

OBITUARIES

Patty Ann Casida Aug. 17, 1954 - Feb. 19, 2008

Patty Ann Casida, 53, Hill City, a former Norton resident, died Tuesday, Feb. 19 at St. Francis Medical Center, Wichita.

Born Aug. 17, 1954, in North Platte, Neb., she was the daughter of Henry William and Vera Mae (Andrew) Pasman.

She was a homemaker and a member of the Hill City Church of God, Anderson Ind., affiliated.

She was preceded in death by her father, step-father, one brother and two sisters.

Survivors include her mother, Vera Cress, Wilson; a son, Kenny Casida, Hill City; a daughter, Crystal Casida, Hill City; a brother, John Pasman, Oxford, Kan.; and six sisters, Bonnie Folkerts,

Muskogee, Okla., Susan Kriley, Wilson, Eileen Harkenreader, Kunkletown, Pa., Rhonda Bird, Belleville, Donna Taub, Ft. Collins, Colo. and Vicki Schneider, Beloit.

Visitation will be held from 2 to 8 p.m. Sunday at Stinemetz Funeral Home, Hill City and on Monday, at the Hill City Church of God until prior to funeral services at 11 a.m.

The Reverends Roy Quiett and Jack Gatson will officiate. Burial will be in Memorial Lawn Cemetery, Hill City.

Memorials to the family may be sent in care of the funeral home, 522 North Pomeroy, Hill City, Kan. 67642.



Mr. and Mrs. Joshua Leising (Valerie Lee)

Valerie Jane Lee and Joshua Aaron Leising were married on Aug. 4 at the Norton First United Methodist Church. The Reverend Lew Van Der Wege officiated in the double-ring ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Edward and Joyce Lee, Burwell, Neb. Grandparents of the bride are Vera Holmes and the late Otho Holmes and Dewey and Erma Lee, all of Burwell.

The bridegroom is the son of Phillip and Teresa Leising, Arapahoe, Neb. His grandparents are Marvin and Lucy Todd and the late Juleen Todd, Oxford, Neb., and Armin and Gladys Leising, Arapahoe.

The bride was escorted to the altar by her father wearing a white silk gown, trimmed with lace and pearls. In her hair, she wore a tiara made of Swarovsky crystals and an elbow-length veil. She carried a hand-tied bouquet of light pink roses and bright pink Gerbera daisies. Hidden in the bouquet was her mother's "bluebird of happiness" and her great-great-grandmother's handkerchief.

Maid of honor was Catherine Lee, sister of the bride, Burwell. Bridesmaids were Mackenzie Taylor, cousin of the bride, Knoxville, Tenn., Sarah Wilson, cousin of the bride, Hershey, Neb., Traci Hill, friend of the bride, Omaha, Neb., Traci Sindelar, friend of the bride, Clarkson, Neb. and Angela Leising, sister of the groom, Athens, Ohio. They wore dresses of Caribbean blue and carried bouquets of bright pink Gerbera daisies accented with chocolate brown bows and vintage brooches. The bride's personal attendant was Ann Stiles, friend of the bride, Norton.

The flower girl was Olivia Leising, sister of the groom, Arapahoe.

She wore a cotton sun dress made of pink, chocolate brown and Caribbean blue Gerbera daisy print. She carried a chocolate brown basket accented with rhinestones and pink and Caribbean blue ribbons. It was filled with pink rose petals that she sprinkled down the aisle.

The best man was Frank Leising, brother of the groom, Arapahoe. Groomsmen were Adam Lilienkamp, friend of the groom, St. Louis, Mo., Peter Leising, brother of the groom, Arapahoe, Jon Oswald, cousin of the groom, Madison, Neb., Kevin Taylor, friend of the groom, Arapahoe and Ted Lee, brother of the bride, Burwell. They wore black tuxedos with Caribbean blue windsor ties and vests.

Music at the ceremony was provided by the Jay Singers, students of the bride, the First United Methodist Church Bell Choir, directed by David Will, trombonist Jonathan Jaworski, friend of the bride, Elkhorn, Neb. and organist Dan Sturgill, friend of the couple, Norton.

A reception and dance, hosted by Chuck and Janet Look, friends of the couple, Norton, was held at the Norton American Legion. A five-tier wedding cake, decorated with fondant roses and scroll work, was created by Jerry Rowse, aunt of the bride and Ree Smock, friend of the bride's family.

Following the reception, the couple left for their honeymoon in Estes Park and Grand Lake, Colo.

The bride teaches junior and senior high school vocal music in Norton. The groom is employed with Leising Incorporated, Arapahoe.

The couple is making their home in Norton.

Family trees had roots in more than the soil

Once upon a time a blue spruce tree was planted on Sunset Drive by a man who loved birds and trees and children. It was a tiny little sproutling, a commemoration of the birth of our first grandson twenty years ago.

Originally it was a Christmas gift from another set of grandparents and while the chances of a discount store potted Christmas pine surviving were pretty slim, we knew if anyone could make it grow, LeRoy would be the best bet. And grow it did, developing slowly into a tall and stately spruce tree just as the curly-headed, toddler developed into a strong and sturdy fellow. The spruce tree's branches whispered through the winds of the passing years, a gentle reminder of the pains and pleasures of growing, the pruning and the clipping and the loving care required to create a well-shaped tree, an honorable and admirable young man.

Nearby dwells a very different tree that blossoms every spring just as a lovely grand daughter blossomed into our lives seventeen years ago. The apricots it bears are sweet, her favorite color of golden yellow, reflecting her sweet and sunny outlook on life. LeRoy planted it for her the spring after her December birthday. It sways and bends gracefully in the summer breezes, stretches up a bit each year, spreads loving branches to embrace the whole world in a hug, just as she does.

At the Crane Street house LeRoy had planted three cherry trees for our three children. It was an awful shock when new owners cut them down. The three varieties were as distinctly different as the three children. Joan's was the south tree, English cherries, golden pink and juicy, David's tree had dark red cherries that clung tight to the pits, but the sweetest of all for pies, while Dan's far north tree was the most bountiful, bearing cherries clear up until frost. We fed the entire neighborhood as well as lots of birds. LeRoy also planted gooseberry bushes at that house, red and black raspberry thickets and red currant plants to create a tasty buffet for the birds.

Child of the 40s Liza Deines



With each new planting in our yards LeRoy commemorated an event. The lush peonies remind us of my parents, home, transplanted when we had to sell their house, as do the iris that bloom all over northwest Norton in the yards of friends. We shared bags and bags of Dad's iris rhizomes and peony roots. An anniversary gift I will never forget was a Jezebel lily he somehow finagled into blooming right under the breakfast room windows. For the Kansas Centennial he raised huge sunflowers, then nailed the dried seed heads to the bird feeders so the blue jays and cardinals could pluck their own dinners at will. The columbine served to remind us of neighbor Lloyd Harvey who gave us starter seeds. Spring tulips bloom from bulbs my sister purchased for LeRoy while traveling in Holland. They nestle among daffodils and day lilies from Mama's flower beds. Even when he tore down an old house up on Highway 36, LeRoy salvaged hyacinth bulbs so they would survive the horrible death by concrete that would've been their fate.

It's sure hard to leave a home behind, but through the years as we moved from here to there we found it even more difficult to leave our yards behind. Whenever possible we took starts and seedlings just as pioneers hauled lilac whips, bags of bulbs and envelopes of seeds to brighten the next home. Yes, it takes years for a tree to grow but if you don't plant one, who will? Someone else will come along to enjoy the fruits of your gardening labors. Go out there this spring and plant a tree, sow some flower seeds, come August put in a bulb garden. You will enrich the world not only for yourself, but for others.

MY MAMA SAID: Be a mari-gold in life; bloom where you are planted!

Robert Curtis May 13, 1940 - Feb. 18, 2008

Robert "Bob" Curtis, 67, Smith Center, died Monday, Feb. 18, at his home.

Mr. Curtis was born May 13, 1940, to Robert George and Dorothea Margaret (Baker) Curtis in St. John.

He was married to the former Ruth Kline of Lenora.

He was a retired teacher.

Mr. Curtis is survived by: his wife, Ruth Curtis, of the home; two sons, Alan Curtis, Denver, Colo. and Kevin Curtis, Lincoln, Neb.; two daughters, Gaye and Dan Daniels, Jewell and Jennifer Curtis, Lincoln; his mother, Dorothea Curtis, St. John; a sister, Janice and Jerry Dreiling, St. John;

his father-in-law, Fay Kline, Morland; and three grandchildren.

Funeral services were held today at the Simmons-Rentschler Mortuary in Smith Center. Pastors Dennis Lambert and Dan Daniels officiated. Burial was in the Fairview Cemetery, Smith Center.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be used for brain tumor research at M.D. Anderson Cancer Center, Houston, Texas and to Smith County Hospice.

Memorial contributions may be sent in care of the funeral home, 116 W. 1st, Smith Center, Kan. 66967.

Donald W. Davis Aug. 24, 1935 - Feb. 19, 2008

Donald W. Davis, 72, Hastings, Neb., formerly of Almena, died Tuesday, Feb. 19 at his home.



Donald Davis

Mr. Davis was born Aug. 24, 1935, in Almena, to Walter and Irma (Conarty) Davis. He graduated from Almena High School and served in the United States Army Reserves, Norton, from 1952-1956.

On Aug. 17, 1956, he married Sharon M. Patterson in Hastings, Neb.

He was a meat cutter for O.P. Skaggs, Jack & Jill, and Safeway grocery stores. He owned and operated his own locker in Logan and Meat Market in Phillipsburg.

The family moved from Phillipsburg to Hastings in 1988. Mr. Davis was also an electrician and a maintenance man.

Mr. Davis was preceded in death

by his parents.

Survivors include: his wife, Sharon Davis, Hastings; a son, Craig Davis, Florissant, Colo.; two daughters, Cindy Davis, Florissant and Lisa and Gary McDonald, Hastings; nine grandchildren; and 23 great-grandchildren.

Services were held today at the First Christian Church, Hastings with the Rev. Dr. Judith Allen officiating.

Burial was in Parkview Cemetery, Hastings.

Memorials may be given to the American Heart Association for Research or Mary Lanning Hospice in care of Livingston-Butler-Volland Funeral Home and Cremation Center, 1225 N. Elm Ave., Hastings, Neb. 68901.

On-line condolences may be sent to: www.lbvfh.com.

M. Ford Farber Oct. 4, 1935 - Feb. 18, 2008

M. Ford Farber, 72, Norton, died Monday, Feb. 18, at his home.

He was born Oct. 4, 1935, near Hoxie, to Willard and Eula (Hamilton) Farber.

He married Shirley Sealock Aug. 21, 1955, in Hoxie. They lived in Norton the last 34 years.

He taught and coached at junior high, senior high and junior colleges for 39 years. He was a graduate of Fort Hays State University, where he received a bachelor's degree and later a master's in industrial arts. He was a member of the Quarterhorse Association and the Fort Hays State University Alumni Association.

He is survived by his wife, Shirley of Norton; five sons, Alan Farber, Denver, Curt Farber, Elginwood, Bruce Farber, Norton, Scott Farber, McCook, Neb. and

Eric Farber, Norton; one brother, Kyle Farber; three sisters, Joan Taylor, Rose Wagoner and Linda Randolph; nine grandchildren; and six step-grandchildren.

Memorial services were held Thursday at the United Methodist Church in Norton and today at the United Methodist Church in Hoxie. Inurnment was in the Hoxie Cemetery.

Memorials to the Ford Farber Memorial Fund may be sent in care of Mickey-Leopold Funeral Home, 1024 Sheridan Ave., Hoxie, Kan. 67740.

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Feb. 27

PUBLIC RECORD

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

Feb. 14 — Jeffery Soderlund, Norton, basic speed, fine \$60, court cost \$70.

Feb. 14 — Eric Hartwell, Norton, driving while under the influence of alcohol. One year diversion, \$250, ADSP \$150, Assessment \$500, court cost \$70.

Feb. 14 — Debra Sigwing, Norton, driving while under suspension. 5 days jail time to be suspended if \$320 fine paid in full by June 3. Fine \$250, court cost \$70.

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READERS

Laura Delimont, a 2007 graduate of Norton Community High School, has been named to the dean's honor roll at Hutchinson Community College for the fall semester. Miss Delimont has also earned the honor of being inducted into the Phi Theta Kappa National Honor Society for junior college honor students.



Laura Delimont

She will be inducted at a special award ceremony to be held Feb. 25 at the college. She is majoring in criminal

justice while attending the Fire Science School at HCC. Her extracurricular activities include being the manager for the Blue Dragons football team, treasurer for the Student Fire Fighter Association and a presidential leadership scholar.

She is the daughter of Jeff and Melissa Delimont, Norton.

The Duplicate Bridge Club met Wednesday evening at the Norton Manor for their regular weekly session with three tables present. Two teams tied for first place. They were the teams of Myron Veh and Jerry Moritz and the team of Alberta Slaby and Joyce Sumner.

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