

Obituary

Lydia Stermer

Nov. 21, 1911 - Nov. 4, 2004

Lydia Landenberger Stermer was born Nov. 21, 1911, in Eureka, S.D. She was the daughter of Johann Landenberger and Carolina Schauer. Lydia was baptized March 32, 1913, in Eureka, S.D.

Lydia married John Stermer in St. Francis, Kan., on Jan. 14, 1934. To this union, one son, Haddon, was born on Jan. 16, 1937.

She had been a St. Francis resident for 80 years. Prior to her retirement, she worked at many restaurants and boarding houses for several different families.

Lydia was a meticulous homemaker, gardener, loving mother and wife. She loved to have company and was always up to playing cards and loved to bake goodies for her visitors.

Lydia died on Nov. 4, 2004, in the Cheyenne County Hospital.

She is preceded in death by her parents, brother John, sisters Emma and Katie and her husband John.

Lydia leaves to mourn her son

and daughter-in-law Haddon and LaVonne Stermer of Lyons, Colo.; three grandchildren, Paul and Dorothy Stermer of Arvada, Colo., Nick and Gretchen Stermer of Ft. Collins, Colo., Beth and Shayne Carter of Berthoud, Colo.; six great-grandchildren: Matthew, Joshua, Zachary, Penny, Dorothyln and Toby; and other extended family.

Funeral services were held Nov. 9 at Peace Lutheran Church, St. Francis, with Pastor David Rossbach officiating.

Great-grandsons Matthew, Joshua and Zachary said "The Lord's Prayer" in German. The organist was Darlene Feiker. Keith and Cinda Dankenbring sang "The Old Rugged Cross" and "Just A Closer Walk With Thee."

Casket bearers were Matthew Stermer, Joshua Stermer, Zachary Stermer, John Lampe, Lex Landenberger and J.R. Landenberger.

Interment was in the St. Francis Cemetery. Knodel Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.



CHRISTMAS TIME—Top: Goodell's Greenhouse is in full bloom with all the beautiful Poinsettias. Bottom: Carl Williams is busy at the courthouse putting up decorations.



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Gift certificates available for meals

By Karen Krien

In last week's issue of *The Saint Francis Herald*, an article on practical gift ideas for senior citizens, provided by the Kansas Senior Press Service, was printed. ErvaGene DeAragon, coordinator for the St. Francis Senior Center, reported that one gift which was not mentioned was a gift certificate for a meal at the center.

"People tend to forget that senior citizens pay for their meals," she said.

Meals at the center are served on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. The suggested cost of a meal for a senior citizen is \$2.25.

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to come to the center. These shut-ins have the assurance they are getting a hot meal three days a week and they also have contact with the people who deliver the meals.

"We, at the center, think that one or more gift certificates for meals is a great way to show that loved one they are cared for," Mrs. DeAragon said.

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