Sharon Kay Bird June 2, 1943 - Nov. 13, 2012

Sharon Kay Bird, 69, of Winfield, passed away Tuesday morning, Nov. 13, 2012 at her home.

Funeral services will be Saturday, Nov. 17, 2012, at 10:30 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church in Winfield. Visitation will be Friday, Nov. 16, from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m.; family will greet friends from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Interment will be Monday in Shawnee Memorial Gardens in Shawnee, Ks. Memorials may be made to Creative Community Living. Condolences may be emailed to funeraldirector@ stmfh.com.

Born June 2, 1943 in Norton, Sharon was the daughter of Fermon and Vida (Bretton) Button. She was raised on a farm outside of Edmond and moved to Norton, after her father's death, where she completed high school. After high school she attended and graduated from Brown Mackie School of Business in Salina.

Sharon was united in marriage to Alvin D. Bird on June 3, 1962 in Norton. While in the Air Force, they lived in several states and Sharon was active in the Association for Retarded Citizens (ARC) while organizing volunteers to help with their two developmentally disabled children, Danny and Michael. After leaving the Air Force, Sharon and Alvin then added to their family by adopting two children, Brian in 1974, and Susan in 1982. Also in 1982, they relocated to Winfield where Alvin set up his medical practice.

Dean A. Railsback, son of Walter H. "Red" and

Grace B. (Yunt) Railsback, was born January 17,

1932, in rural Norton County, Kansas, and passed

away at the Norton County Hospital in Norton, on

Dean grew up in Norton County, attended the

Hudsonpillar rural grade school, and graduated

from the Norcatur High School. He also served

in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict. He

married Rita Tyrrell and to this union two chil-

dren were born. Dean was an equipment operator,

farmer, and caregiver at the Norton State Hospital

and was most recently a guard at the Norton Cor-

Dean was a 60-year member of the Harmonson-

Survivors include: one son and his wife, James

Dean and Michele Railsback, Norton; one daugh-

ter and her husband, Deana and Randy Shearer,

Redd American Legion Post #63 in Norton.

November 12, 2012, at the age of 80.

rectional Facility until his retirement.



Throughout her life, Sharon was active in supporting her husband and family in a myriad of ways. She was a military wife who put up with frequent relocations and made many sacrifices while her husband was in medical school. She was also an advocate for the handicapped, and a dear friend to many individuals in the community. She passionately took on the mission of providing services for individuals and families who were in need. She was the founding director for a sheltered workshop for the handicapped individuals in Jenks, Okla.; established respite programs for parents at Winfield State Hospital and Training Center (WSHTC); and became president of the WSHTC parent group.

Ultimately, with closure of the WSHTC, she and other parents established Creative Community Living (CCL), a new parent/ guardian driven community or-

Dean A. Railsback

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ganization dedicated to providing services to the handicapped. Currently, CCL supports 121 individuals and employs a total of 265 staff across two counties. Sharon had been the President of the CCL Board of Directors since the beginning. CCL was built as a model with parents/guardians in control that has been emulated in states across the US.

Sharon was the recipient of many awards for her legacy of leadership throughout her life including: the First Citizen award from the First National Bank in 1993 for helping to enhance the quality of life in Winfield, a Governor's Merit Award for service, and the inaugural Governor's Excellence Award in 2011 for her work with Kansans with disabilities. She has also had a humanitarian award named in her honor.

She enjoyed spending time with, and caring for, her grandkids as well as attending Kansas State football games with her husband and family.

Her family includes: her husband, Dr. Alvin Bird of Winfield; her son, Brian Bird, and wife, Robin Bird, of Winfield; her daughter, Susan Schultz, and husband, Jonathan Schultz, of Winfield; her sister, Jacqueline Whistler and her husband, William Whistler, of Fairway; and her grandchildren, Hayleigh Bird, Rachel Bird, Ethan Bird and Riley Schultz of Winfield.

In addition to her parents, Sharon was preceded in death by her sons Daniel and Michael

Almena, Kansas; two special daughters, Shara

and Cathy; three grandchildren, Amy Rae, and

husband, Owen Stong, Shyann Grace and Cope

James Railsback; two great-grandchildren, Ellie

Marie and Bryson Owen Stong; his ex-wife, Rita

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Funeral services will be held on Friday, Nov.

16 at 2 p.m. at Enfield Funeral Home, 215 W.

Main, Norton, KS. Burial will follow at the Nor-

Contributions can be made to the Dean Rails-

Condolences can be sent to www.enfieldfh.

Arrangements are by Enfield Funeral Home of

Minshall, Norton; other relatives and friends.

one grandson, Josey D. Shearer.

back Memorial Fund.

Lyman Carl Rowh

Aug. 21, 1926 - Nov. 14, 2012

Lyman Carl Rowh, 86, passed on to his heavenly home on Nov. 14, 2012 after a long battle with cancer. Lyman was born in rural Clayton, on Aug. 21, 1926.

Lyman grew up on the family farm near Clayton, and attended grade school at Buzzard Roost School, north of Clayton. His favorite activities as a boy were riding horses, herding cows, and playing with the neighbor children. He started school in Clayton in fifth grade, and in the seventth grade discovered his wife to be, Georgia Davis, of Clayton.

Lyman graduated with the Clayton High School class of 1944, then enlisted in the U.S. Navy on July 26, 1944. He received basic training at the Great Lakes Naval Training Station, then his overseas duty in WWII was in Guam, where he served his country honorably until discharged on June 24, 1946.

Lyman and Georgia Lea Davis were married Aug. 14, 1946. On Aug. 14, 2012 they celebrated 66 years of marriage. To this union were born four children, Jay, Jim, Carla, and Jon. Soon after they married, they moved to Denver where he enrolled at Denver University, to pursue a degree in social studies. After teaching in Norton on a provisional certificate from 1946 to 1949, he returned to Denver and graduated Phi Beta Kappa with a Bachelor's degree in 1952. He completed a Master's degree in 1954. He taught and was an administrator in the Norton Public School system until 1960, when he went into business at Mizell Motor Company in downtown Norton. He was the proprietor of Rowh Motor Company from 1965 until 1986, then worked for Scheetz Motor Company until 1991. Upon retirement, he worked for Manhattan Christian College as a development liaison, a job he enjoyed until 2002.

Lyman enjoyed studying history, watching sporting events, hunting, fishing, and traveling. He served as an elder and Sunday School teacher at the Norton Christian Church. He also participated in many local Norton community activities. including Norton Chamber of Commerce, Norton Lions Club, Norton City Council, and was also a Norton Chamber Ambassador.

Lyman was preceded in death by his parents, Carson and Pearl Rowh; brother, Don; and sister, Norma Baldridge.

He is survived by his wife, Georgia; sons, Jay, and wife, Rita Rowh, Beloit; Jim Rowh of Clayton; Jon, and wife, Patty Rowh, Norton; and daughter and husband, Carla and John Pilkington, Oakley; 12 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren; other relatives and many friends.

Funeral services will be on Monday, Nov. 19 at 10:30 a.m. at the Norton Christian Church, 208 N. Kansas, Norton, KS. Burial will follow at the Norton Cemetery. Memorial contributions can be made to Manhat-

tan Christian College, Norton Christian Church or donor's choice. Friends may call at the Enfield Funeral Home

on Sunday, Nov. 18 from 3-8 p.m. Condolences may be sent to www.enfieldfh.

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Leanora Johanna Braun

Sept. 5, 1919 - Nov. 12, 2012

Leanora Johanna Braun, daughter of Paul Emil and Agnes (Dicks) Wudtke, was born Sept. 5, 1919 in Norton County, and passed away at the Andbe Home in Norton on Nov. 12, 2012, at the age of 93.

Leanora grew up on the family farm and attended the Immanuel Lutheran school. On June 4, 1939 she married Bernard Herman August Braun in Norton. They made their home on the Braun family farm where she was a homemaker, farm wife, and loving mother. Her husband, Bernard, passed away June 10, 1991.

Leanora was a member of the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Norton where she loved providing altar care for over 30 years.

She was active in the Immanuel Lutheran Ladies Aide and was a Sunday School teacher for many years. She served as an adult 4-H leader and sponsor for the Norton FHA Chapter and was an avid bowler until her health no longer permitted. Her greatest joy in life was her family and she loved spending time with them. She was faithful and loving to the end.

Survivors include: one daughter and her husband, Patricia and John Vorwerk, Lakewood, Colo.; two sons and their wives, Richard and Toyah Braun and Roger and Deanna Braun, all of Norton; one brother, Marvin Wudtke, Norton; three sisters, Alma Schulze, Norton; Ida Gowens, Galena; and Norma Jean

Davis, Colorado Springs, Colo.; nine grandchildren; 13 greatgrandchildren; other relatives and friends.

death by her parents, her husband, and two brothers, Herman and Arthur Wudtke. Funeral services will be held

Leanora was preceded in

on Friday, Nov. 16 at 10:30 a.m. at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Norton. Burial will follow at the Norton Cemetery. Memorial contributions can

be made to the Andbe Home and Immanuel Lutheran Church.

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The instructor for this class will be Janie Manning, MSN, RNC, CLNC, CCE Perinatal

This eight hour CE class will

Thursday, Nov. 29 at the Nichols Education Center, 1003 North Brady, Abilene, KS.

For further information or to pre-register, please call 1.800.729.5101, ext. 370 or 785.243.1435, ext. 370 at Cloud County Community College or register online at www.cloud.

Frances Helen Mosier March 8, 1928 - Nov. 12, 2012

Frances Helen Mosier, daughter of Albert R. and Theresa Hermenia (Walkemeyer) Boutz, was born March 8, 1928 in rural Sheridan County, Kansas and passed away at the Andbe Home in Norton, on Nov. 12, 2012 at the age of 84.

Frances grew up on various farmsteads in Decatur and Sheridan counties and boarded in Oberlin, while attending high school. On Aug. 8, 1946, Frances and Arthur George Mosier were united in marriage in Oberlin. They made their home on a farm in southwest Decatur County before moving to the family farm 12 1/2 miles south of Norton in March 1953. Following the death of her husband, Arthur, on Sept. 25, 1973 Frances moved to Edmond, until May of 1991, when she moved to Norton. She entered the Andbe Home in October of 2008, where she lived until her death. Frances spent her life as a farm wife, homemaker, and nurse's aide.

Frances was a member of the Edmond Christian Church and transferred her membership to the Norton Christian Church in June of 1991, after moving to Norton. She was a member of the O.E.S., Solomon Valley Club, Solomon Valley Hustlers, Farm Bureau, and the American Legion Ladies Auxiliary. She also spent many years serving as a 4-H community leader. She loved to sew and quilt but her family was most important to her. She greatly loved and enjoyed her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

Survivors include: one daughter and her husband, Priscilla and Dan Merriman, Lenora; two sons and their wives, Dwight and Paula Mosier, LaCygne; and Richard and Mary Mosier, Coburg, Ore.; 10 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; four brothers and their wives, Darrel and Dorothea Boutz, Zeandale; Everett and Bonnie Boutz, Jefferson City, Mo.; Glen and Anita Boutz, Mulvane; Homer and Marcia Boutz, Colorado Springs, Colo.; two sisters, Flora Edwards, Clarkston, Wash.; Doreen Boutz, Salina; other relatives and friends.

Frances was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, three brothers, Doyle, Leo, and Luther Boutz, and three sisters, Freda Morgan, Leona Somers, and Waneta Nilson.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, Nov. 17, at 10:30 a.m. at the Norton Christian Church, 208 N. Kansas, Norton, KS. Burial will follow at the Edmond Cemetery in Edmond.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Andbe Home, Norton Christian Church and Hospice Services of Norton County.

Friends may call at Enfield Funeral Home on Friday, Nov. 16 from 3-8 p.m.

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send your Name, Address of the display, and your contact information to: **Norton County Arts Council,** P.O. Box 225, Norton, Kansas or call Nancy at (785) 577-4940 **DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES IS NOVEMBER 30.**

Voting ballots and display lists will be available at: The Norton Telegram and The Norton Area Chamber of Commerce or ballots may be clipped from the ad in The Norton Telegram. Completed ballots may be deposited in the boxes at the Norton Telegram, The Chamber of Commerce or may be mailed to the Norton County Arts Council at the above address. **BALLOTS MUST BE RECEIVED BY DECEMBER 14, 2012**







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