

# OBITUARIES

## Virginia Morris

Aug. 29, 1933 - Nov. 6, 2013



She is survived by her brother, Max Walker and his wife, Caroline, of Meeker, Okla.; her three children, Audrey Feuge of Sugar Land, Texas, Steve Seuser of Washington, D.C., and Dwight Seuser of Chico, Calif.; three grandchildren, Corey Feuge of Sugar Land, Texas and Steven and Anna Seuser of Oswego, Ill.; and several nieces and nephews.

A funeral service were held Monday, Nov. 11, at 11 a.m. at the Free Methodist Church in McPherson. Private burial will be in McPherson Cemetery.

Visitation was from 4 to 6 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 10, at Stockham Family Funeral Home.

Memorial donations may be given to the Free Methodist Church in care of Stockham Family Funeral Home, 205 N. Chestnut, McPherson, KS 67460.

Personal condolences may be posted online at [www.stockhamfamily.com](http://www.stockhamfamily.com).

Virginia Morris, 80, of McPherson, died peacefully at McPherson Hospital on Sunday, Nov. 6, 2013.

She was born Aug. 29, 1933, in Norton, Kansas to Fred and Felice Walker, the second of four siblings. She grew up on a farm near Lenora, graduated from Lenora High School, and attended Fort Hays State University, where she was the first in her family to earn a college degree.

While attending college, she met and married Lester Seuser. They had three children, Audrey, Steve, and Dwight, and lived on a farm in Rush County, Kansas. In 1973, she moved to McPherson, where she purchased and operated the El Morocco Motel. She later worked in food service.

She loved living in McPherson. She had a strong faith in God, and the Free Methodist Church and her church family there were very important to her. She became a quilt-maker

and made gifts for her family. She loved gardening and going to see live theater and live music. Her two dogs were her steady companions. Going to YMCA exercise classes and the library were important parts of her daily routine.

She was preceded in death by her sisters, Carmen Cook and Phyllis Annon.

## Hunters breakfast!



Darren McMullen and his son Andrew took advantage of one of the early morning hunters breakfasts offered on Saturday morning. Despite low numbers of pheasants, hunters from all over showed up to give it a try. The attitude was they came to hunt but spending time with host families is probably the biggest part of the hunting season.

— Telegram photo by Dana Paxton

## A talent that's literally a work of art

By Ron Wilson

Huck Boyd Institute

San Dimas, Calif. An art show is underway. Among the beautiful works of art on display is a painting by an artist from halfway across the continent in Kansas. It's an example of the beautiful color and realism with which this artist depicts rural life.

Don Dane is this artist whose artwork has traveled across the country. His home and studio are in Olathe, Kan.

Don grew up in rural Missouri where his father was a Baptist minister and served various small churches around the Ozark region. Within the family home, his mother nurtured high moral standards which Don has carried forward with him.

As a child, Don liked to draw and he took art classes in high school. After attending technical college, he got a job with United Telephone — now Sprint — in design and drafting and ultimately became a telephone engineer.

In 1982, Sprint transferred Don from Jefferson City, Mo. to the Kansas City area. Don and his family eventually settled in Olathe. He enjoyed going to the many arts and crafts shows around there and decided to try selling some artwork himself.

His original medium was graphite pencil but eventually he transitioned to watercolor and oil. He depicted all types of subjects.

"I painted anything and everything, but I liked the rustic subjects the best," he said.

Then Don visited the National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum in Oklahoma City, Okla. and was very impressed with the western-themed art work that he saw, produced by

the very finest western artists. After visiting a rodeo school near Olathe, he decided to focus on cowboy and western art.

In the late 1980s Don began to concentrate on his art career. In 2002 he retired from Sprint so as to devote full time to his artistic pursuit. He is a self-taught artist, although he has participated in professional workshops and art classes from Johnson County Community College and the Scottsdale Art School. He has worked with artists such as Michael Sweargin and watercolorist William Matthews from Denver.

Today, Don Dane has become widely known for his portrayals of the American West, cowboys and the rural way of life. In fact, his artwork has been part of art shows from Kentucky to California. He produced cover artwork for Cowboy magazine and has been included in ART-BOOK of the New West, Western Horseman, American Cowboy, Southwest Art, Western Art Collector magazine and more.

Don has received numerous awards, such as first place for painting at shows in the Kansas communities of Olathe, Kansas City and Winfield. He received the Award of Excellence in Lincoln, Neb.

In 2011, Don was commissioned by the State of Kansas through the Kansas Lottery Commission to create a painting representative of the state's 150th anniversary. The painting image was then printed onto one of the Kansas Lottery's tickets. The original painting is part of the second chance prize to be awarded to the winning ticket.

One of Don's specialties is developing custom posters for special events. Those occasions have included events at Pigeon

Forge, Tenn.; Silver Dollar City in Branson, Mo.; Cal Farley's Boys Ranch in Texas and several locations around Kansas. One of those was a cowboy gathering at the rural community of Alma, Kan., population 1,504 people. Now, that's rural.

He enjoys visiting working ranches and taking photos of cowboys at work, which enables him to paint those scenes from the photo references. He has visited the Pitchfork Ranch and the Four Sixes Ranch in Texas plus Rod Moyer's ranch near Junction City, Kan.

"I find the cattle ranches provide what I call a one-stop-shop of everything I look for in authenticity," Don said. He focuses mainly on western-themed subjects but does not limit himself to only the western genre.

For more information on his fine art, go to [www.dondane.com](http://www.dondane.com).

San Dimas, Calif. Here at the 35th National Western Art Exhibition and Sale, we find artwork by Don Dane from halfway across the continent in Olathe, Kan. We commend Don Dane for making a difference by using his creative talents to depict and celebrate the rural way of life. His talent is literally a work of art.

The expiration date for filing applications for Emergency Disaster (EM) loans by farmers and ranchers in Decatur, Norton and Phillips Counties is Dec. 10, 2013, according to Pat L. Bohl, Farm Loan Officer for the Farm Service Agency (FSA).

Bohl advised that those needing farm credit as a result of drought on April 2, and continuing and who think they are eligible for FSA assistance, should make their applications at the Norton County FSA Office, 11506 Pineview Dr., Norton, Kansas, before the expiration date.

"Loans covering physical and/or production losses are scheduled for repayment as rapidly as feasible, consistent with the applicant's reasonable ability to pay," said Bohl. The current interest rate for November is 3.125 percent, but is subject to monthly changes until the loan is approved.

FSA's Farm Loan Programs staff is committed to new and existing customers, FSA customer goals and our rural communities. FSA's service extends

beyond the typical loan, offering FSA customers ongoing consultation, advice and creative ways to make your farm business thrive. At the Farm Service Agency, we want to be your lender of first opportunity to overcome these adverse weather conditions and rebuild your operation to get back on track. FSA's loan staff can refer customers to other public and commercial financing sources that can serve as a blend with FSA's farm loan programs.

FSA loans covering physical losses may be used to replace installations, equipment, livestock, or buildings (including homes), lost through disaster.

FSA loans covering production losses may be used to buy feed, seed, fertilizer, livestock, or to make payments on real estate and chattel debts. "Funds can also be used for other essential operating and living expenses," Bohl said.

To be eligible for an emergency disaster loan, an applicant must be operating a family size farm or ranch, must be able to get credit elsewhere, and must

have suffered a qualifying physical and/or production loss from the disaster.

Farmers who suffered at least 30 percent reduction to at least one cropping enterprise, may have a qualifying production loss. Emergency disaster production loss loans cover 100 percent of qualifying losses.

Farmers and ranchers that think they may be eligible should contact the FSA County Office in Norton, Kansas or call (785) 877-5156, for additional information and how to apply.



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## Norton Lions Club Pancake Feed Saturday, November 16

7:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Norton Senior Citizens Center

Serving Pancakes, Sausage, Orange Juice and Coffee  
Sausage Donated by Husky Hogs  
\$4.00 Adults; \$2.50 Students; 5 & Under Free



### FREE MOBILE SCREENING

7:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., Norton Senior Citizens Center  
Get screened for sight, hearing and blood sugar, etc.

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**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16**

9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

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Nov. 8- Nov. 13

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THURSDAY, NOV. 21 - THE HUNGER GAMES  
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## MEALS ON WHEELS

The schedule for Meals on Wheels for Nov. 11, 2013 through Jan. 5, 2014 is as follows:

Nov. 11-17, Community volunteers - contact: Alice Hawks (877-3351)

Nov. 18-24, Immanuel Lutheran Church - contact: Fonda Lawrence (877-3145)

Nov. 25-Dec. 1, Norton Lions Club - contact: Jon Boxler (877-5128)

Dec. 2-8, Women's Council Christian Church - contact: Christian Church (877-2871)

Dec. 9-15, 1) Midwest Energy - contact: Midwest Energy (800-222-3121), 2) Norton County Service Center - contact: Nancy Hager (877-3351)

Dec. 16-22, Community volunteers - contact: Alice Hawks (877-3351)

Dec. 23-29, Norton Rotary Club - contact: Gloria Zwickle (877-3928)

Dec. 30-Jan. 5, Child Study Club - contact: Amy Menagh (877-3238)

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