

OBITUARIES

Chad Daniel Kier

Aug. 8, 1983-March 14, 2008

Chad Daniel Kier, son of Mickie L. and Melody S. Kier, was born Aug. 8, 1983, in Norton and passed away in Omaha, Neb., on March 14, 2008, at the age of 24.

He attended grade school in Beaver City, Neb., and graduated from the Jennings High School in Jennings with the class of 2002. On April 16, 2005, Chad and Amy Karnes were united in marriage in Clayton. Chad was an auto mechanic by trade.

Chad was a member of the Archery Club and the Poker Club, and he greatly enjoyed hunting and was an avid hunter and outdoorsman. He was a loving husband, father, son, and brother, and was a good provider for his family. He died as a hero while

trying to save his family and will be greatly missed.

Survivors include: his wife, Amy, and children, Ainsley, Heather, and Brooke Kier, all of the home in Clayton; his parents, Mickie and Melody Kier, Clayton; one brother, Joshua Kier and his daughter, Tabitha, McCook, Neb.; one sister, Sara Kier, Clayton; other relatives and many friends.

The funeral service will be Thursday at 11 a.m. at Enfield Funeral Home. Burial will be in the Clayton Cemetery. A memorial fund has been established for the Kier Children College Fund.

Friends may call at Enfield Funeral Home on Wednesday from 3-8:30 p.m.

Verlyn Rodenbaugh

Aug. 23, 1926-March 12, 2008

A former well known resident of the Almena area, Verlyn (Bud) Rodenbaugh, died March 12, 2008 in Kingman, Ariz. He was born Aug. 23, 1926 at Almena, the youngest son of John and Alta Rodenbaugh, and brother of John R. (Dick) Rodenbaugh and Marie (Rodenbaugh) Winchell.

He attended school in Almena and graduated from ARHS in 1943. He enlisted in the Army in 1944 and served in the Infantry during the waning months of World War II and was part of the post war occupation in Europe.

After his military service, Bud returned to Kansas. His high school sweetheart, Carlene Stormes, had moved to Oregon with her parents and Bud went to Oregon to "rescue" her. They were married Jan. 16, 1948 in Eureka, Calif., on their way home to Kansas where they engaged in farming and had their children: Becky (Hughes), Sue (Smith), Johnny, Pat and Tod. In 1969, they then moved to Kingman, Ariz., in search of a warmer climate.

While in Almena, Bud was a member of the Congregational Church, served on the school board and was a member of the Paul Linnell Post of the American Legion. He took part in the Jaycee BB gun program as coach, taking

his shooters to several firsts in the state shoots and three first place wins in the international contest.

After moving to Kingman, Bud was employed by General Cable Corp. as a supervisor for many of his 27 years there, retiring in 1996.

Bud is survived by his wife Carlene, his daughters Becky (Dusty) Hughes of Washington state; Sue (Russel) Smith of Kingman, Ariz.; two sons; Pat (Gwen) Rodenbaugh of Wyoming and Tod (Jill) Rodenbaugh of Mesa, Ariz.

He enjoyed being with his 11 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren and was always there for his kids if they needed help and guidance.

His parents, brother and sister, son Johnny and three grandchildren, Alicia, Joshua and Shanna, preceded him in death.

The family requests memorial donations to the KRMC Hospice. As Bud gave of himself in this life, he requested to continue his giving to science to help his fellow man.

A memorial service celebrating Bud's life will be held March 19, 2008 at 11 a.m. at St. John's Methodist Church in Kingman, Ariz. Burial will be at the family plot in Mt. Hope Cemetery, Almena, at a later date.

Gerald 'Jerry' Sloan

Jan. 20, 1920-March 16, 2008

Gerald Melvin "Jerry" Sloan, son of John Henry and Mayme (Johann) Sloan was born Jan. 20, 1920, in Norton and passed away at his home in Norton, on March 16, 2008, at the age of 88.

Mr. Sloan grew up in Norton and attended the Norton schools. On Oct. 1, 1949, he and Wanda F. Harper were united in marriage. They made their home in Norton where he was a plumber until his retirement. Wanda passed away on June 4, 2007.

He was a member of the Harmonson-Redd American Legion Post #63 and Pheasants Forever and was a lifetime member of the NRA.

Survivors include: one daughter, Marla Bamfield, St. Joseph, Mo.; one son, Jon, and wife, Wendy Sloan, Norton; six grandchildren, Daniel Bamfield, St. Joseph;

Megan Bamfield, Kearney, Mo.; Beth Ann Bamfield, North Kansas City, Mo.; Jennifer and husband, Trent Hanni, Manhattan; Stefanie Sloan, Topeka; and Jared Sloan, Hays; two great-grandchildren, Damon Bamfield and Kailyn Hanni; one sister, Ellen Baker, Norton; other relatives and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, one infant brother, one brother, Francis, and one infant sister.

Funeral services will be Thursday at 2:30 p.m. at Enfield Funeral Home. Burial will be in the Norton Cemetery. Memorials to Pheasants Forever.

Friends may call at the Enfield Funeral Home on Wednesday from 3-8:30 p.m.

Arrangements are by Enfield Funeral Home of Norton.

Easter services fill church calendars

Easter is the centerpiece of Christianity. Many area churches have set aside special service times to commemorate Christ's death, burial and resurrection.

Maundy Thursday Services
St. Joseph Parish in New Almelo will hold Holy Thursday services at 5 p.m.

United Parish of Lenora will hold a Communion Service at 7 p.m.

Immanuel Lutheran Church will hold services at 7 p.m.

Norton Trinity Episcopal Church will hold services at 7 p.m.

Norton First United Methodist Church will hold services at 7 p.m.

Good Friday Services
The Norton County Ministerial Alliance will sponsor a Good Friday Service at noon in the Fellowship Hall of the Norton Christian Church. Everyone is invited to bring a sack lunch and worship together.

The Norton First United Methodist Church will hold services at 7 p.m. and begin a prayer vigil.

Immanuel Lutheran Church will hold services at 7 p.m.

Redeemer Evangelical Lutheran Church will hold services at 7 p.m. The lesson will be "Jesus' Friends Journey To and From the Tomb."

"Stations of the Cross" will be held at 7 p.m. at Norton Trinity Episcopal Church with Fr. Dennis Gilhousen.

Luctor Reformed Christian Church will hold Communion Services at 7 p.m.

St. Joseph Parish in New Almelo will hold services at 6 p.m.

St. Francis of Assisi in Norton will hold Good Friday Services at 2 p.m.

Saturday
A prayer vigil will be held at 7 p.m. at Norton Trinity Episcopal Church.
St. Francis of Assisi Catholic

Church, Norton will hold an Easter Vigil at 9 p.m.

The prayer vigil will continue at Norton First United Methodist Church.

Easter Sunday

A community sunrise service will be held at 7:30 a.m. on the east steps of the Lyle United Methodist Church, 9 miles north of U.S. Highway 36 on the Lyle Road. Everyone is welcome to attend. Jim Plotts will deliver the message. Breakfast will be served afterwards in the Community Building.

The Congregational Church, Almena, will hold sunrise services at 7:30 a.m. at the southwest corner of Mount Hope Cemetery. Breakfast will follow at the church.

Immanuel Lutheran church will hold sunrise services at 7:30 a.m. at the church's property west of town. In case of inclement weather, services will be held at the church. Breakfast will follow

at the church.

Norton First United Methodist Church will hold a sunrise service at 7:37 a.m. at the cross. The prayer vigil ends. Communion Easter Dinner will follow the 10:30 a.m. worship service.

An Easter drama, "The Sepulcher," will be presented at 8 a.m. at the Norton Christian Church. Breakfast will follow at 8:45 a.m.

Easter services will be held at 8:30 a.m. at St. Joseph Parish in New Almelo.

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, Norton, will hold Easter services at 10:30 a.m.

A brunch will be served at 10:55 following the 9:30 worship service at Redeemer Evangelical Lutheran Church.

A noon potluck dinner will follow worship services at Norton Trinity Episcopal Church.

An Easter Cantata will be presented at 7 p.m. at Luctor Reformed Christian Church.

Easter Sunday always a big event

EASTER, 1946

Sunlight washes across the church pew where I sit with my family on this beautiful Easter morning. Long olive green peb-

bled glass panels frame stained glass Biblical scenes, tinting the light a strange greenish shade, almost as if we're underwater. Ahead of us is an entire row of the

Hutchinson family and in front of them a cluster of Heckmans. My dad would sure like to have enough family to fill a church pew but he has just Mama and me usually. Today he is just beaming because Roger has come with us.

Ann couldn't come home this year so she sent us wonderful surprises. Last week a box came that had festive new hats for Mama and me and snazzy neckties for Daddy and Roger. Then yesterday a glossy white florist box arrived with corsages and boutonnieres nestled in green, waxy paper. Boy, are we elegant today! Mama's hat is pale blue with a veil and white flowers, the prettiest hat in a church full of pretty hats. I feel just like Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm in my wide-brimmed straw skimmer. It has white daisies, red poppies and little blue flowers around it and a bow with long navy blue streamers. Mama even let me wear my hair brushed out today.

Up front Miss Myerly brings the organ prelude to a flourishing finish. Here comes the choir, marching in to "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today." As they pass the pews, we all rise and join in with them. First Presbyterian's gothic arches reverberate with "halleluiahs." The altar ladies have put on the gold trimmed white brocade altar cloths and the whole front of the chancel is ringed with Easter lilies. The smell of lilies and candle wax permeates the sanctuary, mingled with the scent of my carnation corsage. Reverend Kellison follows the choir in and the service begins.

Solemn prayers and a joyous resurrection message. Communion service is passed hand-to-hand as we sing "He Shall Lead His Sheep." The choir anthem, "The Holy City," leaves us awe-struck. Sue Bice's soprano just soars on the solo parts. We want to applaud but Presbyterians never clap in church, so we smile our appreciation. We lift our faces

Child of the 40's
Liza Deines



for the benediction, then the closing hymn, "Up from the Grave He Arose." The organ thunders forth the "Alleluia Chorus" from Handel's "Messiah" as Miss Myerly gives it everything she's got. Everyone is standing and hugging and shaking hands and saying "Christ has risen!", receiving the reply, "He is risen indeed!" Oh, I do love Easter Sunday best of all, even better than Christmas.

At home Mama has a huge ham in the oven. We spent all yesterday cooking. She made a fancy salad and light rolls while I stuffed celery and made carrot curls and radish roses for a relish plate. The table is spread out as far as it will go, set with Mama's Arvilla pattern china and the frosted grape iced tea glasses. We get home just as the relatives start arriving, loaded with pies and homemade butter, jars of olives and pickles, deviled eggs and layer cakes. Mama hurries to pop marshmallows on the sweet potato casserole while Daddy carves the ham. Everyone gathers around the table where we hold hands for table grace. Dad says that's to keep Roger and me out of the olives. We spend all afternoon munching and visiting and cleaning up the kitchen. Evening comes too soon.

And now our glorious day is over and all the company has driven off into the sunset laden with leftovers. Mama finally sits down, puts her feet up and sighs, "What a perfect day," she says. "Liza Beth, please fetch me two deviled eggs and some of those leftover stuffed celery sticks. I am too tired to woodle." I giggle at the thought of Mama "woodling" but I woodle out to the kitchen and make up her plate. Roger and Daddy are out there eating the last of the pie.

OBITUARIES

Thomas Houghton

Dec. 9, 1941-March 14, 2008

Thomas "Tom" Houghton, son of Sidney Charles and Lona (Powers) Houghton, was born Dec. 9, 1941, in Deadwood, S.D., and passed away at the Norton County Hospital in Norton on March 14, 2008, at the age of 66.

He started public school in Spearfish, S. D. and graduated from high school in Pipestone, Minn. Along with a few college courses that constituted his formal education, he was masterfully and extensively self-taught, something which his chosen profession of news broadcasting both benefited from and made possible.

He started his career in high school, doing sports play-by-play at a radio station. He subsequently held posts ranging from news director to developer and producer at stations and networks including KSTP-TV/AM/FM in Minneapolis, WBZ-TV in Boston, NBC News (Boston, Chicago and New York), Fox in Los Angeles, and PBS, Los Angeles and others. His career allowed him to travel extensively and experience new opportunities to learn.

He and/or staff under his supervision won many national, state and city awards for news and production.

Mr. Houghton was preceded in death by his father, Sidney C., and by his first wife and the mother of his three children, Janet Drensen.

He is survived by his mother Lona of Norton, sons Lance and Blair and daughter Kim, as well as brothers Jan of Spearfish, S.D. and Don of Tucson, Ariz., and sister, Pat Wallace of Abilene, Texas. He is also fondly remembered by his nieces and nephews.

There will be a memorial service at 2 p.m. Wednesday at 330 West Main in Norton with Jeff Nielsen officiating. Friends of Tom and friends of the family are invited to attend. His final resting place will be in Spearfish, S. D.

The family would like to thank Dr. and Mrs. Ruben Silan and their staff; the nurses and administration of Norton County hospital; Leslie, Angie, Susan and Kathleen at Norton County Home Health; and many good friends in the Norton community, especially Aletha Rule, Wanda Daniels, Mike Bremerkamp, Alice Saints, Margie Applegate, and Frances Mosier for their help and support during the difficult months of Tom's illness.

Enfield Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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