

# Obituaries

## Florence Mae VanVleet Moyer July 20, 1908 - Dec. 20, 2008

Florence Mae Moyer, 100, died Saturday, Dec. 20, 2008, at the Cheyenne County Hospital in St. Francis, Kan. She was born July 20, 1908, on the family farm at Danbury, Neb., to Oscar and Mae (Harris) VanVleet. She attended school in Danbury and was baptized into the Methodist Church as a young girl.

On July 6, 1925, she was united in marriage to Orville H. Moyer, also of Danbury. In 1932, Florence and Orville adopted two sons, Dale and Doran. They farmed until Orville's health caused them to sell the farm in 1967. They lived in Danbury until 1976 when they moved to St. Francis.

At the age of 18, she joined the Rebekah Lodge 210 at Lebanon, Neb., and was a faithful member from 1925. She was also a member of the Royal Neighbor Lodge 1756, and a member of the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 276 at Danbury. After moving to St. Francis, she transferred her Rebekah Lodge membership to the Rising Star 675 and was a Past Noble Grand.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Orville; parents, brothers, Earl and Clarence VanVleet, sisters Pearl Van Vleet and Dorothy Burrus, son Dale Moyer

and one infant grandson. Survivors include son, Doran and wife Phyllis of Brush, Colo.; grandchildren Debbie and Robert Mitchell, Trudy and Charles Forbes, Mary Ann and Charles Dean, Joel Moyer, Lori and Dennis Hinson, Cindy and Rich Hasty, Ken Moyer and Christy Miller, and Gene and Jan Moyer. She is also survived by 17 great-grandchildren and nine great-great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Services were held Tuesday, Dec. 23, at the United Methodist Church in St. Francis with the Rev. Morita Truman officiating. Rebekah services were held at the church. Interment was in the Danbury-Marion Cemetery at Danbury.

Casket bearers were grandchildren and great-grandchildren, Joel Moyer, Mason Mitchell, Jeff Forbes, Dennis Hinson, Garrett Hinson, Ken Moyer and Jason Kunkle.

Memorials may be left to the United Methodist Church, Rebekah Lodge, Senior Center or Good Samaritan Village, St. Francis.

Arrangements were made by Knodel Funeral Home, St. Francis.

## Roger Dale Pinnell

Sept. 1, 1945 - Dec. 23, 2008

Roger Dale Pinnell died on Dec. 23, 2008, as a result of cancer.

Roger was born on Sept. 1, 1945, to Leona and Judd Pinnell in White Sulphur Springs, W. Va., where he graduated from high school, then traveled most of the United States.

He is survived by his sister, Ruth (husband Jack), and nephews, John Figg of Austin, Texas, and Scott Figg (wife, Donna), and nephews, Travis and Kyle of Eagle, Colo., brother, Gordon (wife Charleen), nephews, Danny and Glen and niece, Carolyn; one brother-in-law Carby Hoke of Lewisburg, W. Va., and one sister-in-law, Virginia, of Bradenton, Fla. Other nieces and nephews in Maryland, Virginia, Florida and Texas are: Rose Mary, Sandy, Patty and Cindy Feury, Theda, Lynn, Connie and Julie; nephews - Kenny, Barry and Doug of West Virginia and Alabama.

Roger was preceded in death by his wife, Kathy, his parents, sisters, Theda Feury, Mary Hoke, and Dottie Kraeer; brothers, Jimmy and Charles.

On Oct. 1, 1976, Roger married Kathy Harkins. He worked with various construction projects and for several years, was owner of Pinnell Advertising Agency. He was very active in maintaining the home he and Kathy shared. He and Kathy loved traveling and especially enjoyed visits to West Virginia where they spent time with many friends.

His family said Roger was a very kind and big-hearted individual who loved helping others. He will be greatly missed.

Services were held at the First Christian Church in St. Francis on Saturday, Dec. 27.

Services were provided by Knodel Funeral Home in St. Francis.

## Shirley Joan Amack

Dec. 29, 1935 - Dec. 26, 2008

Shirley Joan Amack, 72, St. Francis, was killed in a car accident on Friday, Dec. 26, 2008.

She was born on Sunday, Dec. 29, 1935, to Olinda (Peter) and Murlin Donoho McClung on their farmstead 5 miles north and 2 miles east of Goodland. Shirley went to grade school in Goodland and graduated from Sherman County Community High School in 1954.

On Nov. 7, 1954, she and William "Bill" Henry Cecil were married in Goodland. Their home was on a farm northeast of St. Francis. They had an outhouse, had to carry water and there was no electricity. Shirley had come from a life with more modern conveniences so this was quite a culture shock. In 1955, when their first child was born, they lived in a small house on 8th Street in Goodland. Bill was a meat cutter and Shirley worked at the newspaper office.

They then moved near the Kuhrt Ranch on the Brubaker place northeast of Goodland. While there, there was a tornado warning and the family went to the Kuhrt Ranch and hid in an underground tunnel.

The couple raised their two children, Pam and Mike, on the Keller Ranch about 30 miles west of St. Francis. She was a homemaker and cooked for any extra hands at the ranch. Their boss, Ed Keller, always enjoyed coming out to the ranch to see what new creative decorating ideas Shirley came up with, such as the many uniquely painted patterns on the bathroom floor.

Bill was killed in a farm accident on Oct. 2, 1972. The family then moved to St. Francis.

## LaVonne L. L'Heureux

March 9, 1940 - Dec. 19, 2008

LaVonne L. L'Heureux, 68, died at the Dundy County Hospital in Benkelman, Neb., on Dec. 19, 2008. She was born March 9, 1940, in Campbell, Neb., to Lein and Charlotte (Hubert) L'Heureux.

She was employed as a government accountant.

Survivors include: one son,

She went to work for Bud Stuart at Stuart's Jewelry on Main Street. She then became the secretary for the Republican Valley Veterinarian Clinic, St. Francis. She worked for several different vets including Bill Panbacker, Tom Keller, Judy Baxter and Ron Maifield.

She was teased about the fact that each time the clinic was sold to a new owner, she was sold with it as each new boss would keep her on. She retired from the clinic in the summer of 2006 after 33 years.

On Sept. 3, 1981, she and Alvin Amack were married in St. Francis.

Preceding her in death were her father; step-father, Jim Hesse; and her first husband.

Survivors include her mother, Olinda Hesse of Goodland; a daughter, Pam (Doug) Whitson of Goodland; a son, Mike (Karen) Cecil of Goodland; three step-sons, John (Anita) Amack of St. Francis, Glenn Amack of Loop City, Neb. and Robert Amack of Denver; and four step-daughters, Patty (Neil) Zwegardt of St. Francis, Helen Kershaw of Dalton, Neb., Vickie Blea of Denver and Mary Ann (John) Cline of Benkelman, Neb.; three grandchildren; 18 step great-grandchildren; and nine step great-grandchildren.

Services were held on Tuesday, Dec. 30, at St Francis Community Church, 204 N. Quincy, St. Francis.

Arrangements were made by Knodel Funeral Home, St. Francis. Memorials may be made to the Shirley Amack Memorial and left at the funeral home.

## Rhonda Sue Switlik

Jan. 17, 1963 - Dec. 27, 2008

Rhonda Sue Switlik, 45, Cameron, Mo., died at her home on Dec. 27, 2008, following a difficult battle of cancer.

Rhonda was born on Jan. 17, 1963, in St. Francis, Kan., and was the daughter of Gus and Charlene (Langston) Lippert.

She graduated from Idalia, Colo., High School in 1981.

Rhonda married William "Bill" Patrick Switlik on June 4, 1988, in Cameron.

She managed several businesses in Cameron, including, Subway, Dollar General and Kum and Go.

Rhonda attended the Church of the Nazarene in Cameron.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents, Roy and Maymie Langston, Anna and Gottlieb Lippert; aunts and uncles, Richard Langston, Leroy Langston and Jerry

Jones, brother-in-law, Don Mull. Rhonda had three children, Jessica Dawn Switlik, Dana Lynn Switlik and Jamie Marie Switlik. She invested her love and energy into her family and career.

Rhonda is survived by her parents, husband, daughters, her siblings, Rebecca Mull, Richard Lippert and friend, Bobbi; brothers and sisters-in-laws, Joe Switlik, Thomas Switlik and wife, Zeta, Mary Ellen Switlik, Matthew Switlik and wife, Sheila; many nieces and nephews.

Services were held on Wednesday, Dec. 31, at the Church of the Nazarene, Cameron. Burial was in the Packard Cemetery, Cameron.

A memorial can be given to Comfort Care Hospice and/or American Cancer Society. Online condolences: www.polandthompson.com.

## BUSINESS

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Carmichael, and Ty Carmichael have all pitched in smoking and packaging the product. Sherry Carmichael, Robyn and Wade's mom, is also there every step of the way.

"It took a lot of research and patience to make sure everything was in place before opening," said Mrs. Raile. "We wanted it right."

Mrs. Raile added that Cathy Domsch, executive director Century II Development Foundation, and Century II Board, have helped tremendously by giving her business information and contact people for her research.

When remodeled on the inside, the building has space for equipment, personnel, and has passed the necessary state and United States Department of Agriculture food inspections. Mr. Raile stated "As the business grows we are looking forward to expanding and hiring additional people to help in production."

Operating at 215 S Bird Ave, as Monty's Smoked Jerky, the business opened during the Christmas holiday and is looking forward to the new year.

"We have the state level certification to sell beef jerky, and the business is now awaiting USDA certification to launch national marketing," said Mrs. Raile, plant manager.

Both the Carmichael and the Raile families look forward to the

challenges of building the company together. Mr. Raile added we see this as a wonderful opportunity to lead by example for our children.

"It is exciting to be part of such an entrepreneurial family," said Ms. Reimer.

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callers to be at the rules meeting at 5:30 on Friday, Jan. 9. There will be a Friday night meal.

Callers are urged to come early to check out the sponsor booths and products. It is also a great time for callers to meet and swap calling techniques. The doors at the fairground building will open at 3 p.m.

On Sunday, all callers will meet back at the fairgrounds with their catch at 3 p.m. They are allowed to call in any of the surrounding states. There are 12 places paid in the Predator Sniper Class and nine places are paid in the Sportsman's Warehouse Class. There will also be a "Big Dog" and "Little Dog" contest with eight places in both classes being recognized.

People are welcome to come out the fairgrounds and see the activities, look at the booths and talk to the callers. There will be more information in next week's papers.



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