

# OBITUARIES

## Jack Scott

Oct. 24, 1949 - Dec. 19, 2011



and ride his Harley motorcycles. He enjoyed wood working, carpentry and remodeling. Jack was well known for his love of animals. He loved all animals but was particularly fond of English Sheep Dogs. Jack was a fun loving individual and enjoyed life to its fullest. All who knew him remember him fondly, especially those who ride.

He was a former member of the Moose Lodge, Eagles Club

of LaSalle, Colo., and International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers.

Jack is survived by his sister, Ruby Pflieger of Norton; niece, Lynn Ward; nephews, Stephen, Kevin and Patrick McMurry; Sandra Scott, Phil Adamson, his lifelong best friends in addition to Sharyla Klussman; and a host of other friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

A private family service will be held at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be made to "Denkai Animal Sanctuary" in care of Adamson Funeral & Cremation Services, 2000 47th Ave., Greeley, CO 80634. Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.adamsonchapels.com](http://www.adamsonchapels.com)

## Mae Elizabeth Millen

Sept. 13, 1920 - Dec. 26, 2011

Mae Elizabeth Millen, daughter of Daniel and Goldie (Greer) McKeon, was born Sept. 13, 1920, in Horton and passed away at the Ellsworth County Medical Center in Ellsworth on Dec. 26, 2011 at the age of 91.

At the age of five, Mae moved to Amarillo, Texas, and at the age of 10, they moved to Dalhart. She attended both the Amarillo and Dalhart schools, graduating from Dalhart in 1937. She attended cosmetology school and practiced her trade for 63 years.

On June 8, 1940, Mae and Vincent Enfield were united in marriage in Raton, N. M. To this union, four children were born: Larry, Dannie, Gary and Carolyn. They made their home in Dalhart until 1956, when they moved to Pratt. On April 26, 1969, Mae married Joe Millen and they made their home in Pratt. In 2000, Mae moved to Ellsworth to be near her daughter and family.

Mae was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Pratt, and taught Sunday School for many years. She was very active in the Firelighters Campers Association, Coast to Coast Campers Association, and Cub Scout leader. Following her move to Ellsworth, Mae became a member of the Assembly of God Church on Dec. 10, 2006.

Survivors include three sons, Larry, and wife, Vicki Enfield, Norton; Dannie, and wife, Jane Enfield, Omaha, Neb.; Gary Enfield, Wichita; one daughter, Carolyn, and husband, Bill Graves, Ellsworth; three step-sons, Richard Millen, Topoka; Lynn Millen, Canon City, Colo.; Bob, and wife, Cathy Millen, Pratt; two step-daughters, Sharon, and husband, Fred Sumner, Avondale, Ariz.; Christi, and husband, Bob Norman, Burlington; 12 grandchildren, 12 step-grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren, 12 step-great-grandchildren, and five great-great-grandchildren; other relatives and many friends.

Mae was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Vincent, on Dec. 17, 1976, her husband, Joe, on Jan. 26, 1991, two step-daughters, Diana and Marcia, three sisters, and one brother.

A funeral service will be held on Thursday, Dec. 29, at 10 a.m., at Assembly of God Church in Ellsworth and at 3 p.m., a graveside service will be held at Greenlawn Cemetery in Pratt.

Memorials can be sent to the Assembly of God Church Building Fund.

Arrangements have been made by Parson Funeral Home in Ellsworth.

## Bill Junior Woods

March 28, 1926 - Dec. 17, 2011

Billy Junior Woods was born to J. W. and Netta (Sterba) Woods at their home in Smith Center on March 28, 1926. Dr. Victor Watts assisted in the birth. Bill was the oldest of eight children. He passed away on Dec. 17, 2011 in Smith Center at the age of 85.

Bill attended elementary school at Hummer Grade School south of Smith Center. He attended high school in Harlan. Soon after graduating he enlisted in the Army and served two tours of duty during World War II in Germany. He was awarded the Bronze Star Medal while serving in the 75th Infantry Division. Bill joined the Army in 1944 and was honorably discharged in 1948 as a Staff Sergeant. Bill is a lifetime member of the local V.F.W.

On Sept. 4, 1948, Bill married Ardis Kaup at the First United Methodist Church in Smith Center. They moved to Ft. Riley Army base and then to Fort Carson, Colo. before settling down on a farm south of Smith Center. To this union, five children were born: Dianna, Dennis, William, Debra and Roy.

Bill was baptized in the First Christian Church in 1970 and served as a Deacon and helped with homebound communion.

Bill had been a custom harvester and worked for Anderson Farms, International Harvester and various other jobs before he retired and then did lawn work around Smith Center and Smith County.

Bill was preceded in death by his son Dennis in 1970; his parents J. W. and Netta Woods; brothers Bob, Edgar, Harry Woods; in-laws Roy and Mabel Kaup; brothers-in-law Raymond and wife Jeri Kaup; Bob Kaup; sister-in-law Roberta and husband Ted Wilson.

Bill is survived by his wife of 63 years, Ardis; daughter Dianna (James) Grauerholz of Valley Center; William (Le'Ann) Woods of Wichita; Debra (Bryan) Tillett of Smith Center; Roy (Michelle) Woods of McPherson. Grandchildren, Bob (Jeanne) Jason, Chad, Kyle, Sean and Tyler Grauerholz; Julie (Tony) Laura, Sarah, Nathan Schaar; Michael Grauerholz; Erica Woods, Austin Woods; Jessica (Brandon), Chalyston Berry; Sara (Tyler), Brenna Darnell; Mallory Tillett; Richele Nicole Woods. Survivors also include his brothers Paul (Ava) Woods of Florida; Frank (Chloe) of South Carolina; sisters Rachel (Otto) Rohla of Colby; Margaret (Jim) Dykens of Norton; sisters-in-law Ann Woods of Oregon; Gladys Woods of Smith Center; Ruby Woods of Florida; and Virginia Kaup of Phillipsburg. He has a great grand-daughter due in December and a great grandson due in March.

A funeral service was held Dec. 21, at First Christian Church in Smith Center.

Burial was at Fairview Cemetery in Smith Center, with military honors by Kingsbury-Chase VFW post #1141.

## Flu cases confirmed in northwest Kansas

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment recently identified the first influenza cases of the 2011-2012 flu season in Kansas. Health officials here would like to remind Kansans that, if they've not already done so, they should get their yearly vaccination against influenza now.

On Dec. 21, the Kansas Health and Environmental Laboratories confirmed influenza in specimens from two adults from the same workplace in northwest Kansas. Neither patient had reported receiving an influenza vaccination. Five co-workers were also ill with symptoms of influenza.

Symptoms of influenza include fever, headache, extreme tiredness, dry cough, and muscle aches. Complications can include pneumonia, ear and sinus infections, and dehydration; influenza may also worsen other chronic conditions.

"Flu has arrived once again in the state. Although flu activity is now low, it normally rises dur-

ing the holidays before peaking around February. Influenza can continue to circulate through spring, and the flu can be unpredictable," said department Secretary and State Health Officer Robert Moser, MD. "There is still time for everyone to get a flu vaccination to protect themselves, their loved ones and the community."

Influenza vaccination is effective for reducing the chances of getting sick and of spreading influenza to others. Additional ways to avoid spreading influenza include covering coughs and sneezes, washing your hands, and staying home when sick.

All persons six months and older are recommended to receive an annual influenza vaccine. This is especially important for anyone at high risk of complications or who is caring for, or in regular contact with, an infant less than six months of age. Babies this age are too young to be vaccinated and are more vulnerable to the complications from influenza disease.

On average, five to 20 percent of the U.S. population contracts influenza yearly and more than 200,000 people are hospitalized with complications. Older people, pregnant women, young children, and people with certain health conditions are at high risk for serious complications. Serious complications of the influenza can lead to pneumonia and even death.

Influenza was documented as a cause of death for 31 Kansans in the 2009-2010 influenza season; in the 2010-2011 flu season, there were 14 documented deaths from influenza. However, influenza is often not listed on death certificates because laboratory tests may not show influenza by the time pneumonia or other complications develop, said State Epidemiologist Charles Hunt.

"The actual numbers of influenza-related deaths are likely much higher and can vary substantially from year to year," said Hunt.

## Life line



The Midway-Kansas chapter of the American Red Cross, based in Wichita, held a blood drive Wednesday afternoon at the Norton Junior High School. During the drive, the goal was to collect 110 units and the actual collection was 86 units. Presenting to donate blood were 102 potential donors. Pictured, Norton Community High School Senior Tye Nickell chats with Red Cross worker Amy Patterson as she prepares to take a unit of blood.

-Telegram photo by Carleen Bell

## A collage of Christmas

Blessings and Christmas joy to all my friends, family and readers, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior, the one who brings peace to a world of constant turmoil.

As you can see I am still writing a weekly column for The Norton Telegram, into which I have incorporated my annual Christmas letter. Here are just a few Christmas memories, old and new, to help you remember what it's all about.

I asked some octogenarians what they recalled most about their earlier Christmas celebrations. Oranges were most often mentioned as a once-a-year treat. We can't imagine not being able to just go buy oranges but in 1920-30's they were special, not to mention expensive at a nickel apiece. Children's Christmas Eve programs at church ON Christmas Eve were where these rare treats, in brown paper bags, were handed around along with walnuts, peanuts in the shell and a few hard candies or peanut brittle. Also remembered were homemade gifts and not that many of those. Rag dolls, hand knit mittens, perhaps one homemade sled for the children to share. One old fellow here remembers making a rocking horse for his little brother from scrap lumber. Horsie had a yarn mane provided by the boy's, mother. Wooden apple boxes were remodeled into many toys, painted with old house paint found in the barn.

They also recalled old-fashioned trees decorated with a hodge-podge of odds 'n ends. There were school projects of twigs and colored paper, painted walnut shell Santa faces with aspirin bottle cotton beards, perhaps a glass bauble or two, treasured tinsel saved from year to year, cranberry and popcorn strings, and greeting card fronts tied on with scraps of ribbon. No lights except little candles in tin clips. Elegant trees festooned with gold bows and balls, as those that decorate The Carlyle so beautifully, are doubly appreciated.

In contrast, Dan and I went people watching at Crown Center last weekend where the "winter holiday" buying frenzy was in full swing. The place was mobbed with people buying \$200 Mont Blanc pens, fancy teapots, dolls that do everything but cook, and other such absolute necessities to ensure Santa's visit would be satisfactory. Not an orange anywhere, nor a nativity scene, nor even any carols. This is Christmas in 2011.

Our book club here at the Home for the Bewildered is reading an older John Grisham book, "Skipping Christmas." The basic premise, which was to save the cash usually spent on Christmas to pay for a ten-day tropical island cruise, seemed so simple but the unintended consequences are not only hilarious but heart warming. If you missed it when it came out, try to find a copy and read it, pref-

Pieces of life's puzzle  
**Liza Deines**



hugs on demand, transportation to medical appointments, shopping and restaurants, plus any other little thing my heart desires. What more could I want or need?

Thank you for the abundance of cards, letters and electronic communications, both now and throughout the year. My handwriting is deteriorating, so no more hand addressed cards. If you know of friends or family with no access to E-mail or the Norton paper, please share my greetings with them.

May you live in the light of the Lord in 2012.

Merry Christmas and a blessed new year!

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