

# OBITUARIES

## Nellie Janet Bayens

Oct. 10, 1910 - July 29, 2005

Nellie Janet Bayens, 94, died July 29 at the Phillips County Hospital in Phillipsburg.

Mrs. Bayens was born Oct. 10, 1910, in Phillips County, the daughter of Simon and Jennie (Schemper) Kats.

She grew up in rural Long Island and attended the Jackson Country School. On Dec. 29, 1936, she married Martin Bayens at her parents' home in rural Long Island. The couple moved to Denver, where they lived for five years before moving back to Phillips County.

Mrs. Bayens was active in the Luctor Christian Reformed Church. She was also a member of the Golden Hour Circle. She enjoyed embroidering, crocheting and loved to read.

She was proud of her heritage and could speak Dutch.

Mrs. Bayens was preceded in death by her parents, her husband a daughter, Beverly Faye, and six brothers, William, Albert, Theodore, Jacob, Henry and John. Survivors include a son, Martin, Jr., Long Island; three daughters, Joyce and Marion Tien, Prairie View; Janice and Harold Veltkamp, Holland, Minn.; and Sharon and David Stewart, Aurora, Colo.; a brother, Sam and Betty Kats, Phillipsburg; two sisters-in-law, Wilma Bayens, Denver; and Marcia Bayens, Sun City, Ariz.; 10 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held

Monday at the Luctor Christian Reformed Church with the Rev. Jeff Van Der Weele officiating. Burial was in Luctor Cemetery.

Abide With Me and How Great Thou Art were sung by Soloist Kent Thalheim with Belinda Thalheim accompanying. The congregation sang By The Sea Of Crystal.

Casket bearers were Larry Tien, Loren Tien, Glen Stewart, Dan Zylstra, Scott Yantes, Michael Plaster, Phillip Veltkamp, David R. Stewart and Carlos Rodriguez. Lisa Yantes, Wendy Tien, Leaha Stewart, Sandra Zylstra, Beverly Plaster, Jeanette Veltkamp, Pamela Veltkamp and Kristin Rodriguez were the honorary casket bearers.

Arrangements were made by Olliff-Boeve Memorial Chapel in Phillipsburg.

### Card of Thanks

We would like to thank everyone for the many kindnesses extended to our family at the time of our Mother's death. The cards, calls, flowers, memorial contributions, food brought in and other expressions of sympathy were greatly appreciated. A special thank you to Rev. Jeff and Linda Van Der Weele for their comfort and support. We would also like to thank the ladies of the Luctor Christian Reformed Church for serving us lunch the day of the service.

The family of Nellie Janet Bayens

## Dean Ernest Lawson

Aug. 26, 1945 - July 28, 2005

Dean Ernest Lawson, 59, died at his home in Norton on Thursday. He was born Aug. 26, 1945, in Norton, the son of Charles and Nellie (Kimbrell) Lawson.

He grew up in Norton and attended schools here. He also served in the U.S. military.

On Aug. 30, 1969, he and Carol Kaus were married in Norton. They lived in Hays for 15 years before returning to Norton, where he was the supervisor of the asphalt crew for the Kansas Department of Transportation.

He was baptized in the Norton Christian Church and was a member of the Harmonson-Redd American Legion Post.

Mr. Lawson was preceded in death by his father.

Survivors include his mother, Nellie Lawson, of the Andbe Home in Norton; his wife, Carol,

of the home; two sons, Jarrod Lawson and Trisha Gerber, Norton; and Jeff Lawson, Gallup, N.M.; two brothers, Wayne and Norma Lawson, McCloud, Okla.; and Richard Lawson, Atwood; five sisters, Leta and Jim Dufford, Arvada, Colo.; Ila and Joe Lemon, Salina; Creta Wonderlich, Osborne; Donna and Bill Goscha, Norton; and Carol Griffith, Clayton; and two grandsons.

Funeral services were held Monday at Enfield Funeral Home in Norton with Wilmer Severns officiating.

A military graveside service was held by the American Legion at the Norton Cemetery.

A memorial has been established in his name. Contributions may be sent in care of Enfield Funeral Home, 215 W. Main St., Norton, Kan. 67654.

## Rusty Laroy McCarty

March 20, 1963 - July 27, 2005

Rusty Laroy McCarty, 42, died Wednesday at the Medical Center in Wichita.

Mr. McCarty was born March 20, 1963, to Don and Joan (Wise) McCarty, in Norton.

He attended grade school in Holdrege and excelled in track, and football. He graduated from high school in Alma in 1982. After graduation, he worked at Tamko Roofing in Phillipsburg, and then moved to Franklin, Neb., where he was employed by Jerry Bydalek working with bee hives. Mr. Bydalek financed some college courses for Rusty in electrical engineering.

He worked at the Minden Elevator for several years and then moved to Speed and was employed by a metal building company in Phillipsburg. At the time

of his death, he was employed at Mineral Right in Phillipsburg.

Mr. McCarty made friends easily and enjoyed spending time with his co-workers on and off work. They spent time playing darts, watching the Nebraska Cornhuskers and enjoying water sports.

He is survived by his mother and step-father, Joan and Lonnie Bienhoff, Bloomington, Neb.; his father, Don McCarty, Boulder, Colo.; a sister, Roxy and Bob Stonerook, and nieces and nephews, Brandy, Heather, and Jason, Upland, Neb.

Private family graveside services were held Saturday at the Norton Cemetery.

Arrangements were handled by the Enfield Funeral Home, 215 W. Main, Norton, Kan. 67654.

## Neva Jean Taylor

Nov. 17, 1933 - July 31, 2005

Neva Jean Taylor, 71, Jennings, died Sunday at the Norton County Hospital.

Mrs. Taylor was born Nov. 17, 1933, in rural Jennings, the daughter of Jerry and Tyny (Shimek) Vacura.

She was raised in Jennings, where she attended the Jackson Grade School and graduated from Jennings High School in 1951. After graduating, she lived in Norton, Jennings, Brewster, Wichita, Liberal and Minneola and then moved back to Jennings.

She married Jack R. Tacha on May 16, 1953, and then Lee E. Taylor on June 6, 1969. She was a homemaker and liked cross-stitching and baking.

Mrs. Taylor was preceded in death by her parents, both husbands, and a son, Larry Tacha.

She is survived by a son, Mike "Possum" Tacha, Jennings; a daughter, Jeri and Clete Brungardt, Wichita; a daughter-in-law, Lisa Tacha; a sister, Marilyn and Dennis Wahlmeier, Cambridge; and four grandchildren.

Graveside services will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday in Jennings Cemetery with James Jennings officiating.

A Neva Jean Taylor memorial fund has been established. Contributions may be sent in care of Pauls Funeral Home, 121 N. Penn, Oberlin, Kan. 67749.

# 'Burnt sugar' makes great cake

Sometimes it's nice to have decisions made for you. This week's recipe is in response to half a dozen calls, a couple of cards and a handful of internet messages requesting Mama's burnt sugar cake with caramel frosting or the schwartzerdinger kuchen or the baked beans mentioned in last week's column on reunions.

There's nothing I enjoy more than fan mail and my readers are my boss as far as I'm concerned, so here are two of the recipes asked for. More later on — your every wish is my command.

Incidentally, this cake is a stinker to make but when it's good, it's worth all the trouble. Don't get discouraged if your first try isn't perfect. The first time I tried to

## Cook's Corner

Liza Deines



make it back in my early cooking days I ruined five pounds of sugar before I got the burnt sugar flavoring made.

Mama made this wonderful cake only once a year for Dad's birthday picnic in August. She said it was to keep it "special" for the celebration. I always suspected it was because it was difficult to make and transport. Do you suppose that's why Dad loved it?

### BURNT SUGAR CAKE

1/2 cup real butter (no substitutions)  
1 1/2 cups sugar  
2 golden egg yolks, beaten well  
1 cup water  
2 cups cake flour, triple sifted  
1 teaspoon real vanilla  
2 teaspoons burnt sugar flavoring  
Combine all ingredients and beat well. Then add: another 1/2 cup cake flour triple sifted with 2 teaspoons baking powder. Mix well and fold in gently: 2 room temperature egg whites, beaten well but not dry

Turn batter into 2 nine-inch layer pans and bake at 325 degrees for 15 minutes, then turn oven up to 350 degrees for 20 minutes Cool on wire cake racks

### CARAMEL FROSTING

1 1/2 cups packed brown sugar  
1/2 cup white sugar  
1 cup whole milk or light cream  
1 tablespoon real butter  
1/2 teaspoon real vanilla

Boil sugars and milk together until it reaches a soft ball stage. Add butter and remove from heat, allow to cool until lukewarm, then beat like the dickens until creamy. Makes enough frosting to fill a two-layer cake and cover sides and top generously. Sets up tender soft so do NOT cover with plastic wrap or waxed paper. Use a cake dome or your largest, deepest mixing bowl turned over the cake.

### BURNT SUGAR FLAVORING:

Make this a day or two before you plan to do the cake — it takes awhile to do.

Put 1/2 cup white sugar in a cast iron skillet over high heat until sugar softens and melts and finally begins to throw off intense smoke. It needs to really burn. Have teakettle boiling. Remove skillet from heat, pour in half a cup of boiling water and stir rapidly as it boils down into a dark syrup. Will keep in refrigerator in a jar for weeks. Enough to make three cakes.

## Darrell Earl Vahle

Jan. 31, 1933 - July 26, 2005

Darrell Earl Vahle, 72, died July 26 at the Hays Medical Center in Hays.

He was born Jan. 31, 1933, on the family farm in Harlan County, Nebr., the son of George and Gertrude (Russell) Vahle.

He attended school at rural district 26 and 60 and graduated from Long Island High School in 1950.

He served in the Infantry Division of the U.S. Army for two years and was discharged as a sergeant in April of 1955.

On Sept. 20, 1958, he married Barbara Mae Dewey at the Presbyterian Church in Orleans, Neb.

They lived in Orleans until 1963, when they moved to Prairie View. He was a truck driver and worked for the Logan Co-op, where he retired as the Prairie View branch manager.

On May 20, 2005, he celebrated 25 years of sobriety.

He enjoyed spending time with his family, drawing, gardening and was fond of horses.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his wife, Barbara, who died on April 5, 1999.

Survivors include a son, James Vahle, Prairie View; three daughters, Carol Lynn and Kevin Staab, Catherine; Rosalie and Larry Grammon, Canon City, Colo.; and Susan Dawn and Darren Chandler, Sabetha; two brothers, George Vahle, Phillipsburg; and Donald Vahle, Long Island; three sisters, Erma Jean Nyland, Prairie View; Joanne Fruhling, Franklin, Neb.; and Marilyn Anderson, Alma; 10 grandchildren; and one great-grandson.

Funeral services were held Saturday at the Prairie View Reformed Church with the Rev. Jeff Van Der Weele officiating. Burial was at Long Island Cemetery with military honors given by the Roy C. Goodrich American Legion Post.

Vocalists were Mike and Lisa Leydig with Delores Erickson accompanying. They sang Amazing Grace and How Great Thou Art.

Casket bearers were Sam Leydig, Stanley Kats, Dennis DeWitt, Keith Erickson, Gordon Vahle, Delaine Thomas, and Richard Conner.

Arrangements were handled by Olliff-Boeve Memorial Chapel in Phillipsburg.

### Card of Thanks

Words cannot begin to convey our gratitude for your thoughtfulness and concern since the loss of our Dad. Your calls and cards, the flowers and memorials, and especially your prayers and fond memories have given us comfort and will always be cherished. Special thanks to the ladies of the church and the Prairie View community for providing lunch after the service.

The family of Darrell E. Vahle

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Vi, moved to Norton. Cards may be sent to him at 909 Quail Drive, Norton, Kan. 67654.

— **Big Brothers Big Sisters of Norton County invites everyone to a "Going Away Reception" for Erin Manning, 2-4 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 4, at the BBBS Office, 108 W. Main, Norton. 8/2**

The family of Jay Gallentine would like to request a card shower in honor of his 90th birthday on Aug. 9. He was a long-time resident and farmer in the Norcatur area. He retired from farming in 1977, and with his wife,

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