

OBITUARIES

Sidney L. Geil

Oct. 1, 1964 - Jan. 29, 2007

Sidney Lee Geil, 42, Elkhorn, Neb., formerly of Almena, died Monday at Lakeside Hospital, Omaha.



Sidney Geil

Mr. Geil was born on Oct. 1, 1964 in Phillipsburg, to Hubert and Alberta (Delimont) Geil.

He graduated from Northern Valley High School in 1983.

He attended Oregon State University for one year before transferring to Kansas State University where he received his bachelor's degree in 1987.

He married Sheila Brown on April 6, 1991 at St. Cecilia's Church in Hastings, Neb. They made their home in Omaha and Elkhorn.

Mr. Geil worked at Servi-Tec Technologies in Hastings before moving to Omaha with Cetac Technologies and finally Transgenomic, Inc. as a Customer Support Manager.

His hobbies included trap shooting, hunting, scuba diving, yard

work, woodworking and photography.

He was preceded in death by his father Hubert.

Survivors include: his wife Sheila Geil; a daughter Carissa of the home; his mother, Alberta Geil, Almena; a brother, John and Stacy Geil, Garden City.

Visitation will be from 6 to 8 p.m. today at Reichmuth Funeral Home, 21901 W. Maple Rd., Elkhorn. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday at Grace Baptist Church, Papillion, Neb.

A visitation will be held in Norton from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday, at the Norton Christian Church.

A funeral service will be held at the church at 2 p.m. followed by burial in Mt. Hope Cemetery, Almena.

Memorials are suggested to an educational fund for Carissa Geil or an educational fund for children in the Dominican Republic through Grace Baptist Church, 205 E. Halleck, Papillion, Neb. 68046.

Local arrangements are under the direction of Enfield Funeral Home of Norton.

DEATH NOTICES

Agnes Marx

Agnes Marx, New Almelo, died Tuesday at Graham County Hospital, Hill City.

Pauls Funeral Home, Oberlin, is in charge of the arrangements.

Jay Miller

Jay Miller, age 78, Norton, died Monday, Jan. 29 at the Andbe Home in Norton.

Graveside services were held today at the Norton Cemetery.

A memorial has been established to the Jay Miller Memorial Fund.

Arrangements were made by Enfield Funeral Home in Norton

Mary Smith

Mary Maxine Smith, 86, Oberlin, died Tuesday at her residence in Oberlin.

Funeral services are pending with Pauls Funeral Home, Oberlin.

Dorothy Wudtke

Dorothy A. Wudtke, 90, died Sunday at the Norton Andbe Home.

Visitation will be held from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. followed by the funeral at 11 a.m. Saturday at Redeemer Evangelical Lutheran Church Norton.

Olliff-Boeve Memorial Chapel, Phillipsburg, is in charge of arrangements.



Gerry and Phillip Loughry, 2007

Norton couple celebrates 40 years

Phillip and Gerry Loughry, Norton, will soon celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary.

Phillip Loughry and Gerry Rogers, Long Island, were married Feb. 5, 1967, at the Norton Christian Church. They have lived and farmed in Norton County all their married lives.

They are the parents of two daughters. They also have six grandchildren.



Phillip and Gerry Loughry, 1967

Their children Pam and Mike Blochlinger, Concordia, and Mindy and Chris Harting, Norton are requesting a card shower to honor their parents. Anniversary greetings will reach Mr. and Mrs. Loughry at RR 1 Box 114, Norton, Kan. 67654.

Pauline M. Ritter

Aug. 11, 1927 - Jan. 31, 2007

Pauline M. Ritter, 79, Dresden, died Wednesday at Decatur County Hospital, Oberlin.

Mrs. Ritter was born Aug. 11, 1927, in rural Dresden, the daughter of Frank J. and Anna M. (Meitl) Dempewolf.

She graduated in 1945 from Leoville High School.

On Aug. 21, 1951, she married Francis Ritter in Leoville.

She was a homemaker and lived on a farm in the Dresden area.

She was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Leoville, the Altar Society and Daughters of Isabella.

She was preceded in death by her parents, three brothers, Victor Dempewolf, Gerald Dempewolf and Eugene Dempewolf; and three sisters, Carolyn Peterson and Edna Hendrix.

Survivors include: her husband, Francis Ritter, Dresden; five sons, John and Tammi Ritter, Dresden; Donald Ritter, Dresden; David Ritter, St. Francis; James and

Connie Ritter, Colby and Gerald and Phyllis Ritter, Overland Park; three daughters, Ann and Bob Middleton, Goodland, Mary Jane and Ford Wiltrout, Wichita and Susan McKenna, Eugene, Ore.; two brothers, Dick and Jean Dempewolf, Colby and Don and Laurene Dempewolf, Oberlin; two sisters, Delores Zerr, Andover and Dianne and Myron Kleidosty, Simi Valley, Calif.; a sister-in-law, Marion (Dempewolf) and R.D. Thornton, Oberlin; and eight grandchildren.

Friends my call until 4 p.m. at Pauls Funeral Home in Selden and 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the church in Leoville. A vigil service will be held at 7 p.m. today at the church in Leoville.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at the church in Leoville with the Rev. Henry Saw Lone and the Rev. Roger Meitl. Burial will be in Mt. Calvary Cemetery, Leoville.

Contributions may be made to the Pauline Ritter Memorial Fund in care of the funeral home, Selden, Kan. 67757.

Nothing delights my heart more than the knowledge that something I once treasured is now in the possession of and treasured by a dear friend. It was such a pleasure to receive a number of Christmas letters in which people mentioned items they had chosen to purchase at my recent auction. Among those was one from our dear friends Gene and Maxine who now own some of LeRoy's brass school bells. One of my early Norton memories was being at the Wilfong home and seeing Maxine call her children in for supper by vigorously ringing an old brass teacher's bell.

Bells have been announcing good news for years and years. Remember the ends of the wars? And Christmas morning? Bells announce not only the crowning of a royal monarch but something as humble as supertime at the farm. Bad news, too, came via fire and emergency bells. School bells signaled minor bad news in the form of the "take up" bell when you were still a block away or perhaps the end of a too-short recess.

Collector Chat Liza Deines



LeRoy's first brass school bell was a gift from his father. It was from the two-room country school where the southwest Trego County children attended grade school. Excelsior School is long gone but years later Dad found the bell in a nearby ditch. Complete with a slightly cooked orange-painted handle, a lot of tarnish, and a scar from being hit by a road grader, it had a place of honor at home. I couldn't bear to sell it so it came to the Carlyle with me.

The next acquisition came from Waldo, Mo., one more came from a grade school in Bartley, Neb. That made three which qualified as yet another collection. So began our quest for brass school bells. Our group was small due to limited criteria, but LeRoy did make some exceptions. In the corner of our liv-

ing room hung a large brass bell he not only purchased but sneaked home in his luggage from Hong Kong as a Christmas gift for me. Of course, we both knew it was truly for him! How he purchased that at the Stanley Market and got it home on the plane without my knowledge is still a mystery to me. It now has a new position as a super bell in the Archer home near Almena. Another exception was a small china Bicentennial bell he won as a pinochle prize. An outdoor exception was a cast iron bell he lugged home from the El Paso Saddle Blanket Company in Texas. It hung on our patio and no doubt our neighbors hated it. It now hangs on David's patio here in Lee's Summit.

My favorite bell of all was another "gift" to me. It was a tiny antiqued metal bell hung on a hook under a glass dome. A few Nortonites may remember the year LeRoy drove a school bus of eighth graders on a field trip to Mexico. In the marketplace at Monterey the students learned how to bargain for a deal by watch-

ing Mr. Deines talk a Mexican merchant down from an exorbitant price to a very good bargain on this bell because it had a tiny hole in the body. When he presented it to me he showed me what a sweet tone it produced and said the others that were perfect did not have that sweetness. Life lesson: flaws are not always fatal!

Bells can make a wonderful collectible because there are many available. The secret here, however, is to exercise discrimination in your choices lest you end up with the entire house full of bells. As he chose brass, perhaps one could choose only crystal, silver, or china. A choice to keep only one color or one floral decoration or possibly a particular designer, such as Fenton, will prevent your enthusiasm from running amok at an auction.

LeRoy would sometimes come home from a long day at work and ring all the bells before he popped his head in the kitchen to see what was for dinner. How about that — they're stress relievers, as well as collectibles.

READERS

The Duplicate Bridge Club met Wednesday evening at the Norton Manor for their regular weekly session with three tables present. Winners were: first, Larry Sumner and Jack Graham; second, Sam and Bonnie Manning.

— There will be NO PITCH Tournament Sunday because of Super Bowl XLI. 2/2

Several area students have been listed on the fall semester honor roll from Kansas State University. They are: Peggy Foster, Jennings; Denton Bailey, Norcat; Chelsey Cox, Klaire Mann, Drew Sebelius and Megan Walter, Norton; and Mackenzie Ostmyer, Northern Valley.

Kyle Douglas began working for Rural Telephone, Lenora as an IT Equipment Technician on Dec. 18. Mr. Douglas performs maintenance of network printers and copiers, completes server backups and negotiates equipment vendor maintenance agreements. He also addresses vendor, database and hardware issues, provides computer support and performs upgrades. He received certification

in IT Essentials through CISCO Networking and lives in Norton with his wife, Shannon.

Jaclyn Krueger, Norton, was listed on the Dean's Honor Roll for the fall semester from Barton County Community College.

VOTE
Harriett Gill
WARD I
CITY COUNCIL

"I want to work for you!"

Paid for by Harriett Gill

Feb. 2-7

Showing at the
NORTON THEATRE

THE PURSUIT OF HAPPYNESS
1 Hour, 57 Minutes — (PG-13)
\$6.00 for Adults; \$5.00 for Children 12 and Under
Show Times: Friday and Saturday: 8 p.m.
Sunday: 5 p.m.; Mon., Tues., Wed.: 7 p.m.

WE ARE MARSHALL
2 Hour, 7 Minutes — (PG)
GENERAL ADMISSION:
\$6.00 for Adults
\$5.00 for Children 12 and Under

Movie passes accepted for both movies

MARKETS

At close of business Feb. 1

Wheat	\$4.43
Milo	\$3.66
Corn	\$3.86
Soybeans	\$6.40

Happy Valentine's Day

Stop by *Kellie's* and Register for a Valentine's Dinner at a Restaurant of your choice

Must Be 18 Years or Older (\$50.00 VALUE) to Register

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We Take Orders for Birthdays, Weddings and Funerals

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