

# OBITUARIES

## Jerome Goscha Nov. 25, 1933 - March 25, 2008

Jerome "Jerry" Goscha, 74, died March 25 at Logan Manor.

Mr. Goscha was born Nov. 25, 1933, in Sheridan County to Leo and Teresa (Schroer) Goscha.

He graduated from Edmond High School in 1951. He entered the United States Army in 1954 and was honorably discharged in 1957.

He and Jeanne Riedmiller were married on Oct. 18, 1958. She died on June 12, 1994.

On Oct. 28, 1995, he and Ruth Lynch Becker were married. She died on Oct. 19, 1999.

He worked for many years as a foreman in road construction. He was a longtime member of St. John's Catholic Church and the Knights of Columbus. He served several terms as Mayor for the city of Logan.

He was preceded in death by his two wives, Jeanne and Ruth; his parents, a son, Timothy; a son-in-law, Eric Kintigh; a sister, Jeanine Augustine; and brothers-in-law, Harold Riemann and Bill Hahn.

Survivors include: three sons, Terry and Gloria Goscha, Selden, Tom Goscha, Mission and Todd Goscha and companion Stacey Flanigan, Phillipsburg; two daughters, Diane and Michael VanDiest, Prairie View and Denise and Shawn Mogg, Mission; three brothers, Don and Alice Goscha, Bill and Donna Goscha, all of Norton, Bob and Sandy Goscha, Bartlesville, Okla.; six sisters, Imogene Hahn, Denver, Colo., Jean and Ron Riemann, Beloit, Evelyn and Chriss McDiffett and Joan Riemann, Norton, Marilyn and Bill Schrum, Phillipsburg

and Karen and Max Parsons, Ness City; step-children, David and Julia Becker, Danny and Karen Becker, Lynn and Laura Becker and Rhonda and Brad Fufts, all of Beaver City; 12 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; 14 step-grandchildren; and nine step-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held March 28 at St. John's Catholic Church, Logan. Father Benjamin Saw officiated. Robert Noone was the soloist accompanied by Janice Lohmeyer.

Casket bearers were Doyle Fair, Jim Bird, Steve Werth, Rod Wallgren, Tin Van Laeys and Ron Van Roekel.

Honorary bearers were Gary Eaton, Ross Wagoner, Tom Stoecklein, Gene Hutchinson and David Henrickson.

Burial was Pleasant View Cemetery with full military honors provided by soldiers from Fort Riley.

Logan Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

### Card of Thanks

We are so very grateful to our friends, neighbors and extended family for the compassion and support we've received since Jerry's death.

Your kind condolences and prayers, the food you've shared, the plants and flowers and the many memorial contributions have all been appreciated.

Very special thanks to the women from the St. John's Catholic Church who provided lunch for all of us after the service.

The family of Jerry Goscha

## Jack A Mechsner March 15, 1924 - March 28, 2008

Jack Augustus Mechsner, 84, Norton, died at the Good Samaritan Hospital, Kearney, Neb., on Friday, March 28.

The son of Robert A. and Ella E. (Brenan) Mechsner, he was born March 15, 1924, in Norton.

He grew up in Norton, graduated from Norton Community High School, and served in the U.S. Marines during World War II.

On Feb. 14, 1949, he and Wanda Mae Wilner were married in Norton where they made their home.

Mr. Mechsner was a farmer, stockman, auctioneer and real estate broker. He operated the sale barn with Charley Macey for many years.

He was a member of St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church and the Harmanson-Redd American Legion Post No. 63 in Norton.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his grandparents, two

brothers, Ed Mechsner and Don Mechsner, one sister, Alice Marie Donovan, one brother-in-law, George Donovan, five nephews and one niece.

Survivors include: his wife, Wanda Mae, of the Andbe Home, Norton; one brother, Kenneth, and wife, Brit Mechsner, St. Gabriel, Calif.; one sister, Helen, and Earl Holbrook, Norton; one sister-in-law, Ida Mechsner, Phoenix, Ariz.; several nieces and nephews.

Friends may call from 3 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday at Enfield Funeral Home.

A rosary service will be held at 7 p.m., Wednesday at the funeral home.

Mass of the Christian Burial will be held at 10:30 a.m. with burial in the Norton Cemetery.

Memorials are suggested to the Andbe Home, 201 W. Crane, Norton, Kan. 67654.

## Maxine Tillotson 1910 - 2008

Maxine (Middleton) Tillotson, 88, Topeka, formerly of Norton, died on Palm Sunday, March 16, at Brewster Place Healthcare Center in Topeka.

Born in Topeka in 1910, she was the only child of Frank and Wilhelmina Middleton.

She grew up in Potwin and attended Topeka High School, where she was crowned May

Queen in her senior year. Attending Washburn College, she was a member of Kappa Alpha Theta social sorority and elected to Nonoso scholarship sorority. While an active, popular coed, she performed in the play produced by the Washburn Players, "Arms and the Man". She met John Charles Tillotson, also in the cast and head cheerleader and Kappa Sigma member, who would become her husband in 1935 in a ceremony at Grace Cathedral in Topeka.

Upon graduation from Washburn, she taught in Johnson County, then commenced her social work studies under Esther Twente, creator of the social work curriculum at the University of Kansas.

When she and Mr. Tillotson were married, they moved to his home county of Norton, where he set up a law practice as a third-generation attorney. The couple, known by many as Tilly, J.C. or Chick, had two children, John Clinton and Carolyn Louise. When the children were both in college, Mrs. Tillotson resumed her studies, attending Fort Hays State College and earning a Master's degree.

In the meantime, Mr. Tillotson had been elected Norton County Attorney and was the Northwest Kansas campaign manager for Bob Dole. His Republican activism, along with her strong support, saw the Norton native further his political career, being elected to the Kansas House of Representatives serving as Speaker Pro-Tem, followed by election to the Kansas Senate as Vice President.

At this time, the Norton Tuberculosis Sanitarium, which had been unoccupied as a healthcare facility, was brought back to life due to the diligence and interest of the Tillotsons; with the Senator's legislative direction in Topeka, and her community strength and support, the Norton State Hospital came into being in the old facility, and new jobs were created for the Norton area, as well as a caring and understanding home for the mentally retarded. Mrs. Tillotson was justifiably proud of the ac-

complishment, and she became their Director of Public Relations and Volunteers, as well as editor of the Kan-San, the hospital's monthly newspaper.

Representing the Northwest Kansas Senatorial District, the Tillotsons traveled extensively on goodwill and fact-finding trips all around the world, most especially to what then were Communist-bloc countries. Once, she was even detained, and her camera film destroyed, for taking a picture of a military officer at the airport in Budapest, Hungary. Her favorite cities were Vienna, Austria, and Paris, France, and she spoke French commendably.

During her long and busy career, she was elected president of the Kansas Council of Women; secretary of the Kansas Press Women's Club; treasurer, secretary, vice-president and president of the Native Daughters of Kansas; president of the Republican State Women's Club; chair of the Norton County Chapter of the American Red Cross, from which she received her 50-year pin in recognition of her many years of volunteer service; and board member of the Norton County Hospital, where she organized and supervised the Candy Strippers and the Grey Ladies.

For many years, she was active in the Women's Society of Christian Service in the United Methodist Church. She was a director at the Norton church when the new facility was planned and built.

Her hobbies included golf, baking, ceramics and bridge, which she played with enthusiasm and skill, winning many Masters points over the years.

Mrs. Tillotson was predeceased by her husband J.C. and her son John, but is survived by her daughter and son-in-law Carolyn and Norman Smith, of Middleburg, Va., as well as granddaughter Cathy Tillotson and grandson Charles Tillotson of Leavenworth, and great-grandsons Cole and Clayton Tillotson.

A memorial service was held Friday, March 28 at Brewster Place in Topeka.

Inurnment was at South Cemetery, Lenora.

Memorial contributions may be made in her name to the Brewster Place Employees Fund, the Brewster Place Chaplain's Fund, 1001 SW 29th St., Topeka, Kan. 66611 or Faith Community Church, 3635 S.W. Chelsea Dr., Topeka, Kan. 66614.



Maxine Tillotson

## Mildred (Yunt) Salecki Feb. 22, 1923 - March 29, 2008

Mildred Yunt Salecki, 85, of Sedalia, Mo., formerly of Norton, died Saturday, March 29, at the Country Club Care Center in Warrensburg, Mo., following a lengthy battle with lung disease.

She was born Feb. 22, 1923, in Norton, a daughter of Ed and Veda (Calhoun) Gregory.

She was a 1941 graduate of Cole Camp High School.

On Oct. 21, 1942, in Norton, she married Harold Wayne "Pete" Yunt. He died March 18, 1977.

She moved to Green Ridge, Mo., in 1951.

On June 8, 1979, she was married to Tad Salecki, in Green Ridge. She lived there until 1984, when she and her husband moved to Sedalia, Mo.

She was an active member of Broadway Presbyterian Church and was involved in the Heynen Circle and Presbyterian Women.

She worked as a secretary for several local businesses before retiring. She enjoyed game shows, word search puzzles, and playing

cards. Her family and friends were very important to her and she loved watching her granddaughters' ball games.

She was predeceased by a brother, Kenneth Gregory; a sister, Ella Pottorff; and step-son, Matthew Salecki.

Surviving are two sons, Larry Yunt and companion Kathy Apel, of Sedalia and Terry

and Mary Yunt, Warrensburg; a sister, Lorraine Wear, of Warsaw; three grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; five step-children; and nine step-grandchildren.

Her body was donated to the University of Missouri for medical research.

A celebration of life will be at 1 p.m. on Saturday, April 5, at Broadway Presbyterian Church with the Rev. Nancy Carle officiating.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials to Johnson County Hospice or Broadway Presbyterian Church in care of McLaughlin Funeral Chapel, 519 South Ohio, Sedalia, Mo. 65301.



Mildred Salecki

## Elizabeth A. Heitman July 20, 1921 - March 27, 2008

Elizabeth Antoinette "Betty" Heitman, 86, Norton, died Thursday, March 27 at the Hays Medical Center.

The daughter of Fred W. and Antoinette (Lawson) Brown, she was born July 20, 1921, in Ash Grove.

She attended the Ash Grove Grade School and graduated from Sylvan Grove High School. She also attended Kansas State College.

On July 4, 1942, she and Vernon Lee Heitman were married in Abilene, Texas.

They made their home in Norton where she was a librarian at the Norton Public Library for many years.

Mrs. Heitman was a member of the First Church of God, Willing Workers Quilt Club, American Legion Auxiliary, and Norton County Farm Bureau.

She was preceded in death by

her parents and two brothers, Paul Brown and Acton Brown.

Survivors include: her husband, Vernon Heitman, Norton; two sons, John and Carolyn Heitman, Montgomery, Ala., and Myron and Roberta Heitman, Sacramento, Calif.; two daughters, Beverly and Jim Burns, Norton and Elaine Heitman, Bartlesville, Okla.; one brother, Keith Brown, Wooster, Ohio; two sisters, Ruby Tanner, Canon, Colo., and Jane Teaford, Cedar Falls, Iowa; eight grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren

Funeral services were held today at the First Church of God Norton with burial in the Norton Cemetery.

Memorials are suggested to the church at 1010 Churchill Dr., Norton, Kan. 67654.

Enfield Funeral Home, Norton, was in charge of the arrangements.

## 4-H NEWS

By SKYLAR DAVIS

On Monday, Feb. 8, the Cedar Ridge 4-H Club met in the basement of the Almena Congregational Church. Twenty-six members were present. Kayla Field and Colton Lowry gave a report on their trip to Denver, Colo..

Club members voted to participate in the County Club Day on March 15. They also voted to

participate in donations of non-perishable food to God's Pantry.

Project talks were given by Colton Lowry, Shaylea Lowry and Kayla Field. The members made Valentine cookie plates and distributed them to various people in the community.

Next month the members will bring their favorite pizza toppings for a pizza party.

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## DeWayne D. Keiswetter Jan. 12, 1941 - Feb. 29, 2008

DeWayne D. Keiswetter, 67, Kirkpatrick, Cortaro, Ariz. and formerly of Norton, died Feb. 29, at his home in Great Bend of melanoma.

He was born Jan. 12, 1941, in Norton to Frank E. and Opal (Gill) Keiswetter.

He attended school in Norton.

He was married to Charlotte Vance in 1964; they were divorced.

He was a welder and woodworker in Great Bend.

He hated the cold, loved cashews, ate peanut butter on everything, would have ice cream for dessert, before he ate the meal, and was proud of his restored 1979 Ranchero.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Cecil and Boyd.

Survivors include his daughters, Debbie and Brian Amador, Great Bend, Becky and Mike

Kirkpatrick, Cortaro, Ariz. and Laura and Mat Wharton, Great Bend; two brothers, Virgil Keiswetter, Fort Collins, Colo., and Alvin Keiswetter, Enterprise; two sisters, LaVerne McCoy, Tulsa, Okla., and Helen Faulkender, Florida; a sister-in-law, Janet Keiswetter, California; niece and dear friend, Ronnie

Dossey, Gilbert, Ariz.; and five grandchildren.

Cremation has taken place. His family and friends honored him with a celebration of his life March 4 at Farmers Bank, in Great Bend.

Private family inurnment will take place at a later date. Memorials are suggested to the Southwest Kansas Area Agency on Aging, P.O. Box 1636, Dodge City, Kan. 67801.



D. Keiswetter

## READERS

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