

# OBITUARIES

## Norma Jean Rumford March 24, 1936 - May 2, 2009

Norma Jean Rumford, daughter of Russell J. and Mattie L. (McMains) Hamilton, was born March 24, 1936, in Goodwell, Okla., and died at the Norton County Hospital on May 2, 2009, at the age of 73.

Norma attended Goodwell schools, and graduated from the Panhandle A&M College also in Goodwell. On May 24, 1959, she and Clair Rumford were united in marriage at the Baptist Church in Goodwell. They made their home in the communities of Manter, Hays, and Garden City, before moving to Norton where they have lived for the past 34 years. Throughout her life, Norma worked at various places, but the job she enjoyed the most was secretary at Norton Community High School.

Norma was a member of the First United Methodist Church and the UMW in Norton, and had served as a Cub Scout den mother. She also enjoyed her volunteer work with various organizations including the American Cancer Society Daffodil Days, Relay for Life, Norton Cares, Hospice Services of Norton County, and Andbe Home shopping.

Survivors include her husband, Clair Rumford, Norton; four

children, Darren and wife, Danae Rumford, Manhattan, Beverly and husband, Larry Daniel, Wichita, Janine Bechard, Gardner, and Jamie and wife, Karen Rumford, Cheney; one brother and his wife, Carl and Carol Hamilton, Goodwell, Okla.; one brother-in-law, Robert Halling, Jetmore; one sister-in-law, Mary Lou Sinclair, Dodge City; 12 grandchildren and many nieces and nephews and other relatives and many friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her parents-in-law, Leland and Maybelle Rumford, one son-in-law, Don Bechard, one brother, J. Robert and his wife, Dorothy Hamilton, one sister, Jeweldeane and husband, Sylvester Lewis, one brother-in-law, Harry Sinclair, and one sister-in-law, Lois Halling.

The funeral service will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church. Graveside service and burial will be on Thursday at 3:30 p.m. at the Fairmont Cemetery, Jetmore. Memorials to Norton Cares and the American Cancer Society.

Friends may call at the Enfield Funeral Home, Norton, Wednesday, from 3 to 8 p.m.



Norma Rumford

## Beatrice Anna Lang August 13, 1915 - May 1, 2009

Beatrice Anna Lang, daughter of Charles Joseph and Anna Clara (Bittner) Menzer, was born Aug. 13, 1915 at Olmitz and died at the Charismatic Estates in Waxhaw, N.C., on May 1, 2009, at the age of 93.

Bea grew up in Olmitz and attended the local schools. On Jan. 22, 1935, she married Albert R. Lang in Olmitz. She was a homemaker and made her home farming with her husband in Hoisington, Geneseo, Rush Center, and the McCracken area until 1950, when they bought a farm northwest of Norton. In 1973, they moved into Norton where they lived until Albert's death May 11, 1984.

Bea was a member of the St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church in Norton and had served as President of the Altar Society. She was a member of and had served as President of the Eagles Auxiliary and had served as a Red Cross Volunteer and 4-H leader for many years.

Survivors include one son

and his wife, Leroy and Judy Lang, Norton; two daughters and their husbands, Barbara and Ray Schmitz, Indian Land, S. C., and Jeanette and Pat Sterrett, Dubuque, Iowa; one sister, Henrietta Bartonek, Otis, seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren; and other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, and seven siblings.

A rosary service will be held tonight at 7:30 p.m. at Enfield Funeral Home, Norton.

Mass of Christian Burial will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, Norton. Graveside service and burial will take place also Wednesday at 4 p.m. at St. Anne's Catholic Cemetery, Olmitz. Memorials to the Beatrice Lang Memorial Fund.

Friends may call at Enfield Funeral Home in Norton tonight until 8 p.m., and Wednesday from 10 a.m. to service time.

## Club holds spring dinner

By JEAN WHITE

Destination Kitchen was the destination for GFWC Mid-Century members and guests for their annual Spring Dinner. Beverly Kindler, president, opened the meeting with greetings and led in the flag salute. Guests for the evening were Cheryl Scott, Kathleen Berlier, Jane Burton, Susan Anthony and Wilda Bowman, Kearney, NE. The quotation for the meeting was "Progress in civilization has been accomplished by progress in cookery" by Fannie Farmer.

The delicious dinner, served on beautifully decorated tables, was chicken salad on a lettuce leaf with a roll and the dessert was "to die" for, Panna Cotta with a raspberry glaze. Following the dinner the owners and managers, Cindy Boller and Georgia Mann, told the group that having Destination Kitchen was for them living out their passion for cooking and baking. Both young women had retired, knew it was time for a change, and were looking forward to something new. They did their homework before trying to open any kind of new business. They attended seminars, made trips to shows, attended demonstrations, and visited other businesses. After many hours and many miles looking, they knew it was a "Destination" store they wanted and what else - kitchen supplies with cooking and baking. Destination Kitchen started as a "wish list" and was opened in October, 2008. They are so pleased with the response and support they have received and feel they are meeting the needs of the area.

A check for \$300.00 will be sent to USD 211 for the schools to be able to purchase extra supplies for the classrooms.

The group was reminded to take the gifts to Darlene McEwen for the "Thinking of You Baskets" for Rosetta McFarland and Carolyn Higgason, former members. Also, a reminder about managing the Plinko Game at the Norton County Fair.

Darlene McEwen read her poem, "The Life of a Pencil", which had received first place at the GFWC 6th District Contest

and at the GFWC Kansas contest. Darlene also read the prize winning short story, "Will My Grandchildren Have Tears", by Rosalie McMullen, who was unable to attend the meeting.

Dr. Mac (Darlene) presented the 2008-2009 Mid-Century Club History, "Oh The Places We Have Been", assisted by Carolyn Applegate, Bertie Leigh Compaan and Lynn Nelson. Places we have been included the Dane G. Hansen Museum in Logan, God's Pantry at the Norton Episcopal Church, and Prairie Land Electric for the Federation Day Brunch where Gina Frack told us about Shingles.

We packed eight shoe boxes with 158 items for "Samaritan Purse"; heard from Greg Mann, superintendent of USD 211 concerning our schools; had a trip to Spain with Eva Fuentes, Spanish teacher at the high school; learned about the, "History, Accomplishments and Goals for the Future" from Diane Becker, Director of Norton City/County Economic Development and enjoyed the music and art of the students of the Junior/Senior High School and had a Snip, Snap and Fold Meeting where we made greeting cards.

Beverly Kindler and Geraldine Packer had perfect attendance for the year.

Roll call was answered with, "My Favorite Food to Fix". The answers ranged from chicken and noodles, breads, pies and cakes, and progressive soup.

Officers for the coming year are: Beverly Kindler, president; Bertie Leigh Compaan, vice-president; Darlene McEwen, secretary; Lynn Nelson, treasurer; Leta Donovan, corresponding secretary. Jean White installed the officers using the theme of spices and herbs.

Beverly thanked the club for all their work throughout the year and in keeping with her theme, presented everyone with a gold key and a notepad. Hostesses Lois Myers, Maxine Wilfong and Eunice Neiltopp were thanked for the lovely evening.

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## Jo 'Jody' Konda April 25, 1957 - May 1, 2009

Jo "Jody" Konda, 52, died Friday, May 1, at her home in Spearville.

She was born April 25, 1957 in Los Angeles, Calif., the daughter of Melvin Laverne and Mary Lou "Betty" Sceals Holeman. She moved to the Spearville area from California as a young child. She was a CNA at the Spearville Hospital and the Good Samaritan Center, Dodge City.

She was a member of St. John the Baptist Church, Spearville.

On Sept. 14, 1974 she married Mike Konda at Dodge City. He survives.

Other survivors include her son, Brandon and wife Katie, Irvine, Calif.; two daughters, Melissa Evans and husband Luke, Belle Plaine, and Kelsey Sigmund and husband Josh, Spearville; her brother, Bob Holeman and wife Zoila, Minneola; three sisters, Jeanette Applegate and husband Dennis, Colby, Phyllis Holeman, Norton and Sue Canaday and husband Ron, Denison, Iowa; and grandchildren Michael and Gabriel Evans and Cooper Sigmund.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Charles Holeman.

Vigil service was held Monday, May 4, and a Memorial Mass was held on Tuesday. Burkhardt-Ziegler Funeral Chapel, Dodge City handled arrangements. Inturnment will be at a later date in Holy Cross Cemetery, Windthorst.

The family suggests memorials to Hospice of the Prairie, Windthorst Heritage, Inc. or the St. John Church Heat and Air Fund, all in care of Burkhardt-Ziegler Funeral Chapel, 1901 N. 14th Ave., 67801. Condolences may be sent to www.burkhardtziegler.com.



Camden



Cyler

## Stork delivers two

Corbin John Luck, 3, has twin brothers, born on April 10, 2009, at Hays Medical Center.

Cyler Vincent weighed 5 pounds, 10 ounces and was 19 inches long.

Camden Allen weighed 5 pounds, 6.8 ounces and was 18 1/2 inches long.

Parents of the boys are Mark and Jessica Luck, Hays.

Grandparents are Jerry and Montine Alstrom and Larry Long,

Oberlin; and Robert and Lynette Luck, Colby.

Great-grandparents are Nora Bearley and Keith and Dorothy Alstrom, Oberlin; Helen and Harvey Ehrlich, Brighton, Colo.; and Agnes Lyon, Norton.

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