

Obituaries

Patsy Eloise Van Vleet

March 24, 1938 - June 19, 2007
Lifelong Sherman County, Kan., resident Patsy Eloise Van Vleet, 69, died Tuesday, June 19, 2007, at Goodland Regional Medical Center.

She was born March 24, 1938, at her home north of Kanorado, the daughter of Lawrence and Beulah (Hawks) McClung. She attended elementary school at Ruleton School House, and continued her education in Goodland, graduating with the class 1956 from Goodland High School. She earned her associate degree from Colby Community College and her Licensed Practical Nurse certificate, and gave many years of caring and dedicated service to others in her nursing career.

On Oct. 1, 1955, she and Ronald Andrew Van Vleet were married at the First Christian Church in Goodland.

She was a member of the First Christian Church, Business and Professional Women, Northwest Kansas Medical Foundation Board, Slim and Trim Club of Kanorado, and she also served as Love Benefit Coordinator for the Elks.

Preceding her in death were her father Lawrence McClung and one sister Marcia Smith.

Surviving family includes her mother, Beulah McClung of Goodland; her husband, Ronald Van Vleet of Goodland; three sons, Rodney Van Vleet and his wife, Marilyn of Kearney, Neb.; Dean Van Vleet and his wife, Karen of Larned; Daniel Van Vleet of Springfield, Mo.; two daughters, Gail Keen and Rod Lindsten of Goodland; Lora Lake and her husband, Mike of Goodland; 13 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; three brothers, Larry McClung and his wife, Vivian of Goodland; Mickey McClung and his wife, Connie of Topeka; Darwin McClung and his wife, Nita of Goodland; and one sister, Janice Duell of Overland Park.

The funeral was held Friday, June 22, at the First Christian Church, with Reverend Ted Amos officiating. Burial followed in the Goodland Cemetery.

Memorials may be designated to the Patsy Van Vleet Memorial or to the Northwest Kansas Medical Foundation, and may be left at or mailed to Koons Funeral Home, 211 North Main, Goodland, KS 67735-1555.

Gary D. Lucas

April 27, 1943 - June 21, 2007
Longtime Goodland, Kan., resident Gary D. Lucas, 64, died Thursday, June 21, 2007, at Goodland Regional Medical Center.

He was born April 27, 1943, at Long Beach, Calif., the son of G.R. and Theda (Young) Lucas. He graduated from college in Iowa with a master's degree in biology.

In the 1970s, he moved from Lamar, Colo., to Goodland, where he was a salesman for Pioneer Seed. On Feb. 14, 1998, he and Terri L. Caldwell were married at the United Methodist Church in Goodland.

He was a member of the First United Methodist Church, and he was active in the National Rifle Association, Pheasants Forever, and the "Catch-it-pig" 4-H program.

Preceding him in death were his parents.

Surviving family includes his wife, Terri Lucas of Goodland; two daughters, Jessica Pasagian and her husband, A. J. of Alexandria, Va., and Rachael Lucas of Pumpa Nuta Arenas in Costa Rica; step-daughter, Michelle Kaiser and her husband, Paul of Goodland; step-granddaughter, Emily Purvis of Goodland; step-grandsons Ezra and Isaac Kaiser of Goodland; step-niece Aubree Caldwell of Cherryvale; step-nephew Joseph Caldwell of Cherryvale; aunt, Irene Eubank of Fort Collins, Colo.; cousins, Buddy and Linda Young of Lamar, Colo.; Brad and Becky Young of Lamar; Kay Gillan, Randy Gillan and Julie Gillan, all of Fort Collins, Colo.; and Darrel and Karen Jones of Granbury, Texas.

The memorial service will be Friday, June 29, at 2 p.m. mountain daylight time, at the First United Methodist Church in Goodland, with Dr. Chet Ross officiating. Private inurnment will be at a later date.

Memorials may be designated to grandchildren's college fund, and may be left at the service or mailed to Koons Funeral Home, 211 North Main, Goodland, KS 67735-1555.

Mildred Leila Hatten Rogers

April 7, 1904 - June 17, 2007
Mildred Leila Hatten was born to Benjamin Lee and Mae C. Hatten on April 7, 1904, near Ainsworth, Iowa, and died June 17, 2007, at the age of 103.

When only 19-days-old, her

mother died. She and her two brothers were taken to Bloomington, Neb., by their father where they lived with their grandparents while growing up and where Mildred attended country grade school.

She and her grandmother moved to Cadams, Neb., where in a one-room schoolhouse she completed junior high and later attended high school in Lincoln, Neb.

Mildred met Aaron Angel in Lincoln and they were married March 19, 1923. One son, Delano Lee, was born to them.

They moved to St. Francis, Kan., in 1926, where she operated a beauty shop for several years and had the honor of giving the first permanent wave to many of the ladies of the community. She then opened and operated the Angel Cafe in St. Francis for over 30 years and later was an able assistant to other cafes in St. Francis. She enjoyed working with people in the public and made many life-long and dear friends over the years.

Mildred was baptized into the First Christian Church in Lincoln, later transferring to the United Methodist Church in St. Francis where she remained a member until her death. She was a charter member and helped organize the local Veterans of Foreign War (VFW) Auxiliary and was president for the first two years.

Her husband of nearly 50 years, Aaron Angel, died in 1972, and she later married Glenn Rogers, who died in 1978. After selling her home she moved to the Cheyenne Manor in 1984, where she was one of a family of good friends and neighbors who all enjoyed their dinners and fun times along with the Saturday morning coffee group at the donut shop and fellowship at the senior center.

Mildred was a devoted wife and mother. Her son and grandchildren were her pride and joy and made her life complete with the time spent loving and enjoying them.

She was preceded in death by her parents, two brothers, an infant sister, her stepmother, her grandmother, a stepdaughter and three stepsons.

Left to mourn her passing is her son, Delano of St. Francis; her grandchildren, Terry Angel of Grandview, Mo.; Debrah Hendrix and her husband, Galon of Harrisonville, Mo.; Michael Angel of Grandview; and Michelle Buasri and her husband, Sip of Grandview; her great-grandchildren, Jamie, Jeffrey, Skylar and Mason; former daughter-in-law and dear friend, Jody Angel of Harrisonville; three stepsons and a stepdaughter; two nieces who were like daughters to her, Ramona Kyle and Albina Flannery; also Larry and Deanna Forsythe, and Carol and Harvey Forsythe, who were always there for her when help was needed; and other nieces and nephews and a host of loyal friends.

Funeral services were held on June 21 at Knodel Funeral Home in St. Francis with Reverend Morita Truman officiating.

Honorary pallbearers were Harvey Forsythe, Larry Forsythe, Don Krien, Ron Hill, Dan McCurry and Ron Wieck.

Casket bearers were Terry Angel, Debbie Hendrix, Michael Angel, Michelle Angel-Buasri, Jeffrey Angel and Skylar Angel.

Interment was in the St. Francis Cemetery.

Arrangements by Knodel Funeral Home, St. Francis.

Betty Vergean Edgett Jenik

April 16, 1928 - June 24, 2007

Betty Jenik was born at the family home in McDonald, Kan., on April 16, 1928, to Edna Ellis and Fred Edgett. She died on Sunday, June 24, 2007, at Homestead Health and Rehabilitation Center in Garden City.

Betty was married to Beldon Jenik on Sept. 25, 1949, in Oakley. They had four children: Karen, Kyle, JoAnn and Shelley. Betty and Beldon lived with their children in McDonald until 1964 when they moved to Castle Rock, Colo. Betty worked as a grocery store clerk, later as a factory worker at Ensign Bickford making detonating primacord and then retired.

In 1987, they moved back to McDonald where Betty enjoyed helping the Lions with farm sales serving food, helping with community dinners and the American Le-

gion dinners. She was an excellent cook. Many of her neighbors enjoyed her fried chicken, potato salad and homemade cinnamon rolls.

Betty enjoyed attending the McDonald Senior Center dinners and spent many afternoons with friends playing dominos. Betty was an avid bingo player and enjoyed going to Bird City and playing there hosted by the Bird City American Legion Auxiliary. One of the things she talked about in the last month was how much fun she had attending the Santa Day at the American Legion in McDonald and playing bingo.

In 2002, Betty moved to Oberlin to be near Beldon who was a resident at the Cedar Living Center. Betty and her precious little dog, Lucy moved to Moyock, N.C., in 2003, after his passing and lived with her daughter, JoAnn and family until 2006 when she came home to Kansas where she lived with her daughter, Karen and husband in Garden City. In October of 2007, she moved into Homestead Health and Rehabilitation Center in Garden City.

When Betty was young, she attended the Church of God in McDonald. While living at Homestead she attended the First Christian Church services.

She leaves behind her daughter, Karen Ham and husband, Jay D. of Garden City; Kyle Jenik and wife, Vicky of Thornton, Colo.; JoAnn Cleveland and husband, Dan of Moyock, and Shelley Adams and husband, Bruce of Littleton, Colo.; 14 grandchildren: Jared Harrison of Prairie City, Ill., Sarah and husband, John of Nahant, Mass., Kyle Lee Jenik of the U.S. Armed Forces stationed in Iraq, Erin Adams of Aurora, Colo., Brian Adams and Marc Adams of Littleton, Rachel Cleveland and Ashleigh Cleveland of Moyock, Jamie Rutten and Kyle Rutten of Thornton, Seth Schaefer of Omaha, Neb., Casey Brecka of Seward, Neb., Amber Ham of Chicago, and Quade Ham of Minneola; six grandchildren, Carol and Cameron Robinson of Aurora, Claire Kelly Sullivan of Nahant, Isabelle Schaefer of Cozad, Neb., and Addie and Trevin Brecka of Seward; two sisters, Joan Vontz of Benkelman, Neb., and Wauneta Schnerwerk of Wichita; two brothers, Wayne Edgett of Scottsdale, Ariz., and Lloyd Edgett of Burleson, Texas, as well as other family and friends.

Betty was preceded in death by her father and mother, her husband, Beldon and four brothers, Harold Edgett, Lester Edgett, Earl Edgett and Willard Edgett; two sisters, Leola Gaughan and Erma Randall; and one great-grandson, Cameron Brecka.

Graveside services will be held at the Grace Cemetery in McDonald at 10 a.m. on Friday, June 29, with the Reverend Robert Nuckolls presiding. Cremation has taken place.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to the Homestead Health and Rehabilitation Center or St. Catherine Hospital Hospice, both in Garden City, or the McDonald Senior Center, all in care of Price and Sons Funeral Home, 620 N., Main, Garden City, KS 67846, phone (620) 276-2364.

Condolences may be sent to priceandsons.com



RETIREMENT PARTY was held for John Kite, center. Mr. Kite had served the county as a lawyer for 50 years. He introduced the special guest, Gail Agrawal, dean of KU Law School, to his wife Elaine.
Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

Couple united in marriage in Colorado ceremony

Kelli (Schultz) Gartland and Matt Githens were united in marriage at 2 o'clock in the afternoon on Saturday, April 28, 2007, in the chapel at Greenwood Community Church, Greenwood Village, Colo. Pastor Brandon Washington married the couple. A reception was held in the Fireside Room at the church.

The bride is the daughter of Eddy and Sherry Schultz, St. Francis. She is the granddaughter of Martha Schultz, St. Francis, and the late Edward Schultz and the late Emil and Em Peter.

The groom is the son of Rick and Sandra Githens, Shreveport, La. He is the grandson of Betty Watson and the late Clayton Watson and Herbert Hohlt, all of Shreveport, La., and the late Rex and Rachel Githens of Vivian, La.

The bride was given in marriage by her family and escorted by her dad. Megan Gartland served as candle lighter.

Kelli is a graduate of Fort Hays State University with a bachelor of art degree in communications. She is a certified mortgage planning specialist with CTX Mortgage.

Matt is a graduate of the Univer-



Matt and Kelli Githens

sity of Louisiana at Lafayette with a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering. He is a pipeline engineer at VECO, USA.

Following a honeymoon trip to New York City and a wedding reception in Shreveport, their family continues to live in Denver.

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