

# Obituaries

## Ethyle Mae Roelfs Feb. 3, 1920 - Feb. 6, 2011

Ethyle Roelfs died Feb. 6, 2011, in Colorado Springs, Colo., at the age of 91. She had been living with her daughter while recuperating from a fall. Ethyle dedicated her life to her family, her business, her community and her church. She inspired all who knew her with her kindness, generosity and her tenacity for facing all of life's trials.

Ethyle was born in St. Francis, Kan., on Feb. 3, 1920, to Louis (Carra) Brown and Florence (Andrews). She attended grade school at the Lawn Ridge Country School and graduated salutatorian from St. Francis High School in 1938.

In 1939, Ethyle received her cosmetology license.

On Sept. 21, 1941, she married Bernard Chester Roelfs. Ethyle worked as a cosmetologist at the Modern Beauty Shop in St. Francis for 68 years. She served on the Cosmetology Board at the Goodland Vocational Technological School for several years when the school first opened.

Ethyle was a member of the First Christian Church in St. Francis where she taught Sunday

School, was a member of the Christian Women Fellowship, and along with her husband, Bernard, sponsored the Christian Youth Fellowship. She continued to be active in the church all of her life.

Ethyle was initiated into the Rising Star Rebekah Lodge 675 in 1940. She served as Noble Grand in 1946. In 2004 Ethyle was awarded the Decoration of Chivalry. Ethyle was a charter member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Women's Auxiliary joining in June 1945. She served as treasurer, president and conductress.

Ethyle and Bernard had one daughter, Phyllis Elaine Roelfs (Weaver) born in 1949. Ethyle was involved in Brownie and Girl Scouts as an assistant leader, 4-H as a project leader, Y-Teens as a group sponsor, and Future Homemakers of America (FHA) as an advisor throughout Phyllis's schooling.

Bernard and Ethyle loved to play cards with friends and family. Because Ethyle was a cancer survivor, Bernard and Ethyle participated in the Cancer Bridge Tournaments in the community for many years.

Preceding Ethyle in death

were her parents, her brother, Walter Brown, and her husband, Bernard.

She is survived by her daughter, Phyllis Roelfs Weaver, Colorado Springs; her sisters, Opal Phillips, Manhattan, Phyllis Woods, Vancouver, Wash.; her two grandchildren, Thomas Weaver and his wife, Stacey, Carrollton, Texas, and Lianne Weaver, Denver, Colo.; as well as many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held at the First Christian Church, St. Francis, on Feb. 11, with Pastor Jeff Landers proceeding.

Honorary pallbearers were Robert Phillips, Paul Phillips, Bruce Roelfs and Dave Wildman. Casket bearers were Tom Weaver, Tom Roelfs, Jeremy Roelfs, Jonathan Roelfs, Leo Meyer and Dave Roberson.

Burial was at the St. Francis Cemetery. There was a Rebekah Lodge Burial Ceremony.

Memorials may go the First Christian Church, St. Francis or for establishing a Cosmetology scholarship in her name for students attending the Goodland Vocational Technological School.

## Carlene Ann Passell April 29, 1948 - Feb. 5, 2011

Carlene Ann Passell was born on April 29, 1948, in St. Francis, Kan., to Samuel Carr Passell and Signe Joyce Ewing Passell. She died at Lawrence Memorial Hospital on Feb. 5, 2011.

Carlene graduated high school in 1966 in St. Francis. She furthered her education at Colby Junior College where she earned

her nursing degree. She worked many years in area hospitals and nursing homes.

Carlene moved to Lawrence in 1999.

Carlene never met a stranger. She had a way of making you feel "like you had known her forever." She truly enjoyed people of all ages. She made many friends

throughout her life.

Carlene enjoyed cooking, reading, and keeping in touch with friends and family through phone calls and e-mail.

Carlene had developed many health issues in the last few years of her life which kept her close to home.

She will be missed by many special friends and family.

She is survived by long-time companion, David Davis of Lawrence; two sons, Chad Wahrman and wife, Amy of Laurens, Iowa, and Chris Chishom and wife, Amber of Pratt; two grandsons, Steven Wahrman and Caiden Chishom of Pratt; two granddaughters, Paige Wahrman and Samantha Wahrman, also of Pratt; two sisters, Patricia Crabtree and husband, Dale of St. Francis and Sue Ellen Stimbart and husband, Troy of Hays; one niece, Ashlee Rhea and husband, Keith of Topeka; and nephews, Derek Crabtree of Hays and Trent Stimbart of Hays.

Carlene was buried at Oakhill Cemetery in Lawrence.



Baysore

## Viola J. Baysore Feb. 19, 1919 - Feb. 11, 2011

Viola J. "Joey" Baysore, 91, formerly of St. Francis, Kan., died Friday, Feb. 11, 2011, at Good Samaritan Village in Sioux Falls, S.D. Services were Thursday, Feb. 17, at East Side Lutheran Church, Sioux Falls, with burial at Woodlawn Cemetery. Visitation was on Wednesday, Feb. 16, at George Boom Funeral Home, Sioux Falls.

Viola Josephine Roberts was born Feb. 19, 1919, in St. Francis. Better known as "Joey" to her family and friends, she was one of seven children born to Charles and Sabie (Moore) Roberts. She grew up and received her education in St. Francis.

Joey moved to Sioux Falls. She was united in marriage with the love of her life, Wallace Baysore, in Sioux Falls on Oct. 23, 1948. The couple made their home in Sioux Falls, where they shared their lives with their eight children.

Joey was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and great-great-grandmother. She loved seeing her family and watching them grow. Memories shared by Joey's children and grandchildren include an always full cookie jar and her homemade chocolate cake with fudge frosting. She also enjoyed doing crosswords, gardening and pampering her flowers.

Joey was a long-time member of East Side Lutheran Church, where she was active in Altar Guild for many years.

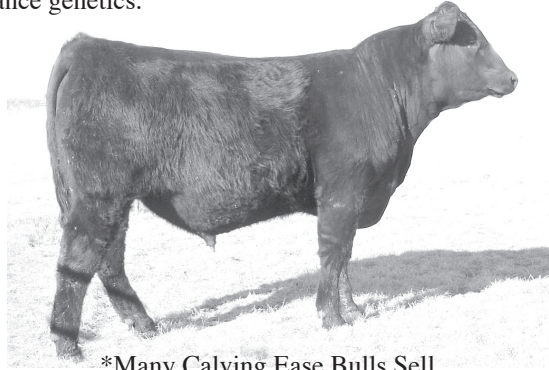
Grateful for having shared her life are eight children, A.J. Baysore-Clark, Glenrock, Wyo., Valda Fyler and her husband, Melvin, Sioux Falls, Lola Coon and her husband, Roger, Sioux Falls, Marlene Stangland and her husband, Wally, Dickerson, Md., Ray Baysore and his wife, Jane, Sioux Falls, Anita Baysore, Sioux Falls, Melvin Baysore, Sioux Falls, Robert Baysore, Sioux Falls; 14 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandson; two brothers, Royce Roberts and Russell Roberts;

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# American Legion Auxiliary meets with seven members

The American Legion Auxiliary met on Feb. 4, at the American Legion Hall in Bird City. There were seven members present.

For roll call, members were asked to share something about presidents. Hollis had read in the Salina Journal an article about President Ronald Reagan and she read this at the meeting. There is to be a celebration soon for his 100th birthday and the article reflected some of his life. Even though he was a movie star, he still turned out to be a great president.

Wanda Dowdy had looked up some things about Abraham Lincoln that were little known. A couple of these were that in 1842, he had accepted a challenge to a duel from James Shields, the Democratic State Auditor. Shields was furious over a satiric letter in a local paper. Actually, the letter had been written by Lincoln's fiancée, Mary Todd, but Lincoln willingly took responsibility. Lincoln was given the choice of weapons, and he chose the broadsword - with his 6'4" frame and his enormous arms, Lincoln had an insurmountable advantage over his diminutive opponent when it came to dueling with swords. Shields wisely decided to make up his differences with Lincoln and the scheduled duel failed to take place.

Lincoln was also the only president ever to obtain a patent. In 1849, he invented a complicated device for lifting ships over dangerous shoals by means of "buoyant air chambers." Much to Lincoln's disappointment, U. S. Patent No. 6,469 was never put into practical use.

Lincoln was the first major leader in our history to favor extending the vote to women. In 1836, a full 12 years before the first woman's rights convention had even convened - State Legislator Lincoln gave an Illinois paper a statement endorsing "female suffrage."

The clutter in Lincoln's law office was notorious, and a

continual source of irritation to his partner, William Herndon. On his desk, Lincoln kept one envelope marked "When you can't find it anywhere else, look into this."

Then for the program, Hulda Dorsch had some of the members read articles from some Veteran's Calendars about Iwo Jima and the Battle of the Rhine, Abraham Lincoln and his Gettysburg Address, and then she showed a calendar of Norman Rockwell's paintings showing the traditional values of this country. There was one showing town hall meetings and the Freedom of Speech that Americans have, another one showing Freedom of Worship, Memorial Day, what a great thing electricity is, and Old Veteran and a boy, Norman Rockwell, himself in a voting booth, a coal-miner showing our sense of hard work, a picture of World War II, a turkey chasing a boy at Thanksgiving, and Home for Christmas. These pictures helped remind members of how great this country is and reminded them again about American freedoms and that people are still fighting for these freedoms today. Freedom is not Free.

At the close of the meeting, Joy Andregg read a letter that had been written to President Obama, by the Congressional Prayer Caucus, a bi-partisan group of 68 members of the United States House of Representatives. They had written this in response to President Obama's speech given on Nov. 10, at the University of Indonesia in Jakarta, Indonesia. President Obama stated that our motto is E pluribus unum - out of many one.

"But our motto is not E pluribus unum. In 1956, Congress passed and President Eisenhower approved the law establishing "In God We Trust" as the official national motto of the United States. This motto is also referenced in our national anthem and is engraved on our coins and currency.

"Additionally, during three separate events this fall, when quoting from the Declaration of Independence, you mentioned that we have inalienable rights, but you consistently failed to mention the source of these rights. The Declaration of Independence definitely recognizes God, our Creator, as the source of these rights. Omitting the word "Creator" once was a mistake; but twice establishes a pattern.

"He also mentioned that we are unified under one flag. The Pledge of Allegiance to our flag says that we are "one nation under God." As president of the United States, you are our representative to the rest of the world. By misrepresenting things as foundational as the Declaration of Independence and our national motto, you are not only doing a disservice to the people who you represent, you are casting aside an integral part of American society."

These members of Congress are dedicated to preserving America's religious heritage and protecting American's religious liberty. They asked that the president issue a correction to this speech as it did not accurately reflect America and served to undercut an important part of our history.

As there was no more business, Hulda led members in the closing prayer. They had a time of fellowship around the table and enjoyed the refreshments that Ms. Andregg had prepared. The table was decorated with Valentine decorations.

The next meeting will be on March 4, but members will meet at 9:30 a.m. to sew neck coolers for the Support Our Soldiers (SOS) program. They will stay at the Legion Hall and then have the meeting at 2 p.m.

Anyone who is eligible to join is welcome to come and work with for our veterans and servicemen who are fighting so that American's might have the freedoms that they so enjoy.

## Putting our Energy into Education

Black Hills Energy is offering 15 scholarships each to high school students graduating in 2011 in our Kansas and Colorado natural gas service areas. The scholarships are for \$1,000 each. Application forms will be available through participating high schools in February. **Applications must be completed and returned by March 18 to Black Hills Energy External Affairs at the address below. Incomplete applications cannot be considered.**

Students interested in applying for a scholarship should contact their school counselor. The application also is available online.

Go to [www.blackhillsenergy.com/scholarships](http://www.blackhillsenergy.com/scholarships).

**Questions? Contact:**  
Black Hills Energy  
External Affairs Department  
110 E. 9th St.  
Lawrence, KS 66044

Or, call 785-832-3918.

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- A parent or guardian is a natural gas customer of Black Hills Energy.
- The student ranks in the top 25 percent of his or her graduating class or scores 21 or higher on the ACT or 980 or higher on the SAT.
- The student plans to attend an accredited college or university as a full-time student to obtain a bachelor's degree.

Relatives of current or retired Black Hills Energy employees are not eligible to participate in this program. A relative is defined as a child, grandchild, brother, sister, stepchild, foster child, spouse or in-law.

## SALVATION MEANS I'M RESCUED

Do you remember all the pictures last year of all the floods and other disasters that pummeled the earth? What was so interesting and miraculous were all the rescues that took place in the midst of all of it. Listening to their stories of rescue were so uplifting to me.

That's what God does when He saves me. He not only loves me, He also rescues me. "For He has rescued us from the dominion of darkness." Paul says, "and brought us into the kingdom of the Son He loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins" ( Colossians 1: 13,14)

What's the "dominion of darkness"? It's absolute selfishness, which is at the root of all sin. That's what started the angel Lucifer's downward slide toward becoming Satan. Someone once diagnosed sin as an I problem, where I'm focused on me.

Jesus, of course showed perfect selflessness. While Lucifer tried to "ascend" to be like God ( Isaiah 14:14), Jesus descended four levels below God on our behalf: God to man on our behalf, man to servant, servant to death, and death to a criminal's death ( Philippians 2: 5-8).

And He did this to rescue us from our sinful selves. "There is no one who does good, not even one," said David ( Psalm 14:3), and his son Solomon echoed, "There is no one who does not sin" ( I Kings 8: 46). Paul assures us that nothing had changed in New Testament times: "All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" ( Romans 3:23). That's me - and that's you.

Yet God is instantly willing to forgive us. Listen to the details of His rescue plan: "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness" ( I John 1:9). Have you been rescued? For "free" info. on this topic please drop a note to: DISCOVER, BOX 885, SAINT FRANCIS, KS 67756

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