

OBITUARIES

Clarence R. Schmidt

Aug. 31, 1934 - Feb. 4, 2007

Clarence R. "Jess" Schmidt, 72, Grinnell, father of Lisa Wagoner, Lenora, died Sunday at Hays Medical Center.

Mr. Schmidt was born Aug. 31, 1934, in Grinnell, the son of Raymond J. and Anna (Wolf) Schmidt.

On July 30, 1957, he and Evelyn Marie Dickman were married at Angelus. They would have celebrated their 50th anniversary this summer.

He was the retired owner of Schmidt Upholstery and Schmidt Oil Services.

He was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Wheatland, Veterans Of Foreign Wars Post No. 2864, the Grinnell City Council and Knights of Columbus. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army and was a volunteer fireman.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Eugene Schmidt and Wilmer Schmidt. Survivors include: his wife,

Evelyn Schmidt, Grinnell; three sons, Gary and Jackie Schmidt, Goodland, Stan and Terina Schmidt, Colby, and Kevin and Jacque Schmidt, Moundridge; a daughter, Lisa and Vince Wagoner, Lenora; a sister, Geneva and Jim Schumacher, Russell; and eight grandchildren.

Friends may call from 5 to 9 p.m. Wednesday at Immaculate Conception Parish Center. A rosary will be held that day at 7 p.m. at the parish center.

His funeral will be held at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Immaculate Conception Church with Frs. Michael Elan and Roger Meitl officiating. Burial with military honors will be in Immaculate Conception Cemetery.

Memorials have been established to the church and to masses.

Contributions may be made in care of Kennedy-Koster Funeral Home, P.O. Box 221, Oakley, Kan. 67748.

Dorothy A. Wudtke

Oct. 9, 1916 - Jan. 28, 2007

Dorothy Maria Anna Wudtke, 90, lifelong Norton area resident, died Jan. 28 in the Andbe Home.

Mrs. Wudtke was born Oct. 9, 1916, the daughter of August E. and Katherine (Braun) Wegener. She was baptized and confirmed in the Immanuel Lutheran Church, Norton. She attended Immanuel Lutheran School and graduated from Norton Community High School.

On Aug. 21, 1938, she married Herman Julius William Wudtke in Norton.

She was an active member of Immanuel Lutheran Church and then, later, Redeemer Evangelical Lutheran Church, Norton. She was a Sunday School teacher and a member of the women's fellowship group.

Those who preceded her in death include her parents; six brothers, Arthur, Edward, August, Werner, William and Lorenz; and three sisters, Alma Braun, Elsie Thield Meyer and Gertrude Shelton.

Survivors include her husband, Herman Wudtke, Norton; two

sons, Ron Wudtke, Laramie, Wyo. and Jerry and Marie Wudtke, Collinsville, Ill.; a sister, Laurena Klotz, Norton; five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Saturday at Redeemer Evangelical Lutheran Church with Pastor Timm O. Meyer officiating. Burial was in the Norton Cemetery.

A memorial has been established to the church or to the donor's choice.

Olliff-Boeve Memorial Chapel, Phillipsburg, was in charge of the arrangements.

Card of Thanks

We are truly grateful for your kind expressions of sympathy since the loss of our loved one. The cards, flowers, memorial gifts and your prayers have all been appreciated.

Special thanks to the Andbe Home for their loving care and also to the ladies of the Redeemer Evangelical Lutheran Church for providing lunch after the service.

The family of Dorothy A. Wudtke

A slice of humble pie helped her appreciation

Child of the 40s Liza Deines



Oh no! They are brown and ugly and they have straps with snap buckles. Mama has just produced a pair of galoshes she bought for me to wear to school and I am so disappointed I could cry. "But the other girls have red boots that pull on," I explain, "and Christine has white ones with white fur at the top."

"Well, these were marked down," Mother says as she struggles to undo the snap buckles, "and the red ones were \$2.98. That's far too dear for something you only wear when it snows." She slides a galosh over my foot and it moves back and forth. "Oh good, there's some growing room. Maybe these can last you several years." Oh dear, oh dear, oh dear. I can't hurt Mama's feelings but these are without a doubt the ugliest boots I have ever seen and I'm going to be stuck in them clear through sixth grade? Oh dear.

Sonexttime it snowed, I trudged to my third grade classroom in ugly brown boots. Of course I tried to hide them in the cloak room and, of course, the meanest girl in school saw me and laughed and pointed and before long everyone joined her, chanting "Caterpillars never, never wear brown boots". I was so humiliated. I sulked all day and after school for the first time, I went to someone's house to play and didn't ask Mama's permission.

Matty was a new girl who had no boots at all but she didn't laugh at me. She lived a long way from my house and we walked in the snow. Me carrying the ugly galoshes, even though my feet got cold. Her house was not very nice and neither were her brothers. They yelled mean stuff at us and they kicked a little white dog that was hanging around the yard. Their father sat in a strange chair with wheels and I'd heard at school that her mother had run away. There were no snacks and no good cooking smells in their kitchen. Her doll had one arm missing and there weren't many things to play with. It all made me hurt inside and feel sad.

I was also feeling very guilty about Mama not knowing where I was so I asked to use the telephone to call home. They had no telephone. I asked if her dad would take me home since it was nearly

five. "We don't have a car and Daddy is crippled, she explained, "so he couldn't drive even if we did. My sister has to walk home real late from the café where she works. She brings us scraps for supper — sometimes meat even and once a whole new loaf of bread."

I started out walking in the cold, snowy dusk. I wasn't sure how to get home. It seemed a long, long way now and I was scared and so cold. I sat down on a curb, put on my galoshes and scarf and mittens. I thought about Matty walking to school with no boots and probably no scarf or mittens either. Snuffles and tears were freezing on my cheeks before I finally came to the water tower and knew which way to go home.

Mama threw open the door as I plodded up the sidewalk and she grabbed me in a hug. "Where in Heaven's name have you been? I've been worried sick." And, I was so glad to be in my Mama's arms in a bright, warm room with the smell of supper cooking, that I just fell all apart and cried and snuffled and the whole awful story came spilling out about how miserable it was at Matty's house and how I didn't appreciate my new galoshes and what a bad girl I was to not ask Mama if I could go and how cold and hungry and tired I was. She hugged me close and wiped tears up with her apron. Some hers, some mine.

"Did you learn anything?" she asked. I thought a minute. "For such a naughty girl I'm awful lucky to have my Mama and a good place to live — and my galoshes." And, I started crying again.

"Not lucky," Mama said with a smile, "blessed. Stop sniffing and let's go find some supper for you." POST SCRIPT: Only at Mama's funeral many years later did I learn that her church circle took Matty's family under their wing and helped them very quietly in many ways.

Ruth V. Somers

July 4, 1913 - Feb. 2, 2007

Ruth Verda Somers, 93, Norton, died Friday at the Andbe Home.

The daughter of John and Myrtle Alice (Cress) Hanna, she was born July 4, 1913, in Cedar Point.

She graduated from Emporia High School and from the College of Emporia.

On Oct. 26, 1935, she and D.L. "Vern" Somers were married in Emporia.

In 1942, they moved to Norton where they made their home and raised their family. Mr. Somers died June 19, 1993.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, one grandson, Spenser Somers, and five sisters.

Survivors include: two sons John and Karen Somers, Minneapolis, Minn., and Dale and Judyanne Somers, Topeka; one daughter Beverly and Charles Kohfeld, Norton; one sister, Rosalie Larkin, Emporia; seven grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Monday at the Norton First United Methodist Church. Burial was in the Norton Cemetery.

A memorial has been established in her name. Contributions may be sent to the Ruth Somers Memorial Fund in care of Enfield Funeral Home, 215 W. Main, Norton, Kan. 67654.

PUBLIC RECORD

Municipal Court

These transactions were taken from the records of filings in the offices of the Norton Municipal Court. The traffic and criminal cases were given to the paper with the date of the hearings.

Traffic

Jan. 25 — Terry Dietz, Gunnison, Colo., failure to provide proof of insurance and no trailer lights. Proof of insurance provided, dismissed. Fine \$30, court cost \$70

Criminal

Poster program set in Oberlin

Jay Antle, a history professor at Johnson County Community College in Overland Park, will present a talk about "Mobilizing the Masses: World War II Homefront Posters" at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 17, at The Gateway Civic Center in Oberlin.

He explains that in the name of patriotism, the U.S. government produced colorful posters urging all Americans to do their part in winning the war.

Sponsored by Oberlin Arts and Humanities Commission, this is a season ticket event or \$10 for adults and \$5 for students, grades 1-12 at the door. For details, call Ella Betts, (785)475-3557 or Mary Henzel, (785) 475-3329.

MARKETS

At close of business Feb. 5

Wheat	\$4.41
Milo	\$3.70
Corn	\$3.90
Soybeans	\$6.59

CORRECTION

In the Friday, Feb. 2 edition of *The Norton Telegram*, a story about the clean-up project for the fire damaged property in downtown Norton said the fire happened last fall. The fire, which destroyed two downtown buildings and damaged several others, happened at the end of July. This was a reporting error.

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READERS

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

Hastings College, Hastings, Neb., has announced the Dean's Honor Roll for the fall semester. Included are Mike Powell, Beaver City, son of Roger and Barbara Powell and Carly Arterburn, Norton, daughter of Debora Heskett.

Dale and Katherine Severns will be celebrating their 59th

wedding anniversary on Feb. 7. Cards and letters will reach them at 213 Horace Greeley Ave. Apt. 116, Norton, Kan. 67654.

Almena Community Pride Committee is hosting their annual Pancake and Sausage Supper from 5 to 7 p.m. Saturday at the Almena Community Center. Donations will be accepted and the proceeds will go towards the proposed new community center and library.

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