

# Obituaries

## Lenard Lewis Schlepp

Jan. 7, 1921 - May 20, 2011

Lenard Lewis Schlepp was born on Jan. 7, 1921, at the family farm near St. Francis, Kan., in Cheyenne County. He was the 13th of 14 children born to Ludwig and Christina (Peter) Schlepp. He was baptized in the Christian faith on July 12, 1925, at the Zion Evangelical Church.



Schlepp

He attended grade school at Blue Ridge and completed eighth grade at the St. Francis schools. His education was interrupted by a trip to California with his parents. They left home in September of 1936 and returned in May, after Lawrence graduated from eighth grade. By that time all family members had departed and it was up to Lenard to work the farm. It would become a life's vocation.

Lenard was inducted into the Army on Aug. 28, 1942, at Fort Leavenworth. Basic training took place in Little Rock, Ark., and Durham, N. C., for marksman and bayonet, with a specialty in rifleman. Private Schlepp was sent to Honolulu on March 10, 1943, and then on to Sydney, Australia, in August of 1943. He arrived at the Asiatic-Pacific theater on March 10, 1943, and left March 26, 1944.

Due to a knee injury he was transferred back to McCloskey General Hospital in Temple, Texas, where he was honorably discharged on May 12, 1944. He was awarded the Asiatic Pacific Theater Campaign Medal and Good Conduct Medal. He was employed in the War Department at the Harvard Air Base, Neb., from June 1, 1944 to Sept. 23, 1945 when it closed.

Lenard married Alice Henrietta George from Stockham, Neb., on Jan. 4, 1942. They were blessed with four children: Richard, Stanley, Susan, and Shelly. After they returned to St. Francis in 1949, the family made their home on the Schlepp farm, moving into town in 1957. He continued to farm until it was sold in 1961.

Following his discharge and service to the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) in the Soil Conservation Service, Lenard and Alice moved back to the family farm in St. Francis. He was offered a job with the Soil Conservation Service in Cheyenne County and he worked in that office while he continued to farm. He retired from the Soil Conservation Service (SCS) in August of 1979. He then accepted employment as county assessor and appraiser until he was 65.

After Alice's death in 2002, Lenard remained at home until he moved to the apartments near

the Good Samaritan Village. Changes in his health required more care and in February of 2011 he moved to the Prairie Senior Living Complex/Care Center in Colby. Even though he was only in their care for four months he made an impact on the staff and enjoyed his brief stay there.

Lenard was a member of the United Methodist Church in St. Francis which he served faithfully with his prayers, presence, and gifts; he was a lifetime member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW), and a member of the American Legion. He enjoyed playing cancer bridge and pinocle, fishing with buddies at Bonny Dam, Enders, and Trenton, and he bowled until he couldn't hold a ball any longer. He gardened and made wine and taught the community about conservation and caring for the earth long before there was an observed Earth Day.

Lenard Schlepp died at the Prairie Senior Living Complex on May 20, 2011, after a brief illness.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, (Alice H. (George) Schlepp on April 13, 2002), his 13 siblings, and one great-grandson, Riley Strange.

He is survived by his family; children, Rick and Marla Schlepp, Stanley and Janice Schlepp, Susan and Bruce Roelfs, and Shelly and Billy Farmer; grandchildren: Jason and Amy Schlepp and their children, Jaron, Digory, Emmett, and Ayla; David and Devonne Schlepp and their son, Zimri; Timothy and Jessica Cole and their children Molly, Ryan, and Anna; Nicholas Schlepp; Michael Schlepp; Christopher and Lindsay Blanchard and their children, Evan and Aidan; Matthew and Sandra Blanchard and their children, Adelaide and Christian Lenard; Jennifer and Mike Hinds and their children, Tyler, Tanner, Taylor, Damon, Brastin and Seth; Janie and Marcus Bryant and their children Duncan, Chantelle, and Kylee; John Strange, Jr.; his special friend, Hazel Douthit, and a host of cousins, nieces and nephews, and friends.

Funeral services were held May 25 at the United Methodist Church in St. Francis with Reverend Morita Truman officiating.

Casket bearers were grandchildren: Jennifer Hines, John Strange, Janie Bryant, Chris Blanchard, Matt Blanchard, Nick Schlepp, Mike Schlepp, Jason Schlepp, David Schlepp and Jessica Schlepp.

Interment was in the St. Francis Cemetery with military graveside services performed by Fort Riley Honor Guard.

Memorials may be made to the United Methodist Church or the St. Francis Senior Center.

Arrangements were by Knodel Funeral Home.

## Brian J. Scoby

March 11, 1948 - June 8, 2011

Brian J. Scoby, age 63, of Hays, Kan., died Wednesday, June 8, 2011, at Wesley Medical Center in Wichita.

Brian was born March 11, 1948, in St. Francis, to Robert and Arlene (Couse) Scoby. He married Shirley Staab on Nov. 17, 1972, in Catherine. He was supervisor for the Parks Department for the city of Hays at his retirement.

He was a member of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church, Knights of Columbus Council 6984, and the Bishop Cunningham Assembly Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus, all of Hays.

Survivors include his wife, Shirley, of the home in Hays; sons, Travis Scoby and his wife, Jody of Hays, Luke Scoby and his fiancée, Erika Karlin of Hays; a daughter, Courtney King and her husband, Jeff of Hays; a brother, Jerry Scoby and wife, Donna of Greeley, Colo., seven grandchild-

dren: Dylan Scoby, Colton Scoby, Linkon King, Jake Scoby, Kate Scoby, McKenzie King and Lexus King.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Funeral services were held at 10 a.m., Saturday, June 11, at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church. Inurnment will be at a later date in the St. Joseph Cemetery in Hays. The Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus stood honor guard from 5 to 6 p.m. on Friday, June 10, followed by a parish vigil service at 6 p.m. and a combined Third and Fourth Degree Knights Rosary at 6:15 p.m. at the Hays Memorial Chapel Funeral Home, 20th and Pine.

Friends called at the funeral home on Friday from 4 to 7 and on Saturday from 9 to 9:30 a.m.

A memorial fund has been established in his name and memory with the Parks Department for the city of Hays

## Floyd Rogers

May 22, 1921 - June 3, 2011

Floyd Rogers, 90, of Monticello, Iowa, died Friday, June 3, 2011, at the Monticello Nursing and Rehabilitation Center following a brief illness.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, June 7 at St. John's Lutheran Church, rural Monticello, with interment in Oakwood Cemetery. The Reverend Reed Stockman officiated the ceremony. Friends could call at the Goettsch Funeral Home before the service.

He is survived by his wife, Dorothy; son and daughter-in-law, Ron and Linda Rogers of Cedar Rapids; daughter and son-in-law, Evelyn and Jim Buol of Atalissa; step-children and spouses, Marty and Sue Miller, Trudy and Joel Wilson and Donna Davis; two granddaughters, Dawn Bouzek and Stephanie Fickel; stepgrandchildren, Dan, Lori and Jim Buol;

great-grandchildren, Drake, Jordan and Blaze Bouzek, Jack and Ellery Fickel; eight step-grandchildren; seven stepgreat-grandchildren, a stepgreat-great-granddaughter; brothers, Ervin (Edith) and Harland Rogers; a sister, Vera Fortmeyer; brothers-and sisters-in-law, Bill and Pat Weeks, Alice Pratt, Marge Thaden, Murl and Anita Weeks and Judy Weeks; and many nieces and nephews.

Floyd was preceded in death by his parents; his first wife, Violet; son, Robert; three brothers, Dale, Martin and Roy; sister, Edna Ostrander; granddaughter, Debra Rogers; and a step-great-grandson.

Thoughts, memories and condolences may be left at www.goettschonline.com.

A memorial fund has been established.

## Emma Lillian Desilet

Dec. 17, 1924 - June 13, 2011

Emma Lillian (Ellis) Desilet, 86, a retired teacher and mother of Cynthia Haynes of Oberlin, died Monday, June 13, 2011, at Mount Joseph Senior Village in Concordia, Kan.

She was born Dec. 17, 1924, in Dardanelle, Ark., the daughter of Jeff and Pearle (Miks) Ellis. She graduated from Dardanelle High School in 1941 and from the Arkansas State Teachers College in Conway (now the University of Central Arkansas) in 1945 with a bachelor of science degree in biology and chemistry.

She married Buford Marcel Desilet in Dardanelle in 1945 and the couple moved to Concordia, where she lived the rest of her life. With a severe shortage of teachers in the early 1950s, she started teaching first in country schools and then, after consolidation in the 1960s, at Notre Dame High School and Our Lady of Perpetual Help Grade School.

After the closing of the Catholic schools, she taught at the Concordia Middle School, retiring after 32 years. She was a member of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic

Church, the Catholic Daughters and the American Legion Auxiliary. She moved to Mount Joseph after suffering a stroke about eight years ago.

Survivors include two daughters, Cynthia and Steve Haynes, Oberlin, and Marcella Marie and Rick Cairns, Concordia; a brother, Jeff Ellis Jr., Newport, Ark.; five grandchildren; four step-grandchildren; a great-granddaughter; and seven step-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; a step-grandson, Russell Cairns; and two sisters, Madelyn Curtis, Dardanelle, and Adele Crocker, Russellville, Ark.

Mass of the Christian burial will be at 10 a.m. Monday at the church, with Father Larry Letourneau officiating. Burial will follow in St. Concordia Cemetery.

A rosary and vigil will be held at the Chaput-Buoy Funeral Home in Concordia at 6:30 p.m. Sunday.

Memorials to the church, cemetery or hospice can be sent in care of the funeral home, 325 W. Sixth, Concordia, Kan., 66901.

## T. Corinne Worley

Oct. 19, 1925 - June 11, 2011

T. Corinne (Glascok) Worley died on June 11, 2011, with her two sons at her side. She resided at Clare Bridge assisted living in Fort Collins, Colo., since December 2010. Corinne was born in Fairbury, Neb., on Oct. 19, 1925, to Inez M. (Abbott) and Edward Terrell Glascock, the fourth of six children.



Worley

Her elementary years were spent in Fairbury. Then in 1938 as result of a transfer with the Rock Island railroad, the family moved to Courtland, Kan., for two years. The final family move with the railroad was to Goodland. She graduated from Goodland High School in 1943. During the war years she worked as a secretary in Topeka.

She met the love of her life at a dance. After World War II, Corinne married Donald James Worley on April 19, 1946, in Goodland.

They resided at and worked the Worley family farm located 20 miles north and 1 mile west of Goodland from 1946 until 1980.

Two sons were born to this union, Donald James "Jim" Worley and Daniel Edward Worley. Corinne pursued a career outside the home in 1965, working at McDonalds clothing store in Goodland. In 1974 she became an administrative assistant at the Northwest Kansas Medical Center in Goodland and remained there until her husband's death in 1982.

Corinne moved to Topeka in 1984 and worked as a secretary to a Kansas state representative and then later to a life insurance agent. Upon retirement she moved to Fort Collins, Colo., where her son, Dan, and his family resided.

Corinne's favorite activities were scrapbooks, reading, crossword puzzles, and kids' school events. She enjoyed traveling and had memorable trips to New York, Florida, New England, Israel, Japan, up the

Alcan highway with a high school friend, and across Canada by train. Frequent driving trips to visit family and friends in Arizona and North Dakota were her delight.

Highlights to her life were a bumper wheat crop in 1952, a train trip as a child to Los Angeles, and family celebrations of the couple's 25th wedding anniversary and her 75th birthday.

Due to a decline in her memory, she moved to Goodland in March 2003 and resided at Wheatridge Acres assisted living until December 2010. While in Goodland she enjoyed being near her sister, Charlene, and many old acquaintances.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; two brothers, Edward "Ebby" and infant Charlie, and two sisters, Mildred "Mimi" Harris and Alice "Peewee" Babcock.

Corinne is survived by two sons, Donald James "Jim" Worley and wife, LeAnne of Jamestown, N. D., and Daniel Edward Worley and wife, Marla of Fort Collins, Colo.

Survivors also include four grandchildren: Joshua Worley and wife, Michelle of Edmore, N. D., Angela Worley and fiancée, Andrew Plaine of Edmore, Matthew Worley and wife, Cara of Fort Collins and Elizabeth "Libby" (Worley) Dennis and husband, Devon of Loveland, Colo. Seven great-grandchildren and 24 nieces and nephews also survive.

Family visitation will be at Bateman Funeral Home in Goodland from 3 to 7 p.m. on Wednesday, June 15.

Funeral services are at Bateman Funeral Home in Goodland at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, June 16, with nephew Pastor Randy Feather officiating. Final interment will be in the Goodland Cemetery.

Family requests memorial donations be designated to the Muscular Dystrophy Association and sent to Bateman Funeral Home. Myelodysplastic Syndromes (MDS) was Corinne's designated charity due to several extended family battles with the disease.

## M. Merle Stasser

Nov. 14, 1931 - June 11, 2011

Lifelong Cheyenne and Sherman County, Kan., resident M. Merle Stasser, 79, died Saturday, June 11, 2011, at his home in rural Goodland.

He was born Nov. 14, 1931, in Cheyenne County, the son of Everette Duward and Margarette Mary-Ann (Gregory) Stasser. He attended Cheyenne County schools and graduated with the class of 1949 from St. Francis High School in St. Francis.

On Sept. 3, 1950, he and LaReatha L. Pizel were married at the Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Goodland. He was a custom harvester for 48 years, as well as farming in Sherman County. He was a rancher, working with Black Angus cattle.

Hobbies he enjoyed were showing his antique tractor and participating in antique tractor pulls. His memberships included Emmanuel Lutheran Church and Goodland Elks Lodge 1528. On Jan. 8, 2005,

he and Deana Amack were married at the First Baptist Church in Goodland.

Preceding him in death were his parents; first wife, LaReatha Stasser, who died Oct. 13, 2004; son, Merlyn Stasser, who died April 20, 2004; brother, Gilbert Stasser; and two grandsons, Anthony Amack and Michael Stasser.

Surviving family includes his wife, Deana Stasser, of the home in rural Goodland; son Alvin Stasser, of Gilbert, Ariz.; son, Gaylord Stasser and his wife, Bonnie, of Goodland; stepson, Ronnie Amack and his wife, Connie, of Goodland; eight grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; two brothers, Fred Stasser and his wife Diane, of St. Francis; Leon Stasser and his wife, Connie, of Mesa, Ariz.

The funeral will be on Saturday, June 18, at 10 a.m. mountain time, at the First United Methodist Church in Goodland, with burial following in the Goodland Cemetery.

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Conservation practices include: Terraces, Terrace Rebuilds, Diversions, Livestock Tanks, Wells and Pipelines, Cross-Fencing, Pumping Plant for Water Supply, Rangeland Seeding, Spring Developments, Windbreaks (i.e. Trees, Fabric Weed Barrier, Drip Irrigation Systems), and Failing Septic System Replacement.

All applications will be reviewed and ranked by the Conservation District Board of Supervisors and funded according to priorities recommended by the Kansas Water Plan. Cost-share assistance rates are 50-70%. Deadline to complete work is December 31, 2011.

Funding for the cost-share programs are provided by the State Conservation Commission through appropriations from the Kansas Water Plan and administered by the Cheyenne County Conservation District.

If you are interested, please contact our office located in the USDA Service Center on West Highway 36 in St. Francis or call 785-332-2341, ext. 101.



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