

Berniece "Arleene" (Keck) Touslee

April 26, 1918 - Dec. 17, 2009

Berniece Arleene (Keck) Touslee was born April 26, 1918, to Levi Sterling and Leone Mariah (Stricker-Deardorf) Keck in a stone house on the family farm north of Edson, Kan.

Attending school in Levant, Arleene loved to play basketball and was a very strong player. At the age of 16, she dropped out of high school when her mother became very ill with diabetes. When her mother recovered, Arleene returned to high school, graduating the following year.

Arleene married her high school sweetheart, William Ernest "Ernie" Touslee in a double-wedding ceremony with his brother Maurice "Sport" and Wanita (Ramey) in Colby on May 14, 1939.

Ernie enlisted in the United States Army in November of 1943, and they spent the next 3 years in Fort Knox, Ky.

They made their permanent home in St. Francis beginning in 1957 when they purchased the Ford Dealership. Arleene helped at the dealership as secretary until Ernie's death in 1980. She was then bookkeeper for Winco Products for many years.

While her kids were growing up, Arleene was always busy, she was a scout leader, loved to bowl, sewed and mended for the family, and attended all the school functions. Arleene loved company

young or old and after feeding them, she always had a joke or a game to play.

Her grandchildren loved to spend time with her and learned to make mud pies, snow cones, and have special tea parties with chocolate milk and toast on her special little tea set. Her house was always the gathering place for family dinners and card games where there was always an abundance of laughter.

Later in life, she loved helping granddaughter Kristi at her daycare, where great-grandson Adam and others nicknamed her Grandma "Leene." She also worked for Ross Manufacturing doing miscellaneous jobs.

As her eyesight began to fail, she depended more on son, Terry to help her around the house. When she was diagnosed with Alzheimer's, she needed full-time daily care so she moved to Oberlin with son Rick and wife Tammy. Tammy had a daycare in their home, where Arleene was able to help hold babies. As the Alzheimer's disease progressed, she moved to the Prairie Senior Living Center in Colby, where the nurses and staff were very loving in their care of her.

Arleene unexpectedly died on Dec. 17, 2009.

Preceding her in death were her parents; her husband, Ernie; brothers, Noel Deardoff, By-

ron Keck, Gerald "Jerry" Keck, Wayne "Short" Keck, Harold "Hoggy" Keck; sisters, Geneve Alleman, Ethyl Johnson, Laurel Alleman; grandson-in-law, Dave Biggs; along with several nieces and nephews.

Grateful for having shared her life are daughter, Carol (Gordon) Ross; son, Terry Touslee, St. Francis, daughter, Judy (Jim) Reynolds, Las Vegas, Nev.; son, Rick (Tammy) Touslee, Oberlin; grandchildren: Kristi (John) Guthmiller, Kathy Biggs, St. Francis, Kyle (Gretchen) Reynolds, Las Vegas, Ryan (Susette) Reynolds, Greeley, Colo., Lindsey (Brian) Nylander, Commerce City, Colo., Ricci Touslee, Portland, Ore., Brandon and Aimee Ritter, Amber Scott, Oberlin; great grandchildren, David, Sarah and Adam Guthmiller, Savannah, Madisyn, Riley and Logan Reynolds, Dylan and Alisha Reynolds, Hannah Turner, Gavyn Nylander, and Keylee Ritter.

Funeral services were held Dec. 21 at the United Methodist Church in St. Francis with Reverend Morita Truman officiating.

Casket bearers were Ryan Reynolds, John Guthmiller, David Guthmiller, Adam Guthmiller, Neal Rush and Lane Rush.

Interment was in the St. Francis Cemetery.

Arrangements were by Knodel Funeral Home.

Marvin Kenneth Zweygardt

Feb. 22, 1941 - Dec. 24, 2009

Marvin Kenneth Zweygardt, 68, of St. Francis, Kan., was born on Feb. 22, 1941, on the Zweygardt family farm outside of St. Francis. He was the youngest son of Tobe and Irene Zweygardt.

He died early in the morning of Thursday, Dec. 24, 2009.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Irene.

Survivors include his son, Jeff, of Lakewood, Colo., his father, Tobe, of St. Francis, his brother, Melvin, of Prairie City, Ore., and sisters, Delphine, of Albuquerque, N.M., and Darlene, of Midwest City, Okla.

Marv, or Ziggy, as his close friends called him, attended and graduated from school in St. Francis. In high school, Marv enjoyed sports including wrestling and football.

He always loved animals, even though he'd always grumble about having to milk the cows at 4 a.m.

After graduating from high school in 1959, he worked briefly at the Ideal Supermarket in the meat department, then at Zimbelman Motor Company.

In 1969, Marvin married Brenda Bracelin. They had one son, Jeff, in 1971.

In 1971, Marv also became a brand inspector for the state of Kansas, a job that he would work at for the next 35 years. Although brand inspecting was his main job, he also had many other side projects that kept him busy, including working in the ring at the St.

Francis Sale Barn, driving combine and helping the harvest crew, installing carpet, shoeing horses, and working at the Wray Ranchland, not to mention being a good husband and dad.

Marv was always well known for helping out his friends. Whether it was fixing lights on a trailer, helping feed cattle, or just chasing in a stray calf, he was always willing to help out.

Throughout the years, Marv enjoyed many hobbies. One of his favorite, and most famous, was his love of the rodeo. After trying his hand at bull riding, he decided on something a little safer... bulldogging. Anyone with a CB radio knew Marv's handle as "the Bulldogger." He also loved calf roping and team roping and competed at many rodeos and roping all around for many years. A highlight included entry in the National Western Stock Show, an event he always attended, even if not to compete.

Later in life, Marv took up golf. This would be his favorite pastime for many years. Just as he had enjoyed traveling the tri-state area going to rodeos, he was now found playing in golf tournaments when ever he had the chance. He did very well over the years, even scoring a hole in one in 1992. Another of Marv's favorite pastimes was watching old western movies. You could be sure if you stopped by and he wasn't watching sports he had the western channel on.

And to Marv, any movie that didn't have horses wasn't much of a movie at all.

Marv was always known for being an early riser, and for many years he was the early bird who made coffee for his friends at the Zimbelman Motor Company, All-Pro, and Mill and Seed. He was also notorious for "making the rounds" to see what was going on around town...usually before the rest of the town was even awake.

In recent years, Marv retired from his brand inspecting job. He spent much of his time making the rounds, visiting with friends over coffee or drinks at Riverside, and just taking it easy. He was a quiet, wonderful, yet stubborn man with a kind disposition. He was a loving friend, father, brother, and son who left a permanent mark on many hearts. Ziggy will be missed.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, Dec. 30, at Peace Lutheran Church in St. Francis.

Casket bearers were Roger Lauer, Roger Faulkender, Randy Dinkel, Kenny Bracelin, Butch Ewing, Ron Zimbelman and Eldon Zimbelman.

Interment was in the St. Francis Cemetery.

Knodel Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

A Cowboy's Prayer

May your horse never stumble,
Your cinch never break.

May your belly never grumble,
Your heart never ache.

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Mr. Lee said there was little traffic and no accidents.

Craig Van Allen, county sheriff, said officers had been patrolling the highways and, for the most part, people had been smart by staying off the roads.

School had already been dismissed but Christmas programs, candle-light services and church services were canceled. Many finished up their Christmas shopping in town and felt lucky that the stores had what they needed.

In Sherman County, Tom Betz, *Sherman County Star*, wrote that the ice had begun building up on the roads Tuesday evening and the area just seemed to be paralyzed with the blowing snow and blizzard conditions. Three fatal accidents killed four people.

On Tuesday, there were two fatal accidents reported between Colby and Goodland.

The first one on Tuesday was reported at 8:54 p.m., when a 2000 GMC pickup driven by John Mahon, 30, of Colorado Springs was driving east about a mile east of Goodland when he lost control on ice and hit the

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south ditch and appeared to roll two times ejecting the driver. The driver was taken to Goodland Regional Medical Center where he was pronounced dead at 9:36 p.m.

Sherman County Sheriff Kevin Butts said the driver was not wearing a seat belt.

The Kansas Highway Patrol reported an accident about 9 p.m. on Tuesday on I-70 near the west Colby exit killing two when the Toyota 4 Runner driving east spun out of control due to the icy conditions and crossed the median crashing into a semi traveling west.

The two people in the Toyota, Keely Trussell, 23, and Brandon Trussell, 25, of Fort Smith, Ark., died in the crash.

Kansas Troopers reported a three-vehicle accident on I-70, east of Colby at 9:40 p.m. The trooper's report said a pickup driving west lost control due to the weather and crossed the median into the east lanes and hit two SUVs.

Of the four people in the pickup, two had possible injuries. Alan Covell, 34, and Cathleen Covell, 28, of Copperas Cove, Texas, were taken to Citizens Medical Center in Colby. A 4-year-old boy and a 5-year-old girl were not injured.

The driver of one of the SUVs was injured and taken to the hospital in Colby. The condition of Alison Pierucci, 32, of Denver, is unknown.

East of Goodland the icy conditions caused numerous slide offs between the east I-70 exit and the first bridge east of town. Sherman County Fire and Rescue were called out to help at several accident sites, and sheriff deputies and state troopers were trying to slow traffic down because of the obvious slippery conditions.

Fire and rescue volunteers and an ambulance were called to another accident involving a van about midnight with six people being taken to the hospital.

With blizzard conditions Wednesday, sheriff deputies and troopers were called to a multi-car accident about two miles east of Goodland. Two people were trapped in one vehicle and the rescue crew had to get them

out. Sheriff Butts said deputy Jason Showalter worked the accident at 10:23 a.m. at mile post 21, where a 2007 Mercury driven by Ann Adams, 70, of Ashgrove, Mo., was driving west when she lost control after coming over a bridge and crossed the median and the two east lanes hitting a Dodge minivan head-on and spun off ending up in the ditch on the south side.

Adams and a passenger, Collette Smith, 15, from Maitland, Fla., in the Mercury had to be extricated by Sherman County Rural fire and rescue volunteers.

The 2001 Dodge minivan was driving east when hit head-on by the Mercury. The driver Jamie Zipter, 25, of Aurora was taken to the hospital for check up because she was pregnant. Passenger Chris Fossett, 30, of Aurora, was taken to the hospital with a broken leg.

His two sons were in the minivan, Aiden, 2, and Ethan, 3. Ethan was taken to the hospital where he was pronounced dead at 2:51 p.m.

Sheriff Butts said it was seriously icy, and there were lots of problems.

Trooper Joe Greene and Lt. Kevin Winston were out Wednesday afternoon.

Two Goodland hospital ambulances were called to the multi-car crash Wednesday afternoon, and the first took the injured boy and pregnant woman to the hospital and returned to pick up the last two injured people. A second ambulance had picked up the injured passenger and uninjured boy and took them to the hospital.

Lt. Winston was east of the overpass at exit 19 and saw a car slide on the bridge, hit the guardrail and slid to a stop behind him. At the time there were two other vehicles off the south side and another in the median in front of Lt. Winston.

City fire chief Brian James was out helping with slide offs at the east I-70 exit Wednesday afternoon.

Not many more slide offs were reported Wednesday night or Christmas Day.

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tificate from St. Francis Super's, a \$25 Busy Bee's B-E-E A Saver Savings Account from Bankwest of Kansas, a \$50 savings bond from Western State Bank, a baby gift from Owens True Value, a \$25 gift certificate from the St. Francis Equity, a baby gift from Krien Pharmacy, and a year's subscription to *The Saint Francis Herald* or *Bird City Times*.

The parents of the new baby will need to claim their gifts within 60 days after the birth.

Since most babies are not on schedule, it's hard telling when the first baby of 2010 will be born.

2009 First Baby of the Year

Last year's first baby was Amy Dianne, daughter of Vivana and Juan Yanez. She was born at the Cheyenne County Hospital in St. Francis on Jan. 12. She weighed 8 pounds, 1 ounce. and was 20-inches long.



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