

# OBITUARIES

## Margaret Mylia Best

Jan. 22, 2009

Margaret Mylia Best of Springfield, Ill., died at 9:50 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 22, 2009 at Capitol Care Center.

Margaret was born on May 9 in Worcester, Mass., the daughter of William and Dorothy Ann Lemon Best.

She was a graduate of Lanphier High School and attended Lincoln Land Community College. Margaret attended Toronto Bible College for two years and, while there, was a summer missionary in Mexico.

She held various jobs while living in Toronto, Canada for sixteen years, including authorization of unloading ships in Toronto Harbor. Margaret later worked at McGraw Hill Publishers, Dodge Construction Division, for ten years as a reporter. Margaret enjoyed performing secret acts of kindness in very unusual ways.

She also enjoyed sharing her love of Jesus with death row inmates. She had a gift for reaching out to the truly unloved, who were in many cases, the rejects of society.

Margaret was preceded in death by her parents.

She is survived by a chosen sister, Shari Lynn Ramsey of Norton, KS, numerous cousins, Evelyn Ann Best (husband, John) Kauffman of rural McLean County and several nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, and many friends.

Margaret has requested that friends and family wear a touch of



Margaret Best

purple, her favorite color, as they attend visitation from 5:00-6:45 p.m. on Wednesday.

A funeral ceremony will follow at 7:00 p.m. at Kirlin-Egan and Butler Funeral Home, 900 S. 6th Street, Springfield, with Vaughn Beeman, officiating.

Burial will be held at 3:00 p.m. on Thursday in Lenora South Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Pensacola Christian College, Attn: Frances Euvus, 250 Brent Lane, Pensacola, FL 32503 or Samaritans Purse, 801 Bamboo Road, Boone, NC 28007.

The family of Margaret Mylia Best is being served by Kirlin-Egan and Butler Funeral Home, 900 S. 6th St., Springfield.

Please visit Margaret's online life story at [www.butlerfuneral-homes.com](http://www.butlerfuneral-homes.com) to offer your condolences.

## Ede M. Jester

May 13, 1946 - Jan. 25, 2009

Ede M. Jester, 62, of Merriam, died unexpectedly Sunday morning, Jan. 25, 2009 at Shawnee Mission Medical Center. Visitation was today at the New Life Family Church. Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 28 at the church. Burial will be 1 p.m. Thursday at the Norton Cemetery, Norton.

The family suggests contributions be made to the Missions for Ecuador.

Ede was born May 13, 1946 in Norton. She was a member of New Life Family Church and the Women's Church of God. She also served her country as a member of the Kansas Army National Guard.

She was a licensed massage therapist and owned and operated Abundant Life Wellness.

A son, Capt. Mark Aaron Mathes, U.S. Army, preceded her in death.

She is survived by her husband of 27 years, Alan Jester, Merriam,; a son J.D. Mathes, Kansas City, Mo.; two sisters, Anita Sheffield, and Linda Montgomery, both of Tampa, Fla.; one brother, Joe Bivens, Baytown, Texas; and five step-grandchildren.

Online condolences may be left at [www.amosfamily.com](http://www.amosfamily.com) (arr. The Amos Family Chapel of Shawnee, 913-631-5566).

## Sam Manning

Oct. 8, 1918 - Jan. 22, 2009

Sam Manning, a longtime Norton resident, died on Jan. 22, 2009, at the age of 90. He was born on Oct. 8, 1918 in Chula, Mo. to Lucy Cloudis and Wade Hampton Manning. He attended Chula grade and high schools, Park College in Kansas City, Mo. and Chillico The Business College. He was also an Army veteran of World War II and was stationed in Long Beach, Calif. and Cheyenne, Wyo.

On Nov. 24, 1942, Sam and Dorothy L. Stender (Bonnie) were married in Brookfield, Mo. and later made their home in Jefferson City, Mo. where he was employed by IBM. They celebrated their 66th wedding anniversary this last November.

The family moved to Norton

in 1954 and operated the Cottage Style Shoppe. In 1956, Manning Office Supply was opened with Sam at the helm. The Cottage Style Shoppe was in business for quite a number of years but Manning Office Supply continued until it merged with Jack Ward's Sports in 2003 to form Endzone Sports and Office Supply, Inc. Both Sam and Jack Ward served as honorary advisors for the business.

In addition to his love for his family and friends, Sam was an avid bridge player. He also enjoyed Norton school athletics and track and field on any level.

Sam served his community with several terms as a city councilman and then as mayor. He was a long-time member of the Rotary

Club and worked to establish the first community fund in Norton.

He was preceded in death by his parents, granddaughter Candy Willour, brother Wade Manning and sisters Mary Arnold and Helen Davenport.

Survivors include wife Bonnie, of the home; daughter Sammie and husband Hal Klee, Baltimore; son Bill and wife Janet Manning, Norton; sisters Claudia Bridges of Norton and Joan Roberts of Kansas City, Mo.; four grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Interment will be at the Norton Cemetery at a later date. Memorials may be sent to Norton Cares in care of Enfield Funeral Home, Norton.

## Vivian Troutner

Feb. 11, 1934 - Jan. 25, 2009

Vivian Troutner, daughter of Harley and Beatrice Pears, was born Feb. 11, 1934, in Logan and died at her home in Lenora on Jan. 25, 2009, at the age of 74.

Vivian attended the schools in Logan, graduating from the Logan High School. On Jan. 25, 1960, she married Dallas Troutner in Hill City. They made their home in Norton, Goodland, and Liberal before moving to Lenora in 1984. Dallas passed away Sept. 8, 2004.

Vivian was a member of the Senior Citizens, the PRIDE committee, and TOPS where she served

as treasurer.

Survivors include: six children, Joe Troutner and wife, Teresa, and their children, Megan and Breanna, Liberal; Mary Boyce, and children, Jennifer, Stephanie, and Myles, Lenora; Lee Troutner and Melisa Fowler, and daughter, Kristen Leibhart, Norton; Anna Hatfield, and husband, Todd, Scott City; Roger Troutner, and wife, Deanna, and children, Jordan, James, and Lora, Emporia; Patricia and her children of New Mexico; three step-children, Gayle Alexander and husband, Bill, Almena; Cindy Hammond

and husband, Craig, Long Island; Dallas Troutner, Jr. and wife, Bobby, Fairbury, Neb.; other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband, Dallas.

Funeral services will be on Friday at 10:30 a.m. at the United Parish Church in Lenora. Interment will take place at the Edmond Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Vivian Troutner Memorial Fund. Friends may call Enfield Funeral Home on Thursday from 3 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

## Beautiful music



Sunday, the Norton high school band held their winter concert. The band played a variety of music, including a mix of Disney songs for their performance, and the band and the crowd together sang "Happy Birthday" to Justin Bainter.

- Telegram photo by Brandy Leroux

## Some words should be forgotten

The words of this world ebb and flow, swirl around us like the waves of the ocean. Some stick, some wash off, some soothe and others affect us like sandpaper. It is strange how a few syllables can comfort, insult, console, anger or set our teeth on edge. The old child's jingle "Sticks and stones may break my bones, but words can never harm me" is so patently untrue one wonders how it has survived down the years. If words truly have no power to hurt, why does every memory have a sore spot from grade school recess taunts?

### Collector Chat Liza Deines



For the last twenty years or so Lake Superior State University in Michigan has compiled and published their list of words best banished. Submitted by common folk fed up with redundant, irritating, over-used words or phrases, they tickle the funny bone while ringing all too, too true.

Some words, nominated year after year for banishment, refuse to die. "Awesome" is one that is seriously overused to describe everything from a handsome man to a stylish pair of shoes. The Rockies are awesome, a newborn baby is awesome, Lake Louise is awesome. Perhaps we should reserve awesome for experiences that truly do inspire awe.

Top picks to be axed this year were "staycation" and "go green." Gone. Do you grit your teeth every time a news anchor fills in a few seconds with "if you will?" What if you will not? Is there really a choice... "not". Remember that one from a few years back? Thank goodness the final "not" knot has been untied and relegated to obscurity. Newscasters are often the target of cranky word-o-philes who weary of hearing constantly of "desperate searches," "deadly shootings," "devastating fires" and "rushing floodwaters." Are there other kinds?

My personal nomination for banishment is the too, too trendy "my bad." It won't be bad when that one is buried in the dusts of time. LeRoy would have chosen the old term "nitty gritty." Doesn't that one just make your teeth itch? A popular TV cooking show host is guilty of using nouns as verbs, as in to "garbage bowl" an item. Would she "oven" a cookie or

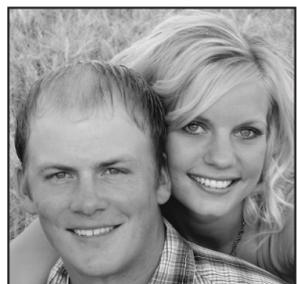
"kettle" a soup? Banishment seems too mild for such slaughter of the language.

Medical jargon comes in for its fair share of criticism, too. It's now the "health care delivery system." Is that like pizza or oriental food delivery? "I'd like two 20/20 eyes and some knees, hold the arthritis, please, oh, and add a kidney if they're on special this week." How much does one tip for a transplant? On a computer any one can "deinstall" a program, meaning to remove it. So instead of paying an expensive surgeon couldn't we just have our gall bladder or our tonsils deinstalled? The very worst health care phrase submitted, however, is from a doctor's assessment: "The patient failed to live up to his well-nessed potential." In other words, he died. Well, I guess "it is what it is," no matter what you call it.

Speaking of medical terms, Mama suffered from "heebie jeebies" or "screamin' memes" occasionally. No one mentions them today so apparently they passed on with her. And what about the "jitters?" Have these interesting afflictions been banished? Thank goodness the ailment of "back door trots" faded away when the outhouse disappeared from the American scene. "Megrimms," "neuralgia," the "grippe" — all vanished. Banished?

"Businesswise" and all its accompanying "wises" have wisely been laid to rest. Seems like yesterday one couldn't turn around without running into a "paradigm." Never hear that one today. Almost guaranteed to die is "zero percent financing," and just as well, too, judging by the mess it got us into. Let us hope that "bailout," both the word as well as the necessity for the action, will soon blow over.

Words, words, words. New or old, short-lived or enduring, don't forget the old saying, "Make your words soft and sweet, you never know when you might have to eat them."



Jon Wahlmeier and Kerrie Beth Olson

## Couple to wed in May

Kerrie Beth Olson and Nicholas Jon Wahlmeier plan to be married on Saturday, May 2, 2009, at Immaculate Conception Church in Leoville with a reception to follow at The Gateway civic center in Oberlin.

Parents of the couple are Randy and Sharon Olson of Oberlin, and Jeff and Mary Wahlmeier of Clayton.

Grandparents are Ruben and Darlene Feikert, St. Francis; Eunice and Glenn Martin, Oberlin, and the late Lowell Olson; and Stan and Ramona Shaw and Agnes Wahlmeier, Jennings, and the late Lawrence Wahlmeier.

The bride-elect is a 2004 graduate of Decatur Community High School and a 2008 graduate of Fort Hays State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in elementary education. She is a first-grade teacher at Washington Grade School in Ellis.

Her fiance is a 2004 graduate of Jennings High School and a December graduate of Fort Hays State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in agriculture business. He is currently engaged in farming in the Jennings area.

## Meals on Wheels February menu

Monday, Feb. 2 — Swedish Meatballs, stewed tomatoes, green beans, noodles and pears. Tuesday, Feb. 3 — Chicken vegetable casserole with veggies, tossed salad, biscuit and fruit cup #1. Wednesday, Feb. 4 — Brat with kraut, mashed potatoes, corn, bun and cinnamon apple slices. Thursday, Feb. 5 — Spanish rice with hamburger, carrots, fruit in gelatin, chips and spice cake with topping. Friday, Feb. 6 — Liver and onions in gravy, parslid potatoes, broccoli with cheese, bread and pineapple.

Monday, Feb. 9 — Scalloped potato and ham casserole, peas, plums, bread and cook's choice complement. Tuesday, Feb. 10 — Chili dog with cheese, potato salad, pears, bun and cookie.

Wednesday, Feb. 11 — Lasagna, spinach salad, peaches, garlic bread and pudding. Thursday, Feb. 12 — Tuna salad, chicken rice soup, Italian blend veggies, bread and apricots. Friday, Feb. 13 — Salisbury steak with gravy, mashed potatoes, creamed peas, bread and applesauce.

Monday, Feb. 16 — Hamburger, pork and beans, cole slaw with carrots, bun and mandarin oranges. Tuesday, Feb. 17 — Chef salad, Dole tropical fruit, bread sticks and cherry crisp. Wednesday, Feb. 18 — Chili with beans, hot buttered apples, crackers and cinnamon roll. Friday, Feb. 20 — Turkey a la king, cook's choice veggie, broccoli salad, biscuits and mixed fruit.

Monday, Feb. 23 — Sausage patties, mashed potatoes and

gravy, corn, bread and peaches. Tuesday, Feb. 24 — Ham and beans, cottage cheese salad with veggies, corn bread and strawberries and bananas. Wednesday, Feb. 25 — Tuna and noodles, stewed tomatoes, apricots,

bread and pudding. Thursday, Feb. 26 — Meat loaf, scalloped potatoes, peas, bread and pears. Friday, Feb. 27 — Cook's choice entree, California blend veggies, applesauce, bread and brownie.

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CALL FOR A CHANGE IN THE DATE OF THE FEBRUARY MEETING FOR THE NORTON COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD  
January 21, 2009  
To: Economic Development Board Members; Diane Becker  
Press and the Public  
That this notice is a call for a change in the date of the regular February Norton Economic Development Board Meeting. That upon call of the Chairman, the meeting shall be held on Tuesday, February 3rd, 2009 at 5:30 p.m. at the Norton County Economic Development Office, 113 N. Norton, Norton, Kansas, for the object and purpose of discussing the normal and regular business and affairs of the Board.  
All on this 21st day of January, 2009.  
Deena Wentz, Chairperson

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