

OBITUARIES

Keiford Lee Shearer June 5, 1938 - May 25, 2012



Keiford Lee Shearer, 73, was born on June 5, 1938 near Almena to Leslie and Velma Douk Shearer. He went to heaven to be with the Lord on May 25, 2012.

Keiford graduated from Lenora High School in 1956. After graduation, he worked for R.C. Leake Construction in Oberlin where he was foreman doing roadside and rest area construction. He then worked for Ideal Truck Lines in Norton as a mechanic.

He served in the Kansas National Guard and was called to active duty in 1961 during the Berlin crisis. On June 27, 1975, he married Lucille (Lucy) Houser and they moved to Paradise and started farming.

Keiford gave Lucy the opportunity to return to her family farm that she cherished. Even though it wasn't a big farm, Keiford was content with what he had. He really enjoyed riding his horses and raising cattle and hogs. Then 5 years ago, Keiford acquired a small herd of Longhorn cattle as his hobby, which he treasured and called his pets. For years he enjoyed hunting and black powder shooting.

On March 2, 1981, they were blessed with a daughter, Karen. In 2002, they welcomed John (Ben) Patton into their family as their son-in-law. Keiford approved of him because he enjoyed guns and hunting. Keiford was very proud of Karen when she graduated from Kansas State University

as a veterinarian in 2008. Then on June 20, 2011, the new love in his life was his grandson Caleb Alexander Patton.

Keiford was preceded in death by his parents. He is survived by his wife Lucy, his daughter Karen Patton and her husband, John, of Sellersville, Penn. and grandson Caleb. He is also survived by his brothers, Laynard and wife, Cynthia, of Scottsdale, Ariz., Gary and wife, Rovella, of Norton and sister Bernita and husband Willis Daniels of Norton and other relatives and friends.

Keiford was a great person who had a lot of love for God, country, and his family. A celebration of Keiford's life will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, May 30 at the Paradise United Methodist Church in Paradise, Kansas with Pastor Daryl Sherraden and Pastor Sharon Thomas officiating. Burial and graveside services will follow at the Mt. Hermon Cemetery in rural Paradise. Visitation was Tuesday, May 29 at the Pohlman-Varner-Peeler Mortuary in Russell. Memorials may be given to The University of Kansas Cancer Center and sent in care of the mortuary.

Because his family wants everyone to remember Keiford as he was before his illness, there will be no public viewing or family visitation. Pohlman-Varner-Peeler Mortuary of Russell is in charge of the funeral service arrangements.

Taking aim



The Norton Archery Club held a 3-D archery shoot last Sunday at the archery range at Prairie Dog State Park. Joining the event were 15 archers who practiced shooting at a variety of targets. Taking high score in the shoot with 498 points was Brett McChesney. The next 3-D shoot is set for Sunday at the state park. Pictured, archer Kendra Baker takes aim at a target during the shoot.

-Telegram photo by Carleen Bell

There might be hope for language

The arrival of the mailman at a retirement home is always a time of anticipation too often followed by disappointment. Do you have a friend, or an acquaintance, an old neighbor or a family member who will open an empty mailbox day after day? Take just a few minutes and send a note, a card, a letter to them. It takes so little time and brings so much joy. I am more fortunate than most because of you, my readers, who send me interesting notes and letters almost daily. Thank you for brightening my days so faithfully. Please do continue to communicate. I love it!

It truly lifted my heart to receive a number of "AMEN'S" to my column about crude and ugly language pouring forth from young mouths today. Perhaps if we draw their attention to how unattractive and offensive it is, there might be hope for the English language yet. Excerpted from one letter:

"My dad's adage was, 'Cursing is an attempt by a feeble mind to express itself.' I never heard a curse word in our household as a child. I was in the sixth grade when I heard a boy call another an SOB. I thought it hilarious since the boy was tall and thin and I misunderstood it as a 'son of a BENCH' because he was as narrow as the altar bench at church. After Dad explained it to me, it wasn't funny anymore."

From an email comes a contribution to the colorful comments of our grandparents: "Busy as a one-legged chicken on a hot tin roof". I'd heard about the busyness of a one-armed paper hanger, but I must admit the chicken analogy is much more

Pieces of life's puzzle Liza Deines



vivid. Also from a reader who commented "You have a "bee in your bonnet", don't you? A couple of others were a little too shady for this little old lady, funny though they were. And then I forgot to include my Aunt Florence's delicate way of referring to someone she particularly disapproved of as being "the south end of a mule headed north".

Good news on the recipe front from a local friend who made the Easter dessert published in April. "I love the layered pound cake dessert. For Easter dinner I made one as written with butterscotch chips and then another with chocolate chips. There wasn't a crumb left of either one," she reports. "Now I've been ordered to bring one to every family get together. That's okay with me - it is so easy to do and so good."

I'm waiting to hear results from the pecan muffin recipe, which was on another friend's agenda. Please let me know, too, if one of my recipes fails miserably. Some years back a recipe that I had personally tested flopped for an aspiring cook. It was a cranberry candy and she had used a cheaper, generic brand of cranberry sauce. Turns out the difference is in the amount of berries and pectin in the more expensive, well-known brand, whereas the substitute is mostly flavored, colored applesauce. Who knew?

May baskets joggled a lot of

memories. One fellow, who shall remain nameless, wrote "I remember taking a May basket to Diane Heaton. I had such a crush on her!" Hey, Diane, did you know about that? Bet he dawdled around hoping to be caught and kissed. He also mentioned that kids today sure miss out on a lot of the innocent fun that enlivened our childhoods. An old friend from Lenora wrote to say how much she enjoys traveling back in time with me. Her teenage son also reads the column and sometimes questions her about days when life was simpler.

Thank you to all who contributed to today's column with email or snail mail. Lee's Summit is having a stormy day today with thunder, lightning, and lots of rain. One of the pleasantest benefits of living in a retirement facility is having access to our mailboxes inside the building. Each day when I arrive home from dialysis treatment it is easy and convenient to open that box and see who has sent me mail. Stay in touch!

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NORTON LIBRARY

Thursday at 10:30 a.m., Patsy Maddy with Norton County Farm Bureau Ag Education will be sharing in a storytime for babies to first graders.

At 2:30 p.m. Thursday, she will also be sharing different activities in a storytime for second to sixth graders.

Thursday's Fun Night for 7th -12th graders will be held at 7:30 p.m. Mary Boller from Northwest Kansas Library System will show teens how to use Windows Movie Maker. They will make a scary movie to be put on the Norton Public Library Website. Also, the movie "Monster House" will be shown. Popcorn and soda will be served. Parents should be advised that Fun Night this week will last until around 10:30 p.m.

Friday at 2 p.m., the library is sponsoring a special program for the entire family. Kevin Manning, Astronomer and Astrophysicist, will present a program in the Norton Rec Center gym. The program is sponsored by the Norton Public Library, Midwest Energy, Norton Friends of the Library

and Northwest Kansas Library System. Community members of all ages are invited to attend.

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Please contact Lisa Herman at 785-202-1477

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NO.	COURSE	CR.	INSTRUCTOR	LOCATION	START	END	DAYS TAUGHT	START/END TIME
EN 110	Medical Terminology	1	Killman	Hospital	My 14	May 31	M, W, F,	6:00p - 8:00 p
AL 101	Basic Nutrition	3	L. Killman	Hospital	June 4	June 21	M, T, W, Th	5:00p - 9:00p
EN 176	English Comp I	3	B. Gay	NJHS-Rm 200	June 4	July 11	M, W	3:00p - 6:00p
EN 177	English Comp II	3	B. Gay	NJHS-Rm 200	June 5	July 12	T, Th	3:00p - 6:00p
MA 178	College Algebra	3	S. Vance	NJHS-Rm 201	May 29	July 5	T, Th	6:00p - 9:00p
SP 176	Public Speaking	3	B. Gay	NJHS-Rm 200	July 6	August 6	7/6-7/13F; 7/16-8/6MWF	3:00p - 6:00p
PH 103	Earth Science W/Lab	5	G. Rossi	NCHS-Rm 208	June 7	July 12	T, Th	6:00p - 9:00p
MA 205	Elements of Statistics	3	L. Bailey	NCHS-Rm 215	May 30	July 11	M, W	7:00p-10:00p
CH 177	Chemistry W/Lab	5	J. Green	NCHS-Rm 208	June 11	July 25	M, W, F	8:00a - 12 noon
PO 176	American Government	3	T. Fiscus	NCHS-Rm 201	June 6	July 11	M, W	6:00p - 9:00p
PS 176	Gen Psychology	3	Julie Leiker	NJHS-Rm 203	June 4	June 21	M, T, W, Th	6:00p - 9:00p
BI 177	Principals of Biology	5	J. Green	NCHS-Rm 208	June 11	July 25	M, W, Th	7:00p - 10:00p