

# OBITUARIES

## Barbara Lou Marvin June 29, 1949 - Nov. 1, 2012

Mrs. Barbara Lou Marvin was born the second child of three children to Donald Eugene Alexander and Betty Jo (Jackson) Alexander on June 29, 1949 in Norton. She departed this life Thursday evening, Nov. 1, 2012 at the Harlan County Health System Hospital in Alma, Neb. at the age of 63.

Barb attended school in Norcatatur, where she graduated from high school with the class of 1967. After graduating from high school, she resided with her parents in Norcatatur and worked as a waitress at a café in Norton.

On May 28, 1968 Miss Barbara Lou Alexander was united in marriage to Francis Wayne "Butch" Marvin at the Norton County Courthouse in Norton. To this union three children were born, two daughters Tamara Jo and Sondra Dee and one son, Scott Francis. After their marriage, Butch and Barb

resided in Norton until 1969 when they moved to Beaver City, Neb. Barb was employed at the Furnas County Welfare Office in Beaver City, Neb. until 1979 when they moved to Alma and she transferred to the Harlan County Welfare Office. In 1984, after the office closed in Alma, she transferred to the Holdrege Department of Social Services, where she retired in 2006, after being employed in this department for 25 years.

Barb was baptized with her family in the Harlan County Lake by Pastor Duane Russell in 1988. She was a member of the First Christian Church in Alma.

She was preceded in death by her father on June 14, 2000; her mother on March 14, 2004; and one brother Donald Joe Alexander at age 29 in 1977.

Barb leaves to mourn her passing her loving and devoted husband Butch of their home in

Alma; two daughters, Tammy Wagner of Holdrege and Sondra Petrie of Norton, Kansas; one son, Scott Marvin of Hill City; a sister Brenda Kaus and her husband John of Norton; seven grandchildren, Samantha Judd and her husband Brian, Paul Wagner, Bailee Wagner, Terry Petrie, Jr., Tanner Furbush, Tevin Petrie and Troy Marvin; other relatives and a host of friends.

Funeral services were held on Monday, Nov. 5, 2012 at the First Christian Church in Alma with Pastor Larry Doubet officiating. Burial was in the Norcatatur Cemetery in Norcatatur.

A memorial fund has been established to the American Lung Association and may be given to the family or left at the funeral home or the church.

Banta-Torrey Funeral Home of Alma, Nebraska was in charge of arrangements.

## Lois Ann (Boys) Hitt May 17, 1938 - Nov. 3, 2012

Mrs. Lois Ann (Boys) Hitt was born the second child to Vaughn Boys and Emily (Stephens) Boys on May 17, 1938 in Wilmington, Del. She departed this life Saturday evening, Nov. 3, 2012 at the Harlan County Health Systems Hospital in Alma, Neb. at the age of 74.

Lois grew to womanhood in Delaware where she had attended school at Wilmington graduating from high school with the class of 1957. Following high school she became employed as a telephone operator residing in Delaware.

On Oct. 11, 1959 Miss Lois Ann Boys was united in marriage to John Croner Hitt at Elkton, Md. To this union three children were born, Karen Leigh, John Kevin, and Kelly Lynn. They resided in Delaware

until August 1973, when they moved to McCook, Neb. She continued employment as a telephone operator until 1980 when she became a bookkeeper with C and K Distributors, which was a Farm and Home Store in McCook. In 2004, they moved to Leesburg, Fla. John preceded Lois in death on Feb. 25, 2012. She entered the Good Samaritan Society Home, Colonial Villa in Alma in April, 2012.

She was a member of the First Congregational Church at McCook. While residing in Florida, she was a member of the Congregational Church at Mt. Dora, Fla. She was also a member of the Chapter 86 of the Order of the Eastern Star in McCook.

In addition to her husband, Lois was preceded in death by her father Vaughn; her step fa-

ther, Marion "Mike" Shanks; her mother Emily; and one brother Jack Boys in 1992.

She leaves to mourn her passing her two daughters, Karen Allen of Culbertson, Neb., and Kelly Regier and her husband Bryan of Bingham, Neb.; one son John Kevin Hitt and his wife Barbara of Long Island; a sister-in-law, Joane Boys-Morowski of Tarpon Springs, Fla.; a brother Warren Shanks and his wife Karen of Newark, Del.; seven grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; other relatives and many friends.

Lois was directly cremated after death and memorial services and inurnment will be held in McCook, Neb. at a later date.

Banta-Torrey Funeral Home in Alma is in charge of arrangements.

## Karen Rose Shearer June 10, 1943 - Nov. 3, 2012

Karen Rose Shearer, daughter of Floyd and Velda (Strickland) Troutner, was born June 10, 1943, in Norton, and passed away at the Norton County Hospital in Norton, on Nov. 3, 2012, at the age of 69.

Karen grew up in Lenora, where she attended school, and Buena Vista, Colo. Following the death of her mother, she returned to Lenora where she was raised from the age of 15 by her grandmother, Faye Strickland. On Nov. 25, 1961, she married Roger Shearer in the Norton Christian Church. They made their home in Lenora and Norton before moving to Stamford, Neb. They later returned to the Long Island community where they currently lived. Karen was a loving homemaker to her husband and four children, and had also worked as a custodian.

Karen was an avid supporter of the Northern Valley schools and loved spending time with her grandchildren and her dog, Spot. She was also a lifelong Elvis Presley fan.

Survivors include: her husband, Roger Shearer, Long Island; four children, Belinda Turman and John Steelsmith, Norton; Deb, and husband, Bob Kaus, Norton; Mike, and wife, Shelly Shearer, Almena; and Lisa Shearer, Norton; nine grandchildren, Ryan Shearer, Alyssa and husband, Ryan Saalfeld, Scott Shearer, Caleb Turman, Ben Kaus, Amanda Turman, Courtney Kaus, Dalton and Keegan Smith; one brother, Don Troutner, Kitchener, Ontario, Canada; two half-brothers, Charlie Troutner, Edgerton, Kansas; Jon Troutner, Kansas City area; one half-sister, Michelle Hatfield, Ottawa, Kansas; other relatives and many friends.

Karen was preceded in death by her parents, her grandmother, Faye Strickland, and two granddaughters, Amanda Turman and Brittney Shearer.

Funeral services will be held on Friday, Nov. 9 at Enfield Funeral Home, 215 W. Main, Norton, at 2 p.m. Inurnment will be at Mt. Hope Cemetery in Almena.

Contributions can be made

to the Karen Shearer Memorial Fund.

Condolences can be sent to www.enfieldfh.com.

Arrangements are by Enfield Funeral Home of Norton.

**Norton Arts and Craft Fair**  
**Armory Food Stand**  
 JOIN US FOR A SHOPPING BREAK  
 AND FOR LUNCH  
**Saturday, November 10**  
 OPENING TO CLOSING  
*Delicious Pie (or Dessert) and Coffee*  
*Homemade Chicken and Noodles*  
*Barbequed Brisket Sandwiches and Chips*  
**All Money Raised Will be Donated to the**  
**Western Kansas Child Advocacy Center**  
 (If interested in volunteering or making your  
 donation, please contact Karen Griffiths  
 or Christal Rose at  
 785-871-2301)

NORTON COUNTY'S  
 24<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL  
**Genealogical Society's**  
**Arts & Craft Fair**  
**Saturday, November 10**  
 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
**FREE ADMISSION**  
**Eisenhower Grade School**  
 Eisenhower Drive-Three (3) Blocks West of the Armory  
 (Follow the Signs) - NORTON, KANSAS  
**Crafts in Gym, Cafeteria and Hallways**  
**Bierocks for Sale** (Individually or by the Dozen) Other Good Things  
**Lunch Stand by Genealogy Society**  
Not Responsible for Accidents,  
 Lost or Stolen Items

# BIRTH

Parker Vahling of Oberlin, along with his parents Michael and Kandi Vahling, welcomed the newest addition to their family on Oct. 31, 2012. Brookelynn Olivia Vahling arrived at 3:20 p.m. at Citizens Medical Center in Colby weighing in at eight pounds, 11 ounces and measuring 19 1/2 inches long. Her grandparents are Dick and Betty Vahling of Dresden, and Peggy Handran from Laramie, Wyo. Also welcoming Brookelynn were Ruth Vahling of Dresden, and Alberta Ritter of Oberlin.



## Norton resident receives award

Garrett Beydler of Norton, KS was recently selected to receive the Honorary American FFA Degree-Teacher. This award is given to those who advance agricultural education and FFA through outstanding personal commitment.

The National FFA Organization works to enhance the lives of youth through agricultural education. Without the efforts of highly dedicated individuals, thousands of young people would not be able to achieve success that, in turn, contributes directly to the overall well-being of the nation. The Honorary American FFA Degree is an opportunity to recognize those who have gone beyond valuable daily contributions to make an extraordinary long-term difference in the lives of students, inspiring confidence in a new generation of agriculturists.

Recipients in the "teacher" category are selected on the basis of their contributions in the following seven areas: classroom/laboratory instruction, experiential learning of students, the National FFA Organization, building partnerships, agricultural education program marketing, agricultural edu-

cation program development and evaluation, and professional development of agricultural education teachers.

In addition, teachers must have taught for a minimum of 10 years and their agricultural education program must have had 85 percent membership in the past year.

Members of the National FFA Board of Directors approved the nomination. Garrett traveled to Indianapolis to receive the honor during an onstage presentation at the 85th National FFA Convention and Expo Oct. 24-27, 10212. All recipients received a certificate and medal, and their names will be permanently recorded.

The National FFA Organization, formerly known as the Future Farmers of America, is a national youth organization of 540,739 student members - all preparing for leadership and careers in the science, business and technology of agriculture - as part of 7,489 local FFA chapters in all 50 states, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. Visit www.FFA.org for more information.

## Nex-Tech honors employees service



Tonya Juenemann reached 10 years of service with Nex-Tech on Jan. 2, 2012. She is a Plant Accountant based out of the Norton office.

J.B. Harding reached five years of service with Nex-Tech on Jan. 29, 2012. He is a Combination Technician 1 based out of the Hays office. J.B. is the son of Brad and Christie Harding of Norton.



Nov. 2-  
Nov. 7

**Nora Thompson Washburn**  
 will be celebrating her 90th Birthday on November 12. Cards can reach her at 970 Quail Drive, Norton, Kansas 67654

Showing at the  
**NORTON THEATRE**  
**Here Comes the Boom**  
(PG) 1 Hour and 51 Minutes (Presented in Digital Sound)  
 Friday and Saturday - 8:00 p.m.  
 Sunday - 5:00 p.m.  
 Mon., Tues., Wed., 7:00 p.m.  
**Trouble with the Curve**  
1 Hour, 57 Minutes (PG-13)

**Let's Go to the Movie**

All passes accepted for Here Comes the Boom; All passes accepted for Trouble with the Curve  
 Here Comes the Boom is General Admission Price of \$6.00 and \$5.00 - \$3.00 on Sunday  
 Trouble with the Curve is General Admission Price of \$6.00 and \$5.00 - \$3.00 on Sunday

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The Norton County Arts Council  
**Arts and Crafts Fair**  
**Saturday, Nov. 10, 2012**  
 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the **National Guard Armory**  
 N.Hwy. 283 and Armory Road and the **4-H Building** 126 Park, Norton, Kansas  
 Admission Charge of \$2.00 for ages 12 and over helps pay for the season programs.  
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**REGISTER FOR A \$10.00 GIFT CERTIFICATE TO BE USED AT ANY OF OUR VENDORS . . .**  
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