

# OBITUARIES

## Dorothy Ann Graber

April 20, 1931 - Feb. 27, 2014



and established a church home for her family. In 1979, she and Erv settled in Phoenix, Ariz., and as some of the youngest original residents of Ahwatukee, entertained their "Friday Night Group" friends for years while Dorothy watched her family grow with the additions of daughters- and sons-in law and five fabulous grandchildren - Kendra, Allison and Alex (Kevin); Addison and Taylor (Kip); and several granddogs (Kim). She unabashedly celebrated our strengths and accomplishments, largely ignored our shortcomings, and provided the glue that held us all together.

Dorothy was active with the Mountain View Lutheran Church choir for more than 30 years, where she shared her amazing singing voice during Sunday services. One of her greatest joys was celebrating time with her friends and family, camera firmly in hand, taking photographs of every gathering, event, and person in attendance

- often assuring everyone had personal copies of those pictures within hours. Although Erv was the love of Dorothy's life, the immortal Frank Sinatra ran a close second, with the Phoenix Suns and Arizona Diamondbacks filling many of her spring, summer, fall, and winter evenings. With no exception, Dorothy's greatest heartbreak was the unexpected, premature death of her youngest son Kip in 2001, a tragedy she helped all the rest of the family endure.

Dorothy is survived by her beloved husband, Ervin H. Graber, of Phoenix, Ariz.; daughter Kimberly Graber of Boulder, Colo.; son Kevin (Heather) Graber, of Menomonee Falls, Wisc.; daughter-in-law Cindy Graber Howard, of Phoenix, Ariz.; the Graber grandchildren, Kendra (Dallas, Texas), Allison (Dallas, Texas), Alex (New Berlin, Wisc.), Addison (Phoenix, Ariz.) and Taylor (Phoenix, Ariz.); and all the hundreds of friends and relatives she blessed with her twinkling blue eyes and smiling face.

A memorial service celebrating and honoring Dorothy's life will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, March 8, 2014, at the Mountain View Lutheran Church in Ahwatukee, 11002 South 48th Street, Phoenix, AZ 85044. She loved flowers of all kinds, and the family welcomes flowers at the service, as well as donations in her name to the Mountain View Lutheran Church.

## Ruth Ann Chambers

Nov. 14, 1961 - Feb. 28, 2014

Ruth Ann Chambers, daughter of John Henry and Dora Bessie (Swearingen) Ebner, was born Nov. 14, 1961, in Norton, and passed away at the Norton County Hospital in Norton, on Feb. 28, 2014, at the age of 52.

Ruth grew up on the family farm southwest of Speed, Kan. She attended the schools in Logan and later transferred to the Norton school district. She married Glenn Bollig in 1979, and to this union three sons were born, Charles Jacob, Shane Matthew, and Ryan John. She later divorced Glenn. On Dec. 29, 1989, Ruth and Bradley Scott Chambers were united in marriage in Oberlin. Their son, Evan, was born April 17, 1998.

Ruth worked as a CNA and was a devoted homemaker. She was very active with Evan helping him with Boy Scouts, soccer,

and school activities. She loved her children and grandchildren and made many trips to go see them, especially spending time with the grandchildren when they were in the hospital. Ruth loved her family and friends and enjoyed spending time going to coffee or out to eat with them. She was a very generous person always doing things for others and putting others before herself despite her many health issues.

Ruth was preceded in death by her parents, her sister, Linda Gaines, her brother, Delbert Ebner, and her nephew, Eric Kelley.

Survivors include: her husband, Brad, and their son, Evan, of their home in Norton; her sons, C.J. and wife, Mari Bollig, Larned; Shane and wife, Jessica Bollig, Palco; Ryan and wife, Jessica, Eddyville, Neb.;

12 grandchildren; four brothers, John and wife, Kathi Ebner, Logan; Ed and wife, Eva Ebner, Sabetha; Arthur and wife, Kathy Ebner, Logan; and Alvin Ebner, Speed; three sisters, Rosemary and Darrell Shanks, Idalia, Colo.; Alice and Darrell Rohr, Victoria; and Betsy and Oliver Horn, Boise, Idaho. She is also survived by many aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, and nephews.

A funeral service was held Thursday, March 6 at 10:30 a.m. at Enfield Funerla Home, 215 W. Main, Norton. Burial was at St. Peter's Lutheran Cemetery in Phillips County.

Memorials are suggested to the Ruth Chambers Memorial Fund.

Condolences may be sent to [www.enfieldfh.com](http://www.enfieldfh.com).

Arrangements were by Enfield Funeral Home of Norton.

## Cleta Joy Riepl

Aug. 22, 1931 - Jan. 2, 2014

She was preceded in death by her husband, Donald, her parents and sister, Glenda.

Cleta is survived by two sons, Lynn Riepl of Aurora, Colo. and Daniel (Lindsey) Riepl of Pratt, Kan.; two daughters, Karen Sannella and Diane Riepl, both of Aurora, Colo.; two sisters, Eula Juenemann of Oberlin and Marjorie Rorie of Albuquerque, N.M.; five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Herndon on Saturday, Jan. 11, with Deacon Mark Vrbas officiating.

Memorials are suggested in her name.

Pauls Funeral Home of Oberlin was in charge of the arrangements.

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## Betty Ruth Menagh

June 24, 1921 - March 4, 2014

Betty Ruth Menagh, daughter of Hoyt and Bessie (Sheets) Menagh, was born June 24, 1921, in Bloomington, Neb., and passed away at the Andbe Home in Norton, on March 4, 2014, at the age of 92.

Betty grew up in Franklin and Kearney, Neb., attending the local schools, and graduating from Kearney High School. She also attended one year at Kearney State College. On May 6, 1942, she married Merlin Clyde Menagh in Baton Rouge, La. No one thought they would last but 72 years later, they proved everyone wrong. While Merlin was in the service Betty worked at the Pentagon in Washington, D.C., processing the top secrets for that time period. Betty and Merlin felt it was necessary for them to raise their five children and when they were just about raised, Betty sold furniture for Montgomery Wards. Due to Merlin's climbing of the education ladder, they made their home in several communities including Kearney, Mascot, Albion, Culbertson, Imperial,

Ainsworth, and Lincoln, Neb. They were able to travel in the summers and enjoyed trips to Hawaii, Las Vegas, Nev. and Arizona. They retired to Shell Knob, Mo., and later moved to Whispering Pines in Norton in 2012. They had recently moved into the Andbe Home.

Betty was a member of the Trinity Presbyterian Church in Shell Knob where she had served as church treasurer. She enjoyed cooking, and sewing and had a green thumb when it came to her beautiful flower gardens. She always had the company of a pet all her life and upon entering the Andbe Home the residents voted to keep her dog, Julie, as the facility dog. Her greatest joy in life, however, was her family and especially the grandchildren.

Survivors include: her husband, Merlin Menagh, Norton; one daughter and her husband, Sharon and Melvin Drassen, Golden, Mo.; four sons and their wives, Michael and Lora Menagh, Centennial, Colo.; Lynn and Pam Menagh, Norton;

playing piano and gardening but her greatest joy in life was spending time with her family.

Survivors include: seven children, Anna Luhman, Hays; Betty Jo, and husband, Lyle Luhman, Natoma; Frances Tatkenhorst, and husband, Allen, Cuba, Mo.; Jane, and husband, Jay Hrabik, Lyons; Noel, and wife, Geneva Tier, Norton; Evan, and wife Lisa, Great Bend; and Margaret, and husband, Richard Wyatt, Norton; 15 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren; many other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, and two brothers, Wayne and Keith Ziegler.

A funeral service was held Friday, March 7 at the First United Methodist Church in Norton and burial followed at Alma Cemetery in Alma, Neb.

Memorial contributions are suggested to the Beth Tier Memorial Fund.

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Terry and Denise Menagh, Lincoln, Neb.; and Steve and Rhonda Menagh, South Bend, Neb.; one sister, Virginia Goedeken, Franklin, Neb.; 12 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren; other relatives and friends.

Betty was preceded in death by her parents, two brothers, William and Jephtha Byrum, one sister-in-law, Alberta Byrum, and one great-grandson, Jaxon Menagh.

Funeral services will be Saturday, March 8 at 10 a.m. at Enfield Funeral Home. Burial will follow at Oxford Cemetery in Oxford, Neb.

Memorials are suggested to Shriner's Hospital and Whispering Pines in Norton.

Friends may call at the Enfield Funeral Home on Friday, March 7 from 3 to 8 p.m.

Visitation will be held from 5 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home on Friday, March 7.

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## Veterans artwork sought for exhibit

Cheyenne Center for Creativity, St. Francis, is seeking art by veterans for a show, which will open Memorial Day weekend, called "What is War?" The purpose of the exhibit is to show how art can bridge the gap of understanding that exists between the veteran and civilian worlds. The art can be in the form of poetry, prose, music, sculpture, photography, painting, drawing and other creative media.

All veterans are invited to submit work for consideration in this exhibit by March 15. Send information describing the work, (a photo, if available) to: [jjocarman@hotmail.com](mailto:jjocarman@hotmail.com) or mail to CC4C, 1625 Road G, St. Francis, KS 67756, or call 785 332 3569 for more information. Include the artist's name, address, and other contact information in this application for consideration. More details will be given if work is accepted for exhibition.

Cheyenne Center for Creativity was launched in St. Francis May 2, 2012, for the purpose of inspiring and promoting the growth of a creative community through exhibits, recitals, workshops and classes. The center recognizes that the creative community extends beyond

Cheyenne County to include the Northwest Kansas and tri-state areas.

In 2013, the center rented gallery and classroom space at 109 N. Quincy and established Quincy Gallery. Since that time, the gallery has hosted art exhibits, dramatic presentations, piano and instrumental recitals, an Irish "craic," as well as classes in glass fusing, acrylic painting, pottery and children's activities.

Quincy Gallery recently received an entry for the "What is War?" exhibit from a Viet Nam

veteran in Illinois. This submission shows how music played a part in war. It is titled "The Silver Flute", and features the story and photo of a family artifact, a life or silver flute, which belonged to a great-great-great grandfather who was a Yankee prisoner of war during the Civil War. (More details of this story will be revealed at the exhibit, which begins May 26.) Every generation of this family includes veterans, from the Revolutionary War to the war in Afghanistan.

**The National Weather Service (NWS) in Goodland and Norton County Emergency Management invite you to attend a Storm Spotter Class in Norton.**

**This year's training will be held Tuesday, March 11 at 6:30 p.m. CDT at the Prairie Land Electric Coop Downstairs, 1101 W. Hwy. 36, Norton, KS**

The class is free of charge and open to anyone with an interest in High Plains weather. This program is conducted only once a year by NWS meteorologists so consider attending this fun and educational training in Norton. Topics will include severe weather climatology, storm structure and evolution, important cloud types, weather safety and how to report severe weather events. Updates on Wireless Emergency Alerts and Impact Warnings will be provided, including a change in the convective outlooks issued by the Storm Prediction Center.

**For more info, contact the Goodland NWS at 785-899-7119**  
 A complete listing of the 2013 Spotter Training Schedule across the Tri-State Area is available on the Goodland NWS web page: [weather.gov/goodland](http://weather.gov/goodland)

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