

OBITUARIES

Kenneth L. Collier Dec. 2, 1927 - July 26, 2006

Dr. Kenneth L. Collier, 78, a psychologist born and raised in Norton, died peacefully in his home in Yuma, Ariz., on July 26 after a long illness. His wife, Connie, was at his side.

Ken always loved nature and found amazement in the beauty of small things. When not working, he spent his days hiking in the desert, looking for rocks, and his nights, searching the skies for stars and meteor showers. Ken and his wife traveled often, whether hunting for treasures at rock shows in Arizona or listening to musicians at plazas in Mexico. He had many hobbies, tumbling rocks he found in the desert, making tie tacks from metal and stones and creating bonsai out of rosemary and juniper plants.



K.L. Collier

As a child, Ken paid attention as his mother pointed out the Big Dipper, the Little Dipper, new moons and full moons. He obeyed when she told her four children at night to "listen to the silence." He did his chores when told, planting a garden and hanging clothes on the line. He loved music and dancing.

"He was so gentle, so caring about life in general, and about nature," said his older sister, Frankie Holeman, of Norton. "He was just always very special."

Ken also loved animals. As a child during the Depression, he and Frankie dreamed of a time when no animal would be cold or hungry. As an adult, he stopped his car to pick up a dog running down the middle of an Arizona highway. Ken trained both dogs and horses using the same behavioral techniques he successfully used on people. When he was healthy, his dogs always knew how to sit, and would stay in place anywhere, even across the street. They never ran away.

He wore bolo ties to show off the rocks he loved, and for much of his life, he sported the mustache and beard he first grew to portray a cowboy in a parade in Billings, Mont. He continued to challenge himself throughout his life. Before his illness, he picked up the baritone horn, which he had not played for decades. He planned to paint desert landscapes with watercolors.

"He loved life," Connie said. "He was somebody who really loved life. And, I loved being around him."

Ken is survived by his wife; his sister; two daughters, Carmen Chism, of Maple Valley, Washington, and Conny Collier, of Seattle; and his niece, Karen Burkhardt, of Valley Springs, Calif.

He will be remembered in a memorial service at a future date in Norton, and his remains will be interred at the Norton Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, people are requested to honor his memory by donating to Hospice of Yuma, 1824 S. 8th Ave., Yuma, Ariz., 85364.

Although Ken never again lived in Norton, his heart always belonged to Kansas. He called his favorite kind of eggs, "Kansas eggs." He loved Kan-

sas thunderstorms, and knew the storms from Arizona to Montana could never compare. He always wanted to see the wind blow through the Kansas wheat fields.



Steven and Megan Husted

Couple married in June 17 ceremony

Megan Renae Hays and Steven Randall Husted were married June 17 at The First Church of God, Norton, with Pastor Terry Worthington officiating.

Parents of the couple are Gale and Ranelle Hays, rural Almena, and Randy and Brenda Husted, Almena.

Grandparents of the couple are Eileen and Charles Gebhard, Faith and Kenneth Hays, Donna and Darrell Mintzmyer, and Ann and Dean Husted.

The bride, escorted by her father wore a gown with a heavily beaded bodice that was topped with a double layer of beaded chiffon. The front bodice of the gown wrapped from one side, asymmetrically, to the other in soft gathers caught with a large, beautiful, beaded appliqué. The chiffon skirt fell open below the appliqué to reveal a beautiful under-panel. Glittering beads cascaded down the gown back and semi-cathedral train. The brides' veil, made by her maternal grandmother, was a double layer, shoulder-length tulle veil accented with satin ribbon at the hem, and attached with a small beaded head piece.

Honor attendant was Mercedes Hays, sister of the bride. Attendants included Jamie Weeks, friend of the bride, and Kenzi Husted, sister of the groom. Attendant Kelsea Oliphant was unable to be at the ceremony due to a family emergency.

Best man was Chad Husted, brother of the groom. Groomsmen

were Garth Gebhard, friend of the groom and Ethan and Gunnar Hays, brothers of the bride. Guests were seated by Ashton Gebhard and Dustin Hogan, cousins of the bride, Chuck Husted, uncle of the groom, and John Loesch, friend of the groom.

Candle lighters were Matthew Stutsman and Greg Timmons, friends of the couple. Flower girls were Maggie Hogan, cousin of the bride, and Kylie Mintzmyer, cousin of the groom. Ring bearer was Jacob Mintzmyer, cousin of the groom.

Serving as miniature bride and groom were Katyn Kappler and Max Hogan, both cousins of the bride. The miniature bride wore a white satin floor length gown. The miniature bride also wore a veil identical to the bride. Both gown and veil of the miniature bride was made by the brides' maternal grandmother and the miniature brides' great-grandmother. Sam Kappler, cousin of the bride, served as honorary ring bearer.

The bride is a graduate of Northern Valley High School and Fort Hays State University.

She is employed by the Haviland school district as a kindergarten teacher.

The bridegroom is a graduate of Northern Valley High school and North Central Kansas Technical College in Hays. He is an electrician.

Following a honeymoon in Maui, Hawaii, the couple is at home in Haviland.

Municipal Court

These transactions were taken from the records of filings in the offices of the Norton Municipal Court. The traffic and criminal cases were given to the paper with the date of the hearings.

Traffic

Aug. 10 — Jennifer Chick, Austin, Texas, failure to wear seatbelt, fine \$10, court cost \$60.

Aug. 10 — Roger Bausch, Norton, failure to wear seatbelt, fine \$10, court cost \$60.

Aug. 10 — Jaclyn Krueger, Norton, minor in possession of alcohol, received diversion for six months. Diversion fee \$50, alcohol assessment fee \$100, court cost \$60.

Aug. 10 — Caspien Whitesell, Norton, driving in violation of restrictions. Driver's license suspended until January, 2007, fine \$250, court cost \$60.

Aug. 10 — Tracy Stephans, Norton, Dec. 10, 2005, battery and criminal damage to property. To pay restitution; January 1, 2006, battery and criminal trespass. Battery dismissed, found guilty on criminal trespass, to serve five days in jail, fine \$1,000, court cost \$60; January 21, charged with battery, found not guilty.

Building Permits

Aug. 2 — Jay Dee Daffer, unknown amount, demolish house at 311 S. Norton.

Animal Shelter

For Adoption Male Pomeranian mix, Approximately 1 year old. Male German Short Hair, 1 year old. Female German Short Hair, 2-3 years old. Male domestic cat, gray, 4 months old.

BIRTHS

Aniston Paige Auxier

Aniston Paige Auxier was born Aug. 3 at North Central Baptist Hospital in San Antonio, Texas. She weighed 8 pounds 14 ounces and measured 21 inches long.



Aniston Auxier

Her parents are Patrick O'Hare and Jennifer Auxier, San Antonio.

She has an older sister, Alexandria Marie Auxier, 11.

Grandparents are Jim and Carolyn Plotts, Norcatar, Roger and Connie O'Hare, Goodland, and Tammy and Dick Larson, Sanger, Calif.

Great-grandparents are Elton O'Hare, Oberlin and the late Mildred O'Hare, Jim Plotts, Oberlin and the late Margie Simonsen, Neva and Coy DeGood, St. Francis and the late Duane Aase, Wilmer and Dora Lee Michel, Hays, and Christine Larson, Sanger.

Ainsley Elizabeth Collins

Troy and Sara Collins, Norton, are the parents of a daughter, Ainsley Elizabeth, born July 17 at Norton County Hospital. She weighed 7 pounds 6 ounces and measured 21 inches long. She has a sister, Darrien, 11.



Ainsley Collins

Grandparents are Raymond and Ardith Scheetz, Clayton; Terry Minschall, Norton; Clara Collins, Norton, and the late Terry Collins.

Great-grandparents are Ida Thibault, Smith Center, and the late Jerry Thibault; Leland Dwinell, Norton, and the late Pearl Dwinell; Jim and Marge Collins, Truth or Consequences, N.M.; and the late Leonard and Marie Scheetz.

Eli Sawyer Jones

Bill and Amye Jones, Norton, are the parents of a son born July 20 at Hays Medical Center. He weighed 8 pounds 11 ounces, measured 21 inches



Eli S. Jones

long and has been named Eli Sawyer.

Mr. and Mrs. Jones have another son, two-year old, Silas.

Grandparents are Francis and Alice Jones, Alvin Smith and Cheryl Smith, all of Norton.

Great-grandmother is Vearl Sparkman, Norton.

Peyton Christopher Madden

Kyle and Sarah Madden, El Dorado, are the parents of a son born May 16. They have named him Peyton Christopher. He weighed 7 pounds 12 ounces and



P. Madden

measured 20.5 inches long. Mr. and Mrs. Madden also have a daughter, Rylee.

Grandparents are Rob and Melanie Madden, Council Grove and Cleo and Velma Larimer, El Dorado.

Great-grandparents are Bob and Vadis Madden, Norton and Gene Cook, Pratt.

READERS

A memorial fund honoring Jeremy Anderson, who was killed Aug. 12 in an automobile accident, has been established at the Almena State Bank. Contributions may be made to the fund at either the Almena or Norton branch offices.

The Duplicate Bridge Club met Wednesday evening at the Norton Manor for their regular weekly session with four tables present. Winners were: first, Larry Sumner and Jack Graham; second, Jerry Moritz and Myron Veh; and third, the team of Jackie Porter and Joyce Sumner.

— Need a job? We have an opening. Commission-based sales. Norton and surrounding area. Good communication skills necessary. Interested? Call (785) 877-6908, M-F, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. After hours (785) 877-3823. 8/18

Brandi Withington, Norton, was recently recognized at the Kanas Collegiate Aesthetics exhibit at the Birger Sandzen Memorial Gallery in Lindsborg. She was awarded an Award for Distinction and \$300 cash for her piece, "Untitled." Miss Withington is the daughter of Lynn and Carolyn Withington, Norton.

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

CARD OF THANKS Thank you to the Norton Fire Department, Police Department, City of Norton and all those who helped during the time of the fire. Thanks also to the volunteers who have helped cleanup and fixup the store to get it back in shape to reopen, to Don Ryan and crew at Western Distributing for help loading in and out of their cooler, and to all who prayed and offered money or words of encouragement. God bless all of you. — Sincerely Jim Rowh

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Virgil R. Wegener Feb. 14, 1925 - Aug. 15, 2006

Virgil Richard Wegener, 81, died Tuesday at his home in Norton County.

The son of Edward George and Louise (Braun) Wegener, he was born Feb. 14, 1925, in Norton County.

He grew up on the family farm in Norton County and attended rural Lutheran grade school.

On April 27, 1947, he and Evelyn Schutz were married in Elwood, Neb. They made their home on the family farm until 1971, when they moved to their home six miles west of Norton.

Mr. Wegener was a member of the Redeemer Lutheran Church. He was a farmer and rancher and enjoyed his cattle business of raising and showing shorthorn cattle for many years.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two sisters, Iona Holste and Letha Hoffman.

Survivors include: his wife, Evelyn, of their home in Norton;

one daughter, Cynthia and Stephen Washburn, Norton; one brother, Don and Norma Wegener, Norton; two sisters, Roberta Moore, Crete, Ill., and Mary Lou Wilner, Princeton, Ill.; three grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

A memorial service was held at 2 p.m., Friday at the Redeemer Lutheran Church in Norton.

A memorial fund has been established to the Virgil Wegener Memorial Fund. Contributions may be made in care of Enfield Funeral Home, 215 W. Main, Norton, Kan. 67654.

It's a... Reunion! Alfred & Eleanor Glenn Joy and Gladys Glenn Betty (Glenn) Anderson Would like your presence for lunch at the Norton Christian Church SATURDAY, AUGUST 26, 2006 Lunch at 12:00 noon Spend the Afternoon Visiting and Sharing Old Times

MARKETS

At close of business Aug. 17 Wheat..... \$4.04 Milo..... \$1.91 Corn..... \$1.99 Soybeans..... \$4.62

The Norton Telegram... News you need!

Creative Memories PRODUCT PICNIC Saturday, August 26, from 10 a.m.-4 p.m., at 603 Pool Drive, Norton. No reservations are needed! Just come and go, stay as long as you like and see what's on the menu! APPETIZER - 7x7 Albums SALAD - A Variety of New Products ENTREE - 8 1/2 x 12 Coversets; 12 x 12 Coversets DESSERT - New Toppings, One Per Customer! Many Other "Desserts" on Sale Come and shop the new products! Door prizes will be given each half hour. Discontinued Albums will be discounted \$5.00! Some stickers, buy one, get one free! many items on sale. Come Shop! See what's new! The first two customers to book a "Get-Together" will receive their choice of the 7 x 7 album of colors in stock! CONSULTANT, JANE KERSENBROCK 785-202-0076 (Cell)

Showing at the NORTON THEATRE Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby (PG-13) Show Times: Friday and Saturday: 8 p.m. Sunday: 5 p.m.; Mon., Tues., Wed.: 7 p.m. You, Me and Dupree (Premier) PG 13 Adult-\$6.00; Child-\$5.00 (12 and Under) Premier Tickets 12 and Under-\$6.00 Adult-\$7.00