

OBITUARIES

Bonnie Laughlin

April 20, 1960 - December 31, 2010

Bonnie Kay Laughlin, daughter of Alfred and Doris Fischer, was born April 20, 1960. She married Terry L. Laughlin in June of 1979. She went to be with her Lord, Jesus Christ (John 14:1-4,6; John 11:25-26) on Dec. 31, at 4:00 a.m.

Bonnie graduated from Almena High School, and Fort Hays State University where she earned her CPA Degree. With her husband, she raised Derek, Jared, Caleb and Josiah Laughlin. Preceding her in their home going (John 14:1-4,6; Philippians 1:23; John 11:25-26) were her father Alfred Fischer and her mother Doris Fischer/Stump. (Doris remarried after the death of Alfred Fischer). Also passing away was Gerald Stump of Long Island. Those still living on this earth are husband Terry and sons Derek, Jared, Caleb and Josiah Laughlin, all of Norton and one step son, Logan Harmon of Hays. Also surviving are sister, Susan Wise, North Richland Hills, Texas; sister, Katherine Mick, Newton; sister, Beverly Koerperich, Blanchard, Idaho; brother, Dave Fischer, Norton. and brother, Brian Fischer, Phillipsburg. Among those still living is her mother-in-law, Lena Laughlin.

After receiving Jesus Christ as her personal Savior and Lord, Bonnie received Spiritual gifts

(1 Corinthians 12:1-14:22; Romans 12:6-8; 1 Peter 4:10-11) that enabled her to sacrificially serve Crossroads Church, (Previously, Full Gospel Church/CrossRoads Church); World WidePictures, Inc. (Billy Graham Films); Norton County Ministerial Alliance; Dave Reover and Associates; SermonCentral.com (Theological Overseer, Sermon Reviewer); CrossRoads Articles and CrossRoads Website. Bonnie served her husband faithfully and denied herself a lot for the sake of her boys and family.

Funeral services will be held at Crossroads Church, 313 W. Lincoln Street in Norton. on Wednesday, Jan. 5 at 2:30 p.m. Olliff-Boeve Memorial Chapel is making arrangements. Pastor Ron Scheimo is giving Bonnie's, "Celebration of Life in Christ" message. Pastor David Pugh is giving the gospel message. Music Ministers are Virgil Mock, Roy Harshbarger and Glenn Jones. Special music will be by Ronald and Sylvia Scheimo, Don and Linda Malcolm. A special reading, written by Bonnie, is to be read by Donna Mock.

A memorial is set for Hospice Services, Inc. 424 8th Street; P.O. Box 116, Phillipsburg, KS 67661. Donations may be sent to Olliff-Boeve Memorial Chapel, 1115 2nd St., Phillipsburg, KS 67661.

T. Keith Murphy

September 6, 1931 - January 3, 2011

Thomas Keith Murphy, son of Thomas Moore and Mayme Marie (Youngs) Murphy, was born Sept. 6, 1931, in Wiggins, Colo., and passed away at the Andbe Home in Norton, on Jan. 3, at the age of 79.

Keith lived with his family in Colorado and California before moving to Selden, where he attended school. He entered the U.S. Army Jan. 11, 1942, and served until Aug. 8, 1952, including serving in Korea for two years. On July 25, 1958, Keith and Marie Henry were united in marriage in Norton. They made their home in Norton except for one year when he was called to active duty and served at Ft. Bliss, Texas. Keith worked for Bell Telephone and Kansas/Nebraska Gas Company, and then served in the Kansas National Guard in Norton until his retirement in 1987.

Keith was a member of the Harmonson-Redd American Legion in Norton and the Norton Jaycees. He had coached the Jaycees BB Gun teams winning several

state and international competitions. He loved horses, enjoying others' horsemanship and also loved sports, pitching softball and catching for baseball.

Survivors include: his wife, Marie Murphy, of their home in Norton; two sons, Randy Murphy, Long Island; and Rick Murphy, Norton; one daughter and her husband, Vicki and Warren Francis, Norton; one brother and his wife, Bill and Betty Murphy, Phillipsburg; six grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers, Jerry and Jim Murphy, and two sisters, Sandy Archer and Maxine Salzman.

Funeral services will be Friday, Jan. 7 at 2 p.m. at Enfield Funeral Home, 215 W. Main, Norton. Inurnment will be in the Norton Cemetery. A memorial has been established to the Keith Murphy Memorial Fund.

Arrangements are by Enfield Funeral Home of Norton.

Kathy Yeager

December 25, 2010

Kathy Yeager, 61, of Independence, Calif., died Saturday, Dec. 25. Sadly she is joined in death by her much loved sister, Beverly Reilly.

Kathy was not only a great mother, grandmother, sister and aunt, but such a dear friend to so many.

Kathy and her husband, Robert, started a family and lived in Lake Isabella, Calif. for many years. They moved to Flagstaff, Ariz. to welcome many new and dear friends into her life. After she retired, she moved back to California to be near family.

Kathy was always so full of life, and gave so much to the ones around her.

Life was always an adventure to her. She loved being outdoors and starting new adventures. She always had such great adventures while hiking, rafting, hunting, fishing and camping.

One of her other loves was bringing happiness and warmth to so many special individuals by making quilts.

Her quilts were often sewn alongside her sister, Beverly. Together, the two women stitched with love for each recipient of the quilts.

She truly enjoyed traveling to see her five grandchildren in Alaska, Colorado and Kansas. Beverly often joined her in the adventures to see family and friends

along the way.

Kathy's strong dedication, love and kindness were felt by everyone in her life. She touched so many hearts throughout her life, no words can describe how dearly she will be missed.

Kathy is survived by her children, Robert (Deborah) Yeager of Alaska, Bryan (Debbie) Yeager of Colorado and Mindy (Lance) Braun of Norton; brother-in-law, Dennis Reilly; niece, Alie (Jeff) McKee; sister, Debbie Freitag; grandchildren, Katelyn Yeager, Kassie Yeager, Tanner Yeager, Dali Braun and Ty Braun; as well as many nieces, nephews and extended family.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert B. Yeager, and parents Esther and Emil Freitag.

A celebration of life for the two sisters, Kathy Yeager and Beverly Reilly was held Jan. 1 at the Santa Margarita Ranch Asistencia.

A family fund has been set up in the name of Jeff and Alie McKee at the Santa Lucia Bank. Contributions can be sent to P.O. Box 200, Santa Margarita, CA 93453 or to any Santa Lucia Bank branch.

A family fund was also set up in Norton in the name of Lance and Mindy (Yeager) Braun at the First State Bank, P.O. Box 560, Norton KS 67654.

Lawrence Cohrs

Dec. 21, 1918-Dec.30, 2010

Lawrence August Cohrs was born on Dec. 21, 1918 at Brookfield, Ill. to Joochim and Caroline (Braun) Cohrs and died Dec. 30 in Denver, Colo. at the age of 92.

The family came to Norton County in 1929. He enlisted in the US Army on May 5, 1941 and served in World War II and was discharged on May 17, 1945.

Lawrence is survived by three sisters; Helen Hofman, Colorado, Bernice Mavs, Texas and Alice (Herbert) Zimmerman of Arizona and many cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Mary; five brothers and one sister.

Burial was at Ft. Logan National Cemetery, Denver, Colo.

Pestiferousness or aggravating

Now make no mistake, I love my family but when you're fourteen they can sure be aggravating. Sometimes my parents just drive me crazy. Like right now I am rummaging through the drawer in the kitchen cabinet that was obviously meant to house silverware. Does Mom put silverware in even one of those neat little compartments? No, of course not. They are chock full of pencil stubs, dozens of twisty ties mixed in with rolled up bits of string, some tax tokens, fossilized rubber bands and a few dangerous thumbtacks. At last, a paperclip for my homework emeges.

Mom is thrifty by nature and has survived the Depression so everything we have is good but old compared to the way some of my friends live. Sighing, I return to the round oak dining table where my homework is spread out. It is almost five o'clock and I must tidy up right away so I can set the table for supper. If we had a desk like my friend Gwen I'll bet I'd have a better grade in algebra. Maybe.

Mom is bustling around in the kitchen as I set the table. Dad will be home soon and he likes meals ready on time. Every night. I heard some folks go downtown to the Green Lantern for chili and pie or even out to the Red Horse Café for hamburgers. I explained this to Dad and he explained to me how expensive it is to eat out and how Mom makes darn good chili and great pie although we both agree her hamburgers are more like meatballs. But then he also insists Kansans should eat and like shredded wheat. Well, he may make me eat it but no one can make me like it, that's for sure.

"Liza Beth, can you locate my little scissors?" Mom asks. "I need to mend this evening and I've mislaid them again." Those little scissors are the absolute bane of my existence. Half my life is spent scissor searching. How she can lose them so often is a mystery to me because she uses them so much you'd think they'd be permanently attached to her fingers. Not down either arm of the overstuffed chair, nor the divan. Not on her dressing table, not on the ironing board, not in the small buffet drawer where they are supposed to be. Found at last folded up in the Capper's Weekly where she was clipping recipes earlier.

Rock and Roll Kid
Liza Deines



And that buffet, that's another issue. Christine's mother keeps silver serving dishes and crystal goblets in a brand new mahogany buffet. Ours is old, Sears'n Sawbuck golden oak, and it hides the camera and scrapbooks and all kinds of things Mom wants "put up". Of course since we have no silver or crystal I suppose it's only sensible to use the space otherwise. We do keep linens in the wide drawer along with sugar starched crocheted doilies and there is always an embroidered scarf on top with Grandma's pressed glass cracker bowl full of flowers in summer.

Since the table is the family desk, one small buffet drawer is the office. It holds spectacles, bills to pay, the untouchable checkbook, along with Dad's Schaeffer fountain pen, a bottle of Scrip ink and a few precious nickel stamps. The other small drawer houses the necessities of life, brown bottles of camphorphenique, iodine, merthiolate, jars of Vicks and Denver Mud, a box of Smith Brothers Licorice Drops. Sometimes those pesky scissors are actually in there with the nail clippers and tweezers.

More importantly, the weekly gum supply is kept in that drawer. Gum is three packs for a dime on Saturdays and Dad always points out to me that Dentyne gives you seven pieces where my Spearmint provides only five. I know, Dad, I know. You've only told me that every week since I've been old enough to chew gum. Once in awhile we splurge on dime bottles of pop at the gas station. Then I hear about how he and Roger get RC Cola with twelve ounces and my Grapette only has six. Yeah, Dad, but I LIKE Grapette and it comes in a pretty twisted bottle. Funny, though, he never mentions Mom's Nesbitt's Orange or her Clove gum.

I wonder if having a teenage daughter ever aggravates them? Now that's something to think about!



Chelsea Leigh Cox and Sam Rodger Funk

Couple married in July

Chelsea Leigh Cox and Sam Rodger Funk were married on July 17 at the First United Methodist Church in Norton. Parents of the couple are Clark and Peggy Cox, Norton and Boyd and Janine Funk, Holcomb. Grandparents include Iseral "Tom" and Margaret Thomas, Norton; Conrad and Roxanne Cox, Long Island; Rodger and Vivian Funk, Holcomb and Fred and Caroline Kokjohn, Trinidad, Colo.

Courtney Cox, sister of the bride, served as Maid of Honor. Bridesmaids were Caitlyn Cox, sister of the bride, Jordan Wilberger, cousin of the bride, Klaire Mann and Rita Lilliom, friends of the bride.

Austyn Cox, cousin of the bride was the flower girl.

Elliot Funk, brother of the groom, served his brother as Best Man. Groomspersons were Hannah Love, cousin of the groom and Colter Brau, Josh Knoll and Shane Knoll, friends of the groom.

Benjamin Scott, cousin of the bride, was the ringbearer.

Ushers were Conor Cox, brother of the bride, Caleb Cox, cousin of the bride, Ben Love, cousin of the groom and Evan Austin, friend of the groom.

A dinner and dance reception was held at the American Legion Hall in Norton. After a honeymoon in Playa del Carmen, Mexico, the couple is at home in Glendale, Ariz.

Chelsea is a 2006 graduate of Norton Community High School and a 2009 graduate of Kansas State University with a Bachelor's of Arts in Spanish. She is currently working on a Master's in Second Language Acquisition, also from Kansas State University. Sam is a 2004 graduate of Holcomb High School and a 2008 graduate of the University of Kansas with a Bachelor's of Science in Biology. He is in his second year of optometry school at Midwestern University, Glendale, Ariz.

FYI

There were three tables for Duplicate Bridge on Wednesday. First went to Norman Walter and Jake Durham; second Jack Graham and Carla Latimer; third, Myron Veh and Jerry Moritz.

The American Red Cross will be conducting an Honor Blood Drive at the Jennings United Methodist

Church on Tuesday, Jan. 18. The blood drive is in honor of Lawrence Jennings. Contact person for this event is Marjorie Hartzog. She may be reached at 678-2664 (home phone) or 678-3010 (cell) for more information. The event is sponsored by the Jennings United Methodist Church.

Club news and social events call Harriett at 877-3361

Enrollment for Classes
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For Further Information Contact:
Angela Melvin at 785-877-3518

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