Catherine Hipp of Wichita. She was preceded in death by her brother, Frank Rziha, and six sisters, Margaret Olsen, Sister Mary Jordan, and infant sister, Elizabeth, Agnes Penka, Helen McCann and Rose Schneider.

A Daughters of Isabella Rosary was at 2 p.m. and a family rosary at 7 p.m. on Saturday. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Hoisington with Father Dwight Birket presiding. Burial will be at the Holy Family Cemetery in Odin. Friends may call from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. today, followed by an Altar Society and Daughters of Isabella rosary at the funeral home. The family requests in lieu of flowers memorials to Southwind Hospice in Pratt or Kans for Kids in care of Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in 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, Sept. 23, 2007

Colby Justin McEntire 2005 - 2007

CHICKASHA, Okla. – Colby Justin McEntire, 2-year-old son of Brian and Amanda McEntire, was born March 25, 2005, in Norman, Okla., and was granted his angel wings on Sept. 20, 2007, following a lifetime illness. His final days were spent surrounded by family and friends that Colby had touched in some small way throughout his short, yet very memorable life.

Colby's life would seem too short to many, but those who were touched by him understand that the quality of existence far exceeds the quantity of time in which one lives. His beautiful eyes and winning smile could melt the hearts of those around him. Colby possessed strength, perseverance, and an ability to overcome incredible odds. With his courage he helped us to believe that each day is a blessing and an opportunity to create lasting memories. He could spend hours playing with his favorite cars and tractors and cuddling close to those he loved much. He enjoyed playing with bubbles, dancing, finger painting, playing with his baby sister, and reading stories.

He loved the color orange, Curious George, Diego, and his dog and cat, Zane and Callie.

With Colby's passing, we remind others that his life is one to be celebrated. Although we will miss him every day, he will forever remain in our hearts. Through his teachings about life, we were able to create wonderful memories and it has been a privilege to be his parents. We are so thankful Colby's sister, Macy, met her brother so she can hold dear the memory of Colby's incredible courage.
Colby is survived by his loving parents, Brian and Amanda McEntire; sister Macy McEntire; paternal grandparents Linda Harris, Pat Buth, and Richard and Phyllis McEntire; maternal grandparents Ron and Karen Barrow and Norman and LouAnn Legleiter; paternal great-grandfather Elmor Buth; maternal great-grandmother Helen Klein, and paternal great-grandparents Bill and Rita Legleiter; uncle/godfather Nathan Legleiter and wife Shanna; uncle Greg and wife/godmother Melissa; aunt Audrey Barrow; and cousin Nelson Legleiter.

He was predeceased by his paternal great-grandparents Chester and Ethel Harris, Myrtle Buth; and maternal great-grandfather Larry Klein.

Funeral Mass will be held at 10:30 a.m. Monday at the St. Joseph Catholic Church of Union City. Wake service will be held at 7 tonight. Interment will be in the Fairview Cemetery, Tuttle, Okla. under the direction of Sevier Funeral Home of Tuttle. Memorial contributions may made to Colby Justin McEntire Memorial Fund at Chickasha Bank, Tuttle Branch. 405 381-9955.

You may also visit www.caringbridge.com visit ColbyMcEntire.

Funeral arrangements provided by Sevier Funeral Home* 702 Chickasha Ave. Chickasha, OK 73018 (405) 224-4266 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 23, 2007

Barbara Jo Moeder 1950 - 2007

Barbara Jo Moeder, 56, of Great Bend, died Sept. 22, 2007, at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. She was born Nov. 12, 1950, at Great Bend, the daughter of Albert P. and Adella M. Machal Bremer. A lifetime resident of Great Bend, she was a homemaker and assistant manager at the Wal-Mart Pharmacy.

She was a member of Prince of Peace Parish at St. Rose and the Altar Society.

Survivors include three sons, Adam Moeder, Great Bend, Travis Moeder, Lawrence, and Paul Moeder, Hoisington; one sister, Sheila Becker and husband Jerry, Great Bend; her aunt Muriel Machal, Great Bend; and two granddaughters, Alyssa Moeder and Callie Moeder. She was preceded in death by two sisters, Karen Becker and Alberta Boxberger.

Altar Society Rosary will be at 4 p.m. Tuesday, followed by a vigil and rosary at 7:30 p.m., all at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church in Great Bend, with Father Reginald A. Urban officiating. Intermment will be at Great Bend Cemetery North. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday at the Funeral Home. Memorials are suggested to American Cancer Society or American Heart Association, 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, Sept. 23, 2007

Junalie Ann Leiker 1931 - 2007

Junalie Ann Leiker, 76, died Sept. 20, 2007, at her residence in Great Bend. She was born Sept. 18, 1931, at Visalia, Calif., to Harry and Bertha Ross Archer. She married LaVern Leiker on Aug. 6, 1965 at Hill City. She was a resident of Great Bend since February of 1966, coming from Hill City. She had been a receptionist and assistant for Countryside Veterinary, and also worked for Big A Warehouse.

Mrs. Leiker was a volunteer for the Great Bend Humane Society. She enjoyed motorcycles, bowling, roller skating and fishing.

Survivors include her husband, of the home; daughter Karla Cordes and her husband Bill, Lawrence; and four grandchildren, Josh Schmitt, Shannon Cordes, Easton Cordes and Kaidon Cordes. She was preceded in death by an infant son Ricky Leiker.

Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend with Father Wesley Schawe officiating. Private family inurnment will be at a later date at Munjor Cemetery in Munjor. Visitation will be from 1 to 9 p.m. today, with family to receive friends from 7 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the American Lung Association or Golden Belt Home Health and Hospice 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, Sept. 23, 2007

September 21, 2007

Betty Kathleen Lee

WICHITA — Betty Kathleen Lee, 81, wife of Jerold R. Lee (deceased) and mother of Linda M. Lee and Sandra R. Lee, passed away Sept. 20, 2007. She and her husband formerly lived in the Great Bend-Hoisington area. Visitation will be held Saturday, Sept. 22, from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m., then a graveside service to celebrate her life will be held at 11 a.m., both at Lakeview Memorial Gardens, 12100 E. 13th St., Wichita.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Jerold R. Lee, a sister, Joan Reid, and two sisters-in-law, Mary Stafford and Laura Lynn. Survivors include two daughters of Wichita, a sister, Mary Beasley, of England; a sister-in-law, Frances Hessellius, Littleton, Colo.; seven nieces and eight nephews; 19 great-nieces and great-nephews, and 19 great-great-nieces and great-great-nephews. The family requests no flowers; memorial contributions can be made to Harry Hynes Hospice, and or American Lung Association. To leave an online condolence please visit www.mylakeviewfuneralhome.com.

Funeral arrangements provided by Lakeview Memorial Gardens* 12100 E. 13th St. Wichita, KS 67206 316-684-8200 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 21, 2007

Mason A. "Brownie" Brown 1925 - 2007

Mason A. "Brownie" Brown, 82, of Great Bend, died Sept. 19, 2007, at his granddaughter’s residence in Concord, N.C. Born Aug. 9, 1925, in Las Animas, Colo., he was the son of Humphrey Adelbert and Mary Augusta Mason Brown. He married Sharron J. Zook on April 25, 1960, at Raton, N.M. She survives. A resident of Great Bend since 1966, coming from Salina, he was a telephone repeaterman for Southwestern Bell Telephone.

Mr. Brown was a U.S. Army Veteran. He was a member of Central Baptist Church, American Legion Argonne Post No. 189, DAV Post No. 27, Great Bend Masonic Lodge No. 15 and Sunflower Shrine Club, all in Great Bend, a life member of Mt. Nebo Chapter Royal Arch Masons No. 36, High Priest from 1996 to 1997, Golden Belt Council of Royal and Select Masters No. 2, St. John Commandery Knights Templars No. 14, Commander 1998, Order of High Priesthood of Kansas, The Council of Thrice Illustrious Masters of Kansas, the Kansas Association of Past Commanders of Knights Templar, Jay A. Sheldon Order No. 117 in Dodge City, ISIS Temple A.A.O.N.M.S. of Salina, Knights of the York Cross of Honor, Ellinwood Masonic Lodge No. 217, Master 2001-2002, Emporia Council Royal and Select Masters No. 7, Illustrious Master 1999, Order of Eastern Star Golden Sheaf Chapter No. 226, Scottish Rite of Freemasonry-Southern Jurisdiction of Valley of Topeka, Red Cross of Constantine (Calvary Conclave), Allied Masonic Degrees-Sunflower Chapter No. 383 of Wichita and Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests River Jordan Tabernacle XXXVIII, all in Wichita, Grand Order of the Sword of Bunker Hill, The Royal Order of Scotland, Kansas Council No. 53, Knight Masons, Russell Shrine Club of Russell, Telephone Pioneers,
Survivors include his wife, Sharron Brown of the home; a daughter, Adel Ostrom and husband Curtis of Mooresville, N.C.; a granddaughter, Brandi Johnson and husband Mike of Concord, N.C.; a grandson, Blaine Ostrom and wife Valerie of Owingsville, Ky.; two sisters, Emily Lou Carpenter of Pueblo, Colo., and Judy Rasmussen of Castle Rock, Colo.; and seven great-grandchildren, Tamera, Mason, Kaytlin and Alexis Johnson, and Courtney, Kelsey and Christian Ostrom. He was preceded in death by two brothers, A.P. and Hugh Brown, and a sister, Mary Jo White.

Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. on Monday at Central Baptist Church in Great Bend officiated by the Rev. David Hill and the Rev. Gordon Rhodes. Interment will be at 2 p.m. at Zook Cemetery in Zook with Masonic Rites. Friends may visit from 1 to 9 p.m. Sunday with the family receiving friends from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Bryant Funeral Home. Memorials are suggested to the Shrine Travel Fund 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, Sept. 21, 2007

June Cain

WICHITA — June Cain, 81, formerly of Great Bend, retired Komarek Jewelry office manager of 26 years, passed away Thursday, Sept. 20, 2007. Visitation with the family will be from 7 to 8:30 p.m. today, Sept. 21, and service will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 22, both at Downing & Lahey Mortuary West in Wichita. Graveside service will be at 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 22, at the Hoisington Cemetery.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Zed and Debbie Mitcherson, and her husband, Howard Cain. Survivors include a daughter, Cheryl (Bill) Earle of Wichita; a son, Randy Cain of Garden City; seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. A memorial has been established with the National Ovarian Cancer Coalition, Kansas Chapter, 1814 Redburn Lane, Wichita, KS 67212. Tributes to the family via www.dlwichita.com.

Funeral arrangements provided by Downing & Lahey Mortuary West*
6555 East Central
Wichita, KS 67206
316-773-4553
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 21, 2007

Mathilda "Tillie" Reif 1922 - 2007

HOISINGTON — Mathilda "Tillie" Reif, 85, died Sept. 20 at Clara Barton Hospital, Hoisington. She was born March 21, 1922. Service arrangements are pending with Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home, Hoisington, and will be announced.

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 21, 2007

Merica Elaine “Mickey” Teichmann 1919 - 2007

HUDSON — Merica Elaine "Mickey" Teichmann, 87, died Sept. 20, 2007, at Great Bend Health & Rehabilitation Center, Great Bend. She was born Oct. 6, 1919, at Hoisington, the daughter of Frank and Mary Alice Krepps McGinnis. She married Ellsworth D. "Bud" Teichmann on Aug. 16, 1937, at Great Bend. He died Aug. 21, 1990. She was a homemaker and helped Ellsworth on the farm. She also was a school secretary, cook and driver for the Hudson School District, retiring in 1986. She was a resident of Hudson for 62 years, coming from Boyd.

She was a member of Peace Church, Ladies Guild and EHU, all of Hudson.

Survivors include one son, Larry Teichmann, and companion Rosie, of Great Bend; one daughter, Barbara Erb, and husband Eugene, Ness City; a sister, Mildred (Billie) Lambert, of Lompoc, Calif.; 10 grandchildren, three stepgrandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a sister, Thelma (Lou) Dwyer.

Funeral service will be at 2:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 24, at Peace Church, Hudson, with Pastor Wade Russell officiating. Interment will be at Peace Cemetery, Hudson. Visitation will be from 1 to 9 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 23, with the family to receive friends from 7 to 8:30 p.m., and Monday, Sept. 24, from 9 a.m. to noon, all at Bryant Funeral Home, Great Bend. Donations to a memorial fund for Great Bend Health & Rehabilitation Center, or to the charity or organization of the donor’s choice, may be made 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, Sept. 21, 2007

September 20, 2007

Ruby Mohl-Blake 1917 - 2007

RUSSELL — Ruby Mohl-Blake, 90, of Russell died Tuesday, Sept. 18, 2007, at Golden Living Center in Wilson. Ruby was born on July 18, 1917, on the family farm at Susank. She grew up in the Susank and Hoisington area until high school when her family moved to Russell.

She graduated from Russell High School in 1935.

Ruby was a homemaker, but she also helped move homes and take care of horses in her younger days.

She was married in 1968 to David Blake in Great Bend.

She was a member of DOES — Elks Auxiliary and the Russell Historical Society. She enjoyed going coyote hunting, riding and taking care of horses, being outside and doing genealogy.

Surviving family include her husband of 39 years, David of the home; three adopted children, Leah Maupin and husband Terry of Russell, Roselle Patterson and husband William of Columbus, and Roger Mohl of Baxter Springs; and two grandchildren, Shannon Maupin and Jeremie Patterson. She was preceded in death by her parents, one son, Donald Richard Mohl, and one grandson, Gregory Allan Loyd.

Celebration of Ruby's life is scheduled for 10:30 a.m. Friday, Sept. 21, at Pohlman-Vaner-Peeler Mortuary in Russell. Interment will follow at Russell City Cemetery. Visitation will be from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. today, Sept. 20, at Pohlman-Vaner-Peeler Mortuary. A memorial has been established with the Russell County Historical Society. Contributions and condolences may be left at the mortuary.

Funeral arrangements provided by Pohlman-Vaner-Peeler Mortuary*
610 North Maple
Russell, KS 67665
785-483-2212
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 20, 2007

Mason A. "Brownie" Brown1925 - 2007

Mason A. "Brownie" Brown, 82, of Great Bend, died Sept. 19 at Concord, N.C. He was born Aug. 9, 1925. Service arrangements are pending with Bryant Funeral Home, Great Bend, and will be announced.

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 20, 2007

September 19, 2007

No deaths reported

September 18, 2007

Glen L. Thomas 1930 - 2007

HASTINGS, Neb. — Hastings resident Glen L. Thomas, 77, died Sept. 14 at Mary Lanning Memorial Hospital. He was born July 3, 1930, in Burr Oak, to Earl G. and Ruby E. (Boitnott) Thomas. He graduated from Esbon High School in 1949.

He enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1951 and retired on June 18, 1970. On Aug. 11,
1956, he married Patty L. Herndon at the First Christian Church in Lebanon, Kan. He was a barber and also the elementary school custodian in Lebanon. After the closing of the school, they traveled to Arizona and South Dakota, where he was groundskeeper at RV parks.

He was a member of First Christian Church in Lebanon and attended the First Congregational United Church of Christ in Hastings, Neb. He was also a Master Mason at Western Star Lodge 174 in Smith Center, Scottish Rite Valley of Salina Orient of Kansas in Salina, and Order of the Eastern Star Chapter 168 in Phillipsburg. He moved to Hastings in 2005.

Survivors include his wife, of the home; two sons, Steven Thomas of Great Bend and Douglas Thomas of Lebanon; two grandsons, Michael Thomas and James Thomas, both of Great Bend; two great-granddaughters, Sophie Thomas and Aeva Thomas, both of Great Bend; sisters and their spouses, Carlene Bradley of Springfield, Mo., Doris and Murlin Smith of Jewell, and Margaret and Jim Peirce of Hastings; and a sister-in-law, Charleen Thomas of Inman.

Mr. Thomas was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Gerald Thomas.

A private family memorial service will be held at a later date. Memorials may be given to the American Cancer Society. Condolences may be sent at www.ibvfh.com. Livingston-Butler-Volland Funeral Home & Cremation Center, Hastings, is in charge of arrangements.

Funeral arrangements provided by Livingston-Butler-Volland Funeral Home & Cremation Center, Hastings, is in charge of arrangements.

Funeral arrangements provided by Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home 415 N. Main P.O. Box 146 Hoisington, KS 67544 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 18, 2007

Elise Lydia Dodson

RUSSELL — Elise Lydia Dodson died Sept. 16 at the Main Street Manor in Russell. Born in Gorham, she was the daughter of George and Mary (Hergert) Bender Jr. She married Walter Lowell Dodson on June 15, 1957, in Russell. He died on March 31, 2005. They moved to Russell in 1959.

A resident of Russell County most of her life, she owned and operated Elsie’s Cafe in Luray for several years. She also worked as a bookkeeper/cashier at J.M. McDonald’s Dry Good Store until they closed. For over 20 years she was the bookkeeper for Peake Plumbing. She also did the bookwork for her husband’s business, Dodson’s Machine Shop, until they retired.

Mrs. Dodson was a member of the American Legion Post No. 99 Ladies Auxiliary, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 6240 Ladies Auxiliary and a former member of the Redeemer Lutheran Church. She loved camping, fishing, traveling, playing bridge, bingo and other family activities.

Survivors include two sons, Wayne Harbaugh and his wife Sandy of Otis and Stanley Harbaugh and his wife Bonnie of Longmont, Colo.; one daughter, Judith Bender; and one brother, Ben Bender of Wichita; four grandsons, two great-grandsons, one great-great-granddaughter; and a special niece, Kay Homewood of Russell. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; five brothers, Gotfred Bender, Leo Bender, Edwin Bender, Victor Bender and Dave Bender; and three sisters, Amelia Kautz, Dolly Mai and Rosie Brehm.

Memorial graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Mt. Hermon Cemetery in Paradise with Pastor Roger Dennis officiating. Friends are also invited to Meridy’s Restaurant in Russell following the service. There will be no visitation as cremation has been effected. Memorials are suggested to the Alzheimer’s and Related Disorders Association in care of the funeral home.

Funeral arrangements provided by Russell Funeral Home* 610 North Elm Street P.O. Box 566 Russell, KS 67665 785-483-4399 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 18, 2007

Martin Gilmore Olsen

BURDETT — Martin Gilmore Olsen, 89, died Sept. 14 at the Hodgeman County Health Center in Jetmore. A cremation memorial is pending and will be announced by Beckwith Mortuary Inc., in Larned.

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 18, 2007

Donald Dean Karst 1937 - 2007

RUSSELL — Donald Dean Karst, 70, died Sept. 15 at the Wheatland Nursing Center in Russell. Born July 9, 1937, in Milberger, he was the son of William Fredrick and Lydia (Templing) Karst. The family moved to Russell in the 1940s. He began working in the oilfield pulling unit business in the early 1950s and eventually started Don Karst Well Service in the 1970s, and became an independent oil producer until he retired due to his health. He lived in Russell until moving to Hays in 1982 and returned to Russell in 1999. He married Diana Newsome on Sept. 5, 1970, at St. John’s Lutheran Church in Russell. She died Feb. 15, 1985.

Mr. Karst was a member of St. John’s Lutheran Church in Russell.

Survivors include two sons, Monty Karst and wife Kaylee and Todd Alan Templeton, all of Russell; a stepson, Brian Reddig of Gorham; a stepdaughter, Jennie Dandridge of Larned; a sister, Ruth Miller of Russell; and six grandchildren, Randylin Karst, Nash Karst, Autumn Karst, Cane Reddig, Tad Reddig and Diana Dandridge. He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife; three brothers, Clarence, Herbert, and Elmer Karst; and one sister, Alvina Templeton.

Funeral will be at 11 a.m. on Wednesday at St. John’s Lutheran Church with Pastor Roger Dennis officiating. Burial will be at the St. John’s Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. today with the family receiving friends between 7 and 9 p.m. Memorials are suggested to the Alzheimer’s and Related Disorders Association in care of the funeral home.

Funeral arrangements provided by Russell Funeral Home* 610 North Elm Street P.O. Box 566 Russell, KS 67665 785-483-4399 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 18, 2007

September 16, 2007

Nancy Joan Collins 1943 - 2007

LAS VEGAS, Nev. — Nancy Joan Collins, 64 passed away Sept. 12, at her home in Las Vegas, Nev. She was born July 28, 1943, at her home in McCracken, to Bertha Louise (Schwindt) and Charles William Collins.

Martin Gilmore Olsen
Lanita Marie Smith 1966 - 2007

HAYS — Lanita Marie Smith, 41, died Sept. 12 at the Hays Medical Center. Born Aug. 6, 1966, in Hays, she was the daughter of Albert and Doris (Ochs) Karst. She married Lance Smith on April 29, 1989, in Hays. She was a Registered Nurse.

Mrs. Smith was a member of the Messiah Lutheran Church, Soroptimist International, Wild West Festival, American Organization of Executive Nurses and the Kansas Organization of Nurse Leaders.

Survivors include her husband, of the home; two daughters, Ashley Smith and Sierra Smith, both of the home; her mother, Doris Karst of Hays; three brothers, Thomas Karst and wife Mary of Hays, Mark Karst and wife Shannon of Victoria, and Douglas Karst of Lucas; four sisters, Dianne Schmidt and husband Gene and Maryln Schumacher and husband Larry, all of Great Bend, Lois Hermann and husband Patrick of Lake Havasu City, Ariz., and Patricia Karst of Hays; father-in-law, Eldon Smith of Glenwood, Iowa; stepfather-in-law, Eddie Holman of Salina; six nieces and five nephews. She was preceded in death by her father, Albert; a brother, Steven Karst; and her mother-in-law, Rose Holman.

Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Monday at the Messiah Lutheran Church, 20th and Main, Hays. Burial will be at the Mt. Allen Cemetery. A Lutheran Prayer Service will be at 6 p.m. today at the Messiah Lutheran Church. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. today at the church and from 9:30 a.m. until service time on Monday. A memorial fund has been established in her name and memory for an educational fund for her children.


FORT DODGE — William R. "Ray" Zecha, 89, died Sept. 12 at Western Plains Medical Complex in Dodge City. Born Jan. 3, 1918, in Odin, he was the son of William B. and Frances (Frenzl) Zecha. He married Helen Hitschmann on May 17, 1949, in Odin. Moving to Fort Dodge in 2005 from Waterloo, he was a retired farmer and stockman and worked for the Galesburg Township for 22 years and was a former member of the board of directors of the Cheney COOP.

Mr. Zecha served in the United States Army during World War II. He was a member of St. Andrew Catholic Church in Wright, and Disabled American Veterans and Howard Gotschall Post No. 1714, Veterans of Foreign Wars, all of Dodge City.

Survivors include his wife of the home; a daughter, Coleen Albert of Dodge City; two brothers, Victor Zecha of Larned and Clarence Zecha of Claflin; three sisters, Matilda Penka of Odin, Lucille Schneweiss of Great Bend and Doris Weiser of Hoisington; four grandchildren, Michael Albert, Chris Albert, Shawn Albert and Rebecca Lee; and four great-grandchildren, Anika, Trevor, Amber and Brayan. He was preceded in death by his parents; three brothers, Herman, Robert and Frances; and four sisters, Eleanor Johanning, Helen Straub, Kathleen Zecha and Agnes Penka.

Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. today at St. Andrew's Catholic Church in Dodge City. Funeral Mass will be at 10:30 a.m. on Monday at the church with the Rev. Robert Schremmer celebrating. Burial will follow at the Kansas Veterans Cemetery at Fort Dodge with military rites by Howard Gotschall Post No. 1714, VFW.

Kay L. Oliphant 1939 - 2007

OFFERLE — Kay L. Oliphant, 68, died Sept. 14 at Western Plains Medical Center, Dodge City. She was born Jan. 27, 1939, at Spearville, to Walter and Thelma (Kleytsteuber) Kurth. She married Rodney G. Oliphant on July 15, 1961, at Offerle. A longtime resident of rural Offerle, she was office manager at Oliphant Veterinary Hospital.

Mrs. Oliphant was a member of Offerle United Methodist Church, and served on the church board. She was also a member of P.E.O. and the 4-H Foundation.

Survivors include son David Oliphant, Offerle; daughter Debra Abercrombie, Monument, Colo.; two brothers, Ronnie Kurth, Plano, Texas, and Wayne Kurth, Evergreen, Colo.; a sister, Maxine Fisher, LaJunta, Colo.; and four grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a sister, Beverly Orbolo.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at the church in Offerle with the Rev. Avery Rutledge officiating. Burial will be in Evergreen Cemetery, Offerle. Memorials to the church may be made in care of McKillip Memorial Funeral Home.

Funeral arrangements provided by McKillip Memorial Funeral Home P.O. Box 304 Kimball, KS 67547 (620) 659-2311 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 16, 2007 Dianna Lynn Muth 1956 - 2007

LONGMONT, Colo. — Dianna Lynn Muth, 51, of Longmont, Colo., died Sept. 10 at her home. She was born May 5, 1956, in Hoisington, to Alvin and Vera (Korte) Muth. She was raised in Great Bend and graduated from Great Bend High School in 1974. She moved to Longmont in 1981. Dianna owned and operated "Di"
Fairview Park cemetery, St. John, with Lyons presiding. Burial will be in the granddaughter, Sarah McCurdy. Bernice Romero; and a great-grandson by both parents; a brother Rex; a sister Karla and Karen; and 18 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by nine great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren.

Survivors include her K-9 son Seagal; her parents, of Great Bend; a sister, Denise Appel and her husband Rich of Rush Center; a brother, Darren Muth and wife Ruth of Longmont, Colo.; five aunts and uncles; two great-aunts; 11 nieces and nephews; six great-nieces and numerous cousins.

Funeral service was at 10 a.m. Saturday at First Evangelical Lutheran Church with the Rev. Steve Berke officiating. Interment was at Ryssby Cemetery. Memorial contributions are suggested to First Lutheran Church and can be sent to Ahlberg Funeral Chapel in Longmont. Visit www.ahlbergfuneralchapel.com to leave condolences for the family.

Funeral arrangements provided by Ahlberg Funeral Chapel* 326 Terry Street Longmont, CO 80501 (303) 776-2313 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 16, 2007 Robert D. (Bob) Blanding 1925 - 2007 ST. JOHN – Robert D. (Bob) Blanding, 81, of St. John, died Sept. 15 at Leisure Homestead, St. John. He was born Nov. 25, 1925, at Formoso, to Leo and Cleo (Briggs) Blanding. A 41-year-resident of St. John, coming from Stafford, he was a retired Kansas Department of Transportation road maintenance worker. He graduated from Formoso High School and was a U.S. Army Veteran of World War II. On Jan. 26, 1947, he married Murna Ilene (Porter) Blanding. She preceded him in death.

Mr. Blanding was a life member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and was a member of the American Legion, as well as past member of the Lions Club.

Survivors include three daughters, Roberta Tillman, Sand Springs, Okla.; Donna Tucker, St. John, and Dianne Wells, Hudson; a brother, Max Blanding, Wichita; nine grandchildren, Chadd, Jim, Jes, Christiane, Cathie, Thomas, Craig, Karla and Karen; and 18 great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by both parents; a brother Rex; a sister Bernice Romero; and a great-granddaughter, Sarah McCurdy.

Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Minnis Chapel, St. John, with Rodney Lyons presiding. Burial will be in the Fairview Park cemetery, St. John, with military honors. Visitation will be from 1 to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home. Memorials to the South Wind Hospice or First Baptist Church may be made in care of the funeral home.

Funeral arrangements provided by Minnis Chapel* P.O. Box 34 St. John, KS 67576 (620) 786-9440 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 16, 2007 Wilma Krug 1914 - 2007 RUSSELL – Wilma Krug, 93, of Russell, died Sept. 13 at Wheatland Nursing Center of Russell. She was born July 23, 1914, in rural Hoisington, the daughter of Jacob and Salamena (Radke) Boger. She grew up in the Hoisington area and attended the Hoisington Country Schools.

Wilma was united in marriage to Tillman Lester Krug on Nov. 15, 1936, in Russell County. He preceded her in death on June 4, 1979. From this union Wilma and Lester were blessed with one daughter named Twyla.

Wilma was an active member of the St. John Lutheran Church of Russell, the Busy Stitcher Sewing Club and a former member of the Russell County Saddle Club. She enjoyed gardening, working with crafts, playing cards with friends and spending time with her family. She especially enjoyed baby-sitting her grandchildren and many other children in the community.

Surviving family include her daughter Twyla Ehrlich and husband Dale of Russell; two brothers, Emanuel Boger of Great Bend and Armin Boger of Silverdale, Wash.; three sisters, Irene Kimpler of Ellinwood, Alvina Haas of rural Hoisington and Clara Cook of Colorado; two granddaughters, Tori Hall and husband Roy of Russell and Tami Ehrlich; and one great-granddaughter, Halle Renae Hall of Rush County.

Other family preceding Wilma in death were her parents; two sisters, Tillie Krug and Mary Lou Holmes; and one grandson, Thomas David Ehrlich.

A celebration of Wilma’s Life is scheduled for 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at the St. John Lutheran Church of Russell. Burial will follow at the St. John Lutheran Cemetery in Russell. Visitation will be from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday, with the family present from 7 to 8 p.m. A memorial has been established to the Wilma Krug Memorial Fund. Contributions and condolences may be left with Pohlman-Varner-Peelee Mortuary, which is in charge of arrangements. Condolences may be e-mailed to pvpmortuary@eaglecom.net.

Funeral arrangements provided by Pohlman-Varner-Peelee Mortuary* 610 N. Maple Russell, KS 67665 (785) 483-2212 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 16, 2007

Edith "Edie" Mae Buskirk 1925 - 2007 Edith "Edie" Mae Buskirk, 82, died Sept. 14 at her home in Great Bend. She was born May 4, 1925, at Circleville, Ohio, the daughter of Clyde Anderson and Bessie Mae Payne O’Dell. She married Guy Buskirk in Circleville, Ohio. They were married for 12 years. He is deceased. A resident of Great Bend since 1982, moving from Mt. Sterling, Ohio, she was a caregiver.

Mrs. Buskirk was of the Nazarene faith.

Survivors include one son, Gary Buskirk and wife Sheila, Greenwood, Mo.; two daughters, Debbie Manbevers and husband Bud, Neodesha, and Darcy Jacobs and husband Nick, Great Bend; one sister, Myrtle Yancey, Tyler, Texas; five grandchildren, Angel, Lance, Gary, Scott and Ryan; nine great-grandchildren; and one adoptive son, Paul Pack and wife Tina, Great Bend. She was preceded in death by one son, Guy Edward Buskirk; and four brothers, Jim O’Dell, Glen O’Dell, Clyde O’Dell, and Ernie O’Dell; and infant brother Carl O’Dell.

Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend, with the Rev. John Grummoff officiating. Interment will be at Hillcrest Memorial Park, Great Bend. Visitation will be from 1 to 9 p.m. Monday and 9 a.m. until service time Tuesday, all at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Golden Belt Home Health and Hospice, in care of the funeral home. Condolences may be sent and notice viewed at www.bryanth.net.

Funeral arrangements provided by Bryant Funeral Home* 1425 Patton Road Great Bend, KS 67530 (620) 793-3525 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 16, 2007

September 14 , 2007

Josephine T. Pozalek 1925 - 2007 TIMKEN — Josephine T. Pozalek, 82, died Sept. 8, 2007, at Triumph Hospital in Denver, Colo. Born Aug. 16, 1925, in Otis, she was the daughter of Joseph and Sophie (Matal) Tuzicka. A lifelong resident of Rush County, she was a homemaker. She married Edward T. Pozalek on Aug. 24, 1948 in Rush County. He died on June 24, 1996.

Mrs. Pozalek was a member of the Holy Trinity Catholic Church, Holy Trinity Catholic Church Choir and St. Ann’s Altar Society, and a past member of Holy Trinity Catholic Church Council, all in Timken.

Jospeh A. (Ed) O’Dell 1925 - 2007 
Survivors include three daughters, Margaret Pozalek and significant other, Derry Knauf, of La Crosse, Angela Leikam and her husband Joseph Leikam of Plainville, and Rita Holmes of Centennial, Colo.; three brothers, Lester Tuzicka of Albuquerque, N.M., Joseph Tuzicka of Great Bend and Francis Tuzicka of Colorado Springs, Colo.; a sister, Cecelia Horacek of Munjoy; and five grandchildren, Amy Thorne of Larned, Ryan Pozalek of Claflin, Tami Hoch of Great Bend, and Taylor Leikam and Travis Leikam, both of Plainville. She was preceded in death by her parents, Joseph and Sophie (Matal) Tuzicka, her husband, Edward T. Pozalek; a son, James Pozalek; and five brothers, Father Fredrick Tuzicka, Louis Charles Tuzicka, Willard Tuzicka, Willford Tuzicka and George Tuzicka.

Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. today at Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Timken with Father Rene Labrador officiating. Burial will be at Holy Cross Cemetery in Timken. Memorials are suggested to the Josephine T. Pozalek Memorial.

Funeral arrangements provided by Janousek Funeral Home* 719 Pine La Crosse, KS 67549 785-222-2517 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 14, 2007

Bernard Clair “Bud” Schneider, Ph.D 1947 - 2007

OLMITZ — Bernard Clair “Bud” Schneider, Ph.D, 60, died Sept. 10, 2007, at Hutchinson Hospital, Hutchinson. Born Aug. 13, 1947, at Great Bend, he was the son of Bernard A. and Leona L. Hopkins Schneider. Bud grew up on a farm outside Olmitz, along with his sister, Janice. Soon after graduating from Hoisington High School, Bud started his studies at Fort Hays Kansas State College, studying psychology, but was soon called to serve time in the U.S. Army.

Bud’s last duty assignment in the Army was the 1st BN, 30th ARTY 1st Air Cavalry Division. He served in the Army from Oct. 11, 1966, and was honorably discharged on Oct. 10, 1972. Bud served in the 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile) in the Republic of Vietnam. While in the service he received the National Defense Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal and the Good Conduct Medal.

After discharge he returned to college and finished his bachelor of arts degree on Dec. 20, 1971, and his master’s degree on Dec. 21, 1972. At Fort Hays Kansas State College, Bud was initiated into the Psi Chi Chapter, for the National Honor Society in Psychology. Bud worked as a psychologist over the years in various capacities, with the most recent employment with the Juvenile Correctional Facility at the Larned State Hospital Complex. In recent years he also completed his doctorate in psychology.

Over the years Bud pursued his interest in working with cattle. He began his business in the 1970s, where he learned to artificially inseminate cattle. In the late 1980s he learned to embryo transfer and began his business, “Embryo Specialty Services.”

Bud was married to Paula Daylor, Sept. 8, 1979, in Manhattan. They had one son, Tyler Cole Schneider. Their marriage ended, but those who knew Bud knew of his love, pride and devotion to his son.

Survivors include a son, Tyler Cole Schneider, of Kansas City, Mo.; a significant other, Sheila Jones, Great Bend; a sister, Janice Brack and husband Alan of Bison; a nephew, Scott Brack and wife Jeana; two nieces, Jodi Romeiser and husband Duane, and Jessica and husband Rusty; and great-nieces and great-nephews Spencer and Brielle Romeiser and Carley, Cailyn and Colton Brack. He was recently preceded in death by an uncle, Jerry Hopkins. His mother passed away on Tuesday, Sept. 11, 2007.

Josephine T. Pozalek

September 12 , 2007

Janice K. Grubb 1948 - 2007

HOLYROOD — Janice K. Grubb, 58, died Sept. 9 at Ellsworth County Medical Center in Ellsworth. Born Oct. 31, 1948, in Great Bend, she was the daughter of Frank Oshel and Elsie Purma. She married Dwaine G. Grubb. A lifetime resident of Holyrood, she was a schoolteacher at Clafin after raising her children.

Mrs. Grubb was a member of the United Church of Christ in Holyrood.

Survivors include her husband of Holyrood; two sons, Mitchell Grubb of Hoisington and Ted Grubb of Cincinnati, Ohio; a daughter, Lesah Beagley of Ohio; a daughter, Lesah Beagley of Ohio; a daughter, Lesah Beagley of Ohio; a daughter, Lesah Beagley of Ohio; a daughter, Lesah Beagley of Ohio; a daughter, Lesah Beagley of Ohio; a daughter, Lesah Beagley of Ohio; a daughter, Lesah Beagley of Ohio; a daughter, Lesah Beagley of Ohio; a daughter, Lesah Beagley of Ohio; a daughter, Lesah Beagley of Ohio; a daughter, Lesah Beagley of Ohio; a daughter, Lesah Beagley of Ohio; a daughter, Lesah Beagley of Ohio; a daughter, Lesah Beagley of Ohio; a daughter, Lesah Beagley of Ohio; a daughter, Lesah Beagley of Ohio; a daughter, Lesah Beagley of Ohio; a daughter, Lesah Beagley of Ohio; a daughter, Lesah Beagley of Ohio; a daughter, Lesah Beagley of Ohio; a daughter, Lesah Beagley of Ohio; a daughter, Lesah Beagley of Ohio; a daughter, Lesah Beagley of Ohio; a daughter, Lesah Beagley of Ohio; a daughter, Lesah Beagley of Ohio; a daughter, Lesah Beagley of Ohio; a daughter, Lesah Beagley of Ohio; a daughter, Lesah Beagley of Ohio; a daughter, Lesah Beagley of Ohio; a daughter, Lesah Beagley of Ohio; a daughter, Lesah Beagley of Ohio; a daughter, Lesah Beagley of Ohio; a daughter, Lesah Beagley of Ohio; a daughter, Lesah Beagley of Ohio; a daughter, Lesah Beagley of Ohio; a daughter, Lesah Beagley of Ohio; a daughter, Lesah Beagley of Ohio; a daughter, Lesah Beagley of Ohio; a daughter, Lesah Beagley of Ohio; a daughter, Lesah Beagley of Ohio; a daughter, Lesah Beagley of Ohio; a daughter, Lesah Beagley of Ohio; a daughter, Lesah Beagley of Ohio; a daughter, Lesah Beagley of Ohio; a daughter, Lesah Beagley of Ohio; a daughter, Lesah Beagley of Ohio; a daughter, Lesah Beagley of Ohio; a daughter, Lesah Beagley of Ohio; a daughter, Lesah Beagley of Ohio; a daughter, Lesah Beagley of Ohio; a daughter, Lesah Beagley of Ohio; a daughter, Lesah Beagley of Ohio; a daughter, Lesah Beagley of Ohio; a daughter, Lesah Beagley of Ohio; a daughter, Lesah Beagley of Ohio; a daughter, Lesah Beagley of Ohio; a daughter, Lesah Beagley of Ohio; a daughter, Lesah Beagley of Ohio; a daughter, Lesah Beagley of Ohio; a daughter, Lesah Beagley of Ohio; a daughter, Lesah Beagley of Ohio; a daughter, Lesah Beagley of Ohio; a daughter, Lesah Beagley of Ohio; a daughter, Lesah Beagley of Ohio; a daughter, Lesah Beagley of Ohio; a daughter, Lesah Beagley of Ohio; a daughter, Lesah Beagley of Ohio; a daughter, Lesah Beagley of Ohio; a daughter, Lesah Beagley of Ohio; a daughter, Lesah Beagley of Ohio; a daughter, Lesah Beagley of Ohio; a daughter, Lesah Beagley of Ohio; a daughter, Lesah Beagley of Ohio; a daughter, Lesah Beagley of Ohio; a daughter, Lesah Beagley of Ohio; a daughter, Lesah Beagley of Ohio; a daughter, Lesah Beagley of Ohio; a daughter, Lesah Beagley of Ohio; a daughter, Lesah Beagley of Ohio; a daughter, Lesah Beagley of Ohio; a daughter, Lesah Beagley of Ohio; a daughter, Lesah Beagley of Ohio; a daughter, Lesah Beagley of Ohio; a daughter, Lesah Beagley of Ohio; a daughter, Lesah Beagley of Ohio; a daughter, Lesah Beagley of Ohio; a daughter, Lesah Beagley of Ohio; a daughter, Lesah Beagley of Ohio; a daughter, Lesah Beagley of Ohio; a daughter, Lesah Beagley of Ohio; a daughter, Lesah Beagley of Ohio; a daughter, Lesah Beagley of Ohio; a daughter, Lesah Beagley of Ohio; a daughter, Lesah Beagley of Ohio; a daughter, Lesah Beagley of Ohio; a daughter, Lesah Beagley of Ohio; a daughter, Lesah Beagley of Ohio; a daughter, Lesah Beagley of Ohio; a daughter, Lesah Beagley of Ohio; a daughter, Lesah Beagley of Ohio; a daughter, Lesah Beagley of Ohio; a daughter, Lesah Beagley of Ohio; a daughter, Lesah Beagley of Ohio; a daughter, Lesah Beagley of Ohio; a daughter, Lesah Beagley of Ohio; a daughter, Lesah Beagley of Ohio; a daughter, Lesah Beagley of Ohio; a daughter, Lesah Beagley of Ohio; a daughter, Lesah Beagley of Ohio; a daughter, Lesah Beagley of Ohio; a daughter, Lesa...
Joyce Marlene Campbell, 65, of Great Bend, passed away at Via Christi Regional Medical Center in Wichita on Sept. 10. Marlene was born Nov. 27, 1941, to Ronald James Hoffman and Mary Charoltte Cline in Lyons. She received her education in Lyons, and married Wayne Keith Campbell on June 19, 1962. They made their home in Great Bend.

Marlene loved her dogs and collected salt and pepper shakers.

Marlene is survived by her husband, Wayne Campbell of Great Bend; four sisters, Rhonda Harmon of Bennington, Tana Hendrickson and Linda Kersting, both of Cheney, and Dana Flory of Liberty, Mo.; a stepdaughter, Teresa Bryant of Chase, and a stepson, Martin Campbell of New Virginia, Iowa; as well as three grandchildren. Marlene was preceded in death by her son, Glenn Patrick McKay, and brother, Ron Hoffman.

Viewing and visitation will be from noon to 7 p.m. Thursday. Funeral service will be at Charter Funerals in Great Bend at 1 p.m. Friday, with burial to follow at the Holsington Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the family of Marlene Campbell.

Funeral arrangements provided by Charter Funerals*
2115 Washington
Great Bend, KS 67530
620-793-6161
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 12, 2007

Bernard Clair "Bud" Schneider, Ph.D 1947 - 2007

OLMITZ — Bernard Clair "Bud" Schneider, Ph.D, 60, died Sept. 10 at Hutchinson Hospital, Hutchinson. Born Aug. 13, 1947, at Great Bend, he was the son of Bernard A. and Leona L. Hopkins Schneider. Bud grew up on a farm outside Olmitz, along with his sister, Janice. Soon after graduating from Hoisington High School, Bud started his studies at Fort Hays Kansas State College, studying psychology, but was called to serve in the U.S. Army.

Bud’s last duty assignment in the Army was the 1st BN, 30th ARTY 1st Air Cavalry Division. He served from Oct. 11, 1966, until he was honorably discharged on Oct. 10, 1972. Bud served in the 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile) in the Republic of Vietnam. While in the service he received the National Defense Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal and the Good Conduct Medal.

After discharge he returned to college and finished his Bachelor of Arts degree on Dec. 20, 1971, and his master's degree on Dec. 21, 1972. At Fort Hays college, Bud was initiated into the Psi Chi Chapter, the National Honor Society in Psychology. Bud worked as a psychologist over the years in various capacities, with the most recent employment with the Juvenile Correctional Facility at the Larned State Hospital Complex. In recent years he also completed his doctorate in psychology.

Over the years Bud pursued his interest in working with cattle. He began his business in the 1970s, where he learned to artificially inseminate cattle. In the late 1980s he learned embryo transfer and began his business, "Embryo Specialty Services."

Bud was married to Paula Daylor, Sept. 8, 1979, in Manhattan. They had one son, Taylor Cole Schneider. Their marriage ended, but those who knew Bud knew of his love, pride and devotion to his son.

Survivors include a son, Tyler Cole Schneider, of Kansas City, Mo.; a significant other, Sheila Jones, Great Bend; a sister, Janice Brack and husband Alan of Bison; a nephew, Scott Brack and wife Jeana; two nieces, Jodi Rameiser and husband Dan of Colby, and Collyn Brack. He was recently preceded in death by an uncle, Jerry Hopkins. His mother passed away on Tuesday, Sept. 11, 2007.

Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Bryant Funeral Home, Great Bend, with the Rev. Arlyn Thielenhaus officiating. Interment will be at the La Crosse Cemetery, La Crosse, with military honors conducted by a Fort Riley Honor Guard. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home, with the family to receive friends from 7 to 8 p.m. Donations to a memorial fund for the American Cancer Society may be made 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, Sept. 12, 2007

Ronald Dean Schaben 1931 - 2007

BAZINE — Ronald Dean Schaben, 76, died Sept. 10 at Central Kansas Medical Center, Great Bend. He was born Aug. 2, 1931, on the farm south of Bazine, to Glenster and Mabel Bondurant Schaben. He was a farmer and rancher and a lifetime resident of the Bazine area.

He was a member of St. Luke’s Lutheran Church, Bazine, where he served on many boards and committees.

On Sept. 4, 1948, he married Johnette Wittman at Bazine. She survives, of the home.

Other survivors include two sons, Johnny Schaben and his wife Yolanda, of Great Bend, and Bradley Schaben and Elaine Younger, of Bazine; daughter Jolana McCart and her husband Mark of Norman, Okla.; brother Larry Schaben of Shelton, Wash.; sister Margaret Haek of Hoquiam, Wash.; six grandchildren, Kimberly Achatz, Staci and Rich Johnson, Ryan Schaben, Greg Schaben, Kelly McCart and Ashley and Andrew Stenzel; and one great-grandson, Kaden Achatz.

Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at St. Luke’s Lutheran Church, Bazine, with Pastor Warren Prochnow presiding. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. today at Fitzgerald Funeral Home, Ness City. The family will be hosting the visitation from 7 to 9 p.m. Burial will be in the Bazine Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the Bazine Cemetery Fund or to St. Luke’s Church.

Funeral arrangements provided by Fitzgerald Funeral Home*
207 North Pennsylvania
Ness City, KS 67560
785-798-3243
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 12, 2007

Helen A. Bird 1923 – 2007

COQUILLE, Ore. — Helen A. Bird, 84, died Sept. 4 in Coquille, Ore. She was born March 9, 1923, in Great Bend, to Charles S. and Dora Roberson Dorfshaffer.

Helen was born and raised a farm girl in central Kansas. In high school she fell in love with another farm kid, Lee E. Bird. They joined the Army Air Corps and her farm boy became a fly boy. They were married in the base chapel on Randolph Field, Texas, on December 14, 1941, one week after the bombing of Pearl Harbor.

Because of the war and Lee’s continuing military service, their four children were all born in different states, Kansas, Nebraska, Alaska and Texas.

After leaving the military, they tried the farm life in Kansas again, but it just wasn’t the same. They had, over the years, developed a sense of adventure and a touch of wanderlust. After many more years in Alaska and Texas, they finally came to Oregon and lived in Coquille for the last six years.

Helen had a voracious mind and was interested in genealogy, history and just about every other subject under the sun. She had a magic touch with plants, and was a talented watercolor artist and an excellent cook. But her main gift was love. She was the heart of her family and taught everyone, by her example about love, care and respect for others. She was the best wife, mother, grandmother and friend anyone could ask for and we all felt treasured in her warmth.

Helen is survived by her husband, of the home; daughter Sue and her husband
Marcelus A. "Matt" Legleiter 1912 - 2007

La CROSSE — Marcellus A. "Matt" Legleiter, 95, died Sept. 11 at the Rush County Nursing Home in La Crosse. Born June 21, 1912, in Liebenthal, he was the son of Christian E. and Margaret (Dinges) Legleiter. He married Irene R. Basgall on April 24, 1934, in Liebenthal. She died Oct. 27, 1969. A resident of La Crosse since June of 2007, moving from Holyrood, where he was a resident since 1974, he worked at grain elevators in La Crosse, Solomon and Nekoma before his retirement.

Mr. Legleiter was a member of St. Mary’s Catholic Church in Holyrood and the Knights of Columbus Council No. 2100 in Olmitz.

Survivors include two sons, Cletus Legleiter and wife Rita of St. Marys, and Robert Legleiter and wife Lou An of Shawnee; three daughters, LaRue Maneth and husband Melvin Maneth of Albert, Lae McCarty of Mesa, Ariz.; and Judy Weiser of Phoenix, Ariz.; two brothers, Joe Legleiter of Argonia and Paul Legleiter of Alamogordo, N.M.; three sisters, Rose Pfannenstiel of Hutchinson, Mary Margaret Brown of Ozawkie and Barbara McClure of Emporia; 18 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren, three stepgrandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, Christian E. and Margaret (Dinges) Legleiter; his wife, Irene R. Basgall; two brothers and two sisters.

Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at St. Michael’s Catholic Church in La Crosse with Father Rene Labrador officiating. Burial will be at the La Crosse City Cemetery. Friends may visit from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday at the Janousek Funeral Home in La Crosse, with a vigil service and rosary at 7 p.m. Memorials are suggested to St. Michael’s Catholic Church or St. Michael’s Social Commission, both of La Crosse.

Funeral arrangements provided by Janousek Funeral Home*
719 Pine
La Crosse, KS 67548
785-222-2517
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 12, 2007

Louis Cleveland “Clevé” Kinnear 1939 - 2007

CLAREMORE, Okla. — Cleve Kinnear passed away Sept. 7 in San Antonio, Texas. He was 68.

Cleve was born in Claremore, Okla., on Feb. 21, 1939, to Louis Kinnear and Juanita (Beck) Alexander Kinnear.

A 1957 graduate of Great Bend High School, Cleve enjoyed baseball, basketball and football. His baseball team took the state championship. He graduated from Oklahoma Military Academy, received his bachelor’s degree from Northeastern State University, and a master’s degree from the University of Tulsa. On Aug. 15, 1959, Cleve and Carol Bryant married.

A teacher and coach, Cleve taught at Claremore, Pawhuska and Bishop Kelly high schools in Oklahoma. In 1972, Cleve took a job in school administration in Claremore. He became principal of Claremore High School in 1981 and held that position until retirement in 1999.

Cleve’s love of family developed into an interest in genealogy and he traced his family’s ancestry back several generations.

Family members who survive include Cleve’s daughter, Dr. Lesa Kinnear Weber and her husband Jeff, of San Antonio; his grandchildren, Alexandra and Parker Weber; his sister, Ann Lowe and husband Mike, of Tulsa; three great-nieces, Claire and Meredith Fry and McKynlee Simpson, and Cleve’s daughter, Dr. Lesa Kinnear Weber and her husband Jeff, of San Antonio; his grandchildren, Alexandra and Parker Weber; his sister, Ann Lowe and husband Mike, of Tulsa; three great-nieces, Claire and Meredith Fry and McKynlee Simpson, and great-nephews Jacob and Kade Simpson.

Cleve was preceded in death by his wife, Carol, on June 7, 2003.

Services will be at 11 a.m., Saturday at Woodlawn Cemetery, Claremore, under the direction of Rice Funeral Service. Mike Bryant and the Rev. Steve Cloud will share words of comfort.

Following the service a reception will be held at Pink House, 210 W. 4th Street, Claremore. In Cleve’s honor a tree will be planted on the campus of Claremore High School. Memorial contributions in Cleve’s honor may be made to Claremore Public Schools Foundation, 310 N. Weenonah, Claremore, OK 74017.

Funeral arrangements provided by Rice Funeral Service*
631 East Will Rogers Blvd.
Claremore, OK 74017
918-341-0376

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Leona Schneider 1924 - 2007

OLMITZ — Leona Schneider, 83, died Sept. 11 at Clara Barton Hospital, Hoisington. She was born Feb. 19, 1924, at Bison, the daughter of Jess B. and Martha Foos Hopkins. She married Bernard A. Schneider on Aug. 21, 1942, at Olmitz. They were divorced. She was a homemaker and she cleaned homes and businesses. She was a resident of the Olmitz area for 63 years, coming from Bison.

Survivors include a daughter, Janice Brack, and husband Alan, of Bison; four grandchildren, Jodi Romeiser and husband Duane, Scott Brack and wife Jeana, Jessica Feldhausen and husband Rusty, and Tyler Schneider; and five great-grandchildren, Spencer and Brielle Romeiser and Carley, Cailyn and Colton Brack. She was preceded in death by her son, Bernard "Bud" C. Schneider, Ph.D on Sept. 10, 2007, an infant brother, Glenn Hopkins, and recently, a brother, Jerry Hopkins.

Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Bryant Funeral Home, Great Bend, with the Rev. Arlyn Thielenhaus officiating. Interment will be at the La Crosse Cemetery, La Crosse. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday, with the family to receive friends from 7 to 8 p.m., and 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday, at the funeral home. Donations to a memorial fund for the Golden Belt Humane Society may be made 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
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September 11, 2007

Lois K. Harms 1919 - 2007

Lois K. Harms, 87, of Great Bend, died Sept. 8 at Cherry Village Nursing Home in Great Bend. Born Oct. 26, 1919, at Redfield, she was the daughter of Glen E. and Minnie Iva Steele Bolinger. A resident of Great Bend since 1973, coming from Larned, she married Lester Harms on Aug. 5, 1951, in rural Alberta. He died April 21, 1980.
Mrs. Harms was a member of the Trinity Lutheran Church in Great Bend and various ladies’ church organizations.

Survivors include two brothers, Ivan Bolinger and Glen Bolinger Jr., both of Olathe; and numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by a brother, Russell Bolinger.

Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at the church with the Rev. James Strasen officiating. Burial will be at the Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may visit from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Wednesday at Bryant Funeral Home. Memorials are suggested to the Trinity Lutheran Church or the American Diabetes Association, in care of the funeral home.

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Great Bend, KS 67530
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Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 11, 2007

Mildred L. Fitzgerrel 1908 - 2007

HUTCHINSON — Mildred L. Fitzgerrel, 99, died Sept. 9 at Dillon Living Center, Hutchinson. She was born Aug. 21, 1908, in Chicago, Ill., the daughter of Robert and Martha G. Endicott Moore. She married the Rev. John Fitzgerrel on Aug. 21, 1928, at Chicago. He died in 1979. She was a homemaker. She was a resident of Hutchinson for two years, coming from Lancaster, Calif., and had previously lived in Bushton.

Mrs. Fitzgerrel was a member of Bushton United Methodist Church, Bushton.

Survivors include two sons, John Fitzgerrel Jr., of Las Cruces, N.M., and the Rev. William Fitzgerrel of Larned; three daughters, the Rev. Juania Catlin, Hutchinson, Joyce Ball of Melbourne, Fla., and Fern Emanuel of Amarillo, Texas; 12 grandchildren and many great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by five sisters.

A graveside service will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Great Bend Cemetery, with the Rev. Juania Catlin and the Rev. William Fitzgerrel officiating. Visitation will be from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Wednesday at Bryant Funeral Home.

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Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 11, 2007

Edra Mae Otte 1917 - 2007

Edra Mae Otte, 90, of Great Bend, died Sept. 8 at River Bend Assisted Living, Great Bend. She was born Aug. 17, 1917, at Luray, the daughter of Daniel Ruble and Grace Walmer Brown. She married Harry Hudnall on June 17, 1934, in Russell County. She married Orval Otte on Oct. 29, 1971, at Great Bend. She was a homemaker, and a resident of Great Bend since 1969, coming from Derby.

She was a member of the First Congregational United Church of Christ, Fort Zarah EHU and Tuesday Morning Prayer Group, all of Great Bend.

Survivors include her husband, Orval Otte, of the home; two sons, Harold Hudnall and wife Velda, Great Bend, and Dr. Lynn Otte and wife Anne of Herington; six daughters, Karen Hudnall Jakub and husband Keith of Derby, Connie Hudnall Steinele of Minturn, Colo., Dorothy Hudnall Wilson of Lincoln, Neb., Joyce Otte Reid and husband Henry of Bella Vista, Ark., Jean Otte Landon and husband Jimmy of Winfield, and Eileen Otte Johnson and husband John of Elkhart, Ind.; 24 grandchildren, 35 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a son, Harry “Bud” Hudnall Jr., two brothers, two sisters, an infant sister and an infant grandchild.

Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Bryant Funeral Home, with the Rev. Diana Coberly and Pastor Todd Hudnall officiating. Interment will be at the Luray Cemetery in Luray. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. today, with the family to receive friends from 7 to 8 p.m., and from 9 a.m. to service time Wednesday, all at the funeral home. Donations to a memorial fund for the First Congregational United Church of Christ 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, KS 67530
620-793-3525
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 11, 2007

September 9, 2007

Francis "Tip" Tipton 1921 - 2007

OKLAHoma CITY, Okla. - Francis "Tip" Tipton, 86, died Sept. 6 at Deaconess HospitaL, Oklahoma City. He was born May 8, 1921, at Gridley, Kan., the son of Walter and Lottie (McCormick) Tipton. He married Leonora Schartz on May 28, 1946, at Ellinwood. She survives. He was a station operator for Natural Gas Pipeline Co. of America at the Great Bend/Heizer plant. He was a resident of Oklahoma City since 2000, coming from Hoisington. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II.

He was a member of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, Hoisington, and Knights of Columbus Council 2100, Olmitz.

Survivors, in addition to his wife, Leonora, of the home, include a daughter, Jackie Crabtree, of Oklahoma City; two grandchildren and one great-grandson. He was preceded in death by a brother, Lawrence Tipton, and a sister, Jenny Kershner.

A vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Monday at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home, Hoisington. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, Hoisington, with Father Charles Mazouch officiating. Burial will be at Hillcrest Memorial Park between Great Bend and Hoisington. Friends may call from 1 to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the American Heart Association, in care of the funeral home.

Funeral arrangements provided by Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home
415 North Main/Box 146
Hoisington, KS 67544
620-653-4165
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 9, 2007

Edra Mae Otte

Edra Mae Otte, 90, of Great Bend, died Sept. 8 at River Bend Assisted Living, Great Bend. Funeral arrangements are pending with Bryant Funeral Home, Great Bend, and will be announced.

Karen JoAnn Stone 1939 - 2007

Karen JoAnn Stone, 67, of Great Bend, died Sept. 6, 2007, in Wichita. She was born Nov. 19, 1939, at Great Bend, the daughter of William H. and Anna Meta Dirks Drehle. Karen was a supervisor for J C Penney’s before her retirement Dec. 31, 2004. She was a lifetime resident of Great Bend.

She was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church, Great Bend.

Survivors include one son, Shelby Stone, Great Bend; one daughter, Karla Stone, Wichita; and one granddaughter, Gentry Anna Stone. She was preceded in death by a brother, Merle W. Drehle, and a sister, Opal A. Dieckhoff.

A graveside service will be at 1 p.m. Monday, Sept. 10, at Great Bend Cemetery North, Great Bend. Officiant will be Chaplain Paul Danner. Visitation will be from 1 to 9 p.m. today, with the family to receive friends from 7 to 8 p.m., at Bryant Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to the Gentry Anna Stone Education Fund. 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
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Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 9, 2007

Edra Mae Otte
Leo N. Kaiser 1926 - 2007

CLAFLIN - Leo N. Kaiser, 81, of Claflin, died Sept. 7, 2007, at Central Kansas Medical Center, Great Bend. He was born March 27, 1926, at rural Beaver, the son of Joe and Mary (Meyeres) Kaiser. He married Marilyn Breford on Sept. 25, 1954, at Bushton. She survives. Leo worked for Brackeen Line Cleaning in Claflin for 50 years and was also a farmer. He was a longtime Claflin resident.

He was a member of the Holy Name Catholic Church of Bushton, and of Knights of Columbus and American Legion Post 326, both of Ellinwood. He was a U.S. Army veteran, having served with the 4th Infantry.

Survivors include his wife, Marilyn Kaiser, of the home; two daughters, Mary Pryor and her husband Bob of Great Bend, and Angie Clutter and her husband Don of Hoisington; two sons, Terry Zink and his wife Donella of McPherson and Jon Kaiser and his wife Ruth of Ellinwood; two brothers, Louis Kaiser of Colorado Springs, Colo., and Don Kaiser of Great Bend; a sister, Lucille Beck of Claflin; six grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren, four stepgrandchildren and two stepgreat-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Robert Kaiser and Richard Kaiser.

A rosary will be at 7 p.m. today at Holy Name Catholic Church, in rural Bushton. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Monday, Sept. 10, at the church, with Father Steven Scheier and Father James Roth officiating. Burial will be at Holy Name Cemetery, Bushton, with a military flag presentation by American Legion Post 326. Visitation will be from 1 to 4:30 p.m. today at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home, Hoisington, and after 6 p.m., until 8 p.m., at the church. Memorials are suggested to the Holy Name Cemetery Fund or to the Claflin Ambulance Service in care of the funeral home.

Funeral arrangements provided by Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home* 415 North Main/Box 146 Hoisington, KS 67544 620-653-4165 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 9, 2007

Carolyn A. Sallabedra Reimer 1940 - 2007

FOWLER - Carolyn A. Sallabedra Reimer, 67, passed away after a short battle with cancer, Tuesday, Sept. 4, 2007, at the Meade District Hospital in Meade. She was born May 24, 1940, in Stafford, the daughter of Howard and Esther (Hildebrand) Hear. As a young girl she attended the Stafford school system, graduating from Stafford High School in the Class of 1958. On June 21, 1958, she married Sonny Sallabedra in Stafford. They later divorced. On Nov. 5, 1994, she married Martin T. Reimer of Fowler, in Stafford.

Carolyn was a faithful servant of the Lord and the healthcare community for more than 40 years as a nurse’s aide, respiratory therapist, and in home health care.

She was a member of the Fowler Friends Church, Fowler. Carolyn loved to spend many hours tending her garden and flower beds, cooking, spending time with her family, and taking care of others was her special gift.

She is survived by her husband, Martin T. Reimer, of rural Fowler; her children, Barbara Suzanne Gerstenkorn of Great Bend, Kevin Sallabedra of Stafford and Kerry Sallabedra of Wichita; two brothers, Merlin Hearn and Ronald Hearn, both of Stafford; four beloved granddaughters, Kara Gerstenkorn, and Sydney, Morgan and Brooke Sallabedra. She was preceded in death by her parents, Howard and Esther Hearn, and an infant daughter, Julia Sallabedra.

Funeral arrangements were held at 10 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 6, at the Fowler Friends Church, Fowler, with Pastor Scott Morin and the Rev. Ken Harder presiding. Interment was in the Stafford Cemetery, Stafford, at 4 p.m. Thursday. The family would welcome memorials to the Windows to the World or the American Cancer Society in care of the mortuary.

Personal condolences may be given to the family at www.fidlerormebachmanmortuary.com.

Funeral arrangements provided by Fidler-Orme-Bachman Mortuary* 212 S. Fowler Meade, KS 67864 (620) 873-2171 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 9, 2007 September 6, 2007

Harrison "Dale" Lathrop 1926 - 2007

PRATT — Harrison "Dale" Lathrop, 80, died Sept. 5 in Pratt. Born Sept. 14, 1926, in Plains, he was the son of James Robert Lathrop and Sadie Aldrops Ragsdale. He married Audrey Jean Ramsey on March 11, 1949, in Plains. She died Sept. 3, 2006. A resident of Meade for many years before moving to Pratt, he was a salesman and building contractor.

Mr. Lathrop was a US Air Force World War II Veteran. He was a member of the First Baptist Church, Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Masonic Lodge all in Meade.

Survivors include two sons, Robert "Robb" Lathrop and wife Becky of Pratt and Rick Lathrop and wife Glenda of Enterprise; three daughters, Pam Ramey and husband Steve of Horn Lake, Miss., Tami Morse and husband Scott of Pratt and Lonna Henderson and husband Kevin of Great Bend; 11 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Harvey Lathrop and Bob Lathrop.

Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Pratt Friends Church with Minister Tom Decker officiating. Graveside service will be at 3 p.m. at Plains Cemetery. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. today with family present. Memorials are suggested to the VFW in Meade, or the SouthWest Kansas Area Agency on Aging, all in care of the mortuary.

Funeral arrangements provided by Ayres-Callbeck Mortuary* 115 E. Fourth Pratt, KS. 67124 316-672-5531 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 7, 2007

Andrew "Andy" Logan Montoya 1986 - 2007

Andrew "Andy" Logan Montoya, 20, of Great Bend, died Sept. 5 at Via Christi St. Joseph Hospital in Wichita. He was born Nov. 4, 1986, at Great Bend, the son of Tom and Lorraine Bowman Montoya. A lifetime resident of Great Bend, he was a production worker for the Fuller Brush Company.

He was a member of Grace Community Church, Great Bend, and was involved in many groups as a drummer.

Survivors include his parents, Thomas and Lorraine Montoya of the home; one sister, Laura Millard and husband Paul, Great Bend; one nephew, Nathan Millard; maternal grandmother, Patricia Bowman, Manhattan; and paternal grandfather, Ken Krouter of Missouri. He was preceded in death by his maternal grandmother, Charles A. Bowman, and paternal grandmother Kay Krouter.

Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Grace Community Church with Pastor Roy Savage and Pastor Bruce Boehmer officiating. Interment will be in the Great Bend Cemetery North. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. today, with family to receive friends from 7 to 8 p.m., at Bryant Funeral Home. Memorials are designated to Mendi (Andy’s girlfriend), to further her college education. Memorials may be sent 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 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 7, 2007

Janice Marie German 1925 - 2007

"Robb" Lathrop and wife Becky of Pratt
J.W. Smith 1933 - 2007
September 6, 2007
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 7, 2007

POPCA CITY, Okla. – Janice Marie German, longtime Ponca City, Okla., resident, died Sept. 5 at the Ponca City Medical Center. She was 82 years of age. She was born on Feb. 1, 1925, in Ponca City to August and Ruby (Gunn) Goetting. The family moved to Great Bend, where Janice received her education. She married Willis P. German on July 26, 1947, in Great Bend. The couple moved to Ponca City where Janice worked in the circulation and accounting department for the Ponca City News.

She is survived by: nieces, Rebecca Anderson and Melissa “Missy” Esfield of Great Bend, Sarah Richley of Kansas City, Mo.; nephews, Michael Hurite of Southfield, Mich., Gunn Hurite of White Lake Township, Mich., John M. Hurite of West Broomfield, Mich.; cousins, John W. Hasz of Houston, Texas, W.S. Barksdale and Reitagae Wilkerson of Ponca City, Okla.; brothers-in-law, Ed German of Charleston, Miss. and Steve Hurite of Southfield, Mich. She was preceded in death by her husband, parents, a brother, James Goetting, sisters, Vivian Hurite and Nancy Bertram.

A graveside service will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday at Odd Fellows Cemetery with the Rev. Chris Short officiating. Arrangements are made under the direction of Trout Funeral Home and Crematory. Memorial contributions may be made to the Ponca City Humane Society, 900 W. Prospect, Ponca City, Okla. 74601 or to Hospice of North Central Oklahoma, 1904 N. Union, Suite 103, Ponca City, Okla. 74601.

Funeral services provided by Trout Funeral Home
505 W. Grand Ave
Ponca City, OK 74601
(580) 765-4411
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 7, 2007

September 6, 2007

J.W. Smith 1933 - 2007

SEWARD — J.W. Smith, 74, of Seward, died Sept. 3 at the Robert J. Dole VA Medical Center in Wichita. Born June 18, 1933, in Paducah, Ky., he was the son of Willard and Marie Grimes Smith. He married Karen Wright on Feb. 10, 1975, in Paducah, Ky., he was a driver and trainer of Standard Bred horses.

Mr. Smith was a member of the United States Trotting Association, American Boer Goat Association and American Rabbit Breeders Association. He was a veteran of the Korean War, serving with the U.S. Army.

Survivors include his wife, Karen Smith of the home; three daughters, Cherilyn Lyles and Melinda Smith, both of Tamecucia, Calif., and Lisa McBride of Hooker, Okla.; a brother, Denny Smith of Orlando, Fla.; two sisters, Betty Finnell and Donna Smith, both of Paducah, Ky.; six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Larry and Kenny Smith.

Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Friday at the First Presbyterian Church in Great Bend with the Rev. Hal Staats officiating. Burial will be at the Great Bend Cemetery with Military Honors. Friends may visit from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. today at Bryant 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, Sept. 6, 2007

William J. “Bill” Campbell, Jr. 1921 - 2007

PLANO, Texas — William J. “Bill” Campbell, Jr., 85, died Sept. 4, 2007, at Irving, Texas. He was born Nov. 29, 1921, at Waynefield, Ohio. Mr. Campbell came to Great Bend, Kan., during World War II, being stationed with the 873rd Bomb Squadron, 498th Bomb Group, 73rd Bomb Wing, 20th Air Force, at the Great Bend Army Air Field. He then served the United States Army Air Force in Saipan and Tinian in the Mariana Islands, in the Pacific Theater of Operations. Prior to overseas duties, Campbell married Georgia Louise Gilmore on Dec. 27, 1943, at Great Bend.

He lived in Great Bend, Wichita, Kansas City, Oklahoma City and, most recently, Plano, Texas.

Campbell is survived by his wife, Georgia, of the home; three daughters, Susan Kay Lamkins of Olathe, Kan., Marcia Ann Campbell of Plano, Texas, and Jane Lee Harris of Leavenworth, Kan.; four grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. Additional survivors include a sister-in-law, Connie Rube of Great Bend.

Graveside funeral services with military honors will be held Friday, Sept. 7, at 1 p.m. at Restland Cemetery, 9220 Restland Road, Dallas, Texas. Visitation will be from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Friday at Restland Funeral Home in Dallas.

Local funeral arrangements provided by Bryant Funeral Home
1425 Patton Road
Great Bend, KS 67530
620-793-3525
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 6, 2007

Helen R. Cargill 1921 - 2007

SYLVAN GROVE — Roy C. Strecker, 87, died Sept. 1 at Lincoln County Hospital. Born Dec. 3, 1919, in Barton County, he was the son of Fredrick and Amalia (Stettinger) Strecker. He was a farmer and stockman.

Mr. Strecker was a member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Sylvan Grove. He served in the U.S. Army as a staff sergeant in World War II where he received a Bronze Star.

Survivors include a sister, Helen Walter of Russell, and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral service was Tuesday with the Rev. Tooma officiating. Burial was at Bethlehem Lutheran Cemetery in Sylvan
In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Bethlehem Lutheran Cemetery Fund, the American Legion in Sylvan Grove or Lincoln County Hospital.

Funeral arrangements provided by Rodrick and Minear Funeral Home 201 Maryland St. Sylvan Grove, KS 67481

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 5, 2007

Lane Matthew Pflugheo 2007

CLAFLIN — Lane Matthew Pflugheo, infant son of Tim Pflugheo and Brenda Gisick, died Sept. 2 at Salina Regional Health Center. He was born Sept. 2.

Survivors include his parents of Claflin; a sister, Erika Gisick of Claflin; and grandparents, Michelle Steinert of Holyrood, Jere and Bonnie Buehler and Don and Jane Steinert, all of Claflin, and Vernon Pflugheo and Rita Clements of Chase.

Graveside service will be at 5 p.m. on Friday at Claflin Cemetery. The family will gather at the Immaculate Conception Parish Center following the service.

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, Sept. 5, 2007

Shannon Irene Tauscher 1967 - 2007

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Shannon Irene Tauscher died Sept. 1 in Kansas City, Mo. Born on Nov. 1, 1967, in Winfield, she was the daughter of Daniel O. Babb and Beverly S. Leffingwell. A 1986 graduate of Great Bend High School, she received her bachelor of social work degree in 1997 and master of social work degree in 1999, both from the University of Kansas. She received her juris doctor degree in 2001 from the School of Law at the University of Kansas and was the recipient of the Walter Hiersteiner Outstanding Service Award. The recipient of this award, chosen by the faculty, is the graduating senior whose service to his or her fellow students in the School of Law or the university community demonstrates the greatest promise for contribution to the legal profession and to society.

In addition, while completing her bachelor and master degrees, she was recognized for her tireless efforts in her work with the Community Drop-In Center in Lawrence and her work as a homeless outreach specialist for Bert Nash Community Mental Health Center.

Survivors include her mother, Beverly S. Leffingwell of Wichita; sister and brother-in-law Stephanie Tauscher-Rank and Jeff Rank of Otley, England; brother Eric J. Tauscher of Wichita; nephew Nathaniel Rank of Otley, England; and life partner, Jules Kellogg of Kansas City, Mo. She was preceded in death by her father, Daniel O. Babb; paternal grandparents John Babb and Inez Babb of Eufaula, Ala.; and maternal grandparents John Leffingwell of Moline and Doris Irene Weber of Arkansas City.

Memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Unity Temple on the Plaza, 707 W. 47th Street, Kansas City, Mo. (877-886-9748). In lieu of flowers, the family request donations be made to City Union Mission, 1100 E. 11th St., Kansas City, MO 64106, 816-474-9380 or Lawrence Open Shelter, Inc., 214 W. 10th St., Lawrence, KS 66044, 785-832-0040.

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 5, 2007

Susie Mae Ellis 1918 - 2007

LARNED — Susie Mae Ellis, 89, died Sept. 1 at Larned Healthcare Center. Born March 9, 1918, at Chilton, Texas, she was the daughter of Henry N. and Susan A. White Lawrence. She married John Henry Ellis, Jr. on Oct. 1, 1938, in Comanche, Texas. He survives. A resident of Larned since March 2004, she was a homemaker.

Mrs. Ellis was a member of the Church of Christ in Clarksville, Ark.

Survivors include a son, David L. Ellis of Fairfield Bay, Ark.; a daughter, Reba S. Glidewell of Shreveport, La.; a brother, Duward Lawrence of Monterey, Tenn.; five grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two brothers, Bill and Claude Lawrence, and a sister, Mary Stewart.

Graveside service will be at 11 a.m. today at Brown Ranch Cemetery in Coleman, Texas, with Pastor Joe Hailey presiding. Memorials may be sent to the Larned Healthcare Center or Parkinson's Association, in care of Morell Funeral Home.

Funeral arrangements provided by Morell Funeral Home P.O. Box 124 Larned, KS 67550-0124 620-285-2177

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 5, 2007

Rev. Burl Allison, Jr. 1911 - 2007

AUGUSTA — The Rev. Burl Allison, Jr., 96, longtime Augusta resident and local historian, author of “Augusta, Kansas 1868-1990,” passed from this life on Sept. 2, 2007. Visitation will be from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 7, at Headley Funeral Chapel, Augusta. Funeral service will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday at the Augusta First United Methodist Church. Interment will be at Elmwood Cemetery, Augusta.

Burl, the eldest of seven boys, was born to Burl, Sr. and Perna (Diebold) Allison on March 25, 1911, at Christy Township, Ill. The family moved to Augusta in the spring of 1922. He graduated from Augusta High School in 1929 and attended Butler County Junior College.

On Dec. 20, 1934, he married Lois Schulz at the Methodist parsonage in Augusta. To this union three children were born; Stephen, George Michael and Susan.

Burl owned and operated Allisons Barber Shop for many years until his retirement. He took on a second career as a Methodist minister and served in the Rosalia and Potwin Methodist churches, as well as visitation pastor for the Augusta Methodist Church. He was very active in the Augusta community, serving on the city council, the school board, chamber of commerce, Augusta Arts Council, Augusta Historical Society, Augusta Housing Authority and Kansas Council on Aging.

With help from his wife, Lois, the local Meals-On-Wheels was reorganized and both were instrumental in forming the Augusta Community Caring Center.

Burl is survived by his children, Stephen Allison and wife, Sue, of Wichita, Dr. Mike Allison and wife, Sally, of Great Bend, and Susan Lytton and husband, Bob, of Augusta; eight grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Lois, his parents, his brothers, David Allison, John Hugh Allison, Cloyd Max Allison, Edgar Allison, Russell Allison and Dale Clifford Allison, and grandson, Chris Allison.

Memorials may be made to First United Methodist Church of Augusta and Augusta Community Caring Center.

Funeral arrangements provided by Headley Funeral Chapel* 813 State Street Augusta, KS 67010 316-775-7778

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 5, 2007


OTIS — Lynette Ann Garcia, 46, died Sept. 4, 2007, at her residence in Otis. She was born July 20, 1961, in Denver, Colo., the daughter of Francisco Franco and Barbara Strecker Garcia. She was a longtime resident of Rock Springs, Wyo.

She was a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Galatia and a lifetime member of VFW Auxiliary No. 10056 in Dupois, Wyo. She was a graduate of Big Horn Basin Children’s Center in Thermopolis, Wyo.

Survivors include her mother, Barbara Merry, and stepfather, Roscoe Merry,
bboth of Otis; two aunts, Karen Maier of Otis and Melba Haines of Ponca City, Okla.; and five cousins, John Dietz, James Dietz, Brian Maier, Tim Maier and Eric Maier. She was preceded in death by her father and her grandparents, Paul and Hemine Streeker.

Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Friday at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Galatia, with the Rev. Adam Wutka officiating. Burial will be at Fairview Cemetery, Galatia. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday, with the family receiving friends from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington; and Friday from 12:30 until 2 p.m. at the church. Memorial donations are suggested to St. Paul Lutheran Church, in care of the funeral home.


SEWARD — J.W. Smith, 74, died Sept. 3 at the Robert J. Dole VA Medical Center in Wichita. He was born June 18, 1933. Service arrangements are pending with Bryant Funeral Home, Great Bend, and will be announced.

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 5, 2007 Dean A. Mortimer 1954 - 2007

DIGHTON — Dean A. Mortimer, 52, died Sept. 1 at Great Bend. Born Nov. 11, 1954, at Lyons, he was the son of Forrest Allen and Eva M. Bowman Mortimer. A resident of Dighton for one year, coming from Wichita, he was a driller in the oil production industry. He married Toni Denney Counts. She survives.

Mr. Mortimer was a member of the United Methodist Church in Dighton.

Survivors include his wife, Toni Counts of Dighton; a daughter, Eva Mortimer of Topeka; his mother, Eva Mortimer of Hutchinson; two sisters, Susan Goans and husband Roy, and Mazella Woods, all of Hutchinson; and two grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his father, Forrest A. Mortimer.

Graveside service will be at 3 p.m. today at the Chase Cemetery in Chase. Friends may visit from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. today at Bryant Funeral Home. Memorials are suggested to the Dean A. Mortimer Expense Fund. Condolences may be sent and notice viewed at www.bryantfh.net.

Funeral arrangements provided by Bryant Funeral Home* 1425 Patton Rd. Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-3525 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 5, 2007 September 4 , 2007

Beverly Ann Kauffman 1929 - 2007

Beverly Ann Kauffman, 78, Great Bend, died Sept. 2 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. She was born July 9, 1929, at Kansas City, Mo., the daughter of Luroff Durward and Mary Jane Caffee Holdren. She married Bob Bruce Burgard Oct. 1, 1948, at Kansas City, Mo. He died Aug. 6, 1972. She married Robert Landis Kauffman Feb. 10, 1973, at Salina. He died Sept. 16, 1998. She was a homemaker and co-owner of Brann’s Warehouse Inc. in Salina and was a resident of Great Bend since 2003, moving from Salina.

Mrs. Kauffman was a member of Community Christian Church of Great Bend. She was a volunteer at St. John’s Hospital and former member of St. John’s Lutheran Church, both of Salina.

Survivors include: One son, Barry Bruce Burgard and wife Ruth of Goddard; two daughters, Barbara Jo Holzman of Wichita and Brenda Ann Barger and husband Steven of Great Bend; one stepson, Robert Larry Kauffman of Panama City Beach, Fla.; one stepdaughter, Sharon DeBriere and husband Terry of Alva, Fla.; one sister, Patricia Ham of Littleton, Colo.; 17 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a toddler son, Brently J. Burgard.

Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. today at the Community Christian Church with the Rev. Jack Sweany officiating. Graveside service will be at 2:30 p.m. today at Roselawn Cemetery in Salina. Visitation was Monday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Memorials are suggested to Golden Belt Home Health and Hospice. Condolences may be sent and notice viewed at www.bryantfh.net.

Funeral arrangements provided by Bryant Funeral Home* 1425 Patton Rd. Great Bend, Kan. 620-793-3525 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 4, 2007

Mary Sue Patton Sharp 1944 - 2007

Mary Sue Patton Sharp, 63, of Great Bend, died Sept. 1 at Hutchinson Hospital. She was born Aug. 18, 1944, at Okmulgee, Okla., the daughter of Ervin and Rose Lee Pembworth Patton. She married Robert Avery Sharp Jan. 24, 1963, at Great Bend. He died Feb. 1, 1967. She was a Great Bend resident most of her life, living several years in Larned as well. She was a baker and homemaker.

She was a member of First Church of God in Great Bend.

Survivors include: One son, Robert E. Sharp, Raytown, Mo.; two daughters, Roberta Sue Barlow of Great Bend and Rebecca E. Sharp ofEllinwood; one sister, Betty Lou Ashley of Larned; three stepbrothers, Joey Espinosa, Eureka, Johnny Espinosa of Great Bend and Teddy Espinosa of Hoisington; and seven grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one brother, Gerald Patton and one granddaughter, Amber Nicole Sharp.

Funeral will be at 11 a.m. today at Morell Funeral Home in Larned with the Rev. Dick Ogle officiating. Burial will be at Larned Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. until service time today at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the Mary Sue Sharp Memorial Fund in care of the funeral home.

Funeral arrangements provided by Morell Funeral Home
Wichita and Gerald Hopkins of Larned; a Hopkins of McPherson, Brian Hopkins of Survivors include three sons, Bruce Skinner on June 6, 1960, in Great Bend. She died March 13, 1989. He married Elizabeth "Betty" where he received the Two Million Mile Hunt Transportation of Omaha, Neb., for 11 years, he was a truck driver for moving from McPherson, where he lived 18-year resident of Pawnee County, Dec. 13, 1937, in Otis, he was the son of Jerry D. Hopkins 1937 - 2007
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Ellinwood, KS 67526
Kimple Funeral Home, Inc.*
Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. on Tuesday at Janousek Funeral Home in La Crosse with the Rev. Linda Bolz officiating. Burial will be at the La Crosse City Cemetery. Friends may visit from 1 to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home with the family receiving friends from 6 to 7 p.m. Memorials are suggested to Hays Medical Center, Hays.
Funeral arrangements provided by Janousek Funeral Home 719 Pine LaCrosse, KS 67548 785-222-2517
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Sept. 2, 2007
December 30, 2007
Melvin A. Battin 1933 - 2007
LARNED — Melvin A. Battin, 74, died Dec. 27 at Larned Healthcare Center, Larned. He was born April 26, 1933, in Larned, the son of C. Melvin and Opal E. Kennedy Battin. On May 30, 1958, he married Joann Levy at Ensenada, Baja California, Mexico. She survives. A resident of Larned, he was a retired assistant consumer credit commissioner for the State of Kansas. He graduated from Great Bend High School with the Class of 1951 and graduated from Kansas State University with the Class of 1955.
He belonged to the First United Methodist Church, Larned, and Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity.
Survivors, in addition to his wife, include a son, Austin Battin and wife Carla, of Larned; two daughters, Susan Hager and husband William, of Radium, and Sarah Wehmeier and husband Wendall, of Turpin, Okla.; seven grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents and one sister, Peggy Ann Roper.
A memorial service will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Morell Funeral Home, Larned, with the Rev. Bill Fitzgerrel presiding. Cremation has taken place. Visitation will be from 8 a.m. until service time Monday at the funeral home. Burial will be at a later date in the Larned Cemetery. Memorials may be sent to the Larned Emergency Medical Service or the Larned Healthcare Emergency, in care of the funeral home.
Funeral arrangements provided by: Morell Funeral Home* 1021 Broadway/P.O. Box 124 Larned, KS 67550-0124 620-285-2177
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 30, 2007
Sister Mary Urban Hitschmann OP 1930 - 2007
Sister Mary Urban Hitschmann, 77, died Dec. 29 in the Dominican Sisters’ convent infirmary in Great Bend. Born Nov. 20, 1930, in Redwing, as Celestine Marie Hitschmann, Sister Mary Urban was the daughter of the late Frank and Veronica Feltes Hitcshmann. She entered the Dominican Sisters’ Con-munity Nov. 1, 1954, and pronounced her first vows June 13, 1957. She celebrated 50 years of religious profession in 2007.
Sister Urban worked in health care for 32 years of her ministerial life, working as nurse, floor supervisor, head nurse, psychiatric nurse and chemotherapy, ICU and ER nurse in the Community’s four hospitals – St. Joseph Memorial in Larned, Sacred Heart in Lamar, Colo., St. Catherine in Garden City and Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. Her second ministry, which she began in 1989, was housing manager at Cedar Park Place in Great Bend, a Housing and Urban Development housing facility for the elderly and handicapped. She retired in 2001 due to illness.
She is survived by one brother, Everett of Hoising-ton.
Sister Urban’s body will be brought to the hospitality area of the Dominican Chapel of the Plains, 3600 Broadway, Great Bend, at 4:30 p.m. today, where it will lie in state until the Liturgy of Christian Burial at 10 a.m. on Monday at the convent. A wake service will be held at 7 p.m. today at the convent. Visitation is from 5 to 8 p.m. today and Monday morning until the funeral at the convent. Burial will be in the Sisters’ Resurrection Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to: Dominican Sisters Ministry Fund, Office of Mission and Ministry, 3600 Broadway, Great Bend, KS 67530-3692.
Funeral arrangements provided by: Bryan Funeral Home 1425 Patton Rd. Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-3525
LARNED — Max Durant, 72, of Great Bend, died Dec. 28 at Harry Hynes Memorial Hospice in Wichita. He was born July 1, 1935, at St. John, the son of Robert Eugene and Mildred Irene McAllister Durant. He married Carol J. Williams on Sept. 22, 1954, and pronounced her first vows June 13, 1957. She celebrated 50 years of religious profession in 2007.
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Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 30, 2007
Max Durant 1935 - 2007
Max Durant, 72, of Great Bend, died Dec. 28 at Harry Hynes Memorial Hospice in Wichita. He was born July 1, 1935, at St. John, the son of Robert Eugene and Mildred Irene McAllister Durant. He married Carol J. Williams on Sept. 22, 1984, in Great Bend. She survives. A resident of Great Bend most of his life, he worked for Windsor Door Company, then became owner-operator of A1 Mobile Glass and Max’s Overhead Doors. He worked for True Value Hardware Store the past seven years.
Mr. Durant served in the Kansas Army National Guard 42 years, retiring as Master Sergeant with HHB1-161st FA in Great Bend, Larned and Dodge City.
Survivors include his wife of the home; two stepsons, Brian E. Williams and
Robert Virgil Cockerham 1910 - 2007

December 28, 2007

Robert Virgil Cockerham, 97, of Smithville, Okla., passed away Dec. 23 at Rebold Manor in Okmulgee, Okla., where he had resided for the past year. Robert “Robbie” Cockerham was born at Hartley, Ark., on Nov. 14, 1910, to Daniel and Mattie Cockerham. In 1926, his family moved to Octavia, Okla. He married Lucille Hicks at Octavia, Okla., in 1935, and they made their home at Octavia until moving to Kansas in 1954. Robert worked as a farmer at Rozel for many years before taking a position in maintenance at Larned State Hospital. In 1976, he retired back to his home in Octavia, Okla. His wife died Aug. 20, 2001, and he went to live with his daughters in Hartshorne and Okmulgee, Okla.

Mr. Cockerham enjoyed planting and tending a large garden at Octavia, attending Senior Citizens at Okmulgee and Hartshorne, fishing, the annual Claflin Conservancy Corps reunion at Cedar Lake near Hodgen, Okla., and the fellowship of church and family. Mr. Cockerham is survived by his children: June and Jay Beachel, Okmulgee, Okla.; Jane and George Bishop, Hartshorne, Okla.; Jeanne and John Singer, Englewood, Colo.; Joann Charlton, Okmulgee, Okla., and Jack and Elaine Cockerham, Mountainburg, Ark.; brother-in-law Howard and wife, Ann Hicks of Morrison, Okla.; sister-in-law Edith Jackson, Tulsa, Okla.; 14 grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. The third of nine children, Robbie was predeceased by sisters Nannie Lacey, Bertha Shadwick, Eunice Myers, Mae Cockerham and Lettie Herring and brothers Roscoe, Barnie and Jack.

Funeral service was Thursday, Dec. 27, at 2 p.m. in the Octavia Baptist Church with the Rev. Ed Rogers and the Rev. Doy Shipman presiding. Interment followed in the Octavia Cemetery. Online obituary is at www.beasleywoodfuneralhome.com.

Funeral arrangements provided by Beasley-Wood Funeral Home* 611 Janssen Ave. P.O. Box 317 Mena, AR 71953 479-394-1310 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 28, 2007 December 27, 2007

Thomas Jay Doll 1957 - 2007

MEEEKER, Colo. — Thomas Jay Doll passed away suddenly in Meeker on Dec. 23. He was born Feb. 6, 1957, in Great Bend, the son of Gerald and Rita Miller Doll, and was a longtime resident of the Claflin area. Tom attended school in Claflin and graduated from Claflin High School in 1975. He participated in all sports activities, emphasizing football in preparation for his college career. Tom was a walk-on for the football program at Fort Hays State University, earning a full scholarship and graduating with a degree in industrial arts in May 1979.

Tom was inducted into the Fort Hays State University Hall of Fame on Oct. 24, 1992, for the following honors: Honorable mention Little All-American running back in 1975; Honorable mention National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics All-American in 1975 and 1978. First-team All-Central States Intercollegiate Conference 1978. Second-team All-Central States Intercollegiate Conference in 1976. NAIA All-District 10 selection in 1975. He owns seven of the nine FHSU rushing records, including marks for yards in a season (1,536 in 1978) and career (4,477, in 1975-1978).

Tom met Janet Whitfield in Scottsdale, Ariz., in 1984, playing co-ed softball. They were married June 6, 1987, in Plano, Ill. Tom worked in the carpentry field until 1989, when he went to work for ANR Pipeline in Sandwich, Ill. In August 2000 Tom moved his family to Meeker, Colo., where he took a position with American Soda. He went to work for Shell Oil Company in 2004.

Tom lived life like he played football. He was an avid hunter and fisherman. He loved to go 4-wheeling looking for animal horns, fishing in his Tracker boat and snowmobiling in the winter. Every September his buddies came to hunt at the Sullivan cabin. Stories and events will be remembered forever.

Survivors include his wife of 20 years, Janet; his son, Jared, and daughter, Kathryn, of Meeker; his mother, Rita Doll of Claflin; his brother, Craig, and his wife Annie Doll, and nephews Hagan and Dillon of Norman, Okla.; a sister, Anita Taylor, and a niece, Erin Taylor, of Tucson, Ariz.; a brother, Barry Doll and wife Laurie, nieces Hannah, Maggie and Kelsey and nephew Luke, of Salina; and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins. He was preceded in death by his beloved father, Gerald Doll, in 1981.

A memorial service will be held at 10:30 a.m. Jan. 3 at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Claflin, with Father Meinrad Miller celebrant. Inurnment will be at Claflin Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to the charity or organization of the donor’s choice in care of Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home, Hoisington.

Funeral arrangements provided by Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home* 415 North Main/Box 146 Hoisington, KS 67544 620-653-4165 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 27, 2007

Elaine Ensminger Mauck 1922 - 2007

Elaine Ensminger Mauck, longtime Great Bend resident, passed away Dec. 21 surrounded by her family and devoted aide, Tausha Davis, at the home of her daughter and son-in-law, Vickie and Ed McKenney, in Manchester, Conn. Elaine was born March 30, 1922, at Marion. Elaine was a lifelong resident of Great Bend until she moved in January 2005 to be near her daughter in Manchester. She traveled throughout the world with her daughter and many of her friends.

She was involved in many organizations, including ESA sorority, Meals on Wheels and United Methodist Women, but her passion was golf. She was an avid golfer and supporter of the women’s and junior golf programs. She loved playing golf with her son, Jerry, who visited often from Alaska. In tribute to her, the family asks for memorials to be made to her favorite golf course, Lake Barton Golf Club, Box 666, Great Bend, KS 67530.

Survivors include her son, Jerry Ensminger of Anchorage, Alaska; her daughter, Vickie McKenney and husband Ed of Manchester, Conn.; brother, Harry Pierce of Wichita; numerous nieces, nephews and a host of good friends. She was preceded in death by her husbands, SL “Bud” Ensminger, the father of her children, in 1956, and Leo W. Mauck in 1982.

Elaine will be remembered as a witty and fun-loving woman who gave much more than she took back. Her memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Jan. 4 at Bryant Funeral Home, Great Bend. A
private family burial will take place before the service.

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 27, 2007*

Thomas E. Chism 1928 - 2007

CLAFLIN — Thomas E. Chism, 79, died Dec. 25 at Clara Barton Hospital in Hoisington. Born May 15, 1928, in Claflin, he was the son of Charles Chism and Bertha “Knor” Chism. He graduated from Claflin High School. He married Barbara Keil on June 8, 1954, in Tucumcari, N.M. She survives. A lifetime resident of Claflin, he was a retired salesman with several different companies.

Mr. Chism was a veteran of the U.S. Army and served in Korea. He was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Claflin, the American Legion in Hoisington and Veterans of Foreign Wars in Holyrood. He was a former member of the Claflin City Council, the USD 354 School Board, and the Barton County Commission. He also served for many years on the Claflin football Chain Gang.

Survivors include his wife, of the home; two daughters, Sabrina and husband Robert Suelter of Great Bend and Samantha Blevins and husband Josh of Olathe; a brother, Joe Chism of Mesa, Ariz.; two sisters, Patty Roehrman of Olathe; and two stepgrandchildren, Charles, James, William and Robert Chism; and three sisters, Betty Moran, Norma Dietrich and Geraldine Morgan.

Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Friday at the Immaculate Conception Church in Claflin. Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at the church with Father Charles Mazouch officiating. Burial will be at the Claflin Cemetery. Friends may visit from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home and from 6 to 8 p.m. on Friday, and from 9 a.m. to service time Saturday, both at the church. Memorials are suggested to the Immaculate Conception Church or the Claflin Ambulance Service, both in care of the funeral home.

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Elizabeth Ann Woydziak 1929 - 2007

HOISINGTON — Elizabeth Ann Woydziak, 78, died Dec. 23 at Fresenius Medical Center, Great Bend. She was born Sept. 1, 1929, in Barton County, the daughter of Fred A. and Eleanor (Linsner) Wondra. She married Bernard S. Woydziak on Aug. 16, 1949, in Hoisington. He preceded her in death on March 8, 2001. She was a homemaker and a lifetime resident of Hoisington.

She was a member of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, the Altar Society and Clara Barton Hospital Auxiliary, all of Hoisington. She also was a member of Farm Bureau.

Survivors include two sons, Stephan Woydziak and his wife Sue, of Lyons, and David Woydziak and his wife, Ida, of Hoisington; four daughters, Joyce Hanzlick and her husband, Jerry of Hill City, Judy McDonald and her husband, Terry, of Mayetta, Connie Geiger and her husband, Warren, of Olsburg, and Jeannie Komarek of Hays; a brother, Wilfred Wondra and his wife Linda, of Hewitt, Texas; a sister, Rita McDonald of Canada; 15 grandchildren and “12 8/9ths” great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a grandson, Jared Hanzlick, a brother, Robert Wondra, and two sisters, Leona Elliott and Pauline Mater.

A vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Friday followed by an Altar Society Rosary, both at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home, Hoisington. Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, Hoisington, with Father Dwight Bircket officiating. Burial will be at St. John Cemetery, Hoisington. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Memorial donations to the church or to the Make A Wish Foundation may be made in care of the funeral home.

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December 26, 2007

Ray Alois Moeder 1924 - 2007

Ray Alois Moeder, 83, died Dec. 23 at his residence in Great Bend. Born Sept. 10, 1924, in Odin, he was the son of Edward and Ida Penka Moeder. He married Bernadine Demel on April 8, 1947, at Odin. She survives. A lifetime resident of Barton County, he began employment and later became president of Western Truck Equipment where he worked for over 50 years. He worked hard to continually provide for his family.

Mr. Moeder was a World War II veteran serving with the United States Army. He was a member of the Elks BPOE Lodge 1127, the American Legion Post 180, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 311, Prince of Peace Parish at St. Rose and the Knights of Columbus, all of Great Bend.

Survivors include his wife, Bernadine Moeder, of the home; seven sons, Ray J. Moeder and wife Carol of Larned, Don Moeder and wife Marilyn, Ken Moeder, and Alan Moeder and wife Gail, all of Great Bend; Bob Moeder of Lenexa; Randy Moeder and wife Patty of Oklahoma City, Okla.; and Pat Moeder and wife Amy of Winter Springs, Fla.; five daughters, Joyce Moeder of Columbia, Md., Jolene Biggs and husband Craig of Great Bend, Linda Salem and husband Bob of Salina, Brenda Moeder of Warrensburg, Mo., and Renee Rockers and husband Wes of Evansville, Ind.; four brothers, Leo Moeder of Odin, Ed Moeder of Hutchinson, and Larry Moeder and Rich Moeder of Great Bend; three sisters, Monica Schneider of Olmitz, Vi Prosser of Larned and Mary Ann Fischer of Plainville; 22 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a daughter, Donna Schmidt, and two brothers, Leonard Moeder and August Moeder.

Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. today with Knights of Columbus Rosary at Bryant Funeral Home. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. on Thursday at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church in Great Bend with Father Wesley Schawe and Father Dermot Tighe officiating. Burial will be at the Great Bend Cemetery with Military Rites conducted by Fort Riley Honor Guard. Friends may visit from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. today at Bryant Funeral Home. Memorials are suggested to Barton County Community College Foundation Memorial Scholarship for Donna Schmidt or 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.

Funeral arrangements provided by Bryant Funeral Home* 1425 Patton Road Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-3525 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 26, 2007

Sylvia D. Hoagland 1919 - 2007

HUTCHINSON — Sylvia D. Hoagland, 88, died Dec. 22 at Elm Grove Estates in Hutchinson. Born Jan. 16, 1919, in rural Hanston, she was the daughter of George and Maidie Hoff Powell. A longtime resident of Burdett, moving to Hutchinson in 2005, she was a homemaker and retired school cook and manager in Burdett School. She married Merrill L. Hoagland on Sept. 12, 1938, at Larned. He died Aug. 13, 2000.

Mrs. Hoagland was a member of the United Methodist Church and United Methodist Women, a charter member of the Burdett Women’s Auxiliary, all of Burdett, the Cow Belles of Pawnee County and the Federation of Women Clubs.
Survivors include a son, Farrel of Goddard; a daughter, Gloria Drelling of Hutchinson; five grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by five brothers, Chester, Lester, Roy, George and Muril Powell; and three sisters, Beirnie Macy, Hazel Salmans and Bernice Dixon.

Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. on Thursday at the United Methodist Church in Burdett with Pastor Richard Zimmerman presiding. Friends may visit from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. today at Morell Funeral Home in Larned. Burial will be at Walls Grove Cemetery in Burdett. Memorials are suggested to the church or to the Burdett Emergency Medical Service in care of Morell Funeral Home.

Funeral arrangements provided by Morell Funeral Home
P.O. Box 124
Larned, KS 67550-0124
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 26, 2007

Jackie L. Miller 1939 - 2007

Jackie L. Miller, 68, Great Bend, died Dec. 24 at Central Kansas Medical Center, Great Bend. He was born Dec. 10, 1939, the son of Leonard Miller and Verla Lavon Dike. He married Peggy Harrell, and they later divorced. He then married Marjorie Calvert Leech on June 22, 2002 in Great Bend. They later divorced. He was a resident of Great Bend for 17 years, coming from Fallon, Nev. He worked for Great Bend Manufacturing, in the oil field and for Marlette Homes.

Mr. Miller was a U.S. Army veteran. He was also a member of Ernie's Dart Team.

Survivors include a son, Jackie L. Miller Jr., Vernal, Utah; a stepson, Travis Leech, Great Bend; two daughters; Nikki Freeman and Tammy Krammer, both of Vernal Utah; a stepdaughter, Robin Lauber, Great Bend; 11 grandchildren; and five sisters, Marilyn Mumford, Laura Sandberg, Snowlene Coffield, Delsie Bittel, and Sherri Byerly, all of Great Bend.

A gradeside service will be held at 2 p.m., Friday, Dec. 28, at Great Bend Cemetery, with the Rev. Hal Stacetts officiating. Interment will be at Great Bend Cemetery, Great Bend. There will be no visitation as cremation has taken place. Memorials are suggested to the Jackie Miller Memorial Fund. 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. 26, 2007

Bertha Marie Haberman 1905 - 2007

Bertha Marie Haberman, 102, died Dec. 22 at Cherry Village Nursing Home in Great Bend. Born July 18, 1905, at Olmitz, she was the daughter of Joseph and Mary Cook Skolaut. She married Frank J. Haberman in 1925 in Olmitz. He died Aug. 7, 1972. A lifetime resident of Barton County, she was a homemaker and cook at Central Kansas Medical Center.

Mrs. Haberman was a member of the Prince of Peace Parish at St. Patrick Catholic Church, Altar Society and D of I, all of Great Bend.

Survivors include a son, Francis Haberman and wife Coleta of Great Bend; a sister, Minnie Maurer of Great Bend; two grandchildren, six great-grandchildren; and two great-great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by Evelyn Marie Blake; a brother, Joe Skolaut; and a sister, Elsie Wondra.

Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. today at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Great Bend with Father Wesley Schawe officiating. Burial will be at St. Patrick Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to Holy Family School Endowment Fund. Condolences may be sent and notice viewed at www.bryanthf.net.

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Great Bend, KS 67530
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Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 26, 2007

Alice Cochran Conard 1918 - 2007

Alice Cochran Conard, 99, passed away Dec. 21 at Woodhaven Care Center in Ellinwood. She was born May 2, 1908, at Goodwin, Okla., the daughter of Alva W. and Verna May Hadley Cochran. The family moved to Rice, Kan., when Alice was six months old. She was baptized Sept. 18, 1921, at the Rice Methodist Episcopal Church.

Alice was a teacher and a minister’s wife. She was a graduate of Concordia High School and Kansas State Teachers College (later Emporia State University). She taught in the Cloud County rural schools and in Esbon, Hill City, and Norton before going to Great Bend in 1944.

She married the Rev. Arlyn E. Conard on Nov. 22, 1962, in Great Bend. He died Nov. 21, 1980. She was also preceded in death by her parents; a brother, Hal; a sister, Dorothy Claycamp and her husband, Glenn; and by a niece, Shirley Holechek.

She was a member of First United Methodist Church in Great Bend, the United Methodist Women, NRTA division of AARP, EHU units and Utopian Club. She had life memberships in the American Association of University Women, Delta Kappa Gamma, Kansas Retired School Personnel Association, and the ESU Alumni Association. At one time or another, she served as president of most of these organizations.

Her interests and hobbies included reading, crafts and travel. Her travels included Canada, Mexico, the South Sea Islands, Peru, Ecuador, Argentina, Australia, New Zealand, Israel, Greece, Panama, many European countries, and most of the states in the United States.

She is survived by a stepson, Mark Conard, and his wife, Joyce, of Hutchinson; a foster daughter, Edna Sipp, and her husband, Cliff, of Pleasanton, Neb.; three grandchildren, Jonathan Conard and his wife, Melissa, of Junction City, Andrew Conard and his wife, Nicole, of Overland Park and Kristin Conard of Edison, N.J.; a great-granddaughter, Katie Aspen Conard, of Junction City; a sister-in-law, Eldora Conard, of Timken; a nephew, Kenneth Claycamp, and his wife, Joleen, of Cuba, Kan.; three nieces, Lois Boettcher and her husband, Norm, of Solomon, Loretta Cuddy and her husband, Dave, of Riverside, Calif., and Verla Hill and her husband, Dan, of Scottsbluff, Neb.; and many great-nieces and great-nephews.

The funeral service for Alice C. Conard will be at 1 p.m. today at First United Methodist Church in Great Bend with the Rev. Gary Brooks officiating. Burial will follow in the Larned Cemetery. Memorials may be sent to First United Methodist Church in Great Bend.

Funeral arrangements provided by Charter Funerals*
2115 Washington
Great Bend, KS 67530
620-793-6161
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 26, 2007

Elizabeth A. Woydziak 1929 - 2007

HOISINGTON — Elizabeth A. Woydziak, 78, died Dec. 23 at Fresenius Medical Center in Great Bend. Services are pending with Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home.

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 26, 2007

December 23, 2007

Father Joseph Bahr 1934 - 2007

GARDEN CITY — Father Joseph Bahr, pastor of St. Dominic Parish in Garden City and sacramental minister at St. Stanislaus, Ingalls, died Dec. 19 at St. Catherine Hospital, Garden City. He collapsed while preparing the parish center for evening religion classes. He was 73 years old.

Father Bahr was born July 10, 1934, at Albert, the son of Henry Bahr and Frances Schneider. He attended St. Ann's School in Olmitz. He was ordained to the
priesthood May 21, 1960, at the Pontifical College Josephinum in Worthington, Ohio, by Archbishop Egido Vagnozzi, then the apostolic delegate to the United States.

His ministries over his 47 years of priesthood were numerous and varied. He served as an assistant pastor at St. Joseph’s, Ellinwood (1960-63); Sacred Heart, Dodge City (1963-65); and St. Rose of Lima, Great Bend (1965-67, and 1970).

He served as administrator of St. Mary’s, Marienthal (1967); St. Mary’s, Loretto (1967-70); St. Joseph’s, Liebenthal (1970); and Sacred Heart, Ness City (1982-83).

He spent 12 years at St. Mary of the Plains College in Dodge City as chaplain and a member of the faculty (1970-82).

He was pastor at Sacred Heart, Ness City (1983-84); Sacred Heart, Dodge City (1984-88); St. Joseph, Ellinwood (1988-99). During his Ellinwood pastorate, he was rector of the Sts. Peter and Paul Shrine, North Ellinwood (1990-99) and pastor of Immaculate Conception, Clifton (1995-99).

His last assignment came in 1999, the pastorate at St. Dominic, Garden City, which included the pastoral care of St. Stanislaus, Ingalls, until 2006. At Garden City, he built the parish center at St. Dominic’s. The church at Ingalls was also renovated and expanded during this pastorate.

Father Bahr had a passion for the economic poor. As a child he witnessed his mother feeding individuals who came knocking at the door after hopping from a nearby train. When pastor of Sacred Heart Cathedral in Dodge City, he started a food pantry to help the needy. Before long, the pantry blossomed into what is today Manna House, a home that offers food, lodging and clothing to individuals and families in transition. At St. Dominic he established St. Dominic Charities, which supplements other local charities in Garden City. The parish also established a Mission Market around Christmas which annually raises $8,000 for the poor.

Survivors include two brothers, Henry Bahr, Albert, and James Bahr, North Babylon, N.Y.; and seven sisters, Sister Francella, Sister Sister Jeanne, Sister Teresa, all members of the Sisters Adorers of the Blood of Christ in Wichita; Joan and husband, Ken Schreiber, Olmitz, Donna and her husband Eldon Keil, Overland Park, and Patricia Bahr, Great Bend; eight nieces, and one nephew. He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Frances.

The vigil will be held at 7 p.m. today, at St. Dominic Church, with Father Robert Schremmer, V.G., presiding. The Most Rev. Ronald M. Gilmore, bishop of Dodge City, will celebrate a funeral Mass at St. Dominic Church in Garden City at 11 a.m. Monday. The Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at St. Ann Church in Olmitz by Father Schremmer and Father Ulan Murphy, pastor, at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, with burial to follow in the parish cemetery. Friends may call from noon to 5 p.m. today at Garnand Funeral Home in Garden City.

Memorials are suggested to Pontifical College Josephinum and the St. Dominic Building Fund in care of Garnand Funeral Home.

Funeral arrangements provided by Garnand Funeral Home* 412 N. 7th Garden City, KS 67846 620-276-3219 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 23, 2007 Gertrude Ellen Wikoff 1908 - 2007 HOISINGTON — Gertrude Ellen Wikoff, 99, died Dec. 22 at Clara Barton Hospital, Hoisington. She was born Oct. 20, 1908, at Little River, the daughter of William A. and Lena (McCann) Phillips. She married Pierce Wikoff on July 25, 1927, at Sterling. He died Aug. 31, 1969. They lived in the Rio Grande Valley of Texas until 1941, when they returned to Lyons, later living in Hays until 1978 when she moved to Hoisington. While in Hays she worked in food service at Fort Hays State College and the Hays Middle School and later for Senior Companions and as office manager for Dr. Donald Huett.

She was a member of the First United Methodist Church and Alturian Club, both of Hoisington.

Survivors include a son, Wesley Wikoff, and wife Jane of Hays; a daughter, Phyllis Nulton, and husband Tom of Hoisington; grandchildren, Rick Nulton and wife Darlene of Hoisington, Mike Nulton and wife Susie, and Kristen Cline and husband Rick, all of Weskan, Phillip Wikoff and wife Janine of Hillsboro, Ore., Barbara Shelton of Cheyenne, Wyo., Jennifer La Cicero and husband Pat of Fort Worth, Texas, and Craig Wikoff and wife Jessica of Garden City; 10 great-grandchildren, six stepgreat-grandchildren and two stepgreat-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by eight brothers, Harold, Gayle, Wayne, Keith, Vance, Dean, Donan and infant Paul, and two sisters, Hazel Livingston and Juanita Reilly.

Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at First United Methodist Church, Hoisington, with the Rev. Wayne Flanders officiating. A graveside service will be held at 2:30 p.m. Thursday at Memorial Gardens in Hays. Visitations will be from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home, Hoisington, and the family receiving friends from 6:30 to 8 p.m., and from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Thursday at the church. In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to the First United Methodist Church or to the Clara Barton Foundation, both in care of Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home.

Funeral arrangements provided by Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home* 415 North Main/P.O. Box 146 Hoisington, KS 67544 620-653-4165 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 23, 2007 Lawrence L. Hogan

WEST ST. PAUL, Minn. — Lawrence L. Hogan, 68, beloved husband and father, of West St. Paul, Minn., formerly of Lyons, died on Dec. 18. He is survived by his wife of 34 years, Patricia; sons, Derek and Jason; siblings, Sandy (William) Messinger, Lynne (John) Kaufenberg and Laurel Brown; and many other relatives and friends.

A gathering of family and friends was held from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 21, at Southern Funeral Home, 414 Marie Ave., South St. Paul, MN 55075. Phone 651-453-1551. In lieu of flowers, memorials are preferred.

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 23, 2007 Alice Ruth Conard

Alice Ruth Conard, of Great Bend, died Dec. 21. Service arrangements are pending with Charter Funerals, Great Bend, and will be announced.

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Friends may call from noon to 8 p.m. on Saturday and from noon to 5 p.m. on Sunday at Garnand Funeral Home in Garden City.

Memorials are suggested to Pontifical College Josephinum and the St. Dominic Building Fund in care of Garnand Funeral Home.

Funeral arrangements provided by Garnand Funeral Home*
412 N. 7th
Garden City, KS 67846
620-276-3219
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 21, 2007

Arthur Crotinger 1915 - 2007

BISON — Arthur Crotinger, 92, died Dec. 19 at the Rush County Nursing Home in La Crosse. He was born Sept. 14, 1915, south of Bison, the son of Stanley A. and Olga (Ropp) Crotinger. He married Olga Nather on June 3, 1935, at Timken. She survives. He was a retired farmer and cattlemann, and a lifetime resident of Bison.

He was a member of St. Ann Catholic Church and Knights of Columbus, both of Olmitz. He was also a member of area co-ops.

Survivors, in addition to his wife, of the home, include two sons, Mike Crotinger of Bison and Eugene Crotinger of Hinton, Okla.; seven daughters, Dorothy Hernandez of San Leandro, Calif., Lois Pusateri of Felton, Mo., Cindy Sohn and Deb Dalton, both of Otis, Florence Holmes of Great Bend, Sue Hollingsworth of McPherson and Rosemary Linn of Smith Center; 29 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren and several great-great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two daughters, Mary Ann Crotinger and Carol Willhite, a brother, Lawrence Crotinger, and two sisters, Sarah Ann Davis Hanlin and Mary Jane Crotinger.

Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at St. Ann Catholic Church, Olmitz, with Father Ulan Murphy officiating. Burial will be at Holy Cross Cemetery, Timken. Visitation will be from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. today at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home, Hoisington, and from 6 to 8 p.m. at St. Ann Church, with a wake service at 7 p.m. Donations to memorials for St. Ann Church or the Otis Ambulance may be made 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. 21, 2007

December 20, 2007

Lenora M. Ryder 1924 - 2007

MACKSVILLE — Lenora M. Ryder, 83, of Macksville, died Dec. 19 at Manor Care Nursing Home in Topeka. Born Oct. 30, 1924, at Clemons, N.C., she was the daughter of Lawrence and Dora Foley. Most of her life was spent in Macksville where she graduated from Macksville High School and attended the Macksville Christian Church.

Survivors include two daughters, Barbara Buechle of Basehor and Debbie Parker of Berryton; five grandchildren, three great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Albert Ryder, in 1987, a son, Billy Russell Ryder, a brother, Dewayne Foley, and two sisters, LaVounge Foss and Joan Foley.

Funeral service will be at 1 p.m. Friday at the Macksville Christian Church, with Pastor Carey Haner presiding. Burial will be in the Farmington Cemetery at Macksville. Visitation will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday at the church. Memorial donations may be sent to Alzheimer’s Disease Research or the Christian Church, both in care of Minnis Chapel, Inc., Box 34, St. John, KS 67576.

Funeral arrangements provided by Minnis Chapel
Box 34
St. John, KS 67576
620-549-3556
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 20, 2007

Robert C. Schaeffer

LARNED — Robert C. Schaeffer, 57, died Dec. 17 at his home in Larned. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Morell Funeral Home, Larned.

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 20, 2007

Joseph E. Mefford 1928 - 2007

sLYONS — Joseph E. Mefford, 79, died Dec. 18 at Hutchinson Hospital, Hutchinson. He was born Aug. 7, 1928, at Turley, Okla., the son of Roy Lee and Mary Alice Simmons Mefford. He married Dorothy Maurine Williams on April 15, 1949, at Iola. She died Oct. 27, 2004. He was a Lyons resident for the past year, formerly of Hot Springs, Ark. He was a 1946 graduate of Ellinwood High School, a graduate of Iola Junior College and of Pittsburg State University. He retired in 1985 after 33 years in property tax, real estate and claims with Phillips Petroleum.

He attended the Lyons Presbyterian Church and belonged to the American Legion in Ellinwood. He had been president of the Hot Springs Bowling Association. He was a U.S. Navy veteran, serving in the Pacific.

Survivors include two sons, Stevan Mefford of Amarillo, Texas, and Charles Mefford of San Antonio, Texas; a daughter, Marcia Davidson of Conroe, Texas; a special friend and companion, Peggy Richter of Lyons; six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, his
wife, and two sisters, Judith Mefford and Joyce Wirtz.

Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Lyons First Presbyterian Church, with the Rev. Monty Fey officiating. A committal service will be at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at the Lakin-Comanche District Cemetery in Ellinwood, with the Rev. Larry Young officiating. Visitation will be from 1 to 8 p.m. Friday at Kimpfel Funeral Home, Ellinwood. Donations to memorials for the Kansas Cancer Institute at the University of Kansas, the Center for Basic Cancer Research or the American Cancer Society may be made in care of the funeral home.

Funeral arrangements provided by Kimpfel Funeral Home
113 North Main/Box 246
Ellinwood, KS 67526
620-564-2300
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 20, 2007

Helen Louise Edmondson Witte 1916 - 2007

Helen Louise Edmondson Witte, 91, of Great Bend, died Dec. 17 at Central Kansas Medical Center, Great Bend. Born April 27, 1916, in Wellington, she was the daughter of Thurman Canna Edmondson and Grace Ruth Purdy Edmondson. The family moved to Great Bend in June 1929. She graduated from Great Bend High School in 1934. In high school she loved singing in the glee club, mixed chorus and operettas. She married Edwin William Witte on Nov. 19, 1934, in Buffalo, Okla. They eloped with another couple, Georgia Grizzle and Leonard Brown. They lived on a farm in Rush County and raised four children, Thurman William, Donald Eugene and Samuel Lee of Great Bend and Wreatha Ann of Memphis, Tenn. Her husband died in 1969. In the summer of 1958 they arranged for the family house to be moved onto a four-acre lot just outside the Great Bend city limits, next to the city cemetery. The family house was built by William Witte, Edwin's father, in 1900. The house still sits at 1700 Heritage Lane. Helen worked as the school cook at Elm Grove County School for two years in 1953 and 1954 and then was employed by J.C. Penney's as a clerk in the fabric and housewares department.

For more than 22 years, she used her considerable sewing, tailoring and home-decorating skills to help thousands of customers. She finished her employment years by working at Calhoun's in the 1970s. A tenacious and determined person, the reason she went to work as a store clerk was to fund college educations for all four children. She took great pleasure in decorating her home and working in her gardens of tulips, tulips and peonies.

She saved her rolls of dimes to make home improvement purchases. Over the years, she remodeled the home and took out closets and doors, had new ones made, wallpapered, re-carpeted and decorated.

Mrs. Witte was a member of the First Christian Church of Great Bend and earlier in her life sang in the church choir.

Survivors include two sons, Donald Eugene Witte and wife Caroline, and Samuel Lee Witte, all of Great Bend; a daughter, Wreatha Ann Witte, of Memphis, Tenn.; eight grandchildren, Marry Ann Witte, Thurman William Witte Jr., Kathryn Witte Farquhar and Dorian Witte, of Lawrence, Diedre Lynn Witte Campbell and Navy E4 Christopher Ryan Witte, both of Great Bend, Edwin Thomas Witte of Goddard, and Steven Bradley Witte of Portage, Mich.; 13 great-grandchildren; two nephews, Jerry D. Brown of Evergreen, Colo., and Richard E. Brown of Denver, Colo.; and a niece, Jene Smith of Winfield. She was preceded in death by a son, Thurman William Witte and her only sister, Beatrice Edmundson Brown.

Funeral service will be at 1:30 p.m. Friday at Bryant Funeral Home with the Rev. William F. Johnson officiating. Burial will be at the Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may visit from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. today at Bryant Funeral Home. Memorials are suggested to the Barton County Relay for Life 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. 19, 2007

Allan Joseph Hammke 1949 - 2007

BELOIT, Wis. — Allan Joseph Hammke, 58, died at home on Dec. 15, in Beloit, Wis., following an 18-month battle with Mantel Cell Lymphoma. He was a retired United States Postal Service mail carrier, serving in Great Bend and Wichita for 34 years. For 40 years, he was a well-known musician in Kansas, organizing and playing in bands in Great Bend and Wichita. Born March 30, 1949, in Scott City, he was the son of Norman and Jolene (Feist) Hammke, who both preceded him in death. He married Gretchen Hilgendorf on Jan. 24, 1999, at Grace Presbyterian Church in Wichita.

He served in the United States Army and Army Reserves (retired 1993), including service in Vietnam from December 1968 through December 1969. He was a graduate of Great Bend High School, a member of Grace Presbyterian Church in Wichita where he was ordained a deacon and was also a member of the Grace Praise band; and he was a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 2306 in Beloit, Wis. Following two mission visits to Nairobi, Kenya, Allan was devoted to the work of the St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church of East Africa with HIV/AIDS orphans and street children.

He is survived by his wife, of the home; her daughter and son-in-law, Jennifer and Matthew; and two grandchildren, Nathan and Joshua all of Beloit, Wis.; a son, Anthony, and grandson, Dylan; his daughters, Sara Hammke and granddaughter, Nevaeh Thompson;
Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Boulevard Baptist Church, Great Bend. The Rev. Arlyn Thielenhaus will officiate. Burial will be at Hillcrest Memorial Park with military rites conducted by the American Legion Post 7428 and the Knights of Columbus Post 7405.

Survivors include two daughters, Leslie Lynn Lindberg and husband Aron, Great Bend; Doral Peek and husband Jaden, all of Wichita; and adopted daughter, Chelsea Hammke of Hoisington. Brother, Michael and wife Becky of Wichita; and sisters, June and husband Robbie Sloan of Branson, Mo., and Mary Jeffrey and Coleen and husband Steve Rzychek, all of Great Bend; many nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews. He was preceded in death by a daughter, Julie Hammke, who left a granddaughter, Mikala Peaks of Wichita.

A Service of Witness to the Resurrection will be at 7 p.m. Friday, at the Grace Presbyterian Church, 5002 E. Douglas, Wichita, in the sanctuary. A reception to greet the family will follow in the Great Room of the church. Memorial gifts to support the ministries of Hawa Boys' Home and Tumaini Children's Home may be made to Grace Presbyterian Church (Allan Hammke Mission Fund) to support their ministries. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.daleymurphywisch.com.

Funeral arrangements provided by Daley-Murphy-Wisch* 2355 Cranston Rd. Beloit, WI 63511 608-362-3444 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 19, 2007

Norma Gayle "Granny" Schenk 1925 - 2007

Norma Gayle "Granny" Schenk, 81, of Great Bend, died Dec. 15 at Hospice House in Hutchinson. Born Dec. 22, 1925, at Coldwater, she was the daughter of Fred H. and Violet M. Riner Scholle. She married Robert J. Schenk on Sept. 25, 1943, in Great Bend. He died Oct. 27, 1991. A resident of Great Bend since 1943, coming from Coldwater, she was the office manager for-wife of Bemis Construction.

Mrs. Schenk was a charter member of Sweet Adelines and a member of Beta Sigma Phi Sorority, both of Great Bend. She and her husband Robert started the Lake Ministries at Cedar Bluff Reservoir in the 1960s. She was also a Barton County Cougar Booster.

Survivors include three daughters, Dixie (Mike) Watkins, and Donna (Clark) Rusco, all of Great Bend, and Debbie (Verlyn) Risley, of Wichita; seven grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a brother, J.P. Scholle, and a great-grandson, Malachi Thornton.

Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Boulevard Baptist Church, Great Bend, with the Rev. Arlyn Thielenhaus and the Rev. William F. Johnson officiating. Burial will be at Hillcrest Memorial Park in Great Bend. Friends may visit from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. today at Boulevard Baptist Church with the family receiving friends from 7 to 9 p.m. Memorials are suggested to Golden Belt Home Health and Hospice or to the Norma Schenk Memorial Fund for the benefit of a future hospice house, in care of the funeral home. Condolences may be sent and noticed 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. 19, 2007

December 18, 2007

Joseph James Hickey 1929 - 2007

HOISINGTON — Joseph James Hickey, 78, died Dec. 16 at his residence in Hoisington. Born March 5, 1929, in Hoisington, he was the son of Clarence and Anna Frieb Hickey. He married Ruth Fisich on June 15, 1953, in Odin. She passed away June 16, 1989.

Mr. Hickey was a U.S. Navy veteran, serving on the U.S.S. Barton from 1948 to 1952. He was a member of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7428, American Legion Post 286, and the Knights of Columbus, all of Hoisington, and was a 4th Degree Knight.

Survivors include two sons, Patrick Hickey and wife Sheryl, and Michael Hickey and wife Kasia, all of Houston, Texas; two daughters, Kathy Enriquez and husband Marcos of Houston, Texas, and Mary Kay Reid and husband Jeff of Alma, Colo.; two brothers, Ken Hickey and Bill Hickey, both of Hoisington; two sisters, Marjorie McCurry of Hoisington and Betsy Seifert of Glendale, Ariz.; six grandchildren, Joseph Hickey, Eric Hickey, Luke Hickey, Joshua Davis, Ryan Davis and Matthew Davis; and six great-grandchildren, Jackson Hickey, Kate Hickey, Bryce Hickey, Kayla Hickey, Landon Davis and Christopher Davis. He was preceded in death by a son, Steve Hickey, and seven brothers, Sylvester, Paul, Andy, Edwin, Leo, Bob and Don Hickey.

Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Thursday with Knights of Columbus Rosary at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home. Funeral service will be at 9 a.m. Friday at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Hoisington with Father Dwight Birkey officiating. Burial will be at St. John Cemetery with military rites conducted by the American Legion Post 286. Friends may visit from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home. Memorials are suggested to the American Cancer Society or VFW Post 7428 in care of the funeral home.

Funeral arrangements provided by Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home* 415 N. Main P.O. Box 146 Hoisington, KS 67544 620-653-4165 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 18, 2007

Helen W. Mooney 1955 - 2007

BUSHTON — Helen W. Mooney, 52, died Dec. 15 at Via Christi Regional Medical Center, St. Francis Campus, Wichita. She was born Feb. 10, 1955, in Bushton, the daughter of Gene and Marietta (Bieberle) Mooney. She worked as a caregiver for Bethany in Ellsworth. She was a lifetime resident of Bushton.

She was of the Catholic faith and was a member of the St. Card Club in Bushton.

Survivors include her mother, of Bushton; two brothers, Roy Mooney and his wife Joyce and Floy Mooney, all of Bushton; a sister, Debbie Jimison and her husband Kyle, Bushton; five nephews, five great-nephews, six great-nieces and many uncles and aunts. She was preceded in death by her father and grandparents Leo and Irene Bieberle and Walter and Daisy Mooney.

Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home, Hoisington, with Father Charles Mazouh officiating. Burial will be at Holy Name Cemetery, Bushton. A rosary will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday, also at the funeral home. Donations to the Helen Mooney Memorial Fund 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. 18, 2007

Peggy Ann Krom 1949 - 2007

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Mrs. Krom was a member of the First Southern Baptist Church of Great Bend.

Survivors, in addition to her husband, of the home, include her mother, Gertrude Read, of Great Bend; two daughters, Lisa Larie Reif and husband Anthony, and Leslie Lynn Lindberg and husband Aron, of Great Bend. She was a member of the First Southern Baptist Church of Great Bend.

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Survivors, in addition to her husband, of the home, include her mother, Gertrude Read, of Great Bend; two daughters, Lisa Larie Reif and husband Anthony, and Leslie Lynn Lindberg and husband Aron,
all of Great Bend; a brother, George Read, of Great Bend; a sister, Margaret Read Halling of Great Bend; and three grandchildren, Rashelle Barton, Colby Barton and Taylor Lindberg. She was preceded in death by her father.

Funeral service will be at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday at First Southern Baptist Church, Great Bend, with the Rev. Doyle Smith officiating. Interment will be at the Great Bend Cemetery. Visitation will be from 1 to 9 p.m. today, with the family to receive friends from 6 to 8 p.m., and 9 a.m. to noon Wednesday, all at Bryant Funeral Home. Donations to a memorial fund for the CKMC Foundation for the benefit of Heartland Cancer Center may be made in care of the funeral home. Condolences may be sent and notice viewed at www.bryantfh.net.

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Bryant Funeral Home*
1425 Patton Road
Great Bend, KS 67530
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Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 18, 2007

Billy G. Goodenough 1938 - 2007
Billy G. Goodenough, 69, of Great Bend, passed away at Hutchinson Hospital in Hutchinson on Dec. 16. Billy was born Nov. 25, 1938, to Amsea and Mary Jane Kenney Goodenough in Humansville, Mo. Billy married Norma I. Belcher on Oct. 1, 1964. They made their home in Iola, where he worked as an auto mechanic. They moved to Great Bend in 1991 to work for Cipra Floor Care.

Billy is survived by his wife, Norma Goodenough of Great Bend. Together they had three sons, Jim of Clay Center, Ohio, Mark of Great Bend and Matt of Andover; from a previous marriage Billy is survived by two sons, Kenneth and Randall, both of Attica; one daughter, Ellen Crites of Sharon; and several grandchildren. He also is survived by his brother Jesse Goodenough of Commerce City, Colo. Billy was preceded in death by his brother, George Goodenough, and sister, Dorothy Hawkins.

Viewing and visitation will be Wednesday, from 1 to 8 p.m. at Charter Funeral Home, Great Bend. Graveside services will be held at the North Great Bend Cemetery in Great Bend at 11 a.m. Thursday, with Pastor Dwight Dozier officiating. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Funeral arrangements provided by
Charter Funeral Home*
2115 Washington Street
Great Bend, KS 67530
620-793-6161
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 18, 2007

December 16, 2007

Elmer R. Wolf 1927 - 2007

HAYS — Elmer R. Wolf, 79, died Dec. 12 at Hays Medical Center. He was born Dec. 31, 1927, at Antonino, to John and Monica (Werth) Wolf. He served his country with the U.S. Army during World War II. He married Lorraine Wasinger on April 5, 1948, at Hays. She died Dec. 22, 1991. He was employed at Fort Hays State University for 40 years in the grounds department.

Mr. Wolf was a member of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church, a lifetime member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and played with several bands throughout Ellis County.

Survivors include his sons, William “Bill” Wolf, and Robert “Bob” Wolf and wife Susan, all of Hays; two sisters, Irma Schaffer and Cora Giebler, both of Denver, Colo.; four grandchildren, Jeff Wolf and wife Jenny of McKinney, Texas, Chrissy Bandel and husband Corey of Skalaus, Curtis Wolf of Great Bend and Shelly Wolf of Hutchinson; and five great-grandchildren, Christian Bandel, Corissa Bandel, Cresinda Bandel, Alexia Wolf and Ethan Wolf. He was preceded in death by an infant son, Thomas Wolf; brothers, Richard Wolf, Alphonse Wolf, Alvin Wolf and Silven Wolf; sisters, Germaine Dechant, Isabella Dechant, Victoria Fisher and Shirley Meier.

Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. on Monday at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church. Burial with military services by the Hays VFW will be at the St. Joseph Cemetery in Hays. A parish vigil will be at 6 p.m. today at the Hays Memorial Chapel Funeral Home, 20th and Pine. Friends may call at the funeral home from 3 to 7 p.m. today and from 9 to 9:45 a.m. on Monday. Memorials have been established with the Fort Hays State University Endowment Association or with the Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church Building Fund in his name and memory.

Funeral services provided by
Hays Memorial Chapel Funeral Home*
1906 Pine St.
Hays, KS 67601
785-628-1009
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 16, 2007

The Rev. Julius C. Ellis 1923 - 2007

ARDMORE, Okla. – The Rev. Julius C. Ellis, 84, died Dec. 14 at Mercy Memorial Hospital in Ardmore, Okla. He was born Nov. 23, 1923, at Mathison, Miss., the son of William Lynch and Minnie Youngblood Ellis, Sr. He married Verna Mae Whitehead on Feb. 6, 1943, at Pueblo, Colo. She died July 31, 2000. He then married Mary Beesley Smith on Jan. 12, 2001, at Greenville, Ala. She survives. He was a retired minister, formerly serving Eastside Baptist Church in Great Bend. He was an Ardmore, Okla., residence since 2003, coming from Great Bend.

He was a U.S. Army Staff Sergeant, serving in World War II, retiring in 1959. He was the chaplain at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend, and a member of Mary Niblack Baptist Church in Ardmore.

Survivors include his wife, of the home; daughter Phyllis Parsons, Great Bend; sister-in-law June Warren and husband Bob, all of Great Bend; and Robert “Bob” Wolf and wife Susan, all of Hays; two sisters, Irma Schaffer and Cora Giebler, both of Denver, Colo.; four grandchildren, Jeff Wolf and wife Jenny of McKinney, Texas, Chrissy Bandel and husband Corey of Skalaus, Curtis Wolf of Great Bend and Shelly Wolf of Hutchinson; and five great-grandchildren, Christian Bandel, Corissa Bandel, Cresinda Bandel, Alexia Wolf and Ethan Wolf. He was preceded in death by an infant son, Thomas Wolf; brothers, Richard Wolf, Alphonse Wolf, Alvin Wolf and Silven Wolf; sisters, Germaine Dechant, Isabella Dechant, Victoria Fisher and Shirley Meier.

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He was a U.S. Army Staff Sergeant, serving in World War II, retiring in 1959. He was the chaplain at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend, and a member of Mary Niblack Baptist Church in Ardmore.

Survivors include his wife, of the home; daughter Phyllis Parsons, Great Bend; sister-in-law June Warren and husband Bob, Great Bend; two step-daughters, Kathy Peavy, Georgeanna, Ala., and Patsy Lee, McKenzie, Ala.; four grandchildren, Jeff Parsons, Victoria Fisher and Shirley Meier.
Jacob Parsons, Aubrey Maneth, Melanie Maneth, Katie Mae Maneth, Luke Maneth, Stephanie Hughes, Dalton Hughes, MacKenzie Thielenhaus and Ayden Correll; two step-grandchildren, Angela Mosley and Michelle Barrow; and five step-great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two sons, Julius C. Ellis Jr. and Bruce Allen Ellis; and one step-son, William Smith; two brothers, William Lynch Ellis Jr. and Loy Ellis; and one half-brother, Dan Chris Ellis.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend, with Pastor Roy Savage officiating. Interment will be at Hillcrest Memorial Park, Great Bend. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home, with the family receiving friends from 6 to 8 p.m. In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to the building fund for Eastside Baptist Church, 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. 16, 2007

Helen Mooney 1954 - 2007

BUSHTON — Helen Mooney, 52, died Dec. 15 at St. Francis Medical Center in Wichita. Services are pending with Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington.

Louise Emilie Werhahn Haxton 1912 - 2007

CHASE — Louise Emilie Werhahn Haxton, 95, died Dec. 14 at Sandstone Heights Nursing Home in Little River. She was born Feb. 17, 1912, at Great Bend, the daughter of William and Bertha Fleske Werhahn. She graduated from Great Bend High School and attended the College of Emporia. She married Wallace Rae Haxton on May 23, 1938, at Oswatomie. He died April 8, 1985. A resident of Chase since 1958, she was formerly of Lyons. She was a homemaker.

Mrs. Haxton was baptized in the Lutheran Church as a youth; she was a member of the Community Presbyterian Church, where she was head of the Kitchen Committee for funeral dinners, and was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, all of Chase.

Survivors include two sons, Wallace Duane Haxton and wife Barbara of Newton, and Larry Thomas Haxton and wife Janie of Claflin; one daughter, Shirley Long and husband Robert of Chase; one brother, Bill Werhahn of Great Bend; 11 grandchildren, 38 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by five sisters, Bertha, Hilda, Martha, Erna and Selma.

Services will be at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday at Birzer-Sillin Funeral Home in Lyons with the Rev. Seth Svaty officiating. Burial will be in the Great Bend Cemetery. Visitation will be from 2 to 7 p.m. Monday at the funeral home. The casket will be closed. Memorials may be made to the Emergency Medical Technicians of Chase, in care of the funeral home.

Funeral arrangements provided by Birzer-Sillin Funeral Home* 214 West Ave. South Lyons, KS 67554 (620) 257-2211 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 16, 2007

Leona O. Niedens 1918 - 2007

LARNED — Leona O. Niedens, 89, died Dec. 13 at Larned Healthcare Center. Born Sept. 5, 1918, in Milberger, she was the daughter of George and Emilie Karst Michel. A resident of Larned since 1945, she was a retired probate judge and clerk of Probate Court in Pawnee County, and a longtime retail sales clerk. She married Roy L. Niedens at WaKeeney on Sept. 12, 1941. He died Sept. 26, 1975.

Mrs. Niedens was a member of Grace Lutheran Church in Larned.

Survivors include a son, Mike and wife Sandy, of Great Bend; a daughter, Laurie Seeman and husband Patrick, of Larned; two sisters, Martha Poos, of Wichita and Norma Yancey, of Battlefield, Mo.; three grandchildren, Shellie Thill and husband David, Michael Seeman and wife Amy, and Molly Niedens; and four great-grandchildren.

Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. on Monday at Grace Lutheran Church in Larned with Pastor Richard Boyer presiding. Burial will be at the Larned Cemetery. Friends may visit from noon until 8 p.m. today at Morell Funeral Home in Larned. Memorials are suggested to Grace Lutheran Church and Larned Healthcare, 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, Dec. 16, 2007

December 14, 2007

Anna E. Gutierrez 1909 - 2007

LARNED — Anna Elizabeth Gutierrez, 98, died Dec. 10 at Larned Healthcare Center, Larned. She was born March 27, 1909, on a farm near Hesston, the daughter of Jacob and Helena Wenger Heckens. She married Nicolas E. Gutierrez on April 4, 1931, in Larned. He died May 15, 1980. She was a longtime resident of Barton and Rush counties, and lived her last few years in the care home at Larned.

She was a member of Holy Trinity Catholic Church, Timken, and a lifetime member of the American Red Cross. She won numerous awards for the gallons of blood she donated over the years. She was a volunteer aide at the Great Bend hospital. She also cooked for 18 years for the American Legion. She enjoyed her family in Hesston, going to many Holdemen reunions.

Anna was a homemaker and loved her family. She raised not only her own, but her husband’s siblings. She loved crocheting, sewing, making hundreds of afghans and sewing pillows on her treadle sewing machine. She loved gardening, winning numerous grand-champion ribbons at the Rush County Fair for her flowers. She loved fishing, playing bingo, scrapbooking, traveling, cooking, making Christmas candy and taking care of others.

Anna believed in the right to vote, encouraging everyone to do so. She spent many hours on jury duty, her last time when in her 80s. In her later years she was the mayor of Timken, helping to raise money to open the community center and holding the president’s office. She was featured in USA Today in April 1988 for all her efforts.

Anna will be mostly remembered for the unconditional love she gave to her family and friends. All will truly miss her.

Survivors include two sons, John of Larned and Richard of Wichita; two daughters, Wanda Ramona Keenan of Pawnee Rock and Rita Ritter of Houston, Texas; 16 grandchildren, 40 great-grandchildren and 24 great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by three daughters, Norma Welborn, Virginia Emmons and Martha Gutierrez; two sisters, Reta Peter, and Clarence Heckens; and two sisters, Estella May Duda and Sarah M. Selle.

A rosary will be at 1:30 p.m. today, followed by a funeral service at 2 p.m. at Morell Funeral Home in Larned, with Father Bernard Felix presiding. Burial will be in the Holy Trinity Catholic Cemetery at Timken. Memorials may be sent to Larned Healthcare Center, in care of the funeral home, P.O. Box 124, Larned, KS 67550-0124.

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 14, 2007*

Buck Malone 1957 - 2007

Buck Malone, 50, of Great Bend, died Dec. 8 at his residence. He was born July 3, 1957, at Colorado Springs, Colo., the son of L.D. and Carol Lea Sell Malone. He was a floor hand for Thunderbird Drilling and a roustabout for other companies.
He was a resident of Great Bend since 1979, coming from Coffeyville.

He was of the Christian faith.

Survivors include a son, Seth Malone, of Rogers, Ark.; a daughter, Rebecca Esquivel, Topeka; his parents, of Mulberry; three brothers, Robert Malone of Oklahoma, Tom Malone of Great Bend and John Malone of Pittsburg; three sisters, Liz Malone of Oologah, Okla., Judy Hicks of Nowata, Okla., and Shannon Long of Pittsburg; and a grandson, Connor Esquivel.

A memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Bryant Funeral Home, Great Bend, with the Rev. Dwight Dozier officiating. There will be no visitation, as cremation has taken place. Memorial donations may be made to the Buck Malone Funeral Expense Fund, 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. 14, 2007

Paul E. Hyde 1926 - 2007

GLASCO — Paul E. Hyde, 80, of Glasco, a former resident of Great Bend, died Dec. 8 at Salina Regional Health Center. He was born Dec. 12, 1926, at Formoso. He was a tower foreman for the Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America.

Survivors include his wife, Jo Ann Hyde of the home; two daughters, Dee Hyde Begany of Truth or Consequences, N.M., and Pam Hyde Ellis of Boise, Idaho; foster sons W.T. Pearson of Seattle, Wash., David Bass of Johnson City and Robert Bass of Garden City; two great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

Funeral services will be at 3 p.m. Monday, at the Dean Funeral Home in Glasco. Interment will be at the Glasco Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to the American Heart Association or the American Diabetes Foundation. Visitation will be from 2 to 8 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home. Condolences may be sent to www.mcdonaldrobertsfuneralservice.com

Funeral arrangements provided by Dean Funeral Home 301 East Main Glasco, KS 67445 (785) 738-2211 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 14, 2007

December 13, 2007

Darrell W. Clarke 1932 - 2007

Darrell W. Clarke, 75, of Great Bend died Dec. 10 at Great Bend. Born Aug. 20, 1932, in Great Bend, he was the son of Clarence M. and Verna Ward Clarke. He married Alene J. Barger on June 14, 1953, at Great Bend. She survives. A lifetime resident of Great Bend, he was the owner and operator of Clarke Well and Equipment. He started Clarke Well and Equipment Inc. in 1952. His company has grown to service Kansas, Oklahoma and Missouri, being retained by many professionals as an expert in the water-related industry, with the help of his three sons, Brent, Clint and Monte. Clarke Well and Equipment has enjoyed an excellent relationship with a very large and diverse customer base that consists of municipal water users, consulting engineers, industrial water users, irrigation and feedlot operators, environmental consultants, etc. With the assistance of the family and loyal employees he managed the firm for the past 55 years. In 1960 Darrell started and operated Clarke Farm. He was a pilot and enjoyed flying for business purposes. Mr. Clarke was a veteran of the Korean War, serving with the United States Army. He was a member of Kansas Ground Water Association and National Ground Water Association and various other water-related organizations.

Survivors include his wife of the home; three sons, Brent Clarke of Great Bend and his children, Brian Clarke and wife, Kevin Clarke and Steven Clarke, Christopher Clarke and David Clarke; son Clint Clarke and wife Darla of Great Bend and their children, Kyle and Jenna; and son Monte Clarke and wife Joan of Great Bend and their children, Matthew and Jessica; three brothers, J. Don Clarke of Keystone, Okla., and his children, Kyle and Jenna; and Clint Clarke and wife, Darla of Great Bend and their children, Evan Dunn and Adie Dunn; and two sisters, Myrtle Tommie of Pratt; six grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; one sister, Lynette Dunn.

Memorials contributions may be made to the Kansas Ground Water Association Scholarship Fund or Sunflower Diversified Services, Ground Water Association Scholarship Fund or Sunflower Diversified Services, Inc., in care of the funeral home. Condolences may also be made to joglenn@aim.com.

Funeral service will be at 5:30 p.m. Monday at Trinity Lutheran Church in Great Bend. Visitation will be from 2 to 5:30 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

LARNED — Craig Evan Dunn, 53, died Dec. 11 at his Larned home. He was born Oct. 9, 1954, in Syracuse, the son of Robert and Rufus Hoyt Dunn. A resident of Larned for the past 25 years, moving from Greensburg, he was a social worker for the Larned Juvenile Correctional Facility. He was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Larned, Quail Unlimited, Ducks Unlimited and Pheasants Forever. Survivors include his mother, Ruth Dunn, of Syracuse; a former spouse, Adele Dunn, Larned; a son, Evan Dunn, Larned; and a daughter, Adie Dunn, both of the home; and two sisters, Lori Amerin, of Johnson, and Macel Dunn, of the home. He was preceded in death by his parents and one sister, Lynette Sisson.

Funeral arrangements provided by Feuerborn Family Funeral Service* 219 S. Oak St. P.O. Box 408 Garnett, KS 66012 785-449-5411 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 13, 2007 Craig Evan Dunn 1954 - 2007

LARNED — Craig Evan Dunn, 53, died Dec. 11 at his Larned home. He was born Oct. 9, 1954, in Syracuse, the son of Robert and Rufus Hoyt Dunn. A resident of Larned for the past 25 years, moving from Greensburg, he was a social worker for the Larned Juvenile Correctional Facility. He was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Larned, Quail Unlimited, Ducks Unlimited and Pheasants Forever. Survivors include his mother, Ruth Dunn, of Syracuse; a former spouse, Adele Dunn, Larned; a son, Evan Dunn, Larned; and a daughter, Adie Dunn, both of the home; and two sisters, Lori Amerin, of Johnson, and Macel Dunn, of Larned. He was preceded in death by his father. A vigil service will be
Funeral arrangements provided by funeral home.

Claflin Ambulance Service, in care of the United Methodist Church of Claflin or the time Saturday, all at the funeral home.

Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday, with the Hoisington Cemetery. Services will be at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home and a church usher. He served on the St. John Lutheran Cemetery board.

Survivors include his mother, Helena Mai, of Hoisington; a brother, Don Mai and wife Althea, of Hoisington; a sister, Connie J. Hansen and husband Chris of Shawnee; a nephew, Clint Mai and wife Tandi; a niece, Jennifer Sanchez and husband BJ; and a grandniece, Leah Grace. He was preceded in death by his father.

Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday at Concordia Lutheran Church in Hoisington with the Rev. Mark Lovett officiating. Friends may visit from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Friday at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home, and from 9:30 a.m. to service time Saturday at the church. In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to Concordia Lutheran Church or Lutheran Hour 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, Dec. 13, 2007

Duane F. Mai 1945 - 2007

HOISINGTON — Duane F. Mai, 62, died Dec. 11 at Overland Park Regional Medical Center. Born June 21, 1945, in Russell, he was the son of Emanuel and Helena L. (Deutsch) Mai. A lifetime resident of rural Hoisington, he was a salesman for John Deere Company. He was an avid outdoorsman, fond of hunting and fishing.

Mr. Mai served in the U.S. Army Reserve for six years. He was a member of Concordia Lutheran Church of Hoisington and a church usher. He served on the St. John Lutheran Cemetery board.

Survivors include his mother, Helena Mai, of Hoisington; a brother, Don Mai and wife Althea, of Hoisington; a sister, Connie J. Hansen and husband Chris of Shawnee; a nephew, Clint Mai and wife Tandi; a niece, Jennifer Sanchez and husband BJ; and a grandniece, Leah Grace. He was preceded in death by his father.

Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday at Concordia Lutheran Church in Hoisington with the Rev. Mark Lovett officiating. Burial will be at the St. John Lutheran Cemetery, north of Susank. Friends may visit from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday with a prayer service at 7 p.m., all at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home, and from 9:30 a.m. to service time Saturday at the church. In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to Concordia Lutheran Church or Lutheran Hour 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

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December 12, 2007

Ann L. Christians 1930 - 2007

HOISINGTON — Ann L. Christians, 77, of Hoisington, died Dec. 9. Born May 15, 1930, at Oxford, she was the daughter of James N. and Nettie (Bidler) Reynolds. A resident of the Hoisington area since 1947, coming from New Gottland, she was a retired beautician. She married John E. Christians on Aug. 8, 1948, at Beaver.

Mrs. Christians was a member of the Beaver Friends Church.

Survivors include her husband; two sons, Alan K. Christians of Lindsborg and Bradley D. Christians of Houston, TX; a daughter, Vivian R. Sexton of Shawnee; a sister, Rose M. Ashcraft of Salina; and seven grandchildren, Skyler Christians, Shannon Christians, Adam Christians, Emily Christians, Sarah Sexton, Stacy and Kyle Sexton. She was preceded in death by a sister, Juanita E. Schafer.

Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday at the Christians Funeral Home in Lindsborg with the Rev. Loren Mai officiating. A graveside service will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Hoisington City Cemetery with the Rev. Loren Dyke officiating. Friends may visit from 4 to 8 p.m. on Friday at the funeral home, with family receiving friends from 7 to 8 p.m. Memorials are suggested to the Ronald McDonald House of Wichita.

Funeral arrangements provided by Christians Funeral Home* 103 N. Washington P.O. Box 386 Lindsborg, KS 67456

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 12, 2007

Herbert Lawence Norton 1941 - 2007

LARNED — Herbert Lawence Norton, 66, died Nov. 23 at his home in Larned. Born Sept. 17, 1941, in Chicago, Ill., he was the son of Clarence and Elsie H. Schmitz Norton. A resident of Larned, he was retired.

Mr. Norton attended the Church of the Nazarene in Larned.

Survivors include a son, Kevin Benson of St. Paul, Minn.; five brothers, Clarence "Bob" and Jim, both of Baronett, Wisc., George of Cumberland, Wisc., Vern of Fermdale, Wash., and Ed of Canyon Lakes, Calif.; and three sisters, Ruth Schulze of Baronett, Wisc., Louise Rogaczewski of Palatin, Ill. and Sue Grow of Long Beach, Wash. He was preceded in death by a brother, David.

Memorial service will be held at a later date as cremation has taken place. Arrangements will be announced by Morell Funeral Home in Larned.

Funeral arrangements provided by Morell Funeral Home P.O. Box 124 Larned, KS 67550-0124

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Herman Hanhardt1912 - 2007

Herman Hanhardt, 95, died Dec. 10 at Great Bend Rehabilitation Center in Great Bend. Born Aug. 29, 1912 at Shaffer, he was the son of Samuel and Elizabeth Wagner Hanhardt. He married Ileen Boese Whipple on Nov. 24, 1953, in Hoisington. She survives. He was a sales manager for Kansas Brick and Tile, delivered bulk oil for Standard Oil Company and was involved in manufacturing of the Hanhardt Energy Saver.

Mr. Hanhardt was an army veteran of World War II, serving in the 6th Infantry Division. He attended the Re-organized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day
Survivors include his wife, Ileen Hanhardt of the home; a daughter, Verla Jean Rea of Las Vegas, Nev.; and two nephews, Don Hanhardt and wife Marty of Albert and Roger Hanhardt and wife Sally Jo of Hays. He was preceded in death by a brother, Albert Hanhardt.

Funeral service will be at 4 p.m. on Friday at Bryant Funeral Home with Loren Dyke officiating. Entombment will be at the Great Bend Cemetery Mausoleum with Military Rites conducted by Fort Riley Honor Guard. Friends may visit from noon to 9 p.m. on Thursday and from 9 a.m. to service time on Friday at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to the Albert Community Center 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, 2007

Darrell W. Clarke 1932 - 2007

Darrell W. Clarke, 75, died Dec. 10 at Great Bend. Born Aug. 20, 1932, in Great Bend, he was the son of Clarence M. and Verna Ward Clarke. He married Alene J. Barger on June 14, 1953, at Great Bend. She survives. A lifetime resident of Great Bend, he was the owner and operator of Clarke Well and Equipment. He started Clarke Well and Equipment Inc. in 1952. His company has grown to service Kansas, Oklahoma and Missouri, being retained by many professionals as an expert in the water related industry, with the help of his three sons, Brent, Clint and Monte. Clarke Well and Equipment has enjoyed an excellent relationship with a very large and diverse customer base that consists of municipal water users, consulting engineers, industrial water users, irrigation and feedlot operators, environmental consultants, etc. With the assistance of the family and loyal employees he managed the firm for the past 55 years. In 1960 Darrell started and operated Clarke Farm. He was a pilot and enjoyed flying for business purposes.

Mr. Clarke was a veteran of the Korean War serving with the United States Army. He was a member of Kansas Ground Water Association and various other water related organizations. Survivors include his wife, of the home; son Brent Clark of Great Bend and his children Brian Clark and wife Brandi, Kevin Clark and Steven Clarke, son Clint Clark and wife Darla of Great Bend and their children Kyle and Jenna and son Monte Clark and wife Joan of Great Bend and their children Matthew and Jessica; three brothers, J. Don Clarke of Great Bend, Dale Clarke of Halfway, Mo., and Gene Clarke of Colorado Springs.

Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. on Saturday at Trinity Lutheran Church in Great Bend with the Rev. James A. Strasen officiating. Burial will be at the Hillcrest Memorial Park in Great Bend. Friends may visit from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday and 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Friday with family receiving friends from 7 to 9 p.m. all at Bryant Funeral Home. Memorials are suggested to Kansas Ground Water Association Scholarship Fund or Sunflower Diversified Services, all 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

LARNED — Anna Elizabeth Gutierrez, 98, died Dec. 10 at Larned Healthcare Center. Born March 27, 1909, in Hesston, she was the daughter of Jacob and Helena Wenger Heckens. A longtime resident of Larned, she was a homemaker. She married Nicolas E. Gutierrez on April 4, 1931, in Larned. He died May 15, 1980.

Mrs. Gutierrez was a member of Holy Trinity Catholic Church of Timken.

Survivors include two sons, John of Larned and Richard of Wichita; two daughters, Ramona Keenan of Pawnee Rock and Rita Ritter of Houston, Texas; 15 grandchildren; and numerous great grandchildren and great great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by three daughters, Norma Welborn, Virginia Emmons and Martha Gutierrez; two brothers, Peter Heckens and Clarence Heckens; and two sisters Estella May Duda and Sarah M. Seile.

Rosary will be at 1:30 p.m. on Friday at Morell Funeral Home. Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. on Friday at the funeral home with Father Bernard Felix presiding. Burial will be at Holy Trinity Catholic Cemetery in Timken. Friends may visit from noon until 8 p.m. on Wednesday and from 9 a.m. until 8 p.m. on Thursday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Larned Healthcare Center in care of the funeral home.

Funeral arrangements provided by Morell Funeral Home P.O. Box 124

LARNED, KS. 67550-0124

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December 11, 2007

Mary Frances Glenn 1912 - 2007

MODESTO, Calif. — Mary Frances Glenn, 95, died Dec. 8 at her Modesto home. She was born June 27, 1912, at Stafford, the daughter of Elmer and Ella Frances Rusco Dale. Mary Frances Dale Glenn (Mrs. Howard Glenn) was surrounded in comfort by her daughter, Thais Fritzemeier, granddaughters, Tammy Balos, Robyn Cruz and great-grandchildren, Lauren Balos, Ashley Balos, and Cody Balos, when she surrendered her body to her Lord on Dec. 8 in Modesto. Her youngest daughter, Ruth Ann Eide, had comforted her often throughout the end of her life. She was raised on a farm at Stafford. She had five brothers and three sisters. Two sisters survive her: Sadie Ruth Barber of Aurora, Colo., and Adabelle Koelling of Great Bend. Her deceased sister, Charlotte Heide, was also a victim of Alzheimer’s.

Mary and Howard Glenn were married in Stafford Jan. 10, 1936, and celebrated their 67th anniversary in 2003. Howard died in April 2003. Mary Glenn was a resident of Camino, Calif., for 31 years and a member of Pollock Pines First Baptist Church. She moved to Modesto, Calif., in 2004 to reside with her daughter, Thais Fritzemeier, and granddaughter, Tammy Balos and family.

Mary was so proud of the quantity and quality of her children and their offspring that she regularly counted and bragged to any passerby in the stores or where she might be. Those family members are Thais and Ronald Fritzemeier of Modesto, Clarice and John Wetmore of Meeteetse, Wyo., Chuck and Cece Glenn of Forsyth, Mont., and Ruth Ann Eide of Placerville, Calif.; 13 grandchildren and 30 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a great-grandchild, Weston Cruz. Mary Glenn is also survived by a brother-in-law, Clarence Eldridge, 99, of Meeteetse, Wyo.

A graveside service will be conducted at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Great Bend Cemetery, with Pastor Rick Fritzemeier officiating. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday and from 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Bryant Funeral Home, Great Bend. Donations to memorial funds for the Alzheimer’s Aid Society, 2501 McHenry Ave., Modesto, CA 95350, Community Hospice Inc., 4368 Spores Way, Modesto, CA 95356-9259, or the local Alzheimer’s Society or hospice of your choice may be made in care of the funeral home. Condolences may be sent and notice viewed at www.bryantfh.net.

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Bryant Funeral Home*  
1425 Patton Road  
Great Bend, KS 67530  
620-793-3525  

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Anna Elizabeth Gutierrez  

LARNED – Anna Elizabeth Gutierrez, 98, died Dec. 10 at Larned Healthcare Center, Larned. Arrangements are pending with Morell Funeral Home, Larned, and will be announced.

Great Bend Tribune, Dec. 11, 2007

Herman Hanhardt  

Herman Hanhardt, 95, Great Bend, died Dec. 10 at Great Bend Health and Rehabilitation Center, Great Bend. Arrangements are pending with Bryant Funeral Home, Great Bend, and will be announced.

Great Bend Tribune, Dec. 11, 2007

Ronald Joseph Gros 1941 - 2007  

WICHITA — Ronald Joseph Gros, 66, of Wichita, passed away on Dec. 8 at Harry Hynes Memorial Hospice following a courageous battle with cancer. Ron was born July 1, 1941, at Flush, to the late Joseph and Edith Gros. He graduated from Andale High School in 1959.

Following graduation from high school he served in the United States Air Force for four years. He then attended Spartan School of Aeronautics in Tulsa, Okla., graduated in 1966 with an IFR rated pilot’s license and an aeronautical service degree. He was a service engineer at Beech Aircraft and served as the manager of technical support. He retired after 34 years of service. He married RoseMary Spexarth on July 18, 1964, in Colwich.

Mr. Gros was a member of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church in Wichita. He was a 3rd Degree member of the Knights of Columbus. Ron was an avid K-State football fan. He also enjoyed golfing, boating and fishing with his family and friends, most notably spending time with Morell Funeral Home, Larned, and will be announced.

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Funeral service will be at 1 p.m. today at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church at 119 Street and Central with Father James Billinger officiating. Burial will be at Resurrection Cemetery. Memorials can be made in Ron’s name to Harry Hynes Hospice and the American Cancer Society.

Funeral arrangements provided by Resthaven Mortuary*  
11800 W. Highway 54  
Wichita, KS 67208  
316-722-2100  
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 11, 2007

Kent Raymond Stalker 1946 - 2007  

AMARILLO, Texas — Kent Raymond Stalker, 61, of Amarillo passed away during the weekend. He was born Aug. 28, 1946.

Kent was born and raised on the farm in Seward. As a youngster, he attended St. Xavier Catholic School in Seward. He had been an altar server there and also was in the church choir. He graduated from Radium High School in Radium in 1964. He lived in Wichita until 1980 when he moved to Amarillo. He was an avid golfer and enjoyed drag racing. He had been the owner of Airport Taxi Service for the past eight years.

He was a member of St. Thomas The Apostle Catholic Church.

Survivors include his mother, Lois Stalker of Amarillo; a brother, Robert Stalker Sr. and his wife Susie of Amarillo; a niece, Annette Stout and her husband Rodney of Lake Ozark, Mo.; a niece, Donna Stalker of Amarillo; a nephew, Robert Stalker, Jr. of Amarillo; a niece Lisa Joyce of Phoenix, Ariz.; and a nephew Jeremy Stalker of Amarillo; and great-nieces and great-nephews, Amber Stout and Jessie Stout, both of Lake Ozark, Mo.; Christopher Joyce and Stephanie Joyce both of Phoenix, Ariz., and Joseph Stalker of Amarillo.

Graveside services will be held at 3 p.m. Wednesday in Llano Cemetery with Monsignor Joseph Tash of St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church officiating.

Arrangements are by Rector Funeral Home, 2800 South Osage St., Amarillo, TX.

Funeral arrangements provided by Rector Funeral Home*  
2800 South Osage St.,  
Amarillo, TX 79103  
806-674-7091  
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Edwin Whitscher Schumacher 1915 - 2007  

BAKERSFIELD, Calif. — Ed “Bud” Schumacher, 92, died Dec. 3. He was born July 10, 1915, in Jewell, to Dr. Arthur and Lillian Schumacher and had one sister, Sue. He graduated from Kansas State in 1939 with a mechanical engineering degree. He was an avid athlete. He played football, basketball and track in high school. In fact, one of his favorite stories was when Ed competed in the county pole-vault championship. It was a cold day and he was the only competitor to clear the opening height. The bar was lowered and the remaining competitors continued. By the time second and third places were decided, they had passed his “winning height.” He won with the lowest height!

Ed met Genny, the love of his life, in a sandbox when they were three and four years old. They grew up together and married in 1940. What followed was much happiness and six children. He spent his young adult life in Great Bend, until the family moved to California in 1964. He settled in Bakersfield in 1966.

Ed and Genny enjoyed the company of many friends in Bakersfield. They spent happy hours playing bridge with the Newcomers Club and other groups. Ed worked for Depthograph Co. as an engineer until he retired in 1985. After retirement, he spent most of his time golfing with his son Jim. At 73 years old, he shot 2 under his age and got a hole in one at age 76.

Ed was preceded in death by his beloved wife Genevieve and his grandson Matthew Reese. He is survived by a daughter, Portia Angelo; a daughter and her husband, Ann and Ron Wilson; son and wife John and Joan Knowliden Schumacher, daughter and husband Becky and Ken Dixon, daughter and husband Mary and Brian King, and son Jim. He is survived by 19 grandchildren, 36 great-grandchildren, and 13 great-great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his favorite companion/dog Jack, his “little man.”

Ed was one of the best men ever to grace this earth. He was a man of great integrity. Ed was a man of honor. He was a kind, decent, remarkable man, valuing family above all. His stories were wonderful and his sense of humor was the best. Recently, when he made his first trip to the hospital since he was a child, the nurses asked him to remove his shirt and his response was “Compose yourself, girls!” His bright, funny, smart mind was a delight to know. He entertained us all by singing his high school alma mater, with great gusto. All those who knew him were better off for having known him. He believed and those who knew him were better off for having known him. He believed and celebrated everything about each individual in his family. He made each of us feel like we were his favorite, chosen ones, loving us all with his huge heart.

A graveside service was held Friday, Dec. 7, at Greenlawn Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests a donation to the Diabetes Center at San Joaquin Hospital, 1524 27th Street, Suite 101, Bakersfield, CA 93301.
Carol June Pfister 1937 - 2007

Carol June Pfister, 70, of Great Bend, died Dec. 6, at her home. She was born Nov. 5, 1937, at rural Fellsburg, the daughter of Elmer Ray and Ada May Zion Sparke. She married Richard Johnson on April 26, 1957, and married Harold Casey on Nov. 11, 1985. She married James Pfister on Nov. 11, 2000. He survives. Mrs. Pfister was a retired executive secretary, working for Barton County Community College, Fuller Brush Co. in Great Bend, the Kansas Department of Commerce in Topeka and the Wichita Convention Center and Visitors Bureau in Wichita. She was a resident of rural Great Bend.

Mrs. Pfister was a member of Westbrook Baptist Church in Hutchinson, and attended Grace Community Church in Great Bend. She was also a member of the Sweet Adalines.

Survivors include her husband of the home; three sons, Greg Johnson and wife Paula of Ozawkie, David Johnson and fiancée Amy Byer of Hattiesburg, Miss.; a brother, Walter Murray of Great Bend; a sister, Mildred Marston of Lindsborg; three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral service was at noon Monday, at the Park Lawn Chapel in Kansas City, Mo. Burial was at Memorial Park Cemetery.

Funeral arrangements provided by
Park Lawn Funeral Home #
8251 Hillcrest Road
Kansas City, MO 64138
816-523-1234
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December 7, 2007

George W. Brannan 1918 - 2007

George W. Brannan, 89, died Dec. 6 in Wichita. He was born Feb. 18, 1918, in Larned, to Earl and Effie Brannan. He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Lee Brannan. He met Leonida Ruder while attending photography school in Kansas City. Lee took the train to George’s flight training base in California, and they were married on Jan. 9, 1943. Lee currently resides at Catholic Care Center, 6550 E. 45th Street North, Apt. 118, Bel Aire, KS 67226.

George went to school in Larned and joined the Army in 1942. He later volunteered to become a pilot in the Army Air Corps and flew B-17 Fighting Fortress Bombers into the European Theater with the 100th Bomber Group. His flight on March 6, 1944, was made famous by a painting “First Strike On Berlin” by artist Nicolas Trudgian. This painting depicts George piloting his B-17 “Lucky Lee” leading the first daylight bombing run into heavily defended Berlin. This day more than 700 Allied bombers and fighters participated in the mission, but fewer than two dozen bombers were able to fight their way all the way to Berlin. The rest of the bombers were turned back by ferocious German fighter and anti-aircraft defenses. This historic mission was the first day bombs fell on Berlin during daylight hours and this demoralized a defeated enemy.

The painting shows another B-17 bomber in the background called “Our Gal Sal,” which was the only plane from the 100th Bomber Group that was able to make it back to England that day. George and his crew had to bail out of the burning “Lucky Lee” at 30,000 feet, and it exploded seconds later. George was captured by farmers and eventually wound up in Stalag Luft I POW Camp in Barth, Germany, near Berlin. First Lt. Brannan was freed in 1945 by arriving Russian soldiers, and hitchhiked all the way back to Larned, where he reported in, to the surprised recruiter at the local Larned Army recruiting office, to collect his back pay.

After the war, George became a professional photographer and opened Brannan’s Studio in Great Bend. He took thousands of portraits, school photos, and more than 7,000 weddings. His hobbies included ham radio and computers.

Survivors, besides his wife, include one daughter, Jackie Gibson, Andover; three sons, Dr. James E. Brannan, DDS, Las Vegas, Nev., Stanley G. Brannan, Wichita, and Donald L. Brannan, Highland Ranch, Colo.; one brother, Chester Brannan, Aurora, Colo.; and a sister, Maxine Foster of Pawnee Rock; 10 grandchildren, one great-grandchild, and three stepgreat-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a sister, Edwina Hanshew. Rosary will be at 1 p.m., Funeral Mass at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, both at St. Elizabeth Chapel, Catholic Care Center, 6550 E. 45th Street North, Bel Aire. A memorial has been established with Harry Hynes Memorial Hospice, 313 S. Market, Wichita, KS 67202. Downing & Lahey East Mortuary. Tributes to the family via www.dlwichita.com.

Mr. Brannan served in the U.S. Navy during World War II and the Korean War.

Survivors include his wife Joan Murray; two daughters, Teresa Murray of Titusville, Fla., and Michelle Hamilton of Kansas City, Mo.; a son, Robert Murray of Kansas City, Mo.; a brother, Walter Murray of Great Bend; a sister, Mildred Marston of Lindsborg; three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral service was at noon Monday, at the Park Lawn Chapel in Kansas City, Mo. Burial was at Memorial Park Cemetery.

Funeral arrangements provided by
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George W. Brannan 1918 - 2007

George W. Brannan, 89, died Dec. 6 in Wichita. He was born Feb. 18, 1918, in Larned, to Earl and Effie Brannan. He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Lee Brannan. He met Leonida Ruder while attending photography school in Kansas City. Lee took the train to George’s flight training base in California, and they were married on Jan. 9, 1943. Lee currently resides at Catholic Care Center, 6550 E. 45th Street North, Apt. 118, Bel Aire, KS 67226.

George went to school in Larned and joined the Army in 1942. He later volunteered to become a pilot in the Army Air Corps and flew B-17 Fighting Fortress Bombers into the European Theater with the 100th Bomber Group. His flight on March 6, 1944, was made famous by a painting “First Strike On Berlin” by artist Nicolas Trudgian. This painting depicts George piloting his B-17 “Lucky Lee” leading the first daylight bombing run into heavily defended Berlin. This day more than 700 Allied bombers and fighters participated in the mission, but fewer than two dozen bombers were able to fight their way all the way to Berlin. The rest of the bombers were turned back by ferocious German fighter and anti-aircraft defenses. This historic mission was the first day bombs fell on Berlin during daylight hours and this demoralized a defeated enemy.

The painting shows another B-17 bomber in the background called “Our Gal Sal,” which was the only plane from the 100th Bomber Group that was able to make it back to England that day. George and his crew had to bail out of the burning “Lucky Lee” at 30,000 feet, and it exploded seconds later. George was captured by farmers and eventually wound up in Stalag Luft I POW Camp in Barth, Germany, near Berlin. First Lt. Brannan was freed in 1945 by arriving Russian soldiers, and hitchhiked all the way back to Larned, where he reported in, to the surprised recruiter at the local Larned Army recruiting office, to collect his back pay.

After the war, George became a professional photographer and opened Brannan’s Studio in Great Bend. He took thousands of portraits, school photos, and more than 7,000 weddings. His hobbies included ham radio and computers.

Survivors, besides his wife, include one daughter, Jackie Gibson, Andover; three sons, Dr. James E. Brannan, DDS, Las Vegas, Nev., Stanley G. Brannan, Wichita, and Donald L. Brannan, Highland Ranch, Colo.; one brother, Chester Brannan, Aurora, Colo.; and a sister, Maxine Foster of Pawnee Rock; 10 grandchildren, one great-grandchild, and three stepgreat-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a sister, Edwina Hanshew. Rosary will be at 1 p.m., Funeral Mass at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, both at St. Elizabeth Chapel, Catholic Care Center, 6550 E. 45th Street North, Bel Aire. A memorial has been established with Harry Hynes Memorial Hospice, 313 S. Market, Wichita, KS 67202. Downing & Lahey East Mortuary. Tributes to the family via www.dlwichita.com.

Mr. Murray served in the U.S. Navy during World War II and the Korean War.

Survivors include his wife Joan Murray; two daughters, Teresa Murray of Titusville, Fla., and Michelle Hamilton of Kansas City, Mo.; a son, Robert Murray of Kansas City, Mo.; a brother, Walter Murray of Great Bend; a sister, Mildred Marston of Lindsborg; three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral service was at noon Monday, at the Park Lawn Chapel in Kansas City, Mo. Burial was at Memorial Park Cemetery.

Funeral arrangements provided by
Park Lawn Funeral Home#
8251 Hillcrest Road
Kansas City, MO 64138
816-523-1234
Great Bend Tribune, Dec. 11, 2007
Funeral arrangements provided by Downing & Lahey Mortuary * 6555 East Central Wichita, KS 67206 1-800-369-8784 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 7, 2007

Carol Scheppmann 1947 - 2007

HOLYOOD — Carol Scheppmann, 60, died Dec. 5 at Ellsworth County Medical Center, Ellsworth. She was born Jan. 8, 1947, at Oberlin, the daughter of Clarence Sherman Bailey and Lavina C. Flaska Bailey. She married Kenneth Scheppmann on Nov. 14, 1976, at Larned. She had lived in Holyood for the past 35 years, moving from the St. John area. She was a reading specialist and music teacher for USD 354, Claflin.

She was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary at Larned, the Kansas Music Educators Association and St. Peter Lutheran Church, Holyood.

Survivors include her husband, Kenneth, of Holyood; a son, Ted Scheppmann and wife Angela of Holyood; a stepson, Kenneth A. Scheppmann and wife Jane of Holyood; three stepdaughters, Marlyn Brown and husband Louis, Jeanette Young and husband Cotton, and Julie Hokr and husband Bobby, all of Leon; two brothers, Berny Lee Bailey of Larned and Vern Ray Bailey of Bunker Hill; two grandchildren, 11 stepgrandchildren and 16 stepgreat-grandchildren.

Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at St. Peter Lutheran Church, Holyood, with Pastor John Sharp officiating. Interment will be in the church cemetery. Visitation will be from 1 to 8 p.m. today at Parsons Funeral Home, Ellsworth, with the family receiving friends from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Memorial donations may be made to the USD 354 Claflin Music Department.

Funeral arrangements provided by Parsons Funeral Home* 307 North Lincoln/Box 45 Ellsworth, KS 67439 785-472-3861 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 7, 2007

Carol June Pfister 1937 - 2007

Carol June Pfister, 70, of Great Bend, died Dec. 6 at her home. She was born Nov. 5, 1937. Service arrangements are pending with Bryant Funeral Home, Great Bend, and will be announced.

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 7, 2007

December 6, 2007

Loren E. Walter 1959 - 2007

SHAWNEE — Loren E. Walter of Shawnee, a former resident of Great Bend, died Dec. 3 at his home after a year-long battle with cancer. Loren was born in Ottawa, Ill., on Oct. 2, 1959, and graduated from LaSalle-Peru (Ill.) High School in 1977. He earned a bachelor of science degree from Kansas State University and a master's of business administration from Rockhurst University. Loren was the co-owner of KC Transload and a long time high school and college football official. He enjoyed coaching his children's baseball and softball teams, but his family and friends were the most important part of his life.

Survivors include his wife Kim, children Kerri and Scott, sister Susan Pulliam of Champaign, Ill., and parents Harold and Mary Frances Walter of Peru, Ill.

A visitation will be held at Porter Funeral Home at 8535 Monrovia in Lenexa from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. today, followed by a private family commitment ceremony and celebration of his life. Memorial gifts can be made to the Make a Wish Foundation of Kansas City, 906 Grand, Kansas City, MO 64106. Online condolences to the family can be made on Legacy.

Funeral arrangements provided by Porter Funeral Home* 8535 Monrovia Lenexa, KS 66215 913-438-6444 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 6, 2007

Cecil M. Luttrell 1930 - 2007

Cecil M. Luttrell, 77, of Great Bend, died Dec. 4 at his home. He was born July 3, 1930, at Harold, Texas, the son of Otis and Lucy Haynes Luttrell. He married Rose Ileen Mauder at Lawton, Okla. She survives. He was a field manager and co-owner of Classic Exploration. He had been a resident of Great Bend since 1960.

Survivors, in addition to his wife, of the home, include three sons, Alan Luttrell and wife Jan of Pratt, Curtis Luttrell and wife Nancy of Wichita and Gordon Luttrell and wife Bev of Phoenix, Ariz.; two daughters, Sharron Pace of Great Bend and Vicki Anderson and husband Steve of Sonoita, Ariz.; a brother, Trent Luttrell of Bakersfield, Calif.; 10 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Wayne Luttrell and James Luttrell, and a sister, Mary Nell Strawn.

A private family service will be held at a later date, as well as a private family inurnment at Great Bend Cemetery. There will be no visitation as cremation has taken place. Donations to a memorial fund for Southwind Hospice may be made in care of Bryant 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. 6, 2007

Wilma A. Renfro 1915 - 2007

ELLINWOOD — Wilma A. Renfro, 92, died Dec. 5 at Lakepoint Nursing Center in Augusta. She was born July 18, 1915, near Sylvia, the daughter of Harry Clothier and Nellie Lofton Clothier. She married Thomas Renfro on Nov. 23, 1933, at Russell. He died Aug. 23, 1981. She had been an Ellinwood resident for more than 57 years before moving to Augusta in 2000. She was a sales clerk at Backs Dry Goods and a florist, both in Ellinwood.

She was a member of Immanuel United Church of Christ and Order of the Eastern Star, both of Ellinwood.

Survivors include two daughters, Yvonne Apel and husband Harry of Augusta and Phyllis Reifschneider and husband Jerry of Hutchinson; a sister, Jean Jordan and husband Bob of Wichita; 11 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren and 17 great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband; a son, John; five brothers, Millard, Homer, Everett, Orval and Harry Neil; two sisters, Helen and Ila; and two grandsons, Duane Apel and Paul David Reifschneider.

Funeral service will be at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at Kimple Funeral Chapel in Ellinwood, with the Rev. Larry Young officiating. Burial will be at the Lakin-Comanche District Cemetery in Ellinwood. Visitation will be from 1 to 8 p.m. Friday and 9 a.m. to service time Saturday at the funeral home. Memorial donations may be made to the Immanuel United Church of Christ, Ellinwood.

Funeral arrangements provided by Kimple Funeral Home* 113 North Main Ellinwood, KS 67526 620-564-2300 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 6, 2007

December 5, 2007

Gerhardt Bitter 1917 - 2007

GARDEN CITY — Gerhardt Bitter, 90, passed away Dec. 2 at Garden Valley Retirement Village in Garden City. He was born Aug. 22, 1917, at Hoisington, Kansas, the son of Henry and Katherine Stettinger Bitter III. On Jan. 7, 1940, he married Esther Leona Radke at Augusta in 2000. She was a sales clerk at Backs Dry Goods and a florist, both in Ellinwood.

She was a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Galatia.

His other survivors include a son and his wife, Jerry and Donna Bitter of Garden City; a sister, Elvera Bitter of Hoisington; a granddaughter and her husband, Tracy and David Wapp of Bloomingdale, Ill.; two grandsons and their wives, Jason and Amy Bitter and Greg and Nathalie Bitter, all of Kansas City, Kan.; and two great-grandchildren, Brevin Wapp and
Avery Wapp, both of Bloomington, Ill. Gerhard was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers, Edwin Bitter and Wilmer Bitter, and a sister, Hilda Wilhelm.

Funeral services will be held at 3 p.m. today at Garden Valley Retirement Village in Garden City with Pastors Lyle Stuehrenberg and Marion Hesey officiating. Graveside services will be held at 11:30 a.m. Thursday at Fairview Township Cemetery in Galatia. Friends may call from 10 a.m. to noon today at Price & Sons Funeral Home in Garden City. Memorials may be given to Garden Valley Retirement Village or Trinity Lutheran Church in care of the funeral home. E-condolences may be sent to priceandsonsfh.com.

Funeral arrangements provided by Price & Sons Funeral Home* 620 N. Main Garden City, KS 67846 620-276-2364

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 5, 2007

Velma Beatrice Hewson 1923 - 2007

LARNED — Velma Beatrice Hewson, 84, died Dec. 3 at Larned Health Care and Living Center, Larned. She was born Aug. 19, 1923, at Larned, the daughter of Joseph P. Risheil and Elizabeth J. (Lizzie) Brown Risheil. Velma grew up at Ash Valley and attended Woodrow School, a two-room school in Ash Valley. She was a member of the Pleasant Hill Methodist Church. She drove to Larned from Ash Valley to attend high school. After graduating from Larned High School in 1941, she worked at the Pawnee County Courthouse as a secretary in the Farm Extension Office.

Velma loved 4-H. She was a 4-H member growing up and a Gem Dandies community leader as an adult. She was a lifetime leader of the Pawnee County 4-H Foundation and received the Pawnee County 4-H Alumnus Award in 1987. Velma’s children and grandchildren were active in 4-H. She never missed one of their events. She would be so proud to know that her oldest great-grandchild has just recently joined a 4-H club.

On Jan. 27, 1949, she married Glenn E. Hewson at the Larned Christian Church parsonage. He died Aug. 28, 1987. Glenn and Velma made their home northwest of Larned, where he was a farmer and she was a homemaker. She was a member of the Larned United Methodist Church. One of her greatest joys was volunteering at the Methodist Church Budget Shop.

Survivors include two sons, Galen Glenn Hewson and wife Rita of Larned and Gary Floyd Hewson and wife Marsha of Columbus, S.C.; a daughter, Elizabeth Jane Jackson and husband Bob, of Acworth, Ga.; seven stepchildren and six great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, a granddaughter, Gina Jackson, two brothers, Floyd Risheil and Carl Risheil, and two sisters, Viola Parrish and Ferne Fox.

Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at the Beckwith Mortuary Chapel in Larned with Pastor Ryan Webster presiding. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday and Friday at the mortuary. Burial will be in the Larned Cemetery, Larned. After the graveside service, the family would like to invite friends for lunch and fellowship at the Larned Assembly of God Church, 921 Broadway, Larned. Memorials may be sent to the Pawnee County 4-H Foundation in care of the mortuary, P.O. Box 477, Larned, KS 67550. Condolences may be left at www.beckwithmortuary.com.

Funeral arrangements provided by Beckwith Mortuary* 916 Main Larned, KS 67550 620-285-2121

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 5, 2007

December 4, 2007

Monika Michelle Menges 1987 - 2007

ELLINWOOD — Monika Michelle Menges, 20, died Dec. 1 as a result of an automobile accident east of Great Bend. She was born May 17, 1987, at Great Bend, the daughter of Mike and Belinda Ketch Menges. A lifetime Ellinwood resident, she was a 2005 graduate of Ellinwood High School and an employee of Ellinwood Packing Plant, Ellinwood.

Survivors include a son, Mathew Rubio of Ellinwood; her parents, of Ellinwood; a brother, Michael Gerald Menges, and his wife, Katrina Werth Menges, of Wichita Falls, Texas; nieces, Mikayla Menges and Maryssa Menges, and a nephew Michael Menges, all of Wichita Falls, Texas; and grandparents, Jerry and Geraldine Menges of Ellinwood. She was preceded in death by a grandmother, Fay Duntz, a grandfather, Gerald L. Ketch, and a daughter, Maleah Marie Menges Stark.

Funeral service will be at 3:30 p.m. today at Kimple Funeral Chapel, Ellinwood. Burial will be at Lakin-Comanche District Cemetery, Ellinwood. Friends may call from 9 a.m. until service time today at Kimple Funeral Home. Memorial donations may be made to the Mathew Rubio Education Fund or for Potters Syndrome Research.

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

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 4, 2007


STAFFORD — Debra J. “Witt” Newell, 56, died Dec. 2 at Stafford District Hospital in Stafford. Born May 24, 1951, at Great Bend, she was the daughter of Vernon and Doris “Clair” Witt. She graduated from St. John-Hudson High School in 1970, attended Kansas State University for two years where she was on the women’s basketball team and graduated from Adley-Hale School of Business of Hutchinson. A Stafford resident for most of her life, she was a homemaker, helped her husband on the family farm and was formerly an accountant for several area businesses. She married Donald G. Newell on May 28, 1978, at Hudson.

Mrs. Newell was a member of the Trinity Community Church of Hudson and Hudson I.Q. Study Club and volunteered for several community organizations.

Survivors include her husband, of the home; a son, Bradley J. Newell of Lawrence; her mother, Doris Witt of Hudson; and a brother, Kim Witt of Sterling. She was preceded in death by her father, Vernon Witt; and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Gust “Dux” Witt and Mr. and Mrs. Walter J. Clair.

A closed-casket memorial service will be at 2 p.m. on Wednesday at the church in Hudson with Pastor Wade Russell presiding. There will be a private family burial at the Trinity Cemetery in Hudson. Friends may visit from 1 to 7 p.m. today at Minnis Chapel in Stafford. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials to the Trinity Community Church of Hudson, Stafford District Hospital or Southwind Hospice, all 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. 4, 2007

Quentin James Anton 1927 - 2007

Quentin James Anton, 80, of Great Bend, died Dec. 1 at Hutchinson Hospital, Hutchinson. He was born Aug. 8, 1927, in Dodge City. He married Koneta Runyon Bird on Feb. 10, 1978, at Great Bend. He worked in the material department for Fuller Brush and previously for Safeway and IGA. He was a resident of Great Bend since 1962.

Anton was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II, serving with the rank of PFC in the Pacific. He was a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3111 and First Southern Baptist Church, both of Great Bend.

Survivors include his wife, of the home; a stepdaughter, Reneta Bird Santoro, of Fort Collins, Colo.; six stepgrandchildren including Blake Santoro and Brandon Santoro; and a nephew, Clayton Ferguson. He was preceded in death by his adoptive parents, Frank and Sadie Ferguson. He was preceded in death by his adoptive parents, Frank and Sadie Ferguson. He was preceded in death by his adoptive parents, Frank and Sadie Ferguson. He was preceded in death by his adoptive parents, Frank and Sadie Ferguson. He was preceded in death by his adoptive parents, Frank and Sadie Ferguson.

A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. Friday at Hillcrest Memorial Park, Great Bend, with Gary Burke officiating.
Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday, with the family to receive friends from 5 to 6 p.m., at Bryant Funeral Home, Great Bend. In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to the Quentin Anton Memorial Fund 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. 4, 2007

Lila (Hall) Myers 1914 - 2007

Lila (Hall) Myers, 93, of Great Bend, died Dec. 1. Mrs. Myers was born on Aug. 13, 1914, at Seward, the daughter of John and Mary (Keenan) Weber. A lifetime area resident of Barton and Stafford counties, she was a homemaker and former employee at the Singer Sewing Center. She married Luke C. Hall on Sept. 19, 1936. He died on Sept. 24, 1963. She married Edward C. Myers on March 8, 1979, in Great Bend, he died on April 19, 1997.

Mrs. Myers was a member of the Prince of Peace Parish, Altar Society, Daughters of Isabella, Town & Country FCE Unit, and former member of the Business and Professional Women’s Association.

Survivors include two sons, J. Kevin Hall of Moberly, Mo., and Brett G. Hall of Houston, Texas; two daughters, Rhonda J. Hall of Omaha, Neb., and Anita Dreiling Exline of Topeka; a nephew (whom she raised), Sean N. Weber of Flower Mound, Texas; a niece, Pandor M. Weber of Ness City; six grandchildren, one stepgrandchild and nine great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her first husband, Luke C. Hall; her second husband, Edward C. Myers; a son, Kent R. Hall; a daughter, Marilyn Joan Hall; and a brother, Neal V. Weber.

Rosary Service will be at 9 a.m. today at the St. Rose Catholic Church in Great Bend followed by a funeral mass at 10 a.m. Burial will be at the St. Francis Cemetery in Seward. There will be no visitation. Memorials may be given to the Visitation. Memorials may be given in lieu of flowers to the St. Rose School Endowment Fund of Great Bend or the McPherson Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2715.

Survivors include his wife Darlene, of the home; a daughter, Carol Powell of Altoona; and a brother, John Hatcher of Ellinwood. He was preceded in death by five brothers, Holland, Chester, Ernie, Edgar and Floyd; two sisters, Mary Pinon and Ruby Beyer; an infant daughter and son, and a stepson, Harry Don Brown; eight stepgrandchildren, eight stepgreat-grandchildren and two stepgreat-great-grandchildren.

Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the church in McPherson, with the Rev. John Gran officiating. A reception and luncheon will take place in the fellowship hall at the church immediately after the funeral service. Interment will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the Lakin-Comanche District Cemetery in Ellinwood. Visitation will be from 3 to 8 p.m. today at the Stockham Family Funeral Home, McPherson, with the family present from 6 to 8 p.m. Memorial donations may be made to Hospice Care of Kansas or VFW Post 2715. Personal condolences may be sent to the family via www. stockhamfamily.com.

Funeral arrangements provided by Stockham Family Funeral Home 205 N. Chestnut McPherson, KS 67460 620-241-2442 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 4, 2007

December 2, 2007

Lois H. Becker 1915 - 2007

Lois H. Becker, 92, of Great Bend, died Nov. 29 at her residence. Born June 4, 1915 at Pawnee Rock, she was the daughter of Cecil and Lela Holland Gilbert. She married Harold L. Becker on June 14, 1936 in Pawnee Rock. He died on June 15, 2005. A resident of Great Bend most of her life, she was a homemaker.

Mrs. Becker was a member of the First United Methodist Church, United Methodist Women, and Bissell Point EHU, all of Great Bend.

Survivors include a son, Wayne Becker and wife Karen of Great Bend; three daughters, Linda Sisson and Jean Radke and husband Ron, all of Great Bend, and Ann Engel and husband Al of McPherson; nine grandchildren; and 27 great-grandchildren, and three great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a son-in-law, Gary Sisson; a granddaughter, Pam Sisson Schenk; and one great-grandson, Aaron Sisson.

Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. on Monday at the First United Methodist Church in Great Bend with Rev. Gary Brooks officiating. Burial will be at the Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may visit from 1 to 9 p.m. on Sunday at Bryant Funeral Home, with family receiving friends from 7 to 9 p.m. Memorials are suggested to the First United Methodist Church or the Barton County Food Bank, 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. 2, 2007

Bob R. Koch 1936 - 2007

SALINA - Bob R. Koch, 71, Salina, died Nov. 20 in Salina. He was born Aug. 11, 1936, in Great Bend. Mr. Koch was the owner and proprietor of Koch Liquor Store.

Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Ryan Mortuary, Salina. Burial in the Great Bend Cemetery, at 2:30 p.m. Monday. Memorials are suggested to the M.S. Society or Morrison House of Salina. Friends may call at the Ryan Mortuary on Monday until the time of the service.


Marjorie F. Neidhart 1921 - 2007

HOISINGTON - Marjorie F. Neidhart, 86, died Nov. 30 at Clara Barton Hospital in Hoisington. Born Nov. 1, 1921 in Burdett, she was the daughter of Silas Edward and Martha Henrietta (Ubben) Daughenbaugh. She married John L. Neidhart on Feb. 26, 1945 in San Antonio, TX. He preceded her in death on Oct. 8, 1988. A resident of Hoisington since 1946, she was a homemaker.

Mrs. Neidhart was a member of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church and Altar Society, both of Hoisington. She was a member of Cheyenne EHU and served on the Hoisington election board for many years.
Survivors include three sons, Paul Neidhart and wife Alice of Naperville, Ill., Richard Neidhart of Hoisington, and Robert Neidhart and wife Marty of Dodge City; a sister, Norma Flory and husband Neil of Tulsa, Okla.; a son-in-law, Larry McPhail of Salina; five grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a daughter, Barbara McPhail; a brother Maurice Daughenbaugh; and a grandson, Marc Neidhart.

Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Hoisington with Father Dwight Birket officiating. Burial will be at the St. John Cemetery in Hoisington.

Friends may visit from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Monday with a Vigil service at 7 p.m. followed by an Altar Society rosary, all at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home. Memorials are suggested to Clara Barton Foundation, the Heritage Club or donor's choice, 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.), Dec. 2, 2007

Zelma Belle Denchfield Martin 1913 - 2007

EUREKA - Zelma Belle Denchfield Martin, 94, died Nov. 28 at Great Bend Health & Rehabilitation Center, Great Bend. She was born April 25, 1913, in rural Greenwood County, the daughter of Henry Herbert (Harry) and Eda Belle Wright Denchfield. She attended Harmony Grade School and Piedmont High School. On Sept. 21, 1940, she married Hubert Douglas Martin in Eureka. He passed away on May 8, 1989. She had been a resident of Great Bend for the past six years. The rest of her life she was a resident of Greenwood County, the Reece, Piedmont and Eureka areas. She was a homemaker, active in the Otter Creek community for years. She collected the Harmony News for the Eureka Herald for many years. She was a longtime volunteer for the bloodmobile and attended the Piedmont Methodist Church and the First Methodist Church of Eureka.

Survivors include a son, Matthew Rubio of Ellinwood; her parents, of Ellinwood; a brother, Michael Gerald Menges, and his wife, Katrina Werth Menges, of Wichita Falls, Texas; nieces, Mikayla Menges and Maryssa Menges, and a nephew, Michael Menges, all of Wichita Falls, Texas; and grandparents, Jerry and Geraldine Menges of Ellinwood. She was preceded in death by her parents, of Ellinwood; a daughter, Rozena Martin Brown Tomlin, and husband, brother Frank Denchfield, and son-in-law Tom Brown.

Visitation with the family will be from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Koup Funeral Home in Eureka, with graveside services following at 3 p.m. in the Greenwood County Cemetery, with the Rev. Deana Hill officiating. In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to the Eureka Senior Center or the Great Bend Senior Center in care of the funeral home.

Funeral arrangements provided by Koup Funeral Home*

121 N. Oak St.
Eureka, KS 67045
620-583-5575
Great Bend, (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 2, 2007

Monica Michelle Menges 1987 - 2007

ELLINWOOD - Monica Michelle Menges, 20, died Dec. 1 as a result of an automobile accident east of Great Bend. She was born May 17, 1987, at Great Bend, the daughter of Mike and Belinda Ketch Menges. A lifetime Ellinwood resident, she was a 2005 graduate of Ellinwood High School and an employee of Ellinwood Packing Plant, Ellinwood. She is also survived by six grandchildren and by a number of cousins, nieces, and nephews. Pat was preceded in death by her parents and two favorite aunts, Charlotte Yarling and Orpha McCorkle.

A Celebration of Life will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Kahoka Christian Church. Graveside services and burial will be held at 11 a.m. Monday at the Curtisville Cemetery in Curtisville, Ind. Friends can call at Wilson Funeral Home in Kahoka after 2 p.m. today with the family receiving friends from 6-8 p.m. Memorials in lieu of flowers may be made to the family. On-line condolences may be expressed at www.timeformemory.com/wilsonfh.

Funeral arrangements provided by Wilson Funeral Home

975 E. Main St.
Kahoka, MO 63445
660-727-2117
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 30, 2007

Lois Becker 1915 - 2007

Lois (Mrs. Harold) Becker, 94, of Great Bend, died Nov. 29 at her home. She was born June 4, 1915. Her funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at First United Methodist Church, Great Bend. Burial will be in Great Bend Cemetery. Visitation will be from 1 to 9 p.m. Sunday at Bryant Funeral Home, Great Bend. Service arrangements are pending with Bryant Funeral Home and a complete obituary will appear in Sunday's Tribune.

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 30, 2007

November 28, 2007

Mildred E. Stoskopf 1916 - 2007

HOISINGTON — Mildred E. Stoskopf, 90, died Nov. 26 at Country Place Home Plus in Hoisington. Born Dec. 10, 1916, in Mildred, Mont., she was the daughter of Ernest and Anna (Chillberg) Almquist. She graduated from Great Bend High School in 1935. A lifetime resident of Hoisington and the Great Bend area, she was a homemaker. She married Wayne
Great Bend, Alice Delgado of Wichita, and Gloria Snow and husband Nathan of Oklahoma City, Okla.; and a large family of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. today at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend with Ed Forton officiating. Interment will be at Hillcrest Memorial Park in Great Bend. Memorials are suggested to American Heart Association or Meals on Wheels 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, Nov. 28, 2007

Wayne "Butch" A. Kraft 1954 - 2007

UDALL — Wayne "Butch" A. Kraft, 53, of Udall, passed away Nov. 26 at William Newton Hospital in Winfield. Born Aug. 14, 1954, in Great Bend, he was the son of R. Duane and Delores (Bieber) Kraft. He was raised and received his education in Hoisington. He was united in marriage on May 20, 1978, to Dana Johnson in Wichita, and the couple made their home in rural Udall. A veteran of the Vietnam War, Mr. Kraft proudly served his country in the United States Army. Following his honorable discharge, he moved to Wichita, where he worked for a medical equipment company. Wayne later was employed in the industrial equipment repair business.

He spent the last 10 years refurbishing equipment and running his own business. Wayne was his own entrepreneur and he loved music, science and the outdoors.

Surviving family include his wife, Dana, of the home; his parents, R. Duane and Delores of Hoisington; his brother, Daniel Kraft of Wichita; his sisters, Marilyn Wallace and husband Larry of Wichita and Carolyn Downey and husband Robert of Cheney; and a host of nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Miles Funeral Service in Winfield. Private interment will take place at a later date. Friends may call at the funeral home from 5 to 9 p.m. today.

Funeral arrangements provided by Miles Funeral Service*
4001 East Ninth/Box 720
Winfield, KS 67156
620-221-1111
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 28, 2007

Frank A. Seeber

ALBERT — Frank A. Seeber, 85, died Nov. 27. Funeral arrangements are pending with Bryant Funeral Home, Great Bend, and will be announced.
Memorials are suggested to Cherry Village Nursing Home 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, Nov. 27, 2007

Emil Edward Serpan 1922 - 2007

TIMKEN — Emil Edward Serpan, 85, died Nov. 26 at Cherry Village Nursing Home in Great Bend. Born Jan. 9, 1922, in Timken, he was the son of Emil Frank and Agnes (Kralicek) Serpan. He was preceded in death by a son, Lawrence Bartley, and one granddaughter, Nancy Kay Bartley.

Survivors include a daughter, Carol Myers, 65, died Nov. 23 at his residence in Great Bend. He was born Jan. 4, 1942, at Hickman County, Ky., the son of Cleo and Leedah Doughty Myers. He had been married to Carol Hill Pope and later to Kathy Carrier. He was a tool and die machinist, a mechanic, truck driver, welder and carpenter. He worked for Panhandle Oilfield Supply in Liberal and also for Duke, R.C. Williams, and Branson Trucking. He was also co-owner of Home Service Construction. A lifetime resident of Great Bend, he was a craftsman and clock builder. He made a violin, banjo and guitar, and was a master of many trades. He also had his pilot's license.

Survivors include his father, Cleo Myers, Great Bend; three sons, DiLon Richard Myers, Vincent Wayne Myers and Clifford Eugene Myers; a brother, Randy Myers and wife Char, Great Bend; four sisters, Wilma PettijoHn and husband Jim, Great Bend, Carolyn Casey, Hartford, Kan., Liz Cap and husband Trapper, Hosiington, and Elise Harr and husband Jeff, Great Bend; and five grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his mother; a brother, Don W. Myers; and brother-in-law, Richard Casey.

Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend, with the Rev. Dick Ogles officiating. Interment will be at Hilltop Cemetery in Timken or the Knights of Columbus Council No. 2100 in Olmitz 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, Nov. 25, 2007

Goldie Faye Foskett 1931 - 2007
LORRAINE – Goldie Faye Foskett, 76, died Nov. 22 at her home in Lorraine. She was born Jan. 2, 1931, at Russell, the daughter of Edwin and Mary Ruth Rathbone Foiles. She married Harold Edward Foskett Sr. on Dec. 13, 1953, at Great Bend. A resident of Lorraine for 28 years, coming from Ellsworth, she was a certified nurse aide for 37 years.

Survivors include her husband, the home; six sons, Harold Foskett Jr., Amarillo, Texas, Gary Foskett, Lyons, Michael Foskett, Kingman, Randall Foskett, Lyons, Keith Foskett, Lorraine, and Stanley Foskett, Bazine; two daughters, Deborah Berends, Great Bend, and Sharan White, Lorraine; two brothers, LeRoy Edwin Foiles, Newton, and Ronald Foiles, Holyrood; two sisters, Opal Queen, Colorado Springs, Colo., and Virginia Heath, Newton; 17 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a brother, Lawrence Foiles, an infant sister Irene Foiles, and sister Verna Rice, and, on Nov. 22, 2007, by her granddaughter, Kandy White.

Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend with Pastor George Redington officiating. Interment will be in the Lorraine Baptist Cemetery at 2:30 p.m. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Wednesday, with family receiving friends from 6 to 8 p.m., at the funeral home. Donations to the Kandy White Memorial Fund may be sent 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. 25, 2007

Emma Schneider 1914 - 2007
BAZINE – Emma Schneider, 93, died Nov. 22 at Naples, Fla. She was born Nov. 19, 1914, in Sutton, Neb., the daughter of John and Mary Schmidt Bahm. In 1916 she moved with her family to Alamota, Kan., where she grew up. On Dec. 15, 1940, she married Palmer Schneider and moved to Bazine. He preceded her in death on Feb. 24, 1984.

Emma was a homemaker, she was an active member of the United Methodist Church and was also very active with the Golden Years Senior Center in Bazine.

Survivors include one son, Duane Schneider and wife Nancy, Jackson, Wyo.; one daughter, Diane Stites and husband Donald Miller, Naples, Fla.; one brother, Reuben Bahn, Dighton; and two grandchildren, Kristina Eklund and Dustin Schneider, Chicago, Ill. She was preceded in death by three brothers, John (Johnny), Henry (Hank) and Herman Bahn; and five sisters, Katie Kuehn, Marie Schmalzried, Amelia Neiman, Naomi Bauer and Barbara Hinkle.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at the United Methodist Church in Bazine, with the Rev. Joel Maiorano officiating. Burial will be in the Bazine Cemetery. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday at Fitzgerald Funeral Home, Ness City, with the family present to greet friends from 7 to 8 p.m. Memorial contributions may be sent to the American Heart Association 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. 25, 2007

November 23, 2007
No deaths reported

Ida Mae "Pinkie" Boyd 1919 - 2007
OMAHA, Neb. — Ida Mae "Pinkie" Boyd, 88, died Nov. 19 at her home in Omaha. She was born April 12, 1919, at Flat River, Mo., the daughter of Charles and Alpha Lewis Gifford. She was married to Melvin Boyd. She was a Great Bend resident for more than 45 years, moving to Omaha in 1990. She was a registered nurse for St. Rose and the Great Bend Manor, both of Great Bend. Words used to describe her by those who knew were: strength, courage, surprising wit, lover of people and life.

Survivors include one daughter, Barbara Boyd, Omaha; two sons, Tom Boyd and wife Kate of Houston, Texas, and John Boyd of Omaha; one sister, Caroline Beard of Austin, Texas; five grandchildren, Byron, Pearl and Rose of Omaha and Alex and Michael of Houston; and one great-grandchild, Annie Boyd of Omaha. Ida was preceded in death by her husband and a son, Melvin Boyd Jr.

Betty J. Shull 1923 - 2007
BUHLER – Betty J. Shull, 84, died Nov. 23 at Buhler Sunshine Home. She was born Nov. 3, 1923, at Braman, Okla., the daughter of Lorenzo Arthur and Elizabeth Patton Sturm. She was a 1942 graduate of Blackwell (Okla.) High School. She married W.A. "Bill" Shull on Sept. 5, 1942, at Blackwell. He died Dec. 30, 1998. She was a retired custodian for Great Bend Unified School District 428.

Mrs. Shull was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Great Bend and the Golden Belt Rockhound Society.

Survivors include a son, Kevin R. Shull and wife Kim, Buhler; daughter-in-law Linda Shull, Great Bend; 10 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren, with three more on the way. She was preceded in death by a son, William R. Shull; brother, Ralph E. Sturm; and three sisters, Verna Penick, Verda Rumbaugh and Barbara McClarnon.

Graveside service will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday at Blackwell Cemetery with Stan Rumbaugh officiating. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. today and Monday at Elliott Mortuary in Hutchinson. Memorials may be sent to the American Diabetes Association 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. 25, 2007

November 22, 2007

WINDOM – Kandy Ann White, 23, died Nov. 22 at her residence in Windom. She was born Oct. 20, 1984, at Fort Riley, the daughter of Michael Lee and Sharan Ruth Foskett White. She was a machine operation for Nations Pizza, McPherson. She was also a student at Kansas Wesleyan University in Salina, with only one semester left until graduation. She had been a resident of Windom since June 2007, coming from Lyons.

She was a member of the Lorraine Baptist Church in Lorraine.

Survivors include her parents, of Lorraine; and two sisters, Mary Ruth White, Lyons, and Tina Marie White, Salina. She was preceded in death by her grandmother, Goldie Faye Foskett, on Nov. 22, 2007.

Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend, with Pastor George Redington officiating. Interment will be in the Lorraine Baptist Cemetery at 2:30 p.m. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Wednesday, with family receiving friends from 6 to 8 p.m., at the funeral home. Donations to the Kandy White Memorial Fund may be sent 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. 25, 2007

Kandy Ann White 1984 - 2007

No deaths reported

November 22, 2007

OMAHAN, Neb. — Ida Mae "Pinkie" Boyd, 88, died Nov. 19 at her home in Omaha. She was born April 12, 1919, at Flat River, Mo., the daughter of Charles and Alpha Lewis Gifford. She was married to Melvin Boyd. She was a Great Bend resident for more than 45 years, moving to Omaha in 1990. She was a registered nurse for St. Rose and the Great Bend Manor, both of Great Bend. Words used to describe her by those who knew were: strength, courage, surprising wit, lover of people and life.

Survivors include one daughter, Barbara Boyd, Omaha; two sons, Tom Boyd and wife Kate of Houston, Texas, and John Boyd of Omaha; one sister, Caroline Beard of Austin, Texas; five grandchildren, Byron, Pearl and Rose of Omaha and Alex and Michael of Houston; and one great-grandchild, Annie Boyd of Omaha. Ida was preceded in death by her husband and a son, Melvin Boyd Jr.
He was a life member of the VFW, American Legion, and a member of the Elks Lodge for 38 years.

Survivors include his wife, Arlene, of Great Bend; two sons, Robert Drake of Great Bend and Wayne Drake of Lawrence; a daughter, Janice Rosenholtz of Overland Park; a sister, Geraldine Smith of El Dorado; eight grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Viewing and visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Sunday. The family will receive friends at 6:30 p.m. followed by a vigil service at 7 p.m., all at Charter Funerals, Great Bend. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated by Father Wesley Schawe at 11 a.m. Monday at St. Patrick Catholic Church, Great Bend. Interment will follow at the Great Bend Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Catholic Youth Group and Masses.

Funeral arrangements provided by
Charter Funerals
2115 Washington
Great Bend, KS 67530
620-793-6161
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 22, 2007

November 21, 2007
Sylvia J. Weltmer 1915 - 2007

Sylvia J. Weltmer, 91, of Great Bend, died Nov. 20 at Great Bend Health and Rehabilitation Center. She was born Dec. 14, 1915, at Wilsey, the daughter of Frank and Virginia Ice Platz. She married John Weltmer on Oct. 20, 1935, at Great Bend. He died on Aug. 14, 1980. She was a secretary for Weltmer Plumbing, Inc. She was a resident of Great Bend most of her life.

She was a member of the First Congregational United Church of Christ, Great Bend.

Survivors include her son, Prentice Weltmer and wife Carol, Great Bend; a daughter, Kathleen Weltmer, Great Bend; five grandchildren, Lori Feck and husband Monty of Winfield, Janel Unrein and Brian Clark of Indiana, John Weltmer and wife Joyce of Concordia, and Rebekah Weltmer and husband Gary Michael of Cottonwood Falls; and two sisters, Glenda F. McNutt of Borger, Texas, and Rhonda G. Harris of Amarillo, Texas; and 13 grandchildren. She was preceded in death by nine brothers and four sisters.

A graveside service will be at 2 p.m. Friday in Great Bend Cemetery with the Rev. Diana Coberly officiating. Visitations will be from 1 to 5 p.m. today, 3 to 7 p.m. Thursday and 9 a.m. to noon Friday at Bryant Funeral Home, Great Bend. Donations to a memorial fund for First Congregational United Church of Christ may be made 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, Nov. 21, 2007

Roy Crane 1922 - 2007

Roy Crane, 85, of Great Bend, died Nov. 19 at Central Kansas Medical Center, Great Bend. He was born Feb. 19, 1922, at White Earth, Minn., the son of Roy Harrison and Grace Bevins Crane. He
married Hazel "Alberta" Payne in June of 1942. She survives. He was a livestock broker and a resident of Barton County most of his life.

He was a member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church of Great Bend.

Survivors, besides his wife, of the home, include two sons, Clifford Crone and Irvin Crone, both of Great Bend; four daughters, Virginia Jacobs, Hazel Grace Johnson and Tammy Hammond, all of rural Pawnee Rock, and Darlene Kaupke of Stillwater, Okla.; one brother, Orville Crone, of Fair Oaks, Calif.; 26 grandchildren, 34 great-grandchildren and 17 great-great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a son, George Crone, four brothers, George Crone, Jack Crone, Irvin Crone and Bill Crone, two sisters, Verna McVey and Esther Fowler, and two grandchildren.

Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Friday at the Seventh-day Adventist Church, Great Bend, with Pastor Jim Martin officiating. Interment will be at Great Bend Cemetery North. Visitation will be from 1 to 5 p.m. today and 3 to 7 p.m. Thursday at Bryant Funeral Home, Great Bend. Donations to a memorial fund for the Rosewood Roots and Wings Foundation may be made 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, Nov. 21, 2007

Ruth Lillian Campbell 1926 - 2007

ST. JOHN — Ruth Lillian Campbell, 81, died Nov. 19 at Hospice House in Pratt. Born Oct. 17, 1926, at Wenatchee, Wash., she was the daughter of Jim and Essie (Esper) Kelly. She was a 1944 graduate of St. John High School. She married Eugene L. Campbell on May 7, 1948, at Ulysses, Kans. She survives. A resident of the St. John area for most of her life, she was a bookkeeper for Farm Bureau Insurance, Art Gates Attorney and First National Bank, all of St. John.

Mrs. Campbell was a member of the Christian Church and Rebekahs Lodge, both of St. John.

Survivors include her husband and a daughter, Dianna L. Leonard and husband Jim of Overland Park. She was preceded in death by three brothers, Paul, Wayne and Donald Keller.

Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. on Friday at Minnis Chapel in St. John with Pastor Wade Russell presiding. Burial will be at the Fairview Park Cemetery in St. John. Friends may visit from 1 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the South Wind Hospice or the M.S. Foundation, both in care of the funeral home.

Funeral arrangements provided by Minnis Chapel*
P.O. Box 34
St. John, KS 67576
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 21, 2007

Harold U. Brack 1934 - 2007

OTIS — Harold U. Brack, 73, died Nov. 20 at Rush County Nursing Home, La Crosse. He was born July 8, 1934, at Great Bend, the son of Jacob Benjamin and Pauline (Weber) Brack. Harold was a farmer and mechanic. He was a lifetime resident of rural Otis.

He was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church, Otis. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II.

Survivors include a son, Harold Dean Brack, of Hutchinson; three daughters, Cynthia Brack and Alina Christopher, both of Great Bend, and Diana Mead of Hoisington; a sister, Alta Spencer of Woodward, Okla.; seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Cremation has taken place. There will be no visitation or services. Memorials are suggested to the Trinity Lutheran Church, Otis, in care of Nicholson-Rickle Funeral Home in Hoisington.

Funeral arrangements provided by Nicholson-Rickle Funeral Home
415 North Main/Box 146
Hoisington, KS 67544
620-653-4165
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 21, 2007

November 20, 2007

Carla Detherage 1948 - 2007

Carla Detherage, 58, of Great Bend, died Nov. 18 at Central Kansas Medical Center, Great Bend. She was born Nov. 23, 1948, at Russell, the daughter of Robert and Belva Bealby Vonfeldt. She was a graduate of Ellis High School and a longtime resident of Great Bend. She married Coyle Detherage in 1988 at Miami, Okla. She was the financial controller at Highland Hotel and Convention Center. Previously, she spent many years in bookkeeping and accounting roles with Harper Builders.

Mrs. Detherage was a member of Prince of Peace Parish at St. Rose, the Altar Society, Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary and Eagles Auxiliary, all of Great Bend.

She will be remembered as a loving wife, mother, sister, grandmother and friend.

Survivors include her husband, Coyle "Junebug" Detherage, of the home; two daughters, Caryl Niedens and husband Lyle of Westwood and Lisa Francis of Great Bend; a brother, Jim Newton and wife Liz of Ellis; and two grandchildren, Conley Niedens and Pierce Niedens, both of Westwood. She was preceded in death by her parents and a daughter, Lori Ann Francis.

An Altar Society Rosary will be at 4 p.m. today and a vigil service at 7 p.m., both at Bryant Funeral Home, Great Bend. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church, Great Bend, with Father Reginald A. Urban officiating. Interment will be at Great Bend Cemetery. Visitation will be from noon to 9 p.m. today at the funeral home. Donations to memorial funds for the Golden Belt Community Foundation or the National Scleroderma Foundation may be made in care of the funeral home. Condolences may be sent and notice viewed at www.bryantfh.net.

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620-793-3525
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 20, 2007

Pastor Richard Bernal 1950 - 2007

GARDEN CITY — Pastor Richard Bernal, 57, died Nov. 17 at his home in Garden City. Born Jan. 25, 1950, at Fresno, Calif., he was the son of Alfredo and Catalina (Soto) Bernal. He graduated from Roosevelt High School in Fresno in 1968. He attended Fresno State University in 1968 and Pacific Union College in Angwin, Calif., in 1969. He studied for a year at Seminario Adventista in Valencia, Spain, before returning to Pacific Union College and earning his Bachelor of Arts in theology in 1974. He married Milagros "Mili" Robles on Aug. 27, 1972, in San Francisco. In 1977 he earned his Master of Divinity degree from Andrews University Seminary in Berrien Springs, Mich., and started his doctoral studies there. Richard was a lifelong pastor and his first assignment was as the youth pastor at Ditman Spanish Seventh-day Adventist Church in Los Angeles. He then was the associate pastor of Temple City Spanish Seventh-day Adventists Church in Temple City, Calif., and then became the associate pastor of Spanish American Seventh-day Adventist Church in Los Angeles. He moved to Bakersfield, Calif., to serve the Bakersfield Spanish Seventh-day Adventist Church, Wasco Spanish Seventh-day Adventist Church, Lindsey Spanish Seventh-day Adventist Church and Wood Lake Spanish Seventh-day Adventist Church. He then moved to El Paso, Texas, and served the Central Spanish Seventh-day Adventist Church and the Clint Spanish Seventh-day Adventist Church. He then served the Caldwell Spanish Fruitland Spanish, Weiser Spanish in Oregon and the Jerome Seventh-day Adventists Church. He served in Eagle River, Alaska, at the Eagle River, Anchorage Spanish and
Sunshine churches at Talkeetna, and Kodiak Church on Kodiak Island. In 2002 he moved to Garden City and was pastor of Garden City Spanish, Great Bend Spanish and Dodge City Spanish Seventh-day Adventist Churches. His passion was winning souls and he believed in healthy living and exercise. He was a competitive racquetball player in leagues and tournaments and played the trumpet. He loved the outdoors, especially the natural settings of Yosemite and Sequoia national parks.

Survivors include his wife, of the home; a son, Jonathan Richard Bernal of Garden City; two daughters, Sara Elizabeth Stumph of Fort Worth, Texas, and Michelle Angelica Bernal of Loma Linda, Calif.; a grandson, Nicholas Richard Stumph of Fort Worth, Texas; three brothers, Arthur Bernal of San Jacinto, Calif., and Charles Bernal and Robert Bernal, both of Fresno, Calif.; and three sisters, Gloria Sanchez, Lucy Silguero and Cindy Sanchez, all of Fresno, Calif. He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Carman Cummins.

Funeral service will be at 7 p.m. today at the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Garden City with Pastors Harry Reimer, Jim Hoehn and Jeff Paisley officiating. Memorial contributions may be made to the Mooreland Fire Department with the funeral home accepting the donations.

Vern Hensley 1919 - 2007

MOORELAND, Okla. — Vern Hensley, 88, longtime Mooreland, Okla., resident, died Nov. 16 in the Woodward Regional Hospital. Funeral services were held Monday in the Billings Funeral Home Chapel in Woodward, Okla., with the Rev. Mike Smith officiating. Burial was in the Mooreland Cemetery under the direction of the Billings Funeral Home.

Vern Hensley was born July 30, 1919, in the Haskeew Community; he was the son of Charles Manford and Roxy Mildred (Bailey) Hensley. He attended schools at Freeze Out, Freedom and Mooreland. He then went to work helping build the Fort Supply Dam. Vern worked at the Farmers Co-op and helped his father on the family farm. On Sept. 15, 1939, Vern married Corinne Sym. They made their home south of Mooreland, Fifteen months later they moved to the Mooreland-Freedom road. In 1943, they moved to their present farm and ranch. In the late 1950s, he began working for Woodward County District I as a heavy equipment operator. Vern and Corinne later acquired more land north of Curtis. He loved what he did and kept working until the early part of this year. Vern and Corinne were married for more than 68 years.

Vern loved to attend the National Finals Rodeo in Las Vegas with his family. He was supportive of family sporting events. He and Corinne drove many miles attending ball games. He always took time to listen to grandchildren’s stories. Vern always loved working in the fields.

He was a former member of the Mooreland Lions Club and the Mooreland Farmers Co-op Board of Directors.

He is survived by his wife, of the home; five sons, Leland Hensley and wife Mary Jane of Mooreland; Leroy Hensley and wife Anna Faye of Great Bend; Lowell Hensley and wife Barbara of Woodward; Ray Hensley and wife Joleen and Dean Hensley and wife Eileen, all of Mooreland; one daughter, Leah Hepner and husband Travis of Freedom, Okla.; one brother, Bill Hensley and wife Liz of Woodward; 15 grandchildren, 24 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren. Vern was preceded in death by one sister, Ila LaFleur, brothers Verlon and Robert Hensley and his parents, Charles and Mildred Bailey Hensley.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Mooreland Fire Department with the funeral home accepting the donations.

The Rev. H. Paul Osborne 1914 - 2007

The Rev. H. Paul Osborne, 93, died Nov. 12. He was born in Garrison, Ky., on Sept. 19, 1914. He was the son of Lee and Virginia Osborne, deceased. He had one sister, Mary Osborne, deceased, and a sister, Mrs. Thomas R. Lykins of Cincinnati, Ohio, also deceased.

Father Osborne attended grade school in Garrison and graduated from Lewis County High School in Vanceburg, Ky. After accepting the vocation of the ministry, he began his education in God’s Bible School, Cincinnati, Ohio, and entered Kentucky Wesleyan College at Winchester, Ky., now at Owensboro. He received a B.A. degree, cum laude in 1938. He entered Lexington Theological Seminary in the fall of that year, and received a Master of Divinity degree in 1941. He was ordained in the Methodist ministry and later was confirmed into the Episcopal Church. He attended Virginia Theological Seminary in Alexandria, Va., and completed his preparation there in 1945, and was ordained to the priesthood on Nov. 30, 1945. He attended Trinity University and Incarnate Word College in San Antonio, Texas, and received an M.A. degree in 1955.
He served churches in Kentucky and Texas, primarily in San Antonio at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, then moved to Charleston, S.C. He was later called to a church in Wichita, and then went to Medford, Mass., and from there to Arkansas, and completed his parish ministry in Great Bend.

Father Osborne left the parish ministry for a time and became a professional fund-raising consultant. He also worked for the United States Treasury Department as a sales promotional representative for the Savings Bond Division. He married Gladys Marie Jones May 31, 1936. They had three children, Ann Harlan Mitchell and John Holland Osborne of Wichita, and Thomas Lee Osborne, deceased. They celebrated 71 years of marriage on May 31.

Father Osborne was active in church and community work throughout his career in the ministry. He was president of the Ministers' Associations in Great Bend, and San Antonio, Texas. He was elected president of the Community Coordinating Council in Kingsville, Texas, the Council of Churches in Great Bend, and the Kansas Ecumenical Council for two terms. He conducted the first ecumenical service of the Holy Communion for 12 denominations, the first in the history of Kansas.

He was a member of a number of fraternal organizations and was founder and first president of Sigma Delta fraternity at Kentucky Wesleyan College, which is now a chapter of Sigma Nu, a national collegiate fraternity. He was a member of Alpha Theta Ze, a national theological seminary fraternity. He was a member of the Masonic Order for more than 50 years, and a member of all York Rite Bodies.

Father Osborne is survived by his wife Gladys, daughter Ann (Matthew), son John (Renee), eight grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. A memorial has been established at St. James Episcopal Church. An online guest book is available at www.cochrarnmortuary.com.

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Reverend H. Paul Osborne 1914 - 2007

The Rev. H. Paul Osborne, 93, died Nov. 12. He was born in Garrison, Ky., on Sept. 19, 1914. He was the son of Lee and Virginia Osborne, deceased. He had one brother, the Rev. Arthur Lee Osborne, deceased, and a sister, Mrs. Thomas R. Lykins of Cincinnati, Ohio, also deceased.

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Marie Schmitt 1913 - 2007

HOISINGTON — Marie Schmitt, 94, died Nov. 14 at Clara Barton Hospital, Hoisington. She was born July 2, 1913, at Offerle, the daughter of Frederick and Katherine Burkhart Schwarz. A Hoisington resident since 2000, moving from Dodge City, she worked at Duckwalls in Kinsley, and at Fergerson's Furniture and Appliance, St. Mary of the Plains and Bel-Air Motel, all in Dodge City.

She was a former member of St. Joseph Catholic Church, Offerle, Sacred Heart Cathedral and Daughters of Isabella both of Dodge City, Office of Regents, Kinsley, and she was an organist at both churches. She was also a volunteer at Birthright.

Survivors include her son, Anthony "Tony" and wife Linda, Salina; two daughters, Linda Mayhugh and husband Lloyd, Great Bend, and Chris Haynes and husband Aaron, Dodge City; one brother, Edward F. Schwarz, Offerle, and one sister, Emma Hemken, Dodge City. 13 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, four sons, Mike, Jim "Red", Jerry and Fred Schmitt; a granddaughter, Renee Schmitt; two brothers, Charles and Herman Schwarz; and one sister, Ludwina Butler.

D of I Rosary will be at 4 p.m. today at Burkhart-Ziegler Funeral Chapel, Dodge City. Vigil Service will be at 7 p.m. today at Burkhart-Ziegler Funeral Chapel. Funeral Mass will be Saturday at 10 a.m. at Sacred Heart Cathedral, 903 Central Ave., Dodge City, with Father Ted A. Skalsky presiding. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. today at Burkhart-Ziegler Funeral Chapel. Funeral services are scheduled for 10 a.m. on Saturday at St. John Lutheran Church in Russell. Burial will follow at the St. John Lutheran Cemetery in Russell. Visitation will be today from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. with the family present this evening from 6 to 7 p.m. at the Pohlan-Varner-Peeler Mortuary in Russell. A memorial has been established to the St. John Youth Group. Contributions and condolences may be left with Pohlan-Varner-Peeler Mortuary. 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 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 16, 2007 Darrell Gene Standley 1938 - 2007

RUSSELL — Darrell Gene Standley, 69, of Russell, died Nov. 14 at the Galichia Heart Hospital in Wichita. Darrell was born on Jan. 3, 1938, in Osborne County, on the family farm north of Lucas in the Delhi community. He was the son of Hugh M. and Lida D. (Sigle) Standley. He grew up in the Delhi community and attended the county schools up to the eighth grade and attended two years’ high school in the Delhi area.

Darrell was united in marriage to Gladys Boxberger on June 26, 1960, at St. John Lutheran Church in Russell. They lived in Lucas and later moved and made their home in Russell and have lived there since 1961. Later they were blessed with two sons named Brian and Brad. Darrell began his work history for Bob Sparry Welding in Lucas. Later he worked as a mechanic for Ford Motor Co., then worked for Central Machine Shop in Russell. He left Central Machine Shop and worked for Boxberger Tank Service for one year before going back to Central Machine Shop. In November of 1970 he became owner and operator of the Central Machine Shop, which he operated with his sons.

He was a member of St. John Lutheran Church. He enjoyed spending time with his family and grandchildren, trap shooting and was a member of the ATA and KTA trap shooting organizations. He also enjoyed fishing, restoring old vehicles and going to his Bible study card group.

He is survived by his wife Gladys of the home, sons Brian Standley and wife Rachelle and Bradley Standley and wife Rosie, all of Russell; brother Harold Standley of Kensington; two sisters, Lola Luder of Russell and Doris Langerman of Lucas; and six grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Harvey and Donald Standley.


HAYS — Lorraine Catherine Hertel, 88, died Nov.. 13 at St. John’s Health Care Center in Victoria. Born Dec. 17, 1918, at Loretta, she was the daughter of Joseph and Catherine (Basgall) Miltenberger. She married Philip Joseph Hertel on Oct. 18, 1937, in Loretta. He died March 19, 1954. A 1937 graduate of Otis-Bison High School, she was a cook at Jefferson East Grade School in Hays, a custodian at the Hays Post Office for 22 years and a wedding cake decorator for a number of years.

Mrs. Hertel was a member of Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church in Hays. Survivors include four sons, Dennis Hertel and wife Claudia of Great Bend, Valerian Hertel of Goodland, Richard Hertel of Salina and Don Hertel and wife Joyce of Hays; three daughters, Pat Staab and husband Omar of Hays, Phyllis Mendes and husband Raymond of Hugoton and Dolores Myers and husband Dave of Hays; 15 grandchildren and 24 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband and one daughter, Lolita Hertel.

A vigil service will be at 7 p.m. today at Cline’s Mortuary of Hays, 1919 E. 22nd in Hays. Funeral service will be at 1:30 p.m. on Friday at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church in Hays. Friends may visit from 3 to 9 p.m. today and 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Friday at Cline’s Mortuary. Burial will be at St. Joseph Cemetery, Hays. Memorials are suggested to Immaculate Heart of Mary Church Building Fund and Masses.


The Rev. H. Paul Osborne, 93, died Nov. 12. He was born in Garrison, Ky., on Sept. 19, 1914. He was the son of Lee and Virginia Osborne, deceased. He had one brother, the Rev. Arthur Lee Osborne, deceased, and a sister, Mrs. Thomas R. Lykins of Cincinnati, Ohio, also deceased.

Father Osborne attended grade school in Garrison and graduated from Lewis County High School in Vanceburg, Ky. After accepting the vocation of the ministry, he began his education in God’s Bible School, Cincinnati, Ohio, and entered Kentucky Wesleyan College at Winchester, Ky., now at Owensboro. He received a B.A. degree, cum laude in 1938. He entered Lexington Theological Seminary in the fall of that year, and received a Master of Divinity degree in 1941. He was ordained in the Methodist ministry and later was confirmed into the Episcopal Church. He attended Virginia Theological Seminary in Alexandria, Va., and completed his preparation there in 1945, and was ordained to the priesthood on Nov. 30, 1945. He attended Trinity University and Incarnate Word College in San Antonio, Texas, and received an M.A. degree in 1955.

He served churches in Kentucky and Texas, primarily in San Antonio at St. Paul’s Episcopal Church, then moved to Charleston, S.C. He was later called to a church in Wichita, and then went to Medford, Mass., and from there to Arkansas, and completed his parish ministry in Great Bend.

Father Osborne left the parish ministry for a time and became a professional fund-raising consultant. He also worked for the United States Treasury Department as a sales, promotional representative for the Savings Bond Division. He married Gladys Marie Jones May 31, 1936. They had three children, Ann Harlan Mitchell and John Holland Osborne of Wichita, and Thomas Lee Osborne, deceased. They celebrated 71 years of marriage on May 31.

Father Osborne was active in church and community work throughout his career in the ministry. He was president of the Ministers’ Associations in Great Bend, and San Antonio, Texas. He was elected president of the Community Coordinating Council in Kingsville, Texas, the Councils of Churches in Great Bend, and the
Charlotte Ann Runyon 1952 - 2007

SMITH CENTER — Charlotte Ann Runyon, 55, died Nov. 12 at the Smith County Memorial Hospital. Born Sept. 3, 1952, she was the daughter of Francis and Betty (Powers) Runyon. She was a schoolteacher.

Survivors include her father, Francis Runyon of Smith Center, and a sister, Joanna Runyon of Smith Center. She was preceded in death by her mother, Betty, and a brother, Kenneth.

Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at the Nazarene Church in Smith Center with Pastors Don Fisher and Matt Lucas officiating. Burial will follow at the Fairview Cemetery in Smith Center. A memorial service will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at the Hoisington High School Auditorium. Friends may visit from 5 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Funeral arrangements provided by Simmon-Rentschler Mortuary 116 W. 1st Smith Center, KS 66967 785-282-6691 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 15, 2007

November 14, 2007

No deaths reported.

November 13, 2007

Frank S. Horton 1927 - 2007

HOISINGTON — Frank S. Horton, 80, died Nov. 10 at Wheatland Nursing Center in Russell. Born Aug. 1, 1927, in Pontiac, Mich., he was the son of Leon L. and Orpha D. (Hicks) Horton. He married Lorene C. Jacobson on Aug. 30, 1950, in rural Dickinson County. A resident of Hoisington since 1970, coming from Medicine Lodge, he was a power plant operator at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend, retiring Aug. 1, 1992.

Mr. Horton was a U.S. Merchant Marine veteran, serving in World War II. He was a member of First Southern Baptist Church in Great Bend and the American Legion Post No. 286 in Hoisington.

Survivors include his wife of Russell; three sons, David Horton of Covington, Ky., Don Horton of Hoisington and Frank Horton of Salina; a daughter, Lillian Feldt of Hoisington; a brother, Leo Horton of Seneca, S.C.; eight grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by three brothers, George, Art and Leon Horton; and two sisters, Zella Marshall and infant Lillian Horton.

Funeral service will be at 1:30 p.m. today at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington with the Rev. Doyle Smith officiating. Burial will be at the Hoisington Cemetery with flag presentation by Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 7428 and American Legion Post No. 286. Friends may visit from 9 a.m. until service time today. Memorials are suggested to First Southern Baptist Church or Clara Barton Foundation 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, Nov. 13, 2007

Eva Marie (Wulf) Konecny 1916 - 2007

CHENEY — Eva Marie (Wulf) Konecny, 90, died Nov. 10 at Homestead Health Center, Wichita. She was born Dec. 6, 1916, at Haysville, the daughter of Bernard and Anna (Elling) Wulf. She married Joseph Charles Konecny Sept. 20, 1945, at Wichita. She lived in Great Bend for 40 years before moving to Cheney. She was a housewife.

Mrs. Konecny was a member of St. Paul’s Lutheran Church in Cheney.

Survivors include a son, David, of Wichita; two sisters, Cleota Woolman of Saratoga, Calif., and Bernice Gordon of Evergreen, Colo.; five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. Her husband preceded her in death.

Funeral service will be at 9:30 a.m. Friday at Lanterman Funeral Home, Cheney, with Pastor Ken Kaufmann of

the church officiating. A graveside service and burial will take place at 2 p.m. Friday at St. John’s Cemetery in Hoisington, with Lester Crider Jr. officiating. Visitation will be from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home, with the family present. A memorial in her name has been established for the church. Contributions may be left for the family at www.stewartfuneralhomes.com.

Funeral arrangements provided by Pat Miller Funeral Home P.O. Box 48 Wamego, KS 66547 785-456-2233 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 13, 2007

Hubert Samuel Radke 1924 - 2007

MILBERGER — Hubert Samuel Radke, 83, died Nov. 11 at Hutchinson Hospital, Hutchinson. He was born July 30, 1924, in Russell County, the son of Samuel S. and Lena L. (Karst) Radke. He married Betty Ann Schwien on June 12, 1949, at Milberger. He was a lifetime farmer and stockman with his son, Jon; he also owned and operated Hubert S. and Son Dirt Construction for 55 years with his son, Sammy. The love of his life was operating the motor grader. He was a lifetime resident of the Milberger area.

He was a member of the United Emmanuel Lutheran Church, where he was baptized, confirmed and married. He served on the church council numerous times, was president of Area 2 Lutheran Men in Mission and recently served on the Church Call Committee. He also was active for the Milberger Memorial Day Veterans and Activities Association. He was a lifetime member of VFW Post 6240
Melvadean Polson, 83, died Nov. 8 at Roswell, N.M. She was born May 2, 1924, in Long Beach, Calif., the daughter of William Stephen Panting II and Clara Mae Jarvis Panning. On Jan. 4, 1942, she married Raymond Polson at Manhattan. He died June 26, 1990. On Dec. 10, 1995, she married Raymond Francis at Lake Tahoe, Calif. He survives. A resident of Roswell for the past 10 years, coming from Modesto, Calif., she was a homemaker.

She was a member of the United Methodist Church, Rozel, and Burdett Seniors, Burdett.

Other survivors include three daughters, Carolyn Whalen and Cherri Kelley, both of Hutchinson, and Connie Graves of Healy; four stepdaughters, Susan M. Pahl of Alamogordo, N.M., Barbara L. Rumpel of Palm Desert, Calif., Norma R. Rash of Reno, Nev., and Janice R. Gatz of Modesto, Calif.; 10 grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren, seven stepgrandchildren and seven stepgreat-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a son, Larry Polson, four brothers and an infant great-granddaughter.

Funeral will be at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday at the United Methodist Church in Rozel with Pastors Curt Edgecomb and Rich Zimmerman presiding. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday and from 9 to 11:30 a.m. Tuesday at Morell Funeral Home, Larned. Burial will be in the Garfield Cemetery, Garfield. Memorials may be sent to the United Methodist Church or Burdett Seniors in care of the funeral home.

Funeral arrangements provided by Morell Funeral Home
1021 Broadway/Box 124
Larned, KS 67550-0124
620-285-2177
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 11, 2007

John Brent Seltman 1947 - 2007

Nekoma, with Pastor Jim Martin presiding. There will be no visitation. Friends may sign a register from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday at Morell Funeral Home, Larned. Memorials to Union College may be sent in care of the funeral home.

Funeral arrangements provided by Morell Funeral Home
1021 Broadway/Box 124
Larned, KS 67550-0124
620-285-2177
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 11, 2007

Alberta "Penny" Louise Johnson 1939 - 2007

Alberta "Penny" Louise Johnson, 68, of Great Bend, died Nov. 9 at her home. She was born Feb. 19, 1939, at Crestwood, Ky., the daughter of Enoch and Alberta Louise Harris King. Her father died when she was very young. Her mother later married Henry R. Geher and the two raised the children together. Mrs. Johnson worked in Inventory and Quality Control for the Fuller Brush Company until her retirement. She was a resident of Great Bend for 60 years, coming from Louisville, Ky. Penny was an avid gardener, loved to travel, and was a devoted gourmet cook.

She was a member of Prince of Peace Parish at St. Patrick and its Altar Society. She was also a member of the Ladies Breakfast Club.

Survivors include four sons, Bradley Eugene Johnson of Port Hueneme, Calif., David Scott Johnson and wife Jacqueline of Johnson City, Texas, Michael Brian Johnson and wife Victoria of Santa Paula, Calif., and Mark Alan Johnson and wife Deborah of Wichita; one daughter, Natalie Ann Addison and husband Robert, of Carrollton, Texas; one brother, Wayne King of Las Vegas, Nev.; two sisters, Helen Fink of Gardendale, Ala., and Betty Goetz of Great Bend; eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

An Altar Society Rosary will be conducted at 4 p.m. Monday at Bryant Funeral Home, Great Bend, with a vigil service at 7 p.m., also at the funeral home. Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at St. Patrick Catholic Church, Great Bend, with Father Wesley Schawe officiating. Interment will be in Great Bend Cemetery. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday at the funeral home. Donations to a memorial fund for Golden Belt Home Health and Hospice may be made 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, Nov. 11, 2007

Melvadean Polson Francis 1924 - 2007

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Larry passed away at home after a serious illness. He is survived by his wife Sybil, his son Eric and daughter Jennifer, and one brother and two sisters. Interment will be at Fort Logan National Cemetery, Denver.

The family requests that, in lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his name to the Hospice of St. John, 1320 Everett Court, Lakewood, Co 80215.

Funeral arrangements provided by All Veterans Burial & Cremation* 3200 Wadsworth Blvd. Wheat Ridge, Co 80033 303-234-0911 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 11, 2007

Ethel (Doll) Lake 1911 - 2007

Ethel Marie (Doll) Lake, 95, died Oct. 11 in Buffalo, Mo. Born Dec. 6, 1911, in Ellinwood, she was the daughter of Frank Doll and Sophia Koett.

Survivors include two brothers, Homer and Lucian Doll, both of Wichita. She was preceded in death by her husband, Ralph Lake; stepdaughter Margie Simpson; and siblings, Clarence, Angeline, Charlotte, Estella, Leander, Roger and Mildred.

Graveside service will be at 1 p.m. on Nov. 17 at the Canton Cemetery in Canton.

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 11, 2007

November 9, 2007

Herman Adolph Steimel 1920 - 2007

SALINA — Herman Adolph Steimel, 87, died Nov. 7. Born Aug. 27, 1920, in Spearville, he was the son of Adolph and Anna (Durrer) Steimel. He grew up in Spearville and graduated from Spearville High School in 1938. He served in the United States Army in the China-Burma-India Theatre during World War II. After serving 3 1/2 years in the service, he married Waneta Vogel from Wright, on Jan. 15, 1946. Initially making their home in Dodge City and working for the Colorado Flour Mills, he moved his family to Claflin to continue his work for the company. From their marriage, Herman and Waneta had six children, three sons and three daughters. Herman and his wife lived in Claflin for nearly 50 years. They owned and operated S&H Lumber Company and retired in 1984. They moved to Salina in 1999.

Mr. Steimel was a member of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church in Salina, a lifetime member of Knights of Columbus, a lifetime member and past commander of the VFW in Claflin, was a parish council member at the Immaculate Conception Church in Claflin, and was a member of the Claflin Housing Board. He loved gardening, sports, card playing and family gatherings.

Survivors include his wife, Waneta A., of the home; two sons, Robert Steimel and his wife, Lorene of Concordia, and Lyle Steimel and his wife, Barbara of Cincinnati, Ohio; three daughters, Carol Ahlvers and her husband David of Salina, Sharon Steimel and her husband Steve Thomas of Hays, and Rose Steimel of Salina; two brothers, Alfred Steimel of Wright and Raymond Steimel of Washington, D.C.; two sisters, Teresa Barragrey of Dodge City and Bertha Woodward of Wichita; 14 grandchildren, Rodella Strait and her husband Jay, Pam Weiderholt and her husband Scott, Deborah Clair and her husband Joe, Charles Steimel and his wife Sarah, Carrie Beth Steimel, Leslie Amick and her husband Andrew, Nolan Ahlvers, Jessica Smith, Adam Steimel, Kimberly Steimel, Daniel Steimel, and Kelly Giebler and her husband Trevor, Eric Thomas and Drew Thomas, and 12 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a son, Glenn Steimel, in 1999 and his daughter-in-law, Maridel Steimel, in 1996.

A vigil and rosary service will be at 7 p.m. this evening at the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church in Salina. Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday at the church, with Father Frank Coady officiating. Burial with military rites by Fort Riley will follow in Mt. Calvary Cemetery in Salina. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. today at the Ryan Mortuary, 137 N. 8th in Salina, and from 6 to 8 p.m. today at the church. Memorials are to the church.

For information/contributions, visit www.ryanmortuary.com.

Funeral arrangements provided by Ryan Mortuary* 137 N. 8th Salina, KS 67401 785-825-4242 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 9, 2007

Elise Louise Weiss 1913 - 2007

Elise Louise Weiss, 94, died Nov. 7, at Renaissance Park Care Facility in Fort Worth, Texas. She was born April 22, 1913, in rural Barton County, the youngest child of Friedrich “Fred” Panning and Rosa Hammer Panning. She married Reinhard Theodor Weiss on Oct. 21, 1931, at her parents’ home in Ellinwood. He died on Oct. 16, 1987. Mrs. Weiss lived all of her life in Barton County and more than 55 years at 315 E. 3rd Street, Ellinwood, before moving to Texas in 1999 due to health reasons.

Mrs. Weiss attended Ellinwood schools and was a member of St. John’s Lutheran Church, Ellinwood. She was also a member of LML and Meadowlark EHU. Mrs. Weiss enjoyed gardening, especially tending to her peonies and lilac bushes. She was a landowner and homemaker.

Mrs. Weiss is survived by her daughter, Rose Joan Rhoades of Dodge City; two grandsons, Scott Rhoades and his wife Kayla of Arlington, Texas, and Mike Rhoades of Haysville; five great-grandchildren, Lacy and Kelcy Rhoades of Arlington, Texas, Andrew Rhoades of Pratt, and Alyssa and Austin Rhoades of Haysville; and numerous nieces and nephews. Mrs. Weiss was preceded in death by her parents; husband; six sisters, Alma Heine, Ida Bryant, Adella Schiewe, Laura Dupont, Emma Suhler, and Eleonora Trimpe; brother Frederick “Freddie” Panning; and son-in-law, Ron Rhoades.

Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. on Monday at St. John’s Lutheran Church in Ellinwood with the Rev. Jeff Frakes officiating. Burial will be at the Lakin-Comanche District Cemetery in Ellinwood. Friends may call from 1 to 8 p.m. Sunday with the family receiving friends from 3 to 5 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the St. John’s Lutheran Church Building Fund.

Funeral arrangements provided by Kimple, Inc. Funeral Home* 113 N. Main P.O. Box 246 Ellinwood, KS 67526 620-564-2160 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 9, 2007

Elizabeth Lehning Hanzlick 1911 - 2007

HOISINGTON — Elizabeth Lehning Hanzlick, 96, died Nov. 7 at Lutheran Home, WaKeeney. She was born June 20, 1911, on a farm near Susan, the daughter of George Adam and Katherine Elizabeth (Heinrich) Lehning. Elizabeth married Vernon Hanzlick on Feb. 9, 1930. He preceded her in death on Feb. 20, 1978. She was a homemaker and a Hoisington resident since 1975, coming from Beeler.

She was a member of First United Methodist Church and United Methodist Women, both of Hoisington. She was a volunteer for Friendship Meals, along with RSVP, for many years.

Survivors include a son, Jerry Hanzlick, and his wife Joyce, of Hill City; a daughter, Norma L. Christie and her husband, Larry, Wichita; five grandchildren, Doug Christie, Rod Christie, Julia (Hanzlick) Krumme, Joel Hanzlick and Jessica Hanzlick; and three great-grandchildren, Hannah Christie and Drake and Malie Krumme. She was preceded in death by a grandson, Jaret Hanzlick, six brothers and five sisters.

Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home, Hoisington, with Pastor Garry Dassow officiating. Burial will be at Hoisington Cemetery. Visitation will be from 1 to 8 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. to service time Saturday. The family will receive friends from 5 to 7 p.m. today at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the First United Methodist Church of Hoisington, United Methodist Church of Beeler or Lutheran Home of
ELLINWOOD — Elsie Louise Weiss, 94, died Nov. 7 at Renaissance Park Care Facility in Fort Worth, Texas. Born April 22, 1913, in rural Ellinwood, she was the daughter of Fred Panning and Rosa Hammer. A resident of Texas since 1999, formerly of Ellinwood, she was a homemaker and retired co-owner of Weiss Hardware. She married Reinhard T. Weiss on Oct. 21, 1931, in Ellinwood. He died Oct. 16, 1987.

Mrs. Weiss was a member of St. John’s Lutheran Church and L.W.M.L., both of Ellinwood, and Meadowlark EHU.

Survivors include a daughter, Rose Joan Rhoades of Dodge City; two grandsons, Scott L. Rhoades and wife Kayla of Arlington, Texas, and Mike Rhoades of Haysville; five great-grandchildren, Lacy and Kelsey Rhoades of Arlington, Texas, Andrew Rhoades of Pratt, and Alyssa and Austin Rhoades of Haysville. She was preceded in death by a brother, Fred; four sisters, Adella Schiewe, Laura Dupont, Emma Suhler and Eleonora Trimpe; and a son-in-law, Ron Rhoades.

Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. on Monday at St. John’s Lutheran Church in Ellinwood with the Rev. Jeff Frakes officiating. Burial will be at the Lakin-Comanche District Cemetery in Ellinwood. Friends may call from 1 to 8 p.m. Sunday with the family receiving friends from 3 to 5 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the St. John’s Lutheran Church Building Fund.

Funeral arrangements provided by Kimple, Inc. Funeral Home*. 113 North Main Ellinwood, KS 67526 620-564-2300 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 8, 2007

November 7, 2007

Jane Davis 1942 - 2007

HUTCHINSON — Marilyn “Jane” Davis, 65, of Hutchinson, went to be with her Lord on Nov. 4 at the Hospice House in Hutchinson after a year long battle with lung cancer. Born June 19, 1942, in Great Bend, she was the daughter of George Jr. and Ruth Huddleston Murdy. She lived in Haysville until she graduated from Haysville High School in 1960, then attended Colorado Women’s College in Denver, Colo. She married E. H. “Dave” Davis in Houston, Texas, on May 23, 1962. She resided in Texas for 10 years before returning to Haysville in 1972. She and her husband lived there until the Haysville tornado in 2001, when they moved to Hutchinson. She was the business manager and co-owner of Murdy Motors, the Ford dealership in Haysville, for 15 years with her husband. Later she worked in the human resources department at Fuller Brush in Great Bend for eight years.

Mrs. Davis was a member of Faith United Methodist Church and P.E.O. Chapter D, both of Hutchinson.

Survivors include her husband, of the home; a son, Rusty Davis and wife Sheri of Syracuse, Utah; three daughters, Missy Ricken and husband Doug of Las Animas, Colo., Jennifer Brungardt and husband Russell of Allen, Texas, and Dana Dreher and husband Rob of Hutchinson; a sister, Judy Weinacht of Longmont, Colo.; eight grandchildren, Amanda Long, Kyle and Kayla Davis, Alisa Ricken, Riley and Dawson Dreher, John and Victoria Brungardt; two great-grandchildren; and several cousins, nieces, nephews and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents and a grandson, Andrew Ricken.

Memorial service will be at 3 p.m. on Saturday at Faith United Methodist Church in Hutchinson. The family requests that in lieu of flowers, memorials be made to the Faith United Methodist Church or the Hutchinson Area Cancer Support Services, a division of Victory In The Valley, sent in care of Elliott Mortuary in Hutchinson.

Funeral arrangements provided by Elliott Mortuary* 1219 N. Main Hutchinson, KS. 67501 620-663-3327 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 7, 2007

Joseph "Joe" D. Alcott Sr. 1922 - 2007

BROKEN ARROW, OKLA. — Joseph “Joe” D. Alcott Sr. was born March 6, 1922, in Kenosha, Wis., the son of Joseph Stephens and Elgie (Gugerty) Alcott. He died Nov. 3 at Franciscan Villa in Broken Arrow, Okla. He was 85 years of age.

Joe was a 1940 graduate of Kenosha High School and the University of Wisconsin in 1943. He was a veteran of the United States Navy, serving on the USS “Irwin” DD794” in the Pacific during World War II. He graduated from Midshipman Naval Officers School at Columbia University in New York.

He married Blanche Lewis, his wife of 32 years, on Aug. 30, 1952, in Haysville. They moved to Broken Arrow in July of 1969 from Haysville. Blanche preceded him in death on June 8, 1983. Joe was a chemical engineer and manager of partner operations for Terra Resources, where he was responsible for wildcatting and discovering the most producing oil well in the state of Kansas. He also worked for Shell Oil and Farmland Industries, among other companies.

He enjoyed his family, the stock market, and traveling. He received his degree as a Doctor of Naturopathy and established Change Ltd., a nonprofit organization, teaching people about wellness and pulmonary disease. He volunteered for Meals on Wheels.
He was a member of St. Benedict’s Parish Council and several small faith groups.

Survivors include four daughters, Miriam and husband Ray Percy of Broken Arrow, Okla., Mary and husband Bruce Maddux of Ponca City, Okla., Liz and husband J.D. Hammock of Edmond, Okla., and Virginia and husband Bryan Caskey of Shawnee, Okla.; two sons, John and wife Jeanne Alcott, Katy, Texas, and Joe Alcott Jr. of Ponca City, Okla.; grandchildren Jerry, David, Emilee, Joseph, Jordan, Garrett, Jason, Mark, Morgan, and Peyton; and great-grandchildren Joshua, Addison, and Jacob. He was preceded in death by two sisters, Joyce Radwill, Lois Sorensen; and his parents.

Funeral Mass has been scheduled for 11 a.m. Friday at the Church of St. Benedict in Broken Arrow. Celebrants will be Monsignor Patrick Gaalaas, Father Joe Townsend and Father James McGlinchey. Burial will be at Calvary Cemetery in Tulsa, Okla., under the direction of Hayhurst Funeral Home. A Rosary will be held at 7 p.m. on Thursday at the church. Viewing will be from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to Henna Preschool in Johannesburg, Africa, established by the Catholic Church, in care of Mary Maddux, 146 Whitworth, Ponca City, Okla., 74601 or to Alcott Ministries, P.O. Box 3400, Broken Arrow, Okla., 74013. Online guest book may be signed or leave a memory of Joe by going to www.hayhurstfuneralhome.com and clicking online tributes.

Funeral arrangements provided by Hayhurst Funeral Home*
1660 S. Elm Pl.
Broken Arrow, Okla. 74012
918-258-9623
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 7, 2007
D. LaDene Broughton 1927 - 2007

FORT DODGE — D. LaDene Broughton, 80, died Nov. 4 at Via Christi Regional Medical Center, St. Francis Campus, Wichita. She was born July 17, 1927, in Hoisington, the daughter of Lester and Etta Izora Sommers Stratman. She graduated from Geneseo High School in 1948. A resident of Geneseo since 1918, she was a homemaker. She married Joseph “Joe” W. Hunter on March 26, 1930 at Geneseo. He died May 15, 2001.

Mrs. Hunter was a member of the United Methodist Church, United Methodist Women, former Women’s Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary, past president of Parent Teachers Association, and E.H.U., all of Geneseo; and Rice County Republican Women.

Survivors include three sons, Wayne Hunter of Belton, Texas, Clayton Hunter of Wichita and Homer Hunter of Monument; three daughters, Estelle Schmidt of Geneseo, Joan Kruse of Liberal and Phyllis Gray of Wilson; a brother, Kenneth Stratman of Greeley, Colo.; 14 grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren; 16 great-great-grandchildren; two step-great-grandchildren; and three step-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one son, Everett Broughton; a grandson, Warren Schmidt; a great-grandson, Luke Fitzgerald; and a brother, Robert Stratman.

Funeral service will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday at the United Methodist Church in Geneseo with the Rev. Ticia Bennett officiating. Burial will be at the Geneseo Cemetery. Friends may visit from 2 to 8 p.m. today at Birzer-Sillin Funeral Home in Lyons. Memorials are suggested to the United Methodist Church in Geneseo or Lyons District Hospital Swing Bed Unit, in care of the funeral home.

Funeral arrangements provided by Birzer-Sillin Funeral Home
214 West. Ave. South
Lyons, KS 67554
620-257-2271
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 6, 2007
D. LaDene Broughton 1927 - 2007

FORT DODGE — D. LaDene Broughton, 80, died Nov. 4 at Via Christi Regional Medical Center, St. Francis Campus, Wichita. She was born July 17, 1927, in Hoisington, the daughter of Lester and Dora Aldridge Brewer. She married Jack Broughton on June 3, 1947, in Hoisington. A Fort Dodge resident, moving from Larned, she was a homemaker.

Mrs. Broughton was a member of the First Christian Church, in Larned.

Survivors include her husband, of the home; three sons, Ron Broughton and wife Jayne, Owasso, Okla., Jack Edward Broughton and wife Laura, Woodlands, Texas, and Kevin Broughton, Woodlands, Texas; three daughters, LeeAnn Castaneda and husband Earnest, Amarillo, Texas, Kerri Lainge; and husband Bryan, Larned, and Lisa Broughton, Larned; one brother, T.O. Brewer, Hoisington; one sister, Delores Lindsay and husband Lester, Olmitz; 18 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one son, Everett Broughton; one brother, Everett Brewer; and two sisters, Elva Schugart and Vera Branyan.

Funeral Service will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Burkhart-Ziegler Funeral Chapel in Dodge City with Phil Scott presiding. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. today at the funeral chapel. Burial will be at the Kansas Veterans Cemetery at Fort Dodge. The family suggests memorials to the Fort Dodge Library, the Chapel Services at Via Christi St. Frances Hospital, or the First Christian Church, Dodge City, all in care of the funeral home. 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, Nov. 7, 2007
David W. Weathers 1940 - 2007

David W. Weathers, 66, of Great Bend, died Nov. 3 at his residence. He was born Dec. 18, 1940, at Great Bend, the son of Herman and Josephine Waller Weathers. He worked for the Ford Motor Company in the parts record department, retiring in January of 2000. He was a U.S. Air Force veteran. He was a resident of Great Bend since 2000, coming from Norwalk, Calif.

Weathers was a member of First Congregational United Church of Christ in Great Bend.

Survivors include a son, Michael Weathers, Downey, Calif.; step-son Tony Watts, Kern County, Calif.; step-daughter Tammy Pahel, Corona, Calif.; a brother, Tom Weathers, Alton, Ill.; two sisters, Virginia Schneider, Roseburg, Ore., and Jane Warnken, Hutchinson; and four step-grandchildren.

Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at the church in Great Bend, with the Rev. Diana Coberly officiating. Interment will be in the Great Bend Cemetery, with military honors provided by the U.S. Air Force. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Memorial donations are suggested to the First Congregational United Church of Christ and may be made 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, Nov. 7, 2007
November 6, 2007
Dorothy M. Hunter 1910 - 2007

GENESEO — Dorothy M. Hunter, 97, of Geneseo, died Nov. 3 at Lyons District Hospital. Born July 2, 1910, in Denver, Colo., she was the daughter of John and Etta Izora Sommers Stratman. She graduated from Geneseo High School in 1928. A resident of Geneseo since 1918, she was a homemaker. She married Joseph “Joe” W. Hunter on March 26, 1930 at Geneseo. He died May 15, 2001.

Survivors include three sons, Wayne Hunter of Belton, Texas, Clayton Hunter of Wichita and Homer Hunter of Monument; three daughters, Estelle Schmidt of Geneseo, Joan Kruse of Liberal and Phyllis Gray of Wilson; a brother, Kenneth Stratman of Greeley, Colo.; 14 grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren; 16 great-great-grandchildren; two step-great-grandchildren; and three step-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one son, John W. Hunter; a daughter, Velta Joyce Hunter; a grandson, Warren Schmidt; a great-grandson, Luke Fitzgerald; and a brother, Robert Stratman.

Funeral service will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday at the United Methodist Church in Geneseo with the Rev. Ticia Bennett officiating. Burial will be at the Geneseo Cemetery. Friends may visit from 2 to 8 p.m. today at Birzer-Sillin Funeral Home in Lyons. Memorials are suggested to the United Methodist Church in Geneseo or Lyons District Hospital Swing Bed Unit, in care of the funeral home.

Funeral arrangements provided by Birzer-Sillin Funeral Home
214 West. Ave. South
Lyons, KS 67554
620-257-2271
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 6, 2007
D. LaDene Broughton 1927 - 2007

FORT DODGE — D. LaDene Broughton, 80, died Nov. 4 at Via Christi Regional Medical Center, St. Francis Campus, Wichita. She was born July 17, 1927, in Hoisington, the daughter of Lester and Dora Aldridge Brewer. She married Jack Broughton on June 3, 1947, in Hoisington. A Fort Dodge resident, moving from Larned, she was a homemaker. On June 3, 1947, she married Jack Broughton in Hoisington. He survives.

She was a member of the First Christian Church in Larned.

Other survivors include three sons, Ron Broughton and wife Jayne, Owasso, Okla., Jack Edward Broughton and wife Laura, and Kevin Broughton, all of Woodlands, Texas; three daughters, LeeAnn Castaneda and husband Earnest, Amarillo, Texas, Kerri Lainge and
Mr. Sieker was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church of Ellinwood, was president of the congregation, a choir member, a USD 401 School Board member, a member of the Chase Co-op Board, and a Raymond Township trustee.

Survivors, in addition to his wife, of the home, include three sons, Ron and Barb Sieker of Dodge City; Richard and Patty Sieker of Russell and Robert and Carol Sieker of Chase; a daughter, Carolyn Poole of Stafford; six grandchildren, Michelle and Doug Adams, Audrey and Casey Rynerson, Brian Sieker, Kurt Sieker, Emily Poole and Melody Poole; and a great-grandson, Parker Rynerson. He was preceded in death by a brother, Harry Sieker Jr., and a daughter, Cheryl Ann Sieker.

Funeral service will be at 1:30 p.m. Monday at St. John's Lutheran Church, Ellinwood, with Pastor Jeff Frakes officiating. Burial will be at Lakin-Comanche District Cemetery, Ellinwood. Visitation will be from 1 to 8 p.m. today at Kimple Funeral Home, Ellinwood, with the family receiving friends from 5 to 7 p.m., and from 9 a.m. to noon Monday at the funeral home. Memorials have been established for the Lutheran Church Altar Guild and the Ellinwood District Hospital Auxiliary.

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

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 4, 2007

Dale V. Phillips 1914 - 2007

Dale V. Phillips, 93, of Great Bend, died Nov. 3 at his daughter's home in Great Bend. Born June 17, 1914, at Lake City, he was the son of Cyrus V. and Edith Swope Phillips. He married Helen Louise Powers on Oct. 6, 1945, at Longview, Texas. She died April 29, 2002. He was co-owner of Phillips Sporting Goods for 32 years. He had lived in Great Bend since 1945, coming from Longview, Texas. He graduated from Coats High School at Coats. He was a U.S. Army veteran, serving in World War II.

Mr. Phillips was a member of First United Methodist Church, Masonic Lodge No. 15 and York Rite, American Legion Post 180, VFW Post 3111, Eagles Lodge, a former volunteer for Meals on Wheels and RSVP, and a Boy Scout leader, all of Great Bend. He was also an avid hunter, fisherman, woodcarver and gardener.

Survivors include a son, Randall S. Phillips, of Great Bend; a daughter, Renee Patterson and husband David, of Great Bend; two grandchildren, Justin Kruse and Nicholas Kruse, both of Hays; three stepgrandchildren, four stepgreat-grandchildren, and nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by four brothers, Paul, Earl, Glen and Loyd Phillips, and a sister, Bettye Nelson.
A memorial service will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Bryant Funeral Home, Great Bend, with the Rev. Gary Brooks officiating. Inurnment will be at the Great Bend Cemetery, with Military Rites conducted by a Fort Riley Honor Guard and Masonic Rites conducted by Great Bend Masonic Lodge No. 15. There will be no visitation, as cremation has taken place. Memorial funds have been established for the Sunflower Shriners Travel Fund and for First United Methodist Church. Condolences may be sent and notice viewed at www.bryanfh.net.

Funeral arrangements provided by Bryant Funeral Home*
1425 Patton Road
Great Bend, KS 67530
620-793-3525
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 4, 2007
November 2, 2007
Shirley Jacqueline Delp 1935 - 2007

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla. — Shirley Jacqueline Delp, 72, of Oklahoma City, left this world for a place reserved in Heaven on Oct. 30. She was born Aug. 2, 1935, in Barnsdall, Okla. Words are inadequate to describe her impact on the lives of those she touched. She was preceded in death by her first husband, Marion Weese. She is survived by her mother, Hazel Straw of Oklahoma City; husband, Dean Delp of Oklahoma City; five daughters, Terri Simmons and husband, Dean Delp of Oklahoma City; mother, Hazel Straw of Oklahoma City; 15 grandchildren; one great-grandchild; a sister, Ruby Harvey and husband Dave of Ochelata, Okla.; and a brother, George Straw of Dallas, Texas. Services will be held at 10:30 a.m. at Crossings Community Church, 14600 N. Portland, Oklahoma City, on Saturday, Nov. 3. In lieu of flowers, Shirley would have wanted donations made to The American Heart Association, P.O. Box 15186, Austin, TX 78761.

Funeral arrangements provided by
Mercer-Adams Funeral Service*
3925 N. Asbury
Bethany, OK 73008
405-495-4363
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 2, 2007
Glynis M. Boyd 1942 - 2007

SALINA — Glynis M. Boyd, 65, Salina, died Tuesday, Oct. 30, at her residence. She was a homemaker, and was the former manager of the Diet Center in Salina. Glynis M. Dawe was born in Bridgeton, N.J., on April 4, 1942, the daughter of the late Paul E. and Marjorie Irene (Vought) Dawe. She married Ronald "Butch" M. Boyd on April 3, 1965, in Detroit, Mich., and he survives.

Survivors include two daughters, Karry L. Deschner of Great Bend and Tracie L. Schneider of Salina; one son, Ron P. Boyd, of Kipp; one sister, Kathi M. Webb of Cottage Grove, Ore.; two brothers, Paul “Rocky” Dawe of Salina and Douglas J. M. Dawe of Sebastopol, Calif.; she is also survived by 10 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents and a grandson, Justin Deschner.

At the family’s request there will be no visitation. A celebration of her life with be at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Salina, 730 Holly Lane, Box 2238, Salina, KS 67401. For more information or to send an email condolences, visit www.carlsonfh.net.

Funeral arrangements provided by
Carlson-Geisendorf Funeral Home
500 S. Ohio
Salina, KS 67401
785-823-3456
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 2, 2007
Etta E. Ward Gilmore 1916 - 2007

GOTHENBURG, Neb. — Etta E. Ward Gilmore, 91, died Nov. 1 at Gothenburg Memorial Hospital Long Term Care in Gothenburg, Neb. Born June 24, 1916, near Macksville, she was the daughter of Albert and Myrtle Evans Wilson. She married C.J. "Jack" Ward at Macksville at June 10, 1933. He died July 19, 1978. She married Glen Gilmore at Larned on April 4, 1986. He died June 29, 2001. She was a resident of Larned from 1969 until 2002, moving to Gothenburg to be with family. She was a retired food service worker at Larned State Hospital.

Mrs. Gilmore was a member of the Fort Larned Lions Club, Good Sams and the Welcome Inn Seniors, all of Larned, and was an avid bowler.

Survivors include two sons, Dwayne Ward of Boise, Idaho, and Wesley Ward of Louisville, Colo.; three daughters, Marietta Miller and Carol Cheetsos, both of Gothenburg, Neb., and Donna Sever of Modesto, Calif.; 14 grandchildren; 11 stepgrandchildren; 27 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two infant sons, Robert and Ronald; one brother, James Wilson; and seven sisters, Eula Dibble, Hazel White, Ella Wilson, Velma Wilkerson, Ethel Kell, Bertha White and Laura Love.

Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Morell Funeral Home in Larned. Burial will be at Farmington Cemetery in Macksville. Friends may visit from 1 to 8 p.m. on Sunday with the family receiving friends from 9 a.m. to service time on Monday at the funeral home. Memorials may be sent to the Welcome Inn Senior Center, 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, Nov. 2, 2007
Hermilia Rios De Molina 1947 - 2007

Hermilia Rios De Molina, 60, of Great Bend, died Oct. 31 at Central Kansas Medical Center, Great Bend. She was born June 27, 1947, at Ojinaga, Chihuahua, Mexico, the daughter of Ramon and Concepcion Olivas Rios. She married Raul Molina in 1959 at Ojinaga, Chihuahua, Mexico. She survives. She was a homemaker and a resident of Great Bend since 1992, coming from Ojinaga, Chihuahua.

She was a member of Iglesia de la Cosecha, Great Bend.

Survivors, in addition to her husband, of Great Bend, include three sons, Roberto Molina, Raul Molina and Felipe Molina, all of Great Bend; five daughters, Manuela Molina, Argelia Molina, Edeolina Molina, Luz Estela Molina and Miroslava Molina, all of Great Bend; many brothers; two sisters; 22 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 8, at St. Jose Catholic Church in Odessa, Texas. Visitation will be from 1 to 9 p.m. Sunday and 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday at Bryant Funeral Home, Great Bend. Condolences may be sent and notice viewed at www.bryanfh.net.

Funeral arrangements provided by
Bryant Funeral Home*
1425 Patton Road
Great Bend, KS 67530
620-793-3525
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 2, 2007
November 1, 2007
Lois Wright 1939 - 2007

GLAZIER, Texas — Lois Wright, 67, died Oct. 30 in Canadian, Texas. Born Dec. 21, 1939 in Taloga, Okla., to the late Mr. Bert Gastineau and Mrs. Helen Gates Gastineau, she was a 1958 graduate of Mooreland High School. She married Walter O. Wright on May 3, 1958, in Glazier, Texas. He departed this life on Feb. 19, 2001. Lois worked as an administrative assistant in an oil company. During the time Walter worked with the United States Army they lived in Germany, Fort Bliss, Texas, Fort Hood, Texas, New York, N.Y., and Alaska. They returned to Glazier in 1978. Lois enjoyed reading, crafts and family time. She nurtured and loved all who knew her.

She is survived by three brothers, Beryle Gastineau of Glazier, Texas, Gene Gastineau of Liberty, Mo., and J.E. Gastineau and wife Carol of Woodward, Okla.; one sister, Anna Faye Hensley and husband Leroy of Great Bend; two aunts, Margaret Smith of Seiling, Okla., and Louise Gates of Lawton, Okla.; two...
Graveside service will be at 10:30 a.m. today at Glazier Cemetery with Gary Jahnel officiating. Burial will follow under the direction of Hughs Funeral Home of Canadian, Texas. The family suggests memorials be made to Hemphill County Hospice, 1020 S. 4th, Canadian, TX 79014 or American Cancer Society, 3915 Bell Ave., Amarillo, TX 79109. You may send condolences online at www.hughsfuneralhome.com.

Funeral arrangements provided by Hughs Funeral Home*
325 Kingman Ave.
P.O. Box 65
Canadian, TX
806-323-6431
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 1, 2007

Glynis M. Boyd 1942 - 2007

SALINA — Glynis M. Boyd, 65, of Salina, died Oct. 30 at her residence. She was a homemaker, and was the former manager of the Diet Center in Salina.

Glynis M. Dawe was born in Bridge ton, N.J., on April 4, 1942, the daughter of the late Paul E. and Marjorie Irene (Ought) Awe. She married Ronald "Butch" M. Boyd on April 3, 1965, in Detroit, Mich., and he survives.

Survivors include two daughters, Carey L. Destine of Great Bend and Trace L. Schneider of Salina; one son, Ron P. Boyd of Kipp; one sister, Kathi M. Webb of Cottage Grove, Ore.; two brothers, Paul "Rocky" Awe of Salina and Douglas J. M. Awe of Sebastopol, Calif.; she is also survived by 10 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents and a grandson, Justin Destine.

At the family's request there will be no visitation. A celebration of her life will be at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Salina, 730 Holly Lane, Box 2238, Salina, KS 67401. For more information or to send an email condolences, visit www.carlsonfh.net.

Funeral arrangements provided by Carlson-Geisendorf Funeral Home
500 S. Ohio
Salina, KS 67401
785-823-3456
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 1, 2007

Wayne William Barger
PORT ST. LUCIE, Fla. — Wayne William Barger, 71, of Port St. Lucie, passed away Oct. 28, at his residence. He was born in Barton County, and had been a resident of Port St. Lucie for the past 20 years, coming from Great Bend. Prior to retirement he was owner and operator of Barger Electric in Great Bend, and in Port St. Lucie.

He was a veteran, having served with the United States Army. He was a member of the Central Kansas Builders Association and a member of the Great Bend Electrical Board. He was a member of Redeemer Lutheran Church in Stuart, Fla., where he was a soloist and member of the church choir. He served as an elder at the church as well.

Survivors include his wife of 49 1/2 years, Kathleen Z. Barger of Port St. Lucie; one son, Jan William Barger of Palm City, Fla.; three daughters, Shanda Azzi of Stuart, Fla., Sonya Ivy of Oklahoma City, Okla., and Lori Barger of Jensen Beach, Fla.; 10 grandchildren, one great-grandchild and four sisters, Iona Ramsey of Pensacola, Fla., Leila Harders of Benton, Kan., Alene Clarke of Great Bend and Shirley Likes of Mechanicsburg, Pa.

Visitation will be Friday, Nov. 2, from 4 to 7 p.m. at Yates Funeral Home Chapel in Port St. Lucie. Funeral services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. at the Redeemer Lutheran Church in Stuart, with Pastor David Albers officiating. Interment will be in Forest Hills Memorial Park, Palm City, Fla.

Those who wish may make contributions to Redeemer Lutheran Church Music Department, 2450 East Ocean Blvd., Stuart, Fla., or to Pancreatic Cancer Action Network, 2141 Rosecrans Avenue, Suite 7000, El Segundo, CA 90219 at www.pancan.org.

Yates Funeral Home*
7951 South U.S. 1
Port St. Lucie, FL 34952
772-878-2300
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 1, 2007

Nina I. Alsup 1926 - 2007

ELLINWOOD — Nina I. Alsup, 81, died Oct. 27 at Ellinwood District Hospital. Born Sept. 27, 1926, in Osawatomie, she was the daughter of Peter Yocum and Ada MacKenzie. A resident of Ellinwood for the past 37 years, formerly of Neodesha and Osawatomie, she was a retired food service worker for Woodhaven Care Center in Ellinwood. She married John A. Alsup on Dec. 24, 1953, at Osawatomie. He died on Oct. 16, 2000.

Mrs. Alsup was a member of the United Methodist Church and Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary, both in Ellinwood.

Visitors include two sons, William M. and wife Rashell Alsup of Ellinwood and Jeff A. and Charlene Alsup of Great Bend; two daughters, Susan G. and Jim Anderson and Barbara J. Carter, all of Wichita; a brother, Don Yocum of Bakersfield, Calif.; six grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Graveside service will be at 1:30 p.m. today at Lakin-Comanche District Cemetery with the Rev. Vernon Mealter officiating. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to noon today. Memorials are suggested to United Methodist Women and the VFW Auxiliary.

Funeral arrangements provided by Kimple, Inc. Funeral Home
113 N. Main
Ellinwood, KS 67526
620-564-2300
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 1, 2007

December 30, 2007
Melvin A. Battin 1933 - 2007

LARNED — Melvin A. Battin, 74, died Dec. 27 at Larned Healthcare Center, Larned. He was born April 26, 1933, in Larned, the son of C. Melvin and Opal E. Kennedy Battin. On May 30, 1958, he married Joann Levy at Ensenada, Baja California, Mexico. She survives. A resident of Larned, he was a retired assistant consumer credit commissioner for the State of Kansas. He graduated from Great Bend High School with the Class of 1951 and graduated from Kansas State University with the Class of 1955.

He belonged to the First United Methodist Church, Larned, and Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity.

Survivors, in addition to his wife, include a son, Austin Battin and wife Carla, of Larned; two daughters, Susan Hager and husband William, of Radium, and Sarah Wehmeier and husband Wendall, of Turpin, Okla.; seven grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents and one sister, Peggy Ann Roper.

A memorial service will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Morell Funeral Home, Larned, with the Rev. Bill Fitzgerrel presiding. Cremation has taken place. Visitation will be from 8 a.m. until service time Monday at the funeral home. Burial will be at a later date in the Larned Cemetery. Memorials may be sent to the Larned Emergency Medical Service or the Larned Healthcare Center, in care of the funeral home.

Funeral arrangements provided by:
Morell Funeral Home*
1021 Broadway/P.O. Box 124
Larned, KS 67550-0124
620-285-2177
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 30, 2007

Sister Mary Urban Hitschmann OP 1930 - 2007

Sister Mary Urban Hitschmann, 77, died Dec. 29 in the Dominican Sisters' convent infirmary in Great Bend. Born Nov. 20, 1930, in Redwing, as Celestine...
Marie Hitschmann, Sister Mary Urban was the daughter of the late Frank and Veronica Feltz Hitschmann. She entered the Dominican Sisters’ Com-munity Nov. 1, 1954, and pronounced her first vows June 13, 1957. She celebrated 50 years of religious profession in 2007.

Sister Urban worked in health care for 32 years of her ministerial life, working as a nurse, floor supervisor, head nurse, psychiatric nurse and chemotherapy, ICU and ER nurse in the Community’s four hospitals – St. Joseph Memorial in Larned, Sacred Heart in Lamar, Colo., St. Catherine in Garden City and Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend. Her second ministry, which she began in 1989, was housing manager at Cedar Park Place in Great Bend, a Housing and Urban Development housing facility for the elderly and handicapped. She retired in 2001 due to illness.

She is survived by one brother, Everett of Hoising-ton.

Sister Urban’s body will be brought to the hospitality area of the Dominican Chapel of the Plains, 3600 Broadway, Great Bend, at 4:30 p.m. today, where it will lie in state until the Liturgy of Christian Burial at 10 a.m. on Monday at the convent. A wake service will be held at 7 p.m. today at the convent. Visitation is from 5 to 8 p.m. today and Monday morning until the funeral at the convent. Burial will be in the Sisters’ Resurrection Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to: Dominican Sisters Ministry Fund, Office of Mission and Ministry, 3600 Broadway, Great Bend, KS 67530-3692.


Robert Virgil Cockerham 1910 - 2007

SMITHVILLE, Okla. — Robert Virgil Cockerham, 97, of Smithville, Okla., passed away Dec. 23 at Rebold Manor in Okmulgee, Okla., where he had resided for the past year. Robert “Robbie” Cockerham was born at Hartley, Ark., on Nov. 14, 1910, to Daniel and Mattie Cockerham. In 1926, his family moved to Octavia, Okla. He married Lucille Hicks at Poteau, Okla., Sept. 29, 1945, and they made their home at Octavia until moving to Kansas in 1954. Robert worked as a farmer at Rozel for many years before taking a position in maintenance at Larned State Hospital. In 1976, he retired back to his home in Octavia, Okla. His wife died Aug. 20, 2001, and he went to live with his daughters in Hartshorne and Okmulgee, Okla.

Mr. Cockerham enjoyed planting and tending a large garden at Octavia, attending Senior Citizens at Okmulgee and Hartshorne, fishing, the annual Civilian Conservation Corps reunion at Cedar Lake near Hodgdon, Okla., and the fellowship of church and family.

Mr. Cockerham is survived by his children: June and Jay Beachel, Okmulgee, Okla.; Jane and George Bishop, Hartshorne, Okla.; Jeanne and John Singer, Englewood, Colo.; Joann Charlton, Okmulgee, Okla., and Jack and Elaine Cockerham, Mountainburg, Ark.; brother-in-law Howard and wife, Ann Hicks of Morrison, Okla.; sister-in-law Edith Jackson, Tulsa, Okla.; 14 grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

The third of nine children, Robbie was predeceased by sisters Nannie Lacey, Bertha Shadwick, Eunice Myers, Mae Cocke

Cockerham and Lettie Herring and brothers Roscoe, Barnie and Jack.

Funeral service was Thursday, Dec. 27, at 2 p.m. in the Octavia Baptist Church with the Rev. Ed Rogers and the Rev. Doy Shipman presiding. Interment followed in the Octavia Cemetery. Online obituary is at www.beasleywoodfuneralhome.com.

Funeral arrangements provided by Beasley-Wood Funeral Home* 611 Janssen Ave. P.O. Box 317 Mena, AR 71953 479-394-1310 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 28, 2007 December 27, 2007

Thomas Jay Doll 1957 - 2007

MEEKER, Colo. — Thomas Jay Doll passed away suddenly in Meeker on Dec. 23. He was born Feb. 6, 1957, in Great Bend, the son of Gerald and Rita Miller Doll, and was a longtime resident of the Clifton area. Tom attended school in Clifton and graduated from Clifton High School in 1975. He participated in all sports activities, emphasizing football in preparation for his college career. Tom was a walk-on for the football program at Fort Hays State University, earning a full scholarship and graduating with a degree in industrial arts in May 1979.

Tom was inducted into the Fort Hays State University Hall of Fame on Oct. 24, 1992, for the following honors: Honorable mention Little All-American running back in 1975; Honorable mention National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics All-American in 1975 and 1978. First-team All-Central States Intercollegiate Conference 1978. Second-team All-Central States Intercollegiate Conference in 1976. NAIA All-District 10 selection in 1975. He owns seven of the nine FHSU rushing records, including marks for yards in a season (1,536 in 1978) and career (4,477 in 1992-1978).

Tom met Janet Whitfield in Scottsdale, Ariz., in 1984, playing co-ed softball. They were married June 6, 1987, in Plano, Ill. Tom worked in the carpentry field until 1989, when he went to work for ANR Pipeline in Sandwich, Ill. In August 2000, Tom moved his family to Meeker, Colo., where he took a position with American Soda. He went to work for Shell Oil Company in 2004.

Tom lived life like he played football. He was an avid hunter and fisherman. He loved to go 4-wheeling looking for animal horns, fishing in his Tracker boat and snowmobiling in the winter. Every September his buddies came to hunt at the Sullivan cabin. Stories and events will be remembered forever.

Survivors include his wife of 20 years, Janet; his son, Jared, and daughter,
Elaine Ensminger Mauck 1922 - 2007

Elaine Ensminger Mauck, longtime Great Bend resident, passed away Dec. 21 surrounded by her family and devoted aide, Tausha Davis, at the home of her daughter and son-in-law, Vickie and Ed McKenney, in Manchester, Conn. Elaine was born March 30, 1922, at Marion. Elaine was a lifelong resident of Great Bend until she moved in January 2005 to be near her daughter in Manchester. She traveled throughout the world with her daughter and many of her friends.

She was involved in many organizations, including ESA sorority, Meals on Wheels and United Methodist Women, but her passion was golf. She was an avid golfer and supporter of the women’s and junior golf programs. She loved playing golf with her son, Jerry, who visited often from Alaska. In tribute to her, the family asks for memorials to be made to her favorite golf course, Lake Barton Golf Club, Box 666, Great Bend, KS 67530.

Survivors include her son, Jerry Ensminger of Anchorage, Alaska; her daughter, Vickie McKenney and husband Ed of Manchester, Conn.; brother, Harry Pierce of Wichita; numerous nieces, nephews and a host of good friends. She was preceded in death by death by her husbands, SL “Bud” Ensminger, the father of her daughters and a host of good friends. She was preceded in death by her beloved father, Gerald Doll, in 1981.

A memorial service will be held at 10:30 a.m. Jan. 3 at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Claflin, with Father Meinrad Miller celebrant. Inurnment will be at Claflin Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to the charity or organization of the donor’s choice in care of Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home, Hoisington.

Funeral arrangements provided by Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home* 415 North Main/Box 146 Hoisington, KS 67544 620-653-4165

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 27, 2007

Elizabeth Ann Woydziak 1929 - 2007

HOISINGTON — Elizabeth Ann Woydziak, 78, died Dec. 23 at Fresenius Medical Center, Great Bend. She was born Sept. 1, 1929, in Barton County, the daughter of Fred A. and Eleanor (Linsner) Wondra. She married Bernard S. Woydziak on Aug. 16, 1949, in Hoisington. He preceded her in death on March 8, 2001.

She was a homemaker and a lifetime resident of Hoisington.

She was a member of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, the Altar Society and Clara Barton Hospital Auxiliary, all of Hoisington. She was also a member of Farm Bureau.

Survivors include two sons, Stephen Woydziak and his wife Sue, of Lyons, and David Woydziak and his wife, Ida, of Hoisington; four daughters, Joyce Hanzlick and her husband, Jerry of Hill City, Judy McDonald and her husband, Terry, of Mayetta, Connie Geiger and her husband, Warren, of Olusburg, and Jeannie Komarek of Hays; a brother, Wilfred Wondra and his wife Linda, of Hewitt, Texas; a sister, Rita McDonald of Canada; 15 grandchildren and “12 8/9ths” great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a grandson, Jared Hanzlick, a brother, Robert Wondra, and two sisters, Leona Elliott and Pauline Mater.

A vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Friday followed by an Altar Society Rosary, both at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home, Hoisington. Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, Hoisington, with Father Dwight Bircket officiating. Burial will be at St. John Cemetery, Hoisington. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Memorial donations to the church or to the Make A Wish Foundation may be made in care of the funeral home.

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Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 27, 2007

December 26, 2007

Ray Alois Moeder 1924 - 2007

Ray Alois Moeder, 83, died Dec. 23 at his residence in Great Bend. Born Sept. 10, 1924, in Odin, he was the son of Edward and Ida Penka Moeder. He married Bernadine Demel on April 8, 1947, at Odin. She survives. A lifetime resident of Barton County, he began employment and later became president of Western Truck Equipment where he worked for over 50 years. He worked hard to continually provide for his family.

Mr. Moeder was a World War II veteran serving with the United States Army. He was a member of the Elks BPOE Lodge 1127, the American Legion Post 180, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3111, Prince of Peace Parish at St. Rose and the Knights of Columbus, all of Great Bend.

Survivors include his wife, Bernadine Moeder, of the home; seven sons, Ray J. Moeder and wife Carol of Larned, Don Moeder and wife Marilyn, Ken Moeder,
and Alan Moeder and wife Gail, all of Great Bend; Bob Moeder of Lenexa; Randy Moeder and wife Patty of Oklahoma City, Okla.; and Pat Moeder and wife Amy of Winter Springs, Fla.; five daughters, Joyce Moeder of Columbia, Mo., Jolene Biggs and husband Craig of Great Bend, Linda Salem and husband Bob of Salina, Brenda Moeder of Warrensburg, Mo., and Renee Rockers and husband Wes of Evansville, Ind.; four brothers, Leo Moeder of Odin, Eddie Moeder of Hutchinson, and Larry Moeder and Rich Moeder of Great Bend; three sisters, Monica Schneider of Olmitz, Vi Prosser of Larned and Mary Ann Fischer of Plainville; 22 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a daughter, Donna Schmidt; and two brothers, Leonard Moeder and August Moeder.

Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. today with Knights of Columbus Rosary at Bryant Funeral Home. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. on Thursday at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church in Great Bend with Father Wesley Schawe and Father Dermot Tighe officiating. Burial will be at the Great Bend Cemetery with Military Rites conducted by Fort Riley Honor Guard. Friends may visit from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. today at Bryant Funeral Home. Memorials are suggested to Barton County Community College Foundation Memorial Scholarship for Donna Schmidt or 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.

Funeral arrangements provided by Bryant Funeral Home* 1425 Patton Road Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-3525 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 26, 2007

Sylvia D. Hoagland 1919 - 2007

HUTCHINSON — Sylvia D. Hoagland, 88, died Dec. 22 at Elm Grove Estates in Hutchinson. Born Jan. 16, 1919, in rural Hanston, she was the daughter of George and Maide Hoff Powell. A longtime resident of Burdett, moving to Hutchinson in 2005, she was a homemaker and retired school cook and manager in Burdett School. She married Merrill L. Hoagland on Sept. 12, 1938, at Larned. He died Aug. 13, 2000.

Mrs. Hoagland was a member of the United Methodist Church and United Methodist Women, a charter member of the Burdett Seniors, all of Burdett, the Cow Belles of Pawnee County and the Federation of Women Clubs.

Survivors include a son, Farrel of Goddard; a daughter, Gloria Drelling of Hutchinson; five grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by five brothers, Chester, Lester, Roy, George and Muril Powel; and three sisters, Beirnie Macy, Hazel Salmans and Bernice Dixon.

Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. on Thursday at the United Methodist Church in Burdett with Pastor Richard Zimmerman presiding. Friends may visit from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. today at Morell Funeral Home in Larned. Burial will be at Browns Grove Cemetery in Burdett. Memorials are suggested to the church or to the Burdett Emergency Medical Service in care of Morell Funeral Home.

Funeral arrangements provided by Morell Funeral Home P.O. Box 124 Larned, KS 67550-0124 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 26, 2007

Jackie L. Miller 1939 - 2007

Jackie L. Miller, 68, Great Bend, died Dec. 24 at Central Kansas Medical Center, Great Bend. He was born Dec. 10, 1939, the son of Leonard Miller and Verla Lavon Dike. He married Peggy Harrell, and they later divorced. He then married Marjorie Calvert Luech on June 22, 2002 in Great Bend. They later divorced. He was a resident of Great Bend for 17 years, coming from Fallon, Nev. He worked for Great Bend Manufacturing, in the oil field and for Marlette Homes.

Mr. Miller was a U.S. Army veteran. He was also a member of Ernie's Dart Team.

Survivors include a son, Jackie L. Miller Jr., Vernal, Utah; a stepson, Travis Leech, Great Bend; two daughters, Nikki Freeman and Tammy Krammer, both of Vernal Utah; a stepdaughter, Robin Lauber, Great Bend; 11 grandchildren; and five sisters, Marilyn Mumford, Laura Sandberg, Snowlene Coffield, Delsie Bittel, and Sherrin Byerly, all of Great Bend.

A gradeside service will be held at 2 p.m., Friday, Dec. 28, at Great Bend Cemetery, with the Rev. Hal Stacets officiating. Interment will be at Great Bend Cemetery, Great Bend. There will be no visitation as cremation has taken place. Memorials are suggested to the Jackie Miller Memorial Fund. Condolences may be sent and notice viewed at www.bryantfh.net.

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Bertha Marie Haberman 1905 - 2007

Bertha Marie Haberman, 102, died Dec. 22 at Cherry Village Nursing Home in Great Bend. Born July 18, 1905, at Olmitz, she was the daughter of Joseph and Mary Cook Skolaut. She married Frank J. Haberman in 1925 in Olmitz. He died Aug. 7, 1972. A lifetime resident of Barton County, she was a homemaker and cook at Central Kansas Medical Center.

Mrs. Haberman was a member of the Prince of Peace Parish at St. Patrick Catholic Church, Altar Society and D of I, all of Great Bend.

Survivors include a son, Francis Haberman and wife Coleta of Great Bend; a sister, Minnie Maule of Great Bend; two grandchildren, six great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by Evelyn Marie Blake; a brother, Joe Skolaut; and a sister, Elsie Wondra.

Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. today at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Great Bend with Father Wesley Schawe officiating. Burial will be at the Great Bend Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to Holy Family School Endowment Fund. 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. 26, 2007

Alice Cochran Conard 1918 - 2007

Alice Cochran Conard, 99, passed away Dec. 21 at Woodhaven Care Center in Ellinwood. She was born May 2, 1908, at Goodwin, Okla., the daughter of Alva W. and Verna May Hadley Cochran. The family moved to Rice, Kan., when Alice was six months old. She was baptized Sept. 18, 1921, at the Rice Methodist Episcopal Church.

Alice was a teacher and a minister's wife. She was a graduate of Concordia High School and Kansas State Teachers College (later Emporia State University). She taught in the Cloud County rural schools and in Esbon, Hill City, and Norton before going to Great Bend in 1944.

She married the Rev. Arlyn E. Conard on Nov. 22, 1962, in Great Bend. He died Nov. 21, 1980. She was also preceded in death by her parents; a brother, Hal; a sister, Dorothy Claycamp and her husband, Glenn; and by a niece, Shirley Holechek.

She was a member of First United Methodist Church in Great Bend, the United Methodist Women, NRTA division of AARP, EHU units and Utopian Club. She had life memberships in the American Association of University Women, Delta Kappa Gamma, Kansas Retired School Personnel Association, and the ESU Alumni Association. At one time or another, she served as president of most of these organizations.

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Her interests and hobbies included reading, crafts and travel. Her travels included Canada, Mexico, the South Sea Islands, Peru, Ecuador, Argentina, Australia, New Zealand, Israel, Greece, Panama, many European countries, and most of the states in the United States.

She is survived by a stepson, Mark Conard, and his wife, Joyce, of Hutchinson; a foster daughter, Edna Sipp, and her husband, Cliff, of Pleasanton, Neb.; three grandchildren, Jonathan Conard and his wife, Melissa, of Junction City, Andrew Conard and his wife, Nicole, of Overland Park and Kristin Conard of Edison, N.J.; a great-granddaughter, Katie Aspen Conard, of Junction City; a sister-in-law, Eldora Conard, of Timken; a nephew, Kenneth Claycamp, and his wife, Joleen, of Cuba, Kan.; three nieces, Lois Boettcher and her husband, Norm, of Solomon, Loretta Cudney and her husband, Dave, of Riverside, Calif., and Verla Hill and her husband, Dan, of Scottsbluff, Neb.; and many great-nieces and great-nephews.

The funeral service for Alice C. Conard will be at 1 p.m. today at First United Methodist Church in Great Bend with the Rev. Gary Brooks officiating. Burial will follow in the Larned Cemetery. Memorials may be sent to First United Methodist Church in Great Bend.

Funeral arrangements provided by Charter Funerals* 2115 Washington Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-6161 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 26, 2007

Elizabeth A. Woydziak 1929 - 2007

HOISINGTON — Elizabeth A. Woydziak, 78, died Dec. 23 at Fresenius Medical Center in Great Bend. Services are pending with Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home.

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 26, 2007

December 23, 2007

Father Joseph Bahr 1934 - 2007

GARDEN CITY — Father Joseph Bahr, pastor of St. Dominic Parish in Garden City and sacramental minister at St. Stanislaus, was ordained Dec. 19 at St. Catherine Hospital, Garden City. He collapsed while preparing the parish center for evening religion classes. He was 73 years old.

Father Bahr was born July 10, 1934, at Albert, the son of Henry Bahr and Frances Schneider. He attended St. Ann’s School in Olmitz. He was ordained to the priesthood May 21, 1960, at the Pontifical College Josephinum in Worthington, Ohio, by Archbishop Egidio Vagnozzi, then the apostolic delegate to the United States.

His ministries over his 47 years of priesthood were numerous and varied. He served as an assistant pastor at St. Joseph’s, Ellinwood (1960-63); Sacred Heart, Dodge City (1963-65); and St. Rose of Lima, Great Bend (1965-67, and 1970).

He served as administrator of St. Mary’s, Marienthal (1967); St. Mary’s, Loretto (1967-70); St. Joseph’s, Liebenthal (1970); and Sacred Heart, Ness City (1982-83).

He spent 12 years at St. Mary of the Plains College in Dodge City as chaplain and a member of the faculty (1970-82).

He was pastor at Sacred Heart, Ness City (1983-84); Sacred Heart, Dodge City (1984-88); St. Joseph, Ellinwood (1988-99). During his Ellinwood pastorate, he was rector of the Sts. Peter and Paul Shrine, North Ellinwood (1990-99) and pastor of Immaculate Conception, Claflin (1995-99).

His last assignment came in 1999, the pastorate at St. Dominic, Garden City, which included the pastoral care of St. Stanislaus, Ingalls, until 2006. At Garden City, he built the parish center at St. Dominic’s. The church at Ingalls was also renovated and expanded during this pastorate.

Father Bahr had a passion for the economic poor. As a child he witnessed his mother feeding individuals who came knocking at the door after hopping from a nearby train. When pastor of Sacred Heart Cathedral in Dodge City, he started a food pantry to help the needy. Before long, the pantry blossomed into what is today Manna House, a home that offers food, lodging and clothing to individuals and families in transition. At St. Dominic he established St. Dominic Charities, which supplements other local charities in Garden City. The parish also established a Mission Market around Christmas which annually raises $8,000 for the poor.

Survivors include two brothers, Henry Bahr, Albert, and James Bahr, North Babylon, N.Y.; and seven sisters, Sister Francella, Sister Mary Ann, Sister Jeannine, Sister Teresa, all members of the Sisters Adorers of the Blood of Christ in Wichita; Joan and husband, Ken Schreiber, Olmitz, Donna and her husband Eldon Keil, Overland Park, and Patricia Bahr, Great Bend; eight nieces, and one nephew. He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Frances.

The vigil will be held at 7 p.m. today, at St. Dominic Church, with Father Robert Schremmer, V.G., presiding. The Most Rev. Ronald M. Gilmore, bishop of Dodge City, will celebrate a funeral Mass at St. Dominic Church in Garden City at 11 a.m. Monday. The Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at St. Ann Church in Olmitz by Father Schremmer and Father Ulan Murphy, pastor, at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, with burial to follow in the parish cemetery. Friends may call from noon to 5 p.m. today at Garnand Funeral Home in Garden City.

Memorials are suggested to Pontifical College Josephinum and the St. Dominic Building Fund in care of Garnand Funeral Home.

Funeral arrangements provided by Garnand Funeral Home* 412 N. 7th Garden City, KS 67846 620-276-3219 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 23, 2007

Gertrude Ellen Wikoff 1908 - 2007

HOISINGTON — Gertrude Ellen Wikoff, 99, died Dec. 22 at Clara Barton Hospital, Hoisington. She was born Oct. 20, 1908, at Little River, the daughter of William A. and Lena (McCann) Phillips. She married Pierce Wikoff on July 25, 1927, at Sterling. He died Aug. 31, 1969. They lived in the Rio Grande Valley of Texas until 1941, when they returned to Lyons, later living in Hays until 1978 when she moved to Hoisington. While in Hays she worked in food service at Fort Hays State College and the Hays Middle School and later for Senior Companions and as office manager for Dr. Donald Huett.

She was a member of the First United Methodist Church and Alturian Club, both of Hoisington.

Survivors include a son, Wesley Wikoff, and wife Jane of Hays; a daughter, Phyllis Nulton, and husband Tom of Hoisington; grandchildren, Rick Nulton and wife Darlene of Hoisington, Mike Nulton and wife Susie, and Kristen Cline and husband Rick, all of Weskan, Phillip Wikoff and wife Janine of Hillsboro, Ore., Barbara Shelton of Cheyenne, Wyo., Jennifer La Cicero and husband Pat of Fort Worth, Texas, and Craig Wikoff and wife Jessica of Garden City; 10 great-grandchildren, six stepgreat-grandchildren and two stepgreat-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by eight brothers, Harold, Gayle, Wayne, Keith, Vance, Dean, Doran and infant Paul, and two sisters, Hazel Livingston and Juanita Reilly.

Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at First United Methodist Church, Hoisington, with the Rev. Wayne Flanders officiating. A graveside service will be held at 2:30 p.m. Thursday at Memorial Gardens in Hays. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home, Hoisington, with the family receiving friends from 6:30 to 8 p.m., and from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Thursday at the church. In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to the First United Methodist Church or to the Clara Barton Foundation, both in care of Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home.

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 26, 2007
Funeral arrangements provided by Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home* 415 North Main/P.O. Box 146 Holsington, KS 67544 620-653-4165 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 23, 2007

Lawrence L. Hogan

WEST ST. PAUL, Minn. — Lawrence L. Hogan, 68, beloved husband and father, of West St. Paul, Minn., formerly of Lyons, died on Dec. 18. He is survived by his wife of 34 years, Patricia; sons, Derek and Jason; siblings, Sandy (William) Messinger, Lynne (John) Kaufenberg and Laurel Brown; and many other relatives and friends.

A gathering of family and friends was held from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 21, at Southern Funeral Home, 414 Marie Ave., South St. Paul, MN 55075. Phone 651-451-1551. In lieu of flowers, memorials are preferred.

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 23, 2007*

Alice Ruth Conard

Alice Ruth Conard, of Great Bend, died Dec. 21. Service arrangements are pending with Charter Funerals, Great Bend, and will be announced.

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 23, 2007

December 21, 2007

Father Joseph Bahr 1934 - 2007

GARDEN CITY — Father Joseph Bahr, pastor of St. Dominic Parish in Garden City and sacramental minister at St. Stanislaus, Ingalls, died Dec. 19 at St. Catherine Hospital, Garden City. He collapsed while preparing the parish center for evening religion classes. He was 73 years old.

Father Bahr was born July 10, 1934, at Albert, the son of Henry Bahr and Frances Schneider. He attended St. Ann’s Center, Guardian of Peace High School and attended the Macksville Catholic High School where she graduated from Macksville Catholic High School and attended the Macksville Christian Church.

Survivors include two brothers, Henry Bahr, Albert, and James Bahr, North Babylon, N.Y.; and six sisters, Sister Francella, Sister Mary Ann, Sister Jeannine, Sister Teresa, all members of the Sisters Adorers of the Blood of Christ in Wichita; Joan and husband, Ken Schreiber, Olmitz, and Patricia Bahr, Great Bend. He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Frances.

The vigil will be held at 7 p.m. Sunday, at St. Dominic Church, with Father Robert Schremmer, V.G., presiding. The Rev. Ronald M. Gilmore, bishop of Dodge City, will celebrate a funeral Mass at St. Dominic Church in Garden City at 11 a.m. Monday. The Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at St. Ann Church in Olmitz by Father Schremmer and Father Ulan Murphy, pastor, at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, with burial to follow in the parish cemetery.

Friends may call from noon to 8 p.m. on Saturday and from noon to 5 p.m. on Sunday at Garnand Funeral Home in Garden City.

Memorials are suggested to Pontifical College Josephinum and the St. Dominic Building Fund in care of Garnand Funeral Home.

Funeral arrangements provided by Garnand Funeral Home* 412 N. 7th Garden City, KS 67846 620-276-3219 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 21, 2007

Arthur Crotinger 1915 - 2007

BISON — Arthur Crotinger, 92, died Dec. 19 at the Rush County Nursing Home in La Crosse. He was born Sept. 14, 1915, south of Bison, the son of Stanley A. and Olga (Ropp) Crotinger. He married Olga Nather on June 3, 1935, at Timken. She survives. He was a retired farmer and cattlemen, and a lifetime resident of Bison.

He was a member of St. Ann Catholic Church and Knights of Columbus, both of Olmitz. He was also a member of area co-ops.

Survivors, in addition to his wife, of the home, include two sons, Mike Crotinger of Bison and Eugene Crotinger of Hinton, Okla.; seven daughters, Dorothy Hernandez of San Leandro, Calif., Lois Pusateri of Felton, Mo., Cindy Sohm and Deb Dalton, both of Otis, Florence Holmes of Great Bend, Sue Hollsworth of McPherson and Rosemary Linn of Smith Center; 29 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren and several great-great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two daughters, Mary Ann Crotinger and Carol Willhite, a brother, Lawrence Crotinger, and two sisters, Sarah Ann Davis Hanlin and Mary Jane Crotinger.

Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at St. Ann Catholic Church, Olmitz, with Father Ulan Murphy officiating. Burial will be at Holy Cross Cemetery, Timken. Visitation will be from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. today at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home, Holsington, and from 6 to 8 p.m. at St. Ann Church, with a wake service at 7 p.m. Donations to memorials for St. Ann Church or the Otis Ambulance may be made in care of the funeral home.

Funeral arrangements provided by Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home 415 North Main/P.O. Box 146 Holsington, KS 67544 620-653-4165 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 21, 2007

December 20, 2007

Lenora M. Ryder 1924 - 2007

MACKSVILLE — Lenora M. Ryder, 83, of Macksville, died Dec. 19 at Manor Care Nursing Home in Topeka. Born Oct. 30, 1924, at Clemmons, N.C., she was the daughter of Lawrence and Dora Foley. Most of her life was spent in Macksville where she graduated from Macksville High School and attended the Macksville Christian Church.

Survivors include two daughters, Barbara Buechle of Basehor and Debbie Parker of Berryton; five grandchildren, three great-grandchildren and many nieces.
and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Albert Ryder, in 1987, a son, Billy Russell Ryder, a brother, Dewayne Foley, and two sisters, LaVonge Foss and Joan Foley.

Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Friday at the Macksville Christian Church, with Pastor Carey Haner presiding. Burial will be in the Farmington Cemetery at Macksville. Visitations will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday at the church. Memorial donations may be sent to the Alzheimer’s Disease Research or the Christian Church, both in care of Minnis Chapel, Inc., Box 34, St. John, KS 67576.

Funeral arrangements provided by Minnis Chapel
Box 34
St. John, KS 67576
620-549-3556
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 20, 2007

Robert C. Schaeffer
LARNED — Robert C. Schaeffer, 57, died Dec. 17 at his home in Larned. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Morell Funeral Home, Larned.

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 20, 2007

Joseph E. Mefford 1928 - 2007

LYONS — Joseph E. Mefford, 79, died Dec. 18 at Hutchinson Hospital, Hutchinson. He was born Aug. 7, 1928, at Turley, Okla., the son of Roy Lee and Mary Alice Simmons Mefford. He married Dorothy Maurine Williams on April 15, 1946, graduate of Ellinwood High School, was a Lyons resident for the past year, formerly of Hot Springs, Ark. He was a 1946 graduate of Ellinwood High School, a graduate of Iola Junior College and of Pittsburg State University. He retired in 1985 after 33 years in property tax, real estate and claims with Phillips Petroleum.

He attended the Lyons Presbyterian Church and belonged to the American Legion in Ellinwood. He had been president of the Hot Springs Bowling Association. He was a U.S. Navy veteran, serving in the Pacific.

Survivors include two sons, Steven Mefford of Amarillo, Texas, and Charles Mefford of San Antonio, Texas; a daughter, Marcia Davidson of Conroe, Texas; a special friend and companion, Peggy Richter of Lyons; six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, and two sisters, Judith Mefford and Joyce Wirtz.

Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Lyons First Presbyterian Church, with the Rev. Monty Fey officiating. A committal service will be at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at the Lakin-Comanche District Cemetery in Ellinwood, with the Rev. Larry Young officiating. Visitations will be from 1 to 8 p.m. Friday at Kimple Funeral Home, Ellinwood. Donations to memorials for the Kansas Cancer Institute at the University of Kansas, the Center for Basic Cancer Research or the American Cancer Society may be made in care of the funeral home.

Funeral arrangements provided by Kimple Funeral Home
113 North Main/Box 246
Ellinwood, KS 67526
620-564-2300
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 20, 2007

Helen Louise Edmondson Witte 1916 - 2007

Helen Louise Edmondson Witte, 91, of Great Bend, died Dec. 17 at Central Kansas Medical Center, Great Bend. Born April 27, 1916, in Wellington, she was the daughter of Thurman Canna Edmondson and Grace Ruth Purdy Edmondson. The family moved to Great Bend in June 1929. She graduated from Great Bend High School in 1934. In high school she loved singing in the glee club, mixed chorus and operettas. She married Edwin William Witte on Nov. 19, 1934, in Buffalo, Okla. They eloped with another couple, Georgia Grizzle and Leonard Brown. They lived on a farm in Rush County and raised four children, Thurman William, Donald Eugene and Samuel Lee of Great Bend and Wreatha Ann of Memphis, Tenn. Her husband died in 1969. In the summer of 1958 they arranged for the family house to be moved onto a four-acre lot just outside the Great Bend city limits, next to the city cemetery. The family house was built by William Witte, Edwin’s father, in 1900. The house still sits at 1700 Heritage Lane. Helen worked as the school cook at Elm Grove County School for two years in 1953 and 1954 and then was employed by J.C. Penney’s as a clerk in the fabric and housewares department.

For more than 22 years, she used her considerable sewing, tailoring and home-decorating skills to help thousands of customers. She finished her employment years by working at Calhoun’s in the 1970s. A tenacious and determined person, the reason she went to work as a store clerk was to fund college educations for all four children. She took great pleasure in decorating her home and working in her gardens of iris, tulips and peonies.

She saved her rolls of dimes to make home improvement purchases. Over the years, she remodeled the home and took out closets and doors, had new ones made, wallpapered, re-carpeted and decorated.

Mrs. Witte was a member of the First Christian Church of Great Bend and earlier in her life sang in the church choir.

Survivors include two sons, Donald Eugene Witte and wife Caroline, and Samuel Lee Witte, all of Great Bend; a daughter, Wreatha Ann Witte and husband, Jay Fuller of Memphis, Tenn.; eight grandchildren, Mary Ann Witte, Thurman William Witte Jr., Kathryn Witte Farquhar and Dorian Witte, of Lawrence, Diedre Lynn Witte Campbell and Navy E4 Christopher Ryan Witte, both of Great Bend, Edwin Thomas Witte of Goddard, and Steven Bradley Witte of Portage, Mich.; 13 great-grandchildren; two nephews, Jerry D. Brown of Evergreen, Colo., and Richard E. Brown of Denver, Colo.; and a niece, Jene Smith of Winfield. She was preceded in death by a son, Thurman William Witte and her only sister, Beatrice Edmundson Brown.

Funeral service will be at 1:30 p.m. Friday at Bryant Funeral Home with the Rev. William F. Johnson officiating. Burial will be at the Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may visit from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. today at Bryant Funeral Home. Memorials are suggested to the Barton County Relay for Life in care of the funeral home. Condolences may be sent and notice viewed at www.bryantfh.net.

Funeral arrangements provided by Bryant Funeral Home*
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Great Bend, KS 67530
620-793-3525
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December 19, 2007

John Max Douglas 1925 - 2007

John Max Douglas, 82, of Great Bend, died Dec. 18 at his home. He was born July 1, 1925, at Belleville, the son of John Lester and Bessie Katherine Goodwin Douglas. He married Alberta F. Fosses Clayton on June 17, 1962, at Great Bend. She survives. He was a retired letter carrier for the Great Bend Postal Service. After coming to Great Bend in 1943, Max was a projectionist for the Strand, Plaza and Crest theaters. After retirement he was an assistant funeral director for Bryant Christians Funeral home and later a volunteer transporter for St. Francis Academy.

He was a member of the First United Methodist Church, VFW Post 311, American Legion Argonne Post No. 180 and the Elks Lodge, all of Great Bend, and Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Kansas No. 15.

Survivors, in addition to his wife, of the home, include two sons, Scott Douglas and wife Carla, of Brentwood, Calif., and David Douglas and wife Connie, of Otis; one daughter, Debbie Gartner and husband Frank, of Dublin, Calif.; one stepdaughter, Charlotte Myers and husband Randy, of Great Bend; a brother, Kenneth Douglas, of Macon, Mo.; a sister, Joyce Hill, of Scottsdale, Ariz.; and five grandchildren, Aleshia and

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Matthew Gartner, Nathan and Travis Myers and Denton Douglas. He was preceded in death by two sons, John Kent Douglas and Larry Max Douglas, and three sisters, Marjorie Campbell, Dorothy Hooker and Helen Clark.

Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at First United Methodist Church, Great Bend, with the Rev. Gary Brooks officiating. Interment will be at the Great Bend Cemetery with military rites conducted by the United States Navy Honor Guard. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday at Bryant Funeral Home, Great Bend. Donations to a memorial fund for the church may be made in care of the funeral home. Condolences may be sent and notice viewed at www.bryantfh.net.

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Allan Joseph Hammeke 1949 - 2007

BELOIT, Wis. — Allan Joseph Hammeke, 58, died at home on Dec. 15, in Beloit, Wis., following an 18-month battle with Mantel Cell Lymphoma. He was a retired United States Postal Service mail carrier, serving in Great Bend and Wichita for 34 years. For 40 years, he was a well-known musician in Kansas, organizing and playing in bands in Great Bend and Wichita. Born March 30, 1949, in Scott County, he was the son of Norman and Jolene (Feist) Hammeke, who both preceded him in death. He married Gretchen Hilgendorf on Jan. 24, 1999, at Grace Presbyterian Church in Wichita.

He served in the United States Army and Army Reserves (retired 1993), including service in Vietnam from December 1968 through December 1969. He was a graduate of Great Bend High School, a member of Grace Presbyterian Church in Wichita where he was ordained a deacon and was also a member of the Grace Praise band; and he was a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7428, American Legion Post 286, and the Knights of Columbus, all of Hoisington, and was a 4th Degree Knight.

Survivors include three daughters, Dixie (Mike) Watkins, and Donna (Clark) Rusco, all of Great Bend, and Debbie (Verlyn) Risley, of Wichita; seven grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a brother, Joseph Hammeke, Luke Hickey, Joshua Davis, Ryan Davis and Matthew Davis; and six great-grandchildren, Jackson Hickey, Kate Hickey, Bryce Hickey, Kayla Hickey, Landon Davis and Christian Davis. He was preceded in death by a son, Steve Hickey, and seven brothers, Sylvester, Paul, Andy, Edwin, Leo, Bob and Don Hickey.

Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Thursday with Knights of Columbus Rosary at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home. Funeral service will be at 9 a.m. Friday at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Hoisington with Father Dwight Birket officiating. Burial will be at St. John Cemetery with military rites conducted by VFW Post 7428 and American Legion Post 286. Friends may visit from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home. Memorials are suggested to the American Cancer Society or VFW Post 7428 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

Joseph James Hickey 1929 - 2007

HOISINGTON — Joseph James Hickey, 78, died Dec. 16 at his residence in Hoisington. Born March 5, 1929, in Hoisington, he was the son of Clarence and Anna Freib Hickey. A longtime resident of Hoisington, living in Liberal from 1956 to 1994, he was employed by Dia-Log Company for 35 years, retiring as station manager in Liberal. He married Ruth Rita Bohatch on June 15, 1953, in Odin. She passed away June 16, 1989.

Mr. Hickey was a U.S. Navy veteran, serving on the U.S.S. Barton from 1948 to 1952. He was a member of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7428, American Legion Post 286, and the Knights of Columbus, all of Hoisington, and was a 4th Degree Knight.

Survivors include two sons, Patrick Hickey and wife Sheryl, and Michael Hickey and wife Kasia, all of Houston, Texas; two daughters, Kathy Enriquez and husband Marcus of Houston, Texas, and Mary Kay Reid and husband Jeff of Alma, Colo.; two brothers, Ken Hickey and Bill Hickey, both of Hoisington; two sisters, Marjorie McCurry of Hoisington and Betsy Seifert of Glendale, Ariz.; six grandchildren, Joseph Hickey, Eric Hickey, Luke Hickey, Joshua Davis, Ryan Davis and Matthew Davis; and six great-grandchildren, Jackson Hickey, Kate Hickey, Bryce Hickey, Kayla Hickey, Landon Davis and Christian Davis. He was preceded in death by a son, Steve Hickey, and seven brothers, Sylvester, Paul, Andy, Edwin, Leo, Bob and Don Hickey.

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Allan Joseph Hammeke 1949 - 2007

Norma Gayle “Granny” Schenk 1925 - 2007

Norma Gayle “Granny” Schenk, 81, of Great Bend, died Dec. 15 at Hospice House in Hutchinson. Born Dec. 22, 1925, at Coldwater, she was the daughter of Fred H. and Violet M. Riner Scholle. She married Robert J. Schenck on Sept. 25, 1943, in Great Bend. He died Oct. 27, 1991. A resident of Great Bend since 1943, coming from Coldwater, she was the office manager for Bemis Construction.

Mrs. Schenk was a charter member of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7428, American Legion Post 286, and the Knights of Columbus, all of Hoisington, and was a 4th Degree Knight.

Survivors include three daughters, Dixie (Mike) Watkins, and Donna (Clark) Rusco, all of Great Bend, and Debbie (Verlyn) Risley, of Wichita; seven grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a brother, J.P. Scholle, and a sister, Wilma Myers and Denton Douglas. He was preceded in death by two sons, John Kent Douglas and Larry Max Douglas, and three sisters, Marjorie Campbell, Dorothy Hooker and Helen Clark.

Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Bryant Funeral Home, Great Bend, with the Rev. Arlyn Thielenhaus and the Rev. William F. Johnson officiating. Burial will be at Hillcrest Memorial Park in Great Bend. Friends may visit from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. today at Bryant Funeral Home with the family receiving friends from 7 to 9 p.m. Memorial services are suggested to Golden Belt Home Health and Hospice or to the Norma Schenk Memorial Fund for the benefit of a future hospice house, in care of the funeral home. Condolences may be sent and notice viewed at www.bryantfh.net.

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Helen W. Mooney 1955 - 2007

BUSHTON — Helen W. Mooney, 52, died Dec. 15 at Via Christi Regional Medical Center, St. Francis Campus, Wichita. She was born Feb. 10, 1955, in Bushton, the daughter of Gene and Marietta (Bieberle) Mooney. She worked as a caregiver for Bethagy in Ellsworth. She was a lifetime resident of Bushton.

She was of the Catholic faith and was a member of the 3T Card Club in Bushton.

Survivors include her mother, of Bushton; two brothers, Roy Mooney and his wife Joyce and Floy Mooney, all of Bushton; a sister, Debbie Jimison and her husband Kyle, Bushton; five nephews, five great-nephews, six great-nieces and many uncles and aunts. She was preceded in death by her father and grandparents Leo and Irene Bieberle and Walter and Daisy Mooney.

Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home, Hoisington, with Father Charles Mazouch officiating. Burial will be at Holy Name Cemetery, Bushton. A rosary will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday, also at the funeral home. Donations to the Helen Mooney Memorial Fund may be made in care of the funeral home.

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415 N. Main/Box 146
Hoisington, KS 67544
620-653-4165
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 18, 2007

Peggy Ann Krom 1949 - 2007

Peggy Ann Krom, 58, of Great Bend, died Dec. 17 at her home. She was born July 31, 1949, at Great Bend, the daughter of Johnny and Gertrude Likes Read. She married Clarence V. "Butch" Krom Jr. on Jan. 1, 1967, at Great Bend. She survives.

She was a hairdresser for Hair West and later for Creative Touch, both of Great Bend. She was a lifetime resident of Great Bend.

Mrs. Krom was a member of the First Southern Baptist Church, Great Bend, with the Rev. Doyle Smith officiating. Interment will be at the Great Bend Cemetery. Visitation will be from 1 to 9 p.m. today, with the family to receive friends from 6 to 8 p.m., and 9 a.m. to noon Wednesday, all at Bryant Funeral Home. Donations to a memorial fund for the CKMC Foundation for the benefit of Heartland Cancer Center may be made in care of the funeral home. Condolences may be sent and notice viewed at www.bryantfh.net.

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Bryant Funeral Home*
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Mrs. Schenk was a charter member of Sweet Adelines and a member of Beta Sigma Phi Sorority, both of Great Bend. She and her husband Robert started the Lake Ministries at Cedar Bluff Reservoir in the 1960s. She was also a Barton County Cougar Booster.

Survivors include three daughters, Dixie Watkins and husband Mike, and Donna Rusco and husband Clark, all of Great Bend, and Debbie Risley and husband Verlyn, of Wichita; seven grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a brother, J.P. Scholle, and a great-grandson, Malachi Thornton.

Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Bryant Funeral Home, Great Bend, with the Rev. Arlyn Thielenhaus officiating. Burial will be at Hillcrest Memorial Park in Great Bend. Friends may visit from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Wednesday at Bryant Funeral Home with the family receiving friends from 7 to 9 p.m. Memorials are suggested to Golden Belt Home Health and Hospice or to the Norma Schenk Memorial Fund for the benefit of a future hospice home, 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. 18, 2007

Billy G. Goodenough 1938 - 2007

Billy G. Goodenough, 69, of Great Bend, passed away at Hutchinson Hospital in Hutchinson on Dec. 16. Billy was born Nov. 25, 1938, to Amsea and Mary Jane Kenney Goodenough in Humansville, Mo. Billy married Norma I. Belcher on Oct. 1, 1964. They made their home in Iola, where he worked as an auto mechanic. They moved to Great Bend in 1991 to work for Cipra Floor Care.

Billy is survived by his wife, Norma Goodenough of Great Bend. Together they had three sons, Jim of Clay Center, Ohio, Mark of Great Bend and Matt of Andover; from a previous marriage Billy is survived by two sons, Kenneth and Randall, both of Attica; one daughter, Ellen Crites of Sharon; and several grandchildren. He also is survived by his brother Jesse Goodenough of Commerce City, Colo. Billy was preceded in death by his brother, George Goodenough, and sister, Dorothy Hawkins.

Viewing and visitation will be Wednesday, from 1 to 8 p.m. at Charter Funerals, Great Bend. Graveside services will be held at the North Great Bend Cemetery in Great Bend at 11 a.m. Thursday, with Pastor Dwight Dozier officiating. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Funeral arrangements provided by
Charter Funerals*
2115 Washington Street
Great Bend, KS 67530
620-793-6161
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 18, 2007

December 16, 2007

Elmer R. Wolf 1927 - 2007

HAYS — Elmer R. Wolf, 79, died Dec. 12 at Hays Medical Center. He was born Dec. 31, 1927, at Antoine, to John and Monica (Werth) Wolf. He served his country with the U.S. Army during World War II. He married Lorraine Wasinger on April 5, 1948, at Hays. She died Dec. 22, 1991. He was employed at Fort Hays State University for 40 years in the grounds department.

Mr. Wolf was a member of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church, a lifetime member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and played with several bands throughout Ellis County.

Survivors include his sons, William “Bill” Wolf, and Robert “Bob” Wolf and wife Susan, all of Hays; two sisters, Irma Schaffer and Cora Giebler, both of Denver, Colo.; four grandchildren, Jeff Wolf and wife Jenny of McKinney, Texas, Chryssy Bandel and husband Corey of Oskaloosa, Curtis Wolf of Great Bend and Shelly Wolf of Hutchinson; and five great-grandchildren, Christian Bandel, Corissa Bandel, Cresinda Bandel, Alexia
Wolf and Ethan Wolf. He was preceded in death by an infant son, Thomas Wolf; brothers, Richard Wolf, Alphonse Wolf, Alvin Wolf and Silven Wolf; sisters, Germaine Dechant, Isabella Dechant, Victoria Fisher and Shirley Meier.

Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. on Monday at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church. Burial with military services by the Hays VFW will be at the St. Joseph Cemetery in Hays. A parish vigil will be at 6 p.m. today at the Hays Memorial Chapel Funeral Home, 20th and Pine. Friends may call at the funeral home from 3 to 7 p.m. today and from 9 to 9:45 a.m. on Monday. Memorials have been established with the Fort Hays State University Endowment Association or with the Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church Building Fund in his name and memory.

Funeral services provided by Hays Memorial Chapel Funeral Home* 1906 Pine St. Hays, KS 67601 785-628-1009 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 16, 2007 The Rev. Julius C. Ellis 1923 - 2007 ARDMORE, Okla. – The Rev. Julius C. Ellis, 84, died Dec. 14 at Mercy Memorial Hospital in Ardmore, Okla. He was born Nov. 23, 1923, at Mathison, Miss., the son of William Lynch and Minnie Youngblood Ellis, Sr. He married Verna Mae Whitehead on Feb. 6, 1943, at Pueblo, Colo. She died July 31, 2000. He then married Mary Beesley Smith on Jan. 12, 2001, at Greenville, Ala. She survives. He was a retired minister, formerly serving Eastside Baptist Church in Great Bend. He was an Ardmore, Okla., resident since 2003, coming from Great Bend. He was a U.S. Army Staff Sergeant, serving in World War II, retiring in 1959. He was a Chaplain at Central Kansas Medical Center, Great Bend, and a member of Mary Niblack Baptist Church in Ardmore.

Survivors include his wife, of the home; daughter Phyllis Parsons, Great Bend; sister-in-law June Warren and husband Robert of Great Bend; two stepgrandchildren, Angela MacKenzie Thielenhaus and Ayden Correll; two stepgrandchildren, Angela Mosley and Michelle Barrow; and five stepgreatgrandchildren. He was preceded in death by two sons, Julius C. Ellis Jr. and Bruce Allen Ellis; and one halfbrother, Dan Chris Ellis.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend, with Pastor Roy Savage officiating. Interment will be at Hillcrest Memorial Park, Great Bend. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home, with the family receiving friends from 6 to 8 p.m. In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to the building fund for Eastside Baptist Church, in care of the 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. 16, 2007 Helen Mooney 1954 - 2007 BUSHTON – Helen Mooney, 52, died Dec. 15 at St. Francis Medical Center in Wichita. Services are pending with NicholsonRicke Funeral Home in Hoisington.

Louise Emile Werhahn Haxton 1912 - 2007 CHASE – Louise Emile Werhahn Haxton 95, died Dec. 14 at Sandstone Heights Nursing Home in Little River. She was born Feb. 17, 1912, at Great Bend, the daughter of William and Bertha Fleske Werhahn. She graduated from Great Bend High School and attended the College of Emporia. She married Wallace Rae Haxton on May 23, 1938, at Oswatotmie. He died April 8, 1985. A resident of Chase since 1958, she was formerly of Lyons. She was a homemaker.

Mrs. Haxton was baptized in the Lutheran Church as a youth; she was a member of the Community Presbyterian Church, where she was head of the Kitchen Committee for funeral dinners, and was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, all of Chase.

Survivors include two sons, Wallace Duane Haxton and wife Barbara of Newton, and Larry Thomas Haxton and wife Janie of Claflin; one daughter, Shirley Long and husband Robert of Chase; one brother, Bill Werhahn of Great Bend; 11 grandchildren, 38 greatgrandchildren and two greatgreatgrandchildren. She was preceded in death by five sisters, Bertha, Hilda, Martha, Erna and Selma.

Services will be at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday at BirzerSill Funeral Home in Lyons with the Rev. Seth Svaty officiating. Burial will be in the Great Bend Cemetery. Visitation will be from 2 to 7 p.m. Monday at the funeral home. The casket will be closed. Memorials may be made to the Emergency Medical Technicians of Chase, in care of the funeral home.

Funeral arrangements provided by BirzerSill Funeral Home* 214 West Ave. South Lyons, KS 67554 (620) 257-2211 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 16, 2007 Leona O. Niedens 1918 - 2007 LARNED — Leona O. Niedens, 89, died Dec. 13 at Larned Healthcare Center. Born Sept. 5, 1918, in Milberger, she was the daughter of George and Emilie Karst Michel. A resident of Larned since 1945, she was a retired probate judge and clerk of Probate Court in Pawnee County, and a longtime retail sales clerk.

Survivors include a son, Mike and wife Sandy, of Great Bend; a daughter, Laurie Seeman and husband Patrick, of Larned; two sisters, Martha Poos, of Wichita and Norma Yancey, of Battlefield, Mo.; three grandchildren, Shellie Thill and husband David, Michael Seeman and wife Amy, and Molly Niedens; and four greatgrandchildren.

Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. on Monday at Grace Lutheran Church in Larned with Pastor Richard Boyer presiding. Burial will be at the Larned Cemetery. Friends may visit from noon until 8 p.m. today at Morell Funeral Home in Larned. Memorials are suggested to Grace Lutheran Church and Larned Healthcare, 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, Dec. 16, 2007 December 14, 2007 Anna E. Gutierrez 1909 - 2007 LARNED — Anna Elizabeth Gutierrez, 98, died Dec. 10 at Larned Healthcare Center, Larned. She was born March 27, 1909, on a farm near Hesston, the daughter of Jacob and Helena Wenger Heckens. She married Nicolas E. Gutierrez on April 4, 1931, in Larned. He died May 15, 1980. She was a lifetime resident of Barton and Rush counties, and lived her last few years in the care home at Larned.

She was a member of Holy Trinity Catholic Church, Timken, and a lifetime member of the American Red Cross. She won numerous awards for the gallons of blood she donated over the years. She
was a volunteer aide at the Great Bend hospital. She also cooked for 18 years for the American Legion. She enjoyed her family in Hesston, going to many Holdemen reunions.

Anna was a homemaker and loved her family. She raised not only her own, but her husband’s siblings. She loved crocheting and sewing, making hundreds of afghans and sewing pillows on her treadle sewing machine. She loved gardening, winning numerous grand-champion ribbons at the Rush County Fair for her flowers. She loved fishing, playing bingo, scrapbooking, traveling, cooking, making Christmas candy and taking care of others.

Anna believed in the right to vote, encouraging everyone to do so. She spent many hours on jury duty, her last time when in her 80s. In her later years she was the mayor of Timken, helping to raise money to open the community center and holding the president’s office. She was featured in USA Today in April 1988 for all her efforts.

Anna will be mostly remembered for the unconditional love she gave to her family and friends. All will truly miss her.

Survivors include two sons, John of Larned and Richard of Wichita; two daughters, Wanda Ramona Keenan of Pawnee Rock and Rita Ritter of Houston, Texas; 16 grandchildren, 40 great-grandchildren and 24 great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by three daughters, Norma Welborn, Virginia Emmons and Martha Gutierrez; two brothers, Peter and Clarence Heckens; and two sisters, Estella May Duda and Sarah M. Selle.

A rosary will be at 1:30 p.m. today, followed by a funeral service at 2 p.m. at Morell Funeral Home in Larned, with Father Bernard Felix presiding. Burial will be in the Holy Trinity Catholic Cemetery at Timken. Memorials may be sent to Larned Healthcare Center, in care of the funeral home. P.O. Box 124, Larned, KS 67550-0124.

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 14, 2007

Buck Malone 1957 - 2007

Buck Malone, 50, of Great Bend, died Dec. 8 at his residence. He was born July 3, 1957, at Colorado Springs, Colo., the son of L.D. and Carol Lea Sell Malone. He was a floor hand for Thunderbird Drilling and a roustabout for other companies. He was a resident of Great Bend since 1979, coming from Coffeyville.

He was of the Christian faith.

Survivors include a son, Seth Malone, of Rogers, Ark.; a daughter, Rebecca Esquivel, Topeka; his parents, of Mulberry; three brothers, Robert Malone of Oklahoma, Tom Malone of Great Bend and John Malone of Pittsburg; three sisters, Liz Malone of Oologah, Okla., Judy Hicks of Nowata, Okla., and Shannon Long of Pittsburg; and a grandson, Connor Esquivel.

A memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Bryant Funeral Home, Great Bend, with the Rev. Dwight Dozier officiating. There will be no visitation, as cremation has taken place. Memorial donations may be made to the Buck Malone Funeral Expense Fund, 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. 14, 2007

Paul E. Hyde 1926 - 2007

GLASCO — Paul E. Hyde, 80, of Glasco, a former resident of Great Bend, died Dec. 8 at Salina Regional Health Center. He was born Dec. 12, 1926, at Formoso. He was a town foreman for the Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America.

Survivors include his wife, Jo Ann Hyde of the home; two daughters, Dee Hyde Begany of Truth or Consequences, N.M., and Pam Hyde Ells of Boise, Idaho; foster sons W.T. Pearson of Seattle, Wash., David Bass of Johnson City and Robert Bass of Garden City; two great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

Funeral services will be at 3 p.m. Monday, at the Dean Funeral Home in Glasco. Interment will be at the Glasco Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to the American Heart Association or the American Diabetes Foundation. Visitation will be from 2 to 8 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home. Condolences may be sent to www.mcdonaldrobertsfuneralservice.com.

Funeral arrangements provided by Dean Funeral Home 301 East Main Glasco, KS 67445 (785) 738-2211

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 14, 2007

Darrell W. Clarke 1932 - 2007

Darrell W. Clarke, 75, of Great Bend died Dec. 10 at Great Bend. Born Aug. 20, 1932, in Great Bend, he was the son of Clarence M. and Verna Ward Clarke. He married Alene J. Barger on June 14, 1953, at Great Bend. She survives. A lifetime resident of Great Bend, he was the owner and operator of Clarke Well and Equipment. He started Clarke Well and Equipment Inc. in 1952. His company has grown to service Kansas, Oklahoma and Missouri, being retained by many professionals as an expert in the water-related industry, with the help of his three sons, Brent, Clint and Monte.

Clarke Well and Equipment has enjoyed an excellent relationship with a very large and diverse customer base that consists of municipal water users, consulting engineers, industrial water users, irrigation and feedlot operators, environmental consultants, etc. With the assistance of the family and loyal employees he managed the firm for the past 55 years. In 1960 Darrell started and operated Clarke Farm. He was a pilot and enjoyed flying for business purposes. Mr. Clarke was a veteran of the Korean War, serving with the United States Army. He was a member of Kansas Ground Water Association, National Ground Water Association and various other water-related organizations.

Survivors include his wife, of the home; three sons, Brent Clarke of Great Bend and his children, Brian Clarke and wife Brandi, Kevin Clarke and wife Steven Clarke, Christopher Clarke and David Clarke; son Clint Clarke and wife Darla of Great Bend and their children, Matthew and Jessica; three brothers, J. Don Clarke of Great Bend, Dale Clarke of Halfway, Mo., and Gene Clarke of Colorado Springs.

Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. on Saturday 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 visit from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. today and 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Friday with family receiving friends from 7 to 9 p.m., all at Bryant Funeral Home.

Memorials are suggested to the Kansas Ground Water Association Scholarship Fund or Sunflower Diversified Services, in care of the funeral home. Condolences may be sent and notice viewed at www.bryantfh.net.

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 13, 2007

Ira Stephens 1923 - 2007

KINCAID — Ira Stephens Jr., 84, of Kincaid, died Dec. 11 at Moran Manor in Moran. Born July 4, 1923, he grew up in Keystone, Okla. The family moved to Kansas two times where Ira’s dad had work in the Russell, Claflin, Augusta and Leon areas. He graduated from Augusta High School in 1941, meeting Faye Stout his junior year. They were married July 6, 1942. Ira attended welding school before working at Boeing in Wichita. They lived in Augusta, moving to Wichita by fall of 1942. On June 1, 1943, he was drafted and sent to Lincoln, Neb., South Dakota, and then California. Faye joined him each move he made. They had a baby girl in California in 1944. By June 1, Ira was notified of overseas duty. He was serving in China when the war ended. He returned home in May of 1946. Following the war they lived at Keystone, Okla. In September of 1947, the family moved to Great Bend, where Ira went to work for Farley
Dunn Children Education Fund or the Saturday at the Syracuse Cemetery, Burial will be at 10:30 a.m. MST a.m. to 7 p.m. today at the Beckwith Catholic Church with the Rev. Bernard Felix presiding. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. Friday at the Sacred Heart Church or Hospice Care of Kansas. Memorials contributions may be made to the Kincaid-Selma United Methodist Church or Hospice Care of Kansas. Condolences may also be made to www.feuerbornfuneral.com

Funeral arrangements provided by Feuerborn Family Funeral Service* 219 S. Oak St. P.O. Box 408 Garnett, KS 66012 785-449-5411 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 13, 2007

Craig Evan Dunn 1954 - 2007

LARNED — Craig Evan Dunn, 53, died Dec. 11 at his Larned home. He was born Oct. 9, 1954, in Syracuse, the son of Robert L. and Ruth Hoyt Dunn. A resident of Larned for the past 25 years, moving from Greensburg, he was a social worker for the Larned Juvenile Correctional Facility. He was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Larned, Quail Unlimited, Ducks Unlimited and Pheasants Forever. Survivors include his mother, Ruth Dunn, of Syracuse; a former spouse, Adele Dunn, Larned; a son, Evan Dunn, and a daughter, Adie Dunn; both of the home; and two sisters, Myrtle Stephens and wife Marlene of Kincaid, daughter, Casandra Steele and husband Tommie of Pratt; six grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; one sister, Myrtle Smith of Kingwood, Texas; and one brother, Sam Stephens and wife Bea of Wichita. He was preceded in death by his father. A vigil service will be at 7:30 p.m. Monday at the Kincaid-Selma United Methodist Church. Burial will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at the Kincaid City Cemetery. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home. Memorial donations are suggested to the American Cancer Society.

Funeral arrangements provided by Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home* 415 N. Main P.O. Box 146 Hoisington, KS 67544 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 13, 2007

Ann L. Christians 1930 - 2007

HOISINGTON — Ann L. Christians, 77, of Hoisington, died Dec. 9. Born May 15, 1930, at Oxford, she was the daughter of James N. and Nettie (Bidel) Reynolds. A resident of the Hoisington area since 1947, coming from New Gottlund, she was a recognized beautician. She married John E. Christians on Aug. 8, 1948, at Beaver.

Mrs. Christians was a member of the Beaver Friends Church.

Survivors include her husband; two sons, Alan K. Christians of Lindsborg and Bradley Christians of New York; two daughters, Osian R. Seyfert of Shawnee; a sister, Rose M. Ashcraft of Salina; and seven grandchildren, Skyler Christians, Brad Christians, Steve Christians, Shannon Christians, Adam Christians, Emily Christians, Sarah Sexton, Stacy and Kyle Sexton. She was preceded in death by a sister, Juanita E. Schafer.

Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday at the Christians Funeral Home in Lindsborg with the Rev. Loren Mai officiating. A graveside service will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday at the Hoisington City Cemetery with the Rev. Loren Mai officiating. Friends may visit at the Christians Funeral Home.
from 4 to 8 p.m. on Friday at the funeral home, with family receiving friends from 7 to 8 p.m. Memorials are suggested to the Ronald McDonald House of Wichita.

Funeral arrangements provided by Christians Funeral Home*
103 N. Washington
Lindsborg, KS. 67456
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 12, 2007

Herbert Lawrence Norton 1941 - 2007

LARNED — Herbert Lawrence Norton, 66, died Nov. 23 at his home in Larned. Born Sept. 17, 1941, in Chicago, Ill., he was the son of Clarence and Elsie H. Schmitz Norton. A resident of Larned, he was retired.

Mr. Norton attended the Church of the Nazarene in Larned.

Survivors include a son, Kevin Benson of St. Paul, Minn.; five brothers, Clarence "Bob" and Jim, both of Baronett, Wisc., George of Columbia, Wisc., Vern of Ferndale, Wash., and Ed of Canyon Lakes, Calif.; and three sisters, Ruth Schulze of Baronett, Wisc., Louise Rogaczewski of Palatine, Ill. and Sue Grow of Long Beach, Wash. He was preceded in death by a brother, David.

Memorial service will be held at a later date as cremation has taken place. Arrangements will be announced by Morell Funeral Home in Larned.

Funeral arrangements provided by Morell Funeral Home
P.O. Box 124
Larned, KS. 67550-0124
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 12, 2007

Herman Hanhardt1912 - 2007

Herman Hanhardt, 95, died Dec. 10 at Great Bend Health and Rehabilitation Center in Great Bend. Born Aug. 29, 1912 at Shafter, he was the son of Samuel and Elizabeth Wagner Hanhardt. He married Ileen Boese Whipple on Nov. 24, 1953, in Hoisington. She survives. He was a sales manager for Kansas Brick and Tile, delivered bulk oil for Standard Oil Company and was involved in manufacturing of the Hanhardt Energy Saver.

Mr. Hanhardt was an army veteran of World War II, serving in the 6th Infantry Division. He attended the Re-organized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. He was a lifetime member of the Hoisington Veterans of Foreign Wars and American Legion, a member and past president of Hoisington Lions Club, was Deputy District Governor of South West District of the Lions Club, a member and past president of Hoisington Chamber of Commerce and served on the City Council in Hoisington.

Survivors include his wife, Ileen Hanhardt of the home; a daughter, Verla Jean Rea of Las Vegas, Nev.; and two nephews, Don Hanhardt and wife Marty of Albert and Roger Hanhardt and wife Sally Jo of Hays. He was preceded in death by a brother, Albert Hanhardt.

Funeral service will be at 4 p.m. on Friday at Bryant Funeral Home with Loren Dyke officiating. Entombment will be at the Great Bend Cemetery Mausoleum with Military Rites conducted by Fort Riley Honor Guard. Friends may visit from noon to 9 p.m. on Thursday and from 9 a.m. to service time on Friday at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to the Albert Community Center 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. 12, 2007

Anna Elizabeth Gutierrez 1909 - 2007

LARNED — Anna Elizabeth Gutierrez, 98, died Dec. 10 at Larned Healthcare Center. Born March 27, 1909, in Hesston, she was the daughter of Jacob and Helena Wenger Heckens. A longtime resident of Larned, she was a homemaker. She married Nicolas E. Gutierrez on April 4, 1931, in Larned. He died May 15, 1980.

Mrs. Gutierrez was a member of Holy Trinity Catholic Church of Timken.

Survivors include two sons, John of Larned and Richard of Wichita; two daughters, Ramona Keenan of Pawnee Rock and Rita Ritter of Houston, Texas; 15 grandchildren; and numerous great grandchildren and great great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by three daughters, Norma Welborn, Virginia Emmons and Martha Gutierrez; two brothers, Peter Heckens and Clarence Heckens; and two sisters Estella May Duda and Sarah M. Selle.

Rosary will be at 1:30 p.m. on Friday at Morell Funeral Home. Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. on Friday at the funeral home with Father Bernard Felix presiding. Burial will be at Holy Trinity Catholic Cemetery in Timken. Friends may visit from noon until 8 p.m. on Wednesday and from 9 a.m. until 8 p.m. on Thursday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Larned Healthcare Center in care of the funeral home.

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Larned, KS. 67550-0124
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December 11, 2007

Mary Frances Glenn 1912 - 2007

LARNED — Mary Frances Glenn, 95, died Dec. 10 at Larned Healthcare Center. Born Dec. 10, 1912, in Timken, she was the daughter of George and Mary (Koontz) Altena. A resident of Larned, she was a homemaker.

Survivors include her husband, Ira E. Glenn of the home; four children, Harold and wife Alice, Larry and wife Mary, Harry and wife Marcy and Larry and wife Mary; 15 grandchildren; and 30 great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Ira Glenn; her parents; and four brothers, Charles, Robert, Morris and Irwin Altena.

Memorial service will be at 10 a.m. on Saturday at Trinity Lutheran Church in Great Bend with the Rev. James A. Strasen officiating. Burial will be at the Hillcrest Memorial Park in Great Bend. Friends may visit from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday and 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Friday with immediate family receiving friends from 7 to 9 p.m. all at Bryant Funeral Home. Memorials are suggested to Kansas Ground Water Association Scholarship Fund or Sunflower Diversified Services, all in care of the funeral home. Condolences may be sent and notice viewed at www.bryanthf.net.

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December 11, 2007

Mary Frances Glenn 1912 - 2007
MODESTO, Calif. — Mary Frances Glenn, 95, died Dec. 8 at her Modesto home. She was born June 27, 1912, at Stafford, the daughter of Elmer and Ella Frances Rusco Dale. Mary Frances Dale Glenn (Mrs. Howard Glenn) was surrounded in comfort by her daughter, Thais Fritzemeier, grandchildren, Tammy Balos, Robyn Cruz and great-grandchildren, Lauren Balos, Ashlee Balos, and Cody Balos, when she surrendered her body to her Lord on Dec. 8 in Modesto. Her youngest daughter, Ruth Ann Eide, had comforted her often throughout the end of her life. She was raised on a farm at Stafford. She had five brothers and three sisters. Two sisters survive her: Sadie Ruth Barber of Aurora, Colo., and Adabelle Koelling of Great Bend. Her deceased sister, Charlotte Heide, was also a victim of Alzheimer's.

Mary and Howard Glenn were married in Stafford Jan. 10, 1936, and celebrated their 67th anniversary in 2003. Howard died in April 2003. Mary Glenn was a resident of Camino, Calif., for 31 years and a member of Pollock Pines First Baptist Church. She moved to Modesto, Calif., in 2004 to reside with her daughter, Thais Fritzemeier, and granddaughter, Tammy Balos and family.

Mary was so proud of the quantity and quality of her children and their offspring that she regularly counted and bragged to any passerby in the stores or where she might be. Those family members are Thais and Ronald Fritzemeier of Modesto, Clarkie and John Wetmore of Meeteetse, Wyo., Chuck and Cece Glenn of Forsyth, Mont., and Ruth Ann Eide of Placerville, Calif.; 13 grandchildren and 30 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a great-grandchild, Weston Cruz. Mary Glenn is also survived by a brother-in-law, Clarence Eldridge, 99, of Meeteetse, Wyo.

A graveside service will be conducted at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Great Bend Cemetery, with Pastor Rick Fritzemeier officiating. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday and 9 to 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Bryant Funeral Home, Great Bend. Donations to memorial funds for the Alzheimer’s Aid Society, 2501 McHenry Ave., Modesto, CA 95350, Community Hospice Inc., 4368 Spyres Way, Modesto, CA 95356-9259, or the Alzheimer's Aid Society, 2501 Bently Way, Modesto, CA 95350-9259, or the Community Hospice Inc., 4368 Spyres Way, Modesto, CA 95350, or the Community Hospice Inc., 4368 Spyres Way, Modesto, CA 95350.

Funeral arrangements provided by

Bryant Funeral Home* 1425 Patton Road Great Bend, KS 67530 620-793-3525 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 11, 2007

Anna Elizabeth Gutierrez LARNED – Anna Elizabeth Gutierrez, 98, died Dec. 10 at Larned Healthcare Center, Larned. Arrangements are pending with Morell Funeral Home, Larned, and will be announced.

Great Bend Tribune, Dec. 11, 2007

Herman Hanhardt Herman Hanhardt, 95, Great Bend, died Dec. 10 at Great Bend Health and Rehabilitation Center, Great Bend. Arrangements are pending with Bryant Funeral Home, Great Bend, and will be announced.

Great Bend Tribune, Dec. 11, 2007

Ronald Joseph Gros 1941 - 2007 WICHITA — Ronald Joseph Gros, 66, of Wichita, passed away on Dec. 8 at Harry Hynes Memorial Hospice following a courageous battle with cancer. Ron was born July 1, 1941, at Flush, to the late Joseph and Edith Gros. He graduated from Andale High School in 1959. Following graduation from high school he served in the United States Air Force for four years. He then attended Spartan School of Aeronautics in Tulsa, Okla., graduated in 1966 with an IFR rated pilot's license and an aeronautical service degree. He was a service engineer at Beech Aircraft and served as the manager of technical support. He retired after 34 years of service. He married RoseMary Spexarth on July 18, 1964, in Colwich.

Mr. Gros was a member of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church in Wichita. He was a 3rd Degree member of the Knights of Columbus. Ron was an avid K-State football fan. He also enjoyed golfing, boating and fishing with his family and friends, most notably spending time with his grandchildren.

Survivors include his wife, Sandy of Great Bend; and wife Tracey of Amarillo; a daughter, Tammy Gros; a brother, Robert Stalker Sr. and his wife Susie of Amarillo; a niece, Annette Stout and her husband Rodney of Lake Ozark, Mo.; a niece, Donna Stalker of Amarillo; a nephew, Robert Stalker, Jr. of Amarillo; a niece Lisa Joyce of Phoenix, Ariz.; and a nephew Jeremy Stalker of Amarillo; and great-nieces and great-nephews, Amber Stout and Jessie Stout, both of Lake Ozark, Mo.; Christopher Joyce and Stephanie Joyce both of Phoenix, Ariz., and Joseph Stalker of Amarillo.

Graveside services will be held at 3 p.m. Wednesday in Llano Cemetery with Monsignor Joseph Tash of St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church officiating. Arrangements are by Rector Funeral Home, 2800 South Osage St., Amarillo, TX.

Funeral arrangements provided by

Rector Funeral Home* 2800 South Osage St., Amarillo, TX 79103 806-674-7091 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 11, 2007

Edwin Whitcher Schumacher 1915 - 2007 BAKERSFIELD, Calif. — Ed "Bud" Schumacher, 92, died Dec. 3. He was born July 10, 1915, in Jewell, to Dr. Arthur and Lillian Schumacher and had one sister, Sue. He graduated from Kansas State in 1939 with a mechanical engineering degree. He was an avid athlete. He played football, basketball and track in high school. In fact, one of his favorite stories was when Ed competed in the county pole-vault championship. It was a cold day and he was the only competitor to clear the opening height. The bar was lowered and the remaining competitors continued. By the time second and third places were
decided, they had passed his “winning height.” He won with the lowest height!

Ed met Genny, the love of his life, in a sandbox when they were three and four years old. They grew up together and married in 1940. What followed was much happiness and six children. He spent his young adult life in Great Bend, until the family moved to California in 1964. He settled in Bakersfield in 1966.

Ed and Genny enjoyed the company of many friends in Bakersfield. They spent happy hours playing bridge with the Newcomers Club and other groups. Ed worked for Depthograph Co. as an engineer until he retired in 1985. After retirement, he spent most of his time golfing with his son Jim. At 73 years old, he shot 2 under his age and got a hole in one at age 76.

Ed was preceded in death by his beloved wife Genevieve and his grandson Matthew Reese. He is survived by a daughter, Portia Angelo; a daughter and her husband, Ann and Ron Wilson; son and wife John and Joan Knowelden Schmucker, daughter and husband Becky and Ken Dixon, daughter and husband Mary and Brian King, and son Jim. He is survived by 19 grandchildren, 36 great-grandchildren, and 13 great-great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his favorite companion/dog Jack, his “little man.”

Ed was one of the best men ever to grace this earth. He was a man of great integrity. Ed was a man of honor. He was a kind, decent, remarkable man, valuing family above all. His stories were wonderful and his sense of humor was the best. Recently, when he made his first trip to the hospital since he was a child, the nurses asked him to remove his shirt and his response was “Compose yourself, girls!” His bright, funny, smart mind was a delight to know. He entertained us all by singing his high tenor, and joyfully shared his stories, loving us all with his huge heart.

A graveside service was held Friday, Dec. 7, at Greenlawn Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests a donation to the Diabetes Center at St. Joaquin Hospital, 1524 27th Street, Suite 101, Bakersfield, CA 93301.

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 11, 2007

Melvin Murray 1926 - 2007

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Funeral service was at noon Monday, at the Park Lawn Chapel in Kansas City, Mo. Burial was at Memorial Park Cemetery.

Funeral arrangements provided by Park Lawn Funeral Home#
8251 Hillcrest Road
Kansas City, MO 64138
816-523-1234

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1425 Patton Road
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Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 9, 2007

December 7, 2007

George W. Brannan 1918 - 2007

George W. Brannan, 89, died Dec. 6 in Wichita. He was born Feb. 18, 1918, in Larned. Earl and Effie Brannan. He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Lee Brannan. He met Leonida Ruder while attending photography school in Kansas City. Lee took the train to George’s flight training base in California, and they were married on Jan. 9, 1943. Lee currently resides at Catholic Care Center, 6550 E. 45th Street North, Apt. 118, Bel Aire, KS 67226.

George went to school in Larned and joined the Army in 1942. He later volunteered to become a pilot in the Army Air Corps and flew B-17 Fighting Fortress Bombers into the European
The painting shows another B-17 bomber in the background called "Our Gal Sal," which was the only plane from the 100th Bomber Group that was able to make it back to England that day. George and his crew had to bail out of the burning "Lucky Lee" at 30,000 feet, and it exploded seconds later. George was captured by farmers and eventually wound up in Stalag Luft 1 POW Camp in Barth, Germany, near Berlin. First Lt. Brannan was freed in 1945 by arriving Russian soldiers, and hitchhiked all the way back to Larned, where he reported in, to the surprised recruiter at the local Larned Army recruiting office, to collect his back pay.

After the war, George became a professional photographer and opened Brannan's Studio in Great Bend. He took thousands of portraits, school photos, and, more than 7,000 weddings. His hobbies included ham radio and computers.

Survivors, besides his wife, include one daughter, Jackie Gibson, Andover; three sons, Dr. James E. Brannan, DDS, Las Vegas, Nev., Stanley G. Brannan, Wichita, and Donald L. Brannan, Highland Ranch, Colo.; one brother, Chester Brannan, Aurora, Colo., and a sister, Maxine Foster of Pawnee Rock; 10 grandchildren, one great-grandchild, and three stepgreat-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife, Maxine Brannan, and two brothers, Wayne Luttrell and Kenneth Luttrell.

A private family service will be held at a later date, as well as a private family incursion at Great Bend Cemetery. There will be no visitation as cremation has taken place. Donations to a memorial fund for Southwold Hospice may be made in care of Bryant 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. 6, 2007

Wilma A. Renfro 1915 - 2007

ELLINWOOD — Wilma A. Renfro, 92, died Dec. 5 at Lakepoint Nursing Center in Augusta. She was born July 18, 1915, near Sylvia, the daughter of Harry Clothier and Nellie Lofton Clothier. She married Thomas Renfro on Nov. 23, 1933, at Russell. He died Aug. 23, 1981. She had been an Ellinwood resident for more than 57 years before moving to

Funeral arrangements provided by Porter Funeral Home* 8535 Monovia Lenexa, KS 66215 913-438-6444 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 6, 2007

Cecil M. Luttrell 1930 - 2007

Cecil M. Luttrell, 77, of Great Bend, died Dec. 4 at his home. He was born July 3, 1930, at Harold, Texas, the son of Otis and Lucy Haynes Luttrell. He married Rose Ileen Mauder at Lawton, Okla. She survives. He was a field manager and co-owner of Classic Exploration. He had been a resident of Great Bend since 1960.

Survivors, in addition to his wife, of the home, include three sons, Alan Luttrell and wife Jan of Pratt, Curtis Luttrell and wife Nancy of Wichita and Gordon Luttrell and wife Bev of Phoenix, Ariz.; two daughters, Sharron Pace of Great Bend and Vicki Anderson and husband Steve of Santa Ana, Calif.; a brother, Trent Luttrell of Bakersfield, Calif.; 10 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Wayne Luttrell and James Luttrell, and a sister, Mary Nell Strawn.

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Augusta in 2000. She was a sales clerk at Backs Dry Goods and a florist, both in Ellinwood.

She was a member of Immanuel United Church of Christ and Order of the Eastern Star, both of Ellinwood.

Survivors include two daughters, Yvonne Apel and husband Harry of Augusta and Phyllis Reifsneider and husband Jerry of Hutchinson; a sister, Jean Jordan and husband Bob of Wichita; 11 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren and 17 great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband; a son, John; five brothers, Millard, Homer, Everett, Orval and Harry Neil; two sisters, Helen and Ila; and two grandsons, Duane Apel and Paul David Reifsneider.

Funeral service will be at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at Kimple Funeral Chapel in Ellinwood, with the Rev. Larry Young officiating. Burial will be at the Lakin-Comanche District Cemetery in Ellinwood. Visitation will be from 1 to 8 p.m. Friday and 9 a.m. to service time Saturday at the funeral home. Memorial donations may be made to the Immanuel United Church of Christ, Ellinwood.

Funeral arrangements provided by Kimple Funeral Home* 113 North Main Ellinwood, KS 67526 620-564-2300 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 6, 2007 December 5, 2007

GERHARDT BITTER 1917 - 2007

GARDEN CITY — Gerhardt Bitter, 90, passed away Dec. 2 at Garden Valley Retirement Village in Garden City. He was born Aug. 22, 1917, at Hoisington, Kansas, the son of Henry and Katherine Stettinger Bitter III. On Jan. 7, 1940, he married Esther Leona Radke at Hoisington. She survives. He was a retired farmer, stockman and dairyman and had been a resident of Garden City since 2003, moving from Galatia.

Gerhardt was a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Galatia.

His other survivors include a son and his wife, Jerry and Donna Bitter of Garden City; a sister, Elvera Bitter of Hoisington; a granddaughter and her husband, Tracy and David Wapp of Bloomington, Ill.; two grandsons and their wives, Jason and Amy Bitter and Gregg and Natalie Bitter, all of Kansas City, Kan.; and two great-grandchildren, Brevin Wapp and Avery Wapp, both of Bloomington, Ill. Gerhardt was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers, Edwin Bitter and Wilmer Bitter, and a sister, Hilda Wilhelm.

Funeral services will be held at 3 p.m. today at Garden Valley Retirement Village in Garden City with Pastors Lyle Stuehrenberg and Marion Heisey officiating. Graveside services will be held at 11:30 a.m. Thursday at Fairview Township Cemetery in Galatia. Friends may call from 10 a.m. to noon today at Price & Sons Funeral Home in Garden City. Memorials may be given to Garden Valley Retirement Village or Trinity Lutheran Church in care of the funeral home. E-condolences may be sent to priceandsonsfh.com.

Funeral arrangements provided by Price & Sons Funeral Home* 620 N. Main Garden City, KS 67846 620-276-2364 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 5, 2007 Velma Beatrice Hewson 1927 - 2007

LARNED — Velma Beatrice Hewson, 84, died Dec. 3 at Larned Health Care and Living Center. Larned. She was born Aug. 19, 1923, at Larned, the daughter of Joseph P. Rishel and Elizabeth J. (Lizzie) Brown Rishel. Velma grew up at Ash Valley and attended Woodrow School, a two-room school in Ash Valley. She was a member of the Pleasant Hill Methodist Church. She drove to Larned from Ash Valley to attend high school. After graduating from Larned High School in 1941, she worked at the Pawnee County Courthouse as a secretary in the Farm Extension Office.

Velma loved 4-H. She was a 4-H member growing up and a Gem Dandies community leader as an adult. She was a lifetime member of the Pawnee County 4-H Foundation and received the Pawnee County 4-H Alumni Award in 1987. Velma's children and grandchildren were active in 4-H. She never missed one of their events. She would be so proud to know that her oldest great-grandchild has just recently joined a 4-H club.

On Jan. 27, 1949, she married Glenn E. Hewson at the Larned Christian Church parsonage. He died Aug. 28, 1987. Glenn and Velma made their home northwest of Larned where he was a farmer and she was a homemaker. She was a member of the Larned United Methodist Church. One of her greatest joys was volunteering at the Methodist Church Budget Shop.

Survivors include two sons, Galen Glenn Hewson and wife Rita of Larned and Gary Floyd Hewson and wife Marsha of Columbia, S.C.; a daughter, Elizabeth Jane Jackson and husband Bob of Acworth, Ga.; seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, a granddaughter, Gina Jackson, two brothers, Floyd Rishel and Carl Rishel, and two sisters, Viola Parrish and Ferne Fox.

Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at the Beckwith Mortuary Chapel in Larned with Pastor Ryan Webster presiding. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday and Friday at the mortuary. Burial will be in the Larned Cemetery, Larned. After the graveside service, the family would like to invite friends for lunch and fellowship at the Larned Assembly of God Church, 921 Broadway, Larned. Memorials may be sent to the Pawnee County 4-H Foundation in care of the mortuary, P.O. Box 477, Larned, KS 67550. Condolences may be left at www.beckwithmortuary.com.


Monika Michelle Menges 1987 - 2007

ELLINWOOD — Monika Michelle Menges, 20, died Dec. 1 as a result of an automobile accident east of Great Bend. She was born May 17, 1987, at Great Bend, the daughter of Mike and Belinda Ketch Menges. A lifetime Ellinwood resident, she was a 2005 graduate of Ellinwood High School and an employee of Ellinwood Packing Plant, Ellinwood.

Survivors include a son, Mathew Rubio of Ellinwood; her parents, of Ellinwood; a brother, Michael Gerald Menges, and his wife, Katrina Werth Menges, of Wichita Falls, Texas; nieces, Mikayla Menges and Maryssa Menges, and a nephew Michael Menges, all of Wichita Falls, Texas; and grandparents, Jerry and Geraldine Menges of Ellinwood. She was preceded in death by a grandmother, Fay Duntz, a grandfather, Gerald L. Ketch, and a daughter, Maleah Marie Menges Stark.

Funeral service will be at 3:30 p.m. today at Kimple Funeral Chapel, Ellinwood. Burial will be at Lakin-Comanche District Cemetery, Ellinwood. Friends may call from 9 a.m. until service time today at Kimple Funeral Home. Memorial donations may be made to the Mathew Rubio Education Fund or for Potters Syndrome Research.

Funeral arrangements provided by Kimple Funeral Home# 113 North Main Ellinwood, KS 67526 620-564-2300 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 4, 2007 Debra J. "Witt" Newell 1951 - 2007

STAFFORD — Debra J. "Witt" Newell, 56, died Dec. 2 at Stafford District Hospital in Stafford. Born May 24, 1951, at Great Bend, she was the daughter of Vernon and Doris "Clair" Witt. She graduated from St. John-Hudson High School in 1970, attended Kansas State University for two years where she was on the women's basketball team and graduated from Adley-Hale School of Business of Hutchinson. A Stafford resident for most of her life, she was a homemaker, helped her husband on the family farm and was formerly an accountant for several area businesses. She married Donald G. Newell on May 28, 1978, at Hudson.
Mrs. Newell was a member of the Trinity Community Church of Hudson and Hudson I.Q. Study Club and volunteered for several community organizations.

Survivors include her husband, of the home; a son, Bradley J. Newell of Lawrence; her mother, Doris Witt of Hudson; and a brother, Kim Witt of Sterling. She was preceded in death by her father, Vernon Witt; and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Gust "Dux" Witt and Mr. and Mrs. Walter J. Clair.

A closed-casket memorial service will be at 2 p.m. on Wednesday at the church in Hudson with Pastor Wade Russell presiding. There will be a private family burial at the Trinity Cemetery in Hudson. Friends may visit from 1 to 7 p.m. today at Minnis Chapel in Stafford. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials to the Trinity Community Church of Hudson, Stafford District Hospital or Southwind Hospice, all 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. 4, 2007

Quentin James Anton 1927 - 2007

Quentin James Anton, 80, of Great Bend, died Dec. 1 at Hutchinson Hospital, Hutchinson. He was born Aug. 8, 1927, in Dodge City. He married Koneta Runyon Bird on Feb. 10, 1978, at Great Bend. He worked in the material department for Fuller Brush and previously for Safeway and IGA. He was a resident of Great Bend since 1962.

Anton was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II, serving with the rank of PFC in the Pacific. He was a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3111 and First Southern Baptist Church, both of Great Bend.

Survivors include his wife, of the home; a stepdaughter, Reneta Bird Santoro, of Fort Collins, Colo.; six stepgrandchildren including Blake Santoro and Brandon Santoro; and a nephew, Clayton Ferguson. He was preceded in death by his adoptive parents, Frank and Sadie Hoskinson Anton, two brothers, Gene Anton and Ed Anton, and two sisters, Frances Zillox and Alice Ferguson.

A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. Friday at Hillcrest Memorial Park, Great Bend, with Gary Burke officiating. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday, with the family to receive friends from 5 to 6 p.m., at Bryant Funeral Home, Great Bend. In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to the Quentin Anton Memorial Fund 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. 4, 2007

Lila (Hall) Myers 1914 - 2007

Lila (Hall) Myers, 93, of Great Bend, died Dec. 1. Mrs. Myers was born on Aug. 13, 1914, at Seward, the daughter of John and Mary (Keenan) Weber. A lifetime area resident of Barton and Stafford counties, she was a homemaker and former employee at the Singer Sewing Center. She married Luke C. Hall on Sept. 19, 1936. He died on Sept. 24, 1963. She married Edward C. Myers on March 8, 1979, in Great Bend, he died on April 19, 1997.

Mrs. Myers was a member of the Prince of Peace Parish, Altar Society, Daughters of Isabella, Town & Country FCE Unit, and former member of the Business and Professional Women’s Association.

Survivors include two sons, J. Kevin Hall of Moberly, Mo., and Brett G. Hall of Houston, Texas; two daughters, Rhonda J. Hall of Omaha, Neb., and Anita Dreiling Exline of Topeka; a nephew (whom she raised), Sean N. Weber of Flower Mound, Texas; a niece, Pandora M. Weber of Ness City; six grandchildren, one stepgrandchild and nine great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her first husband, Luke C. Hall; her second husband, Edward C. Myers; a son, Kent R. Hall; a daughter, Marilyn Joan Hall; and a brother, Neil V. Weber.

Rosary Service will be at 9 a.m. today at the St. Rose Catholic Church in Great Bend followed by a funeral mass at 10 a.m. Burial will be at the St. Francis Cemetery in Seward. There will be no visitation. Memorials may be given in lieu of flowers to the St. Rose School Endowment Fund of Great Bend or the St. Francis Xavier Parish in Seward.

Funeral arrangements provided by
Christians Funeral Home*
103 N. Washington, P.O. Box 386
Lindsborg, KS 67456
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 4, 2007

Jerry J. Hatcher 1912 - 2007

MCPherson — Jerry J. Hatcher, 95, died Dec. 2 at McPherson Care Center, McPherson. He was born Jan. 10, 1912, at Minneola, the son of Oden D. and Ruth L. Bridge Hatcher. He married Dorothy Mae Griffith on Aug. 22, 1936, at Russell. She died Aug. 22, 1965. He married Leona Darlene (Rhahn) Brown on Dec. 18, 1966. He was a retired carpenter and handyman and also worked for the City of McPherson at the Sewage Treatment Plant, retiring in 1977. He had lived in McPherson since December 1965, and formerly lived in Great Bend. He graduated from Florence High School in 1930. He served in the U.S. Navy with the Seabees during World War II, stationed in the Solomon Islands.

He was a member of First Christian Church and a life member of McPherson Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2715.

Survivors include his wife Darlene, of the home; a daughter, Carol Powell of Altoona; and a brother, John Hatcher of Ellinwood. He was preceded in death by five brothers, Holland, Chester, Ernie, Edgar and Floyd; two sisters, Mary Pinon and Ruby Beyer; an infant daughter and son, and a stepson, Harry Don Brown; eight stepgrandchildren, eight stepgreat-grandchildren and two stepgreat-great-grandchildren.

Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the church in McPherson, with the Rev. John Gran officiating. A reception and luncheon will take place in the fellowship hall at the church immediately after the funeral service. Interment will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the Lakin-Comanche District Cemetery in Ellinwood. Visitation will be from 3 to 8 p.m. today at the Stockham Family Funeral Home, McPherson, with the family present from 6 to 8 p.m. Memorial donations may be made to Hospice Care of Kansas or VFW Post 2715. Personal condolences may be sent to the family via www.stockhamfamily.com.

Funeral arrangements provided by
Stockham Family Funeral Home
205 N. Chestnut
McPherson, KS 67460
620-241-2442
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 4, 2007

December 2, 2007

Lois H. Becker 1915 - 2007

Lois H. Becker, 92, Great Bend, died Nov. 29 at her residence. Born June 4, 1915 at Pawnee Rock, she was the daughter of Cecil and Lela Holland Gilbert. She married Harold L. Becker on June 14, 1936 in Pawnee Rock. He died on June 15, 2006. A resident of Great Bend most of her life, she was a homemaker.

Mrs. Becker was a member of the First United Methodist Church, United Methodist Women, and Bissell Point EHU, all of Great Bend.

Survivors include a son, Wayne Becker and wife Karen of Great Bend; three daughters, Linda Sisson and Jean Radke and husband Ron, all of Great Bend, and Ann Engel and husband Al of McPherson; nine grandchildren; and 27 great-grandchildren, and three great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a son-in-law, Larry Sisson; a granddaughter, Pam Sisson Schenk; and one great-grandson, Aaron Sisson.

Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. on Monday at the First United Methodist Church in Great Bend with Rev. Gary Brooks officiating. Burial will be at the
Great Bend Cemetery. Friends may visit from 1 to 9 p.m. on Sunday at Bryant Funeral Home, with family receiving friends from 7 to 9 p.m. Memorials are suggested to the First United Methodist Church or the Barton County Food Bank, 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. 2, 2007

Bob R. Koch 1936 - 2007

SALINA - Bob R. Koch, 71, Salina, died Nov. 29 in Salina. He was born Aug. 11, 1936, in Great Bend. Mr. Koch was the owner and proprietor of Koch Liquor Store.

Survivors include his spouse, Sharon Koch, Salina, and a sister, Shirley Henning, of Wichita. He was preceded in death by his parents, Milton and Clara Hayward Koch, and a sister, Norma Jean Welborn.

Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Ryan Mortuary, Salina. Burial in the Great Bend Cemetery, at 2:30 p.m. Monday. Memorials are suggested to the M.S. Society or Morrison House of Salina. Friends may call at the Ryan Mortuary on Monday until the time of the service.

Funeral arrangements provided by
Ryan Mortuary, Inc.
137 North Eighth
Salina, KS 67401
1-800 498-7926
www.ryanmortuary.com
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 2, 2007

Marjorie F. Neidhart 1921 - 2007

HOISINGTON - Marjorie F. Neidhart, 86, died Nov. 30 at Clara Barton Hospital in Hoisington. Born Nov. 1, 1921 in Burdett, she was the daughter of Silas Edward and Martha Henrietta (Ubben) Daughenbaugh. She married John L. Neidhart on Feb. 26, 1945 in San Antonio, TX. He preceded her in death on Oct. 8, 1988. A resident of Hoisington since 1946, she was a homemaker.

Mrs. Neidhart was a member of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church and Altar Society, both of Hoisington. She was a member of Cheyenne EHU and served on the Hoisington election board for many years.

Survivors include three sons, Paul Neidhart and wife Alice of Naperville, Ill., Richard Neidhart of Hoisington, and Robert Neidhart and wife Marty of Dodge City; a sister, Norma Flory and husband Neil of Tulsa, Okla.; a son-in-law, Larry McPhail of Salina; five grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a daughter, Barbara McPhail; a brother Maurice Daughenbaugh; and a grandson, Marc Neidhart.

Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Hoisington with Father Dwight Bircket officiating. Burial will be at the St. John Cemetery in Hoisington. Friends may visit from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Monday with a Vigil service at 7 p.m. followed by an Altar Society rosary, all at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home. Memorials are suggested to Clara Barton Foundation, the Heritage Club or donor's choice, 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.), Dec. 2, 2007

Zelma Belle Denchfield Martin 1913 - 2007

EUREKA - Zelma Belle Denchfield Martin, 94, died Nov. 28 at Great Bend Health & Rehabilitation Center, Great Bend. She was born April 25, 1913, in rural Greenwood County, the daughter of Henry Herbert (Harry) and Eda Belle Wright Denchfield. She attended Harmony Grade School and Piedmont High School. On Sept. 21, 1940, she married Hubert Douglas Martin in Eureka. He passed away on May 8, 1989. She had been a resident of Great Bend for the past six years. The rest of her life she was a resident of Greenwood County, the Reece, Piedmont and Eureka areas. She was a homemaker, active in the Otter Creek community for years. She collected the Harmony News for the Eureka Herald for many years. She was a past 4-H project leader for Harmony Sunflowers 4-H Club, a past member of the Community Benefit EHU club, a longtime volunteer for the bloodmobile and attended the Piedmont Methodist Church and the First Methodist Church of Eureka.

Survivors include a son, Harry Lee Martin, and wife Elaine, of Wichita; a daughter, Rozena Martin Brown Tomlin, and husband, Harold, of Great Bend; six grandchildren, Jeffery Martin, Lisa Sowers and Kevin Martin, all of Wichita, Lonnie Brown and Elwanda Stiles, both of Great Bend, and Martin Brown of Atlanta, Ga.; 12 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, brother Frank Denchfield, and son-in-law Tom Brown.

Visitation with the family will be from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Koup Funeral Home in Eureka, with graveside services following at 3 p.m. in the Greenwood County Cemetery, with the Rev. Deana Hill officiating. In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to the Eureka Senior Center or the Great Bend Senior Center in care of the funeral home.

Funeral arrangements provided by
Koup Funeral Home#
121 N. Oak St.
Eureka, KS 67045
620-583-5575
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 2, 2007

Monica Michelle Menges 1987 - 2007

ELLINWOOD - Monica Michelle Menges, 20, died Dec. 1 as a result of an automobile accident east of Great Bend. She was born May 17, 1987, at Great Bend, the daughter of Mike and Belinda Ketch Menges. A lifetime Ellinwood resident, she was a 2005 graduate of Ellinwood High School and an employee of Ellinwood Packing Plant, Ellinwood.

Survivors include a son, Matthew Rubio of Ellinwood; her parents, of Ellinwood; a brother, Michael Gerald Menges, and his wife, Katrina Werth Menges, of Wichita Falls, Texas; nieces, Mikayla Menges and Maryssa Menges, and a nephew, Michael Menges, all of Wichita Falls, Texas; and grandparents, Jerry and Geraldine Menges of Ellinwood. She was preceded in death by her grandmother, Fay Duntz, a grandfather, Gerald L. Ketch, and a daughter, Maleah Marie Menges Stark.

Funeral service will be at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday at Kimple Funeral Chapel, Ellinwood, with the Rev. Mike Joiner officiating. Burial will be at Lakin-Comanche District Cemetery, Ellinwood. Friends may call from 1 to 8 p.m. Monday and from 9 a.m. until service time Tuesday at Kimple Funeral Home. Memorial donations may be made to the Matthew Rubio Education Fund or for Potter's Syndrome Research.

Funeral arrangements provided by
Kimple Funeral Home*
113 North Main
Ellinwood, KS 67526
620-564-2300
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Dec. 2, 2007

November 30, 2007

Patricia Louise Clifford 1936 - 2007

KAHOKA, Mo. - Patricia Louise Clifford, 71, of Kahoka, Mo., died Nov. 27 at Via Christi Regional Medical Center, St. Francis Campus in Wichita. She was born Sept. 24, 1936, in Gaston, Ind., to Donald Kinder and Lola Turner Kinder. On April 8, 1955, she married Dick Clifford in Carthage, Ind. They celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in 2005.

Along with her husband, she served churches in Indiana, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas and Missouri for 50 years. In addition to being a minister's wife, she had been a youth worker for many years and had taught numerous Bible studies and Sunday School classes. She wrote many devotional booklets and other Christian articles that were widely disseminated. She was featured in a program on a local radio station and...
another one on the WTJR television station in Quincy, Ill.

In addition to her husband, survivors include four sons: Randi of Salina, Kevin of Great Bend, and Rodney and Christopher, both of Kahoka. She is also survived by six grandchildren and eight brothers and sisters: Bill, Jay, Peggy, Linda, Larry, Les, Jim and Chris. She is also survived by a number of cousins, nieces, and nephews. Pat was preceded in death by her parents and two favorite aunts, Charlotte Yarling and Orpha McCorkle.

A Celebration of Life will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Kahoka Christian Church. Graveside services and burial will be held at 11 a.m. Monday at the Curtisville Cemetery in Curtisville, Ind. Friends can call at Wilson Funeral Home in Kahoka after 2 p.m. today with the family receiving friends from 6-8 p.m. Memorials in lieu of flowers may be made to the family. On-line condolences may be expressed at www.timeformemory.com/wilsonfh.

Funeral arrangements provided by Wilson Funeral Home 975 E. Main St. Kahoka, MO 63445 660-727-2117 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 30, 2007

Lois Becker 1915 - 2007

Lois (Mrs. Harold) Becker, 94, of Great Bend, died Nov. 21 at her home. She was born June 4, 1915. Her funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at First United Methodist Church, Great Bend. Burial will be in Great Bend Cemetery. Visitation will be from 1 to 9 p.m. Sunday at Bryant Funeral Home, Great Bend. Service arrangements are pending with Bryant Funeral Home and a complete obituary will appear in Sunday's Tribune.

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 30, 2007

November 28, 2007

Mildred E. Stoskopf 1916 - 2007

HOISINGTON — Mildred E. Stoskopf, 90, died Nov. 26 at Country Place Home Plus in Hoisington. Born Dec. 10, 1916, in Mildred, Mont., she was the daughter of Ernest and Anna (Chillberg) Almquist. She graduated from Great Bend High School in 1935. A lifetime resident of Hoisington and the Great Bend area, she was a homemaker. She married Wayne Stoskopf on May 1, 1938, in Great Bend. In 1997 they received the Kansas Master Farm-Master Homemaker Award.

Mrs. Stoskopf was a member of First United Methodist Church, PEO Chapter GG, Order of the Eastern Star Una Chapter No. 119, all of Hoisington, a former 4-H Leader, Knife and Fork Club and Seekers Sunday School Class.

Survivors include her husband, Wayne Stoskopf of Hoisington; two sons, Dr. Lawrence Stoskopf and wife JoAnn of Salina and Dean Stoskopf and wife Mary Anne of Hoisington; a daughter, Mary Ann Fetherston and husband John of Wichita; grandchildren, Scott and Melissa Fetherston of Sherwood, Ark., David and Jennifer Fetherston and Janie Atkins, all of Wichita, Kurt and Dani Stoskopf of West Henrietta, N.Y., Karin and Ryan Messmore of Oldenton, Md., Julia and Lt. Joshua Debes of Crestview, Fla., and Wayne Stoskopf of Manhattan; and great-grandchildren, John, Anna and Isaac Fetherston, Siena and Brenna Atkins, Dante and Amelie Stoskopf and Joshua and Christopher Messmore. She was preceded in death by three brothers, Carl, Roy and Norman Almquist.

Funeral service will be at 1:30 p.m. on Friday at the First United Methodist Church in Hoisington with the Rev. Wayne Flanders officiating. Burial will be at the Hoisington Cemetery. Friends may visit from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday with family receiving friends from 6 to 8 p.m., all at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home, and from 10 a.m. to service time on Friday at the church. Memorials are suggested to Camp Discovery (Diabetes Camp) or American Diabetes Association in care of the funeral home.

Funeral arrangements provided by Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home* 415 North Main P.O. Box 145 Hoisington, KS 67544 620-653-4165 Great Bend (Ks.) Tribune, Nov. 28, 2007

Elias T. "Doobie" Gonzalez Jr. 1954 - 2007

Elias T. "Doobie" Gonzalez, Jr. 53, of Great Bend, died Nov. 23 at Via Christi St. Francis Regional Medical Center in Wichita. Born Jan. 4, 1954, in Great Bend, he was the son of Elias T. Sr. and Emma Granados Gonzalez. A lifetime resident of Great Bend, he worked in the oilfield for most of his life.

Survivors include his father, Elias T. Gonzalez Sr., of Stockton, Calif.; his mother and stepfather, Emma and Manuel Moreno, of Great Bend; five brothers, Julian Gonzalez of Great Bend, Gilbert Gonzalez and wife Kelly of Ness City, Albert Gonzalez and wife Lesli and Robert Messmore and wife Barb, all of Topeka; and Richard Moreno of Olathe; five sisters, Mary Ward and husband Larry, Rose Moreno-Cain and Teresa Mossberg and husband Shawn, all of Great Bend, Alice Delgado of Wichita, and Gloria Snow and husband Nathan of Oklahoma City, Okla.; and a large family of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. today at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend with Ed Forton officiating. Interment will be at Hillcrest Memorial Park in Great Bend. Memorials are suggested to American Heart Association or Meals on Wheels 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 620-793-3526 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 28, 2007

Wayne "Butch" A. Kraft 1954 - 2007

UDALL — Wayne "Butch" A. Kraft, 53, of Udall, passed away Nov. 26 at William Newton Hospital in Winfield. Born Aug. 14, 1954, in Great Bend, he was the son of R. Duane and Delores (Bieber) Kraft. He was raised and received his education in Hoisington. He was united in marriage on May 20, 1978, to Dana Johnson in Wichita, and the couple made their home in rural Udall. A veteran of the Vietnam War, Mr. Kraft proudly served his country in the United States Army. Following his honorable discharge, he moved to Wichita, where he worked for a medical equipment company. Wayne later was employed in the industrial equipment repair business.

He spent the last 10 years refurbishing equipment and running his own business. Wayne was his own entrepreneur and he loved music, science and the outdoors.

Surviving family include his wife, Dana, of the home; his parents, R. Duane and Delores of Hoisington; his brother, Daniel Kraft of Wichita; his sisters, Marilyn Wallace and husband Larry of Wichita and Carolyn Downey and husband Robert of Cheney; and a host of nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Miles Funeral Service in Winfield. Private interment will take place at a later date. Friends may call at the funeral home from 5 to 9 p.m. today.

Funeral arrangements provided by Miles Funeral Service* 4001 East Ninth/Box 720 Winfield, KS 67156 620-221-1111 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 28, 2007

Frank A. Seeber

ALBERT — Frank A. Seeber, 85, died Nov. 27. Funeral arrangements are pending with Bryant Funeral Home, Great Bend, and will be announced.

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 28, 2007

November 27, 2007

Keith L. Blide 1930 - 2007

ST. JOHN — Keith L. Blide, 77, died Nov. 24 at Pratt Regional Medical Center, Pratt. He was born Oct. 24, 1930, at Osborn, the son of Ross and Ava
Mr. Blide was a U.S. Navy veteran of the Korean Conflict. He was a member of Our Savior Lutheran Church and the American Legion, both of Great Bend; Stafford County Campers Club and was inducted into the Kansas State High School Activities Association Sports Hall of Fame in 1995.

Survivors include his wife, of the home; a daughter, Linda Fisher and husband Greg of St. John; two sons, Terry L. Blide and wife Lisa of Hays and Brian K. Blide and wife Mary Lou of Downs; two brothers, Clyde Blide and wife Mary Lou of Downs, and Richard Blide and wife Wilma of Wichita; and four grandchildren, Staci and Grant Fisher and Travis and Sara Blide. He was preceded in death by both parents, a stepfather, George DeBey, and a grandson, Jeremy Fisher.

Funeral arrangements provided by Minnis Chapel*
527 E. Fourth
St. John, KS
620-549-3556
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 27, 2007

Naomi Valentine "Val" Bartley 1911 - 2007

Naomi Valentine "Val" Bartley, 96, longtime Great Bend resident, died Nov. 26 at her McPherson residence. She was born Feb. 14, 1911, at Wichita, she degree in science and physician and Ann James Thorp. She married Charles Edward Bartley in Larned. He died Dec. 13, 1984. She was a 1928 graduate of Larned High School. She was a homemaker and owned Val's Market and the Mayflower Cafe. She was a resident of Great Bend most of her life.

She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church, a former Girl Scout leader, Guardian of Bethel No. 30, International Order of Job's Daughters, all of Great Bend, Grand Guardian of International Order of Job's Daughters, State of Kansas, 1955 and 1956, and member of Golden Sheaf Chapter 226, Order of the Eastern Star.

Survivors include one son, James Bartley and wife Doris of Fairfax, Va.; two daughters, Elizabeth Erwin and husband Fred of Russell and Jean Regier and husband Jerome of McPherson; a daughter-in-law, Bette Ann Bartley of Sugarland, Texas; 11 grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a son, Lawrence Bartley, and one granddaughter, Nancy Kay Bartley.

Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at First Presbyterian Church, Great Bend, with the Rev. Hal Staats officiating. Interment will be at Hillcrest Memorial Park, Great Bend. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Wednesday at Bryant Funeral Home, Great Bend. Donations to a memorial fund for the Nancy Kay Bartley Scholarship Fund at Barton County Community College 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, Nov. 27, 2007

Emil Edward Serpan 1922 - 2007

TIMKEN — Emil Edward Serpan, 85, died Nov. 26 at Cherry Village Nursing Home in Great Bend. Born Jan. 9, 1922, in Timken, he was the son of Emil Frank and Agnes (Kralicek) Serpan. A lifelong resident of Rush County, he was a 1941 graduate of Bison High School. He married Lorraine H. Krmela on Jan. 29, 1946, at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Olmitz. She died on March 9, 2006. He retired from Centel Electric in Great Bend where he worked in the maintenance department.

Mr. Serpan was a U.S. Army veteran, serving during World War II with the 456th Antiaircraft Artillery Battalion in the European Theatre. His engagements included Normandy, France, the Rhineland, Europe and the Ardennes. He entered the Army on Oct. 19, 1942, and was honorably discharged on Oct. 29, 1945, at Fort Leavenworth. He trained at Fort Sheridan, Ill., Camp McCoy, Wis., Camp Rucker, Ala., Camp Stewart, Ga., and Tennessee Maneuvers. He was transferred overseas on Oct. 21, 1943, and returned to the United States on Oct. 23, 1945, after serving 36 months.

He was a member of Holy Trinity Catholic Church, life member of American Legion Post No. 0353, Z.C.B.J. Bohemian Lodge, Bison-Timken Men's Club and the volunteer fire department, all of Timken; a life member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 5147 in La Crosse; and honorary life member of the Knights of Columbus Council No. 2100 of Olmitz.

Survivors include a daughter, Carol Bieber and husband Richard of Great Bend; two grandchildren, Brent Bieber of Lakewood, Colo., and Candice Hirsh and husband Darrin of Great Bend; and three great-grandchildren, for Easton Hirsh, Garrett Hirsh and Gavin Hirsh, all of Great Bend. He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, a brother, Stanley J. Serpan; and a sister, Mildred M. Reichel.

Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Timken with Father Rene Labrador officiating. Burial will be at Holy Cross Cemetery in Timken. Friends may visit from 1 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday at the Janousek Funeral Home in La Crosse, with family receiving friends from 6 to 7 p.m., and Vigil Service and Rosary at 7 p.m. Memorials are suggested to the Holy Trinity Church in Timken or the Knights of Columbus Council No. 2100 in Olmitz in care of the funeral home.

Funeral arrangements provided by Janousek Funeral Home*
719 Pine
La Crosse, KS 67549
BAZINE – Emma Schneider, 93, died Nov. 22 at Naples, Fla. She was born Nov. 19, 1914, in Sutton, Neb., the daughter of John and Mary Schmidt Bahn. In 1916 she moved with her family to Alamota, Kan., where she grew up. On Dec. 15, 1940, she married Palmer Schneider and moved to Bazine. He preceded her in death on Feb. 24, 1984.

Emma was a homemaker, she was an active member of the United Methodist Church and was also very active with the Golden Years Senior Center in Bazine.

Survivors include one son, Duane Schneider and wife Nancy, Jackson, Wyo.; one daughter, Diane Stites and husband Donald Miller, Naples, Fla.; one brother, Reuben Bahn, Dighton; and two grandchildren, Kristina Eklund and Dustin Schneider, Chicago, Ill. She was preceded in death by three brothers, John (Johnny), Henry (Hank) and Herman Bahn; and five sisters, Katie Kuehn, Marie Schmalzried, Amelia Neiman, Naomi Bauer and Barbara Hinkle.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at the United Methodist Church in Bazine, with the Rev. Joel Maiorano officiating. Burial will be in the Bazine Cemetery. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday at Fitzgerald Funeral Home, Ness City, with the family present to greet friends from 7 to 8 p.m. Memorial contributions may be sent to the American Heart Association or the Bazine Golden Years Senior Center, in care of the funeral home.

Funeral arrangements provided by Fitzgerald Funeral Home*
P.O. Box 96; 207 N. Pennsylvania Sturm. She was a 1942 graduate of Blackwell High School. She married W.A. “Bill” Shull on Sept. 5, 1942, at Blackwell. He died Dec. 30, 2007.

Funeral arrangements provided by Bryant Funeral Home*
1425 Patton Road
Great Bend, KS 67530
(620) 793-3525
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 25, 2007

Betty J. Shull 1923 - 2007

BUHLER – Betty J. Shull, 84, died Nov. 23 at Buhler Sunshine Home. She was born Nov. 3, 1923, at Braman, Okla., the daughter of Lorenzo Arthur and Elizabeth Patton Sturm. She was a 1942 graduate of Blackwell (Okla.) High School. She married W.A. “Bill” Shull on Sept. 5, 1942, at Blackwell. He died Dec. 30, 2007.

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1998. She was a retired custodian for Great Bend Unified School District 428.

Mrs. Shull was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Great Bend and the Golden Belt Rockhound Society.

Survivors include a son, Kevin R. Shull and wife Kim, Buhler; daughter-in-law Linda Shull, Great Bend; 10 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren, with three more on the way. She was preceded in death by a son, William R. Shull; brother, Ralph E. Sturm; and three sisters, Verna Penick, Verda Rumbaugh and Barbara McClarnon.

Graveside service will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday at Blackwell Cemetery with Stan Rumbaugh officiating. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. today and Monday at Elliott Mortuary in Hutchinson.

Funeral arrangements provided by Elliott Mortuary*
1219 North Main
Hutchinson, KS 67501
(620) 663-3327
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November 23, 2007
No deaths reported

November 22, 2007
Ida Mae "Pinkey" Boyd 1919 - 2007

OMAHA, Neb. — Ida Mae “Pinkey” Boyd, 88, died Nov. 19 at her home in Omaha. She was born April 12, 1919, at Flat River, Mo., the daughter of Charles and Alpha Lewis Giffard. She was married to Melvin Boyd. She was a Great Bend resident for more than 45 years, moving to Omaha in 1990. She was a registered nurse for St. Rose and the Great Bend Manor, both of Great Bend. Words used to describe her by those who knew were: strength, courage, surprising wit, lover of people and life.

Survivors include one daughter, Barbara Boyd, Omaha; two sons, Tom Boyd and wife Kate of Houston, Texas, and John Boyd of Omaha; one sister, Caroline Beard of Austin, Texas; five grandchildren, Byron, Pearl and Rose of Omaha and Alex and Michael of Houston; and one great-grandchild, Annie Boyd of Omaha. Ida was preceded in death by her husband and a son, Melvin Boyd Jr.

A memorial graveside service will be at 11 a.m. Friday in the Great Bend Cemetery, Great Bend, with Pastor Chuck Marshall officiating. Inurnment will take place. There will be no visitation, as cremation has taken place. Condolences may be sent and notice viewed at www.bryantfh.net.

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Leland J. Luther 1923 - 2007

Leland J. Luther, 84, of Great Bend, died Nov. 20 at Hutchinson Hospital, Hutchinson. He was born Sept. 18, 1923, in rural Edwards County, the son of Dillard J. and Gertrude Miller Luther. He married Shirley M. Campbell on April 8, 1948, at Great Bend. She survives. He worked as an oilfield production supervisor for Campbell Drilling and Production Company. He later operated a motel in Jackson Hole, Wyo., and operated an exotic animal farm. He was a lifetime resident of Great Bend.

He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church, Great Bend.

Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at First Presbyterian Church, Great Bend, with the Rev. Hal Staats officiating. Interment will be at the Great Bend Cemetery. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday with the family present from 7 to 7:30 p.m. at Bryant Funeral Home, Great Bend. Donations to memorial funds for the Barton County Humane Society or 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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Kenneth Marvin Drake 1919 - 2007

Kenneth Marvin Drake, 88, of Great Bend, died at his home Nov. 21. He was born Oct. 29, 1919, in Quincey, to Ernest and Anna Bones Drake. He received his education in Quincey and married Arlene Riebel on Nov. 18, 1947. They made their home in Great Bend. Kenneth worked for Peters Drilling for 30 years.

He was a life member of the VFW, American Legion, and a member of the Elks Lodge for 38 years.

Survivors include his wife, Arlene, of Great Bend; two sons, Robert Drake of Great Bend and Wayne Drake of Lawrence; a daughter, Janice Rosenholtz of Overland Park; a sister, Geraldine Smith of El Dorado; eight grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Viewing and visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Sunday. The family will receive friends at 6:30 p.m. followed by a vigil service at 7 p.m., all at Charter Funerals, Great Bend. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated by Father Wesley Schwae at 11 a.m. Monday at St. Patrick Catholic Church, Great Bend. Interment will follow at the Great Bend Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Catholic Youth Group and Masses.

Funeral arrangements provided by Charter Funerals
2115 Washington
Great Bend, KS 67530
620-793-6161
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 22, 2007

November 21, 2007
Sylvia J. Weltmer 1915 - 2007

Sylvia J. Weltmer, 91, of Great Bend, died Nov. 20 at Great Bend Health and Rehabilitation Center. She was born Dec. 14, 1915, at Wilsey, the daughter of Frank and Virginia Ice Platz. She married John Weltmer on Oct. 20, 1935, at Great Bend. He died on Aug. 14, 1980. She was a secretary for Weltmer Plumbing, Inc. She was a resident of Great Bend most of her life.

She was a member of the First Congregational United Church of Christ, Great Bend.

Survivors include her son, Prentice Weltmer and wife Carol, Great Bend; a daughter, Kathleen Weltmer, Great Bend; five grandchildren, Lori Feck and husband Monty of Winfield, Janel Unrein and husband Chris of Wichita, Wayne Gregg and wife Rosie of Madison, Ala., Bonnie Chaney and husband Sid of Baton Rouge, La., and Connie Ogden and husband Richard of Ellinwood; and seven great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by nine brothers and four sisters.

A graveside service will be at 2 p.m. Friday in Great Bend Cemetery with the Rev. Diana Coberly officiating. Visitation will be from 1 to 5 p.m. today, 3 to 7 p.m. Thursday and 9 a.m. to noon Friday all at Bryant Funeral Home, Great Bend. Donations to a memorial fund for First Congregational United Church of Christ may be made in care of the funeral home. Condolences may be sent and notice viewed at www.bryantfh.net.

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November 20, 2007
Jeannetta L. “Jan” Cornwall 1941 - 2007

Jeannetta L. "Jan" Cornwall, 66, died Nov. 19 at her home in Great Bend, the daughter of Charles and Anna Bones Drake. She received her education in Quincey and married John Weltmer on Oct. 20, 1935, at Great Bend. Ken and Jean were married on Nov. 20, 1935, at Great Bend. She was a registered nurse for St. Rose and the Great Bend Manor, both of Great Bend. Words used to describe her by those who knew were: strength, courage, surprising wit, lover of people and life.

Survivors include one daughter, Barbara Boyd, Omaha; two sons, Tom Boyd and wife Kate of Houston, Texas, and John Boyd of Omaha; one sister, Caroline Beard of Austin, Texas; five grandchildren, Byron, Pearl and Rose of Omaha and Alex and Michael of Houston; and one great-grandchild, Annie Boyd of Omaha. Ida was preceded in death by her husband and a son, Melvin Boyd Jr.

A memorial graveside service will be at 11 a.m. Friday in the Great Bend Cemetery, Great Bend, with Pastor Chuck Marshall officiating. Inurnment will take place. There will be no visitation, as cremation has taken place. Condolences may be sent and notice viewed at www.bryantfh.net.

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November 20, 2007
Jeannetta L. "Jan" Cornwall 1941 - 2007
HOISINGTON — Jeannetta L. "Jan" Cornwell, 66, died Nov. 20 at Clara Barton Hospital, Hoisington. She was born Feb. 26, 1941, at Meade, the daughter of Milton Karl and Hildred (McGinity) Harris. Jeannetta Louise Harris married James Monroe Cornwell, Sr., on June 14, 1958, in Kiowa. He survives. She was the director of Hoisington Emergency Medical Service, taught CPR classes in the community and was a nurse aide at Hoisington Lutheran Hospital. She was a resident of Hoisington for 49 years.

She was a member of Concordia Lutheran Church, Hoisington, the VFW Auxiliary, Hoisington, a food bank volunteer and an American Red Cross member.

Survivors, in addition to her husband, of the home, include two sons, James "Bo" Cornwell Jr. and his wife, Kim, of Findley, Ohio, and Brett M. Cornwell and his companion Kathy of Mt. Vernon, Ohio; two daughters, Terri Szendrodi and her companion Martin Wohlford of Copperas Cove, Texas, and Sherri Jackson and her companion Martin Wohlford of Copperas Cove, Texas; and 13 grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a sister, Hazel Crone, Irvin Crone and Bill Crone, two sisters, Glenda F. McNutt of Borger, Texas, and Rhonda G. Harris of Amarillo, Texas; and 13 grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a sister, Hazel Harris.

A prayer service will be held 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 Riverview Cemetery, Kiowa. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. until 8 p.m. Friday, with the family receiving friends from 6:30 to 8 p.m., all at the funeral home, and from 9 a.m. until service time Saturday at the church. Memorial donations for the Hoisington Ambulance Service 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 620-653-4165 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 21, 2007

Ruth Lillian Campbell 1926 - 2007

ST. JOHN — Ruth Lillian Campbell, 81, died Nov. 19 at Hospice House in Pratt. Born Oct. 17, 1926, at Wenatchee, Wash., she was the daughter of Jim and Essie (Hoyt) Keller. She was a 1944 graduate of St. John High School. She married Eugene L. Campbell on May 7, 1948, at Ulysses. She survives. A resident of the St. John area for most of her life, she was a bookkeeper for Farm Bureau Insurance, Art Gates Attorney and First National Bank, all of St. John.

Mrs. Campbell was a member of the Christian Church and Rebekahs Lodge, both of St. John.

Survivors include her husband and a daughter, Dianna L. Leonard and husband Fred of Great Bend, and Diana Mead of Hoisington; a sister, Alta Spencer of Woodward, Okla.; seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Cremation has taken place. There will be no visitation or services. Memorials are suggested to the Trinity Lutheran Church, Otis, in care of Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington.

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November 20, 2007

Carla Detherage 1948 - 2007

Carla Detherage, 58, of Great Bend, died Nov. 18 at Central Kansas Medical Center, Great Bend. She was born Nov. 23, 1948, at Russell, the daughter of Robert and Belva Bealby Vonfeldt. She was a graduate of Ellis High School and a longtime resident of Great Bend. She married Coyle Detherage in 1988 at Miami, Okla. She was the financial controller at Highland Hotel and Convention Center. Previously, she spent many years in bookkeeping and accounting roles with Harper Builders.

Mrs. Detherage was a member of Prince of Peace Parish at St. Rose, the Altar Society, Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary and Eagles Auxiliary, all of Great Bend.

She will be remembered as a loving wife, mother, sister, grandmother and friend.

Survivors include her husband, Coyle "Junebug" Detherage, of the home; two daughters, Caryl Niedens and husband Lyle of Westwood and Lisa Francis of Great Bend; a brother, Jim Newton and wife Liz of Ellis; and two grandchildren, Conley Niedens and Pierce Niedens, both of Westwood. She was preceded in death by her parents and a daughter, Lori Ann Francis.
An Altar Society Rosary will be at 4 p.m. today and a vigil service at 7 p.m., both at Bryant Funeral Home, Great Bend. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church, Great Bend, with Father Reginald A. Urban officiating. Interment will be at Great Bend Cemetery. Visitation will be from noon to 9 p.m. today at the funeral home. Donations to memorial funds for the Golden Belt Community Foundation or the National Scleroderma Foundation may be made in care of the funeral home. Condolences may be sent and notice viewed at www.bryantfh.net.

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Pastor Richard Bernal 1950 - 2007

GARDEN CITY — Pastor Richard Bernal, 57, died Nov. 17 at his home in Garden City. Born Jan. 25, 1950, at Fresno, Calif., he was the son of Alfredo and Catalina (Soto) Bernal. He graduated from Roosevelt High School in Fresno in 1968. He attended Fresno State University in 1968 and Pacific Union College in Angwin, Calif., in 1969. He studied for a year at Seminario Adventista in Valencia, Spain, before returning to Pacific Union College and earning his Bachelor of Arts in theology in 1974. He married Milagros “Mill” Robles on Aug. 27, 1972, in San Francisco. In 1977 he earned his Master of Divinity degree from Andrews University Seminary in Berrien Springs, Mich., and started his doctoral studies there. Richard was a lifelong pastor and his first assignment was as the youth pastor at Ditman Spanish Seventh-day Adventist Church in Los Angeles. He then was the associate pastor of Temple City Spanish Seventh-day Adventists Church in Temple City, Calif., and then became the associate pas tor of Temple City Spanish American Seventh-day Adventist Church in Los Angeles. He moved to Bakersfield, Calif., to serve the Bakersfield Spanish Seventh-day Adventist Church, Wasco Spanish Seventh-day Adventist Church, Lindsay Spanish Seventh-day Adventist Church and Wood Lake Spanish Seventh-day Adventist Church. He then moved to Bakersfield, Calif., to serve the Bakersfield Spanish Seventh-day Adventist Church, Wasco Spanish Seventh-day Adventist Church, Lindsay Spanish Seventh-day Adventist Church and Wood Lake Spanish Seventh-day Adventist Church. He then moved to El Paso, Texas, and served the Central Spanish Seventh-day Adventist Church and the Clint Spanish Seventh-day Adventist Church. He then served the Caldwell Spanish, Fruitland Spanish, Weiser Spanish in Oregon and the Jerome Seventh-day Adventists Church. He served in Eagle River, Alaska, at the Eagle River, Anchorage Spanish and Sunshine churches at Talkeetna, and Kodiak Church on Kodiak Island. In 2002 he moved to Garden City and was pastor of Garden City Spanish, Great Bend Spanish and Dodge City Spanish Seventh-day Adventist Churches. His passion was winning souls and he believed in healthy living and exercise.

He was a competitive racquetball player in leagues and tournaments and pl ayed the trumpet. He loved the outdoors, especially the natural settings of Yosemite and Sequoia national parks.

Survivors include his wife, of the home; a son, Jonathan Richard Bernal of Garden City; two daughters, Sara Elizabeth Stumph of Fort Worth, Texas, and Michelle Angelica Bernal of Loma Linda, Calif.; a grandson, Nicholas Richard Stumph of Fort Worth, Texas; three brothers, Arthur Bernal of San Jacinto, Calif., and Charles Bernal and Robert Bernal, both of Fresno, Calif.; and three sisters, Gloria Sanchez, Lucy Silguero and Cindy Sanchez, all of Fresno, Calif. He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Carman Cummins.

Funeral service will be at 7 p.m. today at the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Garden City with Pastors Harry Reimer, Jim Hoehn and Jeff Paisley officiating. Memorials are suggested to High Plains Christian School in care of Garnand Funeral Home. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. today at the funeral home. Additional services and burial will be at Belmont Memorial Park in Fresno, Calif. Condolences may be e-mailed to garnandfh@sbcglobal.net.

Funeral arrangements provided by Garnand Funeral Home* 412 N. 7th Garden City, KS 67846 620-276-3218

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 20, 2007

Leonard G. Herrman 1914 - 2007

La CROSSE — Leonard G. Herrman, 93, died Nov. 19 at Rush County Memorial Hospital, La Crosse. He was born Nov. 12, 1914, in rural Rush County, the son of Jacob M. and Mary (Heronema) Herrman. He married Ann Geier May 28, 1940, at St. Joseph’s Catholic Church, Liebenthal. She died Aug. 2, 2007. He was a farmer before his retirement.

Memberships include St. Joseph’s Catholic Church, Liebenthal, Knights Of Columbus Council 2340, Liebenthal, St. Joseph’s Choir Member, Liebenthal; USD 395 School Board member and board member/La Crosse Farmers Co-op, both of La Crosse; and Volga German Historical Society, Hays.

Survivors include four daughters, Mary Catherine Breng, Great Bend, Ruth Siress and Elizabeth Richards, both of Overland Park, and Rebecca Joan Schmidt of Fountain Hill, Ariz. four brothers, Paul Herrman, La Crosse, Father Gilbert Herrman, Garden City, Ralph Herrman, Canton City, Colo., and Edward Herrman, Seattle, Wash.; five sisters, Esther Boxler, Wichita, Isabel Bagall, La Crosse, Abbie Rupp and Ruth Risser, both of Garden City, and Edna “Edie” Mehl, Garden Grove, Calif.; 11 grandchildren and 26 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one daughter, Elaine Herrman; and two sisters, Irene Raniszewski and Pauline Sutton.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at St. Michael’s Catholic Church, La Crosse, with Father Gilbert Herrman and Father Rene Labrador officiating. Interment will be at St. Joseph’s Catholic Cemetery, Liebenthal. Visitation will be from 1 to 8 p.m. today at the Janousek Funeral Home, La Crosse, with the family receiving friends from 6 to 7 p.m. A Vigil Service and Rosary will be held at 7 p.m. today. Church visitation will be Wednesday from 9 to 9:50 a.m. Memorials may be made to St. Michael’s Catholic Church, La Crosse, or St. Joseph’s Catholic Church, Liebenthal.

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

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 20, 2007

Vern Hensley 1919 - 2007

MOORELAND, Okla. — Vern Hensley, 88, longtime Mooreland, Okla., resident, died Nov. 16 in the Woodward Regional Hospital. Funeral services were held Monday in the Billings Funeral Home Chapel in Woodward, Okla., with the Rev. Mike Smith officiating. Burial was in the Mooreland Cemetery under the direction of the Billings Funeral Home.

Vern Hensley was born July 30, 1919, in the Haskew Community; he was the son of Charles Manford and Roxy Mildred (Bailey) Hensley. He attended schools at Freeze Out, Freedom and Mooreland. He then went to work helping build the Fort Supply Dam. Vern worked at the Farmers Co-op and helped his father on the family farm. On Sept. 15, 1939, Vern married Corinne Symns. They made their home south of Mooreland. For six months, Vern worked building the Mooreland-Freedom road. In 1943, they moved to their present farm and ranch.

In the late 1950s, he began working for Woodward County District I as a heavy equipment operator. Vern and Corinne later acquired more land north of Curtis. He worked what he did and kept working until the early part of this year. Vern and Corinne were married for more than 68 years.

Vern loved to attend the National Finals Rodeo in Las Vegas with his family. He was supportive of family sporting events. He and Corinne drove many miles to watch their children compete. Despite his mobility issues, he loved to attend the National Finals Rodeo in Las Vegas. He and Corinne drove many miles to watch their children compete. Despite his mobility issues, he continued to support them through their sporting events.

Vern was a member of the Mooreland Lions Club and the Mooreland Farmers Co-op Board of Directors.
He is survived by his wife, of the home; five sons, Leland Hensley and wife Mary Jane of Mooreland; Leroy Hensley and wife Anna Faye of Great Bend; Lowell Hensley and wife Barbara of Woodward; Ray Hensley and wife Joleen and Dean Hensley and wife Eileen, all of Great Bend; one daughter, Leah Hooper and husband Travis of Freedom, Okla.; one brother, Bill Hensley and wife Liz of Woodward; 15 grandchildren, 24 great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren. Vern was preceded in death by one sister, Ila LaFleur, brothers Verlon and Robert Hensley and his parents, Charles and Mildred Bailey Hensley.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Mooreland Fire Department with the funeral home accepting the donations. Remembrances of Vern may be made at www.billingsfuneralhomewoodward.com.

Funeral arrangements provided by Billings Funeral Home* 1621 Downs Ave, Woodward, OK 73801 1-800-364-5203

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November 18, 2007

Reverend H. Paul Osborne 1914 - 2007

The Rev. H. Paul Osborne, 93, died Nov. 12. He was born in Garrison, Ky., on Sept. 19, 1914. He was the son of Lee and Virginia Osborne, deceased. He had one brother, the Rev. Arthur Lee Osborne, deceased, and a sister, Mrs. Thomas R. Lykins of Cincinnati, Ohio, also deceased.

Father Osborne attended grade school in Garrison and graduated from Lewis County High School in Vanceburg, Ky. After accepting the vocation of the ministry, he began his education in God's Bible School, Cincinnati, Ohio, and entered Kentucky Wesleyan College at Winchester, Ky., now at Owensboro. He received a B.A. degree, cum laude in 1938. He entered Lexington Theological Seminary in the fall of that year, and received a Master of Divinity degree in 1941. He was ordained in the Methodist ministry and later was confirmed into the Episcopal Church. He attended Virginia Theological Seminary in Alexandria, Va., and completed his preparation there in 1945, and was ordained to the priesthood on Nov. 30, 1945. He attended Trinity University and Incarnate Word College in San Antonio, Texas, and received an M.A. degree in 1955.

He served churches in Kentucky and Texas, primarily in San Antonio at St. Paul’s Episcopal Church, then moved to Charleston, S.C. He was later called to a church in Wichita, and then went to Medina, Mass., and from there to Arkansas, and completed his parish ministry in Great Bend.

Father Osborne left the parish ministry for a time and became a professional fund-raising consultant. He also worked for the United States Treasury Department as a sales promotional representative for the Savings Bond Division. He married Gladys Marie Jones May 31, 1936. They had three children, Ann Harlan Mitchell and John Holland Osborne of Wichita, and Thomas Lee Osborne, deceased. They celebrated 71 years of marriage on May 31.

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Father Osborne is survived by his wife Gladys, daughter Ann (Matthew), son John (Renee), eight grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. A memorial has been established at St. James Episcopal Church. An online guest book is available at www.cochrammortuary.com.

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 18, 2007*

Johanna Katherine Shumway 1919 - 2007

PRATT - Johanna Katherine Shumway, 88, died Nov. 15 at Lakewood Senior Living of Pratt. She was born Sept. 14, 1919, at Cleveland, the daughter of Aloysius and Josephine (Maason) Gillen. On Nov. 14, 1936, she married Avery C. Shumway in Wichita. He preceded her in death on Oct. 29, 2005.

She was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Women of Sacred Heart and Hutchinson Fiddlers & Pickers Club.

She is survived by one daughter, Trevlyn and husband Lawrence Detmer of Ellinwood; two sons, Darrell and wife Irene Shumway of Pratt and Leon and wife Marcia Shumway of Chickasha, Okla.; nine grandchildren, two stepgrandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren, six stepgreat-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, a brother, Vincent Gillen, and two sisters, Martha Alice Ogle and Susanna Kitson.

Visitation will be from 1 to 8 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday at Larrison Mortuary, 300 Country Club Road, Pratt. Vigil and Rosary will be at 7 p.m. on Monday at Larrison Mortuary. Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Pratt, with the Rev. Gregory S. LeBlanc presiding. Burial will be in Turon Cemetery, Turon. Memorials may be made to Sacred Heart Musical Ministry Fund in care of the mortuary. Condolences may be left at www.larrisonmortuary.com.

Funeral arrangements provided by Larrison Mortuary* 300 Country Club Road Pratt, KS 67124 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 18, 2007

November 16, 2007

Reverend H. Paul Osborne 1914 - 2007

The Rev. H. Paul Osborne, 93, died Nov. 12. He was born in Garrison, Ky., on Sept. 19, 1914. He was the son of Lee and Virginia Osborne, deceased. He had one brother, the Rev. Arthur Lee Osborne, deceased, and a sister, Mrs. Thomas R. Lykins of Cincinnati, Ohio, also deceased.

Father Osborne attended grade school in Garrison and graduated from Lewis County High School in Vanceburg, Ky. After accepting the vocation of the ministry, he began his education in God’s Bible School, Cincinnati, Ohio, and entered Kentucky Wesleyan College at Winchester, Ky., now at Owensboro. He received a B.A. degree, cum laude, in 1938. He entered Lexington Theological Seminary in the fall of that year, and received a Master of Divinity degree in 1941. He was ordained in the Methodist ministry and later was confirmed into the Episcopal Church. He attended Virginia Theological Seminary in Alexandria, Va., and completed his preparation there in 1945, and was ordained to the priesthood on Nov. 30, 1945. He attended Trinity University and Incarnate Word College in San Antonio, Texas, and received an M.A. degree in 1955.

He served churches in Kentucky and Texas, primarily in San Antonio at St. Paul’s Episcopal Church, then moved to Charleston, S.C. He was later called to a church in Wichita, and then went to Medina, Mass., and from there to Arkansas, and completed his parish ministry in Great Bend.

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Father Osborne is survived by his wife Gladys, daughter Ann (Matthew), son John (Reenee), eight grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. A memorial has been established at St. James Episcopal Church. An online guest book is available at www.cochrammortuary.com.

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 16, 2007*

Marie Schmitt 1913 - 2007

HOISINGTON — Marie Schmitt, 94, died Nov. 14 at Clara Barton Hospital, Hoisington. She was born July 2, 1913, at Offerle, the daughter of Frederick and Katherine Burkhard Schwartz. A Hoisington resident since 2000, moving from Dodge City, she worked at Duckwalls in Kinsley, and at Ferguson’s Furniture and Appliance, St. Mary of the Plains and Bel-Air Motel, all in Dodge City.

She was a former member of St. Joseph Catholic Church, Offerle, Sacred Heart Cathedral and Daughters of Isabella both of Dodge City, Office of Regents, Kinsley, and she was an organist at both churches. She was also a volunteer at Birthright.


Survivors include her son, Anthony “Tony” and wife Linda, Salina; two daughters, Linda Mayhugh and husband Lloyd, Great Bend, and Chris Hayes and husband Aaron, Dodge City; one brother, Edward F. Schwarz, Offerle, and one sister, Emma Hemken, Dodge City. 13 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, four sons, Mike, Jim "Red", Jerry and Fred Schmitt; a granddaughter, Renee Schmitt; two brothers, Charles and Herman Schwarz; and one sister, Ludwina Butler.

Do of I Rosary will be at 4 p.m. today at Burkhart-Ziegler Funeral Chapel, Dodge City. Vigil Service will be at 7 p.m. today at Burkhart-Ziegler Funeral Chapel. Funeral Mass will be Saturday at 10 a.m. at Sacred Heart Cathedral, 903 Central Ave., Dodge City, with Father Ted A. Skalsky presiding. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. today at Burkhart-Ziegler Funeral Chapel. Burial will be in Greencrest Memorial Gardens, Dodge City. The family suggests memorials to the Sacred Heart School Endowment Fund in care of Burkhart-Ziegler Funeral Chapel, 1901 N. 14th Ave., Dodge City, KS 67801. 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 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 16, 2007

Darrell Gene Standley 1938 - 2007

RUSSELL — Darrell Gene Standley, 69, of Russell, died Nov. 14 at the Galicha Heart Hospital in Wichita. Darrell was born on Jan. 3, 1938, in Osborne County, on the family farm north of Lucas in the Delhi community. He was the son of Hugh M. and Lida D. (Sigle) Standley. He grew up in the Delhi community and attended country schools up to the eighth grade and attended two years’ high school in the Delhi area.

Darrell was united in marriage to Gladys Boxberger on June 26, 1960, at St. John Lutheran Church in Russell. They lived in Lusco and later moved and made their home in Russell and have lived there since 1961. Later they were blessed with two sons named Brian and Brad. Darrell began his work history for Bob Sparry Welding in Lucas. Later he worked as a mechanic for Ford Motor Co., then worked for Central Machine Shop in Russell. He left Central Machine Shop and worked for Boxberger Tank Service for one year before going back to Central Machine Shop. In November of 1970 he became owner and operator of the Central Machine Shop, which he operated with his sons.

He was a member of St. John Lutheran Church. He enjoyed spending time with his family and grandchildren, trap shooting and was a member of the ATA and KTA trap shooting organizations. He also enjoyed fishing, restoring old vehicles and going to his Bible study card group.

He is survived by his wife Gladys of the home, sons Brian Standley and wife Rachelle and Bradley Standley and wife Rosie, all of Russell; brother Harold Standley of Kensington; two sisters, Lola Luder of Russell and Doris Langerman of Lucas; and six grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Harvey and Donald Standley.

Funeral services are scheduled for 10 a.m. on Saturday at St. John Lutheran Church in Russell. Burial will follow at the St. John Lutheran Cemetery in Russell. Visitation will be today from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. with the family present this evening from 6 to 7 p.m. at the Pohlman-Varner-Peeler Mortuary in Russell. A memorial has been established to the St. John Youth Group. Contributions and condolences may be left with Pohlman-Varner-Peeler Mortuary. Condolences may be sent via email by going to pvpmortuary.com.


Lorraine Catherine Hertel 1918 - 2007

HAYS — Lorraine Catherine Hertel, 88, died Nov. 13 at St. John’s Health Care Center in Victoria. Born Dec. 17, 1918, at Loretta, she was the daughter of Joseph and Catherine (Bagsall) Miltenberger. She married Philip Joseph Hertel on Oct. 18, 1937, in Loretta. He died March 19, 1954. A 1937 graduate of Otis-Bison High School, she was a cook at Jefferson East Grade School in Hays, a custodian at the Hays Post Office for 22 years and a wedding cake decorator for a number of years.

Mrs. Hertel was a member of Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church in Hays.

Survivors include four sons, Denis Hertel and wife Claudia of Great Bend, Valerian Hertel of Goodland, Richard Hertel of Salina and Don Hertel and wife Joyce of Hays; three daughters, Pat Staab and husband Omar of Hays, Phyllis Mendes and husband Raymond of Hugoton and Dolores Myers and husband Dave of Hays; 15 grandchildren and 24 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband and one daughter, Lolita Hertel.

A vigil service will be at 7 p.m. today at Cline’s Mortuary of Hays, 1919 E. 22nd in Hays. Funeral service will be at 1:30 p.m. on Friday at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church in Hays. Friends may visit from 3 to 9 p.m. today and 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Friday at Cline’s Mortuary. Burial will be at St. Joseph Cemetery, Hays. Memorials are suggested to Immaculate Heart of Mary Church Building Fund and Masses.
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Funeral arrangements provided by Cochran Mortuary* 1411 N. Broadway Wichita, KS 67214 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 15, 2007

Charlotte Ann Runyon 1952 - 2007

SMITH CENTER — Charlotte Ann Runyon, 55, died Nov. 12 at the Smith County Memorial Hospital. Born Sept. 3, 1952, she was the daughter of Francis and Betty (Powers) Runyon. She was a schoolteacher.

Survivors include her father, Francis Runyon of Smith Center, and a sister, Joanna Runyon of Smith Center. She was preceded in death by her mother, Betty, and a brother, Kenneth.

Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at the Nazarene Church in Smith Center with Pastors Don Fisher and Matt Lucas officiating. Burial will follow at the Fairview Cemetery in Smith Center. A memorial service will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at the Hoisington High School Auditorium. Friends may visit from 5 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Funeral arrangements provided by Simmons-Rentschler Mortuary 116 W. 1st Smith Center, KS 66967 785-282-6691 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 15, 2007

November 14, 2007

No deaths reported.

November 13, 2007

Frank S. Horton 1927 - 2007

HOISINGTON — Frank S. Horton, 80, died Nov. 10 at Wheatland Nursing Center in Russell. Born Aug. 1, 1927, in Pontiac, Mich., he was the son of Leon L. and Orpha D. (Hicks) Horton. He married Lorene C. Jacobson on Aug. 30, 1950, in rural Dickinson County. A resident of Hoisington since 1970, coming from Medicine Lodge, he was a power plant operator at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend, retiring Aug. 1, 1992.

Mr. Horton was a U.S. Merchant Marine veteran, serving in World War II. He was a member of First Southern Baptist Church in Great Bend and the American Legion Post No. 286 in Hoisington.

Survivors include his wife of Russell; three sons, David Horton of Covington, Ky., Don Horton of Hoisington and Frank Horton of Salina; a daughter, Lillian Feldt of Hoisington; a brother, Leo Horton of Seneca, S.C.; eight grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by three brothers, George, Art and Leon Horton; and two sisters, Zella Marshall and infant Lillian Horton.

Funeral service will be at 1:30 p.m. today at Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home in Hoisington with the Rev. Doyle Smith officiating. Burial will be at the Hoisington Cemetery with flag presentation by Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 7428 and American Legion Post No. 286. Friends may visit from 9 a.m. until service time today. Memorials are suggested to First Southern Baptist Church or Clara Barton Foundation 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, Nov. 13, 2007

Eva Marie (Wulf) Konecny 1916 - 2007

CHENEY — Eva Marie (Wulf) Konecny, 90, died Nov. 10 at Homestead Health Center, Wichita. She was born Dec. 6, 1916, at Haysville, the daughter of Bernard and Anna (Elling) Wulf. She married Joseph Charles Konecny Sept. 20, 1945, at Wichita. She lived in Great Bend for 40 years before moving to Cheney. She was a housewife.

Mrs. Konecny was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Cheney.

Survivors include a son, David, of Wichita; two sisters, Cleota Woolman of Saratoga, Calif., and Berniece Gordon of Evergreen, Colo.; five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. Her husband preceded her in death.

Funeral service will be at 9:30 a.m. Friday at Lanterman Funeral Home, Cheney, with Pastor Ken Kaufmann of the church officiating. A graveside service and burial will take place at 2 p.m. Friday at St. John’s Cemetery in Hoisington, with Lester Cridel Jr. officiating. Visitation will be from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home, with
the family present. A memorial in her name has been established for the church, P.O. Box 278, Cheney, KS 67025-0278.

Funeral arrangements provided by Lanterman Funeral Home 106 Citybrook Drive Cheney, KS 67025-8975 316-540-0088

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 13, 2007

Isabelle Rose Gruis

WESTMORELAND — Isabelle Rose Gruis was born Nov. 10 and died Nov. 10 at Mercy Regional Health Center in Manhattan. Isabelle’s parents are Tim and Elizabeth Dawn (Kinzel) Gruis of Westmoreland. Her grandparents are Mike and Rosalie Kinzel of Claflin and Ron and Betty Gruis of Rock Rapids, Iowa. Her aunts and uncles are Ann and Lyndon Johnson, Joel Gruis, and Jessica, Theresa and Christina Kinzel. Her cousins are Tyler, Tracy and Stan Johnson.

A graveside Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10:30 a.m. today at St. Bede’s Catholic Cemetery in Wamego. Memorials have been designated for the St. Bernard Church Building Fund and contributions may be left in care of Stewart Funeral Home, Wamego. Online condolences may be left for the family at www.stewartfuneralhomes.com.

Funeral arrangements provided by Stewart Funeral Home P.O. Box 48 Wamego, KS 66547 785-456-2233

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 13, 2007

Hubert Samuel Radke 1924 - 2007

MILBERGER — Hubert Samuel Radke, 83, died Nov. 11 at Hutchinson Hospital, Hutchinson. He was born July 30, 1924, in Russell County, the son of Samuel S. and Alberta Louise Harris King. He was preceded in death by his parents and by a foster sister, Rachel Keister.

Survivors include his wife, of Russell; two sons, Sammy H. Radke and his wife, Penny, of Milberger, and Jon F. Radke and his wife, Brenda, of Hays; two daughters, Kathleen M. Angle and her husband, Steven, of Hays, and Elizabeth A. Radke of Milberger; a sister, Esther L. Bitter of Garden City; four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents and by a foster sister, Rachel Keister.

Funeral service will be at 10:30 am. Thursday at the church in Milberger, with Pastor Amy Austin, Pastor Robert Krier and Amy Truhe, PMA, officiating. Burial will be at Milberger Cemetery, Milberger, with military graveside rites conducted by a Fort Riley Honor Guard. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday with the family receiving friends from 6 to 8 p.m., and from 9:30 a.m. until service time Thursday at the church. Memorials are suggested to the Clara Barton Hospital Foundation or KPRD Praise Radio in care of Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home, Hoisington.

Funeral arrangements provided by Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home* 415 North Main/Box 146 Hoisington, KS 67544 620-653-4165

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 13, 2007

November 11, 2007

John Brent Seltman 1947 - 2007

NEKOMA - John Brent Seltman, 60, died Nov. 9 at his home in rural Nekoma. He was born Oct. 25, 1947, in Great Bend, the son of Albert A. and Alice Jean Daniels Seltman. He married Colleen J. Hagel at Carrington, N.D., on Jan. 25, 1967. She survives. He was a farmer and a retired corrections officer for the Kansas Department of Corrections, Larned. He was a member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, Larned.

Other survivors include his wife, of Larned; one son, Brent Seltman, La Crosse; three daughters, Shelly Hewitt of Bitter of Garden City; four grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his father and one brother, Alan Seltman.

A graveside service will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at the Nekoma Cemetery, Nekoma, with Pastor Jim Martin presiding. There will be no visitation. Friends may sign a register from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday at Morell Funeral Home, Larned. Memorials to Union Catholic Cemetery in Wamego.

Funeral arrangements provided by

Morell Funeral Home 1021 Broadway/Box 124 Larned, KS 67550-0124 620-285-2177

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 11, 2007

Alberta “Penny” Louise Johnson 1939 - 2007

Alberta “Penny” Louise Johnson, 68, of Great Bend, died Nov. 9 at her home. She was born Feb. 19, 1939, at Crestwood, Ky., the daughter of Enoch and Alberta Louise Harris King. Her father died when she was very young. Her mother later married Henry R. Geher and the two raised the children together. Mrs. Johnson worked in Inventory and Quality Control for the Fuller Brush Company until her retirement. She was a resident of Great Bend for 60 years, coming from Louisville, Ky. Penny was an avid gardener, loved to travel, and was a devoted gourmet cook.

She was a member of Prince of Peace Parish at St. Patrick and its Altar Society. She was also a member of the Ladies Breakfast Club.

Survivors include four sons, Bradley Eugene Johnson of Port Hueneme, Calif., David Scott Johnson and wife Jacqueline of Johnson City, Texas, Michael Brian Johnson and wife Victoria of Santa Paula, Calif., and Mark Alan Johnson and wife Deborah of Wichita; one daughter, Natalie Ann Addison and husband Robert, of Carrollton, Texas; one brother, Wayne King of Las Vegas, Nev.; two sisters, Helen Fink of Gardendale, Ala., and Betty Goetz of Great Bend; eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

An Altar Society Rosary will be conducted at 4 p.m. Monday at Bryant Funeral Home, Great Bend, with a vigil service at 7 p.m., also at the funeral home. Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at St. Patrick Catholic Church, Great Bend, with Father Wes Shave officiating. Interment will be in the Great Bend Cemetery. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday at the funeral home. Donations to a memorial fund for Golden Belt Home Health and Hospice may be made 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, Nov. 11, 2007

Melvadean Polson Francis 1924 - 2007

ROSWELL, N.M. - Melvadean Polson Francis, 83, died Nov. 8 at Roswell, N.M. She was born May 2, 1924, in Long Beach, Calif., the daughter of William Stephen Panting II and Clara Mae Jarvis Panning. On Jan. 4, 1942, she married Raymond Polson at Manhattan. He died
June 26, 1990. On Dec. 10, 1995, she married Raymond Francis at Lake Tahoe, Calif. He survives. A resident of Roswell for the past 10 years, coming from Modesto, Calif., she was a homemaker.

She was a member of the United Methodist Church, Rosel, and Burdett Seniors, Burdett.

Other survivors include three daughters, Carolyn Whalen and Cheri Kelley, both of Hutchinson, and Connie Graves of Healy; four stepdaughters, Susan M. Pahl of Alamogordo, N.M., Barbara L. Rumpel of Palm Desert, Calif., Norma R. Rash of Reno, Nev., and Janice R. Gatz of Modesto, Calif.; 10 grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren, and seven stepgrandchildren and seven stepgreat-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a son, Larry Polson, four brothers and an infant great-granddaughter.

Funeral will be at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday at the United Methodist Church in Roazel with Pastors Curt Edgcombe and Rich Zimmerman presiding. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday and from 9 to 11:30 a.m. Tuesday at Morell Funeral Home, Larned. Burial will be in the Garfield Cemetery, Garfield. Memorials may be sent to the United Methodist Church or Burdett Seniors in care of the funeral home.

Funeral arrangements provided by Morell Funeral Home 1021 Broadway/Box 124 Larned, KS 67550-0124 620-285-2177 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 11, 2007

Lawrence (Larry) Vincent Wirtz 1932 - 2007

DENVER - Lawrence (Larry) Vincent Wirtz, 65, died Oct. 26. He was born June 21, 1932, in Ellinwood, to Anna and Frank Wirtz. He graduated from Ellinwood High School and attended St. Mary of the Plains College in Dodge City. After serving in the Army, he attended Kansas State University and studied engineering. He courted and married Sybil Mohn in 1960. Larry and Sybil have resided in Denver since 1963, where they reared two children, Eric and Jennifer.

Larry started his own business, "Wirtz Window Service," in 1985. He loved football, which he played in both high school and college and followed throughout his life. He enjoyed jigsaw puzzles, and grilling outdoors on the weekends with his family.

Larry passed away at home after a serious illness. He is survived by his wife Sybil, his son Eric and daughter Jennifer, and one brother and two sisters. Interment will be at Fort Logan National Cemetery, Denver.

The family requests that, in lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his name to the Hospice of St. John, 1320 Everett Court, Lakewood, CO 80215.

Funeral arrangements provided by All Veterans Burial & Cremation* 3200 Wadsworth Blvd. Wheat Ridge, CO 80033 303-234-0911 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 11, 2007

Ethel Marie (Doll) Lake 1911 - 2007

Ethel Marie (Doll) Lake, 95, died Oct. 11 in Buffalo, Mo. Born Dec. 6, 1911, in Ellinwood, she was the daughter of Frank Doll and Sophia Koept.

Survivors include two brothers, Homer and Lucian Doll, both of Wichita. She was preceded in death by her husband, Ralph Lake; stepdaughter Margie Simpson; and siblings, Clarence, Angeline, Charlotte, Estella, Leander, Roger and Mildred.

Graveside service will be at 1 p.m. on Nov. 17 at the Canton Cemetery in Canton.

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November 9, 2007

Herman Adolph Steimel 1920 - 2007

SALINA — Herman Adolph Steimel, 87, died Nov. 7. Born Aug. 27, 1920, in Spearville, he was the son of Adolph and Anna (Durler) Steimel. He grew up in Spearville and graduated from Spearville High School in 1938. He served in the United States Army in the China-Burma-India Theatre during World War II. After serving 3 1/2 years in the service, he married Waneta Vogel from Wright, on Jan. 15, 1946. Initially making their home in Dodge City and working for the Colorado Flour Mills, he moved his family to Claflin to continue his work for the company. From their marriage, Herman and Waneta had six children, three sons and three daughters. Herman and his wife lived in Claflin for nearly 50 years. They owned and operated S&H Lumber Company and retired in 1984. They moved to Salina in 1999.

Mr. Steimel was a member of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church in Salina. Mr. Steimel was a member of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church in Salina. He was a member of the VFW in Claflin. He was a member of the Soldiers’ Home Board. He loved gardening, sports, card playing and family gatherings.

Survivors include his wife, Waneta A., of the home; two sons, Robert Steimel and his wife, Lorene of Concordia, and Lyle Steimel and his wife, Barbara of Cincinnati, Ohio; three daughters, Carol Ahlers and her husband David of Salina, Sharon Steimel and her husband Steve Thomas of Hays, and Rose Steimel of Salina; two brothers, Alfred Steimel of Wright and Raymond Steimel of Washington, D.C.; two sisters, Teresa Barragre of Dodge City and Bertha Woodward of Wichita; 14 grandchildren, Rodella Strait and her husband Scott, Deborah Clair and her husband Joe, Charles Steimel and his wife Sarah, Carrie Beth Steimel, Leslie Amick and her husband Andrew, Nolan Ahlvers, Jessica Smith, Adam Steimel, Kimberly Steimel, Daniel Siegel, and Kelly Giebler and her husband Trevor, Eric Thomas and Drew Thomas, and 12 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a son, Glenn Steimel, in 1999 and his daughter-in-law, Maridell Steimel, in 1996.

A vigil and rosary service will be at 7 p.m. this evening at the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church in Salina. Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday at the church, with Father Frank Coady officiating. Burial with military rites by Fort Riley will follow in Mt. Calvary Cemetery in Salina. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. today at the Ryan Mortuary, 137 N. 8th in Ellinwood. Tuesday from 6 to 8 p.m. today at the church. Memorials are to the United Methodist Church or Burdett Seniors in care of the funeral home.

Funeral arrangements provided by Ryan Mortuary* 137 N. 8th Salina, KS 67401 785-825-4242 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 9, 2007

Elise Louise Weiss 1913 - 2007

Elise Louise Weiss, 94, died Nov. 7, at Renaissance Park Care Facility in Fort Worth, Texas. She was born April 22, 1913, in rural Barton County, the youngest child of Friedrich "Fred" Panning and Rosa Hammer Panning. She married Reinhard Theodor Weiss on Oct. 21, 1931, at her parents’ home in Ellinwood. He died on Oct. 16, 1987. Mrs. Weiss lived all of her life in Barton County and more than 55 years at 315 E. 3rd Street, Ellinwood, before moving to Texas in 1999 due to health reasons.

Mrs. Weiss attended Ellinwood schools and was a member of St. John’s Lutheran Church, Ellinwood. She was also a member of LWML and Meadowlark EHU. Mrs. Weiss enjoyed gardening, especially tending to her peonies and lilac bushes. She was a landowner and homemaker.

Mrs. Weiss is survived by her daughter, Rose Joan Rhoades of Dodge City; two grandsons, Scott Rhoades and his wife Kayla of Arlington, Texas, and Mike Rhoades of Haysville; five great-grandchildren, Lacy and Kelcy Rhoades of Arlington, Texas, Andrew Rhoades of Pratt, and Alyssa and Austin Rhoades of Haysville; and numerous nieces and nephews. Mrs. Weiss was preceded in death by her parents; husband; six
sisters, Alma Heine, Ida Bryant, Adella Schiewe, Laura Dupont, Emma Suhler, and Eleonora Trimpe; brother Frederick "Freddie" Panning; and son-in-law, Ron Rhoades.

Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. on Monday at St. John’s Lutheran Church in Ellinwood with the Rev. Jeff Frakes officiating. Burial will be at the Lakin-Comanche District Cemetery in Ellinwood. Friends may call from 1 to 8 p.m. Sunday with the family receiving friends from 3 to 5 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the St. John’s Lutheran Church Building Fund.

Funeral arrangements provided by Kimple, Inc. Funeral Home* 113 N. Main P.O. Box 246 Ellinwood, KS. 67526 620-564-2300 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 9, 2007 Elizabeth Lehning Hanzlick 1911 - 2007

HOISINGTON — Elizabeth Lehning Hanzlick, 96, died Nov. 7 at Lutheran Home, Wakeeny. She was born June 20, 1911, on a farm near Susank, the daughter of George Adam and Katherine Elizabeth (Heinrich) Lehning. Elizabeth married Vernon Hanzlick on Feb. 9, 1930. He preceded her in death on Feb. 20, 1978. She was a homemaker and a Hoisington resident since 1975, coming from Beeler.

She was a member of First United Methodist Church and United Methodist Women, both of Hoisington. She was a volunteer for Friendship Meals, along with RSVP, for many years.

Survivors include a son, Jerry Hanzlick, and his wife Joyce, of Hill City; a daughter, Norma L. Christie and her husband, Larry, Wichita; five grandchildren, Doug Christie, Rod Christie, Julia (Hanzlick) Krumme, Joel Hanzlick and Jessica Hanzlick; and three great-grandchildren, Hannah Christie and Drake and Malie Krumme. She was preceded in death by a grandson, Jaret Drake and Malie Krumme. She was a member of St. Michael’s Catholic Church and its Altar Society, both of La Crosse.

Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at St. Michael’s Catholic Church, La Crosse, with Father Rene Labrador officiating. Interment will be in the La Crosse City Cemetery. Visitation will be from 1 to 8 p.m. Friday at Janousek Funeral Home, La Crosse, with the family receiving friends from 6 to 7 p.m. A vigil service and rosary will be held at 7 p.m. Friday. Memorial donations may be made to the Rush County Memorial Hospital Long Term Care, La Crosse, or South Wind Hospice, Pratt.

Funeral arrangements provided by Janousek Funeral Home 719 Pine St. La Crosse, KS 67548 785-222-2517 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 8, 2007

Elizabeth Hanzlick 1911 - 2007

HOISINGTON — Elizabeth Hanzlick, 95, died Nov. 7 at the Lutheran Home in Wakeeny. She was born June 12, 1911. Service arrangements are pending with Nicholson-Ricke Funeral Home, Hoisington, and will be announced.

Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 8, 2007

Elise Louise Weiss 1913 - 2007

ELLINWOOD — Elise Louise Weiss, 94, died Nov. 7 at Renaissance Park Care Facility in Fort Worth, Texas. Born April 22, 1913, in rural Ellinwood, she was the daughter of Fred Panning and Rosa Hammer. A resident of Texas since 1999, formerly of Ellinwood, she was a homemaker and retired co-owner of Weiss Hardware. She married Reinhard T. Weiss on Oct. 21, 1931, in Ellinwood. He died Oct. 16, 1987.

Mrs. Weiss was a member of St. John’s Lutheran Church and L.W.M.L., both of Ellinwood, and Meadowlark EHU.

Survivors include a daughter, Rose Joan Rhoades of Dodge City; two grandsons, Scott Rhoades and wife Kayla of Arlington, Texas, and Mike Rhoades of Haysville; five great-grandchildren, Lucy and Kelcy Rhodes of Arlington, Texas, Andrew Rhoades of Pratt, and Alyssa and Austin Rhoades of Haysville. She was preceded in death by a brother, Fred; four sisters, Adella Schiewe, Laura Dupont, Emma Suhler and Eleonora Trimpe; and a son-in-law, Ron Rhoades.

Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. on Monday at St. John’s Lutheran Church in Ellinwood with the Rev. Jeff Frakes officiating. Burial will be at the Lakin-Comanche District Cemetery in Ellinwood. Friends may call from 1 to 8 p.m. Sunday with the family receiving friends from 3 to 5 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the St. John’s Lutheran Church Building Fund.

Funeral arrangements provided by Kimple, Inc. Funeral Home* 113 North Main Ellinwood, KS 67526 620-564-2300 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 8, 2007

November 7, 2007

Jane Davis 1942 - 2007

HUTCHINSON — Marilyn "Jane" Davis, 65, of Hutchinson, went to be with her Lord on Nov. 4 at the Hospice House in Hutchinson after a year long battle with lung cancer. Born June 19, 1942, in Great Bend, she was the daughter of George Jr. and Ruth Huddleston Murdy. She lived in Hoisington until she graduated from Hoisington High School in 1960, then attended Colorado Women’s College in Denver, Colo. She married E. H. "Dave" Davis in Houston, Texas, on May 23, 1962. She resided in Texas for 10 years before returning to Hoisington in 1972. She and her husband lived there until the Hoisington tornado in 2001, when they moved to Hutchinson. She was the business manager and co-owner of Murdy Motors, the Ford dealership in Hoisington, for 16 years with her husband. Later she worked in the human resources department at Fuller Brush in Great Bend for eight years.

Mrs. Davis was a member of Faith United Methodist Church and P.E.O. Chapter D, both of Hutchinson.

Survivors include her husband, of the home; a son, Rusty Davis and wife Sheri of Syracuse, Utah; three daughters, Missy Ricken and husband Doug of Las Animas, Colo., Jennifer Brungardt and
husband Russell of Allen, Texas, and Dana Dreher and husband Rob of Hutchinson; a sister, Judy Weinacht of Longmont, Colo.; eight grandchildren, Amanda Long, Kyle and Kayla Davis, Alisa Ricken, Riley and Dawson Dreher, John and Victoria Brungardt; two great-grandchildren; and several cousins, nieces and nephews and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents and a grandson, Andrew Ricken.

Memorial service will be at 3 p.m. on Saturday at Faith United Methodist Church in Hutchinson. The family requests that in lieu of flowers, memorials be made to the Faith United Methodist Church or the Hutchinson Area Cancer Support Services, a division of Victory In The Valley, sent in care of Elliott Mortuary in Hutchinson.

Funeral arrangements provided by Elliott Mortuary*
1219 N. Main
Hutchinson, KS 67501
620-663-3327
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 7, 2007

Joseph "Joe" D. Alcott Sr. 1922 - 2007

BROKEN ARROW, OKLA. — Joseph "Joe" D. Alcott Sr. was born March 6, 1922, in Kenosha, Wis., the son of Joseph Stephens and Elgie (Gugerty) Alcott. He died Nov. 3 at Franciscan Villa in Broken Arrow, Okla. He was 85 years of age.

Joe was a 1940 graduate of Kenosha High School and the University of Wisconsin in 1943. He was a veteran of the United States Navy, serving on the USS Irwin "DD794" in the Pacific during World War II. He graduated from Midshipman Naval Officers School at Columbia University in New York.

He married Blanche Lewis, his wife of 32 years, on Aug. 30, 1952, in Hoisington. They moved to Broken Arrow in July of 1969 from Hoisington. Blanche preceded him in death on June 8, 1993. Joe was a chemical engineer and manager of partner operations for Terra Resources, where he was responsible for wildcatting and discovering the most producing oil well in the state of Kansas. He also worked for Shell Oil and Farmland Industries, among other companies.

He enjoyed his family, the stock market, and traveling. He received his degree as a Doctor of Naturopathy and established Colorado Natura, a nonprofit organization, teaching people about wellness and pulmonary disease. He volunteered for Meals on Wheels.

He was a member of St. Benedict's Parish Council and several small faith groups.

Survivors include four daughters, Miriam and husband Ray Percy of Broken Arrow, Okla., Mary and husband Bruce Maddux of Ponca City, Okla., Liz and husband J.D. Hammock of Edmond, Okla., and Virginia and husband Bryan Caskey of Shawnee, Okla.; two sons, John and wife Jeane Alcott, Katy, Texas, and Joe Alcott Jr. of Ponca City, Okla.; grandchildren Jerry, David, Emilie, Joseph, Jordan, Garrett, Jason, Mark, Morgan, and Peyton; and great-grandchildren Joshua, Addison, and Jacob. He was preceded in death by two sisters, Joyce Radwill, Lois Sorenson; and his parents.

Funeral Mass has been scheduled for 11 a.m. Friday at the Church of St. Benedict in Broken Arrow. Celebrants will be Monsignor Patrick Gaalaas, Father Joe Townsend and Father James McGlinchie.

Burial will be at Calvary Cemetery in Tulsa, Okla., under the direction of Hayhurst Funeral Home. A Rosary will be held at 7 p.m. on Thursday at the church. Viewing will be from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to Henna Preschool in Johannesburg, Africa, established by the Catholic Church, in care of Mary Maddux, 146 Whitworth, Ponca City, OK 74601 or to Alcott Ministries, P.O. Box 3400, Broken Arrow, OK 74013. Online guest book may be signed or leave a memory of Joe by going to www.hayhurstfuneralhome.com and clicking online tributes.

Funeral arrangements provided by Hayhurst Funeral Home*
1660 S. Elm Pl.
Broken Arrow, Okla. 74012
918-258-9623
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 7, 2007

D. LaDene Broughton 1927 - 2007

FORT DODGE — D. LaDene Broughton, 80, died Nov. 4 at Via Christi Regional Medical Center, St. Francis Campus, Wichita. She was born July 17, 1927, in Hoisington, the daughter of Lester and Dora Aldridge Brewer. She married Jack Broughton on June 3, 1947, in Hoisington. A Fort Dodge resident, moving from Larned, she was a homemaker.

Mrs. Broughton was a member of the First Christian Church, in Larned.

Survivors include her husband, of the home; three sons, Ron Broughton and wife Jayne, Owasso, Okla., Jack Edward Broughton and wife Laura, Woodlands, Texas, and Kevin Broughton, Woodlands, Texas; three daughters, LeeAnn Castaneda and husband Earnest, Amarillo, Texas, Kerri Lajinge and husband Bryan, Larned, and Lisa Broughton, Larned; one brother, T.O. Brewer, Hoisington; one sister, Delores Lindsay and husband Lester, Olmitz; 18 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one son, Everett Broughton; one brother, Everett Brewer; and two sisters, Elva Schugart and Vera Branyan.

Funeral Service will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Burkhart-Ziegler Funeral Chapel in Dodge City with Phil Scott presiding. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. today at the funeral chapel. Burial will be at the Kansas Veterans Cemetery at Fort Dodge. The family suggests memorials to the Fort Dodge Library, the Chapel Services at Via Christi St. Frances Hospital, or the First Christian Church, Dodge City, all in care of the funeral home. 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, Nov. 7, 2007

David W. Weathers 1940 - 2007

David W. Weathers, 66, of Great Bend, died Nov. 3 at his residence. He was born Dec. 18, 1940, at Great Bend, the son of Herman and Josephine Waller Weathers. He worked for the Ford Motor Company in the parts record department, retiring in January of 2000. He was a U.S. Air Force veteran. He was a resident of Great Bend since 2000, coming from Norwalk, Calif.

Weathers was a member of First Congregational United Church of Christ in Great Bend.

Survivors include a son, Michael Weathers, Downey, Calif.; step-son Tony Watts, Kern County, Calif.; step-daughter Tammy Pahel, Corona, Calif.; a brother, Tom Weathers, Alton, Ill.; two sisters, Virginia Schneider, Roseburg, Ore., and Jane Warnken, Hutchinson; and four step-grandchildren.

Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at the church in Great Bend, with the Rev. Diana Coberly officiating. Interment will be in the Great Bend Cemetery, with military honors provided by the U.S. Air Force. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday at Bryant Funeral Home in Great Bend. Memorial donations are suggested to the First Congregational United Church of Christ and may be made in care of the funeral home. Condolences may be sent and notice viewed at www.bryanfh.net.

Funeral arrangements provided by Bryant Funeral Home*
1425 Patton Road
Great Bend, KS 67530
(620) 793-3525
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 7, 2007
November 6, 2007

Dorothy M. Hunter 1910 - 2007

GENESEO — Dorothy M. Hunter, 97, of Geneseo, died Nov. 3 at Lyons District Hospital. Born July 2, 1910, in Denver, Colo., she was the daughter of John and Etta Izora Sommers Stratman. She graduated from Geneseo High School in 1928. A resident of Geneseo since 1918, she was a homemaker. She married Joseph "Joe" W. Hunter on March 26, 1930 at Geneseo. He died May 15, 2001.

Great Bend. A resident of Geneseo since 1918, she was a homemaker. She married Joseph "Joe" W. Hunter on March 26, 1930 at Geneseo. He died May 15, 2001.
Mrs. Hunter was a member of the United Methodist Church, United Methodist Women, former Women’s Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary, past president of Parent Teachers Association, and E.H.U., all of Genesee; and Rice County Republican Women.

Survivors include three sons, Wayne Hunter of Belton, Texas, Clayton Hunter of Wichita and Homer Hunter of Monument; three daughters, Estelle Schmidt of Genesee, Joan Kruse of Liberal and Phyllis Gray of Wilson; a brother, Kenneth Stratman of Greeley, Colo.; 14 grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren; 16 great-great-grandchildren; two step-grandchildren; and three step-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a son, John W. Hunter; a daughter, Velda Joyce Hunter; a grandson, Warren Schmidt; a great-grandson, Luke Fitzgerald; and a brother, Robert Stratman.

Funeral service will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday at the United Methodist Church in Genesee with the Rev. Ticia Bennett officiating. Burial will be at the Genesee Cemetery. Friends may visit from 2 to 8 p.m. today at Birzer-Sillin Funeral Home in Lyons. Memorials are suggested to the United Methodist Church in Genesee or Lyons District Hospital Swing Bed Unit, in care of the funeral home.

Funeral arrangements provided by Birzer-Sillin Funeral Home
214 West. Ave. South
Lyons, KS 67554
620-257-2211
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 6, 2007

D. LaDene Broughton 1927 - 2007

FORT DODGE — D. LaDene Broughton, 80, died Nov. 4 at Via Christi Regional Medical Center, St. Francis Campus, Wichita. She was born July 17, 1927, in Hisington, the daughter of Lester and Dora Aldridge Brewer. A Fort Dodge resident, moving from Larned, she was a homemaker. On June 3, 1947, she married Jack Broughton in Hoisington.

On Feb. 9, 1969, at the Centennial Lanes he fell just shy of the elusive 300 game. He was a member of the Hays American Legion Post No. 173, a former member of the Hays Bowling Association, and an enthusiastic volunteer with the Sternberg Museum in Hays.

Survivors include his wife, Thea, of the home; two sons, Jeff Haugen of Wichita and Homer Hunter of Monument; three daughters, LeeAnn Castaneda and husband Earnest, Amarillo, Texas, Kerri Lainge and husband Bryan, and Lisa Broughton, all of Larned; one brother, T.O. Brewer, Hisington; one sister, Delores Lindsay and husband Lester, Olmitz; 18 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a son, Everett Broughton; a brother, Everett Brewer; and two sisters, Elva Schugart and Vera Branyan.

Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Burkhart-Ziegler Funeral Chapel with Phil Scott presiding. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday at Burkhart-Ziegler Funeral Chapel, Dodge City. Burial will be at the Kansas Veterans Cemetery at Fort Dodge. The family suggests memorials to the Fort Dodge Library, the Chapel Services at Via Christi St. Frances Hospital, or the First Christian Church, Dodge City, all in care of Burkhart-Ziegler Funeral Chapel. 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
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 6, 2007

Jack R. Haugen 1935 - 2007

HAYS — Jack R. Haugen, 72, of Hays, died Nov. 2 at Russell Regional Hospital. Born July 15, 1935, in Chicago, Ill., he was the son of Joseph and Cora Adams. He grew up in the Chicago area and was a graduate of the Chicago Public Schools. After high school he was drafted into the Army and served during the early 1950s. He married Thea D. Glebocki on Nov. 23, 1960, in Great Bend. They were the owners and operators of the Smoky Hill River Greenhouse from 1989 to 2003. Jack enjoyed spending his time with his family, working outdoors and working at his greenhouse. His passion and love was bowling and spending countless hours at his local bowling alley. Jack had always been a great bowler, and bowling a 300 game was something he had always wanted to accomplish, but in most cases he fell just shy of the elusive 300 game. On Feb. 9, 1969, at the Centennial Lanes in Hays, Jack achieved his dream of bowling a 300 game. It was one of the proudest moments of his life and he was very excited and proud when his achievement was placed in the Hays newspaper.

Mr. Haugen was a member of the Hays American Legion Post No. 173, a former member of the Hays Bowling Association, and an enthusiastic volunteer with the Sternberg Museum in Hays.

Survivors include his wife, Thea, of the home; two sons, Jeff Haugen of Wichita and Homer Hunter of Monument; three daughters, LeeAnn Castaneda and husband Earnest, Amarillo, Texas, Kerri Lainge and husband Bryan, and Lisa Broughton, all of Larned; one brother, T.O. Brewer, Hisington; one sister, Delores Lindsay and husband Lester, Olmitz; 18 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a son, Everett Broughton; a brother, Everett Brewer; and two sisters, Elva Schugart and Vera Branyan.

Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Monday at St. Patrick Catholic Church, Great Bend, with Father Wesley Schawe officiating. Interment will be at the Great Bend Cemetery. There will be no visitation, as cremation has taken place. Donations to a memorial fund for the Cherry Village Activity Fund may be made 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, Nov. 4, 2007

George A. Sieker 1925 - 2007

CHASE - George A. Sieker, 81, died Nov. 2 at Ellinwood District Hospital, Ellinwood. He was born Nov. 3, 1925, at Hutchinson, the son of Harry Irwin Sieker Sr. and Amelia Marie Galliart Sieker. He married Virginia L. Binger on Oct. 24, 1948, at Ellinwood. He was a resident of Barton and Rice counties since 1942, and formerly lived in Dodge City. He was a 1943 graduate of Ellinwood High School, where he was a track orator. He was a retired farmer, farming in both Rice and Barton counties. He played Ban Johnson Baseball.

Mr. Sieker was a member of St. John’s Lutheran Church of Ellinwood, was president of the congregation, a choir member, a USD 401 School Board member, a member of the Chase Co-op Board, and a Raymond Township trustee.

Survivors, in addition to his wife, of the home, include three sons, Ron and Barb Sieker of Dodge City, Richard and Patty Sieker of Russell and Robert and Carol
Established for the Sunflower Shrine Place. Memorial funds have been be no visitation, as cremation has taken Bend Masonic Lodge No. 15. There will and Masonic Rites conducted by Great Bend Cemetery, with Military Rites officiating. Inurnment will be at the Great Bend, with the Rev. Gary Brooks. A memorial service will be at 10 a.m. Phillips, and a sister, Bettye Nelson. He was preceded in death by four Kruse and Nicholas Kruse, both of Hays; and a great-grandson, Parker Rynerson. He was preceded in death by a brother, Harry Sieker Jr., and a daughter, Cheryl Ann Sieker. Funeral service will be at 1:30 p.m. Monday at St. John’s Lutheran Church, Ellinwood, with Pastor Jeff Frakes officiating. Burial will be at Lakin-Comanche District Cemetery, Ellinwood. Visitation will be from 1 to 8 p.m. today at Kimple Funeral Home, Ellinwood, with the family receiving friends from 5 to 7 p.m., and from 9 a.m. to noon Monday at the funeral home. Memorials have been established for the Lutheran Church Altar Guild and the Ellinwood District Hospital Auxiliary. Funeral arrangements provided by Kimple Funeral Home* 113 North Main Ellinwood, KS 67526 620-564-2300 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 4, 2007 Dale V. Phillips 1914 - 2007 Dale V. Phillips, 93, of Great Bend, died Nov. 3 at his daughter's home in Great Bend. Born June 17, 1914, at Lake City, he was the son of Cyrus V. and Edith Swope Phillips. He married Helen Louise Powers on Oct. 6, 1945, at Longview, Texas. She died April 29, 2002. He was co-owner of Phillips Sporting Goods for 32 years. He had lived in Great Bend since 1945, coming from Longview, Texas. He graduated from Coats High School at Coats. He was a U.S. Army veteran, serving in World War II. Mr. Phillips was a member of First United Methodist Church, Masonic Lodge No. 15 and York Rite, American Legion Post 180, VFW Post 3111, Eagles Lodge, a former volunteer for Meals on Wheels and RSVP, and a Boy Scout leader, all of Great Bend. He was also an avid hunter, fisherman, woodcarver and gardener. Survivors include a son, Randall S. Phillips, of Great Bend; a daughter, Renee Patterson and husband David, of Great Bend; two grandchildren, Justin Kruse and Nicholas Kruse, both of Hays; three stepgrandchildren, four stepgreat-grandchildren and nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by four brothers, Paul, Earl, Glen and Loyd Phillips, and a sister, Bettye Nelson. A memorial service will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Bryant Funeral Home, Great Bend, with the Rev. Gary Brooks officiating. Inurnment will be at the Great Bend Cemetery, with Military Rites conducted by a Fort Riley Honor Guard and Masonic Rites conducted by Great Bend Masonic Lodge No. 15. There will be no visitation, as cremation has taken place. Memorial funds have been established for the Sunflower Shrine Travel Fund and for First United Methodist Church. Condolences may be sent and notice viewed at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Salina, 730 Holly Lane, Box 2238, Salina, KS 67401. For more information or to send an email condolences, visit www.carlsonfh.net. Funeral arrangements provided by Carlson-Geisendorf Funeral Home 500 S. Ohio Salina, KS 67401 785-823-3456 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 2, 2007 Etta E. Ward Gilmore 1916 - 2007 GOTHENBURG, Neb. — Etta E. Ward Gilmore, 91, died Nov. 1 at Gothenburg Memorial Hospital Long Term Care in Gothenburg, Neb. Born June 24, 1916, near Macksville, she was the daughter of Albert and Myrtle Evans Wilson. She married C.J. “Jack” Ward at Macksville at June 10, 1933. He died July 19, 1978. She married Glen Gilmore at Larned on April 4, 1986. He died June 29, 2001. She was a resident of Larned from 1969 until 2002, moving to Gothenburg to be with family. She was a retired food service worker at Larned State Hospital. Mrs. Gilmore was a member of the Fort Larned Lions Club, Good Sams and the Welcome Inn Seniors, all of Larned, and was an avid bowler. Survivors include two sons, Dwayne Ward of Boise, Idaho, and Wesley Ward of Louisville, Colo.; three daughters, Marietta Miller and Carol Cheetsos, both of Gothenburg, Neb., and Donna Sever of Modesto, Calif.; 14 grandchildren; 11 stepgrandchildren; 27 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two infant sons, Robert and Ronald; one brother, James Wilson; and seven sisters, Eula Dibble, Hazel White, Ella Wilson, Velma Wilkerson, Ethel Kell, Bertha White and Laura Love. Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Morell Funeral Home in Larned. Burial will be at Farmington Cemetery in Macksville. Friends may visit from 1 to 8 p.m. on Sunday with the family receiving friends from 9 a.m. to service time on Monday at the funeral home. Memorials may be sent to the Welcome Inn Senior Center, 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, Nov. 2, 2007 Hermilia Rios De Molina 1947 - 2007 Hermilia Rios De Molina, 60, of Great Bend, died Oct. 31 at Central Kansas Medical Center, Great Bend. She was born June 27, 1947, at Ojinaga,
Great nieces and nephews. Texas, and Sandra Griffin of San Marcos, Texas, Mary Hart of White Deer, Stovall and husband Lewis of San Marcos, Texas, Casenolene, Texas, and her husband Michael Molina, all of Great Bend; two aunts, Louise Gates of Lawton, Okla.; two uncles, Walter O. Wright on May 3, 1958, in Mooreland High School. She married Oct. 30 in Canadian, Texas. Born Dec. 16, 2000. graveside service will be at 10:30 a.m. today at Glazier Cemetery with Gary Jahnel officiating. Burial will follow under the direction of Hughes Funeral Home of Canadian, Texas. The family suggests memorials be made to Hemphill County Hospice, 1020 S. 4th, Canadian, TX 79014 or American Cancer Society, 3915 Bell Ave., Amarillo, TX 79109. You may send condolences online at www.hughesfuneralhome.com.

Funeral arrangements provided by Hughes Funeral Home*
325 Kingman Ave.
P.O. Box 65
Canadian, TX
806-323-6431
Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 1, 2007
Glynis M. Boyd 1942 - 2007

Glynis M. Boyd, 65, of Salina, died Oct. 30 at her residence. She was a homemaker, and was the former manager of the Diet Center in Salina.

Glynis M. Dawe was born in Bridgeton, N.J., on April 4, 1942, the daughter of the late Paul E. and Marjorie Irey (Ough). She married Ronald “Butch” M. Boyd on April 3, 1965, in Detroit, Mich., and she survives.

Survivors include two daughters, Carey L. Destine of Great Bend and Trace L. Schneider of Salina; one son, Ron P. Boyd of Kipp; one sister, Kathi M. Webb of Cottage Grove, Ore.; two brothers, Paul "Rocky" Awe of Salina and Douglas J. M. Awe of Sebastopol, Calif.; she is also survived by 10 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents and a grandson, Justin Destine.

At the family’s request there will be no visitation. A celebration of her life will be at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Salina, 730 Holly Lane, Box 2238, Salina, KS 67401. For more information or to send an email condolences, visit www.carlsonfh.net.

Funeral arrangements provided by Carlson-Geisendorf Funeral Home 500 S. Ohio Salina, KS 67401 785-823-3456 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 1, 2007
Wayne William Barger

PORT ST. LUCIE, Fla. — Wayne William Barger, 71, of Port St. Lucie, passed away Oct. 28, at his residence. He was born in Barton County, and had been a resident of Port St. Lucie for the past 20 years, coming from Great Bend. Prior to retirement he was owner and operator of Barger Electric in Great Bend, and in Port St. Lucie.

He was a veteran, having served with the United States Army. He was a member of the Central Kansas Builders Association and a member of the Great Bend Electrical Board. He was a member of Redeemer Lutheran Church in Stuart, Fla., where he was a soloist and member of the church choir. He served as an elder at the church as well.

Survivors include his wife of 49 1/2 years, Kathleen Z., Barger of Port St. Lucie; one son, William Barger of Palm City, Fla.; three daughters, Shanda Azzi of Stuart, Fla., Sonya Ivy of Oklahoma City, Okla., and Lori Barger of Jensen Beach, Fla.; 10 grandchildren, one great-grandchild and four sisters, Iona Ramsey of Pensacola, Fla., Leila Harders of Benton, Kan., Alene Clarke of Great Bend and Shirley Likes of Mechanicsburg, Pa.

Visitation will be Friday, Nov. 2, from 4 to 7 p.m. at Yates Funeral Home Chapel in Port St. Lucie. Funeral services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. at the Redeemer Lutheran Church in Stuart, with Pastor David Albers officiating. Interment will be in Forest Hills Memorial Park, Palm City, Fla.

Those who wish may make contributions to Redeemer Lutheran Church Music Department, 2450 East Ocean Blvd., Stuart, Fla., or to Pancreatic Cancer Action Network, 2141 Rosecrans Avenue, Suite 7000, El Segundo, CA 90291 at www.pancan.org.

Yates Funeral Home*
7951 South U.S. 1 Port St. Lucie, FL 34952 772-878-2300 Great Bend (Kan.) Tribune, Nov. 1, 2007
Nina I. Alsup 1926 - 2007

ELLINWOOD — Nina I. Alsup, 81, died Oct. 27 at Ellinwood District Hospital. Born Sept. 27, 1926, in Osawatomie, she was the daughter of Peter Yocum and Ada MacKenzie. A resident of Ellinwood for the past 37 years, formerly of Neodesha and Osawatomie, she was a retired food service worker for Woodhaven Care Center in Ellinwood. She married John A. Alsup on Dec. 24, 1953, at Osawatomie. He died on Oct. 16, 2000.

Mrs. Alsup was a member of the United Methodist Church and Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary, both in Ellinwood.

Survivors include two sons, William M. and wife Rashell Alsup of Ellinwood and Jeff A. and Charlene Alsup of Great Bend; two daughters, Susan G. and Jim Anderson and Barbara J. Carter, all of Wichita; a brother, Don Yocum of Bakersfield, Calif.; six grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Graveside service will be at 1:30 p.m. today at Lakin-Comanche District Cemetery with the Rev. Vernon Mealer officiating. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to noon today. Memorials are suggested to United Methodist Women and the VFW Auxiliary.
Funeral arrangements provided by
Kimple, Inc. Funeral Home
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