

OBITUARIES

Dorothy Bernard

July 13, 1917 - May 23, 2009

Dorothy Roeder Vance Bernard died May 23 at the Norton County Hospital at the age of 91.

She was born July 13, 1917 in a corn crib converted to a house in Grant Township, Norton County, across the road from her grandfather's timber claim. She was the fifth child of Frederick W. and Lottie Pratt Roeder. Soon after her birth, the family moved to Belle Plain Township, where she attended country school and the Belle Plain Methodist Church. As a farm girl, she worked hard in the fields, milking cows, and doing housework and cooking. She attended two years of high school in Alma; then went to work as a housekeeper and nanny for a Norton family. When her mother's health deteriorated, she returned home to care for her.

She married Eldred Vance on Sept. 17, 1939 in Norton where they made their home. Two children were born of this union: Ernest "EF" and Charlotte. Eldred died on January 17, 1947, from injuries received in a farm accident. He left a widow with two small children.

Dorothy attended cosmetology school in Boise, Idaho while living with her sister, Wilda. Upon completion of her requirements, she worked at Ina's Beauty Shop in Norton, then opened Dorothy's Beauty Shop in WaKeeney, where she lived in the basement of her shop. She married Homer H. Bernard on May 19, 1951 in WaKeeney. Three children were born to this union: Ardith "Ardie," Elizabeth "Beth" and Edward "Ed."

In addition to homemaking, gardening and canning, she was an accomplished seamstress, making clothing for herself and her family, wedding dresses for her daughters, many items for her grandchildren and, in later years, she sewed hundreds of turbans to donate to cancer patients. She kept books and the parts runner for Homer's business, Densmore Garage; was involved in 4-H, PTA, Extension Homemakers Unit, was a Cub Scout Den Mother for five years, a 48 year member of Paul D. Linnell Post No. 266 American Legion Auxiliary and a long time member of Rural Letter Carriers Auxiliary, serving as officer at both the county and district levels.

Dorothy lived most of her life in Norton County, with the exception

of the time she spent in Boise and WaKeeney. She moved to Densmore in May 1951; in November 2003, she moved to Whispering Pines assisted living, where she remained until shortly before her death.

She was predeceased by her parents; husbands, Eldred Vance and Homer Bernard, who died May 28, 1996; siblings Wilda Roeder VanPatten, Orville Roeder, Mildred Roeder Scott Chartier, Cecil Roeder and two infant brothers.

She is survived by her children Ernest F. Vance, Sacramento, Calif., Charlotte Keiswetter, Great Bend, Ardie (Greg) Grimes, Baldwin City, Beth (Jerry) Metcalf, Liberal, and Ed (Rosie) Bernard, Wellington; grandchildren Debbie (Brian) Amador, Great Bend, Becky (Mike) Kirkpatrick, Cortaro, Ariz., Laura (Mat) Wharton, Great Bend, Jeff (Carrie) Grimes, Evanston, Ill., Lynette Grimes, Lawrence, Charise Grimes, Lincoln, Neb., Tristina (Bryan) Herl, Hutchinson, Trinten (Melissa) Wille, Laramie, Wyo., and Tiffany Welch, Hays; her step-grandchildren are Brian Watts, Eureka and Eric (Dana) Watts, Wellington; great-grandchildren Alisha and Blake Amador, Erika Kirkpatrick, Brady and Grant Wharton, Alyssa and Mason Herl, Emma Wille; step-great grandchild Haley Watts.

She is also survived by sister-in-law Julia Roeder, of Norton, cousin Harold Roeder, Boise, Idaho, nieces, nephews and many other relatives and friends.

Dorothy donated her body to Kansas University Medical Center for medical research. A brief memorial service for residents and staff was held at the Whispering Pines on May 24 at 7:30 p.m. Most family members will be present at a celebration of life service on Friday, June 12 at 2 p.m. in the Logan Christian Church.

The family suggests memorials to Norton Cares, 208 West Main, Norton Kan. 67654 or Paul D. Linnell Post No. 266 American Legion Auxiliary, 609 Mills, Alma, Kan. 67622.

Condolences may be mailed to P.O. Box 527, Baldwin City, Kan. 66006 or emailed to mad_genealogist@yahoo.com and will be circulated to the family. Private family internment will be held at a later date at Mt. Hope Cemetery, Alma.

James Ray Bainter

Sept. 13, 1941 - May 25, 2009

James Ray Bainter, 67, Hoxie, died Monday, May 25 at the Sheridan County Health Complex, Hoxie. He was born Sept. 13, 1941 to Russel and Valeria (Smith) Bainter at Jennings and grew up on the family farm near Dresden.

He was a 1959 graduate of Sheridan County High School. James was a volunteer in the Army and from 1963 to 1965 and was stationed at Fort Leonardwood, Mo., and Fort Lee, Va..

He married Twila Loughry in Alma on July 16, 1967.

James was a farmer and rancher from 1965 until 2000 when he and Twila moved to their current home in Hoxie. In addition to farming, James also did custom hay work, was a heavy equipment operator, and had obtained his private pilot's license.

He was employed by the U.S. Postal Service as a rural mail carrier from 1987 until 2009 and was active in law enforcement for more than 15 years. His law enforcement career began as a deputy for the Sheridan County Sheriff's Department for more than 10 years, and then as a police officer for the City of Hoxie Police Department for more than 4 years.

He had many interests, including hunting, fishing, gardening, horseback riding, and landscaping. James also was known to have a special love for animals, particularly horses and dogs. His

greatest enjoyment, however, was spending time with his wife, children, grandchildren, friends and family.

James was born again and accepted Jesus as Lord in 1967; he received the baptism of the Holy Spirit in 1984, and was baptized in water at the Sheridan Lake in 1984.

Survivors include his wife, Twila, of the home; son Gary and Stefanie Bainter, and their two children, Ryan Macie, and Mitchell, all of Greeley, Colo.; daughter, Brenda and Shane Richards of Broken Arrow, Okla.; three brothers, William and Rosalie Bainter, Selden, Robert and Sandra Bainter, Hays, and Dale and Esther Bainter, Hoxie; sister Jean and Jerome Mazanec, Colby; mother-in-law Pauline Loughry, Hoxie; and numerous nieces and nephews.

James was preceded in death by his parents and one granddaughter, Peyton Grace.

Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m. Thursday at the Hoxie Christian Church with burial following at the Hoxie Cemetery. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Mickey-Leopold Funeral Home, Hoxie.

Memorials are suggested to Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, the Christian Church R & R Youth Group of Hoxie or Hospice of Northwest Kansas, and may be sent in care of the funeral home.



Members of the Immanuel Lutheran Church broke ground at their new location. Construction will begin on the new church at the end of June.

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Church breaks ground

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Immanuel Lutheran Church recently broke ground at their new location one mile west of Norton on U.S. Highway 36.

Pastor Rick Rostek said Immanuel Lutheran formed in 1908 and was originally located 10 miles northwest of town. The church moved to the site on N. Second Street in the 1950's, he said.

Pastor Rostek said the buildings are older, there is limited parking, there is little handicapped accessibility and the congregation is cramped on the half an acre that they currently have.

The new location will feature almost five acres and allows for a larger space for worship, improved classroom size, increased parking and will be fully handicapped accessible.

Immanuel Lutheran has a congregation of 75, and Pastor Rostek said he expects it to grow as they move into a larger facility.

"We have a need for additional worship space," he said.

Pastor Rostek said that construction is expected to take five to seven months, depending on weather.

The church will sell the old site and put the money towards construction on the new site. The pastor said he started a fund raising campaign a year ago; the fund has not quite raised half of the money needed to complete the project. The rest of the funding will come from a loan, but he said that the church still needs donations to help with the project.

"The most important thing is to have a facility to help us proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ," Pastor Rostek said.

Carol J. Gay

June 15, 1950 - May 23, 2009

Carol J. Gay, daughter of Jack and Gladys (Wilson) Gay, was born June 15, 1950 in Russell and died at her home in Norton on May 23 at the age of 58.

She grew to womanhood in Norton and attended the Norton Schools. After graduating, she attended Colby Community College and received a degree in nursing, and worked at the Norton County Hospital. She was a member of the St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church.

Survivors include a son Brandon and wife Candace.

She was preceded in death by her parents, and biological mother Virginia Barnett.

Arosary service was held Monday at Enfield Funeral Home, Norton, with a Mass of Christian Burial at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church on Tuesday morning. Father Vincent Thu Laing officiated. Burial was in the Norton Cemetery.

Memorials are suggested to the Human Society, or the American Cancer Society.

Enfield Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Readers

— Steak and Seafood Night, American Legion, Thursday, 6-9 p.m. Members and guests.

— The Sharon Smith Memorial Team Roping will be held at the Horse Arena in Elmwood Park, Norton, on Saturday at 1 p.m.

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John Wesley was one man who heard praise from the Lord whom he served. He was born to a solid Christian family and graduated from a Christian college. Like some graduates, He was excited about God's work, but had times of laxity in his religious affairs. It was not until he was challenged directly by Mr. Spangenberg about his relationship with Christ that he gave a full joyful surrender the Lordship of Christ. This completely changed this heart and purpose towards God, Christ and the leading of the Holy Spirit. Bishop Ryle's gave this assessment of John Wesley and the ministry to which God gave him stewardship over. "John preached the gospel, honored Christ and did extensive good with his work for Christ. He was a bold fighter on Christ's side, a fearless warrior against the flesh, the world and the devil. He was an unflinching adherent of the Lord Jesus Christ. He honored the Holy Word of God and let us thank God for John Wesley."

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Manny Combrinck

Age 31

Long Island resident Manny Combrinck died Sunday, May 24 at the Phillips County Hospital at the age of 31.

He is survived by his wife Angie, of Long Island; parents Johan and Hester Combrinck, of South Africa; three step-children, Jordan Hale, Phillipsburg, Ethan Hale and Caitlyn Hale, both of Long Island; sister Marna Combrinck, of South Africa; and mother-in-law Cinda Russel of Long Island and father-in-law Joseph Hale, of Council, Idaho.

Funeral services will be held

at 11 a.m. Thursday in the Long Island United Methodist Church with Pastor Dean Gilbert officiating. Cremation will follow.

Manny will lie in state from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Wednesday at the Olliff-Bovee Memorial Chapel, Phillipsburg.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Manny Combrinck Memorial Fund.

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