

# OBITUARIES

## Robert Nelson Kilbourn July 31, 1931 - September 18, 2009

Robert Nelson Kilbourn died peacefully in his mountain home in Glen Haven, Colo. Sept 18, at the age of 78. Bob loved the mountains and his family.



Robert Kilbourn

He was born July 31, 1931, and raised on Kilbourn Ranch near Sterling. He attended Sterling Elementary and High Schools, Virginia Military Institute and graduated with a degree in Geology from Kansas State University. He served as an officer in the US Army with a rank of 1st Lt. He spent 25 years farming and ranching near Sterling before making a career change, moving to the Rocky Mountains and becoming a registered nurse at the age of 50.

Bob was a keen aviation enthusiast and pilot. He climbed countless mountains, including 14,255' Longs Peak, the first time on his 14th birthday and the last with his family on his 70th birthday. Bob hiked up to 30 miles a week year round in and around Rocky Mountain National Park. Until his passing, he led hikes with the Colorado Mountain Club.

In addition to hiking, Bob walked his first of five marathons and half marathons in Estes Park at 72 years of age. He enjoyed bowling (high score 299) and ping pong with friends and was an avid sports fan devotedly following Kansas State University athletics as well as the Colorado Rockies and Denver Broncos.

He was known for his ever-present kind greeting, vice grip

handshake and friendly smile to everyone he met on life's trails. As an ideal role model, Bob proudly led a clean life, at no time consuming alcohol or smoking.

Bob's messages to his family were to "Take care of the next generation, watch over their health, and teach them to love each other." Also to "Take care of the mountains, because they can't take care of themselves, and take care of the animals."

Bob was preceded in passing by his parents Roberta and Nelson Kilbourn.

He was a loving brother, father and grandfather. Those who continue to hike and love the mountains in his honor are brother David Kilbourn, Kansas; Carol Jean Kilbourn, Colorado and five children: Barbara and husband Hooper Crane, Oregon; Robert Kilbourn and wife Christina Stone, Colorado; Sharon and husband Norm Roesch, Alaska; Gary Kilbourn and partner Yelena Arkhangeskaya, California; and Eric and wife Keturah Kilbourn, Colorado. His grandchildren are Cody Jane Crane, Washington; Amanda Crane and Wrangle Crane, Oregon; Makena Roesch, Colorado; Tyler Roesch Alaska; Nikita Zamora, California and Jaden and Shea Kilbourn, Colorado.

Memorial Service will be held Wednesday, at the Presbyterian Community Church of the Rockies, 1700 Brodie Ave., Estes Park, Co.

## Dennis K. Minshall Sept. 7, 1943 - Sept. 20, 2009

Dennis K. Minshall, son of Clyde Minshall Jr. and Virgie (Grabest) Moser, was born September 7, 1943, in Norton and died at the Norton County Hospital, on September 20, at the age of 66.

He grew up in the Norton area and attended rural grade school in Norton County and Norton Community High School. On October 9, 1982, Dennis and Rita Tyrrell were united in marriage on the family farm in Norton county. They made their home in Salina and Bennington.

Following their retirement, they moved back to Norton on the family farm in 2000 where he was engaged in construction, mechanic, and welding work. He was a member of Sons of American Legion in Norton.

Survivors include: his wife Rita; five children and their spouses, Sandra and David Quint, Benkelman, Neb; Dale and Bobbie

Grover, Duncan, Okla.; Kayleen and Tony Jones, Stockton; Shara and Carlton Dukes, Florala, Ala.; Cathy Bogart, Wichita, and two stepchildren, Jim and Michele Railsback, Norton; Deana and Randy Shearer, Almena; brothers Kenneth and Gail Minshall, Whirling, Wyo.; Terry Minshall and friend Carla, Norton; sister Charlotte and husband Bob Seaman, Elizabeth, Colo. 8 grandchildren, 3 step-grandchildren, 4 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, one step-grandson, Josey Shearer, and one grandson, Talon Grover.

Funeral services will be Friday, September 25 at 2 p.m. at Enfield Funeral Home in Norton. Visitation will be at the Enfield Funeral Home Thursday at 3 p.m. - 8 p.m. Memorials may be directed to the Dennis Minshall Memorial Fund.



Don and Elaine Mann

## Couple to celebrate 60th

The family of Don and Elaine (Halderman) Mann wish them a Happy 60th anniversary! Donald and Elaine were united in marriage on September 25, 1949 in the Halderman home in Long Island. They raised their family in Norton county and currently

reside in Norton. Children of the couple are Kennis and wife Joan, of Leawood, Kathy Slipke, and husband Mike of Downs, Kaylene Thomas and husband Dennis of Oberlin, Kurt and wife Gi of Norton. They have 10 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

## FYI

Members of the General Federation of Women's Clubs will meet on September 26 in Brewster for the Sixth District, GFWC of Kansas Convention. Members of GFWC Beta are hosting this event at the United Methodist Church.

The schedule for the day includes Learning through highlight reports by GFWC club presidents as well as updates by District Department Chairmen. Helen Carter, GFWC of Kansas President, will be the keynote speaker. Tim and Gary Adrian, Colby, will

display and explain their collection of Paleo Indian artifacts.

There will be Recognition through the Rosemary Hour, presentation of certificates for outstanding programs, projects and Fellowship at the luncheon with a special presentation on "Hats".

Beverly Kindler, GFWC Sixth District President, will preside at this meeting. She will be assisted by members of the Mid-Century GFWC of Norton.

## Police log

**September 14**  
8:25 a.m. Vehicle stop, Highway 36 and Westridge  
9:59 a.m. Report of homeless man in bathroom, Credit Union  
12:22 p.m. Vehicle stop, 100 block N. State  
3:50 p.m. EMS assist, 300 block N. 1st  
7:18 p.m. Report of homeless man at McDonalds  
7:38 p.m. Report of juveniles throwing water at passing vehicles, Highway 36 and 2nd St.  
8:44 p.m. Vehicle stop, Waverly and N. Norton  
9:30 p.m. Report of dog at large, 500 block W. Crane  
10:28 p.m. Activated alarm, Jamboree  
**September 15**  
9:15 a.m. Request for officer to call concerning case information  
3:20 p.m. Vehicle accident, Highway 36 and Highway 283  
5:00 p.m. Report of child playing in street, 200 block W. Wilberforce  
5:20 p.m. Motorist assist, 600 block N. Jones  
5:40 p.m. Vehicle accident, 700 block Johnson Rd.  
7:41 p.m. Welfare check, 500 block W. Wilton  
7:54 p.m. Report of vehicle being repossessed,  
8:01 p.m. Report of stolen bike,

200 block Horace Greeley  
8:47 p.m. Report of box of auto parts on Highway 36  
10:56 p.m. Vehicle stop, 300 block W. Main  
**September 16**  
12:07 a.m. Blood draw, NTSO  
3:23 a.m. Activated alarm, Jamboree  
7:51 a.m. Keys locked in vehicle, Norton Community High School  
11:50 a.m. Vehicle stop, Waverly and Kansas  
2:48 p.m. Request for accident report  
3:00 p.m. EMS assist, 500 block E. Main  
3:18 p.m. Information on Radar equipment  
3:50 p.m. Vehicle stop, West and Holme  
5:27 p.m. Report of erratic driver, Pamida  
5:41 p.m. EMS assist, 500 block W. Woodfield  
11:00 p.m. Vehicle stop  
**September 17**  
7:44 a.m. Vehicle stop  
10:07 a.m. Vehicle stop, E. Highway 36 and Archer  
10:23 a.m. Vehicle stop, E. Highway 36 and Archer  
10:49 a.m. Vehicle stop, W. Highway 36 and Westridge  
12:16 p.m. Information concerning dog bite

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