

OBITUARIES

Norma Catron
March 13, 1926 - April 17, 2007

Norma Catron, 81, Whittier, Calif., formerly of Densmore, died April 17 at a nursing home in Whittier.

She was born March 13, 1926, in rural Graham County, near Morland, to John and Ila (Wanamaker) Metheny.

She graduated from Densmore Rural High School with the Class of 1943. In 1950, she graduated from Kansas State Agricultural College, Manhattan, with a bachelor's degree in dietetics. She obtained her master's degree in nutrition in 1958 from the University of Wisconsin.

She and Wilburn "Bill" Latham Catron, Jr., were married in Ohio in 1963. In 1964, they moved to Whittier, Calif.

In 1990, they moved near Seatttle, Wash.

Mrs. Catron was involved in Cub Scouts and the Parent/Teacher Association.

After living in Washington from 1990 to 2003, she moved back to Whittier.

She is preceded in death by her parents; her husband; two sisters, Eleanor Milner and Mary Newsome; and a brother, Laird Metheny.

She is survived by two sons, Dan Catron, Lakewood, Wash. and Joel Catron, Whittier; a daughter, Kitty Wells, Hamilton, Ohio; two brothers, Delmar Metheny, Vienna, Va. and Morris Metheny, McPherson; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren;

A memorial service will be held in August in Hamilton, at the site of her husband's final resting place.

Joseph H. McFarland
Sept. 20, 1916 - May 6, 2007

Joseph Henry McFarland, 90, died Sunday at Norton County Hospital.

Mr. McFarland was born Sept. 20, 1916, on a farm 10 miles south of Alma, the son of Arthur and Clara Mae (Loughry) McFarland.

He attended rural grade schools and the Alma Grade School. He graduated from the Alma Rural High School in 1935. Following graduation, he taught in Norton County rural schools for six years and in the Oberlin Grade School for two years.

On Aug. 4, 1940, he and Mildred June Forell were married in Norton.

On June 1, 1966, he married Rosetta Ruth (VanDeWege) Hardy in Norton.

He joined the U.S. Navy in 1944 and was honorably discharged on Feb. 2, 1946. He then worked as a mechanic for Goble Implement Co., Kansas Department of Transportation, and as a stationary fireman at the Omaha Technical High School. He began his postal career in Omaha in May 1948, and transferred to the Norton Post Office in 1948. He also worked as a rural mail carrier in Alma, Quinter, Long Island, and Cambridge/Wilsonville retiring, in 1977. Besides carrying mail, he also worked at the Alma Co-op Service Station and for area farmers.

Following his retirement from the Post Office, he took the EMT course and was an ambulance driver for five years.

He was a member of the Norton First United Methodist Church, Methodist Men and Lions Club where he served as Treasurer for 11 years. He was a 47-year member of the Alma American Legion Post No. 266 and a member of the firing squad. He was a member of the National Rural Letter Carriers Association and the Kansas Rural Letter Carriers Association since 1951. He worked with the Boy Scouts for 19 years and helped coach little league baseball for 12 years. He had helped run the chain markers for football games and ran the time/score clock for Alma basketball games for 12 years. He and his wife enjoyed traveling and camping and had been to all of the United States including Alaska and Hawaii except for South Carolina, much of Canada, and had been on two European tours.

He was preceded in death by his parents, one brother, Floyd, two sisters, Erma Griffin and Audrey Reedy, and one grandson, Marcus McFarland.

Survivors include: his wife, Rosetta, of Norton; three sons, Gary and Martha McFarland, Edwardsville, Ill.; Galen and Rose McFarland, Hays and Gregory and Sandy McFarland, Olathe; two daughters, Gloria and John Battin, Ulysses and Pam and Dan Nickolaus, Huntsville, Ala.; one sister, Darlene Yates, Norton; 14 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Friends may call from 3 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday at Enfield Funeral Home.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Friday at the First United Methodist Church, Norton. Burial will be in the Norton Cemetery.

Memorials are suggested to the church and to the Paul D. Linnell American Legion Post in Alma. Contributions may be sent in care of the funeral home, 215 W. Main, Norton, Kan. 67654.

Dinner club to feature mix of sign language and song

Norton After-5 Club invites all area women to attend the May dinner and meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 17 at the Town and Country Kitchen, E. US-36. The cost for the dinner meeting is \$7 per person. Free babysitting is available. For reservations and cancellations, please contact Joan Knoll 877-3042 by May 15.

"It's Only Make Believe" is the theme for the evening. "Cascading Melodies", presented by Sandy Sipp, a superb vocalist who inter-

prets in sign language, is the special music for the evening.

The club welcomes as their special speaker for the evening, Sandy Sipp, Lincoln, NE. Ms Sipp, a sign language interpreter and former puppeteer, shares her message "From Fantasy To Reality".

The Norton After-5 Club is non-denominational and open to all area women. Part of Stonecroft Ministries, After-5 Clubs are located throughout the United States and Canada.

May 4-May 9

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Let's go to the Movie

Marie E. Morrison
April 16, 1925 - May 5, 2007

Marie E. Morrison, 82, La Crosse, mother of Ruth Burd, Norton, died Saturday, May 5 at the Good Samaritan Society, Winfield.

Mrs. Morrison was born April 16, 1925, in Goldsboro, N.C., the daughter of Notif and Daisy (Epps) Best.

She graduated from Goldsboro High School.

On Oct. 6, 1941, she married Charley Morrison in Dillon, S.C. He died Jan. 22, 1989.

She was a homemaker and a member of the La Crosse United Methodist Church, Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary, and La Crosse Eastern Star.

Preceding her in death were her parents; her husband; her step-father, Roy Lewis; an infant son; a daughter, Betty Basgall; a grandson, Charles Kennedy; three brothers, William Best, Frank Best and Carl Best; and three sisters, Maybelle Pate, Ruth Sutherland and Beulah Brogden.

Survivors include: two daughters, Judy and Robert Kennedy, Grantham, N.C. and Ruth and Richard Burd, Norton; seven grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be until 8 p.m. tonight at the Janousek Funeral Home.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at the La Crosse United Methodist Church with the Rev. Linda Bolz officiating. Burial will be in the La Crosse City Cemetery.

Memorials are suggested to the Good Samaritan Society, Winfield Employee Fund or to Hospice Care of Kansas. Contributions may be made in care of the funeral home, 719 Pine, La Crosse, Kan. 67548.

Wanda F. Pool
Sept. 4, 1924 - May 7, 2007

Wanda F. Pool, 82, Kinsley, formerly of Dellvale, died Monday at Edwards County Hospital, Kinsley.

Mrs. Pool was born Sept. 4, 1924, at Dellvale, the daughter of William Wesley and Lola E. (Goodman) Lyon.

On July 19, 1943, she and Ralph J. Pool were married in Norton.

She was a retired sales clerk.

Mrs. Pool was a member of the Kinsley United Methodist Church, United Methodist Women, a bridge club and the American Legion Auxiliary.

She is survived by her husband, Ralph; two sons, Gene Pool, Lafayette, La. and Robert Pool, Humble, Texas; two daughters, LeeAnn Campbell, Eureka and Kathy Balk, River Forest, Ill.; one brother, Dale Lyon, Hill City; a sister, Margaret Richards, Norton; 10 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday at the United Methodist Church in Kinsley with the Rev. Dennis Kuder officiating.

Memorials are suggested to the church or the Kinsley Library in care of McKillip Funeral Home, P.O. Box 304, Kinsley, Kan. 67547.

READERS

— **STEAK and SEAFOOD night, Thursday 6-9 p.m. American Legion. Members and guests. 5/8**

The family of Maurice Williams would like to honor him on his 90th birthday, Sunday, May 13. They are serving cake, punch and coffee at a reception from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Lenora Senior Center. If you are unable to attend, birthday greetings will reach him at 1002 N. 2nd St., Apt. 2, Norton, Kan. 67654.

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Everyone likes trains

Tell a stranger you like railroad collectibles and they leap immediately to the conclusion that you're a model railroader. Not that there's anything wrong with model railroads, but did you know there are dozens of other railroad collectibles out there? Well, it's far too many to deal with in one column so this time we will look at dinnerware, silverware, monogrammed linens and blankets, as well as dining and club car memorabilia.

Dining car collectibles are all clearly marked with company names and logos and so were stealthily "lifted" as souvenirs. My Grandma Jenny came from California by train the summer I was in fifth grade. She was in her late eighties at the time, honest as the day is long, and even she had a fancy dessert spoon that had "somehow" ended up in her workbag. If I knew then the price Portland Rose collectibles bring today I would've saved that pretty little spoon.

Because of their size, few dinner plates were taken but butter pats, coffee cups and silverware disappeared at an alarming rate during the years railroad travel was at the height of its popularity. Club cars also lost quite a few ashtrays and cocktail glasses. Needless to say, menus went missing on a regular basis, taken, no doubt, to show the "folks back home" what elegant food travelers were offered. I've been told there truly was some great cooking done in the kitchen cars on major lines. Can you imagine the tight quarters and unstable environment? "Grab that soup kettle, we're coming to a curve!"

Each collector chooses his own specialty — perhaps just one railroad line or one specific item for their search; others choose to try for something from every line that ever existed. Since quite a few railroad lines only lasted a few years, that could be a never-ending quest. Just forks or spoons? Only butter pats? Menus? The possibilities are limitless because railroads dominated the transport and travel industries for so many years.

Monogrammed napkins and bread basket liners were commonly purloined, so they are found in plentiful supply, whereas the larger table covers, not so portable, are rare. As in any collectible, scarcity determines value and price. In a whole separate collecting category are lin-

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ens marked with the Harvey House "HH" that were taken from that chain of trackside restaurants. An apron from Harvey House can command a price as pretty as the Harvey girl who wore it.

Blankets from the Pullman Company are often collected, especially the earliest ones which were identified by a cross stitch pattern. Usually found only in museums are the dark blue woolen blankets Pullman had manufactured specifically for the use of black porters, cooks and waiters. Very few of these have turned up. Given as a "perk" to faithful employees, they were treasured and used until they were threadbare.

Woven coverlets were used by the Sun Railroad Line in private cars designed for company executives, political figures, or wealthy investors. They often carry unique and specific identification that increases their collectible value. Any blanket with a Canadian Pacific logo is especially appreciated for double-woven warmth. Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe blankets are "wimpy" by comparison.

The day of traveling on trains had almost passed before I became old enough to travel, so my personal experience is very limited. Still the moan of a train whistle in the night has always made me want to be aboard, speeding off to who knows where, snug in an upper berth. This fantasy was probably influenced by all those 1940s romantic and dramatic movies filmed on moving trains. Going down to the depot with my dad on Sunday afternoon to watch the Portland Rose go through brings back vivid childhood memories of the sounds and smells of trains. It was the day of the passenger cars and it was such fun to stand by the tracks with a group of friends and wave to the passengers. Some even waved back and smiled.

So chug-chug, toot-toot, and off we go! Next time you go out antiquing, don't forget to look around for some railroadiana.

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