

# Family

## Deaths

### Rodney Duane Beamgard

Rodney Duane Beamgard, 84, longtime Chrysler-Dodge dealer in Atwood, died Saturday, Jan. 31, 2009, at the Rawlins County Good Samaritan Center.

He was born Jan. 10, 1925, in Atwood, the son of C.W. and Gladys Beamgard, and was a life-long Atwood resident.

He operated the C.W. Beamgard Co. in Atwood, founded by his father in 1924, until selling it to his nephew Jim in 1996. It now is said to be the oldest Dodge dealership owned by one family west of the Mississippi.

After a year at Fort Hays State College, he joined the Army in 1943, serving in the anti-aircraft battery which shot down the first German “buzz bomb” cruise mis-

sile fired at London. His unit later landed at Normandy and followed Gen. George Patton into Paris. They served in the Battle of the Bulge. He had earned four battle starts by the time he was 20. His family later helped him to attend the dedication of the World War II Memorial in Washington.

He was a member and past commander of the Atwood Veterans of Foreign Wars Post, and a member of the Atwood Rotary Club and Masonic Lodge, the Isis Shrine of Salina, the Knights Templar and the Order of the Eastern Star, and the Odd Fellows Lodge.

Mr. Beamgard had served on the boards of Farmers Bank and Trust and Midwest Energy, and been a member of the Atwood

City Council. He was mayor of Atwood and a Rawlins County commissioner. He had been a volunteer fireman and emergency medical technician, and served on the finance board of the Atwood United Methodist Church.

He married Lilly Kladt, a displaced person from Russia he met in Germany, in 1945 The divorced in 1953. He married Teresa (Dozbaba) Beamgard Aug. 14, 1972, in Las Vegas.

He was preceded in death by his wife in 2001, his parents, a brother, Donald Innes Beamgard, and sister Patricia Ann Makings. Surviving is a brother, Billy P. (Jeanine) Beamgard of Atwood, a sister-in-law, June Beamgard, and a brother-in-law, Richard (Delphine) Dozbaba. A great-niece, Amy Bondurant Milton, lived with the Beamgards after the death of her mother.

Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Friday, Feb. 6, 2009, at the Atwood United Methodist Church, with pastor Gary Davison officiating. Masonic and American Legion graveside services will follow at Fairview Cemetery in Atwood.

Visitation will be from 2 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the church.

In place of flowers, Mr. Beamgard requested contributions to the Shriners hospitals for children or the Atwood Second Century Fund, in care of any Atwood bank or the Harrison Chapel, Box 634, Colby, Kan., 67701.



Dr. Dale Dahl

Dr. Dale W. Dahl, 53, a Colby High School graduate and longtime Las Vegas physician and church elder, died Jan. 15, 2009, at the University Medical Center in Tucson, Ariz., after a battle with cancer.

He was born March 4, 1955, in Lawrence and graduated from Colby High in 1973. A 1977 graduate of Oral Roberts University, he later earned a medical degree from the University of Kansas. His father, Dr. Asher Dahl, was a Colby physician from 1959 to 1987.

A resident of Las Vegas for nearly 25 years, Dr. Dahl practiced internal medicine and served many years on the staff at Southwest Medical Associates. He was one of the founding members of Canyon Ridge Christian Church

in Las Vegas, and served as chairman of the board of elders for several years. He loved to teach the Bible and he loved his family.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Ruth Dahl.

He is survived by his wife Laina of the home; a son, Nathan (Jessica) Dahl, Upland, Ind.; two daughters, Laura Dahl, Marion, Ind., and Rachel Dahl, Las Vegas; his father and his wife, Susie, Elkhart, Kan.; a brother, Larry (Ava) Dahl, Phoenix; and a sister, Karen Lile, Colorado Springs.

A memorial service was held at the Shadow Hills Baptist Church in Las Vegas on Jan. 18. Rather than flowers, the family suggests contributions to the Nevada Cancer Institute, 10000 W. Charleston Blvd., Las Vegas, Nev. 89135.

### Ed L. Biggs

Ed L. Biggs, 63, died Tuesday, Jan. 28, 2009, at his home in Colorado Springs, Colo. Services

are pending with Kersenbrock Funeral Chapel in Colby.

### Andrew J. Black

Andrew J. Black, 91, formerly of Rexford, died Feb. 4, 2009, at his home in Hays.

Services are pending with Pauls Funeral Home in Selden.

## Corrections

A photo caption on the Family page in the Friday, Jan. 30, *Colby Free Press* on a soup supper put on by the Colby High Technology Students of America on Thursday gave the name of the group incorrectly. The name of the person serving is Tresta Urban, not Tresta Unban. The caption said the event was held at Colby Community College. It was held at the Colby Community Building. These were reporting errors.

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*Thank You!*

To Dr. LaDonna Regier, Brian Unruh, hospital staff, along with family and friends:

I don't know why I am so blessed, but I am and this is my sincere Thank You for all the thoughts, prayers and flowers that came my way during my recent hospital stay.

*Esther Wieland*

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## Evolution and faith compatible?



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Dr. Jeffrey Kieft (left) talked with Bill Biel, a Colby Community College trustee, and Carol Johnson, a therapeutic massage instructor, after his lecture Tuesday night at Colby Community College. Dr. Kieft, a professor at the University of Colorado School of Medicine, spoke about the conflict between faith and evolutionary theory in the first Max Pickerill Lecture of the year at the college. Dr. Kieft, who said he was raised as a conservative Christian, sees no conflict between faith and evolutionary theory.

## Markets

Quotes as of close of previous business day	
Hi-Plains Co-op	
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