

Obituaries

Jessie Smith

Aug. 26, 1919 - March 27, 2004

Jessie Smith was born Aug. 26, 1919, in a sod house north of Brewster, Kan., the youngest of three children of Lewis and Alice Duncan.



Smith

She died March 27, 2004, in Denver after a short illness.

Jessie attended Brewster public schools and later earned her General Education Degree from Colby Community College in 1979. She married Kenneth D. "Ted" Smith in 1936, and to this union three children, Gordon, Janice and Joyce were born.

Ted and Jessie moved to St. Francis in the early 1940s where Ted operated a service station on Main Street. Jessie and Ted later built the Bay Service and Cafe on U.S. 36, a popular truck stop and restaurant. Jessie was a loving and caring person to her family and to those in need. Many needy highway travelers were treated to full meals at the Bay Cafe. Jessie was proud of her service as a nurses aid at the Cheyenne County Hospital, putting in over 15 years of service as an aid, and more years later as a cook.

Jessie was a friend to many and she loved her friends and family dearly. She was also very grateful for the kindness extended to her by everyone who knew and loved her. One of her favorite expressions was "thanks a million for everything!"

Jessie loved to travel and spend time with her children and grandchildren especially around the holidays where her cooking skills were greatly appreciated and passed on to her extended family.

She loved animals especially her little poodle "Fluffy." She was always setting out bird seed and water for the birds. She was also a devoted Christian and a long-time member of the First Christian Church of St. Francis.

As much as Jessie loved her family and friends, she also loved the town of St. Francis. Another of her favorite sayings was "there are a lot of nice people living in St. Francis!"

Jessie will be remembered with fondness by those whose lives she touched and she will be missed.

Jessie is survived by her three children and their spouses: Gordon K Smith and wife Judy of Greeley, Colo., Janice Jane McClelland and Ray Lalicker of Goodland, Joyce Lee Peak and husband Carl of Arvada, Colo.; eight grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren and one-great-great-grandchild. She is also survived by her sister Eva Hubbard of Oregon City, Ore.; brother-in-law Lewis Patten of Brewster; numerous nieces and nephews and one very special niece, Florice Lauer and husband Eddie of St. Francis.

Jessie is predeceased by her husband Kenneth "Ted," her parents Lewis and Alice Duncan (Hunt), sister Letha Patten and half-sister Elsie Thomas and half-brother Frank Hetrick.

Pallbearers were Paul Smith, Troy Pickett, Kenny Pickett, Jeremy Skrdlant, Alan Frank, Jim Bender, Erik Frank and Carl Peak. Honorary pallbearers were Eddie Lauer, Harold Mitchell, Willard Peter, Dave

Roberson, Ray Lalicker, Jimmy McClelland, Maurice Barnhart and Stan Wahrman.

Funeral services were held at the First Christian Church with Rev. John Bartlett officiating. Burial was in the St. Francis Cemetery. Knodel Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Cheyenne County Hospital, St. Francis Senior Center or Christian Church, St. Francis.

Gladys Mae Confer

May 30, 1916 - April 3, 2004

Gladys Mae Confer was born to Herman and Pearl Mace Kanel on May 30, 1916 in Bird City, Kan. She was the fifth child born with sisters, Alice, Helen and Hazel along with brothers Ray, Vern, Guy and Bill. They lived and grew up on a farm south of St. Francis, Kan.

Gladys married Edgar Edmonds early in her life at the age of 15 in 1931. They spent their married life southwest of St. Francis working together on the farm. Gladys and Edgar had no children of their own, but spent a lot of time helping with the neighborhood children and special nephew, Dick Edmonds. Gladys was member of the Neville Methodist Church and thoroughly enjoyed being a Sunday school teacher and helping during Bible School each year. She later moved her membership into the United Methodist Church in St. Francis after the closing of the Neville Methodist Church.

On April 25, 1964, Gladys was married to Lester Confer. Along with this union she became a major part of the lives of Lester's daughter, Arlene, and granddaughter, Glenda. She and Lester worked side by side all through their nearly 40 years of marriage from everything to do with housework to farming. Together they enjoyed being a special part in the lives and hearts of their great-grandchildren - Bobby, David, Kari and Dustin Krien and later on the great-great-grandchildren, Chase and Kensley Krien and Chanell, Chauntell, Kylie and Tracen Peter.

Gladys died on Saturday, April 3, 2004, after a short illness. She was preceded in death by her parents, three sisters, three brothers, her first husband Edgar, son-in-law Royce Peter, and great-grandson Bobby Krien.

Gladys leaves behind her husband, Lester, stepdaughter, Arlene Peter, Step-granddaughter, Glenda and husband Gaylord Krien, Step-granddaughter, Peggy and husband, Bob Gross, and step-grandson Greg and wife Christina Peter. Also, step grandchildren David and wife DeAndrea Krien of Hays, Kari and husband Tracy Peter of Windsor, Colo., Dustin Krien of St. Francis, Justin, Chad and Brittany Peter of Huntsville, Tex., and Lauren and Bret Gross of Wichita. There are also great-great-grandchildren, Chase and Kensley Krien, and Kyle, Tracen, Chauntell and Chanell Peter. All of these children (young and old) will always carry special memories in their hearts of "grandma Gladys." A brother, Bill Kanel of Las Vegas and a sister, Helen Kyle of Cottage Grove, Ore.

Services were held at the United Methodist Church April 6, with Marvin Zimelman and Jack Abendschan officiating Pall Bearers were Rick Rogers, Rod Ritchey, Marlin Rueb, Terry Culwell, Larry Brunow and Marvin Miller.



YVONNE EGGERTS gives tutoring help to Roberto Ponce, Cody Cisneros and Dalton Magnani in the Cheylin cafeteria.

Times staff photo by Casey McCormick

McDonald News By Vera Kacirek

The Easter Egg Hunt sponsored by McDonald Area Development will be held on Saturday, April 10 at 10 a.m. on the school grounds. All children, ages Pre-School through the fourth grade are invited to participate in the hunt.

Jolene Reeh was a Friday visitor of Phyllis Wilkinson.

Josh and Lisa Johnson brought Saturday supper to Kenny and Phyllis Wilkinson, and took them to church.

Norman and Tessa Davis were Sunday visitors of Kenny and Phyllis Wilkinson.

Friday supper guests of Jerry and Betty Knapp were Stan and Becky Purvis, Mac and Katie Jo, Mavis Graff, and Zeldia Knapp. On Saturday the Knapp's hosted a hot-dog roast and Mac Purvis's friends, Harvey and Felix joined in the fun. Zeldia Knapp and Mavis Graff

were Sunday dinner guests of Jerry and Betty Knapp.

Eunice Officer and Ratha Lea Loker accompanied Lynn and Rita Officer to Colby on Sunday where they attended the Baptism of Kale Regier. They were all dinner guests of Randy and Melissa Regier.

Greg and Cheryl Wilkinson attended the First Communion Mass at the Catholic Church in Colby on Sunday, where Mariah Skolout received her First Communion. They were dinner guests of Gary and Shirley Skolout.

Janet Fisher, Connor and Caleb were Thursday morning visitors of Amelia Banister and Karlyne Atchison.

John Hornok of Salt Lake City, Utah was a Saturday visitor of Amelia Banister and Karlyne Atchison.

Amelia Banister accompanied Kent Banister to St. Francis on Sunday to visit in the Good Samaritan Home.

Sunday dinner guests of R. J. and Susie Sabatka were Rachel and Taylor Wilson, Kasey, Jennifer, Gracie, and Tyler Sabatka, Raphael and Agnes Sabatka, and Laddie and Vera Kacirek.

Rev. and Mrs. John Hornok, parents of Suzan Moyer, are visiting in the Moyer home until after Easter Sunday when they will return home.

Vance and Betty Lewis were Visitors of Lenora Spicka this past week.

Vance and Betty Lewis drove to Denver on Sunday to attend the viewing of Keith Pickett and to be with the family. His funeral was on Monday with burial in the Fort Logan Cemetery in Denver.

Meeting to be held

The Republican River Riparian Project quarterly meeting will be held on April 15, at the Gateway Conference Center, Oberlin, located on I Morgan Drive just off U.S. 36 and 83 intersection. The meeting will begin at 10 a.m. with registration. Linda Henderson from Kansas Alliance for Wetlands and Streams will be the main speaker. There will be a business meeting, lunch will be provided. Following lunch there will be a tour.

The Republican River Riparian Project is lead by local land owners and producers from the states of Colorado, Kansas, and Nebraska. This is a joint effort to address concerns along the Republican River and its tributaries. The drainage area is approximately 24,900 square miles, of which 7,700 square miles are in Colorado, 9,700 square miles in Nebraska, and 7,500 square miles in Kansas. Concerns include natural, economic, and social resources. There are four initial goals developed by local representatives in the tri-state area. They are:

- To develop a landowner partnership.

- To preserve and enhance quantity and quality of water in the Republican River Basin.

- To increase educational opportunity in regard to water in the Republican River Basin.

- To preserve and enhance the economic viability of the Republican River Basin.

The project is currently in the planning stages and needs additional input from local landowners, producers, municipalities, and counties in the tri-state area. Those that have interest in the Republican River Basin should plan to attend the meeting.

To register call Duane Cheney at the Western Prairie Resource Conservation & Development area office at 785-462-2602 before April 12.

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Travis Hilt

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Parents:
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St. Francis

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QUARTLY FINANCIAL REPORT ENDING MARCH, 2004

	1/1/2004 BALANCE	EXPENDITURES	RECEIPTS	3/31/2004 BALANCE
General	\$748,131.68	\$466,074.43	\$163,352.55	\$445,409.80
Road & Bridge	\$369,163.37	\$164,595.35	\$115,025.14	\$319,593.16
Bridge Building	\$64,280.71	\$32,332.51	\$475.03	\$32,423.23
Noxious Weed	\$45,784.10	\$4,029.97	\$353.82	\$42,107.75
Noxious Weed Special	\$13,841.70	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$13,841.70
Solid Waste	\$1,788.17	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,788.17
Rural Fire	\$35,115.44	\$5,147.13	\$822.78	\$30,791.09
Hospital	\$216,464.34	\$267,303.26	\$81,209.30	\$30,370.38
Special Fire Equipment	\$47,350.78	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$47,350.78
Treasurer's Special	\$0.00	\$169.38	\$6,283.00	\$6,113.62
Attorney Fund	\$3,218.63	\$261.70	\$54.00	\$3,010.93
TOTAL ALL FUNDS	\$1,545,138.92	\$939,913.73	\$367,575.42	\$972,800.61

A detailed statement of expenditures is available for public inspection at the county clerk's office. Copies of such statement shall be available upon request. K.S.A. 19-228

Terry Miller
Cheyenne County Clerk

