

THE OBERLIN HERALD —

Obituaries

James W. Carmon

James William Carmon, 79, a longtime pastor and evangelist, died Monday, Dec. 20, 2010, at his home in Oberlin from Erdheim-Chester Disease.

He was born Dec. 10, 1931, in Kopperl, Texas, the son of Oliver Perry and Lillie Lee (Boyd) Carmon. His parents divorced when he was 12. Abandoned by his father and abused by his step-father, he left home at the age of 13, working his way through the Texas panhandle. He had attended 12 schools by the time he was given a home in Albany, Texas, with Effie and Lynn Pate. He graduated from Albany High School in 1950, then joined the U.S. Air Force. Six months later, he married Wanda Jean Marsee, who died two months later.

During the Korean War, he was a senior ground radio repairman, earning Airman First Class stripes before being honorably discharged after four years, including a year in Korea.

He was converted to Christ in 1953 and attended Tennessee Temple University in Chattanooga, Tenn., where he graduated with a theological degree. While there, he met Norma Bailey of Webster, Wis., and they were married in 1955. He was ordained in 1958 through the Baptist General Conference. His pastorates were at Bethany Baptist, Mason, Wis.; Fox River Baptist, Appleton, Wis., First Christian and Missionary Alliance, Billings, Mont., and Lund Covenant, rural Dresden from 1968-74.

In 1971, he founded the Christ for All Evangelistic Association and became a full-time evangelist in 1974, traveling nationwide and in Canada. Three of his daughters joined him as song evangelists and counselors at various times as he flew his single-engine Mooney airplane to camps and churches.

He was director of extension and church growth for the Christian and Missionary Alliance in Arlington, Texas, from 1985-87, then became pastor of Old Cheney Alliance, Lincoln, Neb. He was pastor of Yellowstone Community, Savage, Mont., 1990-98. He retired for a year then became pastor of First Baptist, Falun, Wis. He retired in 2009 and he and his wife returned to their home in Oberlin.

Survivors include his wife, Norma; four daughters, Vickie and Armin Sowers, rural Dresden; Yvonne and Dennis Schultz of Mount Gilead, Ohio; Janet and Wylie Anderson, rural Angola, Neb.; and Janell and John Meyers, Hamtramck, Mich.; 10 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and a sister, Ruth Carver, Athens, Texas.

He was also preceded in death in 1936 by two brothers, Orlander, 14, and Floyd, 10.

Funeral services will be held at 9:30 a.m. Thursday at Pauls Funeral Home in Oberlin. The Rev. John Meyers and the Rev. Dr. Dennis Schultz will officiate. Burial will follow at the Lund Covenant Cemetery, rural Dresden, with military rites by the Oberlin American Legion Post.

Memorials were established to Erdheim-Chester Global Alliance at www.Erdheim-Chester.org or Acts 29 Fellowship at www.acts-29.us. Contributions may be sent to the funeral home, 121 N. Penn, Oberlin, Kan., 67749.

Forrest Duane Jackson

Forrest Duane Jackson, 91, a retired farmer in the Norcatgur area, died Saturday, Dec. 18, 2010, at his farm home.

He was born April 23, 1919, in Rockwell Township of Norton County, the son of Arthur and Viola (Wertenberger) Jackson. When he was four years old, the family moved to a dairy farm on the north-east edge of Norcatgur. He graduated from Norcatgur Rural High School in 1939. After serving four years as a conscientious objector in Arkansas, Oregon, and Michigan, he returned to Norcatgur.

He married Inez Ervin on March 19, 1948, at the Maple Grove Church of the Brethren parsonage. They lived their 62 years of married life in the house built by his Grandfather and Grandmother Wertenberger on the farm. He was a lifelong member of the Maple Grove Church of the Brethren, where he served as deacon and Sunday School Superintendent.

Survivors include his wife, Inez; three children, Iris and Mac Bergen, Sutton, Neb.; and Dewayne and Aurelia Jackson, and Debra and Troy Marshall, Norcatgur; nine grandchildren; two great-grandchildren;

a sister-in-law, Doris Fay Jackson; and a brother-in-law, John Ervin.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Marvin, and two sisters, Ruth and Esther.

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Funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday at the Maple Grove Church of the Brethren, rural Norton. The Rev. Leon Neher will officiate and burial will be in the Norcatgur Cemetery.

A memorial was established to the church. Contributions may be sent to Pauls Funeral Home, 121 N. Penn, Oberlin, Kan., 67749.

Ronald Lee Kump

Ronald Lee Kump, 60, of Wichita, formerly of Oberlin, died Wednesday, Dec 15, 2010, at Harry Hynes Hospice in Wichita.

He was born Dec. 10, 1950, in McCook, Neb., the son of Jack R. Kump and Cecilia (Zodrow) Kump-Brown. He lived in Kansas City, Mo., where he worked with his dad, Jack Kump, at South Town Ford. When his tour in Vietnam was over, he returned to Kansas City.

He married Judy Todd on April 28, 1973. They lived in Oberlin for 18 years before moving to Wichita. He worked for Chance Rides for 15 years.

Survivors include his wife, Judy; two daughters, Melissa and Shawn Hazell, Hutchinson, and Jenifer and Mitch Ermery II, Wichita; four grandchildren; his father-in-law, Jim Robinson, Lincoln, Mo.; a sister-in-law, Linda and Bill Hansen; two brothers-in-law, Bill and Ben Todd; a step-sister, Paula and Shannon Chapman; and two step-brothers, Eric and Peggy Brown, and Kurt Brown.

He was preceded in death by his father; step-father, George Brown; mother-in-law, Verna Robinson; grandparents, Leo and Elizabeth Zodrow and Lee and Hazel Kump; sister-in-law, Kathy Sanders; uncles and aunts, Elmer and Delores Zodrow, Lawrence "Ozzie" Zodrow, Mark Hickert, Warren and Patty Kump, Jean Ann Kump, and cousins, Linda Zodrow and John Kump.

Memorial services will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 8, at Pauls Funeral Home in Oberlin. Sister Marilyn Wall will officiate and inurnment will be in the Oberlin Cemetery.

Amemorial was established in his name. Contributions may be sent to the funeral home, 121 N. Penn, Oberlin, Kan., 67749.

Kyler Lain Petersen

Kyler Lain Petersen, 2, of Rexford, died Dec. 9, 2010, in a semi-trailer accident near Wathena.

He was born April 15, 2008, in Colby, the son of Michael and Nicole (Flax) Petersen.

Survivors include his parents of the home; three brothers, Austin, Kylin and Kaden Petersen, and a sister, Taylor Petersen, of the home; and a brother, Colten Schurr and a sister, Haylee Schurr, Oberlin; his grandparents, Kenny and Elaine Flax, Gove; and Mike and Katie Petersen, Rexford; and his great-grandparents, August and Susan Zordel, Ransom, and Joan Flax, WaKeeney.

Funeral services were held Saturday morning at the Rexford Community Church. Pastor Lane Purcell officiated and burial was in the Hawkeye Cemetery.

A memorial was established in his name. Contributions may be sent to Schmitt Funeral Home, 901 S. Main, Quinter, Kan., 67752. Condolences may be sent to schmittfuneral.com.

Fern Erikson Wenger

Fern Georgene Erikson Wenger, 88, a longtime Oberlin resident, died Dec. 8, 2010, at the Decatur County Hospital in Oberlin.

She was born April 19, 1922, at the "North Place" family farm

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southwest of Herndon, the second daughter of August George and Olive (Feldman) Erikson. She was reared on the family farm and attended Laing School for eight years. She graduated in 1940 from Decatur Community High School. After completing high school, she taught all eight grades at the White Cloud country school, then moved to Oberlin to teach fourth grade.

She married Dwight Alvin Wenger of the Lund community on Aug. 28, 1946. They lived in Manhattan for two years while he completed his engineering education. They moved to Oberlin in 1948. They were charter members of the Oberlin Covenant Church in 1952. She was also a charter member of Pi Alpha Club of Oberlin.

Survivors include three children, Ron and Linda Wenger, Dayton, Tenn.; Evan and Cathy Wenger, Aubrey, Texas; and Jodie Wenger and Terry Jones, Topeka; a sister, Eulaine Benda, Oberlin; a sister-in-law, Eris and Dale Young, Oberlin; four grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband Dwight in 1981; two brothers, Kermit Erikson and Cordette Erikson, and a sister, Eula Waldo.

Funeral services were held Monday, Dec. 13, 2010, at Pauls Funeral Home in Oberlin. The Rev. Chris Nelson and the Rev. Sharon Nelson officiated and burial was in the Oberlin Cemetery.

Amemorial was established to the Oberlin Covenant Church or Cedar Living Center. Contributions may be sent to Pauls Funeral Home, 121 N. Penn, Oberlin, Kan., 67749.

Marie Jean Vavroch

Marie (Jean) Regina Vavroch, 82, a 1946 graduate of Leoville High School, died Dec. 11, 2010, at the Decatur County Hospital.

She was born Oct. 17, 1928, in Jennings, the fourth of eight children of Henry and Theresa (Robben) Hickert. She was reared on the family farm east of Jennings. She attended Lone Star School near Jennings and Leoville High School. She received a teaching certificate from Fort Hays State College and was a teacher for Jennings Rural Grade School. She later worked at the Jennings Bank. She enjoyed travel league bowling and met her future husband when they joined the same mixed league group.

She married Charley Vavroch on Aug. 12, 1961, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in New Almelo. They made their home on the Vavroch family farm. She was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church where she served as lay minister. She was a member of the Altar Society and Zeta Nu Club. She worked at Cobblestone, Ltd. and Expressions of Home. She and her husband moved to Oberlin in 1982.

Survivors include two sons, Allan Vavroch, Manhattan; and Kevin Vavroch, Shawnee; a daughter, Janice Doyle, Kansas City, Mo.; two brothers, Emory Hickert, Clearwater, Fla.; and Gordon Hickert, Cherokee Village, Ark.; and three sisters, Ida Hoover, Lady Lake, Fla.; Elizabeth Richards, Rapid City, S.D.; and Elinor Wiltfong, Norton.

She was preceded in death by her husband, her parents and two brothers, Marcellus and Norman Hickert.

Memorial services will be held later and a memorial fund is being established. Pauls Funeral Home, Oberlin and Selden, is in charge of arrangements. (www.paulsfh.com).

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From the Record

Courthouse

These transactions were taken from the records in the offices of the Decatur County court clerk, sheriff and register of deeds:

DISTRICT COURT Traffic

Dec. 9: Brad Long, Norcatgur, failure to wear seat belt, \$5.

Nov. 9: Miranda Virginia Mock, Norton, speeding, \$157.

Dec. 9: Fred James Oberloh, Miami, Okla., speeding, \$169.

Nov. 23, Gerald C. Schober, Dyer, Nev., speeding, \$208.

Limited Actions

Credit Management Services vs. Christy Kirk, \$412 plus costs and interest.

JAIL BOOKINGS

The following were booked into

the Decatur County Jail:

Dec. 12, Penny Sullivan, 41, McCook, drunk driving and driving while suspended.

Dec. 12, Robert Burton, 71, McCook, third-degree sexual abuse.

Dec. 15, Brock Euhus, 21, Oberlin, drunk driving.

REGISTER OF DEEDS

Joyce Washburn, executor of estate of Patricia E. Nelson, Starr Foster, Susan Bower Burt, f/k/a Susan Elizabeth Bower, William L. Nelson, a/k/a William Nelson and Charlotte Nelson, Carolyn Kells f/k/a Carolyn Goodnight, and James Kells, James William Goodnight and Donna Goodnight to Flying S Land Co., all interest in NE/4, and N/2SE/4 and SE/4SE/4 Sec. 12, T4S, R27W; SW/4, and S/2N/2 Sec. 7, T4S, R26W.

Steve Lafferty, trustee of the Lafferty Family Living Trust, to Doris L. Crosley, SE/4 Sec. 20, T1S, R27W and N/2SW/4, N/2 SE/4 of SE/4SE/4, Sec. 29, T1S, R27W.

W. Dean and Ardith E. Loudnerback to Kerry Loudnerback and Spring Loudnerback as joint tenants part of NW/4, Sec. 24, T3S, R29W, Decatur County.

Frederick J. Albers, quit claim to Frederick Lee Albers, E/2 and E/2NW/4 Sec. 26, T5S, R29W, Decatur County.

Joe R. Baird GST Exempt Trust Created under the Ralph H. Baird Irrevocable Trust, to Jean B. Martin GST Exempt Trust Created under the Ralph H. Baird Irrevocable Trust, the NE/4 Sec. 30, T4S, R28W.

Town Crier

third Thursday of the month, open senior bridge. Quilting, puzzles, games daily. Chicken-foot dominoes, 1 p.m., first and third Tuesday.

A representative of the Northwest Local Environmental Protection Group will be at the county Health Department once a month for free well evaluations, including testing water for bacteria and nitrates. For details, call 475-8118.

Tuesday, Thursday: The Decatur County Food Pantry is open from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the United Church, 109 N. Griffith. Donations of cash, nonperishable food and household items are always needed.

SENIOR MENU

Senior lunch at the Golden Age Center, weekdays at noon:

Today: tuna salad, tomato soup, peaches, bread, cookie.

Thursday: sausage gravy, potato rounds, green beans, biscuit, apricots.

Friday: closed.

Monday: closed.

Tuesday: salisbury steak, mashed potatoes/gravy, seasoned carrots, bread, pears.

Wednesday: chicken vegetable casserole, mandarin oranges, biscuit, cook's choice complement.

Honor Roll

Welcome and thanks to these recent subscribers of *The Oberlin Herald*:

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Colorado: William Deines, Burlington Neb.; Walt Schwab, McCook; Galen Lafferty, Danbury; Kathy Brashears, Curtis,;

Kansas: Gayle Bainter, Hoxie; Paul Kitzke, Hugoton; Wayne McCallister, Mike Ferguson, Mike Mapes, Mike Helm, Norcatgur; Kim Franklin, Doris Peterson, Atwood; Janice Winters, Ramona Shaw, Jennings; Eddie Miller, Colby; Mrs. Raymond Ritter, Russell; Wilbur Reichert, Dresden; Mary Anderson, Osborne; Dorothy Lawn, Dean Kruse, Norton; Wayne Smith, Burlington; Milton Anderson, Vliets; Marj Kanoalske, Lenexa; Jessica Luck, Hays; Carolyn Kuhn, Topeka; John Lamb, Topeka;

Oberlin: Craig Larson, Tim Stallman, Loyd Moore, Steve Nelson. Charlotte Meints, Dean Groneweg, Eric Swegle, Dale Young, Robin Williamson. Donald Anderson, Lucille Fowler, John Tate, Nadean Stoney, Marie McKisson, Lois Bryant, Elden Long, Barbara Delhinger, Ryan Diener, Harold Nichols, Marjorie Olson, Frances Schiessler, Jim and Pat Abbey, Larry Mack, Donna Warren, Mike Fordam, Ann Williams, Eileene Grose, Leona Helmkamp, Dwayne Jones, Margaret Vacura, Brad Gregory, David Bose, Phil Fraker, Sharon Slabaugh, Frances Vacura, Mary Noone, Bill Flynn, Francis Hurst.

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Weather

Forecast		National Weather Service		
Wednesday: Partly sunny, with a high near 35. East wind between 5 and 15 mph.		(Information below for period ending 8 a.m.; maximum temperature for previous day.)		
Wednesday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 20.			Hi	Low
Thursday: A 30 percent chance of snow, mainly after noon. Cloudy, with a high near 34.		Dec. 13	39	5
Thursday Night: A 30 percent chance of snow. Cloudy, with a low around 17.		Dec. 14	37	12
Friday: Partly sunny, with a high near 30.		Dec. 15	51	20
Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 12.		Dec. 16	46	23
Christmas Day: Sunny, with a high near 34.		Dec. 17	46	12
Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 12.		Dec. 18	36	14
Sunday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 35.		Dec. 19	40	23
From the National Weather Service		Precipitation totals for the week, 0.00; for the month, 0.36; for the year, 23.97; one year ago, December 2009, 26.52		
		For 24-hour weather radio broadcast, tune scanner to 162.4 mhz.		
		By Melvin Martin - NOAA Cooperative Weather Observer.		