

## Obituaries

## Couple wed in Kansas



Mr. and Mrs. Enfield

Tyler Wade Enfield and Ana Marie Douthit were married on Sept. 1, 2007, in a double-ring ceremony officiated by Father Roger Meitl and held at St. John Catholic Church in Beardsley.

The bride wore a strapless dress with beaded-metallic bodice and metallic-embroidered hem by Oleg Cassini. She carried a bouquet of white and green cymbidium orchids, white dendrobium orchids and white roses.

She wore the jewelry the groom had surprised her with at the rehearsal: a custom-made trillion-cut ruby and amethyst wedding ring and matching earrings and necklace representing the birthstones of the couple.

She was escorted down the aisle by her father, Stephen Douthit to *Canon in D*.

The maid of honor was Erica Douthit, sister of the bride. Bridesmaids were Margo Douthit and Courtney Douthit, sisters of the bride and Sandy Enfield, sister-in-law of the groom. They wore different dresses in peridot green to express their individuality, with silver shoes and pearl earrings given to them by the bride and groom. They carried bouquets of white lilies, green mums and stephanotis. The bride's and her sister's bouquets had pieces of their late grandmother, Helen Douthit's jewelry adorning each bouquet.

The best man was RJ Palmer. Groomsmen were Jory Haynes, Matthew Hafer and Thomas Douthit, brother of the bride. They wore black tuxedos with hunter-green vests and ties.

Candlelighters were Trevor Cree, cousin of the bride, and Michael Enfield, nephew of the groom. Ushers were Eric Enfield and Byron Enfield, brothers of the groom, along with Mark Peter, cousin of the bride,

and Chuck Downey, cousin-in-law of the bride.

Flower girls were Sarah Cree and Libby Peter, cousins of the bride. They carried hand-made exotic-wood baskets filled with white roses and greenery. Each basket had the couple's name, the date, and names of the girls and were keepsakes for them.

The ring bearer was Connor Jordan, nephew of the groom. He carried a hand-made box made by the groom, bearing the couple's

name and date.

A dinner and dance reception was held in Atwood following the ceremony. Dinner was prepared and served by Jared and Candi Douthit. The cake was served by Teresa Slough, cousin of the bride, and Jessica Enfield, sister-in-law of the groom.

The couple enjoyed attending family reunions the following day. They traveled to Ocho Rios, Jamaica, for their honeymoon. The couple lives in Grand Island, Neb.

## Music club enjoys program



BONNIE CRAM'S selection, *An Artists Heart*, was well received by members of the Music Club.

Herald photo by Louanne Isernhagen

The St. Francis Federated Music Club talent night and regular monthly meeting was held at the home of Ruth Milliken on Tuesday evening, Oct. 9.

Guest master of ceremonies for the Variety Showcase was a very expressive Frenchman in suit and necktie sporting a mustache, that seemed to resemble, coordinator, Beth Maifeld.

First off was an 1895, A.B. Patterson poem entitled "The Man From Snowy River" performed by Helene Landenberger. Next, Deborah Farland played a beautiful arrangement of *Amazing Grace* on the piano. Bonnie Cram accompanied by Jean Ann confer sang *An Artists Heart* after which she received a standing ovation.

The duet of Margaret Poling and Crissy Cooks played a medley of folk songs on their saxophones. Louanne Isernhagen played *Ashokan Farewell* on her violin accompanied by Jean Ann Confer. Kim Zwegardt, having been to Scotland recently, gave members the true and inspirational meaning of the song, *You Take the High Road and I'll Take the Low Road*. She then sang it and accompanied herself on the piano.

The program was concluded with an outstanding original piano selection by Tema Trumbo. She has yet

to name this instrumental.

A short business meeting was then held, after which a delicious peach cobbler was served by the hostesses.

The next meeting will be held Nov. 13, in the home of Arnita Yost, and will feature the music of

Jerome Kern with Tema Trumbo and Marsha Magley presenting piano duets.

Also the sophisticated musical careers of Stuart Churchill and Larry Walz, two of Cheyenne County's accomplished performers, will be highlighted.

**Victor A. McAtee**  
Oct. 18, 1925 - Oct. 22, 2007  
Victor A. McAtee, 82, Lyons, Kan., died at the Good Samaritan Center in Lyons on Oct. 22, 2007. He was born to Cleo and Irene Chase McAtee on Oct. 18, 1925, in rural Lyons.



McAtee

He was a long-time Lyons resident, having also lived in Claflin, Grand Island, Neb., and St. Francis.

A graduate of Bushton High School, he served in the U.S. Marine Corp during World War II, including being at the battle of Iwo Jima, where he received the Bronze Star.

On Oct. 15, 1946, he and Loma N. Groth were married in Fredrick.

Mr. McAtee owned Case McAtee Implement Co. and was a partner in the Claflin Bowling Alley. He sold school buses and owned a charter bus service.

In 1983, he and his wife moved to Lyons where he helped with funerals at the Sillin Mortuary for several years and also managed the Lyons Inn.

He lived in St. Francis for seven years, managing the Housing Authority and watched his grandsons play football and basketball.

He moved back to Lyons in 2000, where he worked as supervisor at the Tumbleweed Apartments.

Mr. McAtee was a member of the First Baptist Church in Lyons, American Legion in Great Bend and the Veterans of Foreign Wars in Lyons.

He served on the Claflin School Board, was the former mayor of Claflin and ran for State Representative for the 113th District.

He founded the Claflin Community Scholarship Fund, serving on the board for many years. He also served on the board helping to establish a Community Scholarship Fund at Bushton and was a Silver-Haired Legislator for several years for Cheyenne County in St. Francis.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Harvey McAtee, Harvey's wife, Rita; and his parents.

Survivors include his wife, Loma of the home; three sons, Terry, his wife, Jean, Great Bend; Farrell, his wife, Becky, St. Francis; Randy, his wife, Kathy, Yukon, Okla.; nine grandsons, Travis, his wife, Carol; Trent, his wife, Jenny; Ryan, Justin, Brock, his wife, Danielle; Joel, Aren, Jarad, Neal, his wife, Janette; one granddaughter, Jena Berschauer, her husband, Eric; five great-grandsons, Reed and Gage McAtee, Chance and Cason Berschauer, Grant McAtee; one great-granddaughter, Keyton McAtee. He truly loved everyone in his family and they all loved him as well. He also leaves a lot of good friends and neighbors.

Services will be held at 10 a.m. on Friday, Oct. 26, at the First Baptist Church in Lyons with Rev. Gary Karas officiating.

Burial will be in the Lyons Municipal Cemetery with Military Honors by the United States Marine Corp.

Visitation is from 5 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 24 and Thursday, Oct. 25, at Birzer-Sillin Funeral Home in Lyons with family present both evenings.

Memorials may be made to Claflin Community Scholarship Fund or the Bushton Community Schol-

arship Fund in care of Birzer-Sillin Funeral Home in Lyons.

### Cleo Orval Beeson

Sept. 4, 1915 - Oct. 19, 2007  
Cleo Orval Beeson, 92, son of Earl and Mary (Penn) Beeson, was born near Parks, Neb., on Sept. 4, 1915. He died on Oct. 19, 2007, at the Goodland Regional Medical Center, Goodland, Kan.

He attended country school near Bird City. On Dec. 1, 1937, Cleo married Melba Munyon at her parent's home north of Bird City. This union was blessed with four children Lonnie, Karen, Ronald and Robert. Their first born, Lonnie died when he was two weeks old.

They lived on a farm near Bird City for five years before moving to a farm near Kanorado in March of 1942. In September 1945, the family moved into Kanorado and owned a repair shop there for many years where he worked on tractors, cars and farm implements. In addition to the garage, Cleo and his brother, Lee, ran the dray line, hauling freight and coal to area businesses in town.

Cleo also worked at the Kanorado elevator several years and helped area farmers during harvest. In 1968, Cleo and Melba moved to a farm southeast of Kanorado where they raised cattle and raised both irrigated and dry land crops.

In 1989, Cleo and Melba bought the Creston Cramer farm near Kanorado, where they lived until August of this year. Cleo enjoyed the time he spent with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren and had great patience with them. When they were on the farm, Cleo taught all of the grandchildren how to drive and operate the farm equipment including the combine.

He understood well the principles of mechanics, electricity and hydraulics and passed his knowledge, aptitude and skills on to his children and grandchildren. Preceding Cleo in death were his parents; his son, Lonnie; two brothers, Carl and Lee; two sisters, Rena Beeson Propernick and Lola DeLongChamp and five brothers-in-law, John Propernick, Joe DeLongChamp, Arnold Munyon, Levere Munyon and Duke Furst.

Surviving family members include his loving wife, Melba; daughter, Karen and her husband, Gary Coon of Goodland; two sons, Ronald Beeson and his wife, Jeanie of Kanorado, and Robert Beeson and his wife, Marlene, of Newton. Also surviving are his brother, Clinton Beeson and his wife, Phyllis of Englewood, Colo., and his sister Ruth Kretzel and her husband, Warren of Denver, Colo.; sisters-in-law, Betty Beeson of Bird City, and Dorothy Furst of Frisco, Texas; seven grandchildren, their spouses, 16 great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were Monday, Oct. 22, at the Kanorado United Methodist Church with Rev. Leonard Cox officiating. Burial was in the Bird City Cemetery.

### Mildred Alberta Schritter

Jan. 31, 1923 - Oct. 12, 2007  
Mildred Alberta Schritter, 84, of Greeley, Colo., died Friday, Oct. 12, 2007, at the Life Care Center of Greeley, Colo. She was born Jan. 31, 1923, to Glen Oliver and Angle (Klie) Ekberg in Wray, Colo.

Mildred married Robert Schritter, and they had celebrated their 60th anniversary. She lived in Fort Lupton until moving to the Greeley place.

Mildred is survived by her husband, Robert Schritter of Greeley; sons, Alan Schritter and wife, Liz,

and Roger Schritter and wife, Ronda; brothers, Glen Ekberg and wife, Velma, and George Ekberg and wife, Kay; and grandchildren, Jonathan, Jarrod and Derek and wife, Tabitha.

She was preceded in death by her parents, and brothers, Dale and Earle.

A funeral service was held on Tuesday, October 16 at Allnutt Funeral Service/Macy Chapel. Interment was on Oct. 19 at Arnel Cemetery, Wray. Cremation was held.

### Martha (Walz) Gilbraith

April 15, 1916-Sept. 28, 2007  
Martha was born April 15, 1916, to Fred and Eva (Schmierer/Knorr) Walz. She was baptized in May 1916, and confirmed June 21, 1931, at Salem Lutheran Church, rural St. Francis.

She attended Cox school and rode the buggy pulled with horses. Her sister Alice rode with her as did some of the neighbor's children.

After graduating from grade school, she spent a lot of time working in homes of other people doing housework, and she also made noodles, baked pies, cakes and cookies for Schlittenhardt Motor Company. She painted the interior of houses with Viola Schauer, enjoyed stencil painting and embroidery.

On April 16, 1939, he married Ernest Zimbelman. To this union, a son, Marlin was born on Oct. 22, 1942. On Nov. 30, 2003, Martha's son died of severe gas fumes in a trailer at Trenton, Neb. Ernest had a severe automobile accident on July 12, 1959, from which he did not survive.

Later on in life, she met Frank Gilbraith of Bird City. The wedding date was May 26, 1967. They spent a number of years on the farm before moving to Goodland. In 1974, Frank experienced his first stroke, later on he had six more strokes and then, on Oct. 9, 1982, he died. Martha and Frank did some traveling to the south in the wintertime.

Martha was living in Goodland at 4th and Arcade. She kept herself busy doing church work and enjoyed neighbors and friends. Martha broke her hip in October 1999, and became a resident of Good Samaritan Village.

She was preceded in death by husbands, Ernest and Frank; her parents; son, Marlin; brother, Albert; also a baby brother who died when he was 3 days old.

Survivors include her daughter-in-law, Mary Zimbelman, McCook Neb.; her sisters, Alice Schauer and Gertrude Zwegardt of St. Francis.


She is also survived by nieces, Verna Miller, Flagler, Colo., Donna Ramsey, Colorado Springs, Carol Trembly, St. Francis, Donita Baird, Brewster, Kay Raile, St. Francis; nephews, Ed Schauer, Darrel Zwegardt, Keith Zwegardt, Jim Dunn, Eldon Zimbelman, Mark Zimbelman and Gale Walz.

Burial was in the St. Francis Cemetery with a graveside service conducted by the American Legion Auxiliary of Bird City of which Martha was a lifetime member.


Services were held Oct. 3 at Knodel Funeral Home, St. Francis. Officiants for the service were Marvin Zimbelman and Pastor Glenn Isernhagen.

Casket bearers were Ed Schauer, Darrel Zwegardt, Keith Zwegardt, Jim Dunn, Eldon Zimbelman, Mark Zimbelman and Gale Walz.


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