

Family

Deaths

Robert John Simminger Sr.

Robert John Simminger Sr., 80, father of Jodi (A.J.) Hurst of Colby and a Ludell farmer and rancher, died Nov. 19, 2009, at the Good Samaritan Hospital in Kearney, Neb.



R. Simminger

He was born Jan. 10, 1929, to Francis D. and Doretta E. (Beims) Simminger on the family farm north of Ludell homesteaded by his grandfather, J.P. Simminger, in 1884.

He attended one-room schools and graduated from the Ludell Public School, then started to work on the family farm.

In 1950 he enlisted in the Navy and served during the Korean War on the USS Prairie AD-15, a destroyer tender. His home base was San Diego. While overseas he spent time in Sasebo, Japan and in Korea, visiting many cities including Hiroshima five years after the atomic bomb was dropped.

He married Berdean Helen Horinek on May 11, 1954, at the Sts. Cyril and Methodius Church in rural Rawlins County, now known as the Historical Church in Atwood. They lived in San Diego until October, 1954, when they returned to the family farm near Ludell. He was devoted to his wife and proud of his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Mr. Simminger enjoyed every aspect of farming, but especially working with livestock. He raised hogs for several years, but most

enjoyed his cattle. His buffalo herd was a novelty for him and the community, as school children and the curious came to visit.

He was a member of the Atwood Alcoholics Anonymous group and had 33 years of sobriety. He was also a member of the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the Elks Lodge in McCook, Neb.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Jean Simminger.

Survivors also include his wife, Berdean of the home; four other daughters, Lynette Simminger, Norton; Vicki (Jim) Kogl, Atwood; Dori (Bill) Patrick, Ashland; and Cherie Hayes, Atwood; three sons, Robert Jr. (Becky) Simminger, and Lance (Krista) Simminger, Ludell; and Nick Simminger and companion Dawn Smith, Atwood; and a sister, Rosemary Weishapl, Atwood; 18 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

A private graveside service was held at the Rose Hill Cemetery south of Ludell on Nov. 25, 2009.

The family suggests memorials to the American Legion in care of Gaylen Horinek, 100 Blaine, Atwood, Kan., 67730, or to the charity of the donor's choice, which may be mailed to Robert Simminger Sr. Memorial, Rural Route 1, Box 16, Ludell, Kan., 67744.

Ermel Ward Rogers

Ermel Ward Rogers, 91, died Thursday, Nov. 26, 2009, at the home of his daughter outside of Colorado Springs, Colo.

The son of William Calvin and Cora Ethel (Nester) Rogers, he was born Aug. 16, 1918, on a farm near St. Francis.

He married Charlotte May Worley on Jan. 7, 1940, in St. Francis. They lived in Prineville, Ore. until 1943, returned to his parents' home place in St. Francis, and in 1947, they moved to Akron, Colo.

In 1959 they moved back to the Colby/Oakley area where Charlotte died in 2000.

He married Lena Merl Parker on Oct. 5, 2000, in Akron Colo., gaining several stepchildren. They traveled often between their homes in Oakley and Akron.

Rogers was a devoted husband, father and grandfather. He was a farmer, rancher, and horseman and loved his dogs, horses and mules. He kept busy training horses and mules to drive on trail rides and in numerous town parades.

Preceding him in death were by his parents, his first wife, a son, Billy Rogers, in 1962, two grandsons, Kenneth Nagel and Michael Nagel, in 1983, and three brothers, Harold Rogers, Arlyn Rogers and Donald Rogers.

He is survived by his wife Lena of Akron, Colo.; three daughters, Barbara Kay (John) Repshire, Park; Gala (Wayne)

Dunbar, Menahga, Minn.; Susan (Mike) Overbay, Pueblo, Colorado Springs, Colo.; a sister, Clarice Feaster, Las Cruces, N.M.; five sisters-in-law, Esther Moody, Sterling, Colo.; Betty (Milton) Lampe, St. Francis; Evie (Del) Renz, Prescott, Ariz.; Joy Keppel, Thornton, Colo.; Corinne Worley, Goodland; and Bonnie Larkins, Berthoud, Colo.; two brothers-in-law, Don (Doris) Parker, Longmont; and Lenn Parker, Berthoud; three step-daughters, Norma (Keith) Lohmeyer, Bakersfield, Calif.; Donna (Mike) Smith, Mission Viejo, Calif.; Anita (Larry) Johnson, Akron; three step-sons, Larry (Eubon) Dunbar, Florida; Wayne (Gala) Dunbar, Menahga; Dale (Judy) Dunbar, Akron; a stepson-in-law, Orris Colpitts, Ft. Collins, Colo.; 12 grandchildren, 10 step-grandchildren, 26 great-grandchildren, eight step-great-grandchildren, and seven great-great-grandchildren.

Services were Saturday, Dec. 5, 2009, at Kennedy-Koster Funeral Home in Oakley, with Bernard Buchanan and Randy Feather officiating. Burial was in Lawnridge Cemetery, rural St. Francis.

The family suggests memorials to the Butterfield Trail Ride, the Muscular Dystrophy Association, or Evercare Hospice of Colorado Springs, in care of the funeral home, Box 221, Oakley, Kan., 67748.

Eat healthy meal before holiday party

Holiday parties and events can fill the calendar quickly, but shouldn't be an excuse for skipping a meal, a Kansas State University specialist said.

"Planning a light snack in lieu of a regular meal before a party lessens the likelihood party goers will go overboard on party foods that often are higher in calories and fat," said Sandy Procter, K-State Research and Extension nutrition specialist.

Offering food at regular meal and snack times also is important for children, she said.

"Children have small stomachs and need regularly scheduled meals and snacks to provide energy for growth, development and holiday events," Procter said.

"Working to maintain a meal schedule, as well as regular snacks and bed times, can help a child succeed during the hustle of the season, and may also help ward off illness, too."

Eat now or later? "Consider both, in moderation," Procter said.

Sandy Procter is a registered dietitian and state coordinator for the United States Department of Agriculture's Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program.

More information about food, nutrition and family meals is available at county and district Extension offices and on Extension Web sites, including: www.ksre.ksu.edu, www.ksre.ksu.edu/human-nutrition, www.kidsacookin.org, www.ksre.ksu.edu/foodsafety/.

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Cecil L. Wulf

Cecil L. Wulf, 83, a longtime Goodland resident, died Saturday, Dec. 5, 2009, at Hays Medical Center.

He was born Nov. 9, 1926, in Goodland, the son of Lewis Henry and Lena (Wright) Wulf. He attended school at Brownville and graduated from Brewster High School. He served in the Army from May 26, 1945, through October 17, 1946.

On May 9, 1948, he married Luella L. Middleton in Goodland. They lived on a farm south of Brewster, moving in 1956 to their present home in Goodland. He was a farmer all his life.

He was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Elks Lodge.

Preceding him in death were a son, Larry Dean Wulf, his parents, and a brother, Emery Wulf.

Surviving family includes his wife of Goodland; daughter Bonnie (Ron) Zweygardt of St. Francis; three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Memorial services will be at 3 p.m. (Central Time) Thursday, Dec. 10, 2009, at Koons Chapel

in Goodland, with inurnment and military honors following at the Goodland Cemetery.

Friends may share their respects at Koons Chapel on Thursday one hour prior to the service.

The family suggests memorials to Northwest Kansas Emergency Medical Services, in care of the funeral home, 211 N. Main, Goodland, Kan., 67735.

Rodney Lynn Jumper

Rodney Lynn Jumper, 68, Atwood, died Thursday, Dec. 3, 2009, at the Rawlins County Health Center.

He was born in Colby on July 19, 1941, the son of Earl and Selma (Rodenbeck) Jumper, who preceded him in death.

He is survived by a son, Larry (Becky) Jumper of Colby; a daughter, Nira Barricklow of Colby, four grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

A memorial service will be held at 10 a.m. Monday, Dec. 14, 2009, at Williams Funeral Home-Chapel in Atwood. Inurnment will be in the Atwood Fairview Cemetery. There is no visitation.

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