

OBITUARIES

Betty J. Gill

April 1, 1927 - Jan. 23, 2004

Betty J. Gill, 76, died at her home in Norton on Jan. 23, 2004. Mrs. Gill was born April 1, 1927, to Harry and Margaret (Eliker) Wilson in Overton, Neb. She attended school in Wilsonville, Neb. On July 21, 1946, she married Howard E. Gill in Norton. They made their home in Wilsonville, Goodland, Sharon Springs and Norton.

She attended the Christian Church and loved gardening and card games.

She was preceded in death by her parents and one infant daughter.

Survivors include: her husband, Howard, Norton; two sons, Daniel

Gill, Salina; Douglas Gill, Norton; a daughter, Dixie Penn, Robinson; one brother, Don Wilson, Wilsonville; two sisters, Norma Kasson, North Platte, Neb.; Mary John, Arapahoe, Neb.; five grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Monday, Jan. 26 at Enfield Funeral Home, Norton. Burial was in the Wilsonville Cemetery.

A memorial fund has been established in her name. Contributions may be made to the Betty Gill Memorial Fund in care of the funeral home at 215 W. Main, Norton, Kan., 67654.

John "Ed" Rasmussen

April 3, 1914 - Jan. 23, 2004

John E. "Ed" Rasmussen, 89, of Beloit, formerly of Grand Island, Neb., died Friday, Jan. 23, 2004, at the Mitchell County Hospital Long Term Care in Beloit.

Mr. Rasmussen was born April 3, 1914, in Naponee, Neb., to John E. and Blanche B. (Brown) Rasmussen. He attended school in Naponee, graduating from high school there in 1932. He married Vivian C. Mosher on Oct. 31, 1942, in Denver, Colo.

Mr. Rasmussen served in the United States Army Air Corps from 1942-1945. Following his Army career, he managed the Foster Lumber Company in Norton for 16 years. He then managed several other lumberyards for Foster in Nebraska, Kansas and Colorado. He moved to Grand Island in 1965 and worked for Speltz-Shultz Lumber Company until his retirement in 1979. He enjoyed birds and flowers.

He was preceded in death by his wife; one sister, Bernice Carroll;

and two brothers, Wilber Rasmussen and Elmer Rasmussen.

Survivors include two daughters, Rita and Jay Rowh, Beloit; Lana and Steve Imes of Lincoln, Neb.; a brother, Daniel Rasmussen; and five grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Monday, Jan. 26 at Livingston-Sondermann Funeral Home in Grand Island with the Rev. Dr. Rick Grace and the Rev. Vern Rice officiating. Burial was in Westlawn Memorial Park Cemetery.

Memorials have been suggested to the Alzheimer's Association of the Great Plains, Mitchell County Long Term Care Hospital, Sunken Gardens in Lincoln, or the Crane Meadows Nature Center in Grand Island. Contributions may be sent to the funeral home at 601 North Webb Road, Grand Island, Neb., 68803-4050.



Cast members of the "Seem To Be Players", the resident children's theater company of Lawrence Arts Center captivated students from Eisenhower Elementary School during their performance Friday at the East Campus auditorium. Here are the actors in the graveyard scene from the Mark Twain classic, "Tom Sawyer". The production was sponsored by the Norton County Arts Council. — Telegram photo by Carolyn Plotts

It's good to know the story behind something

If you want your children and grandchildren to value your collections, be sure they know the stories behind them. Tell them again and again. Even when they roll their eyes and say "I've heard that story a million times, Mom!"

Some collectibles, it is true, are so valuable and fragile they must be kept in the china closet or on a high shelf for safety, especially if you have young children or indoor ball players. Some collections are your own enthusiasms, collected simply because they appeal to you.

A collection you may not even know you have, however, are those things handed down through the family and every one of those has some history to be told.

When Dad tells his son "Get me Grandpa's saw," while working on a project together, it's a perfect

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time to tell him how he and his father used to build birdhouses using that very saw. When a daughter is setting the table for supper and automatically puts the cottage cheese in Aunt Mabel's blue bowl, that's an opportunity for Mom to tell her about eating homemade cottage cheese from that same bowl when she was a little girl visiting the farm.

My family lost their home in a tornado in 1951, including almost everything in the kitchen cupboards. Since that time I have

searched for and retrieved through auctions and shops some of the things I remember from those early days but the family history behind them is lost. My children, however, do remember the things their grandmother kept house with even though they were all purchased after 1951. It's fun to overhear the little things they remember about these treasured dishes and the foods served in them. To this day they recall that Grandma always served yellow potato salad in the cobalt blue Fiesta bowl and the carrot pineapple Jell-O that was always made in the bowl with the frosted grapes.

Many a collection today was started with one piece that was a gift from a favorite relative or a friend. If you are in the process of trying to clean cupboards or windows out a few things, consider passing them, along with their stories, to your children for a special birthday treat. Has a neighbor child or one of your child's friends

admired a pretty dish or cup and saucer? You might give them a happy memory and the start of a pleasant hobby. My first piece of glass came from one of Mama's friends and I still treasure it 55 years later.

So when you serve up the Thanksgiving cranberry sauce in the big glass bowl be sure the family hears that it was a wedding gift. Serve the apricot jam from that dear little jar with the ruffle and be sure they know it was on Grandma's table whenever there was company. Any cake tastes better if you know that pink cakeplate has held birthday cakes for the last forty years. Even a truly humble dish can be special when served with a memory. We have one old mixing bowl that was my grandmother's gravy bowl and my mother was always so pleased when I served gravy in it just for her benefit...and to hear her tell the story again.

If you treasure it, tell the tale!

Cyril "Cy" Wolfe

May 31, 1907 - Jan. 24, 2004

Cyril B. 'Cy' Wolfe, 96, of Perkins Pavilion of Good Samaritan Village, Hastings, died Jan. 24, 2004.

Mr. Wolfe was born May 31, 1907, in Smith Center to Raymond Guy and Harriet Mabel (Black) Shaw Wolfe. He attended school in Smith Center and Hoxie, graduating from Goodland High School. He attended Washburn University before going to work for family-owned newspapers in Peabody and Goodland and commercial printing in Topeka.

On June 8, 1929, he married Dorothy A. VanOrman at her mother's home in Topeka. He worked for a time in Laramie, Wyo., before moving to Oberlin where he was a linotype operator and machinist. He moved to Norton and worked for The Norton Telegram. In 1942, the family moved to Hastings where he was employed with the Hastings Daily Tribune where he was a linotype machinist and mechanical superintendent until his retirement in 1971. Mr. and Mrs. Wolfe moved to Good Samaritan Village in 1980. They celebrated their 50th and 60th wedding anniversaries at First United Methodist Church.

He was involved in music, playing the violin, trumpet, organ and singing. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church where he was a member of the Brass Choir; he was also a member of the Golden Age Entertainers; a charter member of the Maverick Bank; a 50-year member of

Mid-West Lodge No. 317A.F. and A.M.; Tahama Shrine; past member of Toastmasters; and charter member and first president of the Hastings Amateur Radio Club. He had been an adult Sunday School teacher, usher and a member of the Methodist Men and also a Bible Study group. He was a past civil defense director for Adams County, Neb.

Mr. Wolfe was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Dorothy; a brother, Wallace; a sister, Nadine Lucas; and an infant brother.

He is survived by a daughter, Madeline and Burton Nelson, Hastings, Neb.; two sons, Marvin and Mary Wolfe, Hastings; Gerald and Cheryl Wolfe, Sanbornton, N.H.; a brother, Raymond and Myrna Wolfe, Redmond, Wash.; a sister, Dorothy and Ted Terrill, Piedmont, Calif.; four grandsons; one step-granddaughter; five great-grandchildren; three step-great-granddaughters; and one step-great-great-grandson.

Funeral services were held today (Tuesday) at Butler-Volland Chapel, Hastings with Rev. Ralph Ford officiating. Masonic services were conducted by Mid-West Lodge No. 317. Burial was in Parkview Cemetery, Hastings.

Memorials have been established to First United Methodist Church Brass Choir; Mid-West Lodge No. 317; Good Samaritan Senior Center; or donor's choice. Contributions may be sent to the funeral home at 1225 North Elm Ave., Hastings, Neb., 68901.

READERS

— PITCH TOURNAMENT
7 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 1, Norton
American Legion. 1/27

Friends wishing to honor Margaret Shelton with a card shower on her 79th birthday, Jan. 30, may send greetings to 136 E. Fremont, Burlingame, Kan., 66413.

— Steak and seafood night,
DEATH NOTICE

Burial services for Donna L. and George W. Gustin will be held at 1 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 29 at the Evangelical Free Church, Burlington, Colo., with Pastor John Carney and Pastor Ron Lee officiating. Burial will be at 11 a.m., Friday, Jan. 30, in Fort Logan National Cemetery, Denver. Graveside honors will be performed by the Fort Carson Honor Guard.

In lieu flowers, memorials may be made to Hospice of Reno County Kansas or Dynamic Dimensions, Inc. of Burlington. Both may be made in care of Elliott Mortuary, 1219 N. Main, Hutchinson, Kan., 67501.

MARKETS

At close of business Jan. 26

Wheat	\$3.55
Milo	\$4.41
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4-6 p.m.-Soup Supper (Cash Donation)
6-7 p.m.-Consignment Auction By McEwen
Donations Accepted for Auction

Proceeds Go Toward Bus Fund

Have a story idea? Call 877-3361 and let us know ... we'd love to hear about it!