

# Obituaries

## Iva Marie McCarty Milne

April 2, 1925 - Feb. 26, 2009

Iva Marie McCarty Milne, 83, died on Feb. 26, 2009, at Centennial Park in North Platte, Neb. Marie was born on April 2, 1925, to James and Lulu Force McCarty in Oneida, Kan.



Milne

Marie married David Henry Milne on Aug. 26, 1945, at her parent's home in Oneida. Three sons were born to this union, David Edward, Charles Dale, and Jon Lee. Marie and her husband farmed in Oneida, where they raised their family.

In 1974, they moved to Denver. In Denver, she was employed at Fitzsimmons Army Medical Center. She retired from Fitzsimmons in 1987 and moved to St. Francis. She moved to North Platte in September 1996, to be near family.

Marie is survived by her sons and daughters-in-law: David (Deanna) Milne of North Platte, Charles (Nellie) Milne of Great Bend, and Jon (Susan) Milne of North Platte; 10 grandchildren: Tammy (Darren) Weinman of Arnold, Neb., Kim (Dan) Doggett of Gretna, Neb., Travis (Jennifer) Milne of St. Francis, Amanda (Glenn) Mahon of Haigler, Neb.,

Mike and Christi Milne of Kansas City, Brandon (Dee) Milne of Cleveland, Ohio, Chuck Milne (Rachael) and Patrick (Jenn) Milne of North Platte, Sarah (John Hajek) Milne of Hastings; four step-grandchildren: Brenda (Tod) Morgan, Rick (Lasha) Koch, Dan Koch all of Sabetha and Jessica (Dairold) Lambert of Seminole, Texas; eight great-grandchildren: Shavonne, Brady and Ashton Weinman of Arnold, Scott and Hayden Doggett of Gretna, Nolan and IvaMae Milne of North Platte, and Reagan Milne of St. Francis; 16 step-great-grandchildren; one sister Kay Hewitt of Green River, Wyo., and many nieces and nephews.

Marie was preceded in death by her parents; husband; sister, Reva Brunner; brother, Dale McCarty; brothers-in-law Eli Brunner and Bert Hewitt; sister-in-law Vyrus McCarty; one niece Margaret; one nephew Steve Hewitt; one grandson, Scotty David Milne and one step-grandson, J.J. Jimenez.

Memorials will be given to the Alzheimer's Association.

Funeral services were Tuesday, March 3, at Carpenter Memorial Chapel. Burial was at Fort McPherson National Cemetery near Maxwell. Online condolences may be shared at [www.carpentermemorial.com](http://www.carpentermemorial.com)

## L. Virginia (Clegg) Harford

Aug. 8, 1918 - March 3, 2009

Virginia Clegg Harford was born Aug. 8, 1918, at Sanborn, Neb., to Lee and Florence Clegg. Her given name was Lorna Virginia, but family tradition had the middle name as the one commonly used.



Harford

Virginia attended her first three years of school at the Sanborn School before moving to Haigler, Neb., with her family where she was enrolled in Haigler Public Schools. Upon graduation it was decided that she would go to California where her mother's three sisters lived and do some post graduate work at Bell High School in Los Angeles, where she received another diploma. Having had music lessons all through her schooling years, and having played for Sunday evening church services and the Haigler Orchestra, Virginia continued her career with music lessons at Bell High School and also from the Los Angeles Music Conservatory. Virginia was apprehensive about leaving Haigler and her future husband, Don Harford, behind.

When she returned from California, Virginia went to Chadron State Teacher's College to get a teaching certificate. At that time, one could obtain a certificate to teach in nine months. Upon completing her certificate, she returned to the area where she taught first and second grades at Parks Public Schools in Parks, Neb., for two years. During that time, she went back to Chadron over the summer to obtain her Primary School Teaching Methods certificate.

Virginia and Don dated for seven years, and were engaged for two before they were married on Sept. 1, 1939, which happened to be her parent's 22nd anniversary. Their wedding was a beautiful, simple ceremony at her parent's home in Haigler. They were married by the Reverend John Stayton in the presence of their immediate family.

The newlyweds made their home north of Haigler in the Sandhills in the home Don's parents had homesteaded. To this union, two children were born, Karen and Gail. Many memories came from their marriage that spanned 69 1/2 years.

Virginia belonged to many clubs and organizations which included the Sandhill Butterfly Extension Club; the 75 Club; Womens Society of Christian Service, which in later years became known as the United Methodist Women; the Nebraska Farm Bureau; the Nebraska Federation of Women's Clubs; and the National Cattlewomen's Association. She was a 4-H leader while her children were active in 4-H, and had a special interest in entomology, cooking, and bird clubs. She and Don also enjoyed square dancing in the early years of their marriage.

On May 20, 1934, Virginia joined the Haigler United Methodist Church. The church and its activities were a large part of her life. She loved music and sang in a quartet for funerals.

Virginia also enjoyed gardening and took pride in the flowers she would grow in the sandy soil.

Watching birds in their yard was a great pastime for her and one could always find a bird book close at hand as she would always identify each new bird that might stop at the bird feeder or bird bath. Virginia never quit working on the family history project that she and Karen started in 1961. She would spend hours putting photos and news clippings into albums and kept the information updated as much as possible. She was always there to help her children and grandchildren with 4-H projects and school homework, as she, over the years, had collected pictures that she thought might be useful for a project.

In the later years of their marriage, Virginia and Don enjoyed traveling to different places in the U.S. and abroad. Some of their trips took them to the Alaska Highway, where they were the "pick up and supply team" with their suburban when they traveled with a local motorcycle team. They also visited the Holy Land, the Passion Play in Germany and many other spots of interest in the United States of America.

On Tuesday, March 3, 2009, Virginia died at Hillcrest Care Center in Wray, Colo., at the age of 90 years.

Virginia is preceded in death by her parents, Lee and Florence Clegg; brothers, Stanley Clegg, Neal Clegg, and Kent Clegg; brother-in-law, Ray Harford; and her father and mother-in-law, Harry and Margaret Harford.

She leaves to mourn her loving husband, Don Harford; daughter Karen Harford; son Gail Harford and wife, Wanda, all of Haigler; eight grandchildren, Ty Mayo and wife, Laura, Torre Jones and wife, Seelu, Galen Mayo and fiancé Ashleigh Brooks, Sean Mayo and wife, Sarah, Brad Harford, Sharla Morlan and husband, Joe, Nicole Howard and husband, Travis, and Natalie Harford; two great-grandchildren, Barrett and Gwen Mayo; sisters-in-law, Melba Harford, Dorothy Clegg, and Doris Doyle; nieces and nephews, Linda Jones and husband, Gene, Glenda Brown, Ted Harford and wife, Vicky, Tom Harford and wife, Virginia, Janet McQuay, Steve Clegg and wife, Lonna, Jeanie Thompson and husband, Bill, Bob Clegg; and numerous other relatives and friends.

In her own words, written for a family history project her daughter, Karen was working on in 1980, she wrote: "I am thankful for many things: my good, wonderful husband; my loving children and grandchildren (and if written today she would also include her great-grandchildren); my comfortable home and security; my good health and many, many other blessings too numerous to mention. Life is a struggle at times, as I suppose it is with all people. We must keep striving and trying and loving and giving and working at our life and its problems." Virginia and Don shared life as a true adventure. Yes, Virginia was a loving wife and mother and a good neighbor. She will be greatly missed.

A funeral service to honor her life was Saturday, March 7, at the Haigler United Methodist Church in Haigler, with Pastor Carole Coates officiating. Interment followed at the Haigler Cemetery.

## Donald Browning

May 2, 1927 - Feb. 26, 2009

Donald Browning, age 82, St. Francis, Kan., died on Feb. 26, 2009, at the Citizens Medical Center in Colby.

Donald was the son of John Williams and Lucinda Pearl Browning (Troxel). He was born on May 2, 1927, in Granton, Neb. He served in two branches of the armed forces (Navy and Marines) and was a survivor of World War II.

On April 5, 1990, Donald married Alice Freeman at the Church of Christ in St. Francis. While married they were members of the Good Sam's Camping Club where they enjoyed camping and traveling around, and he enjoyed the companionship of his wife, Alice.

Don and Alice Browning made their home in St. Francis for several years before their death.

The survivors are one sister, Doris Anderson and husband, Norris, of St. Francis, Bub and Carol Browning, of Brighton, Colo.; two sons, Kerry Browning and his wife, Amanda, of Missions, S.D.,

## Alice D. Freeman Browning

Jan. 30, 1929 - Feb. 15, 2009

Alice D. Freeman Browning, was born Jan. 30, 1929, near Vin-ton, Iowa. She died Feb. 15, 2009, in Denver, Colo., after a long illness. Her mother was Nellie P (Seeley) Dunklee and her father was Walter B. Dunklee. She was their last child. Her oldest brother was Clark and her other brother was Reno. She grew up on an Iowa farm.

At the age of 20, she met D.M. Freeman. They were married one week later on Oct. 13, 1949, and moved to Caklam, Calif.

She is survived by her sons, Ben, born Aug. 17, 1950, Don, born Oct. 17, 1952, and Dave, born Oct. 11, 1955.

She was a good housekeeper, loving mom, Den Mother, very active in the Parent Teacher Association (PTA) and always good to everyone she knew and her pets.

In 1971, her first husband died, but was a great and understanding mother for her family. She has four grandchildren, her first was Ben's son, Christopher born in 1972, and the rest are Don's children, Liz, born in 1975, Vicki, born in 1976,

Bill Browning, of Colby; one daughter, Cheryl Browning, of Colby and several grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

Donald Browning was preceded in death by his wife, Alice Browning; his son, Ronald Browning, his daughter, Arleta Peterson; his parents, as well as brothers and sisters.

He and Alice will be sadly missed and loved by their family and friends.

Funeral services were held on March 4 at the First Christian Church in St. Francis with Pastor Jeff Landers officiating.

Casket bearers were Kerry Browning Jr., Jay Browning, Shane Jenkins, David Fisher, Mike Meyer and Troy Meyer.

Interment was in the St. Francis Cemetery. Military graveside services were by the Honor Guard of the United States Marine Corp.

Arrangements were by Knodel Funeral Home, St. Francis.

and Donny, born in 1979.

She met Don Browning in 1982, in New Mexico and married him on April 5, 1990, in St. Francis, Kan.

She was a great-grandma. Her first great-grandchild was Devante, born in 1994, to Liz. Liz gave her two more, Elijah in 1998 and Heaven in 2002 while Vicki gave her Katherin in 1998 and Travis in 2003.

She was planning on going to see her family in California next month for a few weeks.

Her family all loved her dearly and will always miss her.

She died shortly after her 80th birthday.

She was a good and loving woman and had a good life. She will be missed and well remembered.

Funeral services were held Feb. 21 at the First Christian Church in St. Francis with Pastor J.W. Glidewell officiating.

Interment was in the St. Francis Cemetery.

Arrangements were by Knodel Funeral Home, St. Francis.

## Helen Louise Payne

Feb. 19, 1938 - March 3, 2009

Helen Louise Payne was born to H.D. Lee and Oma Opal Lee in Exeter, Mo., on Feb. 19, 1938. Shortly after her birth, her parents moved to Kansas with her brothers, Lloyd and Ray.

After her formal education, she went to cosmetology school and would practice her trade, being licensed in two or three different states.

It was in Englewood, Colo., that she met the man she would share the rest of her life with. On May 26, 1979, Helen married Ray Lynn Payne, who would often be known as "Bucko." Ray was a truck driver for King Soopers for many years.

Helen began another love of her life...real estate and became a licensed agent. While they had no children, there were children from

## Vivian L. Jones

Sept. 20, 1938 - March 3, 2009

Vivian L. Jones, 70, Lincoln, Neb., died March 3, 2009, in Crete, Neb. She was born in Benkelman, Neb., to Charles and Harriett Draper on Sept. 20, 1938.

Survivors include her children, Robin Stevens, Omaha, Neb., Karl Wittstruck, South Dakota; Vicky Winkler, Omaha, Candace Bean, Lincoln, and Shane Jones, Lincoln; 12 grandchildren; brothers, Robert Draper, St. Francis; sis-

other marriages.

About 5 years ago, in 2004, Helen and Ray moved to Cheyenne County, Kan.

Helen is survived by her husband, Ray; her son, Randy Payne of Castle Rock, Colo.; brothers, Lloyd and wife, Doris, and Ray and wife, Jodie, all of Cheyenne County; grandchildren, Kyle Bowers and Robert Molesworth, as well as other nephews, nieces and many friends.

Helen died on March 3, 2009 in Denver, Colo.

Funeral services were held on March 7 at the Knodel Funeral Home, St. Francis, with Reverend Norman Morrow officiating.

Interment was in the Cheyenne Valley Cemetery, Wheeler.

Arrangements were by Knodel Funeral Home, St. Francis.

ters, Jody Lee, St. Francis; Phyllis Bexley, St. Francis.

She was preceded in death by her parents, brother, Bill Draper; sister, Raythel Reuber.

A memorial service was held March 6 at Lincoln Memorial Funeral Home, Lincoln. Interment was in Lincoln Memorial Park Cemetery.

Condolences may be left at [lincolnfh.com](http://lincolnfh.com).

## Ray Edwin Wagaman

Sept. 12, 1918 - Feb. 22, 2009

Ray Edwin Wagaman died on Feb. 22, 2009, at the age of 90 with his family at his side.

Ray was born on Sept. 12, 1918, to Frank and Willa Wagaman in Mack, Colo. He was the fifth child of six children with three brothers and two sisters.

Ray grew up in Mack and attended schools in Mack, Fruita, Colo., and Grand Junction, Colo., graduating from Grand Junction High School in 1935.

After graduation, Ray went to work for the J.C. Penney Company. He then met Thelma Walker and they were married on July 15, 1941, in Fort Lupton, Colo.

Ray and Thelma lived in Grand Junction where Ray worked for J.C. Penney until he entered the Army in 1942, and served in the Army Corps of Engineers for almost four years. He entered the Army as a Private, went to Officers' Candidate School in Virginia, became a 2nd Lieutenant and left the service with the rank of Captain. He received an honorable discharge in 1946. Ray served his country with much pride.

After leaving the service, he went back to work for Penney's in Grand Junction, then was transferred to several different stores, among them stores in Boulder, Colo., Longmont, Colo., Cheyenne, Wyo. and WaKeeney. After the store in WaKeeney was closed, Ray and Thelma returned to Boulder where they opened Broadway Fabrics and ran that store for 2 1/2 to 3 years. When they had to close the fabric store, Ray once again went back to work for the J.C. Penney Company until 1980 when he retired. His career with Penney's spanned 43 years.

Thelma also retired in 1980 from the University of Colorado where she had worked for several years.

Upon retirement, Ray worked part-time delivering airline tickets around the Boulder area for a local travel agency.

Ray was a member of the Mountain View Methodist Church, the Boulder Elks Club 566, and was

also active in the Foothills Kiwanis Club for many years.

He and Thelma loved to play golf, fish, travel and spend time with family and friends. Two of their favorite activities were spending time in a relative's cabin on Grand Mesa and taking the Elks football bus trips.

Ray and Thelma were married for 67 years. They took many trips to Alaska and Kansas to visit family. In the 1980s, they took their dream trip to the British Isles to meet some of Thelma's relatives.

Ray was preceded in death by his wife, Thelma, who died in September 2008; his parents; brothers, Paul Wagaman, Orval Wagaman, Dick Wagaman and their wives; and by his sister, Hazel Boardman and her husband; his sister, Mae Uhlemann of Greeley, Colo., sister-in-law, Arloa Stein and her husband, Don, of Idaho Springs, Colo., and brother-in-law, Paul Smith, of Longmont, Colo. Other survivors include daughters, Janice Pool and her husband, Chuck, of Ketchikan, Alaska, and Martha Schlittenhardt and her husband, Dan, of St. Francis; grandchildren, Laurie Pool of Ketchikan; Grant Pool, of Seattle, Wash., John Pool and wife, Angela, of Ketchikan; Jennifer Hoffman and husband, Joe, of St. Francis and Kristin Stevens and husband, Shannon, of McCook Neb. Ray's four great-grandchildren are Logan and Jackson Pool, of Ketchikan, Taylor Stevens, of McCook and Lane Hoffman, of St. Francis. He is also survived as well by numerous nephews, nieces and friends, all of whom have been a very special part of his life.

A memorial service will be held in early April at the Mountain View Methodist Church. The date for that will be announced later.

At Ray's request, in lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Laramie Hall through the Boulder Elk Lodge 566, 3975 28th Street, Boulder, CO 80304, or to the American Cancer Society Relay for Life, P.O. Box 921, Brighton CO 80601.

## Families are wanted for county history

A group of individuals from Rawlins County met Feb. 25 at the Atwood City Library to meet a book publisher from Missouri. The purpose of the meeting was to print a Rawlins County history book without repeating, but to complete the work already included in Volumes I and II. This volume will focus on material not contained in the first two volumes with particular emphasis on the last 20 years.

Families are being sought with histories that were not in the earlier volumes. All households, both old and new families, both previous and present residents will be included and published free of charge. Each entry should be signed "submitted by \_\_\_\_."

The group hired a family-owned business in Missouri, Bell Books, to preserve the history. The company requests that for the best photos, the copy should be black and white or color originals, if possible, not copies of photos. The photos will be returned to the owner after use.

The publisher encourages that the individuals entering the material for the book to write the story himself or herself. Help will be

available at a specified place and time later if anyone needs assistance in filling out their history.

After the new forms are ready, he encourages people interested in submitting their history to do it as soon as possible. However, the committee will be continuing to gather information through the summer months with a deadline of Aug. 15.

If all goes well, the book should be available at the end of the year or early next year. Each person submitting articles are encouraged to commit to purchasing the book and sending payment so an ample supply of books will be available at a pre-published price or extra copies may not be available.

The committee will continue to meet the third Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Atwood library to update each other on accomplishments and what needs to be done to meet goals. Forms completed sooner than when the committee meets will be called and the interested people who have been coming to the meetings will be contacted. Everyone is welcome to attend and be informed on the information needed.

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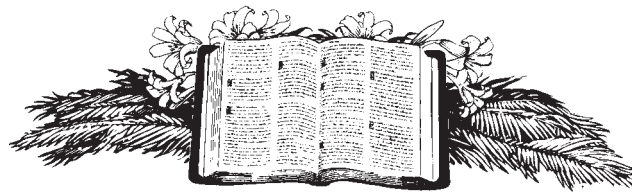
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Pursuant to K.S.A. 19-211(a)(4), and amendments thereto, the Cheyenne County Board of Commissioners has found that the building owned by Cheyenne County and formerly used as the EMS building is no longer needed for public purposes. The Cheyenne County Board of Commissioners has determined that it is in the best interests of the county to sell said property. The property is located in the Park Hill Addition to the City of St. Francis, Kansas, in Section 27, Township 03, Range 40. The legal description can be found in the offices of either the county clerk, register of deeds, or appraiser. The county appraised value is \$25,460. The sale of the building will be conducted by way of submitting sealed bids. Sealed bids will be opened at the Cheyenne County Board of Commissioner meeting on March 31st, 2009 at 9:00 A.M. Please send sealed bids to the Cheyenne County Clerk, PO Box 985, Saint Francis, KS 67756. K.S.A. 19-211(a)(4) provides that it must be published at least 2 times in the official county newspaper.