

Family

Deaths

Darrel Allen Follis

Darrel Allen Follis, 81, long-time Colby resident, died May 13, 2009, in Remsen, Iowa.

He was born Jan. 1, 1928, in rural Sheridan County, the oldest of four children born to Charlie and Ruth Follis.

He married Patricia Jennings on Oct. 19, 1952, at the Hoxie Christian Church.

He was a veteran of the Korean War. Following his military service, he spent his entire life in northwestern Kansas, the last 41 years in Colby. For 45 years, he worked for Kansas-Nebraska Natural Gas Company. After his retirement from the gas company, he worked another 17 years for Woofter Construction and Irrigation.

Throughout his life he was active in church, serving as an elder in the Christian churches at Hoxie, Oakley, Hill City and Colby.

He was active in civic and community affairs in Colby for many years, including Colby Ambassadors, City Council, and Lions.

He is survived by his wife, two daughters, Darylee (Mike) Flynn,



Darrel Follis

Great Bend, and Patta Jane (Ryan) Miller, Wichita; three sons, Don (Jennifer) Follis, Urbana, Ill., Bob (Carlin) Follis, Remsen, Iowa; and David (Carrie) Follis, Wichita; two brothers, Norman Follis, Phillipsburg, and Delmar Follis, Indianapolis; and a sister, Eula Follis Forgione, Locust Valley, N.Y.

Celebration service will be at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 26, 2009, at the Oakley Christian Church, followed by burial in the Hoxie Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 5 to 7 p.m. Monday at Kersenbrock Funeral Chapel in Colby.

The family suggests memorial gifts to Manhattan Christian College, 1415 Anderson, Manhattan, Kan., 66502.

Corrections

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Marci Brookstein and Derek Mainus

Couple to wed in July

Marci Brookstein and Derek Mainus plan to marry Saturday, July 18, 2009, in Terrace Garden at Ken Caryl, in Littleton, Colo.

The bride graduated from Indiana University with a bachelor's degree in special education in 2001, and from the University of Northern Colorado in 2008, with a master's degree in clinical counseling and family and marriage therapy. She teaches special education in middle school and high school in Denver.

The groom-to-be graduated from Fort Hays State University with a bachelor's degree in physical science in 2004, and earned a master's degree in educational administration from the University of Phoenix in 2008. He is a high school chemistry teacher and wrestling coach in Denver.

The bride is the daughter of Spencer and Debbie Brookstein of Omaha, and the late Lori Sweet.

The groom is the son of Dan and Sylvia Mainus, and the grandson of Rafael and Maria Diaz, all of Colby, and the late Manley and June Mainus.

Four from area graduate at Emporia

Two students from Colby received degrees at the 142nd commencement at Emporia State University on Saturday.

Siobhan Lynn Cassidy received a Bachelor of Science in nursing, and Teresa M. Morgan received a Master of Science.

From Oakley, Courtney Nichole Thompson was awarded a Bachelor of Science in nursing.

Jesse A. Colson of Selden received a Bachelor of Science in education.

Degrees were conferred on more than 1,100 graduates, including 760 candidates for undergraduate degrees and 350 graduate degrees.

The commencement address was delivered by Gen. Art Bloomer, a 1955 graduate who is now chief executive officer and board chair of Integrated Data Corp. He and his wife Sue live in Wichita, and Bloomer is a trustee for the university's foundation.

Thomas County Jail

Booked into the Thomas County jail:

- Becky Ann Pounder, 26, Colby, May 12, disorderly conduct, criminal damage to property, assault, battery, Colby Police Department, released Thursday on signature bond.
- April Marie Mull, 28, Colby, last Wednesday, aggravated assault, aggravated battery, duty to report accident, endangering child, Colby Police Department, released Thursday with charges pending.
- Phillip Edward Hemken, 22, Colby, Thursday, theft, Thomas County Sheriff's Office, released Friday on recognizance.
- Ioan Georgescu, 68, homeless, Friday, disorderly conduct, Colby Police Department, released Saturday on notice to appear.

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