

Obituaries

Hulda Amelia Katherina Raile

March 14, 1917 - Oct. 6, 2009



Raile

Hulda Amelia Katherina Raile, 92 years old and 6 months old, a lifelong resident of this area, died in St. Francis, Kan., on the morning of Oct. 6, 2009. She was the second of five children born to David and Sophia (Lemke) Semler. She was born March 14, 1917, on the family farm in Cheyenne County, between St. Francis and Haigler, Neb.

Hulda's first few years of elementary education were in both English and German, and along with regular schooling she had religious training. She then attended the Jaqua School while staying with the Reverend and Mrs. A. L. Hoelman. She graduated eighth grade from Hillcrest School.

She was baptized April 5, 1917, by Reverend Otto C.H. Keller and was confirmed May 24, 1931, by the Reverend Borghshots in the Evangelical Lutheran Immanuel Church, which was located 5 miles north of the home place in Cheyenne County. In 1988, the church was relocated to St. Francis on U. S. 36 and is known as "Ye Olde Country Church."

Before marriage, Hulda did house work and ironing for several people. She worked for John and Bertha Kamla in their grocery store and in their home in Haigler, DeRoy and Alice Danielson in their home, Matilda Kamla on the farm, Dr. Robert Buchanan and Dr. Graham in their homes in Wray, Colo., and also helped Emma Rath cook for thresher crews.

In the late 1930s, Hulda met and became acquainted with Albert Raile when her mother, Sophia Semler, had visited Bert's mother, Katherine Raile, to purchase some hatching eggs. After that, Bert paid her a visit when she was working for the Danielson's, and the courting began.

On Nov. 21, 1940, Hulda was married to Albert Emil Raile (known to many as "Bert") by the Reverend A. L. Besal at the same church she was baptized and confirmed in, and they shared their lives together for 37 years.

To this union three children were born: Verlin, Verla and Delbert.

Preceding her in death were her husband, Albert; parents, David and Sophia Semler; brother, Carl; sisters, Tillie Schleppe and Lucille Crouse.

Hulda lived on the farm for 3 1/2 years after Bert's death, then moved to town in 1980. After moving to town she did baby sitting and also worked in the laundry at the Good Samaritan Village for 8 years. When she retired, she continued to do volunteer work at the Village which included baking on Tuesdays and manicures on Fridays. When she was available, she also helped with other activities.

She loved her garden and flowers and also did beautiful crocheting and quilting. She was active in her church and the United Methodist Women organization.

Those who survive her are Verlin "Duke" (Lavonne) Raile,

Lakefield, Minn.; Verla (Art) Inness, Denver, Colo.; and Delbert (Marilyn) Raile, St. Francis; grandchildren include: Delwin Inness (Cheryl Copeland), Lynnwood, Wash.; Tish Inness (Earl Graham), Olathe; Chad (Angie) Raile, Los Angeles, Calif.; Cody Raile (Samantha Zwegygart), Nick and Matt Raile, St. Francis; great-grandchildren: Chantal Keyes, AJ and Michael Graham, Olathe, and Reese Inness, Lynnwood; sister, Marie (Clarence) Schultze, Hays; sister-in-law, Esther Semler, St. Francis; sister-in-law, Katie Newman, Gladstone, Ore.; Alice Pulliam, The Dalles, Ore.; Leila Hilt, Nina Raile and Bill and Ellen Raile, St. Francis. She also leaves to mourn nieces, nephews, cousins and friends too numerous to mention.

Funeral services were held Friday, Oct. 9, at the United Methodist Church with Reverend Morita Truman officiating.

Casket bearers were Tish Inness, Kayla Schleppe, Chad Raile, Cody Raile, Nick Raile, Matt Raile, Marvin Raile and Marlin Crouse.

Honorary pallbearers were Melvin Schleppe, Rueben Hilt, Clifford Raile, Clinton Schleppe, Clifford Semler, Calvin Semler, Noel Schultze, Kevin Schultze and Steven Crouse.

Interment was in the St. Francis Cemetery.

Memorials may be given to the United Methodist Church.

Arrangements were by Knodel Funeral Home, St. Francis.

Walter Frederick Roesener

July 5, 1913 - Oct. 8, 2009

Walter Frederick Roesener was born July 5, 1913, near Burr, Neb., the third child of John and Emilia (Molthen) Roesener, one of seven children born to this marriage. Walter died Oct. 8, 2009, in St. Francis, Kan., at the Good Samaritan Village where he had been a resident since April of 2006.

In 1914, Walter moved with his family from Nebraska to a farm northwest of McDonald, where he attended Tucker country school, worked on the family farm and grew to manhood.

His mother, Emilia, died in 1922. On Aug. 24, 1924, his father, John married Caroline Yost and together they raised the family, including one son born to them.

Walter was baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran church. He was a member of St. John Lutheran Church, Bird City, all of his life. He was active in church, serving on various committees and teaching Sunday school.

On Aug. 24, 1953, he married Ida Ehlers at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Auburn, Neb. They moved to a farm 4 miles north of McDonald where they lived for 30 years. They had one son, Mark and one daughter, Kathleen.

Walt and Ida moved to a home in Bird City in 1981, after retiring. Walter truly loved farming and even after retirement continued to help Mark on the farm. He had to give up farming, when his arthritis no longer allowed him to climb into the tractor.

Walter was a fun-loving man

who liked to joke, tease and play cards.

After his wife died in 1988, Walter continued to live alone in their home in Bird City until April 2006. His broken arm from a fall prevented him from staying alone and he became a resident of the Good Samaritan Village in St. Francis.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Ida; grandson, Gage; and four brothers, August, Elmer, Arnold and Ralph.

Survivors include his son, Mark and wife, Jacky of McDonald; grandson, Colton and wife, Shandi of Davenport, Iowa; his daughter, Kathleen and husband, Kurt, two grandsons, Ryan and Cory, all of Loveland, Colo.; his brother, Paul and wife, Edna of Bird City; his sister, Esther Linin of Goodland; his brother, Arlie and wife, Nadine of Springfield, Mo.; sister-in-law, Ruby Roesener; brothers-in-law, Clarence Ehlers, Fred Ehlers, Raymond Ehlers and wife, Elaine; sisters-in-law, Eileen Ehlers, Erma Gobber and husband, Orville; many nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held Oct. 12 at St. John Lutheran Church in Bird City with Reverend David Rossbach officiating.

Casket bearers were Eldon Roesener, Brent Linin, Max Linin, Lee Ehlers, Neal Gobber and Cary Gobber.

Burial was in the Bird City Cemetery, Bird City.

Arrangements were by Knodel Funeral Home, St. Francis.

Helen Holzwarth Sykes

March 10, 1916 - Sept. 27, 2009

the piano and the accordion.

On weekends, neighbors would join Bill and Helen to play music and enjoy each others company.

On June 18, 1976, Helen was united in marriage to Howard Sykes of Security, Colo.

On September 27, 2009, Helen died.

Helen was blessed with eight grandchildren: Renee, Denise and Connie Cole of Pensacola, Fla., Kelly Thais and Devon Cole of Denver, Colo.; Tammy Allyn and Mike Siebenthal of Denver, Debbie Siebenthal of San Francisco, Calif.; and four great-grandchildren; Dusty Allyn, Maddison Siebenthal, Brock and Braxton Thais of Denver.

Helen was preceded in death by her parents, George and Julia Holzwarth; her brothers, Haddon, Alvin and Leonard Holzwarth; her sisters, Mona Soehner, Bertha DeGood, Lillie Schuricht; and

husbands, Bill Cole and Howard Sykes.

She is survived by her sisters, Amelia Bannister, Viola Jones, Lucille Zimbelman; brother, Ted Holzwarth; both of her children; all of her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Pastor Dan Carson was the officiant.

Services to celebrate Helen's life were held on Oct. 7 at Knodel Funeral Home, St. Francis.

Interment was in the St. Francis Cemetery.

All contributions will be donated to the Alzheimer's Research and Treatment Center.

Bonnie Busby

Oct. 5, 1927 - Oct. 6, 2009

Bonnie Busby, 82, St. Francis, Kan., died Oct. 6, 2009, at the Goodland Regional Medical Center. She was born Oct. 5, 1927, at her parent's farm home south of Wheeler, Cheyenne County, and lived her entire life in Cheyenne County.

She was the daughter of James Butler Wickwar and Emma (Sine) Wickwar. She attended Cheyenne Valley School, 5 miles south of Wheeler, and was a 1944 graduate of St. Francis Community High School.

On Feb. 15, 1948, she married Willard Busby after his return from the war and received the traditional "chivalry" by family and friends.

From this union, the "Four Boys" Darrell, Dennis, Doug and Dave, were always provided with the love and counsel of a compassionate heart. Her daughters-in-law were held in her heart as close as her sons were. But her special joy was her affection for her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Her love of family was so deep for each of them individually and collectively each were sure they were her favorite.

She met life's challenges with a deep belief in God, determination, hard work, fairness and a sense of humor.

Her lifetime values were born in her Christian beliefs and flourished with her life-long association with the First Christian Church. The importance of the guidance, ideals and knowledge gained from 4-H and other Extension programs was evident in her long involvement and interest in 4-H.

She is survived by her husband and best friend: Willard; her children: Darrell and Cathy, Oakland, Iowa; Dennis and LeAnn, Shawnee, Doug and Trish, Louisville, and David, Napa, Calif.; grandchildren: Justin and Lesley, Hammond, Ill., Jeremy and Cary, Knoxville, Tenn., Julie, Oakland, Tish and Grant Havel, St. Francis, Cassie Dorsch, Kansas City, Mo., Jared Dorsch, Wappingers Fall, N.Y., Cory Gerken, Hillsdale and Jacy, Ben and Cody James, Shawnee; great-grandchildren: Shelby, Blake, Frank, Bob, Steven, Leah and Savannah; sisters: Margaret Schultz, Relda and Tommy Olearnick; brothers: Wendell (Bus) and Charlotte, Jimmy and Virginia and Gary and Charlene; 21 nieces and nephews of which 19 are still surviving.

Bonnie was preceded in death by her parents; brother, William and wife, Alice, brother-in-law, Henry Schultz; nephew, Stan Schultz and niece, Jeanne (Wickwar) Castellani.

Funeral services were held Oct. 10, at the First Christian Church, St. Francis, with Pastor Jeff Landers officiating.

Eulogy was given by Justin Busby, Jeremy Busby, Julie Busby and Tish Havel.

Casket bearers were Justin Busby, Jeremy Busby, Jared Dorsch, Grant Havel, Mike Rogers, Daryl Schultz.

Interment was in the St. Francis Cemetery, St. Francis.

Memorial contributions may be directed to either the First Christian Church or the Senior Citizen Center, both in St. Francis.

Junior varsity team plays in tourney

By Betty Jean Winston
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St. Francis entertained Hitchcock County and Hayes Center in a junior varsity round robin volleyball tournament on Saturday. Cheylin was also invited but has no junior varsity squad this year. This is the second year this event has been on the volleyball schedule.

Coach Jeff Olofson released the following scores for the young Lady Indian squad. St. Francis defeated Hitchcock County in two sets with the scores being 25-14 and 25-18. Hayes Center was victorious over St. Francis in two sets. The final scores were 8-25 and 17-25.

Check it out! 4-H Insert

To be inserted this week.

This insert features a collection of articles celebrating 4-H Week and the 4-H Clubs in Cheyenne County.



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Calls received after the deadline will have to wait until next fall. Your cooperation and patience will be appreciated.

Club Clip

Pleasant Hill 4-H Club

October Meeting

The regular meeting of the Pleasant Hill 4-H Club was held Oct. 7, at the St. Francis Equity meeting room in St. Francis.

Acting president, Lucas Carmichael, called the meeting to order. Brody Kaup led the Pledge of Allegiance and Garin Cooper led the 4-H Pledge. Reagan Beims and Emily Dinkel led the club in singing "Have a Happy Halloween".

Laura Brunk read the minutes from the September meeting. The treasurer's report was given. Installation of new officers took place. Christina Schoenrogge and Tye Faulkender gave the 4-H Council report. Leslie Beims gave the leader's report. The Halloween, Bierock and Christmas Float Committees gave dates for the club members to meet together for fun and fund raising.

Gavin Cooper announced the program. Emileigh and Brady Dinkel gave a safety talk. Jake Faulkender, Garin Cooper and Brady Dinkel led the game for recreation. The meeting was adjourned.

Refreshments were served by the Dinkel family.