Obituaries

Dr. Warren J. Boring

April 14, 1920 - Jan. 11, 2008

Dr. Warren J. "Barney" Boring, died on the evening of Jan. 11, 2008. He was born in rural Missouri on April 14, 1920. He attended Wyandotte High School in Kansas City, then went to the University of Kansas before enlisting in the Army at the start of World War II. He was wounded in Europe, several times, and was awarded three Purple Hearts. Following the war, he completed his bachelor's degree at Kansas State University in Manhattan.

Barney met his wife, Anne, in Hollywood, during a leave from the Army. They had five children, in four states. Those are William, Barbara, James, Sally and Nancy. There are six grandchildren, Casey (Maxwell), Molly (Folio), Amy (Cheng), Jeffrey, Brian and Kailana. Sally (Rice) was the one born in St. Francis.

Upon college graduation, Barney took a teaching position in St. Francis from 1947 to 1953. He became the wrestling coach, and led the high school team to four State Championships in the six years he was there! His little son Bill was the team mascot. That remarkable achievement (so many champions from such a small town) put Barney in the Kansas State Wrestling Hall of Fame. The late Catherine and Warren Gienger were instrumental in securing that recognition.

During the summers, Barney enrolled in the University of Colorado, in Boulder, culminating in a master's degree. James was born there in 1950. The family then moved to Bloomington, Ind., where Barney eventually received several degrees, including his doctorate.

He then accepted a professorship at Long Beach State College in California, which became California State University, Long Beach. He initiated the wrestling program there, and was instrumental in developing amateur wrestling in schools throughout southern California.

He was inducted into the university's Athletic Hall of Fame and received the sole standing ovation at the induction ceremony. As a professor emeritus, he was inducted into the National Wresting Association Hall of Fame.

Barney had friends all around the world. The many in Australia were made during the year they spent in Sydney, swapping jobs and houses with Aussie colleagues. (It was there that they received word of the passing of their dear friend Esther Gienger.) They later traveled extensively in Europe, for both pleasure and historical educational interest.

The Borings have lived in Rossmoor, Calif, for almost 50 years. Barney insisted on being useful until the end and even beyond, so he willed his body to the University of California, for medical research.

A memorial service will be held at the Crystal Cathedral at the Garden Grove Community Church in Garden Grove, Calif., on Friday, Feb. 8.

Leo Joseph Goetz

May 16, 1919 - Jan. 25, 2008

Leo Joseph Goetz was born May 16, 1919, to Joseph P. and Mary (Dreiling) Goetz. He died at Trego Lemke Memorial Hospital on Jan. 25, 2008, at the age of 88.

Leo was born in the farmhouse on the homestead his parents claimed many years ago and lived there all of his life.

Leo attended rural schools in Park, Kan., before entering the Army and serving basic training Jan. 1, 1942, at Camp Grant, Ill. He was sent to the Aleutian Islands, stationed at Dutch Harbor for 26 months. He was discharged in October of 1945. Leo received Asiatic Pacific Campaign Ribbon, Bronze Star for Aleutian Camp and Good Conduct Ribbon for his service in the Army.

After coming home, he was united in marriage to Rose Mary Ochs on Feb. 12, 1946, at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Park, where they remained faithful members.

Leo was a farmer and rancher on the family farm for as long as his health would allow. He was his own repairman, working on his equipment sometimes getting things to work his "own" way. His children remember those days when they helped with the old square bales. His grandson said he was a hard worker and enjoyed his family.

Leo was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church, American Legion George M. Scott Post 301 in Grainfield, and the Wheatland Veterans of Foreign War Post 2864 in Grinnell.

Survivors include his wife, Rose Mary of the home; five daughters, Rowena Zook and husband, Duane of Salina, Elaine Craft and husband, Rick of Sedan, Janet Farmer and husband, Larry of Oakley, Ellen Eberle and husband, Ron of Grainfield and Eileen Hockersmith and husband, Donald of Oklahoma City; three sons, Albert and wife, Kay of Park, Edward and wife, Denice of Grainfield and Dean and friend, Dawn Brown of Hill City; 18 grandchildren, Loren Zook, Bruce Zook, Mollie Schell, Eric Craft, Sue Wendelbo, Diane Hoeb, Terry Farmer, Brian Eberle, Kim Rumback, Mason Hockersmith, Ryan Hockersmith, Douglas Goetz, David Goetz, Tyler Goetz, Tiffany Goetz, Trisha Goetz, Sara Goetz and Marcus Goetz; 14 great-grandchildren and one sister, Ella Walt of WaKeeney.

Leo was preceded in death by his parents; seven brothers, Raymond, Otto, William, Michael, Leo, Albert and Leo; three sisters; Agnes Wildeman, Josephine Wittman and Hiroma Goetz.

Services were held Tuesday, Jan. 29, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Park, with Father Mark Berland officiating. Burial was in Sacred Heart Catholic Church Cemetery.

Memorials are suggested to Sacred Heart Catholic Church Cemetery Fund, masses or Trego Lemke Memorial Hospital and may be sent in care of Schmitt Funeral Home, 901 S. Main, Quinter, KS 67752.

Earl Raymond Bammes

Dec. 27, 1913 - Jan. 28, 2008

Earl Raymond Bammes, 94, Topeka, Kan., died Jan. 28, 2008, at Stormont-Vail Regional Health Center in Topeka. He was born Dec. 27, 1913, in Pottawatomie County to Earnest and Lillie (Beck) Bammes. He attended local schools and graduated from St. George High School.

He married Olga Mundhenke on Nov. 16, 1938, in St. Francis. She survives at their home.

Earl worked at the Peck and Wadsworth Tree Planting and Nursery Company in Los Angeles, Calif., where his sister, Esther Wood lived, from 1936 to 1938. He then moved to St .Francis where he and Olga farmed until 1955 when they moved to a farm at Wamego. There they raised strawberries, watermelon, tomatoes, and cantaloupe which they sold from a stand in their yard. Earl greet their clients with a big friendly smile as they came from miles around to purchase their juicy pesticide free vegetables and if they weren't home, people would help themselves and leave payment in a box.

Earl worked for the R and W Milling Company in Wamego for 15 years. In October 1999, Earl and Olga moved to Topeka to be closed to their children. He was member of the Lutheran Church at St. Francis, then Mount Calvary Lutheran Church at Wamego and Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Topeka.

He is survived by a daughter, Cleone Baker, Topeka; a son, Eugene Bammes and wife, Ruth, of Topeka; daughter-in-law Wilna Bammes of Huntington, Texas; sisters-in-law Ruby Bammes of Derby, and Alice "Billie" Bammes of Junction City; nine grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Earl was proceeded in death by his parents, his son, Lynnford; two sisters and six brothers.

Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. on Feb. 1 at Mount Calvary Lutheran Church in Wamego. Burial followed in St. George Cemetery, St. George.

Memorials contributions may be made to the Mount Calvary Lutheran Church. Online condolences may be made at www.campanellafuneral.com

Katie N. (Smith) Nichols

May 5, 1916 - Jan. 21, 2008

Katie Neola (Smith) Nichols, the youngest of eight children, was born May 5, 1916, to parents, George and Sara (Linscott) Smith in a sod house in Wallace County, Kan.

Katie died on Jan. 21, 208, at the age of 91.

She attended rural elementary school in Wallace County. She graduated from high school in Winona. Katie always treasured her education and had many fond memories of her teachers. She could recall the names of almost every teacher.

She married Merlin Ida Nichols on Oct. 3, 1941, in Colby. After marriage the couple began farming south of Levant. In 1946, they moved to a farm between Trenton and Culbertson, Neb., where they resided for the past 62 years.

Katie was an avid gardener and spent most of her spare time in her garden and yard growing beautiful flowers along with many fruits and vegetables.

Katie attended Culbertson United Methodist Church and was active in the United Methodist Women's group.

She was preceded in death by her parents, George and Sara Smith; four brothers, Neil Smith, Mel Smith, Cliff Smith and Foyd Smith; and three sisters, Carrie Whiteford, Georgia Eaton and Marjorie Smith.

She is survived by her husband, Merlin; five children and their spouses, sons, Jay and wife, Shirley of Shawnee, Jerry and wife, Rhonda of Winona, Paul and wife, Mary of Culbertson, Dennis and wife, Cathy of Culbertson; daughter, Carolyn and husband, Dana Parker of Rapid City, S.D; 15 grandchildren, Chad and Charla. Shannon and Shane. Kyle and Nancy, Kevin, Karen and Marcus, Brooke and Chad, Brette, Amy, Bryce and Stephanie, Dathan and Sarena, Jael, Kysha, Kasiah and Shea, Jerray and Shawn; 12 great-grandchildren, Kota, Kyra, Audra, Kalyssa, Nathanial, Joslyn, Grace, Kallan, Nicole, Christopher, Kiley and Taylor; two sisters-in0law, Eileen Smith and Lee Nichols, St. Francis; brother-in-law, Harry Krueger, all of Kansas; many nieces, nephews and friends.

Funeral services were held Jan. 26 at Trinity United Methodist Church in Culbertson with the Reverend Richard melano officiating. Interment was in the Culbertson Cemetery.

Memorial may be made in her name.

Maurice Eugene Blume

March 30, 1916 - Jan. 27, 2008

Maurice Eugene Blume, 92, died Wednesday, Jan. 27, 2008, in St. Francis.

His daughters said he boarded a Stearman biplane for the first time in 2003 and reported that he liked the flying experience and believed he would try it again.

"Now he's doing just that as his soul took to the heavens the evening of his death," they said.

He was surrounded by his two daughters, Carol and Joy, and many more caring family members and friends. The sun shone, and the new life of winter wheat grew nearby, ready to be looked at and speculated upon.

He was born on March 30, 1916, near Ludell, Kan., in Rawlins County on his grandfather's homestead farm where parents, Rex and Elsie (Poland) Blume lived. In 1932, his family and he moved to Cheyenne County. He was unable to continue going to high school due to long distances and farm demands. But in 1972, he earned his General Education Development (GED) diploma and graduation gown.

Maurice farmed through the dust bowl and Great Depression, married Alice Marie Joy in 1940, raised Joy Marie and Carol Ann, knew and loved four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. His wife of 53 years, preceded him in death in 1993 following an extended illness during which Maurice illustrated a remarkable depth of love and compassion. Together they traveled to 49 states, including Alaska and Maurice was gladly planning his next road trip with his new 2008 road atlas and hard candies "Next summer, we'll give it the gas."

Maurice was always interested in what was going on around him. Only a few hours before he died, he wanted to know what was happening in the presidential campaign. He was an avid reader of the *Farmer's Almanac* and weather watcher. He could tell anyone when the days began to get longer - and warmer - and just how many minutes were added morning and evening.

Maurice remained the model example of son, husband, father and grandfather throughout his 91 years of beautiful living.

"We are all so thankful to have had the privilege of knowing and loving his gentle goodness, kind heart, and wise guiding counsel," Carol said. "We will all miss him more than words can express, though his example, memory, and faith will continue with us.

In his words, "I have no idea how anyone could go through life without God."

When family members came to visit him, before anyone left, he checked the oil and washed the windshield. That became a time for last minutes of conversation and sharing that everyone enjoyed.

Maurice's kindheartedness served as an example to his family and friends of how to treat each other.

Survivors include his brother, Dean Blume and wife, Erna, of Goodland; dear friend, Aletha Murphy of St. Francis; and daughters Joy and Carol. Grandchildren are Alicia Smith and husband, Brad, Ben Widtke and wife, Cristina, Terresa Wyman and Cindy Tabor; great-grandchildren are Robert Roberson and Hunter Wyman and Samantha and Justin Tabor.

Also preceding Mauricde in death were his parents and brothers, Arthur and Leonard Blume.

For memorial donations, please contribute to the St. Francis Senior Center or the Cheyenne County Hospital.

Funeral services were held Feb. 1 at the Peace Lutheran Church with Pastor Ken Hart officiating.

Casket bearers were Justin Tabor, Ben Wudtke, Brad Smith, Robert Roberson, Roger Blume and Junior Knorr.

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

Arrangements were by Knodel Funeral Home, St. Francis.

Carole L. Dodd

Jan. 13, 1926 - Jan. 21, 2008

Carole L. Dodd, 82, died Jan. 21, 2008, at the Graham County Hospital, Hill City, Kan. She was born Jan. 13, 1926, in rural Gove County to Eugene Gregory and Grace Isabell (Royer) Smith.

She married Donald C. "Punk" Dodd on June 26, 1949, in Hill City. He died July 27, 2001.

A long-time resident of Hill City, she was a homemaker, librarian and the "bookmobile" lady in Hill City for many years.

Carole was a member of the United Methodist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, one brother and four sisters.

She is survived by son, Raymond Eugene Dodd of St. Francis; daughter, Linda Ann Deines, Hill City; and five grandchildren.

A memorial service was held on Saturday, Feb. 2, at the Hill City United Methodist Church with Reverend Aaron Madondo officiating.

A private family interment of cremains was held at the Hill City Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Graham County Public Library or The Dawson Place Nursing Home.

Joseph Arnold Mlinek

June 20, 1922 - Jan. 29, 2008

Joseph A. Mlinek died Jan. 29, 2008, at Mercy Regional Health Center in Manhattan, Kan.

Joe was born June 20, 1922, on the family farm 2 miles southeast of Collyer.

He was inducted into the U.S. Army Air Corps on Nov. 11, 1942, and he received his basic training at Shepard Field in Texas. He received radio operator/mechanic and advanced radio mechanic training at Scott Field in Illinois. He joined World War II at Port Moresby, New Guinea, on March 24, 1944, was assigned to the 68th Army Airways Communication Squadron, and installed and maintained ground-to-air communications systems. When a commanding officer learned of the engine mechanic skills developed on the farm, he was dispatched to a number of other locations to rebuild and maintain diesel generators. Joe was a life member of the Veterans of Foreign War and American Legion.

Joe married Hilda Dietz on May 15, 1948. She preceded him in death on Jan. 27, 2007.

Survivors include sons, Dan Mlinek and wife, Judy, Spring Grove, Pa., Kirk Mlinek and wife, Donna, Aurora, Colo., and daughter, Wendi Krishock and husband, David, Manhattan. He is also survived by three grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, and four grand dogs.

Joe began his 30-year career with the Federal Agriculture Stabilization and Conservation Service in 1949 in Trego County as a field man. He served as county executive director in Norton County from 1955 to 1964 and in Cheyenne County from 1964 until his retirement on June 30, 1979.

A memorial service was held on Feb. 4 at Peace Lutheran Church in St. Francis. Officiant was Pastor Ken Hart.

Casket bearers were David Krishock, Chris Mlinek, Andy Mlinek, Wayne Krug, Ed Schauer and Pete Jensen.

Interment was in the St. Francis Cemetery. Military Rites were by Fort Riley Honor Guard.

Arrangements were made by Knodel Funeral Home.

Memorial contributions may be made to the St. Francis Senior Center, 322 W. Washington Street, or the Peace Lutheran Church, St. Francis, KS 67756.

Barbara Dankenbring

Nov. 29, 1950 - Jan. 29, 2008

Barbara E. Dankenbring, age 57, died on Tuesday, Jan. 29, 2008. She was born in Gladewater, Texas, on Nov. 29, 1950, the daughter of Charles Edward and Helen Daniel Jordan.

Barbara was an occupational therapist for a number of years.

She was preceded in death by her father, Charles Edward Jordan and her stepfather, James Sands.

Barbara is survived by her husband, Darryl Dankenbring, sons, Troy Dankenbring and his wife, Brenda, Michael Dankenbring and his wife, Ginny and Timothy Nichols and his wife, Liza; grandchildren, Jessica, Autumn, Tyler, Hannah, Lauren and Emily Dankenbring, Christian and Connor Nichols; brother, Charles Edward Jordan Jr., and his wife, Sheila, Marilyn Gresham and her husband David.

The funeral service was on Friday, Feb. 1 at Vaughn's Funeral Home with Dr. David B. Vaughn officiating.

Funeral arrangements were by Vaughan's Funeral Home, Boerne, Texas.

Tributes may be e-mail www.vaughnfuneralhome.com

Cards of condolences may be sent to Darryl Dankenbring, 845 County Road 2700, Mico, Texas 78056.

Lynda L. Franklin

Dec. 12, 1944 - Jan. 21, 2008

Lynda L. Franklin died at her home in Atwood, Kan., on Jan. 21, 2008. Lynda was born on Dec. 12, 1944, in Gadsden, Ala., to Lynn O. Franklin and Mary E. (McPherson) Franklin.

She attended school in Atwood, graduating in 1962. She attended business college.

Lynda and William E. Draper were married in 1963, and to this union two sons were born, Neal L. Draper and Nolan E. Draper.

She was preceded in death by her father, Lynn O. Franklin, and her first husband, William E. Draper.

She is survived by her mother, Mary E. Franklin of Atwood; sons, Neal L. Draper and wife, Tammy of Ford and Nolan E. Draper and friend, Lisa of rural Atwood; her sister, Becky Isern of Boise, Idaho; four grandchildren, Megan Mentlick of Colby, Chance and Braden Draper of Ford and Emma Draper of Atwood; niece, Jennifer (Isern) Harris and husband, Ted of Bellevue, Wash.; nephew, James Isern of Boise and numerous friends and relatives.

Her hobbies included music, painting, drawing, pottery, cooking, photography, needlework and writing. Her love of animals included dogs, cats, raising and breeding angora goats.

She was a member of the Atwood Arts Council and Courts of Praise Church in Atwood.

A memorial has been established in her name and donations can be left at Williams Funeral Home, Atwood. A memorial service will be March 1 at 2 p.m. at the Courts of Praise Church in Atwood with inurnment at Atwood Fairview Cemetery.

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