

# OBITUARIES

## Ivan Dale Hammond

April 12, 1920 - June 12, 2011

Ivan Dale Hammond (known to friends and family as "Mike"), was born April 12, 1920, to Lewis Daily and Helen Josephine (Whitaker) Hammond and died on June 12 at the age of 91.

He was born and raised in Long Island, where he worked in his parents' business, the Long Island General Store and Café. He was an avid athlete at a young age and became a prominent part of Long Island High School basketball lore.

He met his wife of nearly 70 years, Doris Vincent, during high school. After a first date on New Year's Eve 1939, they were later married June 22, 1941. They lived in the Long Island and surrounding communities until Mike was called into military service in 1943. He served as a Master Sergeant in the 1778th Engineer Construction Battalion in the Pacific Theatre.

Upon the completion of his military service, Mike and Doris settled in Nebraska City where Mike worked for his brother Charles on the farm for 17 years. In 1962 Mike, Doris and their four sons moved to Long Island where Mike joined his nephew in the Long Island elevator. A few years later, Mike purchased the elevator and Long Island Grain Company became the focal point of Mike, Doris and their sons and later grandchildren, employing nearly all of the Hammond generations that followed at one time or another. During his tenure at the helm of the family business Mike also served the Long Island community along side many lifelong friends. Mike was active in the State of Kansas Grain and Feed Association serving as a

Director and was later appointed by Governor Mike Hayden to his administration, serving on the State Grain Advisory Commission beginning in 1988.

What started as a small family business grew into larger businesses that are still part of the community today. Mike taught his boys that the foundation of a business was to serve the community in which they lived, greet every customer with a firm handshake and a warm welcome, and give them a tireless service. The rest would take care of itself. Each of the children have followed those values to success today, with Gary, Tim, Craig and their families leading local businesses and Mark and his family living and working in the Chicago area.

When Mike wasn't working with his family in the business, he enjoyed attending the many sporting events and activities which his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren participated in. He was a staple at local junior high and high school events for nearly 50 years. He was loved by the fans and equally "adored" by many football and basketball officials whom he "affectionately called out words of wisdom to" during the course of many events! Golf was his personal passion where Mike loved to spend his time with family and friends. Mike finally achieved the perfect swing on his 66th birthday with a 6-iron on the 6th hole at Alma Golf Club, while playing golf with his son, Craig. Heaven only knows the little jig he danced when it went in the hole and he had made his first, and only, hole-in-one.

Mike's later years were enjoyed in retirement with his wife in the

family home in Long Island. Even in retirement he was never far away from the family business as he frequented the elevator during wheat harvest and always wanted daily reports from his sons about the day's activities and goings on during harvest. His friends and family were always around him, including the day he passed. Doris, his partner of 70 years, never left his side, caring for him at their home until shortly before he died on June 12 in the Alma hospital.

Mike's legacy will be a long one. He was a husband, father and grandfather, leaving behind a wife, four sons, and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren, all of whom will miss him dearly, but will treasure forever the memories they have of a very special man. I.D., Mike, Honey, Dad, Pops, Grandpa, or Grampy.... by any name, you were one in a million.

Preceding him in death were his parents; his brothers, Charles and Don Hammond; his sister, Avis Stutterheim, and an infant sister, Helen Hammond.

Survivors include his wife, Doris, of the home in Long Island; his sons: Gary and wife, Patricia, Tim and wife, Lynette, and Craig and wife, Cindy, all of Long Island, and Mark and wife, Stephanie, of Barrington Hills, Ill.; 14 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Thursday, June 16.

Memorial contributions may be given to Hospice Services or the Long Island Community Building.

Arrangements were by Olliff-Boeve Memorial Chapel.

## Sandra L. Young

April 16, 1943 - June 15, 2011

Sandra L. Young was born April 16, 1943 in Oberlin, daughter of John Young and Elsie (Pavlicek) Goodnight. She died June 15, at her residence in Oberlin, at the age of 68.

Sandra is a retired cashier at Jamboree Foods in Norton.

Survivors include: three sons, Dennis Vaughn of Calif., John Dean, Jeff Wagoner and wife, Aliyya Eaton, all of Oberlin; seven grandchildren.

Sandra was preceded in death by her father, John Young; mother, Elsie (Pavlicek) Goodnight; son, Robert Vaughn; daughter Sheila Vaughn and brother, Dennis Young.

Funeral services were held Saturday at the Pauls Funeral Home in Oberlin and Mr. Jim Plotts officiated.

Arrangements were by Pauls Funeral Home.

# Bon Appetit



Leaders of the Norton Housing Authority held a resident appreciation dinner Tuesday evening at the apartment building on Horace Greeley Avenue. Director Lacy Frack explained that she wanted to provide an opportunity for the residents to come together for a dinner and social time. Along with a hamburger/hotdog meal and side dishes, each attendee was given a Norton Housing Authority cup to take with them.

-Telegram photo by Carleen Bell

## Student News

The University of Nebraska at Kearney announced the names of students who have earned a place on the Deans' List.

Austine Dole, Sara Lentz, Taylor Rossi, all of Norton.

More than 120 Kansas State University students are new members of the nation's oldest, largest and most selective all-discipline honor society.

Phi Kappa Phi's new initiates are K-State second semester juniors in the upper 7.5 percent of their class, seniors in the upper 10 percent of their class.

Spring 2011 initiates at K-State include: Preston Herman, junior in Finance, Norton and Tabitha Vincent junior in Music Education, Norton.

## Senator Moran coming soon

United States Senator Jerry Moran (R-Kan.) will visit Norton County on Friday, June 24, during his statewide listening tour. Recently sworn in as a United States Senator representing Kansas on Capitol Hill, Sen. Moran is continuing his tradition of traveling back to Kansas at every opportunity to visit hundreds of communities throughout the state.

Senator Moran will meet with residents in Norton on Main Street from 9-10 a.m. on Friday, June 24. Area residents are encouraged to attend.

The senator will travel to each of Kansas' 105 counties to talk with area residents about their hopes and concerns.

The issues Senator Moran focuses on and the work he does in Washington, D.C., is largely based on the conversations he has with Kansans during these town hall meetings.

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# The day after the storm

On the morning after the tornado Dad walked up the front steps to what had once been our home. Left standing was a partial central wall, the base of the chimney and a fragment of kitchen cabinet at the southwest corner. Gone, too were the barn, chicken house, windmill, tank and all the fences. The yard was full of frantic chickens, feathers stripped away, driven completely berserk, unable to eat or drink. The entire flock had to be shot and buried. Broken glass laid everywhere. The ragged elm tree windbreak north of the house was festooned with tatters of clothing, bedding, a rubber Donald Duck toy, an iron hanging by its cord, indescribable flotsam and jetsam deposited by the screaming winds of the night

Glancing down, he saw at his feet one of my childhood books, a horse story entitled "Tornado Boy". He picked it up and hurled it as far as he could. Then he, my brother and my uncles trudged into the mess to see if anything could be salvaged.

Surviving the storm were our oak dining room set, Mama's cherry rocking chair, sewing machine and cedar chest. Grandma's

## Child of the '40s Liza Deines



pressed glass cracker bowl came through unscathed and four blue and white dinner plates. The furniture, refinished by Dad, remains in the homes of various family members today, too full of memories to discard although bearing a scar or two. The buffet lacks its legs and mirror; a cluster of green glass chips embedded in the dining table (a bud vase smashed on the surface) doesn't interfere with family dinners at all nor does a repaired corner on the pedestal. The cedar chest now has a fashionable "distressed" finish but it's loved and treasured just the same.

My memories of those first days are all second hand. Mama's cousin Eva had come, scooped me up and taken me to stay with her family in Hill City. I will never forget the generosity of my cousin Marilyn, just a little older than I, who outfitted me head to foot with hand-me-downs from her closet.

All I had left was a pair of muddy pajamas! So for ten days I was fed, cuddled and reassured that all would be well while the rest of the family faced the aftermath of a Kansas twister.

Roger told me later how he came home from a date, as soon as the storm passed, to find no house, only a pile of plaster, lath and brick. Terrified we were under it, he tells of leaping onto that heap of rubble, screaming our names and throwing bricks right and left. He learned where we were from the police, who were setting up barricades, and came to take us to the home of his fiancée, where we were sheltered by her parents. Filthy and frightened, we were sick at heart to see looters already prowling the neighborhood, in spite of pouring rain. What kind of predatory creatures go into storm ravaged homes to steal the few pitiful possessions left?

The American Red Cross is a charity that will always receive my wholehearted support. Mama said they were there the next morning in full force with hot food, clothing, insurance counselors and cash vouchers. Mennonite work crews worked for weeks helping clear

debris. Neighboring towns sent electricians and equipment. Once telephone lines were up, a couple from our church, vacationing in Florida, tracked my folks down, told them to move into their home for a month; to use towels, soap, groceries, absolutely anything we needed.

Mama's church circle gave her a kitchen shower of tea towels and dishcloths, cooking tools and food from their own kitchens. We still treasure a set of colorful Pyrex mixing bowls they bought for her.

Help, quickly provided by so many people, did a lot to rebuild faith badly damaged by those heartless looters. Loving assistance came from family and long-time friends plus a multitude of friends we never knew we had, total strangers, local merchants, clubs and churches. Their heart warming care and concern gave my folks strength to pick up and start over.

For me, at age eleven, the realization that Mama and Daddy couldn't fix everything in my world was a giant step on the rocky road to reality. We survived, but we were never quite the same.

## Couple Plans Wedding



Tad Hartsough, son of Eric and Diana Hartsough and Phil and Linda Scott of Denver, Colo. and Jennifer Bausch Karabin daughter of Lester and Faye Bausch of Norton, wish to formally announce to friends and family their engagement. Jennifer and Tad are planning a simple wedding in December that includes their six children, Scott Hartsough, 15; Zack Hartsough, 14; Tyler Karabin, 12; Audrey and Lauren Karabin, 7 and Natalie Karabin, 6.

## Correction

Last week we announced the area graduates from Fort Hays State. Two other graduates from Jennings should have been included: Elise Kinser, a Bachelor's

in Elementary Education and Marcus McKenna, a Bachelor's in General Science. \*\*\*\*\*

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**BREINER FAMILY REUNION**  
will be open to friends of George, Frank and Joe Breiner and the Morrisey Family  
**FRIDAY, JUNE 24**  
6:00 p.m.-midnight at the Norton Legion  
Eldon and Mike Breiner

June 17- June 22  
Showing at the  
**NORTON THEATRE**  
**Bridesmaids**  
2 Hour, 15 Minutes (R)  
Friday and Saturday: 7:00 and 9:30 p.m.  
Sunday: 5:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.  
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday: 7:00 p.m.  
**Water for Elephants**  
(Presented in Digital Surround Sound)  
2 Hours, 10 Minutes (PG-13)  
All passes accepted for Bridesmaids; All passes accepted for Water for Elephants  
Bridesmaids is General Admission \$6.00 & \$5.00 - \$3.00 Sunday Discount  
Water for Elephants is General Admission \$6.00 & \$5.00 - \$3.00 Sunday Discount  
**COMING SOON**  
**Fri., June 24-Cars 2 (G)**  
Cars 2 will be opening at the Norton Theatre on the National release date (Fri., June 24). Advance tickets will be sold.  
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