



**Mr. and Mrs.  
Jeffery Burton**  
(Angela Santos)

Angela Santos and Jeffery Burton were married July 18 in Bataan, Phillipines. The bride's parents are Raul and Erlinda Santos, Morong, Bataan.

Mr. Burton is the son of Gene and Jane Burton, Norton. Mr. Burton is in the U.S. Army and is stationed at Fort Campbell, Ky.

OBITUARY

**Rosalia A. Stephens**  
Nov. 25, 1923 - Aug. 29, 2007

Rosalia Ann Stephens, 83, died Aug. 29 at her home in Hays. Mrs. Stephens was born Nov. 25, 1923, on a farm near Leoville, to Frank and Mary (Heim) Meitl. She graduated from high school in Leoville, then continued her education at Marymount College in Salina and at Fort Hays State College. She taught school for three years north of Selden and in Rexford. On Sept. 9, 1947, she married Andrew Stephens at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Leoville. The ceremony was officiated by her brother, the Rev. Paul Meitl. Mr. and Mrs. Stephens lived in Menlo, Levant and Allison before settling on their homeplace east of Jennings.

Shawn Stephens, Colby; two daughters, Rose and Galen McFarland, Hays and Therese and Chris Strobel, Kansas City; a sister, Helen Kruse, Aurora, Colo.; 28 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. A Mass of the Resurrection was held Monday at St. Joseph Catholic Church, New Almelo officiated by the Revs. Roger Meitl and Vincent Thu Laing. Tim Knopp was the Lector; altar servers were Reed Stephens, Daniel Stephens and Kelsey Strobel. Offertory gifts were presented by her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Shelly McKenna was the organist and Bill Meitl was the song leader. Songs were "Be Not Afraid", "How Great Thou Art", "Prayer of St. Francis" and "On Eagle's Wings".

Mr. Stephens was a farmer, dairyman and raised livestock. Mrs. Stephens and their children helped with the daily farm chores. She liked the solitude of farm life and enjoyed the wide-open spaces. Her life was busy as a farm wife and homemaker. She enjoyed attending her children's sporting events and activities. She was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church, Catholic Rural Life and St. Ann's Altar Society in New Almelo. In her later years, she enjoyed television, sports, pinocle, making quilts, collecting stamps, church activities and attending the activities of her grandchildren.

Pall sisters and daughters were Helen Kruse, Rose McFarland and Therese Strobel. Casket bearers were sons, Bryce Stephens, Mark Stephens, Greg Stephens, Gerard Stephens, Paul Stephens, Tom Stephens, Pete Stephens and Leo Stephens. Burial was in St. Joseph's Cemetery, New Almelo. A memorial fund has been established in her honor. Contributions to the Rosalia Stephens Memorial Fund may be made in care of Pauls Funeral Home, 121 N. Penn, Oberlin, Kan. 67749.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Andy; her parents; four brothers, the Rev. Paul Meitl, Philip Meitl, Ben Meitl, Joe Meitl; five sisters, Sr. Floreda Meitl, Juliana Knopp, Anna Cole, Wilma Wallsmith and Rita Martin. Survivors include: eight sons, Bryce and Linda Stephens, Jennings, Greg and Julie Stephens, Salina, Paul and JoAnne Stephens, Colby, Pete and Sondra Stephens, Colby, Mark and Linda Stephens, Baltimore, Md., Gerard and Sue Stephens, Hays, Tom and Dawn Stephens, Colby and Leo and

**Names come and go with fads and fashions**

Names have always held a fascination for me. Not necessarily unusual or odd monikers, although I like those, too, but just the occurrence, recurrence and variety of names in one person's lifetime of acquaintances.

Living in a retirement community provides the perfect opportunity to study a cross section of names occurring in one generation and disappearing within the next. For instance, the names Betty, Mary, Ruth, Helen and Dorothy are in such multiples here they must be further identified by characteristics or numbers. Movie stars of the 1930s account for a lot of the common names. Betty Grable, Jean Harlow and Dorothy Lamour are certainly memorialized among our ladies. It is a pleasant surprise when a new resident moves in with an unusual name like Lula, Sylvia, or Maxine.

Could this problem be solved, you ask, by the use of middle names? Not so far. Apparently, middle names were utilized by parents for too many years to alert a child that he was really in trouble! Come to think of it, though, we do have one Mary Lou.

How often do you know of a little girl named Betty, Dorothy or Jane, these days? No, today's fad for naming little girls is almost any boys name, especially those that begin with "Mc" or "Mac". Using boys, names for dainty little girls when there are so many beautiful names available seems such a shame. A few years ago there was a rash of Caitlin-named girls, all spelled differently, of course, just to plague teachers throughout all their school years. Now an entire tree of little Olivias is cropping up.

In the 1960s way too many girls were named for Debbie Reynolds or the characters she played, Tammy and Gidget. Hope springs eternal, however, as we see Emma and Emily, two old-fashioned names, hitting the comeback trail. Maybe there's a chance for an Amelia or Maureen or Suzanne to make the birth register. At the moment the Brittany and Ashley's still hold the majority.

Men's names present similar problems with Charles and John leading the pack, closely followed by William and Edward. Both our

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chef and our maintenance man are named Charles. Not a single Henry or James in the bunch although we have a Hugh, a Cliff and several Kenneths. Current trends in boys, names all seem to start with a "J". Joshua, Jacob, Jeremiah and Jared and I've even run into a couple of little fellows named Jack. At least very few, if any, choose Judas but Zachary is back in full force.

Biblical names remain more popular among boys than girls. Paul, Matthew, Mark, David, Andrew and Daniel show up year after year. Saul and Samson never came into style although you run into a Samuel occasionally. I recall attending a hundredth anniversary of a church where all the confirmation classes were identified from the 1800s on. The name of Magdalena was predominant for many years. That's one you never hear nowadays! English royal family names are more often chosen for girls than the Biblical women, Rebekah, Esther, Naomi, Lois or Eunice. Sarah and Mary remain universal favorites.

The use of traditional family names sometimes leaves a child to cope with multi-syllable monsters when learning to write their names in school. To quote my children's kindergarten teacher, Iris Olsen, "There should be a law that all children be given a three-letter name." I wouldn't go that far, but if you must name the baby for Aunt Augusta just remember she'll probably be saddled with "Gussie" all her days. Two new mamas I know have named little daughters Charlie after their grandfathers.

And so it goes — the winds of change blow through the nurseries of life. Before you name your own dear little piece of humanity stop and think about how he or she will feel when signing legal papers in later life.

MY MAMA SAID: Never name a child so his initials spell a word unless it's a word that will make a respectable nickname.

DEATH NOTICE

**Judy Wood**

March 10, 1912 - Sept. 3, 2007

Judy Wood, 95, died Sept. 3 at Norton County Hospital. Her remains have been cremated. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Enfield Funeral Home, Norton, is in charge of arrangements.

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**Evelyn M. Schmidt**  
Aug. 2, 1938 - Sept. 3, 2007

Evelyn Marie Schmidt, 69, died Sept. 3 at Colby. Mrs. Schmidt was born Aug. 2, 1938, in Sheridan County, to Martin J. and Mary A. Dickman.

On July 30, 1957, she and Clarence "Jess" Schmidt were married at St. Paul's Catholic Church in Angelus. Mr. Schmidt died Feb. 4, 2007, just six months away from their 50th wedding anniversary.

She was a homemaker and a retired bank employee. She helped her husband operate Schmidt Upholstery and Schmidt Oil Services. She was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church and Altar Society. She loved gardening, baking, making special scrapbooks for her children and grandchildren.

Preceding her in death were her father, her husband, Jess and her brother Robert "Bob" Dickman.

Survivors include: three sons, Gary and Jackie Schmidt, Goodland, Stan and Terina Schmidt, Colby and

Kevin and Jacque Schmidt, Moundridge; one daughter, Lisa and Vince Wagoner, Lenora; her mother, Mary Dickman, Colby; one brother, Ken Dickman, Oysterville, Washington; three sisters, Phyllis and Joel Diers, Thornton, Colo., Janie Brown, Grinnell and Linda Zerr, Quinter; and eight grandchildren.

Friends may call from 5 to 9 p.m. Wednesday at Immaculate Conception Parish Center, Grinnell. The Rosary will be read that evening at 7 p.m.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m., Thursday at the church in Grinnell. Fr. George Chabthagam, Fr. Dana Clark and Fr. Roger Meitl will conduct the service. Burial will be in the church's cemetery.

Memorials are suggested to Hospice Services, Inc. or to the Grinnell Senior Center. Contributions may be sent in care of Kennedy-Koster Funeral Home, 217 Freeman, P.O. Box 221, Oakley, Kan. 67748.

READERS

— The NCHS Class of 1947 is having their 60th class reunion on Friday evening, Sept. 7, with a social hour, dinner and a program. Friends may visit the class after 7:30 p.m. at the Attitudes West dining room.

— STEAK and SEAFOOD night Thursday, 6-9 p.m. American Legion. Members and guests.

— OPEN HOUSE to honor Lula Hix for her 90th birthday. Saturday, Sept. 8, 2 to 4 p.m. at Whispering Pines. No gifts, please. Cards may be sent to Mrs. Hix at 116 Whispering Pines, Norton, Kan. 67654.

Have a story idea? Call 877-3361 and let us know ... we'd love to hear about it!

Public Notice

Prairie Dog Creek WTAP Sign-up Period Starts September 1

The State Conservation Commission will begin accepting applications for the new water right retirement program, WTAP, beginning September 1.

WTAP is a voluntary, incentive-based program designed to help restore aquifers and streams in critical areas. The Prairie Dog Creek basin has been selected as a pilot project area because it is significant in the State of Kansas' efforts to maintain compliance in the Republican River Compact with the State of Nebraska.

Applicants who are selected for WTAP grants are compensated by the State Conservation Commission in exchange for the permanent retirement of a water right. Priority is given to retiring water rights in areas which would have the greatest impact on the stream system. WTAP grants are approved on the basis of competitive bids and the fair market value of water rights.

To be eligible, water rights must have been actively used in the last 10 years. Dryland farming is permitted after a water right is retired. Limited irrigation can be temporarily allowed to establish a permanent cover on the land being transitioned from irrigation. Partial water right reductions can also be considered for retirement grants.

The first sign-up period will be September 1, 2007 through November 15, 2007.

For more information, contact Steve Frost, Water Conservation Program Manager, at 785-296-8964. Complete WTAP rules and regulations, applications, maps, and other details are posted on the SCC web site at HYPERLINK "http://www.scc.ks.gov" www.scc.ks.gov

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