

OBITUARIES

Mary Boyd February 5, 1913-January 26, 2011



Mary Boyd

Mary Folwell (Dexter) Boyd of Mankato and Hill City died on Wednesday, January 26, 2011 at the Dawson Place in Hill City at the age of 97 plus years.

She was born on February 5, 1913 in Columbus, Georgia, the daughter of Dr. Charles Amory and Lydia (Folwell) Dexter.

She is survived by four children and their spouses, 11 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren.

The children, spouses, grandchildren and great-grandchildren are: Robert Alexander Boyd and wife, Diane Marie (Heim) Boyd, Hill City, and children: Valerie Elizabeth (Boyd) Kalny and husband Benjamin Cullen Kalny and children: Noah Gibson, Eli Robert, Janet Holliday ("Hollie Jane") and Lilly Boyd, all of Lake Quivira, KS.; Mary Suzanne (Boyd) McDowell and husband Wade Bookler McDowell and children: Alexandra Diane ("Lexie"), Aaron Booker and Brody Raymond, all of Hill City; Robyn Marie (Boyd) Scantlin and husband Jonathan Lee Scantlin and children: Abigail Lee and Alexander John ("A.J."), all of Overland Park, KS; Kristin Diane (Boyd) Kemerling and husband Capt. William Erik Kemerling and children: Lauren Suzanne, Annabelle Jennings and William Quinn, all of Manhattan.

Richard Dexter Boyd and wife, Mary Beth (Brooks) Boyd, Norton and their children: Lawrence Alexander Boyd, Colorado Springs, CO and Rebecca Anne (Boyd) Allen and daughter: Emily Iris, London, England.

Mary Frances (Boyd) Logback and husband, James Edward Logback, Hill City, and their children: Frank James Logback and children: Zachary James and

Sierra Marie, Lenexa, KS.; Lydia Christine (Logback) Graham and husband Bryan Graham and their children: Megan Dawn, Lyndsie Christine and Denny James, all of Westborough, MA; Steven Edward Logback and wife, Donna Jean (Yeager) Logback and their children: Elizabeth Jean and Logan Edward, all of Manhattan.

Elizabeth Folwell (Boyd) James and husband, Wynne James III, Bethesda, MD and their children: Benjamin Alexander James, Los Angeles, CA and Caroline Amory James, Cambridge, MA.

Nieces, nephews, other relatives and many friends also survive.

She married Frank W. "Bus" Boyd, Jr. on September 1, 1934, in Esbon, Kansas. He preceded her in death on July 16, 1972.

She was also preceded in death by her parents and four sisters: Edith (Dexter) Rice Round, Lydia Helen Dexter, Jean McDougal (Dexter) Lutz and Roberta Amory (Dexter) Adamson.

Mary and husband, Bus, were 1934 graduates of Kansas State College in Manhattan, Kansas. Prior to their marriage, Bus was a teacher and coach at Logan High School and Mary was a home

economics teacher at Kensington High School.

After their marriage, they moved to Mankato where they were active partners in publishing their weekly newspaper, The Jewell County Record. After World War II broke out, Bus enlisted in the U.S. Navy and served as an officer on a ship in the Pacific Ocean. During his absence, Mary was a good mother to their four children while also working with his parents, Frank, Sr. and Mamie Boyd in publishing the newspaper.

When Bus returned after the war, he became editor of the paper and she resumed her role as society editor. Frank, Sr. and Mamie continued to help publish the paper until their deaths.

Bus had an untimely death at age 60 in 1972 and Mary became the editor, continuing in this position for 19 years until the paper was sold in 1991. During this time, she was active in the Mankato community as a member of the Mankato Community Development Board, Mankato Housing Authority, Mankato Endowment Association and a board member of the State Exchange Bank.

A highlight of Mary's newspaper career was being able to celebrate the Jewell County Record's 50th anniversary in 1990.

Mary was an enthusiastic supporter of Mankato school activities and was recognized when the Mankato High School dedicated their 1996 annual to her.

Mary was a loyal member of many organizations including the Daughters of the American Revolution for 65 years, PEO for 72 years, Kansas Press Association for 45 years, Mankato Chamber of Commerce, General Federation of Women's Clubs of Kansas, Minerva Club of Mankato for 59 years, Kilde bridge club and VFW

Auxiliary.

She was a member of the Kansas State University Alumni Board of Directors from 1979-1982, a charter member of the Kansas State University Home Economics Alumni, a member and former president of the Kansas State University Golden K Club and an honorary member of the Mankato High School Honor Society.

Mary was a member of the Harmony United Methodist Church and the Rebecca Circle in Mankato and in recent years continued her worship at the Hill City United Methodist Church and Dawson Place ecumenical services in Hill City.

While at K-State, she became a member of the Chi Omega social sorority.

When she was 90 years young, she was honored at a K-State basketball game as the "KSU Fan of the Game".

A celebration of life service for Mary Boyd will be held on her 98th birthday at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, February 5, 2011 at the Harmony United Methodist Church, Mankato, with Pastors Aaron Madondo and Gerry Sharp officiating. Burial will be at Mount Hope Cemetery, Mankato.

Visitation will be on Friday, February 4, 2011 from 9 a.m. until 8 p.m. at the Melby Mortuary, Mankato, and at the church on Saturday morning from 8:30 a.m. until service time.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Jewell County Hospital or Harmony United Methodist Church, both in Mankato, or Dawson Place or Hill City United Methodist Church, both in Hill City.

Melby Mortuary, Mankato, is in charge of arrangements.

Children don't think like us

Table for five
Liza Deines



We planned the project for so long. Money was tight but we scrimped here and saved there, purchasing one thing each month. We even had fun keeping it all hidden until the day LeRoy planned to accomplish The Great Surprise.

If you knew LeRoy, you knew that his favorite trick was to do something really nice in secret. His greatest enjoyment came from waiting patiently to see how long it took for the recipient to discover it. Usually this plan worked to the benefit of all concerned, however, every rule has an exception.

Midwinter the Northwest Kansas Piano Teachers League hosted a clinic and concert in some area town. My three reluctant pianists always participated, despite much protest. To say it was not their favorite activity would be a major understatement, nevertheless, off we went. This year's clinic was in Smith Center, which meant all three children and I would be gone for an entire day. That suited LeRoy's plan perfectly.

To date none of the children had ever been able to invite anyone for a sleepover because there was no space for guests, so we had saved up for three trundle beds. These were awaiting pickup down at Sears. Bear in mind it was the 1970's, the era of gold, green and orange before you read further. LeRoy wanted to carpet the boys' bedroom in bright orange with soft orange walls and to put a textured olive green carpet into Joan's room with soft yellow walls. For my part, I had purchased brown plaid sheets for the guys and pastel striped sheets for Joan with coordinating curtains, bedspreads and various accessories. The curtains would need to be hung, the old beds hauled away and the new beds made up.

I looked at LeRoy doubtfully and said, "Do you think it can all be done in one day?" He gave me that look husbands give wives when their abilities are questioned, and said, "Of course it can. Go shop after and dawdle a bit on the way home." You never have to tell me twice to go shop, although pickin's were slim in Smith Center plus David grumbled about my snail's pace driving that afternoon.

Upon our return I sneaked a look at LeRoy and got a big ol' grin in return. The children were shooed downstairs to change clothes. We tiptoed to the top of the stairs to

listen. At a "Wow!" from David and Dan, their father's grin spread even wider. Then we heard Joan's despairing shriek. "My BED! Where's my BED?" LeRoy's grin disappeared like snow in July.

Did she see the new carpet, fresh paint, the yellow bedside lamp, the embroidered curtains? Forget it. All she saw was the absence of her big old bed, which she apparently loved more than we realized. She wept, disconsolate, while we tried to console her by showing her the new trundle bed, dainty sheets and bedspread. Even her brothers told her how pretty her room looked, told her they had beds just like hers. Nothing stemmed the floods of tears.

After a late and silent supper, the flock retreated to their fresh clean bedrooms. We sat over coffee to talk. "Looks like The Great Surprise was a Great Flop," LeRoy said, with a sigh. "But you did a wonderful job," I told him. "The rooms look great!" Deep down, however, I had a sinking feeling he was right.

"Our intentions may have been good," he said, "but I don't think Joan will ever forgive us for getting rid of that saggy old bed and I'm not sure any boys care all that much about decorating." We sat there awhile, holding hands and looking at each other, no doubt thinking of the money wasted, all his hard work, all the planning.

Just as we headed off to bed, soft footsteps on the stairs announced the arrival of three kids in PJ's. Wordlessly they came in, gave their dad hugs, turned and went back to bed. And so did we, he with that big ol' grin firmly back in place.

MY MAMA SAID: Raising kids is a lot like nailing jello to a tree.

Montra Jones

July 4, 1923-January 28, 2011

Montra Eugene Jones, Sr., son of George F. Jones, Sr. and Lydia Josephine (Cear) Jones, was born on July 4, 1923, on the Foster Farms in Thomas County. He died at the Prairie Haven Nursing Home in Kensington on January 28, at the age of 87.

Montra was the second of 11 children born to George and Lydia. He attended rural schools in the Densmore, Sand Creek, and Lenora communities and graduated from the Lenora Rural High School in 1943. Following his graduation, he entered the U.S. Army, taking his basic training in Camp Robert, California, and then served overseas until his

discharge in 1946. He received the Bronze Star with Oakleaf Clusters and the Purple Heart for his service throughout the Pacific front. On March 19, 1946, Montra and Mary Opal Birney were united in marriage in Dodge City. They made their home in several Kansas communities including Norton, Edmond, Lenora, Glasco, Phillipsburg, and Kensington where he worked for the Kansas Department of Transportation for over 30 years.

Survivors include: his wife, Mary, of the Prairie Haven Nursing Home in Kensington; three children, Opal Jean, and husband, Don Urbanek, Ellsworth;

Betty LaVerne, and husband, Ralph Gitchel, Agra and George Nathaniel Jones, Hiawatha; two brothers, Richard, and wife, Mattie Jones, Sterling; Raymond, and wife, Cheryl Jones, Hutchinson; eight grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; other relatives and friends.

Montra was preceded in death by his parents, two sons, Montra E. Jones, Jr. and Joseph K. Jones, six brothers, George, Jr., Donald, Leonard, Harry, Robert, and Edward, and two sisters, Pauline and Marcia.

Graveside service and burial were Monday at Edmond Cemetery, Edmond. Military honors

were conducted by the Ft. Riley Honor Guard. A memorial fund has been established to Alzheimer's Foundation and the Prairie Honor Flights for World War II Veterans in Great Bend.

Arrangements were by Enfield Funeral Home of Norton.

Dorrance W. Lemonds

April 15, 1914-January 26, 2011

Dorrance W. Lemonds, born April 15, 1914, in Norton, died at his home, at the age of 96, in Sacramento, Calif. on Jan. 26 following a prolonged illness.

Dorrance was a native of Norton. He and his late wife, Georgia, left Norton in 1938 and settled in Sacramento where he found employment and became a manager with Lynn and O'Neil Grocery Stores. He then worked for Kraft Cheese Company and transferred to Reno, Nevada before being inducted into the U.S. Army in April 1943.

He served in the World War II European Theater and was captured and held as a prisoner of war in Germany. He was liberated at the end of the war and was awarded the Purple Heart and Bronze Star.

Upon his return home, he resumed his career with Kraft, was promoted and transferred to

Sacramento where he worked as a Sales Supervisor until he retired. He served as a Bishop for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He began his second career as the founder and sponsor of "Cy's Guys and Cy's Gals", an international cultural exchange program through basketball for Sacramento's local youth. His goal was to provide the opportunity for players from various schools to become a regional "all-star" team to compete nationally and abroad for personal growth and scholarships.

Tournaments were held in Russia and China, as well as in the United States. His endeavors awarded him the unofficial title, "Mr. Basketball" and garnered recognition for his players, some of whom found their way to major NBA teams and notable careers.

He married Loucille Adair of Wichita on Sept. 22, 1992 and

they remained in Sacramento until his death.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Georgia; and brother, Lawrence Cy Lemonds.

Survivors include his wife, Loucille; daughters, Delores Lemonade and Jean Devejian; son-in-law, John Devejian; grandson, Andrew Cornwell; granddaughters, Sarah Aldrich and Katherine Pate, four great-grandchildren, one step-son, Jan Adair; three nieces and one nephew.

A memorial service will be held Sat., Feb. 5 at 10 a.m. at the Church of Latter-day Saints located at 6925 Havenhurst Drive, Sacramento, Calif.

Burial will be private and restricted to family members.

Mr. Lemonds requested that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to Sutter Hospice, 7300 Folsom Blvd., Suite 100, Sacramento,

Great-grandparents are Jo Hauptman, Hays; and Don and Betty Brooks, and Elwood and Norine Bailey, all of Norton.

He has a brother, Payton Brooks, 3.

Grandparents are Mark and Jeanne Hauptman, Hays; and Dave and Debbie Graham and Dennis Brooks, all of Norton.

BIRTH

Parker Alan Brooks, son of Marc and Aubrey Brooks, Hays, was born Dec. 17, 2010 at Hays Medical Center. He was 6 pounds, 3 ounces and was 18 inches long.

Jan. 28 - Feb. 2

Showing at the
NORTON THEATRE
True Grit
1 Hour, 55 Minutes (PG)
Friday and Saturday: 8:00 p.m.
Sunday: 5:00
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday: 7:00 p.m.

The Green Hornet
(Presented in Digital Sound)
1 Hour, 53 Minutes (PG-13)
All passes accepted for True Grit and The Green Hornet

True Grit is General Admission \$6.00 & \$5.00 - Sunday Tickets \$3.00
The Green Hornet is General Admission \$6.00 & \$5.00 - Sunday Tickets \$3.00

Coming Sunday, February 6 - Super Bowl XLV (45) Green Bay Packers VS Pittsburgh Steelers LIVE on the big screen. FREE admission. Doors open at approx. 4:30 p.m. Hamburgers, Cheeseburgers and Nachos will be served.

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Nationally acclaimed business expert Cinda Baxter will be in Norton to help your business add cash to your bottom line. She specializes in helping businesses in smaller markets like Norton County. This opportunity to increase your market share is free of charge thanks to Norton City/County Economic Development and co-sponsor Norton Area Chamber of Commerce. **Reserve your seat at the Norton American Legion, Tuesday, February 15 at 5:30 p.m.** to increase profits at your business. Cinda has appeared on many national news media's such as the Washington Post, Wall Street Journal, CNN, MSNBC, FOX Business and NBC's Nightly News. She is well known for assisting the Chicago Market with marketing and ideas resulting in making it one of the largest markets in the United States by promoting small business, but she specializes in helping small communities capture a greater share of the market. Come meet face-to-face with Cinda and get answers to your questions about being a destination business in order to draw a regional customer base.

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