

# OBITUARIES

## Floyd D. Kelly Aug. 29, 1929 - Feb. 11, 2008

Floyd D. Kelly, 78, Phillipsburg, father of Marilyn Donahey, Norton, died Monday, Feb. 11 at Phillips County Hospital.

Mr. Kelly was born Aug. 29, 1929, in Rooks County, the son of James F. and Amanda (Turnbull) Kelly.

He graduated in 1948 from Stockton High School where he enjoyed playing football. He enlisted in the United States Air Force and was stationed at Goose Bay, Labrador, where he served as a fire and crash rescuer. After the death of his father, he returned to the family farm in Rooks County.

On July 13, 1951, he and Maxine L. Stanton were married in Downs.

Mr. Kelly worked as a truck driver for Halliburton in the oil fields for several years. He became a custodian for the Logan School District, where he took great pride in his shiny floors and sharp-looking football field. One of his greatest joys was to work on the "chain gang" at football games with his friends. During these years he volunteered his time to serve as a Boy Scout leader and started one of the first Explorer Posts in Kansas.

In 1979, he was offered the supervisory position as head of maintenance and custodians with the Great Bend School District. In this position, he supervised one high school, two middle schools and eight elementary schools. He served in this capacity until his health forced his early retirement in 1990.

In 1993, he and his wife returned to Logan where they lived for 14 years. His favorite hobby was working with woodcrafts and making gifts for his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He also enjoyed helping his wife make quilts and he collected pens and hats.

During his time in Logan, he served on the City Council and was always available to help friends in need.

He is survived by his wife, Maxine; two sons, Michael and Sheila Kelly, Greeley, Colo., Kevin and Shawn Kelly, Lake Park, Iowa; four daughters, Marilyn and Larry Donahey, Norton, Jacalyn and Richard Bostick, Ellensburg, Wash., Jaynelle and Ronald McCreery, Phillipsburg and Jamie and Ray Fischer, Clifton; 16 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Feb. 16 at the Logan Christian Church with Delbert Stanton officiating. "I'll Wait For You Just Behind The Moon" was a taped selection played. Mr. Kelly's children and grandchildren sang, "Daddy's Hands". The congregation sang, "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" and "When Irish Eyes are Smiling".

His grandchildren were the casket bearers. Burial was in the Mt. Vernon Cemetery in Rooks County.

Memorial contributions are suggested to the Phillips County Hospital or to the Logan School Athletic Department.

Contributions may be sent in care of Logan Funeral Home, 102 E. Church St., Logan, Kan. 67646.

### Card of Thanks

Words can't begin to express our gratitude for the many kind expressions of sympathy we've received since Floyd's death. Your prayers, cards, calls, flowers, the food you've shared, and your contributions to the memorial funds have truly been appreciated.

We'd like to offer special thanks to the Logan Christian Church Willing Workers for providing lunch before the service.

The family of  
Floyd D. Kelly

## Carol Jean Spires March 7, 1928 - Feb. 16, 2008

Carol Jean Spires, 79, died at Norton County Hospital on Saturday, Feb. 16.

The daughter of Jesse M. and Eunice (Barnett) Huff, she was born March 7, 1928, on a farm outside of Jennings.

She and Briace "Sandy" Spires were married on Oct. 7, 1945, in Jennings. They made their home in Jennings and Hoisington, before moving to Norton in 1952. Mrs. Spires was a nurse's aide at the Norton County Hospital for 33 years.

She was a member of the Norton First United Methodist Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents, two brothers, one sister, and two grandchildren.

Survivors include: her husband,

Sandy Spires, Norton; one son, Briace "Opie" and Jackie Spires, Stockton; four daughters, Sandra and Myron Cochran, Louisville, Ky., Linda and Gene Carter, Norton, Sharol and Bart Ward, Roeland Park and Angie and Scott Sisson, Shawnee; 14 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren.

Friends may call until 8:30 p.m. today at Enfield Funeral Home.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the Norton First United Methodist. Burial will be in the Norton Cemetery.

Memorials are suggested to the church or to Norton County Hospital.

Contributions may be sent in care of the funeral home, 215 W. Main, Norton, Kan. 67654.

## Patricia C. Stephen Nov. 28, 1929 - Feb. 15, 2008

Patricia C. Stephen, 78, died Friday, Feb. 15 at the Norton County Hospital.

Mrs. Stephen was born Nov. 28, 1929, on the family farm in Sheridan County, to Edward and Rose (Hayes) Campbell.

She graduated from Leoville High School in 1948.

On May 9, 1949, she married Quinten Hickert at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Leoville. He died on Dec. 14, 1989.

She married Harold "Red" Stephen on June 5, 1993. He died July 8, 2004.

Mrs. Stephen was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church, St. Ann's Altar Society, New Almelo, St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, St. Francis Catholic Women, Norton, Eagles Auxiliary and the American Legion Auxiliary.

She worked as a licensed mental health technician at Norton State Hospital for 14 years. She also worked as a receptionist for Dr. Keener, DDS and as a cashier at Town and Country Kitchen.

Others preceding her in death were three brothers, Emmett Campbell, Michael Campbell and Gilbert Campbell and a sister, Monica (Goscha) Zodrow.

Survivors include: three sons, Thomas Hickert, Clayton, Richard and Betty Hickert, Selden and Timothy and Darlene Hick-

ert, Hays; three daughters, Jean Ann and Robert Bowman, Almena, Rose Marie and Butch Beal, Smithville, Mo. and Linette and Ernest Klaus, Hays; a step-daughter, Patti Jo and John Gall, Norton; a brother, Edward and Deloise Campbell, Wichita; a sister, Sally Wahlmeier, Salina; 15 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and 13 great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held today at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church. The Rev. Henry Saw Lone officiated. Organist Eloise Hawk accompanied the choir as they led in the singing of "Be Not Afraid", "On Eagles Wings", "Only A Shadow", "Hail Mary Gentle Woman", and "Precious Lord, Take My Hand".

Burial was in the St. Joseph Cemetery, New Almelo. Honorary casket bearers were Patricia Cressler, Melissa Tyrell, Heather Myers, Stacey Komarek, Kara Jo Hickert, Jennifer Hickert, Danielle Young and Katie Gall. Casket bearers were Justin Beal, Scott Beal, Wade Bowman, Tyler Klaus, Chris Klaus, Dustin Hickert and J.D. Gall.

Memorial contributions are suggested to the Norton CARES van, 208 W. Main, Norton, Kan. 67654 or to a charity of the donor's choice.

Pauls Funeral Home, Oberlin, was in charge of the funeral arrangements.

## Dwight E. Vallin Dec. 25, 1946 - Feb. 13, 2008

Dwight Ewing Vallin, 61, of Long Island, died on Feb. 13.

He was born Christmas day in 1946 in Goodland, to Don and Inis Vallin.

He married his high school sweetheart Emily Eggers on Sept. 3, 1966.

Mr. Vallin attended Dodge City Community College and Bethany College on football scholarships and then completed his teaching degree in history in 1969 from Fort Hays State University. He taught and coached in Ellis for one year and Cambridge, Neb., for five years. He earned his master's degree in administration in 1977 from Fort Hays State University. He became the Kindergarten through eighth grade principal at Northern Valley Schools in Long Island and fulfilled this position for 29 years before retiring in May of 2006.

He started his new career as a crop adjuster and enjoyed the last

two years working with Farmers Mutual Hail Insurance. He was a member of the Long Island United Methodist Church for 31 years.

His hobbies included fishing, golfing, playing cards, reading, visiting, watching old western movies, and calling friends at all hours of the day or night. He enjoyed all types of sports, coaching football, wrestling and volleyball and giving unsolicited football advice to any head coach that would listen. He loved telling stories and playing practical jokes.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Sue Carpenter.

Survivors include his wife, Emily, Long Island; one son Travis Vallin; a daughter, Tonja and Douglas Pfannenstiel, Las Vegas, Nev.; and two grandchildren.

A celebration of his life will be held at 2 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 23 at the Long Island Middle School.

Burial will be in Bird City.

## Dinner theater at Gateway

The annual dinner theater, sponsored by the Oberlin Arts and Humanities Commission, will be held on Saturday, Feb. 23, at the Oberlin Gateway.

There will be a Surf and Turf dinner starting at 6:30 p.m. and complimentary wine or beverages will be served.

Following dinner, the renowned Allegro Chamber Trio will present a rare blend of flute, harp and viola at 7:30 p.m. Each is also an outstanding soloist. Megan Meisenbach has studied with world renowned flutists Jean-Pierre Rampal and James Galway. Mary Golden has zinged the strings of her harp all over the United States and will be playing her full-sized concert Salzedo harp. Bruce Williams is the principal of the Austin Symphony and former principal violist with the

Haifa Symphony Orchestra. Mr. Williams' instrument is a Granino viola from 1680.

The trio plays a varied program of music, from Telemann to Debussy, from the 18th century to the 20th.

One of the featured works on the concert is the masterful "Sonata" by French Impressionist Claude Debussy. His work defines this unusual combination of instruments.

Dinner/theater tickets are \$25 per person (\$12 for children under 12). Each season ticket includes one ticket for the dinner theater (two for a two-family ticket).

Dinner reservations must be made by calling Ella Betts, (785) 475-3557 or Mary Henzel, (785) 470-0218. Theater tickets only are available for \$10 for adults, and \$5 for students grades 1-12.

## 4-H NEWS

### By SKYLAR DAVIS December 3 Meeting

Sunday, Dec. 3, several members of the Cedar Ridge 4-H Club enjoyed watching movies at the Norton Theatre. This was the club's way of rewarding the members that participated in club meetings, project talks or fair projects.

### December 10 Meeting

It was a dark and stormy night on Monday, Dec. 10 when the Cedar Ridge 4-H Club met in the Community Center in Almena. Fifteen members braved the elements to attend the meeting.

Twenty-one gift baskets were assembled and given to the sponsors of the club as a "Thank You" for their support.

The community service project consisted of a donation of coats, hats, scarves, mittens and sweaters to the Lions Club.

Under New Business, the members voted to donate items for a

New Year's Baby Basket to be given to the first baby born in 2008 in Norton County.

After recreation, the club members enjoyed snacks.

### January 14 Meeting

On Monday, Jan. 14, 24 members of the Cedar Ridge 4-H Club held their monthly meeting in the Almena Community Building. The members brought the items to be donated to the first baby born in 2008 in Norton County.

Members going on the Denver trip are Caleb Bach, Kayla Field and Colton Lowry.

Project talks were given by Damien Davis, steer and Skylar Davis, buymanship.

Project Leaders also gave talks. They were Jeff Calloway, Sheep; Monty Montgomery, swing; Monica Bach, goats; Nicki Kinderknecht, beef; and Curtis Lowry, horse.

Next month the club will deliver Valentine cookie plates to shut-ins.

## CORRECTION

In the Friday, Feb. 15 edition of *The Norton Telegram*, in a story on the school board's last meeting, it said Linda Burge, fifth and sixth grade teacher, received the Teacher of the Year award from the Kansas Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom. This is incorrect. Receiving the award was Teresa Schulze, the fifth and

sixth grade science teacher.

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## Velma V. Page Feb. 17, 1920 - Feb. 14, 2008

Velma Valeria (Minshall) Page, 87, died at her home in Hawthorne, Calif., on Feb. 14.

She was born Feb. 17, 1920 in Norton, the daughter of Clyde and Anna Minshall.

She and her husband, Gerald W. Page, lived in California for over 60 years.

Mrs. Page was preceded in death by her parents; by Gerald, her husband of 46 years; an infant son, Clyde; a sister, Edna (Minshall) Bishop; and a brother, Clyde

Minshall.

She is survived by a daughter, Valerie (Page) Parrish, Hawthorne; a sister, Ivalee (Minshall) Balderston, Wilsonville, Neb.; two grandchildren; and one great-granddaughter.

Viewing will be from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 22 at Enfield Funeral Home.

Graveside services will be held at 11:30 a.m., Saturday, Feb. 23 at the Norton Cemetery.

## DEATH NOTICE

### M. Ford Farber

Oct. 4, 1935 - Feb. 18, 2008

M. Ford Farber, 72, died Monday, Feb. 18, 2008.

Funeral arrangements are pending with Mickey-Leopold Funeral Home, Hoxie.

## READERS

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

Lucas Bailey a 2007 graduate of Norton Community High School was listed on the honorable men-

tion honor roll for the fall semester at North Central Kansas Technical College, Beloit. He is enrolled in the Plumbing, Heating and Air Conditioning department. Lucas is the son of Gail and Denise Bailey, Norcatar.

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