

Obituaries

Frank Ramsey Lockard

May 24, 1939 - Jan. 6, 2011

"He has come back to the fields that he loved and now he will be a part of them forever."

Frank Lockard, the son of Theodore and Carol (Ramsey) Lockard, was born on May 24, 1939, in St. Francis, Kan., where he was raised and graduated from St. Francis



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Community High School. He earned a bachelor of science degree in fisheries science from Colorado State University where he was a member of Sigma Nu fraternity.

He married Clover Bucholz on Sept. 30, 1961, in St. Francis, and they were blessed with two daughters, Laura Sue and Lynn Carol.

He served in the U. S. Army and was stationed in Europe for two years during the time in which the Berlin Wall was erected. In his later life, he was fortunate to have the opportunity to return to the base where he was stationed and witness the changing history of Germany after the demolition of the Berlin Wall.

His employment record was extensive having worked for the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, the Indiana Department of Natural Resources as a district biologist, fish management supervisor and chief of fisheries, and then served as Director of Fish and Wildlife for the State of Indiana. He accepted the position of director of the Washington Department of Game in 1981. After having served in that capacity, he resigned to accept the position of senior regional director for Ducks Unlimited and ultimately retired in 2001.

President Carter appointed Frank to the position of United States Commissioner of the Great Lakes Fishery Commission. He was the charter president of the

Indiana Chapter of the American Fisheries Society, and he later presided as president of the North Central Division of the American Fisheries Society and the Midwest Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies. He was also appointed to serve on the Scientific Advisory Board for the Mt. St. Helens National Historic Monument.

He was the recipient of many awards including Purdue University's prestigious Charles S. Osborn Conservationist for the Year of 1978 and received a letter of commendation for his outstanding contributions to the environment by President Reagan.

Frank and Barbara Nichols were married on May 3, 2003, in Longview, and together they traveled extensively throughout the world including The Cook Islands, Europe and Mexico.

Frank approached life with a unique vibrancy, and he was a consummate diplomat in all aspects of his life. He was a talented artist, avid hunter and fisherman, as well as being a life sponsor of Ducks Unlimited. His zest for life and compassion for others will be sadly missed by his family, his Ducks Unlimited family and his innumerable friends around the globe. He will be remembered for his contagious charm, intelligent humor and engaging smile.

His wife, Barbara of Olympia; his daughters, Laura of Seattle, Lynn of Olympia; his stepchildren, Kalie, Kevin and Kyle and five grandchildren, Devon, Marlee, Emily, Tanner and Brooklynn survive him.

Cremation has taken place under the direction of the Terry Family Funeral Home of Portland, and his ashes will become a part of his beloved hunting fields. A memorial service will be held on Jan. 22, at 1 p.m. at Lake Lawrence Community Club, 15735 Topaz Drive SE, Yelm, Wash.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests that donations be made to Ducks Unlimited, c/o John Tierney, 24250 SE Tiger Mt. Rd., Issaquah, WA 98027.

Arlie Gene Archer

June 30, 1927 - Jan. 7, 2011

Arlie Gene Archer, 83, died Friday, Jan. 7, 2011, at the Rawlins County Hospital in Atwood, Kan. He was preceded in death by his parents, Harry and Esther Archer and brother, Ross Archer.

Arlie was born on June 30, 1927, to Harry and Esther (West) Archer. He was raised on the family farm just over the Cheyenne County line.

Arlie was inducted into the Signal Corp at Fort Logan, Colo., on Jan. 6, 1946, and served until April 26, 1947. He took basic training at Fort McCellan, Aniston, Ala., and special radio training at Vent Hills Farm Station, Arlington, Va. Arlie served in Headquarters and Headquarter Company of the Army Security Agency in Office Personnel, Washington, D.C. He received an honorable discharge on April 26, 1947, with a rank of T-5. He also received the World War II Victory Ribbon.

Arlie married Delores Wendland on June 6, 1954, in Benkelman, Neb. To this union, three children were born: June, Joyce and Alan. In 1979, Arlie and Dee moved from their home in McDonald to the home they built on the family farm.

Arlie was a life-time member of American Legion Chester Phipps Post 229, McDonald (63 years) and a life-time member of both the Masonic Lodge 404 (62 years) and

Eastern Star 404 (61 years). He served 13 years on the Area Board of Control for Northwest Kansas Technical College and 33 years on the Northwest Kansas Technical College Endowment Board of Trustees. Currently he was serving the board as president.

Arlie was active in his community by serving on the McDonald Co-op Board, McDonald and Cheylin School boards, being a council member at the Federated Church in McDonald and council member for the city of McDonald.

Survivors are wife, Delores, of the home, together for 56 1/2 years; son, Alan Archer of McDonald; daughters, June Archer of Los Angeles, Calif., and Joyce (Billy) McDaniel of Valley Center; grandchildren: Megan Cram, Los Angeles, Faith McDaniel, Valley Center and Tristan Archer, McDonald/St. Francis.

Memorials are designated to the Kansas Masonic Cancer Research Institute or Rawlins County Hospital.

A memorial service was held Thursday, Jan. 13, at the United Methodist Church, St. Francis, with Rev. Morita Truman and Pastor Mark Adams officiating.

Honorary escorts were Royce Kehlbeck, Rod Young, Dave Hubbard, Dan Hubbard, Gary Loker, Owen Wingfield, Raymond Johnson and George Ballinger.

Francis M. Ritter

May 3, 1925 - Jan. 5, 2011

Francis M. Ritter, 85, died Wednesday, Jan. 5, 2011, at the Decatur County Hospital in Oberlin, Kan. He was born May 3, 1925, to Philomena Kruse and Bernard Ritter in Leoville.

Francis graduated from Leoville High School in 1943 and served in the U.S. Army.

He was united in marriage to Pauline Dempewolf on Aug 21, 1951, in Leoville.

Francis was a farmer and dairyman in the Dresden area. His memberships include the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church and the Knights of Columbus in Leoville.

He was preceded in death by parents: Bernard and Philomena Ritter; wife, Pauline; siblings; Cletus, Raymond, Seraphim and Dennis Ritter

Survivors include: sons, David Ritter of St. Francis; John E. Ritter of Dresden; Donald Ritter of Dresden; James (Connie) Ritter of Colby and Gerald (Phyllis) Ritter of Shawnee;

daughters: Ann (Bob) Middleton of Goodland, Mary (Ford Wiltout) Ritter of Norton and Susan McKenna of Eugene, Ore.; brothers: Sylvester (Margaret) Ritter of Dresden and Victor Ritter of Jennings; sisters: Sister Delores Ritter of California; Florence Thompson of Hoxie; Bernadine (Don) Sprester of Leoville and Alfreda Colling of McCook Neb.; three sisters-in-law: Wilma Ritter of Selden, Bernadine Ritter of Russell and Alberta Ritter of Oberlin; nine grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Services were held at the Immaculate Conception Church in Leoville on Saturday, Jan 8, with Rev. Mark Berland officiating.

Interment at Mount Calvary Cemetery in Leoville. There was a Vigil service on Friday at church in Leoville.

Memorials may be made in his name.

Richard Thomas Rueb

Dec. 16, 1949 - Jan. 3, 2011

Longtime Goodland, Kan., resident Richard Thomas Rueb, 61, died Monday, Jan. 3, 2011, at his home in Goodland.

He was born Dec. 16, 1949, in St. Francis, the son of Brenda (Peterson) and Lewis Rueb.

He attended grade school in St. Francis and special education classes from fifth grade through 11th grade in Bird City.

Being a Boy Scout and earning badges were some of his proudest accomplishments. Hobbies that he enjoyed included playing baseball, fishing, reading, playing cards and watching television.

He was very much into antiques and thought of himself as an "antique dealer." He loved his friends and family and was very kind-hearted to everyone.

Preceding him in death was his brother Alan Rueb.

Surviving family includes his father and step-mother, Lewis



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and Betty Rueb of Kingman; mother, Brenda Moss of Goodland; sisters, Cindy Schulte of Assaria; Jackie Finley and her husband, Bill of Goodland; nephews, Jason Finley and his wife, Marci of Goodland; Dustin Schulte of Seward Neb.; nieces, Diane Pfanstiel, and her husband, Doug of Lincoln, Neb; Lisa Linck and her husband, Kim of Manhattan; Melissa Messino and her husband, Scott of Spearville; step-sister, Sue Gingerich and her husband, Dwane of Hutchinson; and step-brother, Mike Bean.

Mass of Christian Burial was held on Thursday, Jan. 6, at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church in Goodland, with Father Norbert Dlabal presiding. Burial followed in the St. Francis Cemetery in St. Francis.

Vigil and rosary were held Jan. 5, at Koons Chapel in Goodland.

Memorials may be designated to Golden West Skills Center, and may be left at or mailed to Koons Funeral Home, 211 N. Main, Goodland, KS 67735-1555.

Carol Augusta Oleson Petersen

Dec. 29, 1917 - Jan. 7, 2011

Carol Augusta (Oleson) Petersen was born on Dec. 29, 1917, on a farm near Lake Marion, south of Hutchinson, Minn. She was the daughter of Ray and Anna (Johnson) Oleson and was baptized April 21, 1918, at St. Morton's Lutheran Church, Heatwole.

She died on Friday, Jan. 7. On March 20, 1932, Carol, together with siblings, Russell and Fern, was confirmed at Main Street Lutheran Church.

After high school graduation with the Hutchinson class of 1935, she earned a bachelor of education degree at Dana College and Mankato State Teacher's College. She taught at Le Seur and Redwood Falls, Minn., as well as Aurora, Colo., and St. Francis, Kan. She and Emery were in St. Francis between 1971 and 1980 and Carol taught Title I math and reading.

Carol married Emery L. Petersen of Brush, Colo., on Dec. 29, 1942. They served Lutheran Parishes in Iowa, Colorado, Kansas, Missouri, and during retirement, several interim ministries including a year at Jackson, Wyo. Those 40

years were special as Carol's life was focused on family, serving in delightful communities, and travels.

Carol was preceded in death by her husband, Emery; her parents, Ray and Anna Oleson, brothers, Russell and Roger Oleson, sisters, Opal Oleson and Betty Myhr.

Survivors include daughters, Naomi Theye (Wayne), Sharon Holdorf, Ann Lee (Wayne), Ardis Nelson (Mark) and grandchildren, Jaron (Kirsten) and Dellan Theye; Kirsten (Steven) Roenfeldt, Peter (Jane) Nelson, Elizabeth (Jeremy) Hallquist, Ingrid Lee; and great grandsons, Henry Maxwell Theye and Axel Jens Roenfeldt. She is also survived by sisters Fern Oleson, Lois (Roger) Krantz and sister-in-law Lucille Oleson; and many nieces and nephews.

A memorial service was held on Wednesday, Jan. 12, at St. John's Lutheran Church, Annandale, Minn. In lieu of flowers, memorials are preferred to Bread for the World.

Teacher featured in two publications

Lucille Rossbach is the featured instructor of Morgan Community College's Spring 2011 Catalog. Her work is also included in Classroom Publishing: A Practical Guide for Teachers, published by Portland State University: Ooligan Press.

Mrs. Rossbach has been teaching for Morgan Community College for the past 14 years. Recently she was chosen by the administrators of the college's Burlington Center as the featured instructor for the college's spring publication. The photo-accompanied feature, written by Jolene Gurley, assistant to the administrator, reads as follows:

Lucille Rossbach loves to teach and Morgan Community College loves to supply her with students because her teaching is nothing short of excellent. While

she was employed by Idalia High School, Mrs. Rossbach taught dual-credit, college-level literature and English classes for Morgan Community College. One of the most remarkable projects she accomplished with her students was publishing a collection of three books about Idalia's history and its people entitled Gusts of Dust. Since retiring from the high school, she teaches adult students at Morgan Community College. In addition to teaching literature and English, she also teaches some humanities courses.

"Lucille cares about her students and invests a great deal of time, attention, and enthusiasm in her lessons. She asks the same level of commitment from her students," says Morgan Community College Burlington

Center director, Valerie Rhoades.

Students find that they appreciate how much more they get out of their courses when they are challenged to actively participate. "In fact," says Ms. Rhoades, "many students will specifically request Lucille's classes when they come in to register."

Mrs. Rossbach also teaches Comp I and Comp II classes for Colby Community College at Cheylin High School in Bird City.

Earlier this year, Mrs. Rossbach's work with her students was included in the second edition of Classroom

Publishing: A Practical Guide for Teachers, c. 2010, compiled by graduate students of Portland State University, who contacted Lucille after her manuscript "Recording History Enhances Literacy and Documents Community" was published in the July 2004 edition of the English Journal. The manuscript details the process her students used to write, publish, and market the Gusts of Dust series, available via amazon.com. The EJ is the official research publication of the National Council of the Teachers of English.

Lucille and her husband, Pastor David Rossbach, live in St. Francis.

Club Clip

Pleasant Hill 4-H

The December monthly meeting of the Pleasant Hill 4-H Club held at the grade school cafeteria was called to order by president, Laura Brunk. After the Pledge of Allegiance and 4-H pledge were recited by members and parents, Emileigh and Reagan led the group in singing Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer.

A 4-H parent, Mila Bandel, member of the Fun Day Committee, gave the club members several ideas to think about and vote on. It was suggested that the club decide on going to either a semi-pro hockey game, a Kansas State basketball game, the stock show and rodeo, or Boondock's family fun center in Denver. The event and scheduled date will be decided on at the next meeting.

The club voted on donating to the Cheyenne Theater fund and purchasing two Angel Tree gifts for

community service projects. Teen leaders were reminded that Dec. 11, would be their next meeting at 2 p.m. The T-shirt design for the 4-H fair T-shirt is to be submitted to the extension office by Feb. 12.

Club leader, Leslie Beims reminded everyone to sign up for the project talks and demonstrations to be given this 4-H year, otherwise she will assign a time for each. In old business, it was voted on to continue meeting in the grade school cafeteria.

Emileigh and Brady Dinkel gave a demonstration on decorating Christmas cookies. They then served them for refreshments. The members colored Christmas name tags for the hospital patient doors before adjourning the meeting.

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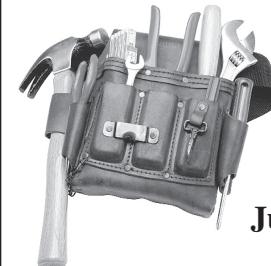
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