

# Obituaries

## Roger Douglas Douthit

April 5, 1940 - March 4, 2013

Beloved husband and dad, Roger Douthit, died at home on Monday, March 4, 2013. Roger was born to James and Helen Douthit in St. Francis, Kan., in the home where he and Myra lived.

Roger attended country school and then graduated from St. Francis Community High School. He attended college at Kansas State University and Fort Hays State University then was in the Army Reserves for six years.

On April 27, 1963, he married Myra Jeanette Walz. They were happily married for 49 years and 11 months, and looking forward to celebrating their 50th anniversary. Roger was an incredible husband and father, always loving and providing for his family.

Nothing was more important to Roger or brought him more joy than his family and all of his life was lived for others. Roger was always smiling and joyful. He had a gift for reaching out to people who needed care, support, or just a listening ear. All who crossed his path felt they were special and important to him.

He farmed and ranched on the family farm with his brothers Walter and Stephen for most of his life. He and Myra achieved their dream of owning their own farm which he and Jared farmed and ranched together.

He had a lifelong passion for cattle and he and his brothers were recently inducted into the American Hereford Association Hall of Fame. Roger is survived by wife Myra,

two sons and their families, Jason and Teresa Douthit, Jacob and Isabella of Shawnee, Kansas and Jared and Candi Douthit, and Olivia of St. Francis. He is also survived by brothers Walter, Stephen and Rudolf as well as sister Emily Peter and their families.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held on March 7 at the St. Francis Catholic Church with Father Carlos Ruiz as celebrant. Casket bearers were Brian Cree, Adam Cree, Chad Douthit, Mark Peter, Greg Walz, Justin Purcell, Rick Walz and Dallas Walz. Honorary pallbearers were Walter Douthit, Steve Douthit and Rudy Douthit.

Interment was in the St. Francis Cemetery. Arrangements were made by Knodel Funeral Home.

## Johnnie Faye Schorzman

Aug. 13, 1948 - Feb. 28, 2013

Johnnie Faye Schorzman was born on Aug. 13, 1948, in St. Francis, Kan., the third child and second son of Otto and Pauline (Schauer) Schorzman. He died Feb. 28, 2013, in Hastings, Neb., delivering his last load to the plant.

John grew up in St. Francis and graduated from St. Francis Community High School in 1966. He worked for various farmers during and right after high school. On Feb. 23, 1968, he entered the Navy with his best friend, Gary Krien. They started their service in Great Lakes, Ill. John proudly served abroad the USS Forrestal in the Atlantic Fleet and went to the coast off Libya. On July 4, 1970, he was transferred to Coronado Island, San Diego, Calif., to the Enlisted Personnel Distribution Office. He was commended for his devotion to duty, performance and leadership, something he carried within him to his last day.

In September 1970, through a friend in the office, John met Marjorie Kear, a cousin of the friend. John was honorably discharged on Nov. 18, 1970, and he and Marge drove back to St. Francis, arriving Nov. 21, 1970. John and Marge were married on Dec. 19, 1970. They had two sons, Jim, born Aug. 27, 1971, and Jerry, born March 5, 1975.

When John got home from the service, he went back to work for Ray H. Zwegardt, where he was going to farm. In February 1971, Ray bought his first semi, an ugly blue cabover, and John's farming days were over! He spent the next 42 years on the road hauling grain, fertilizer, cattle and then freight. John drove for Zwegardt and Sons, (later WKTI), Ron Ketter, Elmer Nash, Lee Ohrman Trucking, Don Hagan and Sons, Short and Sons, and lastly, Hagan and Sons Incorporated.

John hauled cattle and freight in every state west of the Mississippi River, and most of the southeast all the way to Key West, Fla. He loved the fall trips to Montana, hauling cattle back south to Leoti and Dighton. John liked the freight, too because none of it ever died on his flatbed!

John was preceded in death

by his father, Otto, his mother, Pauline, his brother-in-law, Marvin Confer, and his in-laws, Norman and Cleo Kear.

He will be missed by his wife, Marge; his youngest son, Jerry of St. Francis, his oldest son, Jim of Hutchinson; grandsons, Steven and Johnnie Schorzman of Lee's Summit, Mo.; his sister, Esther Confer of St. Francis; brother, Elmer Schorzman and wife, Laura of San Diego, Calif.; brothers-in-law, Jerry and wife, Margaret Kear of Hereford, Ariz., Norman and wife, Jaunita Kear of California; a host of nieces and nephews, Ricky Confer and children, Trevor, Brandi, Keely, Shaelyn and Tarin of Benkelman; Tammi

and Mike Sherlock, Katora, Corbin and Keegan, St. Francis; Sheri and Ron Jacobs, KeAnn and KeLynn, Dresden; Mike and Kelly Schorzman and Blake William; Brian and Stephanie Schorzman of San Diego; Dana and Brian Mendoza and family of El Centro, Calif.; Danielle and Matt Malcomb and family of Las Vegas, Nev.; Todd Kear and family; Mike Kear and family; Nicole and Scott Smith and family, all of San Diego.

John's wish was to be cremated and have his ashes scattered in as many states as the family can get to. We'll do our best.

A memorial service was held March 8 at Peace Lutheran Church, St. Francis.

## Robert John Burr

May 22, 1931 - March 2, 2013

Robert John Burr was born May 22, 1931, to John and Susie Burr. Bob attended country school, then graduated from St. Francis Community High School with the class of 1949.

A farmer all his life, Bob had many interests that filled his time. Art, aviation, camping, fishing, hunting, trap shooting and travel were all activities of great importance to him. Family and friends were fortunate to experience and create memories through these activities.

Bob was married to Ellen Kemp from 1951 to 1971, and to Helene Landenberger from 1991 to 2001.

His grandkids, JD Hawkins, Hailey McDaniels, Emily Mullins, JT Woodcox, Wyatt Landenberger, Jacob Crow, Mckenzy Crow, JR Landenberger Jr., and Teagan Landenberger have meant so much to him during his lifetime.

In 2007, Bob became a resident of the Hester Memorial Home in Benkelman, Neb., where he lived until his passing on March 2, 2013.

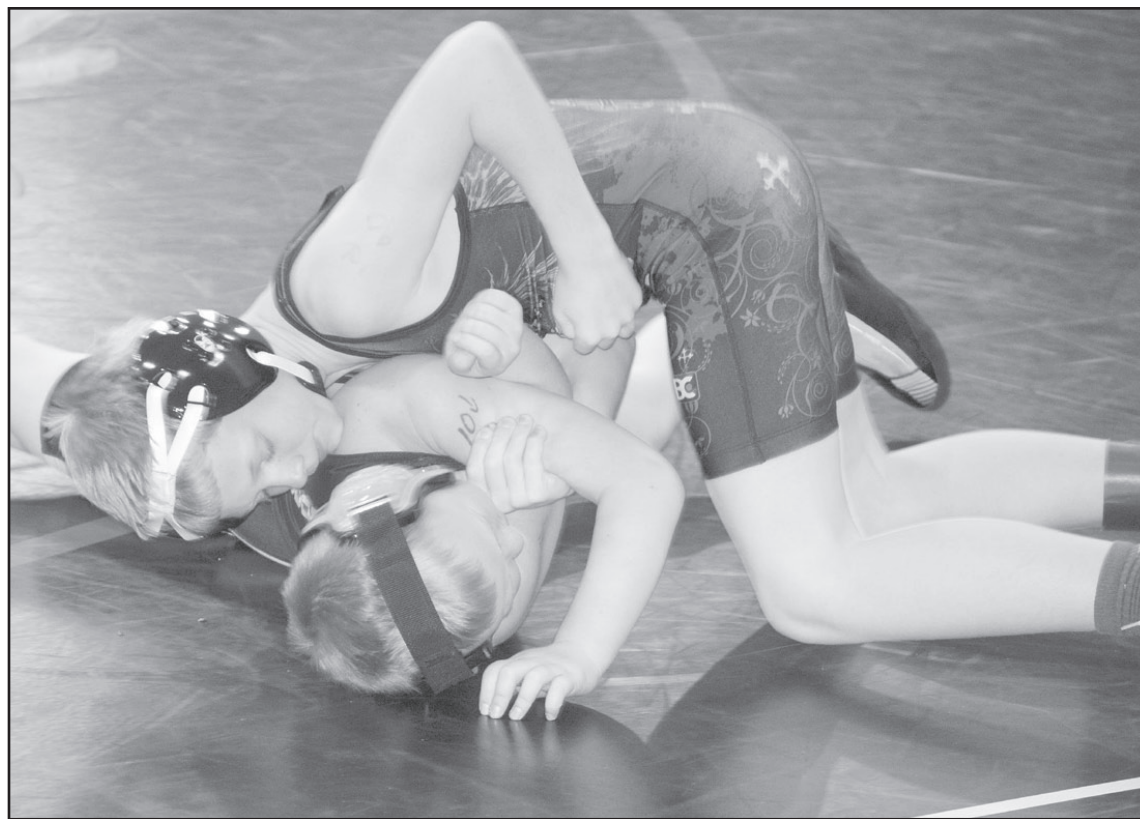
Preceding him in death were his parents, John and Susie Burr and brothers, Dale and Larry.

Bob is survived by his dear family and good friends.

A memorial service was held March 8, 2013, at Knodel Funeral Home, St. Francis. Officiant was Pastor Jeff Landers and musician

was Barry Ward.

Memorials may be made to the Cheyenne County Hunter Safety Course. Knodel Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.



SHADRYON BLANKA wrestles during a recent kids tournament.

Herald photo by Shawna Blanka

# Young wrestlers compete at invitational tournament

There were 13 St. Francis kids wrestlers competing in the Goodland Invitational Tournament on Saturday, March 9. There were two wrestlers bringing home first place: Luke Lampe and Shakotah Blanka.

This weekend 13 boys will be participating in the District 4 North Sub-Districts in Phillipsburg. The top four will advance to the District IV tournament in Dodge City which is set for March 29 and 30 in Topeka.

Goodland results:

6 and under: Seth Tumbleson, 40 pounds, won by technical fall 16-1; lost 6-12 and won by pin,

placed second; William Cherry, 43 pounds, lost by fall four times to take fifth place.

8 and under: Logan McCarty, 52 pounds, won by pin; won by fall, lost 5-7 decision, won 6-0 decision, placed second. Brayden Kaup, 61 pounds, won 10-7 decision; lost by fall; lost 4-8 decision; lost by fall, placed sixth.

10 and under: Shadryon Blanka, 90 pounds, lost by fall, lost 0-8 decision, won 6-4 decision, placed fourth.

12 and under: Connor Keller, 80 pounds, lost 6-8 decision; lost by fall, lost by fall, lost by fall, placed fifth. Coy Cassaw,

84 pounds, lost 4-8 decision, lost by fall, won 6-4 decision, placed third. Tayton Weeter, 92 pounds, won by fall, lost by fall, placed second. Cody Baxter, 100 pounds, won 13-5 decision, lost by fall, placed second. Kouper McQuigg, 105 pounds, lost by fall, lost by fall, placed third. Luke Lampe, 140 pounds, won 5-3 decision, won 12-1 major decision, won by fall, placed first.

14 and under: Garrett Brunk, 140 pounds, won by fall, lost 5-4 decision placed second.

High school: Shakotah Blanka, 285 pounds, won by fall, won by fall, placed first.

## Book Review

Private

By James Patterson

Director Jack Morgan is accused of a horrible murder – and not even his own world-class investigators can prove he didn't do it.

Since former marine Morgan started Private, it has become the world's most effective investigation firms – sought out by the famous and the powerful to discreetly handle their most intimate problems. Private's investigators are the smartest, the fastest and the most technologically advanced in the world – and they always uncover the truth.

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found murdered in Jack's bed, he is instantly the number one suspect. While Jack is under police investigations, the Mobstrong-arms him into recovering \$30 million in stolen pharmaceuticals for them. And the beautiful manager of a luxury hotel chain persuades him to quietly investigate a string of murders at her properties.

While Jack is fighting for his life, one of his most trusted colleagues threatens to leave Private, and Jack realizes he is confronting the cleverest and most powerful enemies yet.

## Come to a Feast of The Divine Mercy!

Sunday after Easter, April 7, 2013



You might ask: When did Jesus give His Priests the power to forgive our sins? On the evening of His Resurrection Jesus appeared to His Apostles and Said, "Peace be to you. As the Father has sent me, I also send you." When He had said this, He breathed upon them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit; Whose sins you shall forgive, they are forgiven them; and whose sins you shall retain, they are retained." (John 20:19-31) For sure it was not the Lord's intention for just the Apostles to forgive sins but rather for that power to be passed down through the Holy Spirit to His priests of today. That is why Confession is such an uplifting experience; we actually receive heavenly graces and forgiveness of sins from the Lord Himself! Jesus said, "In the Tribunal of Mercy (the great sacrament of Reconciliation) ...the greatest miracles take place and are incessantly repeated." (1448) (with Ecclesiastic permission)

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