

# Obituaries

## Glenn D. Glasco

Aug. 3, 1924 – Jan. 25, 2014

Glenn D. Glasco died Saturday, Jan. 25, 2014, at the Good Samaritan Village in St. Francis, Kan., at the age of 89.

Glenn was born Aug. 3, 1924, to John and Fern Glasco at their farm home south of Bird City, Kan. He was one of nine children, five boys and four girls, of which two died at infancy.

During Glenn's youth he attended Center Country School and Center Church south of Bird City. He was baptized in the Beaver Creek as a boy and later attended Bird City Rural High School.

Growing up on the farm was always full of adventure and hard work. Glenn helped his dad, John, farm and always dreamed of being a cowboy someday. While selling cattle at the Benkelman Sales Company in Benkelman, Neb., he met the love of his life, Mildred Jean Jones, who worked at the sale barn.

At the same time World War II had broke out in Europe and every young man was wondering what the future would hold. On Dec. 7, 1941, Japan attacked Pearl Harbor and the United States shortly thereafter entered World War II. Glenn volunteered and enlisted in the United States Army in December of 1944. He was inducted at Fort Logan in Colorado and took his training at Camp Roberts in California.

Glenn and Millie decided to get married before he was to be shipped out overseas, so they married April 15, 1945, in Benkelman, and right away Glenn shipped out for the Pacific Theater of War. As he sailed under the Golden Gate Bridge and watched it disap-

pear in the horizon, he wondered if he would ever come home.

Glenn was assigned to the 41st Army Division's special combat team called MacArthur's Jungleers. As time went by, he was promoted to sergeant and squad leader. Glenn found great comfort in carrying his Bible and reading Psalm 23. He often read Psalms 23 to his wounded and dying comrades.

This combat team saw battles in Leyte, Mindanao, Luzon and the Philippines where he was awarded the Bronze Star with valor. Glenn received the Purple Heart in Mindanao when he was wounded in the head while saving the life of a fellow soldier.

After the Pacific War was over in August of 1945, his division was sent to Japan, as an occupying force at Kure Naval Base near Hiroshima where the first atomic bomb was dropped. In the spring of 1946, the 41st Division was deactivated and Glenn was assigned to the 5th Air Force, where he was a jeep driver for the "High Brass."

In September 1946, Glenn sailed for Seattle, Wash., in the good ole USA.

Glenn received many medals and battle stars serving his country. He was very proud to serve his country in the military during World War II. He loved God, family and country and was willing to lay his life down for them. Glenn was honorably discharged from the Army in November 1946 and returned to his new bride, Millie.

They moved to a farm 8 miles south of Bird City and farmed where their two children were born, a son Lynn and a daughter Connie. In 1952 they bought a ranch north of Bird City and ranched and farmed for many years, there they raised their children and enjoyed working with cattle and registered quarter horses.

Glenn participated and competed in many horse shows in Kansas and Nebraska. In the

1950s, he organized a Saddle Club called the Bird City North Westerners. Their drill team, mostly couples, consisted of 20 sorrel horses with matching white tack and matching uniforms. The drill team traveled all over Kansas performing in contests at various horse shows. They received first place in the Kansas State contest and had the privilege to go to the Kansas City American Royal to perform, there they received a trophy and the silver platter which is on display in the Cheyenne County Museum.

Glenn was a member of the National Western Stock Show. He served as president of the Miss Rodeo Kansas Pageant and a state director and vice president of the Miss Rodeo America Pageant. He also served 28 years on the local Cheyenne County Fair Board and Rodeo. Glenn was very active in the Bird City American Legion Post 352 as a life member and commander, and served as District Commander for the Kansas American Legion and was also a life member of the VFW.

Glenn was a member of the United Methodist Church in Bird City and had a major role in bringing the Lifeline program into this area.

In 1993 Glenn and Millie moved to Bird City to live. In 2004 the family took Glenn and Millie to Washington, D.C., to the World War II Memorial Dedication. The trip turned out to be their best trip ever. Glenn was taken back as he visited with other World War II veterans. This trip was a very special time in Glenn's life.

Glenn's last years were spent in Bird City and later in the Good Samaritan Village due to paralysis. He recommitted his life to Jesus Christ in his last years which is the greatest thing a man can do.

He loved his family very much and is survived by his loving wife Millie of 68 1/2 years, his son Lynn Glasco and wife Candy of Bird City,

and son-in-law Ron Huxman of Moundridge, Kan. Grandchildren include: Lt. Col. Ted Glasco United States Air Force, of the Pentagon, Washington, D.C., currently serving in Afghanistan and fiancée Melodie Bock of Norton; Pastor Terry Glasco and wife Tiffany and great-grandchildren Kenneth and Faith of Bird City; Cely Glasco of Colorado Springs, Colo.; Tasha and husband Sean Smith and great-grandchildren Catlin, Sloan and Elias of Olathe; Tracy and husband Mike Davidson of El Centro, Calif. Glenn's brother Rex Glasco and wife Mary Ellen of Tucson, Ariz.; sisters- and brothers-in-law: LaVaughn Glasco of Goodland; Clarence Kamla of Nevada, Mo.; Ethel Christner of Carbondale, Colo.; Betty and Floyd Parman of Benkelman; Tom and Sharlene Jones of Benkelman; and many nieces, nephews and friends.

Glenn is preceded in death by his loving daughter Connie Huxman; parents John and Fern Glasco; brothers; Harold, Johnny and infant Dennis Glasco and sisters; Vada Pancake, Dorothy Kamla, Barbara Lovelace and infant Wilma Glasco.

Funeral service was held Feb. 14 at United Methodist Church, Bird City, with a Fort Riley Honor Guard Military Service; officiates, Reverend Tom Bailey and Pastor Terry Glasco; musician Tiffany Glasco; soloists Tiffany Glasco and Ron Huxman; and a special message from Afghanistan from Ted Glasco. Escorts were his grandchildren Ted Glasco, Terry Glasco, Cely Glasco, Tasha Smith and Tracy Davidson.

The Knodel Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements. The inurnment will be held by the family at a later date in the Bird City Cemetery.

Memorial contributions in Glenn Glasco's honor may be given to the Good Samaritan Village in St. Francis, KS for a new PA System.

## Jolene Beth Estep

April 6, 1943 - Feb. 13, 2014

Jolene Beth (Linin) Estep, 70, Overland Park, Kan., died Feb. 13, 2014. Jolene was born April 6, 1943, the first child of Roberta (Snowbarger) and Harvey Linin. Jolene was baptized and confirmed in St. John Lutheran Church in Bird City. With the steadfast guidance of her parents, Jolene was faithful in her walk with God.

Jolene grew up on her parents' farm three miles south of Bird City, which made for many funny stories and adventures that would be retold with fondness and love for years to come. She loved animals as a child, and that love continued with her special dog, Ellie.

Jolene was a graduate of Bird City High School, where she made friendships that remained special throughout her life. She continued her education, with a business degree from the University of Northern Colorado, Greeley, and her favorite job was working for NASA on the Skylab project in Denver. She later moved to Overland Park where she loved seeing Shelley's boys grow up and cherished her time with family and friends. While in Overland Park, she worked

in the travel industry, and enjoyed many trips in the United States and abroad. Jolene lived out her final years in Leawood surrounded by the loving care of her family.

Jolene was preceded in death by her parents, and her brother, Dale, who she could always count on for compassion and kindness.

She is survived by her sister Shelley Beese (Rud), Overland Park; Rex Linin, Bird City, and his children, Luke (Mandy) Atchison, and Zach (Samantha), Eureka, Calif.; sister-in-law Linda Linin, St. Joseph, Mo.; nieces and nephews who were a special part of her life: Carrie (Linin) Kramer (Michael), Overland Park; Susie (Linin) Marmolejo (Charles, Jr.), Plano, Texas; Clayton, Evan and Connor Beese, Overland Park.

Funeral service was held Monday, Feb. 17, at the St. John Lutheran Church in Bird City with burial in the Bird City Cemetery.

The family suggests memorial gifts go to Sunflower House or St. John Lutheran Church.

## Proud Atwood parent watches Olympian daughter compete

Three-time Olympian Katie Uhlaender, a member of team USA at the 2014 Olympic Winter Games at Sanki Sliding Center in Sochi, Russia, placed fourth in the skeleton competition. She highlighted the American spirit with a bald eagle painted on the front of her helmet.

Uhlaender's father, Ted Uhlaender, purchased a ranch near Atwood before suffering a fatal heart attack at the ranch on Feb. 12, 2009. His death was just hours before Katie took second in the women's skeleton World

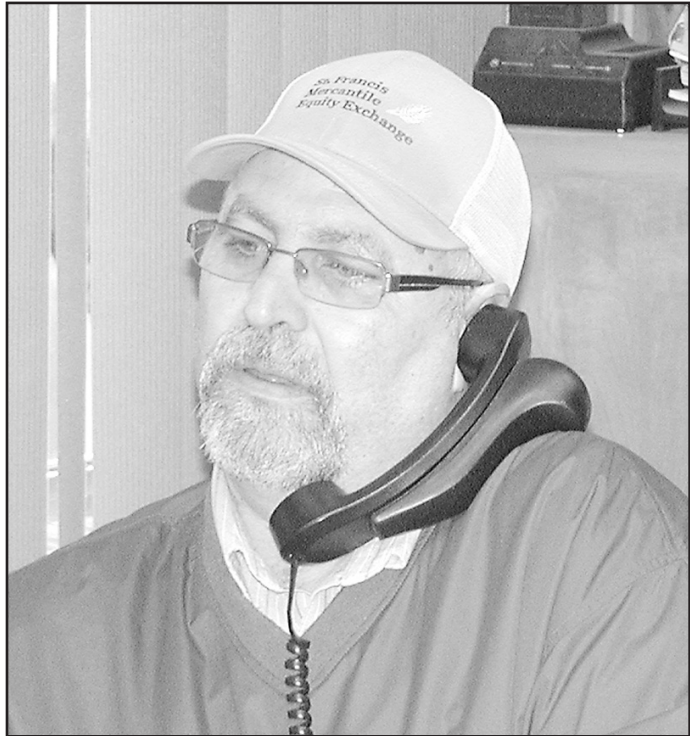
Cup season finale at Utah Olympic Park.

In an article printed in the Colby Free Press, it stated that Katie's mother, Karen Uhlaender, still has an Atwood-listed phone number. When the Free Press reporter rang the number, the answering machine picked up, saying that she was "probably out rounding up critters." She later called back and she was unable to attend the Olympics because of high travel costs, but was excited to watch her daughter compete on television.



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