

Obituaries

Claudia Louise Barnhart

March 15, 1931 - Nov. 25, 2007
 Claudia Louise Twiss Barnhart, Akron, Colo., died on Nov. 25, 2007, after a brief stay in the Washington County Nursing Home where she was lovingly attended to by her family, a host of friends and a caring staff.



Barnhart

Louise, the seventh child born to Robert and Inda Twiss, was born on March 15, 1931. She had the honor of being the first baby to be born in the Wray Hospital nursery after a nursery was added to the facility.

Her early childhood was spent on the M. B. Holland Ranch in the sandhills north of Wray. Here the family labored hard to earn a living for the eight children.

Louise attended the South Star school north of Wray until 1942 when the family moved to the family farm south of Platner. She and her siblings rode Shetland ponies to school and often hauled the water for the daily use in the school building.

She finished elementary school in the Ashland School and graduated in the old Platner gym along with three other graduates of the local country schools. Graduation for several schools was on the last day of school and was accompanied by field day activities and a community picnic.

Due to the shortage of teachers she was given the opportunity to act as a substitute teacher for her schoolmates on rare occasions. This fired her interest to become a teacher later in her life.

She graduated from the Akron High School in 1948 and entered Colorado Agriculture and Military (A&M) that fall. Following one year of college, her teaching career began and continued on for the next 26 years. During that time she taught in country schools in Colorado and Kansas and elementary schools in Akron, Otis and Glendale, Ariz.

She finally was able to complete her college education in 1961 when she graduated from Colorado State College. Louise retired from her position as teacher/principal in the Otis Elementary School in the fall of 1978. At this time she was grateful for the opportunity to take care of her mother and become a full-time partner in the farming and ranching operations with her husband, Johnnie. She often said that she just switched her focus from kids to colts. Later on she combined these two interests by mentoring a number of interns from the equine programs at Northern Junior College and Lamar Junior College.

Louise married John W. Barnhart on Aug. 6, 1950, at her sister Kathryn's home in Englewood.

They became the proud parents of a daughter, Vicki Louise, in July of 1951. The family grew when Vicki married John Horn and added granddaughter, Kimberly and grandson, Mark. These grandchildren and their accomplishments and adventures were her most valued interest. Kimberly married Jonathan O'Neil in July of 2005. Great-granddaughter, Lina Lane O'Neil joined the family just hours after her great-grandmother died on Nov. 25, 2007.

Louise had several interests and many hobbies. She particularly enjoyed all aspects of farm and ranch life, including machinery operation, cattle raising, horse breeding and training, gardening and raising purebred Pekingese puppies. Her restful pastime involved doing beautiful embroidery work in all shapes and forms. Many of her quilts have been displayed in the lobby of the Washington County Clinic.

She was a charter member of Northeastern Colorado Quarter Horse Association and a long-time member of the Buckskin Brigade. She was a member of the Methodist Church and also served the community as a hospice volunteer. She had recently joined a Bible study group which she found to be quite rewarding, both in the knowledge she gained and the new friends she acquired.

Some of her proudest moments were when she showed Soxa-Lena, the Grand Champion Paint filly, at halter at the Stock Show; when she was asked to serve as one of the grand marshals of the Washington County Fair parade; and when she and her daughter were recognized at the 2007 Alumni Banquet.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Johnnie; her parents; four sisters: Opal, Ruth, Kathryn and Doris and brothers Rex and Edward.

Survivors include Vicki, John, Mark, Kimberly, Jonathan and Lina Lane; her brother, Howard; in-laws: Manota Daniels, Barbara Barnhart, Jim and Mildred Barnhart, Maurice and Jan Barnhart, Macalene and Hank Olson, Wilma and Jess Petsch and Willa and Claude Scott, 46 nieces and nephews and their families, and host of friends and neighbors.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, Hospice of the Plains or the Akron United Methodist Church.

Services were held on Dec. 1 at the Akron United Methodist Church. Arrangements were made by Brenner Funeral Home.

Raymond John Peters

Jan. 19, 1928 - Nov. 24, 2007
 Raymond John Peters was born Jan. 19, 1928, southwest of Vernon, Colo., to Harry and Christina (Feikert) Peters. He died Nov. 24, 2007, in his home.

He was told often by his parents that he slept between them that

first cold winter to keep him from freezing to death.

Raymond was baptized Jan. 29, 1928, at St. John Lutheran Church by Reverend Theodore Meyer. At the age of 3, Raymond and his family moved to a farm in the Arnel community east of Idalia, Colo., where he lived all of his life.

Raymond attended the Liberty one-room schoolhouse about 2 miles east of his home until graduating eighth grade. He started farming full time with his parents after eighth grade and never attended high school, though he never stopped educating himself.

Raymond was confirmed June 13, 1943, at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jaqua township southwest of St. Francis, Kan. That church closed later that year, so he and his family became members of Trinity Lutheran Church of St. Francis.

Raymond went out on a blind date one night with Margaret E. Antholz, which blossomed into his marriage to Margaret on Sept. 12, 1950, in St. John Lutheran Church of Bird City. They attended Trinity Lutheran Church where he held many church offices until they transferred in 1970 to Calvary Lutheran Church of Wray. There he was involved in many offices and positions on church boards as well.

His main passion was always his wife of 54 years, his family and farming and ranching.

Raymond was preceded in death by his wife, Margaret in 2004, his parents, and parents-in-law.

He leaves to mourn his son, Ralph and wife, Susan and children, Jason, Curtis and Tanya; his son, Paul and children, Derek and Sean; sisters, Barbara Lawson and Lillian Peters; brother-in-law, Carl W. Antholz and wife, Sandra; sister-in-law, Elsie Menken and husband, Duane, numerous nephews, nieces, relatives and friends.

A Celebration of Life service was held Friday, Nov. 30, at Calvary Lutheran Church in Wray with an interment service later that day at the St. Francis Cemetery in St. Francis.

Wayne Ernest Goodell

Nov. 28, 1928 - Nov. 23, 2007
 Wayne Ernest Goodell, the son of Harold Ventis Goodell and Arilla Mae (Harvey) Goodell, was born on Nov. 28, 1928, in St. Francis, Kan. He died on Nov. 23, 2007, in Salina.

Wayne lived much of his life in the South Fork Community of Cheyenne County. He attended elementary school at South Fork and graduated from high school in St. Francis in 1947.

While in school he enjoyed competing in athletics, especially foot-

ball and wrestling. Following his graduation, he married Lila Katie Crowl on Oct. 10, 1948. To this union, one son, Craig Wayne Goodell, was born.

After leaving school, Wayne entered into business with his brother, Leslie, who operated a welding shop in St. Francis. In 1951, he moved back to the family farm in the South Fork Community, where he pursued employment as a farmer and rancher. His final years were spent in St. Francis, where he was employed as a crop adjuster for various insurance companies.

Wayne recognized the importance of community service and was active in civic and fraternal organizations such as the county historical society, Lions Club and Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He served as a rural school board member, township clerk and Cheyenne County Commissioner.

Wayne was preceded in death by his parents, Harold and Arilla; his brother, Leslie; his wife, Lila and his daughter-in-law, Kellie.

He is survived by his sister, Aletha Murphy of St. Francis; his son, Craig of Lindsborg and two grandsons, Dylan of Lindsborg and Andrew of Salina.

Wayne's life was celebrated during a funeral service on Nov. 27 at the St. Francis United Methodist Church, with Reverend Morita Truman officiating.

Casket bearers included Andrew Goodell, Robert Owens, Ed Owens, Rodney Slyhoff, Pat Owens and Lee Goodell.

Interment followed at the St. Francis Cemetery with the St. Francis Odd Fellows Lodge providing a graveside service.

Funeral arrangements were made through the Knodel Funeral Home.

Memorials may be made to the Cheyenne County Hospital or Hospice of Salina.

Hurlbut Kluge Graves

Aug. 4, 1919 - Nov. 23, 2007

Hurlbut Kluge Graves, 88, was born Aug. 4, 1919, in the Riverside Community of Cheyenne County, Kan. Hurb was the second child of Laura Marie Eckenberg Graves and Charlie Enos Graves.

Hurb's childhood was tragically changed at age 9 when the family

lost their mother on Nov. 7, 1928, at age 33.

Charlie was left to raise four small children and he insisted on keeping his family together. Hurb always had the highest respect for his sister Ruby who was left with the responsibility to be the mother of the house.

Hurb started school at age 5 at the little wooden Longview schoolhouse north of Wheeler from September through March of 1925. Then the family moved to Wheeler and the teacher refused to teach him because he wasn't 6 so he had to wait until the next year. While in Wheeler, the kids grew up playing with the other children in Wheeler, playing ball, riding ponies and getting in trouble. He finished eight years of school and then was forced to drop out of high school during the Depression.

He worked for Pearl "Ma" Quigley milking cows and delivering milk. Matook Hurb in and, after two years working for her, he finished high school. Hurb always said, Ma Quigley kept him on the straight path by cracking her whip and teaching him work ethics.

Hurb met Lola Mae Holliman in high school and they were high school sweethearts. They were married on May 10, 1942, in the Goodland Park. They moved to Engelwood, Colo., where Hurb worked as a welder at the American Iron Works. In April 1943, they moved to Trenton, Neb., to a farm with his dad.

Hurb and Lola were blessed with three children, Charles Mickey, Donna Mae and Ronald Herbie. All three children were born at Hitchcock County Hospital in Stratton, Neb.

In 1948, Hurb and his father purchased the Holliman family land which was homesteaded in 1886. Hurb worked hard and tried many things to make a living including raising sheep, Registered Shorthorn cattle, raising and racing greyhounds, along with the farming. He raced the greyhounds from 1954 to 1970. Hurb was a hard worker and was never scared to try something new. He could fix anything and was always helping the neighbors.

Hurb loved family — the more the merrier! There were always nieces and nephews living with Hurb and Lola and helping every summer. He had a way with making work fun.

In 1969, Hurb convinced Tom and Donna to come home and farm with him. Hurb and Tom increased the cattle herd and this filled Hurb's

dream with having horses and children around.

In 1980, Hurb and Lola built a house in St. Francis and moved to town. Hurb is leaving a big hole in the community and his family.

Hurb loved to tell stories of his hunting days when he and his buddies would go coyote hunting. Hurb was active in getting Rural Electric Association (REA) Southwestern Bell power lines to the South Fork Community.

The family attended church at the South Fork Church. Hurb was a 61 year, 7 month member of the Masonic Lodge. He was a Grand Officer and still had the title of Grand Lecturer Emeritus, was a member of Order of the Eastern Star, Odd Fellows, member of the United Methodist Church and a trustee and was a 4-H project leader.

Hurb started the Catch-it-Calf program for 4-H and supported it for years. He also started the pony rides at the carnival during the county fair. He had several ponies which put a lot of smiles on kids' faces. He was the Associate Bethel Guardian for Jobs Daughters, a Shrine Member and member of the Mounted Patrol.

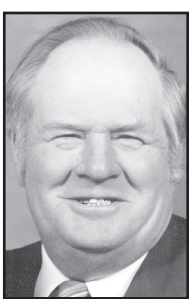
Preceding Hurb in death were his parents; his son, Ronald Herbie; brother, Emmor Graves and sister, Bebe Graves Goerler.

Hurb leaves behind his wife Lola of 65 1/2 years; son, Charles "Mickey" Graves of St. Francis; daughter, Donna and husband, Tom Stevens, St. Francis; three grandchildren, Shawna Mae and her husband, Shawn Blanka of St. Francis; Shannon Lee Stevens and wife, Kristin of McCook, Neb.; Sharissa Irene and husband, Dustin Andrist of St. Francis; three great-grandchildren, Shakotah and Shadryon Blanka of St. Francis and Taylor Stevens of McCook; sister, Ruby Roberts of Engelwood; sisters-in-law, Roberta Graves of Colorado and Naomi Holliman of St. Francis and lots of nieces and nephews, friends and neighbors.

Services were held on Nov. 28 at the United Methodist Church, St. Francis. Officiants for the service were Reverend Morita Truman and Reverend Jeff Landers.

Casket bearers were Bill Stull, Patrick Delano, Ed Owens, Tim Poling, Gary Cooper and Don Williams. Honorary casket bearers are all Brothers of the Masonic Lodge.

Burial was in the St. Francis Cemetery with a graveside service conducted by St. Francis Masonic Lodge 404.



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