# OBITUARIES

## Ivy Emma Bell (Thiesen) Rolland Feb. 20, 1913 - Jan. 11, 2013

of Karsten Charlie and Nora Florence (Steele) Thiesen, was born Feb. 20, 1913, on the family farm south of Clayton, and passed away at the Norton County Hospital in Norton, on Jan. 11, 2013, at the age of 99.

Ivy grew up in the Clayton community and attended the Clayton schools. Following her graduation from the Clayton High School she attended one year of Normal Training in Oberlin. She taught school for four years in two rural Decatur County schools. On June 1, 1935, Ivy and Cleo Earnest Rolland were united in marriage. They made their home in Clayton before moving to San Diego, Calif., during the war years. While in California, Ivy owned a photography and art studio. They returned to Kansas in 1949, and came to Norton in 1951. In 1964, Cleo and Ivy bought the furniture store from Gordon Brantley and Esther Scott. They semi-retired in 1972, and Ivy opened up her upholstery and drapery shop. Cleo passed away in 1984. Ivy continued to live in their home until recently at which time she moved to the Andbe Home.

Ivy was an active member of the Norton Christian Church where she had served as President of the Women's Council, the Cradle Roll and Beginner's Sunday School teacher for 15 years, and helped with children's church for five years. Ivy served as a Girl Scout Leader and on the Andbe

Ivy Emma Bell (Thiesen) Rolland, third child Home Board for 16-plus years. She was a member of the L.D. Club, Avon Federated Study Club, and the Prairie Painters Club where she also served as President. She was an artist at heart and enjoyed working in her yard and garden but her greatest joy in life was her family.

Survivors include: one son and his wife, Gary and Samette Rolland, Norton; one daughter and her husband, Julia and Mike Quenzer, Colby; four grandchildren, Nick and wife, Megan Quenzer and Chris and wife, Liz Quenzer, all of Colby; Garrett and wife, Andrea Rolland, Norton; Jenna Rolland, Hastings, Neb.; three great-grandchildren, Carter, Michael, and Miah Quenzer; several nieces and nephews; other relatives and friends.

Ivy was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, and three sisters, Violet Frank, Lily Heany, and Fern Thiesen.

Funeral services will be held on Wednesday, Jan. 16 at 10:30 a.m. at the Norton Christian Church and burial will be in the Norton Cemetery.

Memorial contributions are suggested to the Norton Christian Church Awana and youth programs and the Andbe Home Sound System Fund (for church services).

Friends may call at Enfield Funeral Home on Tuesday, Jan. 15 from 3 to 8 p.m.

Arrangements are by the Enfield Funeral Home of Norton.

## Engagement Announcement

Alan and Sherry Woodside of Prairie View, announce the engagement of their daughter; Serena Woodside to Ricardo Marquez. He is the son of Manuel and Maria Marquez of Garden City.

The bride-to-be graduated from Kansas State University with a master's degree in Special Education and a bachelor's degree in Elementary Education. She is employed by Geary County Schools as a fourth grade teacher.

Her fiancé graduated from Kansas State University with a bachelor's degree in Social Sciences. He is employed in Manhattan, and works in consumer finance.

They plan to marry March 19, 2013 in Playa del Carmen, Mexico. A reception in Manhattan, Kansas will follow on April 13, 2013.



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### Jeremey James 'J.J.' Courtain Jan. 11, 2013

Jeremey James "J.J." Courtain, died Jan. 11, 2013 in Norton, at the age of 35. Funeral services will be held Monday, Jan. 21, 2013 at 10:30 a.m. at the Enfield Funeral Home in Norton.

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested donations be made to the J.J. Courtain Memorial Fund. Friends may call at Enfield Funeral Home in Norton on Sunday, Jan. 20, from 3 p.m. until 5 p.m. Condolences may be sent to www.enfieldfh.com.

#### Max E. Goeken June 4, 1937 - Jan. 8, 2013

Funeral services for Max E. Goeken, age 75 of Spencer, Neb., were held on Monday, Jan. 14, 2013, at 10:30 a.m. at Brockhaus Funeral Home in Spencer. Reverend Grant H. Graff officiated, with interment at the National Cemetery in Spencer.

Max Goeken died at his home on Jan. 8, 2013, following complications from surgery.

Max Elvyn Goeken, son of Max and Pauline (Breeden) Goeken, was born June 4, 1937, in Salina. Max graduated from Lenora High School in 1955. On July 9, 1959, he was married to Karen Beaver. To this union, three children were born: Susan Marie, John Michael, and Cynthia Ann. On April 5, 1969, Max married Rita Hambek Hood. On September 21, 2002, Max and Rita were remarried at a garden ceremony in Lenora.

Max was a hard worker. He worked for Nebraska Public Power, did some farming, and drove truck for Swift, Coast to Coast, Gary Scheinost, and Crete Carriers. Max's favorite



job was being an oil rig driller. He loved to work in his yard, and was very proud of it. It was not unusual to see Max and his beloved dog, Duke, sharing the seat of the John Deere lawn mower. Duke was Max's constant companion.

Max was a member of the Fraternal Order of Elks for 18 years. He served in several offices. Max was very involved with the Boy Scouts of America.

to read and watch old western movies. He loved his daughters cinnamon rolls (what a smile they would bring!) Max also loved watching little kids; he so enjoyed his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Those left to cherish Max's memory are his wife and love of his life, Rita; his children, Susan of Lenora, John of Eugene, Ore., and Cynthia of Eugene, Ore.; step-children, Audie Hood of Spencer, Neb., Lonnie (Ursulla) Hood of O'Neill, Neb., and Libia (Gene) Morrill of Royal, Neb.; grandchildren; greatgrandchildren; beloved mother, Pauline Goeken of Lenora; mother-in-law, Libia Hambek of Verdigre, Neb.; brothers, James Goeken of Lenora, and Rick (Glenna) Goeken of Idaho Falls, Idaho; sister-in-law, Betty (Cecil) Mashino; numerous nieces and nephews; and "Duke."

his father, Max Goeken; ma-

## Gary L. Wiltfong Jan. 13, 2013

Gary L. Wiltfong, Phillipsburg, died Sunday, Jan. 13, 2013 at the Logan Manor Nursing Home in Logan, at the age

Gary is survived by his wife, Donna of the home in Logan; two brothers, Eugene and Glen, both of Norton; sister-in-law, Betty Wiltfong also of Norton; stepson, Monte Griffin of Speed; two step-daughters, Kathy Pabst

Mitt Romney to be honored at He was preceded in death by gallery, Jan. 22 is father. Max Goeken: ma

of Logan and Cindy Burton of Phillipsburg; 12 grandchildren; and 18 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at 2:30 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 17, at the Olliff-Boeve Memorial Chapel in Phillipsburg, with Pastor Joel Hiesterman officiating. Burial with military honors conducted by the Fort Riley Honor Guard will follow at the Norton Cemetery, Norton.

Gary will lie in state from noon until 9 p.m. on Tuesday and 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Wednesday at the funeral chapel.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Logan Manor Nursing Home or Hospice Services, Inc.

Olliff-Boeve Memorial Chapel, P.O. Box 563, Phillipsburg, KS 67661 is in charge of arrangements.



of 76.

He was a member of the Eagles Club and served as President at the O'Neill club. Max loved

ternal and paternal grandparents; and father-in-law, William Hambek.

#### Gordon Leonard Wilson Sept. 29, 1927 - Jan. 10, 2013

Gordon Leonard Wilson, son of Earl and Mabel (McClellan) Wilson, was born Sept. 29, 1927, in rural Oberlin, and passed away at the Schowalter Villa in Hesston, Kansas, on Jan. 10, 2013, at the age of 85.

Gordon grew up on a farm northwest of Oberlin where his father was a veterinarian. He attended Mt. Pleasant grade school and graduated from Decatur Community High School in 1945. He was very involved in partnering with his father in running a Purina Feed store and building the Star Motel. Gordon served his country in the U.S. Army in Korea. Gordon followed his entrepreneurial father in establishing the Highway Barbershop and Camper Park that he operated for over 50 years.

On Aug. 17, 1950, Gordon married Louise Black in Oberlin at the Assembly of God Church where they were lifelong members. They made their home in Oberlin and raised three sons. After Louise passed away in 1992, Gordon later married Vivian Willard, and after her passing married Wilma Jean Bland. Gordon moved to Hesston in 2009, to be closer to family.

Survivors include: two sons and their wives, Duane and Fayetta Wilson, Charlotte, N. C., and Evan and Phyllis Wilson, Wichita; one brother and his wife, Floyd and Phoebe Wilson, Mesa, Ariz.; seven grandchildren, Travis and wife, Suzanne Wilson, Austin, Texas; Mallory and husband, Jesus Chacon, Mt. Holly, N.C.; Sarah Wilson, Philadelphia, Pa.; PFC Seth Wilson, Seoul, South Korea; Aaron, Jennie, and Grace Wilson, Wichita; and six great-grandchildren.

Gordon was preceded in death by his parents, his three wives, Louise, Vivian, and Jean; one son, Royce; one brother, Merle; two sisters, Bernice and Doris; and one granddaughter, Kaylynn Wilson.

Funeral services were held on Monday, Jan. 14 at 2 p.m., at the Assembly of God Church in Oberlin and burial was in the Oberlin Cemetery.

Contributions can be given to the Gordon Wilson Memorial Fund.

Condolences may be sent to www.enfieldfh. com

Arrangements were by Enfield Funeral Home of Norton.

### Georgia Marie Goeken Jan. 8, 1932 - Jan. 11, 2013

Georgia Marie Goeken, daughter of George Michael and Emmaline Hattie (Wilnerd) Breiner, was born Jan. 8, 1932, in Edmond, and passed away at the Andbe Home in Norton, on Jan. 11, 2013, at the age of 81.

Georgia grew up in Edmond and attended the Edmond schools. Georgia made her home in Norton where she was a homemaker.

Survivors include: three children, Patty, and husband, Howard Cohen, of New Jersey; Victor and wife, Annette Goeken, of Missouri; and Barbara

Goeken, Norton; five grandchildren, Courtney, Lindsay, Mindy, Kelly, and Emily; two great-grandchildren, Quentin and Chason; one brother, Eldon Breiner, York, Neb.; other relatives and friends.

Georgia was preceded in death by her parents, one brother, Victor Breiner, and one sister, Dorothy Keiswetter.

Funeral services will be held on Thursday, Jan. 17 at 10 a.m. at the Enfield Funeral Home and inurnment at the Norton Cemeterv.

Contributions may be made

to the Georgia Goeken Memorial Fund.

Condolences can be sent to www.enfieldfh.com.

There will be no visitation. Arrangements are by Enfield Funeral Home of Norton.

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An Inaugural Event for Willard Mitt Romney will be held at the "They Also Ran Gallery," Norton, Kansas

Willard Mitt Romney, Republican challenger for the President of the United States of America, 2012 will be honored.

The Inaugural Event and Reception with coffee and cookies will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 22 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. with the Installation at 10 a.m. in the First State Bank-105 W. Main, Norton, Kansas-Upstairs in the "They Also Ran Gallery."

The "They Also Ran Gallery" has a custom of remembering those who came in second place in the race for President of the United States. The collection started in 1965 by William Walter Rouse, former owner and President of First State Bank. He conceived the idea after reading the book "They Also Ran" by Irving Stone. Mr. Rouse liked the book because it paid special attention to Horace Greeley. Mr. Rouse was on the committee that helped replicate the Stagecoach Station 15 in Norton, and knew that Greeley had passed through this area by stage in 1859. Greeley ran for president, but lost in 1872. Reading through the book, Rouse got the idea to honor these men and started collecting the copies of the portraits/photographs from the Library of Congress. First State Bank has kept the tradition alive and this month on January 22, the 60th addition to the collection will be installed as Willard Mitt Romney takes the next available spot on the wall. Please be our guest on this day and find out about one of Norton's attractions.



## Patsy Cline Tribute



