

OBITUARIES

A child's Christmas to remember-Part I

Walter R. Brown May 17, 1926 - Nov. 25, 2006

Walter R. Brown, 80, died Nov. 25 at the Phillips County Hospital in Phillipsburg.

Mr. Brown was born May 17, 1926, in Clayton, the son of Roy and Juanita (Lyon) Brown.

He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II from Sept. 26, 1944, until he was honorably discharged on June 26, 1946. He was stationed on the USS Morrison, which was sunk in the South Pacific.

On Sept. 18, 1947, he married Darline Leydig at the Glade Methodist Church.

Mr. Brown worked at Van Diest Wholesale, Van Pak Construction and also on the Bob Schemper farm, all in the Prairie View area. He worked as a meat cutter at the Glade Grocery Store and during the time the family lived in Natoma, he worked as a meat cutter at the IGA Store.

The couple operated their own store, Walt's Grocery, in Prairie View for ten years. He then went to work at the Norton State Hospital and retired in 1988 after 20 years. He continued doing construction and farm work as long as his health allowed.

Mr. Brown was active in the community. He was a member of the American Legion Post No. 304 in Long Island, was a lifetime member of the Disabled American Veterans, and was a member of the Prairie View Reformed Church for over 60 years.

Preceding him in death were his parents and his brother, Dale W. Brown.

Survivors include his wife, Darline, of the home in Prairie View; two sons, Bill and Nancy Brown, Manhattan and Larry and Verda Brown, Priarie View; two daughters, Marilyn and Dale Brooks, Hays, and Rhonda Jacques, Norton; two sisters, Mae

and Melvin Rupke, Alma, Neb., and Grace and Dean Dillon, Phillipsburg; two brothers-in-law, Dale and Lois Leydig, St. Francis, and Burdette and Belva Leydig, Prairie View; two sisters-in-law, Verlee and "Doc" Clark, Noel, Mo., and Queenie Leydig, Kirwin; 14 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Nov. 30 at the Prairie View Reformed Church with the Rev. Jeff Van Der Weele officiating.

Mike and Lisa Leydig sang "How Great Thou Art" and "The Old Rugged Cross". The congregation sang "Beyond The Sunset". The accompanist was Hazel Jansonius.

Casket bearers were Steve Brown, Scott Brown, Jeff Brown, Travis Brooks, Corey Brooks, Lance Brooks, Brandon Jacques, Blake Jacques and Barry Jacques.

Honorary bearers were Dale Brooks, Eric Witmer, Kevin Clark, Gary Klein, Eric Littlechild and Robert Blecha.

Burial was in Prairie View Cemetery. Military honors were provided by the United States Navy and The Roy C. Goodrich American Legion Post No. 304.

Card of Thanks

It is with our deepest gratitude that we say "Thank You" to each and every one for the many thoughtful gestures of sympathy we've received since Walter's death. Your prayers and kind words, the food you've shared, and the cards, flowers, and memorial gifts have truly been appreciated.

Special thanks, also, to the ladies of the Prairie View Reformed Church for the luncheon they provided following the service.

The family of
Walter R. Brown

Agnes Vehige July 14, 1916 - Nov. 26, 2006

In Memory of "Auntie Ag" Agnes (Lytle) Davison Vehige 1916 - 2006

My mother's only sister, Auntie Ag, was always there for me, but never more so than after my mother passed away. In essence, she became my second mother, just as she had for so many others who loved her.

Life was not easy for Auntie Ag. She faced many hardships during her life, but managed to persevere. Her strong spirit, her ability to work through adversity and transfer faith into action, carried her throughout her life.

Christmas was always her favorite time of the year. She loved everything about Christmas especially time spent with family and giving to others. Just like the bells of Christmas, which celebrate all the joys of the season, so too, her spirit was a celebration of how people should treat each other.

"Every time a bell rings, an angel gets its wings." Whenever I hear this line, I will think of Auntie Ag. Sleigh bells, church bells, jingle bells; she loved all the bells of Christmas. Memories of her beautiful Christmas table with the bright red tablecloth and platters loaded with delicious food will forever be with me.

Auntie Ag influenced so many people's lives. From Nellie, her friend and neighbor, who modeled herself after Auntie Ag, to my children and grandchildren, I know that we are all stronger for having known her.

Life's Highway

You take a bit of sunshine and you mix it with a smile and human understanding as you travel every mile.

And, then you add some loyalty, which mingles in so well, and blend it with a voice that has some cheery news to tell.

And, don't forget some sympathy for other people's woes, and lots of human nature everywhere a person goes.

Plus love for ordinary folks, who have wealth to give: and dignity with which all men must live.

Then add to these a handclasp strong and measure out some truth and willingness to help the old — plus time for eager youth.

Now, stir them all together, and your task is at an end — for all of them combine to make life's greatest gift — a friend.

Agnes Vehige, 90, Almena, died Sunday, November 26, 2006, at Logan Manor, Logan. She was born July 14, 1916, in Graham County to Roy and Lottie (Reeder) Lytle. She attended Buchanan School. She married Ray Davison. He preceded her in death in 1968. She later married John Vehige on Feb. 21, 1971, in Hill City.

Survivors include her husband, John, Logan; a niece, Cheryl Scott, Edmond; a great-nephew and his family, Scott and Robin Sproul, Gavin and Gentry, Norton; a great-niece and her family Amy and Bill Vacura, Matthew and Brandon, Norton; a step-son, Ken Vehige and wife, Dena, Hays; three step-grandchildren, Verda Brin and husband, Rod; Shane Vehige and wife, Jada; and Melissa Windholz and husband, Dan, all of Hays; three step-great-grandchildren, Cameron and Megan Brin, and Jace Windholz; and a sister-in-law, Agnes Vehige, Topeka.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a sister and a brother-in-law, Dorthea and Willis Scott; and her husband, Ray Davison.

Services were Thursday, November 30, 2006, at Enfield Funeral Home, Norton, with Pastor Lew Van Der Wege officiating. "The Rose" and "Wind Beneath My Wings" were sung by Lee Ann Shearer. Concluding service and interment were in the Norton Cemetery.

The family was honored and wishes to thank Auntie Ag's friends and neighbors who served as casket bearers and honorary casket bearers. They were Dean Shearer, Craig Schemper, Calvin Schemper, Phil Zillinger, Arnold Zillinger, Craig Brumbaugh, Dee Bushnell, Doug Shearer, and Veryl Van Der Wege.

Card of Thanks

We wish to thank our friends and relatives who sent sympathy cards, floral arrangements and memorials to God's Pantry.

The Family of
Agnes Vehige

Child of the 40s Liza Deines



Jack Frost has been here in the night! When I wake my bedroom window is completely covered with beautiful ice crystals. I scramble right out of bed and start scratching pictures in the icy crust with my fingernails. Mama always tells me not to do that but she is in the kitchen making breakfast so I do it anyhow and hope it will melt before she sees it. After awhile, though, I notice how cold it is, so in slippers and robe I dash out to warm up and dress beside the big coal stove in the living room.

"Good morning, Miss Lazybones," Mama calls from the kitchen where she is stirring a pot of oatmeal. There's a lot of stamping and noise at the back doorstep where Dad and Roger are getting snow stomped off their boots before they venture in. And here they are, red-cheeked and with noses running. "It's warmed clear up to zero," says Dad cheerfully. He puts his blue plaid mackinaw on the back of a chair and scoots it up near the stove to dry. "I'll just have a bowl of oats, Edie, and get out on the snowplow with Chick." Dad loves a good snow so he can go out with the county crew and help clear roads.

I go into the living room to check out the Christmas tree. Still no big packages for me. Hmmm. Usually I can recognize my packages. The flat rectangular one is either a coloring book or a paper doll book, the squashy one is clothes and there's always one where I can feel book edges through the tissue wrapping. Our packages are wrapped in tissue paper tied up with that curly ribbon that only curls when you run a scissor edge over it, but my sister Ann's packages are fancy. She wraps with shiny paper and big loopy bows. She'll be on the Portland Rose this afternoon. I can hardly wait, not just for the presents, but to see Ann. She works at the Smoky Hill Air Force Base in Salina and makes lots of money and someday I'm going to be just like her.

One year I got my best doll, Marjorie Jean, from Ann and every year she makes her some pretty new clothes. Mama and Dad give us all sensible presents but Ann gives us really special things. Last year she gave Roger bright yellow boxer shorts with palm trees on them. He danced around gleefully waving them and thanking her for his new

"seat covers". Mama said it wasn't seemly but she laughed when she said it.

Mama is in the kitchen all day making preparations for Christmas dinner tomorrow and setting dough for cinnamon rolls in the morning. Ann arrives in a big flurry of snow and hugging and boxes of gaily wrapped packages. Roger had gone to get her in his car and he seems to be doing a lot of pattering around in the garage. It is cold and Mama keeps telling him to come in. Dad gets back, even more apple-cheeked and cheerful than before, and spends a lot of time in the garage, too, before our supper of hot grilled cheese sandwiches and homemade tomato soup. We even get to break into the cookies that have been forbidden all December and have a piece of Mama's marvelous fudge for dessert.

I am sent off to bed early so Ann can read me all of "The Night Before Christmas" as I try to go to sleep. We will open packages tomorrow morning and I am too excited to sleep but I pretend. From the living room there is a lot of furtive rustling and lowered voices. We don't believe in Santa Claus at our house but we all pretend about that, too, just for fun. Mama and Dad are putting gifts under the tree and when Ann thinks I'm asleep, she goes to help. How long 'til morning?

And then it is Christmas morning, ripe with the smell of baking cinnamon rolls and fresh coffee. The fire is crackling and everyone is up and dressed. Ann has a pleated grey skirt with red knee socks and sweater and I think she looks really sophisticated, which is my new word I've just learned. I wonder if Mama would make me a pleated skirt?

Under the tree sits a large, lumpy thing covered with one of our bed quilts. No name on it but I just bet it is for me.

Do you want to know what it was? Then you must read part two of "A Christmas to Remember" next week in The Norton Telegram.

Jean McEvelly Dec. 8, 1930 - Nov. 26, 2006

Jean McEvelly, 75, Liberal, formerly of Norton, died Nov. 26 at Wesley Medical Center, Wichita, as the result of injuries sustained in an auto accident close to Kismet.

Mrs. McEvelly was born Dec. 8, 1930, in Norton, the daughter of Julius and Marie (Meier) Strecker.

She graduated from Norton Community High School and attended Brown-Mackie Business College, Salina.

She married George D. Rosel on March 4, 1951, in Russell.

They began the George D. Rosel Company in 1960 in Perryton, Texas, which later became The Rosel Company. They moved the company to Liberal in 1962. She was the secretary-treasurer for the company until retiring in 2004.

She married Fred Jacobs, Jr. on Sept. 9, 1990. He died Oct. 28, 1994.

On Nov. 21, 1998, she married Jay McEvelly in Liberal. Mr. McEvelly died in the same auto accident that claimed Mrs. McEvelly's life.

She was an active member of

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church, Altar Guild and the Dorcas Society. She was an enthusiastic supporter of her grandchildren's activities. She also enjoyed vacationing in her motor home and traveling the country.

Survivors include: two sons, Steve and Debbie Rosel, Topeka and George F. and Connie Rosel, Liberal; three daughters, Barbara and Robby Clingan, Gilmer, Texas, Joan and Bill Bohan, Garland, Texas, and Janet and Wes Willimon, Liberal; one brother, Don Strecker, Liberal; one sister, Norma and Jim Tanner, Midwest City, Okla.; 13 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Saturday at Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church with Pastors Andrew Wehling and Lynn Spencer officiating.

Burial was in the Liberal Cemetery.

A memorial has been established to the church in care of Miller Mortuary, 908 N. Lincoln Ave., Liberal, Kan. 67901-2649.

Jay McEvelly Jan. 29, 1930 - Nov. 25, 2006

Jay McEvelly, 76, Liberal, husband of Jean McEvelly, a former Norton resident, died Nov. 25 of injuries sustained in an auto accident near Kismet.

Mr. McEvelly was born Jan. 29, 1930, at Point Pleasant Beach, N.J., the son of John and Margo McEvelly.

He graduated from high school at Point Pleasant Beach, and entered the U.S. Navy, serving during the Korean Conflict as a flight mechanic on the USS Coral Sea.

He worked on fishing fleets for several years, and operated a charter fishing business for ten years. Later, he opened a sea food restaurant called The Captain's Table and later another restaurant in Boynton Beach, Fla. He loved to fly, and after moving to Liberal, he

and his wife flew a plane that they built.

He married Mary Francis Garries June 15, 1952, at Hernando, Miss. She died May 11, 1996.

On Nov. 21, 1998, he married Jean Jacobs at Liberal. She died as a result of her injuries in the same accident that claimed the life of Mr. McEvelly.

Funeral services were held Saturday at the Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church, Liberal, with Pastors Andrew Wehling and Lynn Spencer officiating.

Burial was in the Liberal Cemetery.

The family suggests memorials be sent to the church in care of Miller Mortuary, 908 N. Lincoln Ave., Liberal, Kan. 67901-2649.

CORRECTION

Incorrect times for Norton's season opening games in the Topside Tipoff Basketball Tournament in Goodland were printed in the Friday, Dec. 1 issue of *The Telegram*. The correct times should be 5 p.m. for the boys and 9 p.m. for the girls on Thursday, and 5 p.m. for the boys and 7 p.m. for the girls on Friday. Saturday's game times will depend upon results of Friday's games.

Incorrect information was submitted to *The Telegram*.

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MARKETS

At close of business Dec. 4

Wheat	\$4.86
Milo	\$3.40
Corn	\$3.51
Soybeans	\$5.85

Weddings, funerals, engagements, and births.
You'll find it all in...

THE NORTON TELEGRAM

Gentlemen!
Start Your Engines

Racing into this world on November 1, 2006 at Good Samaritan Hospital, Kearney, NE is future driver of car #3jr., Collin Lee Simmons, weighing in at 5 lbs. 7 oz. and measuring 18 inches long. Proud sponsors are Corey Becker and Amber Simmons. Pit crew Gma Diane Simmons and Uncle Homie Simmons both of Holbrook, NE and Gpa Jon and Eve Wyatt, Norton, KS. #1 fan, Great Great Grandma Thelma Simmons of Beaver City, NE

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READERS

— Norton County Treasurer's office will be closed from 12 to 1 p.m. Friday, Dec. 8 for their Christmas celebration.

— Thursday, Dec. 14, Old Fashioned Christmas Dinner, 5:30 p.m. \$8 + tax per person. There will be no steak night. Norton American Legion.

St. Francis Ladies Society CHRISTMAS PARTY
Thursday, December 7
2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
St. Francis Parish Hall, Norton, KS
Play Bingo with Prizes Awarded
REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED
EVERY GUEST RECEIVES A CHRISTMAS ORNAMENT

Dec. 1-6

Showing at the
NORTON THEATRE
THE NATIVITY STORY
(Premiere) 1 Hour, 40 Minutes — (PG)
Show Times: Friday and Saturday: 8 p.m.
Sunday: 5 p.m.; Mon., Tues., Wed.: 7 p.m.

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\$7.00—Adults
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12 and Under

Let's go to the Movie

Both Movies are Premieres, No Passes Accepted