

# OBITUARIES

## Oran Ferris Milner

July 20, 1927 - Sept. 14, 2012

Oran Ferris Milner, son of Fred O. and Lena Florence (Gibbs) Milner, was born July 20, 1927 in Clayton and passed away at the Andbe Home in Norton on Sept. 14, 2012 at the age of 85.

Oran had two brothers. Byron R. Milner was born in 1930 and died in 1986 in California. Elmer Milner, born in 1921, died at 13 years of age at the family's home in Clayton in 1934.

Oran lived in Clayton until the death of his mother his junior year in high school at which time he transferred to Norton Community High School where he graduated with the class of 1945. He lived with his Uncle Clifford and Aunt Esther Milner and their family in Norton.

After graduation, Oran began teaching in the Lenora schools but before the school year was over he enlisted and served in the U.S. Army in the 24th Corps.

He received his license as M-18 Tank Driver training at Camp Roberts, Calif. in Oct. 1945 and served as company clerk and had other assignments in the 24th Corp Armored Tank Division in South and North Korea.

Following his military service, he began teaching in the Norcatour and Oberlin school systems for 43 years, where he taught 7th and 8th grades and was the Principal of the Norcatour Grade School and later an instructor in Oberlin. He dedicated his life to teaching in public schools.

He received his B.S. degree from Colorado State College in Greeley, Colo. in 1956, his Master's

Degree from Fort Hays State College in 1958 and acquired 22 hours from Colorado University in Boulder, Colo.

During his time as a teacher in Norcatour, he met and married LaVerne Bishop on Nov. 24, 1949. They were privileged to have been married for 62 years.

Oran was a member of the Maple Grove Church of the Brethren where he taught young people and adult classes and served as Moderator for 21 years. He was a member of the Kansas State Teacher's Association, past president of the Decatur County Teacher's Association, and Phi Delta Kappa. He was also listed in the Outstanding Personalities of the West and Midwest 1968 Edition.

Survivors include Oran's wife, LaVerne Milner of Norton; his niece, Barbara Bettencout of Tacoma, Wash.; many cousins and friends.

Oran was preceded in death by his parents and his two brothers.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, Sept. 18 at Enfield Funeral Home in Norton with military honors from Harmonson-Redd American Legion Post #63, Norton. Burial followed at the Norton Cemetery.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Oran Milner Memorial Fund.

Condolences can be sent to [www.enfieldfh.com](http://www.enfieldfh.com).

Arrangements were by Enfield Funeral Home of Norton.

## David L. Posson

Oct. 12, 1941 - Sept. 15, 2012

David Lawrence Posson, son of Harold L. and Ailene (Peterson) Posson, was born October 12, 1941, in North Kansas City, Mo. He died unexpectedly in his home in Norton on Sept. 15, 2012, at the age of 70.

His childhood was spent in Parkville, Mo. and he moved to Norton when he was 15 to live with and work with his Uncle Earl Posson as a sheet metal apprentice and he graduated from the Norton Community High School.

David married his high school sweetheart, Beverly Ann Applegate, on Feb. 18, 1961 at the Maple Grove Church of the Brethren in Norton County.

They recently celebrated their 51st anniversary. They made their home in Norton where they raised their three sons. He loved the community and chose to raise his family in Norton. He worked for KN Energy for five years.

He returned to his sheet metal work where he and his cousin, Charles "Bud" Posson purchased Norton Sheet Metal. They were business partners for over 25 years. He worked an extended semi-retirement period at Norton Manor and Norton County Hospital.

David had a special attachment to the area and loved the unique history of his Norton community. He was always involved in the community through involvement

in Boy Scouts, Jaycees and the shooting education program, volunteer fire department, Prairie Powder Packer Muzzle Loaders, Northwest Kansas Cruisers, and the Norton Classic Cruisers.

Over the past 55 years David had restored and customized dozens of vehicles for himself and for others. It was David and Beverly's joint passion to work side by side in the customizing of vehicles and also in the social aspect of attending car shows and traveling to rod runs and socializing with a large circle of friends who are now considered part of the Posson family.

David's talents and creative gifts as a car builder are not only recognized locally but nationally through many national awards, and his cars were no stranger to appearing on pages of popular automobile magazines.

David and Beverly for 51 years were joined at the hip and each other's shadow. They shared all of their hobbies, passions, dreams, joys and sorrows. They were each other's best friend, confidant, soulmate, and loved on; needless to say, David will be deeply and dearly missed by Beverly, family, and all who came to know David's quiet nature, gentle and supportive spirit, and sometimes dry wit.

David was most proud of the pursuits and accomplishments of his family and was filled with joy when he was able to spend

time with his grandchildren.

David is survived by his wife, Beverly Posson, of Norton; three sons, Michael Posson, of Edmonton, Alberta, Canada; Donald and wife, Heidi, Posson, of Alexandria, Va.; and Mark and wife, LuAnne Posson of Wichita; five grandchildren, Logan, Paige, Hannah, Matthew and Luke; one brother, Charles, and wife, Sharon Posson of Kansas City, Mo.; and many in-laws, cousins, nephews, nieces and extended car club family.

David was preceded in death by his parents, his step-mother, Myrtle Jenkins Posson, and his sister, Mary Elizabeth Lay.

Services will be on Wednesday, Sept. 19 at 10:30 a.m. at Enfield Funeral Home in Norton. Interment will be at the Norton Cemetery.

A memorial has been established and contributions can be made to the Norton Theatre Modernization Project.

Visitation will be at the Enfield Funeral Home on Tuesday, Sept. 18.

Condolences can be sent to the family at [www.enfieldfh.com](http://www.enfieldfh.com).

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## Not a trivial cause...



Smiling faces and good times set the scene at the Norton Eagles club Saturday night for this year's annual Trivia Night. There were 21 teams entered with the goal of raising money for the Second Chance Homeless Pet Society. Along with a night of knowledge and wit, the players enjoyed each other's company as well as the drawings and prize money given out.

-Telegram photo by Mike Stephens

## Master gardeners are hard at work

By Kay Melia  
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You will see them just about anywhere in the area, especially during the summertime. They seem to enjoy lurking around some of our nicest gardens, and they particularly are noticed prowling the flower beds that have been created in our city parks. Sometimes you'll see them gathered around newly planted trees located in special areas of your hometown. I've seen them this summer in Colby, in Burlington, in Goodland, and in Sharon Springs, and I know they have been spotted in Phillipsburg and Atwood.

No, we're not talking about a scourge of insects here. Not by a longshot. We're talking about Master Gardeners, those volunteer amateur horticulturists who spend their free time doing things to make your community more beautiful. They are men and women who not only tend their own garden at home, but somehow find time to help others appreciate some of the finer points of growing fruits, flowers and vegetables.

So, just exactly what is a Master Gardener, and why are they so busy? Master Gardeners received their special designation after completing several weeks of training from the specialists in the Extension Service, as well as utilizing the knowledge they have accumulated over the

years in their own backyard. The Master Gardener program was created by the Extension Service to meet an enormous increase in requests from home gardeners for horticultural information. Fifty years ago, a county Extension Agent dealt with the questions of a limited number of families. Now, the number of families interested in growing some of their own fresh food, and their hunger for learning a little more about tending a healthy lawn, has made it almost impossible for an Extension Agent to spend as much time as is needed to answer all the questions presented to him.

And so, the Master Gardener program was created in 1972 in the state of Washington. Since then it has spread to 49 states. Master Gardeners have become a vital part of Extensions ability to provide consumers with up to date reliable knowledge so that they can enjoy and protect the value of growing things around their home.

Master Gardeners receive an intensive seven week period of

instruction in just about all facets of horticulture with instruction in everything from fertilizer to insect control. The schools are held at different locations each year as the Extension people strive to make it a little more convenient for interested students to receive the training. I drove to Hoxie from Goodland in February and March several years ago to receive the instruction and obtain my credentials.

We should remember that Master Gardeners are certainly not the know-all, do-all representatives of gardening and other forms of horticulture. They are strictly unpaid volunteers who have received some important training, who do what they can to make our communities more beautiful, and to answer occasional questions from backyard gardeners just like you. If you see one prowling around the area in which you live, shake their hand and thank them for volunteering. If YOU would like to become a Master Gardener, call the Extension office in your county.

**Annual Board of Trustees  
Hamburger Feed**

5:00 p.m. at the  
**Methodist Church Fellowship Hall,  
805 W. Wilberforce Street, Norton**

**Sunday, September 23**

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At 6:00 p.m. at the same place we are having a special guest, Michael Gracy from Tulsa, Oklahoma-The Singing Cowboy. Michael will present the program. He wrote the song, "Just Get in the Boat."

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## Meetings to be held to update Kansans on T-WORKS project

The Kansas Department of Transportation has scheduled eight regional meetings to update Kansans on T-WORKS projects in their areas and gather input from the public on how state transportation dollars are being invested. T-WORKS is a \$7.8 billion 10-year transportation program passed by the Kansas Legislature in May 2010.

Sept. 24, 1-4 p.m., Salina, Kansas Highway Patrol Training Facility, 2025 E. Iron Ave.

Sept. 25, 9 a.m.-noon, Hays, Highway Patrol Headquarters, 1821 W. Frontier Rd.

Sept. 26, 9 a.m.-noon, Dodge City, Magouirk Conference Center, 4100 SW Comanche

Sept. 27, 9 a.m.-noon, Hutchinson, Ramada Conference Center, 1400 N. Lorraine

Oct. 1, 9 a.m.-noon, Olathe, Holiday Inn Olathe, 101 W. 151st St.

Oct. 2, 1-4 p.m., Topeka, Eisenhower State Office Building, 700 SW Harrison

Oct. 3, 1-4 p.m., Chanute, KDOT District 4 Chanute Complex, 411 W. 14th

Oct. 11, 1-4 p.m., Wichita, KDOT Wichita Metro Hillside Office, 3200 E. 45th St. N.

The local consultation meeting locations are ADA accessible. Persons in need of a sign language interpreter, and assistive listening device, large print or Braille material, or other accommodation to participate in the meetings should notify Sally Lunsford at (785) 296-2669 or [sallyl@ksdot.org](mailto:sallyl@ksdot.org), or (785) 296-3585 (Voice)/Hearing Impaired - 711.

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Brett Lindau, D.O.*

*Dr. Brett Lindau is now seeing patients  
at McCook Clinic as Community  
Hospital's newest physician*

Dr. Lindau earned his undergraduate degree from the University of Nebraska at Kearney (2003), and his Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine from the Chicago College

of Osteopathic Medicine in Downers Grove, Illinois (2009). He completed his Family Medicine Residency at the North Colorado Family Medicine Residency Program in Greeley, Colorado (2012). Dr. Lindau is certified with the American Board of Family Medicine.

To make an appointment with Dr. Lindau, call 308-344-4110.

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