

Family

Deaths

Leland "Ray" Parker

LeLand "Ray" Parker, 65, of Garfield, died Monday, March 14, 2005 at the Hutchinson Hospital in Hutchinson. He was the father of Gary Parker of Colby.

Mr. Parker was born Oct. 24, 1939 in Lyons to Garland Boyd and Margaret Leona (Bloom) Parker. A Garfield resident since 1997, he had lived in Larned and Hutchinson. He was a retired firefighter and security officer at Larned State Hospital.

On June 7, 1959 he married Stella Louise Wood in Hutchinson.

He was a member of Haven Baptist Church, Larned Volunteer Fire Department, the Kansas State Firefighter Association and was active in Boy Scouts of America at the local and district levels.

Mr. Parker is survived by three sons, Carl of Garfield, Kenneth of Kanapolis and Gary of Colby; one daughter, Marilyn Chism of Larned; two sisters, Doris Redinger of Burton and Talma Miller of Great Bend and six grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a

twin brother, Lloyd "Roy," a sister, Margaret Deloris Maxson, a grandchild and one great-grandchild.

Services were Thursday at Beckwith Mortuary Chapel in Larned with Pastor Ken Walker officiating. Burial will be at Larned Cemetery.

Memorials are suggested to the Larned Volunteer Fire Department or Garfield Emergency Medical Services and can be sent in care of Beckwith Mortuary, Inc., P.O. Box 477, Larned, Kan. 67550.

Charles E. "Chuck" Dempewolf



Chuck Dempewolf was born in Oberlin, Kansas to Richard and Jean Dempewolf on March 11, 1958. He died at the Kansas University Medical Center in Kansas City, Kansas following a battle with bladder cancer on February 21, 2005 surrounded by many family members and friends.

He met Dana Medford his senior year of high school and they were married on September 20, 1980 at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Colby, Kansas. To this union were born three wonderful children Devlin in 1983, Brett in 1985 and Carleigh in 1988. Chuck, an extremely devoted husband and father, always wanted to be available for his wife and children. He coached Devlin and Brett in T-ball, was their Cub Scout leader and a parent sponsor on many of the school trips during the kid's grade school and middle school years. Chuck was the children's biggest sports fan and was proud of the fact that he never missed any sports events that his children were involved in. Even when his health was failing he attended every game that the CHS drill team performed at to see his daughter Carleigh dance. Chuck shared with Dana shortly after the day they were married that he knew the day they met they would be married and would have three children. He used a star as his description of their family with his family members being the points of that star.

Chuck began school in Oberlin, Kansas and in 1966 the family moved to Colby. Chuck attended Sacred Heart Grade School and Colby public schools. His love for the NASA program and space began during his grade school years. He started a scrapbook collection about the NASA program and continued that throughout his life. He graduated from Colby High School in May of 1976. He attended Colby Community College until 1978. Chuck was given an opportunity to farm for Ken Frahm on the Frahm family farm until 1987. Chuck who was very close to his in-laws was also happily involved in Medford Farms, Inc. working closely with Wayne and Loring Medford until their deaths. Needing to spend more time with his family, Chuck quit Frahm Farms in November 1987 and started working for and became an important part of the Martin tractor family. He attributes much of his civic work and volunteerism to his supervisors and co-workers at Martin Tractor, who saw something special in Chuck and encouraged him to meet other challenges in his life.

Chuck was involved in many groups and organizations. A very faith filled Christian man, he served in several different ministries at Sacred Heart Church, was a member of the Knights of Columbus since 1976 and served on the pastoral council two different times. As a giving and helpful individual Chuck was involved in the American Cancer Society being an integral part of starting the Relay for Life in Thomas County, Thomas County Leadership, Farm Bureau Cornerstone program, served on the board of the Colby High School All-Sports Booster Club, a Trojan Backer, Special Olympics, and served on Profit Sharing committee for Martin Tractor Co., Inc. Chuck will be remembered by family, friends, and community members for his warm smile, kind and considerate nature, positive attitudes saying "no worries" and "life is good", and the devotion he had for his wife and children.

Chuck will be greatly missed by his wife Dana, children Devlin, Brett and Carleigh, Brett's girlfriend Jennifer Sadley of Hoxie, his parents Dick and Jean Dempewolf of Colby, sister Joann Newton and family of Salina, brother Steve and family of Colby, and his brother Wayne and family of Littleton, Colorado. Chuck who was very close to Dana's family will also be missed by his brother-in-law Doug Hanson and family of Houston, Texas, sisters-in-law Teri Adams and family of Colby and Vicki Barnes and family of Garden City, Kansas.

Services were held Saturday, February 26, 2005 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Colby, Kansas. Father Dana Clark of Colby, Kansas and Father Roger Meitl of Oakley, Kansas officiated. Pallbearers were Chris Gerstner, Gregg Lindberg, Craig Adams, Dick Snider, Dewey Augustine and Jeff Horlacher. Honorary Pallbearers were Chuck's Co-Workers at Martin Tractor Company. Music was by Bob, Susan, Blake and Brandon McLemore. Chuck's final resting place was the Sacred Heart Cemetery in Colby. Harrison Chapel conducted the funeral.

Thank You

Thank you seems so inadequate for everything that has been done for our family and myself since Chuck's diagnosis and untimely death. The outpouring of love and friendship through your calls, cards, memories shared, and food brought in as well as the tremendous financial support this community has shared for our memorial education fund has been the strength we draw from to get through the days and weeks ahead. We would like to give a special thanks to Janet Myers, Jan Juenemann, Dr. Hildyard and Dr. Tadakamalla and Don and Kathy Harrison. Our deepest gratitude also needs to go to Jeannie Solko and Father Dana Clark for their friendship and spiritual guidance. We could not have gotten through this without their help. This community has embraced us to assist in what has been our toughest challenge. Thank you so very much for your caring and generosity.

**The family of
Chuck Dempewolf**

Dana, Devlin, Brett,
Carleigh and Jennifer Sadley
Richard and Jean Dempewolf
Douglas Hanson and family
Joann Newton and family
Teri Adams and family
Steve Dempewolf and family
Vicki Barnes and family
Wayne Dempewolf and family



Lions Club meets at college

The High Plains Lions met for their first meeting in March on the 14th at the Colby Community College Robert Burnett Memorial Union. Following a buffet dinner, Lion President Melinda Morton called the meeting to order. She led the group in the flag salute and Lion Warren Turner gave the prayer. Lion Sheryl Brenn led the group in singing the National Anthem. Maria Sanden and Donna Lawver were introduced as guests.

During the business meeting, it was reported that the Feist telephone books have been delivered. Lion Virgil Jones gave a report on Doug Finley's condition. The club is planning the concession stand for the upcoming Rod Run show in Fike Park. Lion Darrell Follis, sight

chairman, gave a short report on a community need. The club also voted to help with the Thomas County Amusement booth at the fair again this year. The Thomas County Fair will be July 26-30.

Program Chairman, Lion Elmer Lawver, introduced Lion Gerald Sanden of Oberlin. Lion Sanden presented a very interesting power point program on Medora, N.D. Lion Sanden and his wife Maria were volunteers last summer at the western resort town of Medora. The town is located in southwestern North Dakota on I-95.

Thousands of tourists visit the town each day. The Sandens were hosts at the nightly show and also handed out food at the nightly cook-out. They plan to return for the 2005

season. Their job this year will be at the golf course. The Sandens met many people and made lots of friends. They met a couple who used to cut wheat in Colby and knew Lion Hale. Later in the summer at a family reunion in Minnesota they met some people who they had helped in Medora. Lion Gerald said, "It really is a small world, I would encourage all of you to experience something like this. I am really enjoying my retirement from Colby College."

Lion Sanden is preparing for his return to Medora by taking a golf class at McCook Community College. He says, "He wants to be in the swing of things."

The Lions will meet for their last meeting in March on the 28th.

Sorosis Club elects officers for coming year

The Sorosis Club of Colby held their March 11 meeting at the home of Donna Pflasterer.

Marge Roulier was the co-hostess.

Lucy Davis, president, presided over the business meeting which included decisions about the offi-

cers for the coming year.

Lee Fleckenstein will again chair the Year Book Committee and plan the theme and programs for the year 2005-2006.

Members answered roll call by telling of a favorite school memory. A special program was held with

Fritz Ostmeyer presenting information about the artist DeGracia and showing some of his paintings. Donna Pflasterer also shared some of DeGracia's works that were in her collection.

The next meeting, April 8, will be held at the home of JoAnne Vaughn.

Babies

Garrett and Donna Binning of McDonald announce the birth of their daughter, Jazzmine Destiny Binning.

She was born Monday, March 14, 2005 at Citizens Medical Center in Colby. She weighed 9 pounds, 1

Jazzmine Destiny Binning

ounce and was 20 inches long.

Grandparents are Jerry and Sandy Binning of McDonald and Harold and Patsy Payne of Colony. Great-grandparents are Robert and Betty Binning of Atwood and Dean Bruning of Robinson.

Jazzmine was welcomed home by sisters Porsha Renee and Bianca Dawn.

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Wheat	\$3.31
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Milo	\$3.19



Oscar Jones

Goodness, Gracious, Sakes alive!
Look who turnin' 85!
It's time for Oscar Jones' birthday.
This he can't deny.
So we've planned a card shower
for this ole guy.
March 25th is the date.
Wishing him well would be just GREAT!
Please send your wishes to
635 S. Grant, Colby, KS 67701

Bridal Registry

Shannon Harter & Bradley Fikan
Wedding April 2, 2005

Lacy Atkins & Rory Henry
Shower April 30, 2005
Wedding May 27, 2005

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Joan Rose (Renner) Messamore

Joan Rose Renner was born to Pete and Emma Renner on December 4th, 1922 at the new family home located on the farmstead just East of Mingo. The family had just moved into the new home a few days prior to her birth. Joan was the eighth child born to Pete and Emma. Joan attended and graduated from the Oakley school system where she was active in 4-H and very involved with music both at school and in 4-H. Joan was even featured in several music programs on the radio.

Joan met and married Kenneth W. Messamore in 1941. Other than time spent in Alabama during World War 11, they have made their home for the last 63 years in Colby, Kansas. To this union seven children were born: Kenneth Robert, Mary Katherine, Elizabeth Ann, Nancy Jane, Janet Lea, Margaret Ann and William Gerald. Joan did not work outside of the home until her last child was in high school. She was always too busy taking care of her babies.

Joan departed this life on March 14, 2005. She was preceded in death by her parents; her brothers: Floyd, John and R.V. (Mege) Renner; her sisters Grace Bremenkamp and Blanche Haynes. She leaves to mourn her passing: Her wonderful husband of 63 years, Kenneth W. Messamore; her children: Ken and Diane Messamore of Littleton, Colorado; Mary Messamore of Goodland; Beth Wieck and Jack Leatherman of Littleton, Colorado; Jane David of Wichita; Janet Messamore of Wichita, Margie and Jay Bartlett of Springfield, Missouri, and Bill and Dr. Debra Messamore of Wichita; 16 grandchildren, 15 great grandchildren; two sisters: Frances Bremenkamp and Eva Cersovsky; in-laws: Jerry & Florene Messamore, Bill and Joanne Messamore, Edwin Trueblood, Lloyd Cersovsky, Dorothy Renner, and Joyce Hardy. and a host of other relatives and friends.

Memorial Services were held at the Kersenbrock Funeral Home on Thursday, March 17, 2005.

Memorials in her memory may be made to Pioneer Memorial Library because of her love of reading, or to the Williams Syndrome Association, P. O. Box 297, Clawson, Missouri 48017-0297, in honor of her great grand daughter Makayla Wieck.

