

Obituaries

Donald Willis Kramer

May 31, 1928 - Sept. 27, 2006

Donald Willis Kramer was born May 31, 1928, in Cheyenne County, Kansas, north of Bird City. He was born to Alvin and Vera Kramer, the third of six children. He died Sept. 27, 2006, at the Cheyenne County Hospital in St. Francis.

As president of his senior class, Don graduated from Bird City High School in 1946. Prior to his induction into the Army on July 14, 1954, he worked at Bressler Implement as a parts manager. He spent 18 months in the England-European area while in the service and was honorably discharged at Fort Sheridan, Chicago.

In August of 1956, Don married Twila Underwood and to this union four daughters were born. Don continued his education in mortuary science with a degree from Dallas Institute of Funeral Service. He and Twila then returned to St. Francis where he was employed by Riddell Furniture and Funeral Home. They became the owners of Kramer Chapel and Kramer Furniture in 1972. Through this profession, he faithfully served many customers and families throughout the surrounding communities before retiring in 1994.

Don's love of music was evident by his participation in a barbershop quartet, church vocal and bell choirs and family music specials. He also played his ukulele while family and friends joined in many sing-a-longs.

The many organization Don participated in included the Masonic Lodge 383 which he was a member of for 50 years, the Cheyenne Shrine Club, working many occasions in the candy wagon, and was a two-term member of the St. Francis City Council.

Preceding him in death were his parents and his oldest brother, Bernard.

Family members who continued to honor Don's legacy are wife, Twila; daughters, Kellee Loyd and husband, Chris of Spring, Texas, Natalie Knodel and husband, John, Paula Crabtree and husband, Sam, all of St. Francis, Lisa Krull and husband, Charles of Hays; brothers, Kennard and wife, Mary of Yukon, Okla., Jim and wife, Marj of Fort Morgan, Colo., Ron and wife, Sharon of Kearney, Neb., and sister, Marlys Poulignot and husband, Howard of St. Francis; sisters-in-law, Yvonne

Underwood McCook, Neb., Elaine Jensen and husband, Floyd of St. Francis; brother-in-law, Jay Underwood of Chandler, Ariz.; grandchildren: Luke and Adam Loyd, Mallory, Meredith and Madeline Knodel, Hollie and Olivia Herbel, Heather Krull, Hailey, Ted and Sidnee Crabtree; and numerous cousins, nieces, nephews, friends and neighbors.

Funeral services were held Sept. 30, at the United Methodist Church in St. Francis where his 11 grandchildren served as casket bearers. Burial was in the St. Francis Cemetery.

Funeral arrangements were made by Knodel Funeral Home.

Oscar Emmanuel Johnson Jr.

Jan. 1, 1930 - Sept. 19, 2006

Oscar Emmanuel Johnson Jr. was a New Year's Day baby born Jan. 1, 1930, to Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Emmanuel Johnson Sr., 4 miles north of Jamestown, Kan., in Republic County. Oscar was the youngest of three children, having had an older brother, Maurice, now deceased, and a sister, Marciel Williams, presently living in Concord, Ark.

As an infant, Oscar was baptized into the Christian faith at Kackley Lutheran Church in Kackley, where he continued to receive instructions in God's Word as he grew into manhood. Oscar's school years took place in Jamestown, graduating from high school in 1947. He attended Kansas State University for one year and studied agricultural engineering.

Oscar was inducted into the U.S. Army in February of 1953, in Kansas City, Mo., during the Korean War. His military training took place at Fort Bliss, El Paso, Texas, February of 1955. Oscar was trained as a surveyor in a Guided Missile Unit while serving in the military. Oscar earned the rank of Sergeant when honorably discharged in 1955.

Oscar and Elaine Goltl were married Dec. 28, 1954, at St. John Lutheran Church in Bird City. They were the parents of Kenneth Mark, who has been with his parents for the past several months assisting with the farm and ranch work; Brent Matthew residing in

Houston, Texas, also came to Kansas to help with the farm, Debra Carol, residing in San Antonio, Texas, arrived to spend time at her Dad's bedside in the Coronary Care Unit in Memorial Hospital, Colorado Springs, Colo., Ken, Brent and wife, Elaine were also there supporting Oscar and one another.

Oscar continued farming and ranching prior to his health problems and death on Sept. 19, 2006, while being hospitalized.

Funeral services were held Sept. 23, at the Wesley Community Church in Bird City with Pastor Dan Carson and Pastor Terry Glasco officiating.

Honorary pallbearers were Erwin Peters, Lynn Query, David Nelsen, Don Wright, C.W. Anholz, Gerald Wright and Louis Gipe.

Casket bearers were Max Linen, Dan Busse, Steve Busse, Lynn Glasco, Robin Magley and Dan Sowers.

Interment was in the Bird City Cemetery. Military Honors were by Fort Riley. Arrangements by Knodel Funeral Home, St. Francis.



Johnson

Rural class meets in Branson for a reunion

The Bird City Rural High School Class of 1962 met in Branson, Mo. for a reunion Sept. 9-16. The classmates attending included Mae (Query) Lamberson and her husband Lou of Littleton, Colo., Merlin Wright and his wife Becky of Ft. Morgan, Colo., Craig Seymour, Ames, Iowa, Don Kruse, Bonner Springs, and Janelle (Bunjes) Andrews, Clearwater, Fla. The participants laughingly called this reunion the Class of '62 turns 62.

The classmates arrived in Branson on Saturday, Sept. 9, and enjoyed relaxing and visiting the first day. Sunday the group gathered to view the video of their 20th class reunion in Bird City and all agreed that everyone certainly looked much younger then. That evening the group went to the Dick Clark American Bandstand Theatre. Displayed in the lower level of the theatre is the world's largest collection of 1957 automobiles and memorabilia. It was a real stroll down memory lane. Dinner was at the Dick Clark's American Bandstand Grill

located in the upper level surrounded by pictures of early American Bandstand days with Dick Clark visiting with the Bandstand guests and entertainers while clips of the old shows were being shown on screens in the dining area. It brought back memories of watching American Bandstand on television after school.

Following dinner everyone enjoyed the Original Stars of American Bandstand performing their hits starring Fabian, Bobby Vee, Brian Hyland, The Chiffons, and Chris Montez.

Monday the classmates took a nostalgic drive to Rockaway Beach and located Michel's Cottages where they stayed during their Senior Trip. It is now Branson Lankes Family Resort and they visited with the new owner. Rockaway Beach hasn't changed much and it was fun to visit there again. Lunch was at Lambert's in Springfield, Mo. Excellent food and home of the throwed rolls and they really do throw the rolls! The group

Club Clips

McDonald Senior Citizens

There were 41 seniors and Health Nurse Debbie Rummel that were welcomed by an orange-haired Haloween gal with a big nose who answered to the name Phyllis, and who threw treats to everyone. Birthdays were acknowledged and then Emma Threlkel gave a humorous reading and led the prayer.

The tables were decorated in a Halloween theme. Each place setting had a unusual Jack-o-lantern made of a painted light bulb.

After dinner Chuck Stones introduced Bonnie Lynch of Wichita. She works for the Law Enforcement in the Security Commission. Her topic was "Don't Get Scammed, Investigate Before You Invest." She told how many people age 65 and older lose money from Scam Artists. Some of the highest scams are from people claiming to offer investments in oil, gas, or Ethanol. She said "If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is."

After Bonnie's presentation, bingo was played with Darwin

Go-Getters 4-H

of Allegiance and the 4-H Pledge. Isaac Sturgeon read the reporter's report from the last meeting. Treasurer Ethan Young have the treasurer's report.

In old business, the club decided not to host the Holiday Craft Fair this year. Record books are due Oct. 2. Jan Busse signed all the record books.

In new business, the Achievement Banquet will be in Bird City on Nov. 5. The members are going to set up

Higgins winning "Blackout".

Phyllis conducted the business meeting. In the absence of Marlene Johnson, LaVina Waters acted as secretary and treasurer. The garage sale was discussed, and amount of sale recorded. Plans were made for the Nov. 6 Thanksgiving dinner. Committees are: Prayer; Pastor Greg Moyer, Poem; Vera Kacirek, Bingo; Ray Johnson, Gifts; Marlene Johnson, Kitchen Help; everyone.

The Go-Getters decided to sell bird seed from Bird City Bird Seed for a fund-raiser. The proceeds will go towards the Senior Citizens Center for the handicap railings for the toilets.

The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting is tentatively set for Oct. 12 in the Lutheran Church basement. The members will be electing new officers.

reporter, Isaac Sturgeon

shopped at Branson Landing that evening and later enjoyed the comedy of the Jim Stafford show.

Tuesday they drove to Tablerock Dam. The group toured the museum and watched a video of the history of Tablerock. That evening everyone went to the Moon River Theatre to see Andy Williams and Petula Clark. Following Wednesday morning breakfast at the Belgium Waffle House, Craig left the group to drive back to Iowa. He returned early so he and his wife, Lynette could drive to Colorado for Lynette's McDonald class reunion the next weekend. Merlin and Beck and Janelle went to the Mel Tillis show that afternoon. Mae and Lou attended the Dutton's show. Thursday was a beautiful day and Silver Dollar City day with all the crafts and shows and the evening performances of the Classic Country Nights show at Echo Hollow Amphitheatre.

Friday Merlin and Becky left to drive to Nashville to visit their son.

Janelle went to the morning show of Yakov Smirnoff and the afternoon show of Shoji Tabuchi. Mae and Lou went to see the Hughes Brothers show. Mae and Lou continued their vacation through Memphis, Nashville and Oklahoma City. Janelle drove to Kansas City to attend a reunion of the Farmland Industries former employees on Saturday, Sept. 16, and returned the next day to her home in Clearwater, Fla.

It was great for everyone to see their classmates again, and they missed the ones unable to attend. Other members of the Class of 1962 included; Alana Wamhoff, Gerald Lillich, Marilyn Leisure, Melvis Watkins, Karen (Radloff) Reinhart, Kent Kamla, Tom Traxler, Joe (Haddon) Wahrman, and Rexanna (Atkinson) Yust.

The next reunion is planned for July 26-28, 2007, in Bird City for the Tri-State Antique Engine and Thresher Show.

Public Notices

Order of closing books published

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ORDER OF CLOSING BOOKS and NOTICE OF PLACES AND DATES OF REGISTRATION BEFORE GENERAL ELECTION November 7, 2006

Pursuant to K.S.A. 25-2311(c), notice is hereby given that on the 23rd day of October, 2006, all registration books for the General Election will close at the end of regular business hours. Registration books will remain closed until the 8th day of November 2006.

In compliance with the provision of K.S.A. 25-2310, notice is hereby given that the books for registration of voters will be open during regular business hours at the offices of the County Clerk in St. Francis and at the First National Bank or City Clerk in Bird City.

A citizen of the United States who is eighteen (18) years of age and upwards or will have attained the age of eighteen (18) years at the next election may register to vote. When a voter has been registered according to law, his or her registration shall continue to be valid until the voter changes their name by marriage, divorce or legal proceedings or changes their residence. Any person may apply to be registered in person or by mail to the Election Officer. Application forms shall be provided by the County Election Officer upon request in person or in writing by an individual applicant. Such applications shall be signed by the applicant under penalty of perjury.

WITNESS MY HAND and seal of my office this 3rd day of October, A.D., 2006.

Terry Miller,
County Election Officer

SEAL

Notice of hearing for will to be settled

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF CHEYENNE COUNTY, KANSAS IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF W. E. HEMPLER, A/K/A WALDEMAR HEMPLER, DECEASED Case No. 05-PR-21

W. E. HEMPLER, A/K/A WALDEMAR HEMPLER, DECEASED PURSUANT TO K.S.A. CHAPTER 59

NOTICE OF HEARING THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that a petition was filed in this Court by Marsha A. Batt, duly appointed, qualified and acting Executor of the Estate of W. E. Hempler, deceased, praying Petitioner's acts be approved; account be settled and allowed; the heirs be determined; the Will be construed and the Estate be assigned to the persons entitled thereto; the Court find the allow-

ances requested for attorneys, fees and expenses are reasonable and should be allowed; the costs be determined and ordered paid; the administration of the Estate be closed; upon the filing of receipts the Petitioner be finally discharged as the Executor of the Estate of W. E. Hempler, deceased, and the Petitioner be released from further liability.

You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before October 13, 2006, at 10:00 P.M. in the District Court, St. Francis, Cheyenne County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the petition.

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Petition filed in court for the Cardwell estate

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF CHEYENNE COUNTY, KANSAS In the Matter of the Estate of

Case No. 06-PR-16 Jean Francis Cardwell, a/k/a Jean F. Cardwell, Deceased PURSUANT TO K.S.A. CHAPTER 59

NOTICE OF HEARING THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that a Petition has been filed in this Court by William D. E. Cardwell, spouse and one of the heirs of Jean Francis Cardwell, a/k/a Jean F. Cardwell, deceased, praying:

Descent be determined of the following described real estate situated in Cheyenne County, Kansas: An undivided one-half (1/2) interest in the West Half of the Southwest Quarter (W1/2SW1/4) of Section Twenty-eight (28), Township Four (4) South, Range Forty-two (42), West of the 6th P.M. in Cheyenne County, Kansas, and An undivided one-half (1/2) interest in the Northwest Quarter of the

Northwest Quarter (NW1/4NW1/4) of Section Thirty-three (33), Township Four (4) South, Range Forty-two (42), West of the 6th P.M. in Cheyenne County, Kansas.

and all personal property and other Kansas real estate, real and personal, or interests therein, owned by the decedent at the time of death and that such property be assigned pursuant to the laws of intestate succession; and you are hereby required to file your written defenses thereto on or before October 20, 2006, at 10:30 a.m. of said day, in said court, in the City of St. Francis, in Cheyenne County, Kansas, at which time and place said cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon said petition.

William D.E. Cardwell, Petitioner

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Petition filed in court for the Johnson estate

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF CHEYENNE COUNTY, KANSAS In the Matter of the Estate of OSCAR EMMANUEL JOHNSON, JR. a/k/a OSCAR E. JOHNSON, JR., Case No. 2006-PR-17

NOTICE OF CREDITORS THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that on September 26, 2006, a Petition for Issuance of Letters of Administration was filed in this court by Elaine E. Johnson, the surviving spouse and an heir of the deceased, and the

court appointed said Elaine E. Johnson on that day as administrator of the Estate of Oscar Emmanuel Johnson, Jr. a/k/a Oscar E. Johnson, Jr., deceased.

All creditors of the above-named decedent are notified to exhibit their demands against the estate within four months, from the date of the first publication of this Notice, as provided by law, and if their demands are not thus exhibited, they shall be forever barred.

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