

OBITUARY

Maria S. Turner

Jan. 13, 1919 - April 22, 2004

Maria S. Turner, 85, former Norton resident, died April 22 at St. Francis Health Center in Topeka.

Mrs. Turner was born Jan. 13, 1919, in McCook, Neb., the daughter of Henry and Elizabeth (Rutz) Schlager. She graduated from Culbertson High School in 1936, and later from the Hastings Business College.

She moved to Norton in 1956, where she worked at Norton-Decatur Electric Co-op until her retirement in 1981. After her retirement she worked several years at the Norton Library.

She was baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran Church in Culbertson and was an active member of the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Norton.

Eight months ago she moved to Alma, Kan., to live with her son

and his family.

Preceding her in death were her parents and three brothers and three sisters.

She is survived by four sons, Steven and Phyllis Turner, Ketchikan, Alaska; Mike and Ann Turner, Tucson, Ariz.; Jack and Tina Turner, Alma; Scott and Betty Turner, Ferndale, Wash.; four grandchildren; and a great-granddaughter.

Memorial services were held Monday at the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Norton with inurnment in the Culbertson Cemetery.

The family suggests memorial contributions to the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Norton, 814 N. Second, Norton, Kan., 67654.

Campanella-Gentry Funeral Home in Alma was in charge of the arrangements.



J. Mader and T. Schindler

Couple sets ceremony date in May

Tiffany Lynn Schindler and Jason William Mader, Colby, plan to be married in a private ceremony at their home on May 22. A reception for family and friends will follow.

Parents of the couple are Gary and Dena Stoll, Locust Grove, Okla., and Delberta and Tom Miller, Norton, and the late Gary Mader.

Ms. Schindler is a beautician at Uptown Beauty in Colby.

Mr. Mader is sales manager at Taylor Motors, Colby.

Day of district recognition set for May 3

By BEVERLY KINDLER

The Norton County Family and Community Education Units are hosting the District Recognition Day on Monday, May 3. Unit members from Gove, Decatur and Sheridan counties will participate.

Activities start with a coffee hour at 9 a.m. at the 4-H Building in Norton. The program will follow with Ruth Lofgreen presiding.

Music will be provided by Ashton Lofgreen and Kollean McMullen.

Linda Gleason, St. John, will present the program feature, "Toys We Grew Up With", with information about the history of some of the most popular toys of the past century.

During the past 100 years, a variety of toys have been on children's wish lists. Some have come about because of times of economic crisis or war; some because of new technologies and some purely by accident.

Some that were popular at the turn of the century have stood the test of time and still delight children three and four generations later.

Music can brighten a room

To borrow a phrase from my old friend, Doris Ballard, 'One of Ours' came home to Norton last week and brought a lot of wonderful musical memories with her.

Neva Rae McCreary Shoof with her "My Friends and I" group gave us an Arts Council presentation that was a real treat.

The songs this small ensemble used in their tribute to melody in our lives brought to mind the joys of sheet music.

Here's yet another collection that doesn't require much dusting and, right now, is still very affordable to the average collector. In the years when radios and record players were rarities in the ordinary home, many homes had a piano and a bench full of sheet music.

Are you fortunate enough to have some old sheet music? Hang onto it and keep an eye out for it at auctions and shops, for this is a collectible that can provide enjoyment in myriad ways.

Lots of the art work on sheet music from the 1920s featured classic Art Deco designs and sketches, some comedic, some romantic. Later on, photographs of the singer that introduced the song or made it famous were shown on the frontispiece, often with a signature.

A clever wall arrangement of music under glass in narrow black frames looks great in any room, but is particularly apropos in a music room or to perk up a dull hallway.

Even tattered and torn remnants

Collector Chat Liza Deines



can be salvaged and used in decoupage projects or as a wallpaper accent. Some collections are kept in clear page protectors in a notebook so they can be safely admired but can also be slipped out and played when there's one you just can't resist hearing once again.

In gentler days every family that could possibly squeeze out the money saw to it that their children were given piano lessons. The piano might have been an old upright with chipped and yellowing keys plus the one that didn't play quite right, but music still was made on it.

Many a maiden lady or widow made a good living giving piano lessons after school. Some of those lessons were paid for with eggs or dress making or other barter, but the music went on. A pleasant interlude after dinner in the evening was hearing each child perform his or her "piece". And when that required number was accomplished, out came the popular sheet music of the day for some recreation.

Sheet music was sold, usually at a music store if your town had one, or at the drug store or dime store. It often sold for pennies.

An after school soda session wasn't complete without a raffle

through the new scores. Often a music store would have a piano available for customers to try out a new melody before purchase. Clever managers knew that in addition to selling the product, it encouraged local musicians to perform publicly which brought in passing customers to listen and perhaps buy.

After all, in larger cities, managers had to pay pianists to promote a new melody and bring in business.

Lots of old music turns up at auctions and the values are rising a bit. Clean out that old piano bench and bring back some memories. Old songs are priceless to those who remember them and those nostalgic melodies, while perhaps out of current vogue, keep coming back again and again.

Remember "Margie" and "Humoresque" and "When the Moon Comes Over the Mountain"? And who could forget such classics as "Maryzie Doats" and "Piano Roll Blues"?

Today with boom boxes and compact disc players everywhere, not to mention piped-in sound systems, there is no lack of music. What is lacking is our choice not only of selection but of volume. I say bring back that old piano, a box of sheet music and a family of budding pianists.

FROM THE COOK: Asparagus season is here, oh happy day. Drizzle with olive oil and grill for four minutes over charcoal. No better treat this side of paradise.

DEATH NOTICE

Dick Mikessell

Dick Mikessell, 64, died Monday at Norton County Hospital. Funeral services are pending

with Enfield Funeral Home in charge of the arrangements.

READERS

— **Steak and seafood night, Thursday 6-9 p.m. American Legion. Members and guest.**

Spc. James Horesky, Jr., of Norton, attended the unit public affairs representative school held at the Kansas Regional Training Institute, 235th Regiment, Kansas Army National Guard in Salina March 6-7. Spec. Horesky is a member of the 170th Maintenance, with the Guard in Norton.

The public affairs unit is designed to help tell the National

Guard story and to build positive relationships. The unit is also responsible for providing stories and photographs for the *Plains Guardian*, the Adjutant General's Department newspaper.

Spec. Horesky is also a student at Fort Hays State University majoring in musical education and performance.

— **PITCH TOURNAMENT 7 p.m. Sunday, May 2, Norton American Legion. 4/27**

CORRECTION

The phone number to call to make reservations for a trip sponsored by New Chapter was incorrect in the April 23 edition of The Norton Telegram.

The correct phone number is 877-2503.

The mistake was an editing error.

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The Norton Telegram will correct or clarify anything that is wrong in a news story. Call our office at 877-3361 to report errors. We believe news stories should be fair and factual, and want you to tell us about any failure to live up to this standard.

Agency gets recertification

Developmental Services of Northwest Kansas has met all the requirements and been recertified as a sponsor agency for the Teaching Family Association.

Developmental Services is the only association sponsor certified agency in Kansas.

Teaching Family Association is an international organization that emphasizes the positive teaching of functional skills and behaviors of persons with disabilities.

"We are very proud to be recertified," President Jim Blume said. "By using the program, we can grant better service to persons served, which is always our ultimate goal."

The association's review report said that, "(The service) should be applauded for the wonderful array of services it provides across the northwestern Kansas region of the state to people with developmental disabilities. Visiting the homes, apartments and day program was similar to visiting a friend's home. It was great to see how satisfied the clients are with the services they are receiving."

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