

# OBITUARIES

## Patrick J. "Joe" Mindrup

April 13, 1923 - Nov. 10, 2011

Patrick J. "Joe" Mindrup died Nov. 10, 2011 at the Prairie Senior Living Complex in Colby, at the age of 88.

Patrick was born April 13, 1923 in Norton County, to Al and Marie (Costello) Mindrup and raised on the family farm near New Almelo. He attended New Almelo Grade School and Leoville High School. Patrick worked as a farmer and rancher, and lived in Norton County on a farm near New Almelo and then in Colby. In 1956, he married Rachel Hickert and in 1979, he was married to Barbara (Schroeder) Olberding. Patrick was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church and the

Knights of Columbus, NFO.

Patrick was preceded in death by his parents, Al and Marie Mindrup; his first wife, Rachel Mindrup; an infant daughter, Marine; stepson, Paul Olberding; brothers, Larry and James Mindrup; and sisters, Dorothy Otter, Mary Ellen Mindrup and Geneva Long.

He is survived by his wife, Barbara Mindrup of Colby; two sons, Joseph (Meg) Mindrup and John Mindrup of Hays; two daughters, Elizabeth (Phil) Janssonius of Prairie View and Margaret (Brett) Houtz of Ozawkie; two stepsons, Carl (Roxanne) Olberding of Siren, Wis., and Daniel Olberding of Washing-

ton, D.C.; two stepdaughters, Rose Marie (Charles) Fortina of Omaha, Neb., and Lylea (John) Meyer of Siren, Wis.; two sisters, Ann (Roger) Schmidt of St. Paul, Minn., and Jeanette Weishaar of Salina; seven grandchildren and nine step-grandchildren.

A service in his honor was held on Monday at St. Joseph Catholic Church and he was laid to rest in St. Joseph Cemetery, in New Almelo.

Memorials can be sent in Patrick's name to St. Joseph Catholic Church.

Pauls Funeral Home, in Oberlin, was in charge of arrangements.

## Helen (Zerr) Urban

April 23, 1911 - Nov. 6, 2011

Helen (Zerr) Urban, 100, of Topeka, passed away Nov. 6, 2011 at ManorCare Health Services. To celebrate her life a mass of Christian Burial was held on Thursday at Sacred Heart Church and she was laid to rest at Mt. Calvary Cemetery in Perry.

Helen was born in Park on April 23, 1911, the daughter of Adam Michael and Josephine (Baumann) Zerr. Helen was a self-employed housekeeper. She

was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church and the Altar Society at the church. Helen married Frank J. Urban in Park on Nov. 4, 1941. He preceded her in death of Feb. 24, 2008. She is survived by a son, Joseph A. "Jay" Urban of Omaha, Neb., and a sister, Josephine Tatro of Oswego. Helen was preceded in death by seven brothers, Adam (in infancy), George, Peter, Michael, Paul, Martin and Ludwig "Louie," and three sisters, Rosa-

lia, Barbara and Elizabeth.

Memorial contributions may be made in Helen's memory to Sacred Heart/St. Joseph Parish or the Mt. Michael Benedictine Abbey in Elkhorn, Neb. and sent in care of Brennan-Mathena Funeral Home, 800 SW 6th Ave., Topeka, KS 66603. Online condolences and fond memories may be left at [www.brennanmathena.com](http://www.brennanmathena.com).

## Donald L. Griffin

Nov. 27, 1931 - Nov. 10, 2011

Norton resident, Donald L. Griffin, passed away Thursday, Nov. 10, 2011 at his home at the age of 79. He was born Nov. 27, 1931 in Logan, the son of Samson and Eulah (Sides) Griffin. He was a heavy equipment operator for bridge construction.

Survivors include his wife, Reta, of the home; his son, Monte of Speed; four daughters: Kathy Pabst and Teresa Griffin of Logan, Cindy Bur-

ton of Phillipsburg and Debbie Hogan of Densmore; three stepsons: Steven Gibson of Lenora; Douglas Gibson of Redstone, Al and Robert Gibson of Kensington; one stepdaughter, Debra Obermiller of Valentine, Neb.; two brothers, Darrell of Salina and Leland of Grand Junction, Colo.; 24 grandchildren and 31 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, Nov. 15 at 2 p.m. in the

Olliff-Boeve Memorial Chapel in Phillipsburg, with Pastor Joel Hiesterman officiating. Burial followed in the Pleasant View Cemetery in Logan.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice Services.

Online condolences can be made at [www.olliffboeve.com](http://www.olliffboeve.com).

Olliff-Boeve Memorial Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

## Raymond Jay Ward

July 13, 1949 - Nov. 12, 2011

Raymond Jay Ward died Nov. 12, 2011 at his home in Oberlin, at the age of 62. Raymond was born July 13, 1949 in Fairbanks, Alaska to Charles and Gertrude (Milner) Ward. He was raised in Fairbanks and Bird City and attended Lathrop High School in Fairbanks and graduated from Bird City High School in 1968.

Raymond lived in Denver, Strasburg, Walsh and Pueblo, Colo., Hoxie and Oberlin.

He married Joan Kohrman on Dec. 27, 1969 in Alliance, Neb.

Raymond worked in the parts department for Plains Equip-

ment Group in McCook, Neb. and retired in July, 2011. He also served his community as a former Oberlin City Councilman.

Raymond was preceded in death by his parents, Charles and Gertrude Ward.

He is survived by his wife, Joan Ward, Oberlin; three sons, Alan Ward, Denver, Colo., Phillip Ward, Norton, and Christopher Ward of Oberlin; mother-in-law, Maxine Kohrman, Alliance, Neb.; sister-in-law, June (Jerry) Rogers, Kearney, Neb.; brothers, Clarence Ward

of Alaska, Ronald (Lahunta) Ward of Newport, Tenn.; sisters, Charleen (Richard) Stoner of Kettle Falls, Wash., Patricia LaDuke of Delta Junction, Alaska, Marilyn (Dennis Gordon) Puckett of Oberlin.

A memorial service will be held Thursday, Nov. 17 at 10:30 a.m., at Pauls Funeral Home in Oberlin and will be officiated by Pastor Bill Duncan.

A memorial has been set up in Raymond's name and may be directed to his family.

There will be no visitation. Arrangements have been made by Pauls Funeral Home, Oberlin.

## Quitline is ready to help smokers

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) encourages people to quit smoking as part of the 36th American Cancer Society Great American Smokeout on Thursday, Nov. 17. To provide assistance to tobacco users who are ready to quit, the department offers cessation support and information online at [www.QuitNow.net/Kansas](http://www.QuitNow.net/Kansas) or toll-free at 1-800-QUIT-NOW (784-8669).

"The Great American Smokeout is an excellent date to schedule your quit attempt because you will be quitting with thousands of other smokers across the country," said Robert Moser, M.D., KDHE Secretary and State Health Officer. "Quitting tobacco takes work, but creating a plan with your health care provider and getting support from the Kansas Tobacco Quitline can make the process easier and increase your chances of success. Becoming tobacco-free will improve your health and reduce your risks of cancer, heart disease, respiratory diseases and stroke."

When Kansans are ready to quit smoking, the Kansas Tobacco Quitline is ready to help. The

## A good start



The crew of A J McMullen of Norton to the back left, Pat and Mathew Quigley of Colorado Springs facing toward the camera, along with Mark Brittain on far right from Richardson, Texas, Kyle Rohr of Larnard, and Bobby Rolston of Kiowa, Colo. with their backs to the camera, stop in for the hunters breakfast Sunday morning at the Town and Country Kitchen. This group of young men return yearly to stay with the McMullen family and hunt the area during pheasant season.

- Telegram photo by Dana Paxton

## The Thanksgiving that almost wasn't

Well, shoot," Mama said as she read the letter she had opened so eagerly just moments ago. I knew right then something must be wrong because Mama didn't use slang very often and especially not "shoot." When I had arrived home with the mail after school she had been all smiles to see that letter from her sister. "Trouble?" I asked.

Oh, not really," she said. "It's just that with Ann in Louisiana, Roger and Betty living in Denver, and Jack and Mabel visiting in Idaho until Christmas, I was counting on Florence and Jim for Thanksgiving dinner and now they can't come either. I guess it'll be just the three of us." Mama always looked forward to a table full of family for holidays, so even as a thoughtless teenager, I realized she was really disappointed.

We three decided on a favorite menu, meatloaf and acorn squash, with a mincemeat pie to make it seem like a celebration of sorts. On Wednesday Mama made a couple of meatloaves, planning to eat one and freeze one, as we customarily did, and baked the pie. No early rising on Thanksgiving morning to get the bird in the oven would not be such a bad thing.

Holiday morning dawned crisp and clear. Dad went out to putter in the yard while lunch baked. Pretty soon he was back in. "Is that meatloaf big enough for one more? I just invited old Mr. Brandenburg for dinner ^ his kids are all down with the flu so they aren't coming and they were bringing his dinner."

Sure," Mama said. "Hmmm. . ." She went to the phone and called her friend Carrie from up the block. "Uh huh, uh huh . . . no, I won't hear of it," I heard her say. "You just come right down, we have plenty." She came into the kitchen, smiling. Put another leaf in the table, honey," she said. "Carrie was planning on a turkey TV dinner so I insisted she come down."

## The Rock'n Roll Kid Liza Deines



She slid the second meatloaf into the oven beside the first and began cutting more acorn squash. "I believe I'll whip up a batch of cornbread," she said thoughtfully, pulling out her blue mixing bowl.

We could make cinnamon apples," I suggested and ran downstairs to fetch canned apples. And picked up beet pickles and bread'n butter pickles while I was down there. "Are there any carrots? I can do carrot sticks and we can have a relish plate."

Dad came back in, sort of sheepish. "Edie, I . . . uh . . . well, I asked the priest to dinner. He was over at the church and I asked . . . well, he's alone, too. . . and . . ." We're Presbyterian but we live across the corner from the local Catholic church.

We'll set another place," Mama assured him. Back for another table leaf, more china, more silver. "I can't believe no one asked the priest for Thanksgiving dinner," my mother said as we bustled around the kitchen. "I wonder if . . ." and she was back to the telephone, leav-

ing me to finish up the cornbread measuring and mixing.

A few calls, another leaf in the table, several more plates. We opened jars of home canned green beans, doubled the cornbread batch, put out sand plum jelly and rhubarb jam.

Mr. Brandenburg showed up with a large, fancy fruitcake and a gallon of ice cream, Carrie contributed zucchini nut bread from her freezer. Various other interesting spur of the moment edibles arrived with our spur of the moment guests, including our new friend, the priest, who brought three bottles of wine and a happy demeanor. My bluenose Prohibitionist father blanched, but accepted the gift with grace. We truly had a "groaning board" by the time we sat down to dinner.

Thanksgiving blessings were apparent and abundant around our table that day. The uniquely unconventional feast was delicious, and the conversation and laughter went on late into the afternoon through an impromptu dessert buffet accompanied by several pots of coffee.

And best of all, a group of lonely people weren't lonely at all that day.


**The Family of Irene Vandament**

would like to invite you to an Open House to celebrate her 90th Birthday on **Saturday, Nov. 19, 2011** 2:00-4:00 p.m. at the Arapahoe Senior Center 501 Nebraska Ave., Arapahoe, NE



*If unable to attend, cards can reach her at P.O. Box 206, Arapahoe, NE 68922*

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Premiering Friday, November 18 - Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn, Part I (PG-13)  
Premiering Wednesday, November 23 - The Muppets (PG)

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## CLUB NEWS

The Norton After-5 Club would like to invite all area women and their guests to attend the November dinner and meeting on Thursday, Nov. 17, at 6:30 p.m. at the Town and Country Kitchen on East US-36. The cost for the dinner and meeting is \$10.00 per person. Reservations should be made by Tuesday, Nov. 15 by calling Claire Ann Eppinger (877-2785).

"Fantastic Fall Festival" is the theme for the evening. The special feature for the evening is "Going, Going, Gone," the club's annual auction to raise

money for Stonecroft Ministries for outreach programs and for the Norton After-5 Club expenses. Don McMullen, local auctioneer, will auction pies, cakes, craft items and other goodies.

The Norton After-5 Club is proud to welcome as its speaker for the evening, Anita Schuman, Buffalo, Wyo. Ms. Schuman will share her testimony in "Bargain Of A Lifetime."

The Norton After-5 Club is non-denominational and represents clubs throughout the United States and Kansas. All area women are invited to attend.

of men and women of the Bible which had been made into quilt blocks by various people. The next meeting will be Dec. 5. We are to bring a snack, a purchased pattern for exchange and 3-2 1/2" strips of baby fabric. Hostesses will be Freda Weyand, Sarah Durham, Rita Speer and Connie Miller.

*Call Mike with all your social news.*  
877-3361

The Heritage Quilt Club met Nov. 7, 2011 at Prairie Land with 25 members and three guests in attendance. Hostesses were Carol Otter, Cheryl Roberts, Jo Pakkebieer and Beverly Kindler.

Roll call was taken with many showing their blocks of the month, table runners, baby quilts, large quilts and wall hangings.

Lyn Linde gave a program on Men and Women of Biblical Proportion-Bible blocks. She had picked out a few pictures