

# OBITUARIES

## Myron and Linda Becker

Sept. 2, 1939 - May 30, 2012

Sept. 4, 1945 - Feb. 1, 2009

Myron Nicholas Becker, son of Leo and Marguerite (Kelling) Becker, was born Sept. 2, 1939 and passed away May 30, 2012.

He grew up in Logan and was always known as "Tug." He graduated from Logan High School with the class of 1957.

Linda Jo (Ferris) Becker, daughter of William and Maxine (Steenis) Ferris, was born Sept. 4, 1945 near Woodruff and passed away Feb. 1, 2009. She attended the grade and high school in Long Island and graduated with the class of 1963.

Myron and Linda married on July 16, 1966 and later they moved to Manhattan, where they had a small farm with cattle and started MN Becker Excavating and Grading. Myron was a top notch motor grader operator while Linda wore many hats running a household and taking

care of business. People around town referred to them both as "best operator and woman truck driver around town." They had a snow removal business with Kansas State University for over 15 years.

Linda was a loving person and always showed her radiant smile to all those she met on her life's journey. She loved driving her red dump truck, hitting Saturday morning garage sales and everyone looked forward to her delivering her amazing baked goodies.

Myron was a generous, hard-working, and strong-minded man. He certainly liked to harass all his friends, especially his older brother, Daryl "Top," with lots of phone calls. He was deeply devoted to Linda, loved his dog, Kobi, and was most proud of their only daugh-

ter, Shannon Marie, and their number one and only grandson, Gage Nicholas Nelson, of Lee's Summit, Mo.

Myron and Linda both appreciated the little things in life and certainly would put others ahead of their own lives. They both were the best parents, grandparents, and friends that anyone could possibly wish for and will continue to always be there in the memories and hearts of those who loved them.

Graveside services and inurnment will be held on Saturday, Sept. 1 at 10 a.m. at Woodruff Cemetery in Woodruff.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Myron and Linda Becker Memorial Fund.

Condolences can be expressed at [www.enfieldfh.com](http://www.enfieldfh.com).

Arrangements by Enfield Funeral Home of Norton.

## Donald L. Snyder

June 16, 1939 - Aug. 24, 2012

Donald L. Snyder, the son of Ernest (Slim) and Dorothy (Glennemeier) Snyder was born June 16, 1939 in Norton and passed away on Aug. 24, 2012 at Mercy Hospital in Oklahoma City, Okla.

He grew up on a farm northeast of Norton and attended the Norton schools. He graduated from Norton Community High School in 1957 and received a Masters Degree in Geology from Kansas State University. Don then moved to Oklahoma City and was an independent petroleum geologist.

There, he met Joan Foster and on June 19, 1965 they were united in marriage in Wills Point, Texas.

He is survived by his wife, Joan, of the home, a daughter Lesley of Charlotte, N.C., one brother, Barry Snyder of Morrison, Colo., and one sister Rhonda and husband Raymond Heikes of Lenora.

He was preceded in death by his parents. There will be no funeral service.

## A little lost puppy and a fried egg

It was a windy, rainy evening in the fall and we'd just settled down for supper in our cozy, warm kitchen when a timid scratching came at the back door. At first we thought it was wind but the second time we heard the scratching Mama rose and opened the back door.

There she stood, a tiny black and white dog, shivering pitifully and looking into our happy haven with pleading eyes. Her ribs stood out and her nose was quivering at the smell of warm potato soup drifting through the open door. Mama bent, picked her up, wrapped her in her apron and brought her inside. She made a soft little yip, wagged her snippet of a tail, and we all fell in love, even Dad. "Edith, if you feed that dog you know what's going to happen," Dad said. "Well, Arthur," Mom said, "you certainly don't expect me to leave a starving puppy out in the rain, do you?"

Mama fried an egg, put it on a saucer, and had barely set it down before it disappeared. The hungry puppy licked the saucer so thoroughly that it spun on the linoleum. Dad gave her a bit of cornbread and honey, which was also gratefully received. "Better stop," he told Mom, "or we'll make her sick. Looks like she hasn't had much to eat for a long time. There'll be more later, Susie," he said, scratching her ears, and that's the way little Susie came to live with us.

Susie had no collar and appeared to have been left on her own for quite awhile. She was footsore and had ear mites but, surprisingly enough, was house

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trained. Mama dripped olive oil in her perky ears to relieve the itch of the mites and a good warm sudsy bath took care of any fleas. After a look at her teeth Dad determined that she wasn't a puppy at all. Her mini stature was as big as she was likely to grow.

"We'd better run an ad in the paper," Mom said. "Somebody somewhere is missing their pet." Regretfully we walked down to the Western Kansas World office the next day and placed an ad in the Lost and Found column. It ran for three weeks with no response and we all secretly rejoiced. Susie thrived with loving care, table scraps, a lot of love and an occasional fried egg. She rambled the yard and pasture but appeared in the evening to nap on Mother's lap or doze on Dad's toes while we listened to our radio programs. She slept on an old rag rug curled up at the foot of my bed.

It was too good to last. It was supertime again one evening when a sharp rap came on the back door. We were surprised to see a couple of rough looking strangers who had driven their rickety old pickup right up onto our back lawn.

"We heard you got our dog," the older fellow said, curtly, "a little black'n white mutt. We live three miles west and she run

away." He peered into the kitchen and caught sight of Susie. We turned to see her cringing in the corner, tail tucked down tight between her hind legs. It was obvious she knew them. "Spot," he hollered, "you git in the truck!" We stared in dismay as Susie, head hanging, sidled reluctantly to the door, got into the pickup and huddled into the smallest possible space, curling protectively around herself.

"But, but...we advertised, we thought she was a stray," Mom tried to explain as they stamped away. "Danged critter keeps runnin' off," the younger man tossed over his shoulder indifferently.

"I can't imagine why," Dad said, disgusted, as he closed the door.

We mourned, all of us, and missed Susie fiercely. Then one night there came a scratch at the screen door and we opened it to find Susie looking up at us with eager eyes. How she got loose we never knew. Mom fried her two eggs and we cuddled her all evening. Next morning she trotted off west but we soon learned she'd be back every so often for her fried egg and some love, which we never failed to provide.

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## Puppy plunge!

The inaugural Puppy Plunge was held last weekend at the Norton swimming pool before the pool was shut down for the season. Coordinated by Rosemary Venatta, the event gave dog owners the opportunity to bring their pooches to the pool for a day of water play. Vanatta said that the most dogs at the pool at once during the two-day plunge was 13 and overall, about 30 dogs and their owners showed up. Proceeds from the Puppy Plunge will benefit an upcoming low-cost spay/neuter clinic. Pictured, David Stover helps his yellow lab, Sadie, out of the pool Sunday morning.

-Telegram photo by Carleen Bell

## SHERIFF'S LOG

**Aug. 2**  
(2) Registration/offender/update

Motor vehicle accident with animal

Cattle out

Theft

Temporary deprivation of property

**Aug. 3**

Assist-other (not MV)

(2) Registration/offender/update

Creating a hazard

Unknown trouble

Found/lost property

Contact with public

**Aug. 4**

Hitchhiker

Criminal threat

Welfare check

Animal call

**Aug. 5**

Contact with public

Welfare check

Hitchhiker

Motor vehicle accident with animal

**Aug. 6**

(2) VIN inspections

Incident

Finger prints

Registration/offender/update

**Aug. 7**

Traffic/driving complaint

Found/lost property

Criminal damage to property

Traffic stop

**Aug. 8**

Found/lost property

Traffic stop

Contact with public

Motor vehicle accident

Criminal damage to property

(2) VIN inspections

EMS-ambulance run

Cattle out

Vehicle assist

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## 5K run/walk for breast cancer awareness to be held Oct. 13

The 3rd Annual Flamingo 5K Run/Walk will be held on Saturday, Oct. 13. The event is being held to promote the awareness of breast cancer and all proceeds will be used to support local breast cancer programs. The run begins at 8:30 a.m. with registration starting at 8 a.m. at the HaysMed Breast Care Center, Oak Park Complex, 2501 East 13th, Hays.

Participants are encouraged to "Pink Out" in their own personal style as well as decorate strollers, wagons, bikes etc. Participants may also bring copies of photos to be displayed at the

event as a tribute to someone affected with breast cancer.

The deadline for registering for the event is Friday, Oct. 5. The fee is \$20 for participants 14 years and older and a free will donation is encouraged for those ages 13 and under.

To register visit our website at [www.thecenter.haysmed.com/flamingo](http://www.thecenter.haysmed.com/flamingo). For more information call 785-623-5900.

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