

# OBITUARIES

## Elizabeth K. Baker

June 4, 1939 - April 27, 2006

Elizabeth K. "Betty" Baker, 66, of Norton, died Thursday at Bryan L.G.H. Medical Center East in Lincoln, Neb.

She was born June 4, 1939, in Lima, Ohio. She lived in Kansas City, Kan., most of her life, moving to Norton in 2005.

She was a Tax Examining Assistant for the Internal Revenue Service for 16 years. Prior to that she was a dispatcher for the Kansas City Police Department for 15 years.

Preceding her in death was her husband, Kenneth D. Baker.

She is survived by a son, Kenneth D. Baker, Jr., Kansas City, Kan.; two daughters, Teresa

Baker, Kansas City, Mo., and Karen Koetting, Norton; a brother, Charles Short, Gordonsville, Va.; and nine grandchildren.

Visitation will be from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Highland Park Funeral Home, Kansas City, Kan.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m., Friday at the funeral home. Burial will be in Leavenworth National Cemetery.

The family suggests contributions to the American Diabetes Association or the National Kidney Foundation.

Contributions may be made in care of the funeral home at 41st and State Avenue, Kansas City, Kan., 66102.

## Inez V. Taylor

Nov. 7, 1909 - April 22, 2006

Inez Vesta Taylor, 96, formerly of Norton, died April 22 at Holdrege, Neb.

Mrs. Taylor was born Nov. 7, 1909, in Norton County, the fifth of 11 children of Orin E. and Ida M. (Wetzler) Severns.

She received her education in Norton.

She married Marvin Taylor. They made their home on a farm near Alma. In the early 1940s, she worked as a housekeeper and did ironing for several area families. In 1944, she worked for the Norton Lumber Co. where she did bookkeeping and was the assistant manager.

On Sept. 19, she married Everett Taylor. They farmed northwest of Oxford and operated Taylor Produce. She worked as a cook at the Oxford Nursing Home and also made storm windows for Better Buys for a few years. She was worked at Methodist Memorial Homes in Holdrege as a nursing assistant until 1968. From 1968 until 1974, she was employed at Becton-Dickinson in Holdrege, Neb., until her retirement. During her retirement years, she helped as a nursing assistant at the nursing home and hospital and also did some in-home nursing for several families.

She was a member of the St. John's Lutheran Church in Oxford, where she served in many capacities including: holding several offices in the Ladies Aide and she taught Vacation Bible School

for many years. She also served as a 4-H leader and was on the 4-H Council in Furnas County, was past president of the Parent Teacher Association for District No. 17 school. She enjoyed china painting and was a member of the World Organization of China Painters. She loved tending to her garden, crocheting, cooking, making jellies and pies. She was an avid bird watcher, loved Husker football and spending time with her family.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Everett; a son, Walter Taylor; a daughter, Avis Johnson; five brothers, Ross, Rex, Bernell, Vern and Keith Severns; and two sisters, Zelia Hines and Reva Smith.

She is survived by six children, Herb and Susan Taylor, Nashville, Tenn., Dixie and Leland Green, Funk, Neb., Judy Tadlock, Oxford, Zona and Ronald Fritz, McCook, Neb., Gloria Egge, Shelton, Neb., and Nancy Fry, Grand Island, Neb.; a daughter-in-law, Anita Taylor of Maryland; a brother, Dale and Katherine Severns, Norton; two sisters, Nina Melroy and Ila Zellmer, Norton; and a host of grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

The funeral was held Wednesday at St. John's Lutheran Church in Oxford. Burial was in Oxford Cemetery.

Mitchell-Nelson-Bauer Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

# Oak furniture always popular choice

American oak furniture is selling at premium prices in the antique market as this old-fashioned finish continues to rise in popularity.

Some of the buyers have sentimental attachments to the furniture with which their childhood homes were furnished but others are young and are just drawn to the style or color.

In the late 1800s an oak bedroom suite could be purchased for \$20, dining room sets for less than \$50. Coveted pieces were, and still are, library tables with ball and claw legs, big roll-top desks full of enticing pigeon holes, fancy hall trees complete with hat hooks and a brass pan to catch umbrella drips. Oak office furniture from law offices, courtrooms, libraries or schools is sought after and used far differently than their designers ever anticipated.

Ornamentation adds to value, so press back chairs and fancy table pedestals, carved edges and serpentine fronts bring more money. Original bevel-edged mirrors also add to value.

Prices have changed a bit in the last 100 years. Now-a-days a round oak dining room table in good repair can go for \$600, any oak chest will bring \$200 to \$300 and a roll-top desk, a china cabi-

## Collector Chat Liza Deines



net with original curved glass, or an oak Hoosier kitchen cabinet will go far beyond \$1,000.

Examine the wood closely when considering a purchase of any oak piece. Because this was economy furniture when it was first marketed, some interesting hybrids, shortcuts, and downright discombobulations have been found.

To create furniture that was sturdy, attractive and affordable, manufacturers sometimes chose to use oak in combination with other woods.

Whether you like or dislike such variations, be sure of what you have before you make an offer.

Veneers were common on oak pieces. Elm was used where a curved edge was desired since it bent and warped easily and did not split. Many so-called oak iceboxes are actually made of elm. Hickory was commonly used where strength was important to a thin design as in a bow back chair or rockers on a rocking chair.

Cheaper chestnut and pine were used for drawer sides and for the backs of buffets.

All these woods had the advantage of grain that could look like oak. Some people search out the pieces made with mixed woods; others disdain them.

Remember, what you collect is up to you, despite what the fashion might be.

What designers now call a faux finish was once a rather shady technique to make cheaper wood resemble oak.

Called "tiger" oak in the catalogs, the oak-like grain was achieved with combs, feathers, rollers and other painting devices. "Fumed" oak was a darker oak finish first created with tobacco juice rubbed into the unfinished wood, later achieved with chemicals. Some referred to this as "mud" oak but it proved to be popular when dull or rubbed finishes were in style. In 1908 the Sears and Roebuck catalog advertised solid oak furniture with "high gloss golden finish" and the days of dark oak were over.

My parents owned a golden oak dining room set. Although it was the plainest style Sears sold, it stood up to 50 years of family living.

Mother told me once that the

dining room set had been moved 22 times over the years. It was the only furniture that survived the tornado and with a little refurbishing, it is now in the home of my niece, Colleen, still serving its original purpose.

A lot of happy memories center around that round oak table where meals were eaten, jigsaw puzzles were worked, homework was done, wardrobes were designed and sewn.

On rainy days all I needed was that table and the button box and I could play for hours with my button people — fancy Southern belles, military platoons, herds of horses, or troupes of dancing girls — who lived in the land of oak grain.

Oak furniture has come into its own after a long transition from utilitarian to collectible.

It can't be beat for endurance and basic style. But it's the nostalgia factor that counts most for those who treasure a piece or two of Mama's good old "Sears & Sawbuck" golden oak.

ONE OF OURS: Thanks, Todd Burd, for "Puttin' on the Ritz" for Norton.

This is one "bird" that wings his way home once in awhile and it's certainly a treat. Bring your friends and come again, Todd.

# BIRTHS

## Jason Troy Cox

Jason Troy Cox was born April 22, at Phelps Memorial Health Center in Holdrege, Neb.



His parents are Chris and Rachelle Cox, Long Island.

He weighed 5 pounds 9

ounces.

He has a sister, Zoe, and a brother, Tharen.

Grandparents are Elizabeth and Richard Howard, Almena; Kelvin and Glenda Smith, Long Island; and Steven and Connie Cox, Long Island.

Great-grandparents are Von Fowler, Norton; and Elda Schalsky, Norton.

## Reese Rene Watkins

Matt and Krysten, Larned, are the parents of a daughter, Reese Rene Watkins. She was born March 21 at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great



Bend weighing 6 pounds 10 ounces. She was 20 inches long.

Grandparents are Jerry Miller, Gem; Carolyn Miller, Oberlin; and Dan and Judy Watkins, Hoxie.

Great-grandparents are Lucille Miller, Norton and Pat

nelson, Colby.

# HANSEN MUSEUM

By SHIRLEY HENRICKSON, director

Our current exhibitor, Omer Knoll, presented a bust of Senator Robert J. Dole to the Robert J. Dole Veterans Hospital and Regional Medical Center in Wichita in July, 1975.

After receiving medical treatment at the center, Mr. Knoll, who is an artist and sculptor, realized that this would be the perfect spot for his Dole bust.

Mr. Knoll has busts of several famous people currently on display at the Hansen Museum.

Included are busts of Robert J. Dole, John F. Kennedy and Lyndon B. Johnson.

Please set aside some time and come in to view the work of this talented artist from Palco.

Our new Artist of the Month is Raymond Juhl from Miller, Neb.. Mr. Juhl has some beautiful pine wood benches, chairs and tables

for sale.

We are looking forward to the Cindy Agan's Painters Workshop this Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

The Joy Of Painting Workshop will be held June 3 and 4, Saturday and Sunday, from 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m. Watch your mail for the workshop's registration forms.

The Norton Telegram...  
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## MARKETS

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