

Obituaries

Melvin Stanley Carman

Jan. 17, 1940 - May 16, 2011



Carman

Melvin Stanley Carman, known to family and friends as Stan, died peacefully early Monday morning, May 16, 2011, in his home in St. Francis, Kan. His wife of 46 years and his eldest son were privileged to be at his side. Stan was 71 at the time of his death, which was due to lung disease of unknown origin.

Born in the basement of the family home on Jan. 17, 1940, to Melvin Willard Carman and Winnifred May (Edmonds) Carman. Stan grew up in the South Fork area of Cheyenne County. Throughout his youth, he worked in his father's dairy and on the family farm. He attended the Broadview one-room schoolhouse before moving on to the St. Francis Community High School (1954-1958), where he played football and ran track and was vice president of FFA. He wrestled all four years and in his senior year he placed third at the Wrestling State competition. In January 2011, Stan felt honored to attend a Wrestling Homecoming Ceremony for all the St. Francis wrestlers who had placed at state between 1934 and 2010.

After graduation, he enlisted in the United States Air Force in June 1958. While stationed at Chanute Air Force Base in Illinois, he received training in electronics, aerodynamics and instrument navigation of airplanes and was then an instructor in instrument training. He continued his work as an instructor while stationed at Sondrestrom Air Force Base in Greenland. He attained the rank of Airman First Class and was honorably discharged in January 1962.

One of the most important events of his life followed his return to St. Francis to work on the family farm. Stan met Janet Jo Evins, daughter of Calvert Lewis and Janet Flo (Waters) Evins. On Dec. 13, 1964, they were married at the Methodist Church in St. Francis.

From 1965 to 1967, he used his GI bill to attend Kanas State University, studying agricultural economics and continuing to wrestle.

In June 1968, Stan and Janet became parents. Four children would eventually form the full family: Heather Leah, Ian James, Corey Nathan and Keary Joseph. Though they moved to Dallas to explore employment and education opportunities in 1970, the family continued to visit their parents in St. Francis.

In Dallas, he managed Rand Lawn Services for 9 years and then the majority of his career was spent at Man Brothers, a lawn mower parts distributor. For 24 years, he served as sales manager, educational director and outside sales and service representative.

After retirement in 2005, Stan and Janet moved back to St. Francis, this time to Janet's great-grandfather's home in Cheyenne County. They enjoyed remodeling the home, building a huge garden

Betty J. Rueb

May 12, 1928 - May 15, 2011

Betty J. Rueb, 83, died Sunday, May 15, 2011. She was born May 12, 1928, in Winfield, Kan., the daughter of Walter Sr. and Anna Mayo Fuqua.

She was a longtime Kingman resident moving from St. Francis. She belonged to Order of Eastern Star, St. Francis, and was a homemaker and beautician.

On May 3, 1969, she married Lewis R. Rueb in Garden City. He survives.

Other survivors include: her children and their spouses: Susan and Dwane Gingerich, Hutchinson, and Micheal and Michelle Bean, Ginnogoo, Phillipines; a brother, Walter Jr. and Wanda Fuqua, Prague, Okla.; two step-daughters, Jackie and Bill Finley, Goodland, and Cindy Schulte, Assaria; six granddaughters; numerous great-grandchildren; and several great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a daughter, Dorsana Robertson; and a brother, Roy Fuqua.

Memorial service was on Saturday, May 21, at Elliott Chapel, 1219 N. Main, Hutchinson, with Pastor Ray Kempel officiating. Interment will be in Lyons Cemetery at a later date.

Memorial gifts may be made to the Hutchinson Animal Shelter, in care of Elliott Mortuary.

Jerry Lynn Busby

July 8, 1950 - April 16, 2011

After a brief illness, Jerry Lynn Busby, 60, died in his home at Cedaredge, Colo., on April 16, 2011.

Mr. Busby was born July 8, 1950, in St. Francis, Kan., to W.E. "John" and Pauline (Trembly) Busby. He graduated from St. Francis Community High School in 1968, then attended the National Electronics School in Denver.

He enlisted in the U.S. Air Force in 1970 and served in Korea during the Vietnam War.

Mr. Busby moved to Wichita, Kan., in 1974. He graduated from St. Francis High School in 1968. Afterward, he attended the National Electronics School in Denver. In 1970, he enlisted in the US Air Force and served in Korea during the Vietnam War. In 1974, he moved to Wichita, KS, where he met his wife, Carla Gail (Myers) Busby. They were married Feb. 22, 1975, in St. Francis.

Jerry was transferred to Colorado in 1977 with Montgomery Wards Appliance Service and Repair. While with the company, Jerry was based all over Colorado, including Leadville, Durango, Montrose, Delta and finally settling in Cedaredge in 1983.

He and his wife owned and operated B&B Appliance Repair for 20 years. He also drove school bus for Delta County School District 50 for 15 years.

Jerry's hobbies included wood working, gold prospecting and spending time with his family, especially his granddaughter Leah.

Jerry is survived by his wife of 36 years, Carla; son Brian Busby of Grand Junction; daughter Brenna and her husband Daniel

Harvey of Colorado Springs, and granddaughter Leah Ann Busby. He also leaves behind three brothers: Willard Busby of St. Francis, Dick (Peg) Busby of Casper, Wyo., and Sam Busby of Palco, Kan.; also two sisters: Sandra (J.A.) Christensen of Fort Morgan, Colo.; and Sharon (Rick Hargues) Busby of Perryton, Texas; and a sister-in-law, Wilma Blue of Salt Lake City, Utah; as well as numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, one sister, Jean Miller, and two brothers, Donald Busby and Merlyn Blue.

A memorial service was held Friday, April 22, at the Stolte Shed in Cedaredge.

Shirley Carmichael Allen

Aug. 9, 1933 - May 17, 2011

Services for Shirley Carmichael Allen, 77, of Hideaway, Texas, were held Monday, May 23, 2011, at the Lindale First United Methodist Church with Dr. Jack Cox and Dr. Bryan Brown officiating.



Allen

Graveside services are scheduled for 11a.m. on Saturday, May 28 at the St. Francis City Cemetery in St. Francis, Kan. Services are under the direction of Caudle-Rutledge Funeral Directors in Lindale.

Shirley was born on Aug. 9, 1933, in St. Francis and died Tuesday, May 17, 2011. She was a lifelong member of the Methodist Church and currently a member of

Shirley Arlene (Meyers) Walz

Nov. 27, 1930 - May 12, 2011

Shirley Arlene (Meyers) Walz, age 80, of Haxtun, Colo., died May 12, 2011, in Haxtun.

Shirley was born Nov. 27, 1930, to Frank Oliver and Ella (Ditmer) Meyer in Clarks, Neb. She attended Wray High School and graduated in 1948.

Willard Kenneth Walz and Shirley married on Aug. 20, 1950, and they were blessed with three children, Sandra Kay, Connie Lee and Thomas Wade.

Shirley enjoyed being a homemaker, raising her children, leading 4-H for five years and being involved with the Haxtun United Methodist Women. UNO Circle and volunteering at the hospital with the Gray Ladies group.

Some of Shirley's hobbies included counted cross stitching, quilting, crocheting and gardening.

Preceding her in death are her husband Willard Walz and son-in-law, Phil Asmus.

Shirley is survived by her children: Sandra and (Richard) Kurtzer of Haxtun, Connie Asmus of Yuma, and Tom Walz of Haxtun; grandchildren, Jared and (Heather) Kurtzer, Ryan and (Brittany) Kurtzer, Michael Asmus, Brian, Jamie and Aaron Walz; great-granddaughters, Zoe Kurtzer and Quinn Kurtzer; sister, Irma Strauch; brother-in-law, Harold Kamla and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Haxtun Extended Care Unit Activities Fund.

Visitation was held on Sunday, May 15, at the Gerk Funeral Home, Haxtun.

Funeral service was held Sunday, May 15, at the Haxtun United Methodist Church with Pastor David Barton officiating.

Interment followed in the Haxtun Cemetery.



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