

# OBITUARIES

## Arden D. Dykens

May 6, 1945 - May 11, 2010

Arden "Ardie" Dean Dykens, 65, Altus Okla., died May 11 at the Oklahoma Heart Hospital in Oklahoma City.

Arden was born May 6, 1945 in Smith Center to Harold P. and Eva R. (Kern) Dykens. He graduated from Lebanon High School, Lebanon in 1963. He served his country for over 32 years, first in the Kansas Army National Guard, then as a maintenance supervisor/shop chief of the Oklahoma National Guard Armory in Weatherford, Okla. and then in Altus, Okla. from 1982 until his retirement in 2005 as a MSgt.

He married Diane Langhofer Sellens on July 26, 1975 in Russell. He was a member of the Order of Saint Barbara and the First United Methodist Church in Altus, Okla. He enjoyed golf, fishing, Rv-ing and spending time with his family and especially his grandchildren. His family says "He was born to be a grandfather."

He was preceded in death by his parents and his first wife, Della Ruth Brokaw Dykens.

He is survived by his wife Diane of Altus, Okla.; four sons, Timothy Dykens and wife Terri of Yukon, Okla.; Michael Dykens and wife

Kerri of Altus, Okla.; Kenny Sellens and wife Kirsten of Lawton, Okla.; Craig Sellens and wife Michelle of Wichita; two brothers, James Louis "Jim" Dykens and wife Margaret of Norton; Elton Dale Dykens of Camdenton, Mo.; twelve grandchildren, Alexandra and Cassandra Dykens, Kendra Dickerson Walters and her husband Nick, Kaitlyn, Kaleb and Karissa Dykens, Laramie Allen, Cameron Sellens, Jonathan Lehman, Courtney and Lauryn Sellens and many other family, friends and work associates.

Memorial services were held May 17 at the First United Methodist Church with Rev. David Player officiating. Burial of the cremated remains with full military honors followed services at the Fort Sill National Cemetery, Elgin, Okla. Services were under the direction of Kincannon Funeral Home.

Memorial contributions may be made to Thunderbird Youth Academy, 417 South Elliott Street, Pryor, Okla. 7426, 918-824-4850 or Camp Gruber Kids Camp, P.O. Box 1968, Muskogee, Okla. 74402-1968 at 918-549-6001. Online tributes may be made at kincannonfunerlhome.com.

## Richard J. Hickert

July 4, 1954 - May 14, 2010

Richard Joseph (Rick) Hickert was born July 4, 1954, in Norton, to Quinten Joseph and Patricia Ann (Campbell) Hickert. He died at his home near Selden on May 14, at the age of 55 after a hard-fought battle with a glioblastoma brain tumor.

Rick grew up in Clayton. He attended grade school in Clayton and Jennings and graduated from Jennings High School in 1973.

In 1975, Rick started Hickert Welding in Clayton and later moved his welding and mechanic shop to Selden in 1983. He began the love of his life—farming—in 1991 and was actively engaged in farming until his death. Rick also did construction work and was a Sheridan County Volunteer Firefighter and Storm Spotter for 20 years. He enjoyed tinkering in his shop and making various woodworking projects.

On June 9, 1978, Rick was united in marriage to Betty Wessel in Selden. Two daughters were born to their union. First living on a farm near Clayton, they later moved to Selden before moving

to their farm home northwest of Selden.

Survivors include his wife Betty; two daughters and their husbands, Jennifer and Scott Diers, of Salina, and Danielle and Cody Young, of Cheney; one grandson, Cash Quinten Young; two brothers, Tom Hickert, of Clayton, and Tim Hickert and wife Dar, of Hays; three sisters and their husbands, Rose and Vernon Beal, of Smithville, Mo., Jean Ann and Robert Bowman, of Norton, and Linette and Ernie Klaus, of Hays; a stepsister and her husband, Patty and John Gall, of Norton; other relatives and friends. His parents preceded him in death.

A Vigil Service was held on May 16 at Pauls Funeral Home in Selden.

A Funeral Mass was held Monday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Selden, with Rev. Mark Berland, officiating. A memorial fund has been established in the name of Rich Hickert. Burial was in Selden Cemetery.

Arrangements were by Pauls Funeral Home, Oberlin-Selden.

## Delbert L. Townsend

April 6, 1921 - January 26, 2010

Col. Delbert Leroy Townsend, USA (Ret.), a longtime resident of Fort Washington, Md., died on January 26, 2010, at the age of 88.

He was born April 6, 1921, in Norcat, Neb. Col. Townsend was raised in Danbury, Neb. He enrolled at Kansas State University with the dream of becoming a veterinarian. Following graduation, he enlisted in the U.S. Army.

His distinguished 30-year Army career included tours in World War II, Korea, and Vietnam and concluded with his retirement in 1973. Col. Townsend then began his second career working at Rosecroft Raceway and managing Seitz' Liquor Store in Oxon Hill, Md., until it was sold in 1989. Col. Townsend will best be remembered for the establishment of scholarship programs at the University of Nebraska and Kansas State University which have enabled more than 42 students to attend college. Col. Townsend served as an active member of the 17th Airborne Association, including two years as its President. He spent hours staying in touch with former comrades. To ensure

their passing was appropriately honored, he spent time researching, writing, and communicating death notices.

Col. Townsend is survived by his daughter, Jo Anne Townsend of Parrish, Fla., and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, friends, and neighbors.

Friends and family are invited to gather at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, at the Decatur Community High School Gymnasium, 605 E. Commercial in Oberlin, for a memorial service that will begin at 5:30 p.m.

A private burial will be held in Oberlin.

In lieu of flowers, to honor his memory, memorials may be made to the Delbert L. Townsend Scholarship Program. Donations should be sent to either the Kansas State University Foundation, 2323 Anderson Avenue, Suite 500, Manhattan, Kan. 66502 or the University of Nebraska Foundation, 1010 Lincoln Mall, Suite 300, Lincoln, Neb. 68508.

Pauls Funeral Home, Oberlin-Selden, is in charge of local arrangements. www.paulsflh.com.

# DEATH NOTICE

## Mildred W. Baudry

May 31, 1912 - May 16, 2010

Small service May 23, at 3 p.m., at Almena Congregational

Church. Burial will be in Mt. Hope Cemetery in Almena.

# Early childhood specialist is Mom

## Table for five

Liza Deines



In the wake of Mother's Day came an email about a lady who was upset to find that "Mom" was not an option as an occupation on a form she was completing. She came up with the phrase of "Specialist in Early Childhood Development." Well forever more! I was one of those for 15 delightful years.

A lot of early childhood development is covered in We Learn by Doing 101, which requires no prerequisites at all. The only supplies necessary are babies, patience and a sense of humor. Oh, the joy of watching babies discover fingers and toes, each other, mirrors, shadows, cats and dandelion puffs, oriole nests and rhubarb sauce. Research ranged far and wide, including conclusive evidence that it is not smart to play with Silly Putty on the new carpet, that half eaten apples will not flush and siblings bleed, bellow and bite on occasion.

Wildlife field trips revealed that Daddy appreciates rocks, bats, toads and snakes; Mama doesn't. One fine day one of McMullen's Holsteins wandered up to our front lawn, providing a perfect opportunity to learn all about

face. "David says come RIGHT NOW!" she insisted between sobs. Out I dashed to find the car backed out in the street with one desperate little boy, leg stretched to the maximum, pushing on the brake pedal. That gearshift had looked like such fun and moved from park to neutral so easily. How could I punish him? The consequences of his curiosity provided a longer lasting impression than any punishment I could have devised. Thank goodness he was car savvy even at that early age and knew where the brakes were and what they did!

By the way, did you know a toddler encountering an electric eye door opener for the first time can put an entire grocery store into convulsions of laughter? Is it any wonder mothers have to tint their hair to cover the gray?

Lest you assume that Joan had no lessons to learn, let me disabuse you of that notion. The fact that chain link fences can be, if not lethal, at least extremely vicious, was brought home to her the day she climbed one. Agile as a monkey she went up those handy crosshatches in a twinkling before I could grab her. Sure enough, a

sharp "X" at the top stabbed into a tender little palm and off we went to the ER, blood and tears flowing freely. Several stitches and a lollipop later she was a sadder but wiser girl. She also learned the hard way that three-foot girls should avoid the four-foot water at the pool.

Moving on in life, David found, to his consternation, that band saws and thumbs don't mix well and Dan learned a similar gory lesson while standing too close to a swinging golf club.

All of our emergency washcloths were red so the blood wouldn't frighten the children... or the mother.

Our flock had stitches so many times in their early explorations of life we were advised by Dr. Cooper to invest in a sewing machine.

If you can be a stay-at-home mother in this day and age, please choose to do so.

Those early years can never be regained nor can the experience of seeing the world, shiny and new, through a child's eyes.

It may not always be easy or fun but it is a priceless gift only you can give your little ones.

# Student News

Brian M. Luft, first recipient of the Deines/Smiley Scholarship, received his Master of Criminal Justice degree from Washburn University in Topeka on May 15. The son of Mike and Vivian Luft of Norton, Brian graduated from Norton Community High School and achieved his undergraduate degree from Kansas State University in Manhattan. Following the ceremony the Lufts hosted a luncheon gathering of family and friends. Liza Deines and Dan Deines were happy to be included and in attendance.

The Deines/Smiley Schol-

ship is a continuing program through an advanced degree, providing certain standards are met each semester. Brian has held the scholarship for six years. First established as a retirement gift from First Security Bank to H.L. Deines, the fund was continued with memorial gifts after his death. The Smiley family designated memorials given in memory of Rob Smiley to the fund as well, at which time it was renamed the Deines/Smiley Scholarship. New applicants are under consideration for the 2010 fall semester. Local contact is Lamont Shirk.

The Norton Teacher Association has selected Tonya Arias as the recipient of the Norton Teacher Association scholarship. This \$250 scholarship is given to a junior or senior who is majoring in education and who graduated from Norton Community High School.

Tonya was a 1995 graduate of Norton Community High School and is a senior at the Fort Hays State University in Hays this fall. Tonya is working toward and elementary Special Education degree.



Stefanie Sloan and Dustin Harris

## Engagement is announced

Jon and Wendy Sloan announce the upcoming marriage of their daughter Stefanie to Dustin Harris. Stefanie is a 2002 graduate of Norton Community High School. She attended Hutchinson Community College where she was an All-American volleyball player for the Dragons, after graduating she attended the University of Arkansas at Conway on a volleyball scholarship and graduated in 2007 with a degree in Broadcast Journalism and Speech Communications. She is currently employed with Fox25 KOKH in Oklahoma City as a news producer.

Dustin's parents are Ann Harris and Doug Harris of Edmond, Okla. Dustin is a 2005 graduate of John Marshall High school, he attended Oklahoma State University. He is currently a technical representative with Choice Medical of Tulsa, Okla. After an August wedding they plan to reside in Edmond, Okla.

## FYI

From start to finish, it was catch us if you can as the team of Bob Jones and Carla Latimer jumped out with a 5,410 first round and a lead of 1330 never looked back as they led all the way in the three round Norton National Bridge Tournament and finished with a grand total of 14,630 points, just shy of a 5,000 point average.

As the tournament progressed, the real challenge was for second place. The teams of Weldon Brooks and Norman Nelson flipped flopped with Myron Veh and Jerry Moritz in rounds one and two but it was Brooks and Nelson who held the cards in round three in the final push it was the team of the Thelma Bushnell and Paul Schultz which moved up the ladder from eighth place after round

two to finish third behind Brooks and Nelson. The team of Carl and Charolette Neff battled their way from eleventh place after round two to finish fourth and the team of Mary Jane Wahlmeier and Jackie Porter, tied for fourth and fifth after round two rounded out the top five places.

As in any game or sport, post mortems don't count and if you lis-

ten to Bridge players you can hear them from almost everyone, such things as; if only I had done that a little different, if only I had...

The family of Ruth Quinn requests a card shower for her 85th birthday. Cards may reach her at 804 Ogden Street, Oxford, Neb. 68967.

## Blue Jay Boosters meet Wednesday

All fans of Norton Community High School sports are invited to the Blue Jay Booster Club meeting at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday in the high school cafeteria.

Reviewing recent competi-

tions and previewing upcoming contests will be Jason Jones, head girls and boys track coach and David Stover, head golf coach.

Membership not required to attend meeting.

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 Beaver City Elementary

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:**  
 Karen Houser, 41377 Rd 736  
 Cambridge, NE 69022 - Phone 308-962-4275  
 There will be Supplemental Funds provided by Trivent

**Norton Rotary BB Gun Team**  
 will be having a  
**Car Wash and Baked Goods Sale**

8:30 a.m. - ?  
**Sat., May 22**

**at the Norton Downtown Carwash**  
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