

OBITUARIES

Eileene Brooks Hixon

April 9, 1915 - March 28, 2004

Eileene Brooks Hixon, 88, died March 28, 2004, at the Andbe Home in Norton.

Mrs. Hixon was born April 9, 1915, in Norcat, the daughter of Lonnie G. and Irena (Higbee) Brooks.

She attended school at Clayton and Norcat and graduated from Decatur Community High School in 1932. She taught school for four years in Decatur County.

In 1937, she moved to Norton, where she worked at the Serv-U-Well, Duckwalls, Cottage Style Shop, Manning Office Supply and Norton City Offices.

She and Ross Hixon were married Jan. 2, 1938.

Preceding her in death were her parents, her husband, and five brothers and sisters.

She is survived by two daughters, Beverly and Ed Morgan, San Antonio, Texas, and Barbara Trumpp, Phoenix; five grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Graveside services will be held at 10 a.m., Thursday at the Norcat Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Norcat Cemetery Fund, Andbe Home or the Diabetes Association in care of Enfield Funeral Home, 215 W. Main, Norton, Kan., 67654.

MarSue R. Watson

Sept. 2, 1950 - March 22, 2004

MarSue R. Watson, 53, died March 22, 2004, at Via Christi Regional Medical Center-St. Francis, Wichita.

She was born Sept. 2, 1950, in Norton to Marvin E. and Susan (Drake) Gebhard. She was a member of the first graduating class of Northern Valley High School in 1968 and she graduated from Colby Community College in 1970 and received her registered nursing degree in 1973 from Mary Lanning Nursing School in Hastings.

She was commissioned as an officer in the U.S. Navy Nurse Corps on Aug. 24, 1975, and retired with the rank of Lieutenant Commander in 1994. Her duty stations included Camp Pendleton, Calif.; Adak, Alaska; Naval Hospital, Whidbey, Island, Wash.; Naval Hospital, Oakland, Calif.; Naval Hospital Balboa, San Diego; and Branch Medical Clinic Naval Station, San Diego.

On Oct. 15, 1977, she married Brian Lindsay. Several years later she married George Watson in Yampa, Colo.

Mrs. Watson was a member of the Long Island United Methodist Church, later transferring her membership to the Almena Congregational Church. She was a member of the Prairie Dog Valley

4-H Club; served as Worthy Matron for the Order of the Eastern Star, Bethlehem Chapter; served as commander of the Roy C. Goodrich American Legion Post; and was vice president of the Northern Valley FFA Alumni Association.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Survivors include her son, Tedd Watson, Ridgecrest, Calif.; a brother, Drake and Karen Gebhard, Long Island; and a sister, Cecilia and Raymond Hillebrand, Norton.

Services were Friday at Congregational Church, Almena, with Pastor Kirk Kasson officiating. Pat David accompanied Abner Williams, soloist, who sang "My Peace" and "In The Garden". Casket bearers were Tedd Watson, Drake Gebhard, John Griffin, Garth Gebhard, Marvin Gebhard and Ray Hillebrand. Bethlehem Chapter conducted Eastern Star services and military honors were conducted by the U.S. Navy and the U.S. Army. Burial was in Long Island Cemetery.

Memorials are suggested to the MarSue Watson Memorial Fund in care of Olliff-Boeve Memorial Chapel, 1115 2nd St., Phillipsburg, Kan., 67661.

Recipe boxes are filled with family heirlooms

Collector Chat Liza Deines



Somewhere in your kitchen there's a recipe box. It may be a tidy little box full of 3-inch-by-5-inch cards neatly typed out, but I'd be willing to wager it's a battered shoe box filled with yellowing ripped out clippings, sticky notes with three indecipherable words scribbled in eyebrow pencil, and tattered cocktail napkins with jotted ingredients.

Just as I thought — it looks just like mine.

An intangible collection almost every housewife possesses and prizes, however, is that of the family recipes passed down through the years from Mom or Grandma. The column on dishes with memories prompted a number of people to write or call and tell me not only of their favorite dishes but also the foods served in them.

One reader told me that at every family dinner, no matter what the holiday or occasion, summer or winter, one of her aunts always brought wieners and sauerkraut in a particular old green casserole.

Another said their family felt it wasn't Christmas without her mother's Snow Salad in the red glass bowl. Snow Salad? Real whipped cream, marshmallows, white grapes and Queen Anne cherries with pecans on top of it all. I want to go to her house next year.

At our home the Christmas treat was Mama's applesauce cake with brown sugar frosting. It required chunky home canned apples, lots of walnuts, dates, prunes and raisins and was truly delectable when served up, of course, on the pink glass cake plate.

My husband's family is Volga German, so their family recipes are very different from what I grew up on.

An extra special dinner always began with German noodle soup and butterballs. The butterball ingredients never seemed to be available at my house — a stale loaf of homemade bread crumbed into clarified butter with allspice.

The soup was usually followed by roast goose with sweet cream raisin stuffing, which was interesting for a girl raised on sage and onion dressing.

Saturday night supper was often fruit soup, which is rehydrated

dried fruits, simmered in cream and chilled, served with cream, which were small pieces of dough deep fat fried and rolled in sugar. My mother-in-law makes the best cream pie filling ever with nary a measuring spoon or cup in sight. Are there recipes for these treats? No, you just have to be there at the elbow to watch again and again, which is the only way to preserve a true traditional recipe.

One of the memorable foods mentioned by a number of readers was the fried chicken of yesteryear. Nothing today tastes quite like a barnyard chicken, butchered in the morning, crisp fried in lard (tch!) and on the table by noon, especially when accompanied by real cream gravy with crunchies.

A wide variety of platters were remembered heaped with this Sunday meal. A mouth-watering treat in my memory is my Aunt Florence's pressed chicken. It was made from an old hen stewed until it fell off the bones, then skinned out and ground up with little green onions, salt and pepper, and jelled in its own broth in a crockery bowl. Spread on one of Mama's light biscuits with homemade butter, it was a picnic delight. I miss it still.

Yes, the latest cookie recipes and those swell, new, quick and easy desserts that make the rounds are great. Box mixes are my friends, too, as are cooking shows and recipe magazines. Everyone likes to try a new and different salad or casserole. And I particularly enjoy the memories roused by recipe file cards that have someone's name scribbled on them or were hand written by an old friend.

But truly treasured recipes are so buried in your heart that they never need to be inscribed on a card. Keep that file safe by passing it on to the young cooks in your family through shared experiences and happy times together in your kitchen.

Esther Mae Walker

July 6, 1917 - March 26, 2004

Esther Mae Walker, 86, died at the Andbe Home in Norton, on March 26.

She was born July 6, 1917, the daughter of Lee and Lura (Daniels) Greenwood, in Norton County and was raised on the family farmstead northwest of Norton. She attended Norton Community High School.

On May 15, 1948, she and Vance Walker were married in Norton County by the Justice of the Peace. They made their home in Lenora.

In November she moved into the Andbe Home.

She was a member of the Church of God, and she was an exceptional cook.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; two brothers, Virgil and Vernon; and a sister, Elsie Howard.

Survivors include three children, Jodell and Tim Griffith,

Greeley, Colo.; Gary and Oneta Walker, Colby; and LaVonna and David Jones, Salina; a sister, Ethel and Ted Hanson, Mesquite, Nev.; six grandchildren; four step-grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and six step-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Tuesday at the Lenora Church of God with Wilmer Severns conducting the services. Jim Plotts, Norcat, sang "Amazing Grace" and "Whispering Hope" accompanied by Karenza Francka, Norton. Burial was in the Lenora South Cemetery.

A memorial has been established in honor of Mrs. Walker to the Andbe Home. Contributions may be sent to 201 W. Crane, Norton, 67654.

Enfield Funeral Home of Norton was in charge of the arrangements.

Jennings' all-school play set for Friday night

Students of Jennings High School will present their all-school play, "The Boardinghouse" by Vern Harden, at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, April 2, in the school gymnasium.

Those portraying residents of the boardinghouse include the motherly proprietor, Katie Randolph; a "none-too-smart serving girl," Rocki Bochart; a would-be writer, Jake Kramer, who learns his craft by attempting to kill people — and being killed himself; plus a hypochondriac,

Nakita Graf, and a taxidermist, Kim Coiner, who reportedly has her late husband in her closet!

The peaceful setting is interrupted when Dirk Shadow, played by Seth Ritter, arrives seeking the treasure buried in the basement. Throw in a resident portrayed by Elise Kinser, whose passion is painting "anyone she can reach," and an absent-minded physician, Josh Vahling, well past retirement age, and there are all the ingredients for a madcap comedy. Buddy Graf and Jody Brooks play elder siblings and caretakers of two characters. Tyler Bolt is the stage manager and Julie Carter is director of the production.

The freshman class will serve a spaghetti supper from 5-7 p.m. with marinara or alfredo sauce, garlic bread, and a choice of dessert. The public is invited.

READERS

— American Family Insurance Office will be closed Thursday, April 1, for training and will reopen Friday, April 2. 3/30

The Duplicate Bridge Club met Wednesday evening at the Norton Manor for its regular weekly session with three tables. Winners were: first, Claudia Bridges and Norman Walter; in second place were Merle Taylor and Dick Hemphill.

— PITCH TOURNAMENT 7 P.M. Sunday, April 4, Norton

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