

Obituaries

Linda Sue Coles

June 21, 1950 - March 31, 2007
Linda Coles died on March 31, 2007, at the hospital in Greeley, Colo.

Linda Sue was born to R.O. (Sport) and Anna (Weiss) Schlichenmayer at Kit Carson County Memorial Hospital in Burlington, Colo., on June 21, 1950.

Linda's early life was spent north of Bethune on her family's farm surrounded by her parents, five older siblings and a host of relatives and close family friends.

She graduated from Bethune High School in 1967 and attended Pikes Peak Institute of Medical Technology where she trained to be a medical assistant.

Linda married Robert Coles of Stratton, Colo., on June 14, 1969, and then spent many years living all over the United States and in Germany while Rob was in the Army.

They had two daughters, Meriah and Megan. They later moved back to Colorado and lived in Stratton. Linda and Rob eventually divorced but remained lifelong friends.

Linda later moved to St. Francis, Kan., where she lived with Jerry Feikert. She became an insurance agent at Leach Insurance Agency. She and Jerry had a wonderful life together riding motorcycles and traveling.

The most exciting events of this time in her life were becoming a grandmother to Temple Meloche and Kalen and Kaleb Feikert.

Survivors include her daughter, Meriah Meloche and husband Christopher of Boulder, Colo., daughter, Megan Coles of Richmond, Va.; sister, Geraldine Feikert of Lometa, Texas; brothers, Lee and wife, Jacque of Wray, Colo., and Dale and Roxanne of Greeley, Colo.; Blake and Stephanie Feikert of St. Francis; Brandi and James Wager of Colorado Springs, Colo., and three grandchildren, Temple, Kalen and Kaleb.

Preceding her in death were her parents, Sport and Anna Schlichenmayer, her sister, Phyllis, her brother, Ray and Gerald Feikert.

A Remembrance Service was held on Wednesday, April 4, at the Immanuel Lutheran Church in rural Bethune with Pastor Roger Millheim officiating.

Honorary pallbearers were Harold Adolph, Wilford Adolph, Dean Fisher, Eldon Kamla.

Casket bearers were Roy Schlichenmayer, Dave Schlichenmayer, Wade Schlichenmayer, Mark Schlichenmayer, Justin Schlichenmayer, Gary Leach.

Interment was in the Immanuel Lutheran Church Cemetery, rural Bethune.

Arrangements were by Knodel Funeral Home.

Betty Lou Getty

Sept. 13, 1926 - April 3, 2007

Betty Lou Getty, 80, was born Sept. 13, 1926, in Alma, Kan., to Melvin R. and Hazel L. (Jacobs) Cummings. She died April 3, 2007, at the Lawrence Memorial Hospital.

She was a member of the United Methodist Church in St. Francis, where she served as a church organist for 20 years. She was also a long-time member of PEO.

She married Richard N. Getty on May 1, 1948, in Alma. He survives of the home.

Other survivors include two daughters, Suzanne K. Dillon of Lawrence; Sarah Lynne Thomas, Richmond, Va., and three grandchildren.

An informal celebration of life gathering was held April 7 at the home.

Private inurnment will be in Phillipsburg at a later date.

Memorials may be made to Oncology Department at Lawrence Memorial Hospital and may be sent in care of the Warren-McElwain Mortuary.

Online condolences may be sent to www.warrenmcelwain.com subject: Getty.

Walter Ray Burkett

Feb. 11, 1932 - March 30, 2007

Walter Ray Burkett died on March 30, 2007. He was born in Pueblo, Colo., on Feb. 11, 1932, to Joe and Ruth Burkett.

He was preceded in death by his parents and wife, Rosemary (Rorabaugh).

Walter is survived by his sister, Doris Houser of Pueblo and children, Charles Thomas and Mary Beth Griffith (Ed) of Colorado Springs, Colo., and Mary Ruth Burkett of St. Francis; grandchildren, Daniel, Calieb and Meaghan Griffith as well as nieces and nephews and other loving family and friends.

Walter graduated from Pueblo Central High School in 1951. He became one of the first teenage radio disk jockeys in Pueblo. He was a member of the Old Time Radio Society of Denver and Colorado Springs.

Walter continued his education at SMU, and received a bachelor of art and master's degrees in education from Colorado State College. He enjoyed a rewarding career as a teacher.

Walter chose to serve his Lord through the United Church of Christ, being a member of First Congregational Church of Colorado Springs. He served as a lay minister in Colorado and on the Indian Reservation in North Dakota.

Walter was a 50-year member of the Masonic Lodge, a member of The Order of the Eastern Star and a life-time member of the Order of DeMolay. He was a long-time supporter of the Masonic youth groups.

Walter's love and friendship were shown in many ways. He expressed his creative side through making greeting cards and decorat-

ing gifts so beautifully that the recipient was hesitant to open them. Each one was a special gift from his heart. His giving of self continues even through his passing as an organ and a tissue donor.

The family has set up a memorial fund, at ENT Federal Credit Union, P.O. Box 15819, Colorado Springs, CO 80935-5819 for Masonic youth groups.

Charles "Chuck" Hardin

March 4, 1933 - March 11, 2007

Charles "Chuck" Hardin, of Paris, Texas, died Sunday, March 11, 2007, at a Veterans Administration hospital in Dallas.

He was born March 4, 1933, in Greenville, Texas, the son of Jessie Elmer and Frankie Iva Gilmore Hardin. He served in the U.S. Army from 1950 to 1954.

He loved fishing and playing dominoes.

Chuck will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

He was preceded in death by his parents; all three brothers, a son and a daughter.

He is survived by his wife, Irene; two sons; four daughters; daughters-in-law, 18 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren.

Chuck was a former resident of St. Francis and the step-father of Iva (Harper) Krien.

Memorials may be given in his name to a Veterans organization.

David J. Clark

Jan. 24, 1987 - March 29, 2007

David Jess Clark was born at the Northwest Regional Medical Center in Goodland, Kan., on Jan. 24, 1987. He spent his first five years on the family farm, 22 miles northwest of St. Francis, with his parents, sister, Brandi and his grandparents.

He attended kindergarten under Ramona Raile. David was a quiet, shy little boy with blonde hair and big blue eyes. It was here that he became friends with Heath Kibel. It was a friendship that lasted a lifetime. He rode Unit 6 twice a day for the next three years. Helen Brown and Leta Neitzel drove the bus.

David was diagnosed with Duchenne's Muscular Dystrophy in 1994. David always met the challenges this disease brought with a cheerful, uncomplaining attitude and a steely determination to overcome in his own way. David had a keen sense of humor and always saw the funny side of things. He met life with a smile and twinkle in his eye.

David loved art, music and physical education (P.E.). He also enjoyed math.

David finished sixth grade in 2000. He started seventh grade in the resource room with Tammy Grice, but when the elevator was completed he jumped right in.

David's high school adventures included computers, sciences and wood shop. He learned to use the autocad drafting programs, and enjoyed geometry and chemistry. But his favorite class was woodworking. He designed and built several tables and cabinets in his four years of school.

David graduated in 2006 with a 4.00 grade point average and turned to an on-line toy tractor business, David's Custom Toys. He bought die-cast toy tractors on e-bay to restore or customize and resold them.

David had a passion for farming and everything mechanical. He was a true "gearhead." He loved tractor pulling and went to many pulls with his dad. He loved drag racing and went to the Mile High Nationals in Denver every year. He met John Force and many other top drivers, but his favorite part was the fireworks after the top fuel class. He liked Indy cars and saw a race at Pike's Peak Speedway.

David also loved antique tractors and engines. He exhibited an 11 h.p. Fairbanks-Morse engine and a 3 h.p. John Deere engine at the Thresher's show several times.

His greatest love were his die-cast tractors. He had an extensive collection of tractors and lay-outs. He was an expert collector and his favorite color was IH red.

David's knowledge of performance vehicles and engines was extensive. He could take any problem with a car and suggest several ways to fix it.

David died suddenly on March 29, 2007, at the Cheyenne County

Hospital in St. Francis.

He was preceded in death by great-grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Jess Clark Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Boothe and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Crookston; grandfather, Raymond Jones; aunt, Ann (Marquis) Jones and cousin, Jerrod Page.

David is survived by parents, Craig Clark and Valene Clark; his sister, Brandi Clark and her friend, Mark Kottwitz; grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Dean Clark and Marilyn Jones. Also surviving are Mr. and Mrs. Jim Page, Mr. and Mrs. Brent Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Don Jones and Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Buck, Dustin Jones, Greg Jones, Nathan Jones, Brian Jones, Matthew Jones, Megan Jones, Melanie Jones, Taylor Jones, Eric Howard, Tiffany Buck, Donnie Buck, A.J. Smith, Garret Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Clark and Nate Clark and numerous other relatives and friends.

The funeral was held at the Christian Church in St. Francis on Wednesday, April 4, with Reverend John Bartlett officiating.

Interment was in the Haigler, Neb., Cemetery.

Funeral arrangements were by Spellman-Schmidt of Wray, Colo.

Pauline "Pollie" Stephenson

Dec. 6, 1920 - March 31, 2007

Pauline Stephenson was born to Frank and Elizabeth Nighswonger on Dec. 6, 1920, at the family home 14 miles west of St. Francis, Kan. She was named for her grandmother, Pauline Kamla.

Pauline married Warren "Stevie" Stephenson on June 24, 1941. They had one son, Randle "Randy" Stephenson.

During 1945-46, Pollie and Stevie ran a cleaning shop in St. Francis, and then returned to Wray, Colo., to open a locker plant which they ran from 1947 to 1972. From the late 1960s until 1984, she and Stevie operated a feed and fertilizer business, also in Wray.

In 1986, Pollie and Stevie moved part-time to Lago Vista, Texas, to live near their son and his family. They had lived in their permanent home in Wray since 1947.

Pollie is survived by her husband, Stevie; son, Randy; daughter-in-law, Marsha; granddaughter, Stepheni and her husband, Neil; grandson, MacGregor "Tyler," great-grandson, Jack; elder brother, Kenneth and his wife, Ellen; younger sister, Mary Lou; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Her parents, older sister, Bernice and younger brothers, Neal and John predeceased her.

She will be missed by family and friends alike.

She died on March 31, 2007, in Greeley, Colo.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, April 3 at the Calvary Lutheran Church in Wray with Pastor Richard Pierson officiating.

Interment was in the Grandview Cemetery in Wray.

Memorials may be made to the Wray Volunteer Fire Department.

Spellman-Schmidt Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.



Stephenson

Hangin' With Marge

By Margaret Bucholtz



I feel a little better as I see that I am not the only one in town who is confused most of the time.

Last week, my son-in-law, Casey, went to the hospital and his mother and brother came from Denver to see him. Kelly, Casey's brother, just happens to be his twin brother and he really enjoyed his short stay in town.

Everywhere he went people were really friendly, and of course everyone called him "Casey." Some people were a little confused when he didn't speak to them. Others were busy on the phone and in the coffee shops correcting the people, telling them that Casey was in the hospital.

The conversations were "Did

you hear that Casey is in the hospital?" and immediately you heard "No he isn't. I just saw him on the street."

Kelly thought it might be kind of fun to go out and sell ads, but Casey put the skids on that thought.

Book Review

Book review from St. Francis Public Library
The Confident Woman
By Joyce Meyer

In *The Confident Woman*, Joyce Meyer draws on her decades of experience interacting with and ministering to women. The message in this book is also the result of her personal journey from insecurity and self-hatred to a confidence through which she is realizing her full potential.

Through Joyce's classic clarity and

practicality, you will learn how to overcome all obstacles to live a bold, victorious life. She explains that true confidence is faith in Christ and comes from being open to learning. She reminds us that "women are a precious gift from God to the world. They are creative, sensitive, compassionate and talented."

Joyce gives women the keys to identifying barriers to confidence, explores the empowerment that comes from preparation, and outlines

the steps to independence through dependence on God. She explores the seven characteristics of a woman with confidence, which include a woman who knows she is loved, who refuses to live in fear, and who does not live by comparisons, or "what ifs."

An exciting, meaningful, and intentional life awaits every woman as she learns how to live beyond fear and begin living boldly. God is anxious to light the way and supply every need for walking with confidence.

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to everyone who attended my 89th Surprise Birthday Party!!

~ Louis Webb



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