

OBITUARIES

William 'Bob' Elling

Sept. 9, 1942 - July 23, 2005

William Robert "Bob" Elling, 62, died Saturday in Norton.

Mr. Elling was the son of William and Myrtle (Craig) Elling, born Sept. 9, 1942, in Lenora.

He graduated from Lenora High School. Following graduation, he entered the U.S. Army and was stationed in Germany.

On June 5, 1965, he and Carol Schulze were married in Ransom. They lived in Salina for a short time before moving to Minneapolis, Minn., where he received his training to be a lab technician.

Later, they moved to Phillipsburg, and then to Norton, where he was a lab technician at the Norton County Hospital for many years.

He was preceded in death by his parents and an infant brother.

Survivors include his wife,

Carol, of Norton; a son, Bradley and Lisa Elling, Gladstone, Mo.; a daughter, Kristi and Rex Stutterheim, Hutchinson; his mother-in-law, Evalene Schulze, Norton; a sister, Marvalee Garrison, Ness City; and three grandchildren, Eryn Stutterheim, Kara Stutterheim and William Elling.

Funeral services were held today at Enfield Funeral Home with Pastor Terrill Worthington officiating. Burial was in the Norton Cemetery. There will not be a visitation.

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

Richard 'Rick' Kelly

Nov. 17, 1985 - July 22, 2005

Richard William "Rick" Kelly, 19, died in Norton on Friday.

He was born Nov. 17, 1985, to Richard and Danna (Butler) Kelly, in Oberlin.

He attended the Norton Community High School and was a food technician.

Survivors include his parents, Richard Kelly, Oberlin, and Danna Kelly, Norton; a sister, Erin and Chris Hernandez, Salina; and

a brother, Logan Kelly, Norton.

Funeral services were held Monday at Norton Christian Church with Jeff Nielsen officiating. Inurnment will be held at a later date.

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

Donald E. Roe

March 24, 1928 - July 21, 2005

Donald E. Roe, 77, Oberlin, died at Decatur County Hospital Thursday.

Mr. Roe was born March 24, 1928, in Cedar Bluffs, the son of Earl and Elsie (Hesseltine) Roe.

He graduated from Decatur Community High School in 1946.

On May 16, 1948, he married Ardis Duckworth in Danbury, Neb. They lived on a farm in Beaver Township until 1967, when they moved to Oberlin. They moved to their home, east of Oberlin, in 1976.

He was a farmer, business man and school bus driver. He had been a volunteer fireman for more than 25 years. His favorite hobbies were his family, watching his grandchildren participate in sporting events and gardening.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a sister-in-law, Eunice Roe, and two nephews, Greg Roe and Brian Lindberg.

Survivors include his wife,

Ardis of the home; a son, Larry and Peggy Roe, Oberlin; three daughters, Jolene and Jerry Fortin, Oberlin, Carol and Jerry Manning, Derby, and Donna and Robert Spreser, Atwood; a brother, Delbert Roe, North Platte, Neb.; four sisters, Doris and Claude Runyan, Greeley, Colo., Della Roe, Long Beach, Calif., Doreen and Keith Lindberg, Topeka, Deanna and Steve O'Toole, Olathe; a sister-in-law, Jean Chandler and husband, Robert, Flora Vista, N.M.; 10 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Monday at Pauls Funeral Home. The Rev. Bill Duncan conducted the services. Burial was in the Oberlin Cemetery.

A memorial fund has been established to the Decatur County Good Samaritan Center. Contributions may be sent to the funeral home at 121 N. Penn, Oberlin, Kan. 67749.

Alice Opal Smith

Aug. 28, 1913 - July 24, 2005

Alice Opal Smith, 91, Almena, died at the Phillips County Hospital in Phillipsburg on Sunday.

The daughter of Roy and Jessie (Kent) Cheeseman, she was born Aug. 28, 1913, in Lenora.

She attended Lenora schools.

On June 10, 1933, she and Lowell "Bill" Smith were married in Lenora. They worked together as newspaper editors, making their home in several communities including Concordia, Oakley, WaKeeney, Logan, Dodge City, and Larned, McCook, Arapahoe, and Central City, Neb. Her husband died in 1979. In 1980, she moved to Almena, where she has lived for the past 25 years.

She was a member of the United Methodist Church in Almena, the Order of Eastern Star Bethlehem Chapter No. 89, and she also taught piano lessons.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, two sons, one brother, and one sister.

Survivors include: her son, Kelvin and Glenda Smith, Long Island; one daughter-in-law, Dorothy Smith, Manhattan; one brother, Edgar Cheeseman, LaMirida, Calif.; three grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Friends may call at Enfield Funeral Home in Norton from 3 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Thursday.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Friday with Pastor Dean Gilbert officiating. Burial will be in the Lenora South Cemetery.

A memorial has been established to the Almena United Methodist Church. Contributions may be sent in care of the funeral home at 215 W. Main, Norton, Kan. 67654.

Darwin Dee Werner

June 28, 1936 - July 20, 2005

Darwin Dee Werner, 69, died July 20 at the Phillips County Hospital Long Term Care in Phillipsburg.

He was born June 28, 1936, in Villisca, Iowa, the son of Gerald and Lavelle (Akers) Werner.

He graduated from high school in Stanton, Iowa, in 1954, then moved to Carlsbad, N.M.

In August of 1954, he married Joanne Porter. While he lived in New Mexico, he served in the Army National Guard.

He later moved to Omaha, where he worked as an electrician and for a concrete company. He helped build missile silos in Minot, N.D.

In June of 1965, he married Norma Patterson. He moved back to Carlsbad, where he worked in the potash mines.

After moving to Phillipsburg, he worked at the Co-op station where he drove a tire truck. He later worked for Tamko Roofing Products as a truck driver.

In June of 1986, he married Glenna (Graf) Smith.

He retired from Tamko in 1999, after 20 years. At his retirement, he had driven nearly two million miles.

He was a member of the Prospect Club and he and his family were very proud of his 33 years of sobriety.

Some of his favorite hobbies were woodworking, fishing and gardening.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Norma, and his father, Gerald.

Survivors include his wife, Glenna, of the home; his mother, Lavelle Werner, Prescott Valley, Ariz.; two sons, James Werner,

Bellevue, Neb., and Jeffrey and Christi, Holdrege, Neb.; two daughters, Patricia Werner, Seattle, Wash., and Cindy and Tim Bergin, Burkburnett, Texas; a brother Larry and Beth Werner, Prescott Valley; a sister, Joyce Bauch, Ennis, Texas; two stepsons, Michael and Mary Smith, Hesston, and Robert and Daphne Smith, Pratt; 13 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Funeral services were held Saturday at Olliff-Boeve Memorial Chapel in Phillipsburg with Pastor Joel Hiesterman officiating.

Helen Witmer accompanied soloist, Kenneth Johnson, as he sang "Mansion Over The Hilltop" and "Near To The Heart Of God".

Casket bearers were Jim Burton, Daryl Clark, Tom Morgan, Dan Hoover, Rich Elliott and Jeremiah Clancy. Honorary casket bearers were Olin Bean, Bob Holle, Larry Burns, Larry Boeve, Terry Kipp, Leo Manz, Gerald Hoover, Jerald Huiting, Merle Barnes, Gary Wilfong and Ray Bushnell. Burial was in Fairview Cemetery, Phillipsburg.

Card of Thanks

Words of thanks cannot begin to convey our gratitude to the dear friends and neighbors who have shared their prayers, their time and their kindness during Darwin's illness and since his death. Your calls, cards, food, flowers and memorial contributions have all been sincerely appreciated.

Special thanks to Pastor Joel for his comfort and support, and also to Barbara Stoecklein and family, who prepared lunch for us following the service.

The family of Darwin Werner

READERS

— **Steak and seafood night, Thursday and Saturday, 6-9 p.m. American Legion. Members and guests. 7/26**

Sarah Coiner began working for Rural Telephone on May 23 as an account representative in Lenora. Mrs. Coiner attended Manhattan Technical Institute and lives in Jennings with her husband Matthew and their three children.

— **4-H Food Stand open at the fair Tuesday through Thursday, 4:30 p.m. to close of fair. 7/26**

Justin Dempsey is the new network administrator for Rural Telephone, effective May 16. Mr.

Dempsey earned a bachelors degree in computer information systems. He lives in Schoenchen with his wife, Cheryl and their three children.

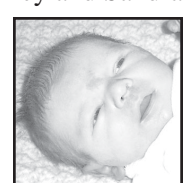
— **4-H Food Stand open Friday and Saturday from 5:30 p.m. to close of fair. 7/26**

Aaron Gruber, Russell, began working for Nex-Tech Wireless, a member of the Sprint alliance on May 2. Mr. Gruber earned credentials in communications technology from Northwest Kansas Technical School and previously worked for Time Warner Television. He and his wife, Shylo, have two children.

BIRTH

Jacob Downing

Tech Sgts. Jeffrey and Sandra (Sidman) Downing are the parents of a son, Jacob Adam, born July 7 at Royal Air Force J. Downing Lakenheath, Bury St. Edmunds, Suffolk, United Kingdom. Mr. and Mrs.



Downing are stationed at Royal Air Force Mildenhall, United Kingdom.

Jacob weighed 8 pounds and measured 20.5 inches long.

Grandparents are Eric and Beverly Sidman, Norton, and John and Susan Downing, Venice, Fla.

Great-grandparents are Ernest F. Sauer, Norton, and Paul and Evelyn Welzmler, Basking Ridge, N.J.

Family reunions are easy to collect

A collection everyone should cultivate is that of family reunion memories.

Your side, his side, Grandma's family, cousin get-togethers, holiday dinners or just a plain old cookout with your siblings are precious times that won't last forever. One day there may be no "next year".

My mother's family used to have a picnic every August at the green stone shelter house in the Hill City park.

It was scheduled to fall after harvest and before the fall farm work accelerated.

Obligingly several family birthdays fell in August so we always finished up with Dad's once-a-year birthday treat, burnt sugar cake with caramel frosting and homemade ice cream.

Goodies of all kinds came out of the baskets each year but invariably the menu included Aunt Florence's pressed chicken spread on Mama's light rolls and Aunt Mabel's fresh picked mulberry and sour cherry crunch. Winter, summer, spring or fall, no Cafferty party was complete without my mother's big roaster brimful of baked beans. Grandpa brought over fat tubes of bologna and jars and jars of pickled "things" from his nearby grocery store.

When I married into the Volga German culture in 1960, I learned they serve entirely different foods at their picnics.

The first year I took Mama's baked beans — and no one ate them.

There was fried chicken, yes, but hot meatloaf with pot roast vegetables? And big roasters of macaroni and cheese, super-sweet tea, kuchen and rye bread and German sausage? Some years lasagna, once, wonderful enchiladas, always gooey desserts and my mother-in-law's marvelous pie. Until her death at 90-plus Grandma Sophie brought loaf after loaf of homemade rye bread.

This year her daughter, Aunt Helen, took over that menu item. Let's hope Cousin Rosemary's schwartzerdinger kuchen (family recipe) becomes a continuing tradition.

Fabulous food is the least part of reunions, however.

More important are the contacts with distant relatives, the tears and hugs, and all those wonderful "remember when" conversations that develop over the years.

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THE NORTON TELEGRAM

Collector Chat Liza Deines



Someone always brings up the year Todd fell out of a tree and broke his arm, the year Kevin got into the wasp nest, the year all the little ones caught chicken pox from Cousin Melinda and the memorable year when Cousin Brad beat his Uncle LeRoy at tennis.

Then there was the year a new daughter-in-law decided to pitch horseshoes with the guys and threw her horseshoe backwards. Uncle Herbert brought his clown costume all the way from Florida one year and made balloon animals to amuse the little ones.

Best of all is the new baby count and compare contest. Who does he or she look like? Heaven forbid there should be a baby that doesn't get toted to the picnic the very first year out of the egg for official family cuddling, inspection and approval.

We rejoice in a good crop of little ones and we love to watch through the years as they change from toddlers to teens to young adults.

For a new beau or girlfriend or a fresh new in-law, surviving the family gathering is a true rite of passage. Some love it and fit right in — and some don't.

Grandma "brag books", wedding albums, senior pictures and vintage family photographs are passed around during the afternoon. It's a great opportunity to complete family genealogy worksheets. Recipes are exchanged and out on the tailgates the young mothers pass along maternity wardrobes, hand-me-down kid clothes, toys, cribs and highchairs.

Take advantage of each and every opportunity to collect and renew family ties. You'll go home with your heart album full of memory pictures that will last a lifetime.

Card Shower

The family members of Charles (Newt) and Luella Eberle are requesting a card shower in honor of their 25th Wedding Anniversary on August 2, 2005. Cards will reach them at 724 E. Kansas, Glen Elder, KS 67446

MEMORIAL SERVICES

Ione Jordan

Memorial services for Ione Jordan, 93, who died July 1 at the Norton County Hospital will be held at 10 a.m., Thursday at Enfield Funeral Home.

Memorials have been estab-

lished to the First United Methodist Church and Whispering Pines Retirement and Assisted Living Center, Norton. Contributions may be sent to the funeral home at 215 W. Main, Norton, Kan. 67654.

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