

# OBITUARIES

## Ronda E. Hill

Jan. 8, 1954 - July 11, 2004

Ronda E. (Vernon) Hill, 50, niece of Katherine Severns, Norton, died July 11 in Denver.

She was born Jan. 8, 1954, at Oberlin, the daughter of Glenn Eldon and Florence Lorraine "Tiny" (Hoppes) Vernon. She was reared on a farm in the Norcatour area and attended Norcatour Grade School and Decatur Community High School. After her family moved to Salina, she attended Salina South High School and graduated in 1972. She attended Brown Mackie School and various travel schools.

She married Alan Hill in Salina in 1976. She worked in the travel industry and was employed by United Airlines in reservations. She had lived in Louisville and Abilene; Sherman, Texas, and Memphis, Tenn., before moving to Denver. She was baptized and was a member of the United Methodist Church and was a volunteer for the March of Dimes and Gabriel Foundation.

Survivors include her son, Josh Hill, Denver; special friend, Grady Hunt, Denver; a brother, Voyle "Butch" and Beverly Vernon, Lafayette, Colo.; two sisters, Barbara Kirkpatrick, Abilene; and Janice and Richard Hays, Atwood; two sisters-in-law, Amelia Vernon, Estes Park, Colo., and Diana Vernon, Blue Springs, Mo., and former husband, Alan Hill, Wamego.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two brothers, Charles "Chuck" Vernon in April 1994, and Kevin L. Vernon in January 2004; and nephews, Terrie and Jimmie Jones.

Funeral services were held Thursday afternoon at Pauls Funeral Home, Oberlin. Jim Plotts officiated and burial was at the Norcatour Cemetery.

A memorial was established in her name. Contributions may be sent to Pauls Funeral Home, 121 N. Penn Ave., Oberlin, Kan., 67749.

## Robert Harold Jones

April 26, 1933 - July 3, 2004

Robert Harold Jones, 71, died July 3 at St. Mary's Hospital in Rochester, Minn.

Mr. Jones was born April 26, 1933, in Norton County, the son of Clyde Luke and Elizabeth Rebecca (Wolf) Jones.

He attended Lenora grade and high schools.

On Feb. 19, 1951, he and Wilma Rhea Leidig were married in Norton.

Mr. Jones worked many jobs including being a farmer/rancher, truck driver, and custom harvester. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, playing cards and watching basketball.

He was preceded in death by his parents and an infant son, Richard Duane.

Survivors include his wife, Wilma, of the home in Lenora; two

sons, Robbie Jones, Lenora; and Steve and Kathy Jones, Garfield, Ark.; two daughters, Jana and Jim Wagoner, Murphy, Texas; and Julie Jeffrey, Abilene; three sisters, Dorothy and Craig Bedle, Chester, Conn.; Marjorie David, Wichita; and Mary Lou Hanley, Renton, Wash.; six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Memorial services will be at 1:30 p.m. Friday at the United Parish Church in Lenora with the Rev. Jack Kersenbrock and the Rev. Lyle Miller officiating. Burial will be in the Lenora South Cemetery.

A memorial in his name has been established. Contributions may be sent to the Robert Jones Memorial Fund in care of Enfield Funeral Home, 215 W. Main, Norton, Kan., 67654.

## John E. Pilkington

Nov. 26, 1931 - July 15, 2004

John E. Pilkington, 72, Hays, died July 15, at Hays Medical Center.

Mr. Pilkington was born Nov. 26, 1931, in Eaton, Colo., the son of Jess and Onner (Ramsey) Pilkington.

He married Wanda Eberle on July 28, 1950, in Colby. He was a self-employed construction contractor for his own company, Pilkington Construction.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a daughter, Tami Pilkington and a brother, Jerald Pilkington.

Survivors include his wife Wanda of the home; two sons, John Pilkington, Oakley; and Don Pilkington, Louisville, Colo.; a daughter, Sandi Scott, Hays; four

brothers, Jess Pilkington, Scottsbluff, Neb.; James Pilkington, Longmont, Colo.; Bob Pilkington, Atwood; and Tom Pilkington, Montrose, Colo.; three sisters, Joyce Brown and Joanne Cotten, Mesa, Ariz.; and Eva Seely, Meeker, Colo.; eight grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Monday at Brock's North Hill Chapel in Hays with Pastor Louie Encinias and the Rev. William Miller officiating. Burial was in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Hays.

The family suggests memorials be made to Hays Christian Church, 22 and Marshall Road, Hays, Kan., 67601.

## Elton Rex Wendel

March 8, 1921 - July 16, 2004

Elton Rex Wendel, 83, died at the Good Samaritan Hospital in Kearney on July 16.

Mr. Wendel, son of Ernest and Mina (Bryant) Wendel, was born March 8, 1921, in Norton County.

He attended Lone Star Rural Grade School, and graduated from Norcatour Rural High School.

On Aug. 3, 1946, he and Eva Alexander were married in Sabetha. They made their home in Norton, Herndon and St. Francis. They also lived in Chapel, Neb., and Phillipsburg, before returning to Norton. Mr. Wendel was a licensed mental health technician at the Norton State Hospital.

He was a member of the Norton Christian Church, Lions Club and the International Order of Odd Fellows Lodge.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Maynard.

Survivors include: his wife, Eva, of the home in Norton; and a son, Kenneth Wendel, Norton.

Funeral services were held today at Enfield Funeral Home with Jeff Nielsen officiating. Burial was in the Norton Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Norton Christian Church and may be sent to 208 N. Kansas, Norton, Kan., 67654.

# Our flag is something to be honored

It seems ironic that the absence of flags waving on the Fourth of July just past coincides with the recent revival in flags as home decor. Inside, yes, but outside, no? Norton's citizens should not be criticizing city government for their accidental oversight, deplorable as it was, when they themselves did such a poor job of displaying their own patriotism.

**Collector Chat Liza Deines**



Driving around town that day an observer could see lots of college and sports mascot flags, pretty seasonal flowery, wreaths and yard banners but there was a real lack of the Old Glory that should have been flown by every American.

Whether a valuable vintage flag of twill and silk with a golden eagle staff or a cheapie cotton banner on a stick from a discount store, that red, white and blue deserves our respect.

Certain uses and treatments are inappropriate. The public library can direct you to a flag etiquette reference or ask any Boy Scout or American Legion member.

When it comes to household decoration using flags, these etiquette rules still apply; however, the individual elements and designs can be used to great effect without any disrespect.

Never, never cut up a flag to make pillow covers. A red or blue pillow with a few contrasting stars appliquéd across it gives a similar look with no problem.

Bunting drape of patriotically striped fabric can be used very nicely as window valances or bed skirts and does not profane a flag

in the process.

Nails or tacks should never be driven through a flag to hang it. If not displayed draped on a rod or pole by grommets and cord, it is permissible to attach ribbon tab loops along the top edge, run a dowel through the tabs and display a flag flat using the dowel as a hanger.

And using a flag as a lounge throw or couch cover is just not appropriate. Choose an afghan that has a flag motif or colors, perhaps, but not an authentic flag.

A wide variety of red, white and blue fabrics with stripes and stars as themes are available to give a room a great patriotic feel without destroying or misusing our beloved national symbol.

A great many households displayed flag pictures during the war years of the 1940s.

These are very popular and still going at reasonable prices. Some had inspirational poetry printed beside a flagpole with the flag at rest, some were a full-blown depiction of the banner rippling in the wind.

Rarely you'll find a picture honoring a certain branch of the service with a saluting service man or woman in the design. Flag pictures that show uniformed nurses are



The "doodlebug" train ran past Phil Young's farm in Reager. This photo was taken Sept. 19, 1949. The HO model he will be displaying on Friday at the Norton Library, looks very much like this.

## Trains to be on display Friday at Norton library

A model of Rock Island trains that once served Norton will be on display at the Norton Library from 2 to 4 p.m. on Friday.

Liberty, Mo., resident Phil Young, formerly of Reager, will be at the Norton Library showing HO scale models of Rock Island trains. Mr. Young is coming to Norton to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Norton Community High School class of 1954.

He not only has models but he has some of the history of the railroads.

The Rock Island and the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy (CB&Q) railroads served Norton in the 1950s.

Passenger service into Norton on the Rock Island Rocket was twice daily from Denver to Chicago.

The CB&Q route was ran through Oberlin, Kanona, Norcatour, Reager, (Oronoque near Dellvale) and then into Norton. The CB&Q from Norton continued on to Calvert and Almena and eventually entered Nebraska to join the CB&Q mainline.

Passenger service was a gas-electric "doodlebug" that looked

somewhat like a streetcar. It carried passengers, freight, and cream cans as it made its journey into Oberlin.

Rare pictures and models of these trains from Mr. Young's collection will include a "doodlebug" in HO scale.

On Dec. 23, 1947, there was a collision between a passenger train on the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railroad and a motor-truck at a grade crossing near Dellvale, which resulted in the death of the driver of the motor-truck and two train-service employees, and the injury of five passengers and six railway-mail clerks.

The truck came from the Co-op oil refinery at Phillipsburg. The driver, not named in the official accident report, is a Mr. Heaton and he was killed in the accident. Mr. Young's grandfather, Clyde Smith, was the acting police chief in Norton at the time of the accident. He recalls going to Norton and seeing the burned engines and has pictures of this train wreck that were taken by Bill Clarke in Phillipsburg.

# HANSEN MUSEUM

By LEE FAVRE, director

Cindy Agan, an internationally published watercolor and portrait artist, will be conducting a four-day watercolor workshop at the Dane G. Hansen Memorial Museum in Logan, on Aug. 12-15.

Cindy is the author of the North Light art instruction book, "Painting Watercolors that Sparkle with Life."

She filmed an art instruction video in England and both have been published worldwide. Cindy was also a guest on the award-winning television show, Artist to Artist in Chicago, where an interview was conducted by the host, Enid Silverman.

Ms. Agan's paintings have been displayed at numerous juried shows, international and gallery exhibitions, one-woman shows and can be found in private and corporate collections.

tel and pencil.

She is self-taught, having taken only one watercolor class in the fall of 1993.

The English-style gardens surrounding her home inspire her floral painting and her passion for cats, antiques, gardening and children are evident.

A deep appreciation of architecture is also reflected in her paintings.

She paints daily in her studio in South Bend, Ind., where she lives with her husband Rich and cats, Rocky and Rascal. The Agans are the parents of three sons.

Her web site is www.cindyaganart.com For more information or to register for the workshop, contact the museum at 785-689-4846.

Museum hours are 9 a.m.-noon and 1-4 p.m. Monday-Friday and 1-5 p.m. Sundays and holidays.

# READERS

—The Norton American Legion will NOT serve a buffet this week. 7/20

# MARKETS

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