

Family

Deaths

Lon E. Sowers

Lon E. Sowers, 86, a Gem area farmer, died Monday, Nov. 16, 2009, in Wichita, following an accident near his home.

He was born July 29, 1923, in Colby.

Survivors include a son, Rue (Marilyn) Sowers, Goodland; four daughters, Pat (Carl) Ziegelmeier, Gem; Kathy (Ed) Jamison, Quinter; Lynn (Jim) Skinner, Perry; and Becky (Bill) Twitchell, Larned; 15 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

Linda I. Goossen

Linda I. Goossen, 72, Douglass, aunt of Vern (Linda) and Lynn (Tami) Goossen of Colby, died Sunday, Nov. 15, 2009, at her home.

She was born May 9, 1937, in Meade, to Peter L. and Katherine Isaac Classen.

She graduated from the Meade Bible Academy in 1955, and from Grace Bible Institute in 1960. She was a member of Cumberland Bible Church, Douglass. She was a homemaker.

On June 11, 1959, she married Alva F. Goossen at Meade.

She was preceded in death by five brothers, Henry, Edward, Peter, Jakob and Harold Classen, and a sister, Elizabeth Loewen, and eight grandchildren.

Survivors include her husband, of the home; two sons, John (Sue) Goossen, Oakville, Ontario; and Waldo (Lynette) Goossen, Nairobi, Kenya; a daughter, Eldora (Randy) Brock, Derby; four sisters, Ag-

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 21, 2009, at the Colby United Methodist Church, with Pastor James Mardock officiating.

No visitation; cremation.

The family suggests memorials to the Thomas County Historical Society, in care of any Colby bank or the Harrison Chapel, Box 634, Colby, Kan., 67701.

nes Schertz, Goshen, Ind., Dora Ehman, Three Hills, Alberta, Canada; Alvera Thiessen, Elbing; and Ev Fisher, Wichita; two brothers, Levi Classen, Liberal, and Clarence Classen, Olathe; and eight grandchildren.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m., Friday, Nov. 20, 2009, at the Plevna Community Bible Church, with Dr. Alva F. Goossen, and Pastor David E. Green presiding and burial in Plevna Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday at the Elliott Mortuary, Hutchinson.

The family requests no flowers and suggests memorials to Joni and Friends (wheelchairs for handicapped people in third-world countries), in care of the mortuary at 1219 N. Main, Hutchinson, Kan., 67501. Visit [www.elliottmortuary.com](http://www.elliottmortuary.com) to leave condolences.

High Plains Art Club

The High Plains Art Club held its monthly meeting Tuesday, Nov. 10, at the United Methodist Church.

Shirley Baker gave a program about artist Andrew Newell Wyeth, who died in his sleep Jan. 16, in Chadds Ford, Pa., after a brief illness. He was 91.

“Andrew Wyeth was the son of Newell Convers Wyeth, who was a great illustrator of such children’s classics as “Kidnapped” and “Treasure Island,” Baker said. “... Because he was a sick, weakly child, he was home schooled and later worked as his father’s apprentice.”

The Wyeths spent their summers in Maine, so many of his paintings are watercolors of the Maine landscape. He was also adept at paintings of the human form.

He married Betsy Merle James and one of his most famous paintings is “Christina’s World,” a watercolor of Christina Olson, a friend of Betsy’s, who was paralyzed by polio. The painting shows her lying in a field.

The Wyeths had two sons, Nicholas and Jamie. Jamie also became a painter. His most famous works are the “Helga” paintings. Helga Testorf was a German immigrant who worked as a cleaning woman

for Wyeth’s sister. He painted 240 views of her, apparently without the knowledge of his wife. In 1986, the entire Helga collection was sold to Leonard Andrews, an American collector, for \$6 million. They were later sold to Japanese collectors.

Wyeth’s work is included in the collections of most major American museums.

After the program, President Marlene Carpenter, called the business meeting to order. After routine business, communications were passed around concerning workshops and art shows in the area.

The members discussed a watercolor workshop put on by Oberlin painter Anna Shaw, deciding to ask Mrs. Shaw to come to a meeting to work on pastels and critique paintings.

Each person drew a name for a gift at the Christmas luncheon. Happy Birthday was sung to

Baker and the meeting was adjourned.

After lunch, the members visited the Prairie Museum to see the Indian photography exhibit and returned to the church to work on projects. Refreshments were served by Margaret Denneler.

The next meeting will be the Christmas luncheon at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 8, at Montana Mike’s with Bev Kern as chairman.

Bridge Club

Meadow Lake bridge winners for Nov 10, were first, Lyle Worthy; second, Katie Melvin; third, Mary Kersenbrock; fourth, Thelma Shalz; fifth, Larry Barrett.

November 17 winners were: first, Joy Davis; second, Ken Ptacek; third, Thelma Shalz; fourth, Sarah Jane Barrett; fifth, Elaine Ptacek; sixth, Margaret Denneler.

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