

# OBITUARIES

## Jessie E. Wolf

Aug. 21, 1918 - June 10, 2013

Jessie E. Wolf, 94, of Salina, died Monday, June 10, 2013. She was born to Otto Clyde and Samantha Caroline, “Clyde and Carrie” Joy at the family farm near Reamsville in Beaver Township of Smith County on Aug. 21, 1918. She attended Sunny Slope School and graduated from Smith Center High School. She married John Ernest Wolf Jr. on Aug.1, 1937. They lived on a farm in Smith County.

Jessie moved to Salina in the fall of 1993 following the deaths of her husband John in 1991 and oldest child Russell in 1992. In addition to John and Russell, Jessie was preceded in death by her daughter-in-law, Marilyn Jean (Underwood); sisters, Hattie Bell Ogle and Ada Lorene Kite, and her twin-brother, Charles Edwin Joy.



Survivors include two sons, Ernest Wolf and wife Valette, of Gardner and Roger Wolf and wife Karen, of Salina and; daughter, Nancy Bonawitz and husband Dean, of Salina; six grandchildren, Cynthia Glen-

## Roy L. Lighty

Jan. 11, 1925 - June 10, 2013

Roy L. Lighty, 88, Augusta, passed away Monday, June 10, 2013. Viewing will be Thursday, from 6 to 8 p.m. at Headley Funeral Chapel and services will be held at 10 a.m. on Friday, June 14, at Hope Community Church, Andover. Burial will follow in Kechi Cemetery.

Roy was born in Grant County, Kansas on Jan. 11, 1925, to the late Fanny Marie (Alexander) and Rolly John Lighty. He graduated from Anderson University with a Masters in Divinity and was ordained in 1954 as a minister in the Church of God, Anderson, Ind. Roy pastored at churches in Eureka, Norton, Hugoton, Murrysville, Pa., Craig and Fillmore, Mo., and Anthony. He also was a chaplain for Valley Hope Alcohol and Treatment Center in Norton.



On Sept. 1, 1951 in Arnold, Pa., he married Patsy (Collingwood) Lighty who survives him. He is also survived by

nmeier, Brenda K. Wolf, Lisa Wolf Tholen, Michael E. Wolf, Darren L. Bonawitz and Julie K. Butters and seven great-grandchildren, Ashley, J.R., Chad, Jake, Luke, Nick and Gavin.

Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. on Friday, June 14, at Ryan Mortuary, where the family will receive friends from 6 to 7 p.m.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday at Belmont Boulevard Christian Church, 2508 Belmont Boulevard, with the Rev. Tara Thompson officiating. Burial will be a 2:30 p.m. in the Fairview Cemetery, Smith Center.

Memorials may be made to Belmont Boulevard Christian Church, Windsor Estates Nursing Home or Hospice of Salina in care of Ryan Mortuary, 137 N. Eighth, Salina 67401.

daughter, Roanne L. Gale and husband Mark of Andover; son, R. Greg Lighty and wife Deena of Augusta; brothers, Kenneth of Anderson, Ind., and Clyde of Ulysses; sisters, Esther Cantley of Anderson, Ind., Roberta Faubion of Colorado Springs, Colo., Ruby McKinley of Colorado Springs, Colo., Verda Lewis, of Park City, Utah; grandchildren Andrew Gale (Autumn) of Indianapolis, Ind., Marli Gale of Andover, Maci Gale of Andover, Charles Lighty of Augusta; great-grandchild Eleanor Gale of Indianapolis, Ind.

He was preceded in death by brother Howard; grandson Mical Aaron Gale.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Hope Community Church or Anderson University Lighty Endowment.

## Conservation district to hold local work group

The Norton County Conservation District board of supervisors will hold a Local Work Group (LWG) meeting on Tuesday, June 18. The meeting will be held at 9 a.m. at the U.S.D.A. office in Norton.

“LWG’s are important, because they provide recommendations on local and state natural resources priorities and criteria for U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) conservation activities and programs to the NRCS Kansas Technical Committee (KTC),” said Greg Otter, chairperson on the Norton CCD.

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The responsibilities of the LWG’s are identified in the USDA Conservation Program Delivery Manual. The LWG’s recommendations will be reviewed by the KTC for submittal to USDA agencies.

“Ensure that a conservation needs assessment to identify priority resource concerns is developed using community stakeholder input and use the conservation needs assessment to help identify program funding needs and conservation practices.

“Recommend the USDA con-

servation program application and funding criteria, eligible practices (including limits on practice payments or units), and payment rates.

“Assist the NRCS and CCD’s with public outreach and information efforts, and identify educational and producers’ training needs.

For more information about LWG’s, or to become a member, contact your local CCD office or NRCS staff at the USDA Service Center.

## Tornado aftermath in WaKeeney

The whirling winds, torrential rain and pelting hailstones had passed before my brother, Roger, could get home that night in the 1950’s when a tornado ripped through the northwest corner of WaKeeney. By then we had fled the flooding basement of our destroyed house, fearing ruptured gas pipes would catch fire. After walking through the storm we at last found one neighbor’s home that still had a roof and begged shelter there. Meanwhile, Roger was frantically tossing chimney bricks right and left, searching for us in the ruins. Learning from a passing police car where most of us had gone, he came to find us.

The neighbors who had reluctantly given refuge to an ever-growing group of muddy, ragged and frightened people, were glad to get rid of at least three orphans of the storm. My sister-in-law’s parents welcomed us into their home, filthy and distraught as we were. Mrs. B provided warm, wet towels for clean up, hot drinks and warm hugs, while she made up beds for us all. Meanwhile Dad bandaged Mama’s feet, which were badly lacerated by plaster and glass shards. The restless few hours left of the night were filled with apprehension. At sunup we loaded into Roger’s car and went to survey the wreckage.

We just sat and stared at the discouraging scene that met our eyes. Nothing remained of the house but a partial center wall and the southwest corner of the kitchen. Splintered furniture lay in shambles. Dad’s new RCA radio was crushed. To the north, debris of all descriptions flapped

## Child of the '40s

Liza Deines



from the ragged tops of the elm tree windbreak. I remember seeing an iron swinging by its cord and a rubber Donald Duck toy I’d never seen before. The barn was gone. No one ever found the brand new corrugated iron roof of the chicken house, which was gone, leaving homeless a flock of crazed, de-feathered chickens wandering forlornly through a yard full of broken lath, crumbled plaster and tangled wires.

At last Dad got wearily out of the car and made his way to the concrete block of porch steps, which were upended, cockeyed. Lying at his feet was one of my childhood books, dustcover still intact. It pictured a horse and the title, “Tornado Boy”; he picked it up and threw it as far as he could. We started digging through rubble, searching for anything useable or even recognizable.

What was left? Good old Sears’n Roebuck golden oak! Our round dining room table had a huge gash in the top with green glass shards from a bud vase ground into the surface plus one broken pedestal leg. The matching chairs and buffet made it through with scars and broken legs. Over the next year Dad sanded, refinished and rebuilt it all.

Mom rejoiced at finding her photo albums high and dry inside the buffet along with a box

of family pictures and her treasured Kodak camera. Our first electric refrigerator had a big dent in the door from chimney bricks that cascaded down the front but it ran when the power came back on. Some of Dad’s tools remained on the ground where the barn had been. Mom’s cedar chest, badly scarred and without legs, was found fallen through the flooring, held safe by a floor joist, contents intact. The Singer sewing machine, rescued from under a fallen wall and a load of plaster, lived on for many a sewing project. A little blue crock, a pink glass cake plate, and a cobalt blue pitcher were among the few dishes that emerged unbroken.

The Red Cross set up in the City Building and provided us with JC Penney vouchers since none of us had a stitch of clothing left. A working buddy of Dad’s called from their Florida vacation home and told us to move into their house for the three months they’d be gone. Cousin Eva took me to stay with her in Hill City until the folks got on their feet. People from everywhere came to help - church worker crews, including a group of Amish from Hutchinson, family with trucks to salvage what could be saved, old friends, even total strangers.

Sixty years later I remember every one of you and thank you for your loving care. God bless you all.

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## Disaster funds to help with recovery

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack announced Monday, June 10, that USDA’s Natural Resources Conservation Service will send an additional \$66.8 million in Emergency Watershed Protection Program funds to help disaster recovery efforts in 15 states.

“This funding will help communities implement much needed recovery projects to address watershed damage caused by floods, drought, hurricanes and other natural disasters that occurred in 2012 and 2013,” Vilsack said. “President Obama and USDA are committed to helping repair and rebuild rural communities so hardworking farmers and ranchers can ensure American agriculture remains a bright spot in our nation’s economy.”

NRCS’s Emergency Watershed Program has successfully helped many communities recover from previous natural disasters across the country by providing on-site technical

and financial assistance. This money will help implement all requested recovery projects that were in presidentially declared disaster areas. Examples of conditions qualifying for assistance include: debris-clogged stream channels, undermined and unstable stream banks, jeopardized water control structures and public infrastructures, and wind-borne debris removal.

The largest portion of the funds announced today will go to Colorado, which will receive more than \$19 million for recovery from one of the worst fire seasons in the state’s history. In 2012, more than 200,000 acres burned, taking more than 600 homes and other structures with them.

Florida, Louisiana, Minnesota, Mississippi, New York, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Utah, Wisconsin, Kansas, Kentucky, Maine, New Mexico and Ohio will receive the rest of the funds.

In addition to this recovery funding, NRCS is responding to the recent Oklahoma tornados and has already allocated about \$500,000 in emergency funding to begin work on sites that pose significant hazards.

NRCS already allocated \$5.6 million in recovery money to Hurricane Sandy states and will have up to \$165.4 million more this summer for floodplain easements. EWP can provide funding for purchasing floodplain easements in areas consistently prone to flooding. Permanently protecting floodplains can restore natural flood buffers, conserve fish and wildlife habitat and improve water quality, while safeguarding lives and property from floods, drought and erosion.

For more information about USDA’s Emergency Watershed Protection Program, please visit: <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/national/programs/landscape/ewpp/>.

## CLUB NEWS

The Norton After-5 Club would like to invite all area women and their guests to attend the June dinner and meeting on Thursday, June 20, at 6:30 p.m., at the Town and Country Kitchen on East US-36. The cost for the dinner and meeting is \$10 per person. Reservations should be made by Tuesday, June 18 by calling Joy Johnson (874-4706).

“OLDIES BUT GOODIES”

The Norton TOPS, Take Off Pounds Sensibly, weight loss support group excelled in the recently ended Kansas Governor’s Weight Loss Challenge. The Norton group had two teams that finished in the top five for all Kansas TOPS teams. Norton team #2 finished 1st and Norton team #1 finished 4th. Kansas has 166 support groups in Kansas and many had multiple teams. You can visit the Norton group and join for only \$28 per year.

The Norton TOPS group meets every Monday at 7 p.m. at the Norton Methodist Church (Fellowship Hall), 805 W. Wilberforce.

For more information about TOPS, contact Monty at 316-755-1055 or mbednasek@yahoo.com.

is the theme for the evening. The special music for the evening is “DOO-WAH DITTIES,” presented by LeAnn Shearer and Larry Henderson, local musical performers who will present swinging tunes from the fifties.

The Norton After-5 Club is proud to welcome as its speaker for the evening, Jan Smith, Olathe. An interior designer, Ms.

Smith talks about the pressure of always putting your best foot forward in “YAKETY-YAK”.

The Norton After-5 Club is non-denominational and represents clubs throughout the United States and internationally in 65 countries. All area women are invited to attend.



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### A GRAVESIDE SERVICE FOR Barbara Gilhousen

Will be held at the Norton Cemetery

Saturday, June 15 at 2:00 p.m.

Barbara died in Overland Park on Nov. 6, 2012

She was 93 years of age.

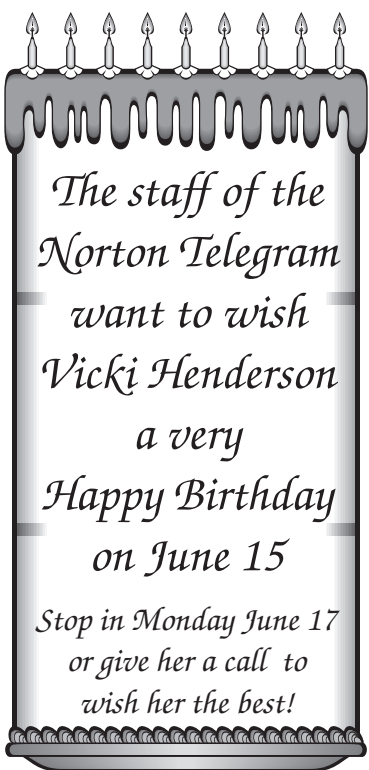
She lived and was active in the Norton Community for nearly 80 of those years. Her full obituary was published in the November 13 edition of the Norton Telegram

### ATTENTION NORTON RESIDENTS!

The Norton Farmer’s Market will start on Saturday June 15 from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m.

at the Veterans Memorial Park across from Shopko

Produce, Baked Goods and Jellies!!!



June 14- June 19

Showing at the

NORTON THEATRE

Fast and the Furious 6

2 Hours, 21 Minutes (PG-13)

Fri. and Sat.: 7:00 and 9:45 p.m.

Sunday: 5:00 and 7:45 p.m.

Mon., Tues., Wed.: 7:00 p.m.

Man of Steel

2 Hours, 33 Minutes (PG-13)

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COMING SOON

Fast and the Furious 6 is a Non-Premiere movie - \$7.00 and \$6.00. \$3/bx on Sunday

Man of Steel is a Premiere movie - \$7.00 and \$6.00. No Sunday discount

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The Lone Ranger (PG-13)

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