

Obituaries

Donald W. Crumly

Dec. 31, 1928 - Oct. 10, 2012

Donald W. Crumly, 83, died peacefully on Oct. 10, 2012, at Hopkins House in Sulphur Springs, Texas.

Don was delivered by his maternal grandfather, Dr. O.E. Edgerton, at the family home in Randolph, Kan., on Dec. 31, 1928. He was the son of Kenneth D. Crumly and Lois (Edgerton) Crumly of Colby, and grandson of Ike W. Crumly, president of the Brewster State Bank and Rexford State Bank.

Don was raised in Colby where he graduated from high school in the class of 1946. He studied chicken nutrition at Colorado A & M and graduated with a degree in animal nutrition in 1950.

In 1951, he was activated from the National Guard Unit, located in Boulder, Colo., and subsequently served with the United States Air Force through 1952. Later, he earned a degree in accounting from the University of Colorado in 1954.

A longtime resident of Boulder, Don married Carol Lou Stinehagen of St. Francis in Colorado Springs, Colo., on Jan. 28, 1954. Don worked for Dow Chemical at the Rocky Flats site for many years and later joined Ball Brothers Research where he was an accountant for 25 years.

Together, Don and Carol raised two sons, Mike and Mark. Although busy with their respective careers and lives, the Crumly home was always open to strays (human, canine and feline).

Harvey Lee Ryan

Dec. 29, 1945 - Sept. 24, 2012

Harvey Lee Ryan died Sept. 24, 2012, in St. Francis, Kan. Born in Holdrege, Neb., he would have been 67 years old on Dec. 29.

Harvey served in the United States Army from Jan. 13, 1966, to Jan. 12, 1968. He was in the Reserves until Jan. 12, 1972.

He spent his career as a truck driver, driving for Boise Cascade Lumber, Jones Truck Line and ABF Freight Systems. He retired

Don was broken hearted upon the death of Carol in 1992 but was blessed the following year when he met, fell in love with and married Ruby Fite on July 14, 1993. The couple lived in both Boulder and Sulphur Springs for many years but eventually settled in Texas where Don enjoyed the graciousness of small-town living. Don will be missed by all who knew and loved him.

Survivors include his wife, Ruby Fite of Sulphur Springs; two children, Michael Crumly and partner, Dennis Kirchoff of Lafayette, Colo., and Mark Crumly, Grey, Tenn.; grandsons, Justin Crumly (Danielle) and great-granddaughter, Reagan; and Quintin Crumly, all of Grey; a sister, Kay Crumly Gaskill (Robert) of Oberlin, and their children, Guy Gaskill of Winona, Lori Gaskill (Ray) of Lakewood, Colo., and Jody (Shad) Metcalf of Colby.

He was preceded in death by his parents, wife, Carol and sister, Ann.

A memorial service will be held in Sulphur Springs at the Cedar Crest Christian Church on Oct. 21. West Oaks Funeral Home in Sulphur Springs is handling the arrangements. The family will hold a private celebration of Don's life in Northwest Kansas in early November.

Memorials may be made to the Prairie Museum of Art and History, 1905 S. Franklin, Colby, KS 67701.

Verda Lou Smull

April 15, 1921 - Oct. 10, 2012

Verda Lou Smull, 91, of St. Francis, Kan., died Oct. 10, 2012, in the Cheyenne County Hospital. She was born April 15, 1921, to parents, Lettie Ellen Speer and Edward Ellsworth Duncan. She was born on the family farm, the eighth of 10 children.

She attended kindergarten through high school in the St. Francis schools, graduating in 1940. She was active in the Christian Church and was baptized at the age of 16. She sang in the choir and was involved in the Christian Youth Fellowship.

On Christmas Day in 1941, Verda married the love of her life, Willits Henry Smull, Jr. Together, they had four children, Larry, Marvin, Tom and Gregory. In 1944, the couple moved to Sunny Crest Farm, south of St. Francis, where they live today.

While raising her boys, Verda was very active in the Lawn Ridge Methodist Church. She taught Bible school, was active in the women's group and loved her time as a MYF sponsor and helping with the church Christmas programs.

She also worked as a nurse's aid for about 15 years at the Cheyenne County Hospital. She was such a caregiver and loved helping other people.

Verda was the heart of her family. She kept track of all birthdays and anniversaries to be sure everyone received a card. She was the main force in organizing the Duncan Family Reunion, which was held every other year for the past 60 years. According to her husband, Junior, Verda was the perfect farm wife. The family operated a Grade A Dairy from 1948 to 68. She milked cows and helped with all the chores necessary to run the farm. She was faithful to fix good meals for the workers each day and lunches for the men when they were in the field.

Two basic values the family has maintained are love and

respect. The family believes it has served them well through all the highs and lows they faced through all the years. Verda enjoyed reading, traveling to visit family and making ceramics. But most of all, family was the most important thing – the hallmark of Verda's life.

Verda was preceded in death by her sons, Gregory and Marvin; one grandson, Mike Smull; her parents and eight of her siblings.

She is survived by her husband, Junior her sons Larry and wife Cindy of Salina; Tom and wife Sandy of St. Francis; and daughter-in-law Janet Smull Griffith of Denver, Colo.; her six grandchildren, Melissa and husband, Mike; Paul and wife, Chris; Kristal, Matt and wife, Trista, Jill and husband, Chris; and 12 great-grandchildren; one sister, Doris and husband, Bob Dallon of Bristol, Conn.; one sister-in-law, Alice Smull Wilker of San Diego, Calif.; and many nieces, nephews and a host of friends.

Funeral services were held on Oct. 13, 2012, at the United Methodist Church in St. Francis, with Rev. Warren Cico officiating. Casket bearers were Matt Smull, Chris Bracelin, Paul Smull, Cade Bracelin, James Smull and A.J. McAtee.

Interment was in Lawn Ridge Cemetery, rural St. Francis. Memorials are designated to the St. Francis Public Library and the Cheyenne County Hospital.

Arrangements were made by Knodel Funeral Home, St. Francis.

Leonard John Kamla

Nov. 30, 1925 - Oct. 13, 2012

Leonard John Kamla, 86, died Oct. 13, 2012, surrounded by his family at his home in Bird City, Kan.

John was born Nov. 30, 1925, on the family farm 12 miles northeast of St. Francis, Kan. He was baptized and confirmed at Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church northwest of St. Francis. He attended Prairie Rose Grade School through the eighth grade, graduating in 1941. He began farming soon thereafter with his brother Harold on their Uncle Cap's farm near Armel, Colo.

John was inducted into the Army on Feb. 11, 1953, and honorably discharged on Feb. 1, 1955. He completed his basic training at Camp Pickett, Va., and was deployed on a ship bound for the Korean War. However, in July 1953, the Korean War ended, and John was sent to Munich, Germany where he served on an ambulance crew at Will Kaserne. While in Munich, John met Maria Becker and they were married Oct. 23, 1954. They returned to John's parents' farm in February 1955, where they lived for a brief time and helped on the farm.

Soon, John bought land 7 miles south of Bird City, where he and Maria lived for the next 52 years. John was a successful farmer and rancher, increasing the size of both his farming and ranching operations over the years. In 1989, the Kansas Bankers Association honored him with the Windbreak Award for establishing and managing a windbreak for protection of farm resources. Even after a tornado

destroyed John and Maria's home in March of 2007 and prompted a move to town, John continued to actively manage his farm and ranch operations.

During the last two years of his life, John achieved two life-long goals. In 2010, he traveled to Hawaii, and in 2011, he traveled to Alaska.

John was a regular member of St. John Lutheran Church in Bird City. Over the years, he served on several committees and in various positions. He remained steadfast in his faith even in the face of a terminal illness, trusting in God's plan for his life.

Those left to remember John are his wife Maria, children Frederick and Monika Bonavia (Mark), granddaughter Ceara, sisters Louise Schlepp and Marie Potthoff, sisters-in-law Elisabeth Huber (Robert) and Monika Kammermeier (Hans) both of Munich, Germany, and numerous nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

He was preceded in death by four children David, Katherine, Edward and Bryan, his parents Friedrich and Rosa (Wagner), two brothers Harold and Samuel, and three sisters Opal Bills, Pearl Englund and Oma Kamla.

The family suggests memorials to St. John Lutheran Church or Leukemia and Lymphoma Society (www.lls.org).

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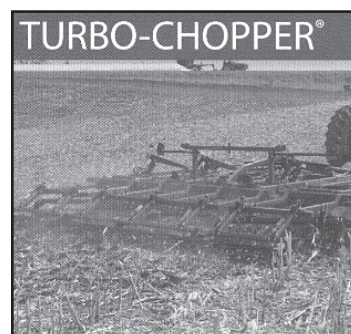
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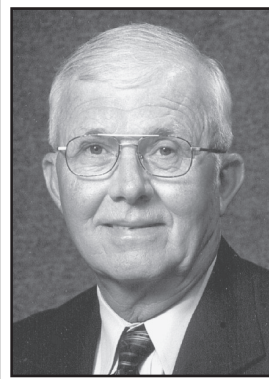


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A PROPOSITION to amend section 1 of article 11 of the constitution of the state of Kansas, relating to classification and taxation of watercraft, to be submitted to the electors of the state at the general election to be held on November 6, 2012.

House Concurrent Resolution No. 5017

§ 1. System of taxation; classification; exemption. (a) The provisions of this subsection shall govern the assessment and taxation of property on and after January 1, 2013, and each year thereafter. Except as otherwise hereinafter specifically provided, the legislature shall provide for a uniform and equal basis of valuation and rate of taxation of all property subject to taxation. The legislature may provide for the classification and the taxation uniformly as to class of recreational vehicles and watercraft, as defined by the legislature, or may exempt such class from property taxation and impose taxes upon another basis in lieu thereof. The provisions of this subsection shall not be applicable to the taxation of motor vehicles, except as otherwise hereinafter specifically provided, mineral products, money, mortgages, notes and other evidence of debt and grain. Property shall be classified into the following classes for the purpose of assessment and assessed at the percentage of value prescribed therefor:

- Class 1 shall consist of real property. Real property shall be further classified into seven subclasses. Such property shall be defined by law for the purpose of subclassification and assessed uniformly as to subclass at the following percentages of value:
 - (1) Real property used for residential purposes including multifamily residential real property and real property necessary to accommodate a residential community of mobile or manufactured homes including the real property upon which such homes are located.....1 1/2%
 - (2) Land devoted to agricultural use which shall be valued upon the basis of its agricultural income or agricultural productivity pursuant to section 12 of article 11 of the constitution.....30%
 - (3) Vacant lots.....12%
 - (4) Real property which is owned and operated by a not-for-profit organization not subject to federal income taxation pursuant to section 501 of the federal internal revenue code, and which is included in this subclass by law.....12%
 - (5) Public utility real property, except railroad real property which shall be assessed at the average rate that all other commercial and industrial property is assessed.....33%
 - (6) Real property used for commercial and industrial purposes and buildings and other improvements located upon land devoted to agricultural use.....25%
 - (7) All other urban and rural real property not otherwise specifically subclassified.....30%
 - Class 2 shall consist of tangible personal property. Such tangible personal property shall be further classified into six subclasses, shall be defined by law for the purpose of subclassification and assessed uniformly as to subclass at the following percentages of value:
 - (1) Mobile homes used for residential purposes.....11 1/2%
 - (2) Mineral leasehold interests except oil leasehold interests the average daily production from which is five barrels or less, and natural gas leasehold interests the average daily production from which is 100 mcf or less, which shall be assessed at 25%.....30%
 - (3) Public utility tangible personal property including inventories thereof, except railroad personal property including inventories thereof, which shall be assessed at the average rate all other commercial and industrial property is assessed.....33%
 - (4) All categories of motor vehicles not defined and specifically valued and taxed pursuant to law enacted prior to January 1, 198530%
 - (5) Commercial and industrial machinery and equipment which, if its economic life is seven years or more, shall be valued at its retail cost when new less seven-year straight-line depreciation, or which, if its economic life is less than seven years, shall be valued at its retail cost when new less straight-line depreciation over its economic life, except that, the value so obtained for such property, notwithstanding its economic life and as long as such property is being used, shall not be less than 20% of the retail cost when new of such property.....25%
 - (6) All other tangible personal property not otherwise specifically classified.....30%
 - (b) All property used exclusively for state, county, municipal, literary, educational, scientific, religious, benevolent and charitable purposes, farm machinery and equipment, merchants' and manufacturers' inventories, other than public utility inventories included in subclass (3) of class 2, livestock, and all household goods and personal effects not used for the production of income, shall be exempted from property taxation.
- Explanatory statement. This amendment would allow the legislature to classify and tax watercraft upon a basis different from other property. A vote for this proposition would permit the legislature to provide for separate classification and taxation of watercraft or to exempt such property from property taxation and impose taxes in lieu thereof. A vote against this proposition would continue the taxation of watercraft in the same manner as all other property.