

Obituaries

Sylvia L. Daniels

Nov. 30, 1919 - Dec. 10, 2007

Sylvia Lucille Daniels was born Nov. 30, 1919, to William Carl and Dora (Wieck) Neitzel at St. Francis, Kan. She died Dec. 10, 2007, at Goodland at the age of 88 years and 10 days. She was the second child and only daughter in a family of seven children.

She was baptized at an early age at Valley Lutheran Church and confirmed in April of 1938 at Zion Evangelical Church in St. Francis.

Sylvia graduated from St. Francis High School in 1938 and, directly out of high school, she started her career of being an elementary teacher. She continued teaching and furthered her education by going to summer school, graduating from Nebraska State Teachers College in 1961 with a bachelor of arts degree in education. Twenty of her 24 years of teaching were spent in Bird City. Her third graders were a very special part of her life.

Sylvia was united in marriage to William Eugene Daniels on March 19, 1941. To this union one son, Thomas Eugene, was born. Daughter Debra Ruth joined the family as a 2 year old making the family complete.

After retiring, Sylvia enjoyed traveling with her husband in their motor home visiting both coasts and the states in between.

At home, Sylvia enjoyed cooking, doing fancy work, attending church and circle. She did a lot of canning from the garden Gene tended. There was always a plentiful supply of dill pickles for the grandkids. She welcomed visitors and her home was nearly always company ready.

After the death of her husband in 1998, Sylvia continued to live alone and keep up the home. In 2003 she made the difficult decision to sell the family home and moved to assisted living at the Wheat Ridge Acres in Goodland. She remained there until her death.

Those left to miss her most are her daughter, Debbie and husband, Scott Wiese; three grandsons and spouses, Gavin and Jennifer Wiese, Jason and Lindsay Wiese, Jared and Abby Wiese; along with one granddaughter, Jill, with husband, Jason Jonas; together with four great-grandchildren, Hailey Wiese, Hannah Wiese, Jady Wiese and Adison Wiese.

She also leaves four brothers and sisters-in-laws, who were of much comfort and support to her; Glen Neitzel, Harvey Neitzel, Dale and Alma Neitzel, Floyd and Janice Neitzel and Barbara Neitzel. There were two other very special friends, Don and Mary Koppenhauer; as well as nieces, nephews and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, William and Dora; husband Gene; son Tommy; and brothers, Roy Neitzel and Duane Neitzel.

She left the family a legacy of

her years on earth. Their ultimate comfort is the resurrection and the hope of heaven.

Funeral services were held Dec. 13 at the Peace Lutheran Church in St. Francis with Pastor Ken Hart officiating.

Casket bearers were Todd Neitzel, Tim Neitzel, LeeRoy Neitzel, Royce Neitzel, Roger Neitzel, Rodney Neitzel, Ron Neitzel, Kevin Neitzel, Kenneth Studer, Kenneth Willt and Shad Wiese.

Interment was in the St. Francis Cemetery.

Arrangements by Knodel Funeral Home.

William Filmore Penton

April 28, 1922 - Nov. 27, 2007

William Filmore Penton was born on the family homestead near Beecher Island, Colo., to James Edward and Emma Faye (Glenn) Penton on April 28, 1922, and died at Wray, Colo., on Nov. 27, 2007.

He attended Antelope School through eighth grade graduation. He never attended high school, but obtained a General Educational Development diploma and attended college awhile in Fort Morgan, Colo.

Merle Ilene Parker and Bill were married June 7, 1942, in Las Vegas, Nev., where he was employed with the park service at Mount Hamilton.

He enlisted in the Army Air Corp Jan. 27, 1943, and was discharged Nov. 22, 1945. He served in Germany and landed at Omaha Beach, Normandy. He was engaged in the Battle of the Bulge and assisted in the liberation of Dachau. His job in the military was combat surgeon.

Bill studied at Nebraska School of Barbering in Omaha and was granted the degree of practitioner of barber science on April 14, 1950. He practiced this art in Bertrand and Lexington, Neb., where the family built a new house.

Their older son William LeRoy was born at Wray on March 17, 1943. His younger son, Gaylord Eugene "Buster" was born at Lexington on July 22, 1947.

Bill was the commander of the Veterans of Foreign War (VFW) and the American Legion in 1955 while living in Bertrand.

After having also lived at Greeley, Denver, Evans and Lancaster, Calif., Bill and Merle purchased the Eckley Lumber Yard in 1973 and sold antiques of every sort until he retired in 1992. His wife died in 2001.

He was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Emma Noffsinger and brothers Warren and George.

He is survived by sons, William LeRoy and wife, Ann; Gaylord and wife, Joyce all of Platteville, Colo.; sisters, Jerry Howard and husband, Don of Wray; Dolly Monk of Yuma; and brothers, David and wife, Sha-

ron of St. Francis; Loren and wife, Polly of Eckley. Grandchildren surviving are William Gene Penton of Lincoln, Neb.; Edwin Penton of Wahoo, Neb.; Geoffrey Penton and Kellie Moyer of Crete, Neb. Great-grandchildren are Estaphon Hoffmaster, Ezra and Elias Moyer, all of Crete; William Joseph Penton of Lincoln and Jared and Ryan Penton of Wahoo.

Services were held at Eckley Community Church, Dec. 1, 2007, with burial beside his spouse at Eckley Cemetery.

LeRoy Wayne Welch

Nov. 25, 1930 - Dec. 8, 2007

LeRoy Welch, 77, of Chula Vista, Calif., died on Saturday, Dec. 8, 2007 due to a massive coronary.

He was born on Nov. 25, 1930, in Bird City, Kan. LeRoy joined the Navy in 1950 and married his high school sweetheart, Nina Eggers in the summer of 1951.

Most of his 24-year Naval career was spent in and around aircraft, which he thoroughly enjoyed. His military career took them all over the world including a three-year stay on Okinawa.

After his Navy retirement in 1974, he took a brief two-week vacation, and then went to work for Rohr Aircraft. He was once again able to work in aviation, at the Brown Field Testing Facility and retired after 17 years.

He considered applying for a coaching position with the San Diego Chargers. Unfortunately that organization did not recognize his unique and unlimited coaching expertise.

LeRoy's hobbies included fishing, football games and sports of any kind. He particularly enjoyed returning to Kansas for three months every summer to be a farmer alongside his brother-in-law, John Eggers.

LeRoy is survived by his wife of 56 years, Nina, of Chula Vista; one daughter, Mitzi; two granddaughters, Tori Rose and Tonja Nicole; and one grandson, Richard Everett, all of Ohio; one brother, Raymond L. Welch of Santee, Calif.; two sisters, Lois Cress of Bellflower Calif., Claris Spaeth of Dickinson, Texas, and many extended family, dear friends and neighbors.

He is preceded in death by his son, Monty and parents, George and Clara Welch.

Services were held on Thursday, Dec. 20, at the United Methodist Church of Chula Vista.

Next summer his ashes will be taken to Bird City, for graveside services and final interment next to his son Monty.

Memorial gifts may be given to the Leroy W. Welch Memorial at the First United Methodist Church, 915 Paseo Ranchero, Chula Vista, CA 91910.



Aitchison - Raile

Couple to wed in June

Kelsey Aitchison and Tom Raile are planning a June wedding.

Parents of the couple are Ken and Marlene Aitchison of Cheyenne, Wyo., and Jeff Raile of St. Francis and Chris and Lori West of Moorhead, Minn.

The bride-to-be is a 2004 graduate of Cheyenne's East High. She participated in the International Baccalaureate program.

She is a student at Laramie County Community College, majoring in general studies.

She is a volunteer firefighter with Laramie County Fire District 2 and is a 1st lieutenant in the civil air patrol. She is a full-time STEP student with the Bureau of Land Management. She also works part-time for the ambulance service as an emergency medical technician-B.

The groom is a 2000 graduate of St. Francis Community High School and a 2004 graduate of Kansas Law Enforcement.

He is a deputy for Laramie County Sheriff's Department and also volunteers at Laramie County Fire District 2.

Students Graduate

Kansas State University

Two St. Francis Community High School graduates and two Cheylin graduates were among the students who received degrees from Kansas State University following the fall 2007 semester. The ceremony took place on Dec. 8.

Cheylin graduates receiving degrees were:

Cristi Antholz, bachelor of science in elementary education

Extension Notes

Watch out for nitrate levels in forages

Will you be feeding cane, millet, or oat hay to your cows this winter? If so, don't let high nitrate levels kill your cows or cause abortions. We here about nitrates every year and may become complacent. Yet almost every year, we here a story of someone who lost animals or income due to high nitrate levels in forage that they fed.

Nitrates occur naturally in all forages. At low levels, nitrates either are converted into microbial protein by bacteria in the rumen or they are excreted. But when nitrate concentrations get too high, they can kill cows and maybe abort calves.

Some plants are much more likely to be high in nitrates than others. Annual grasses like cane, millet, and oats often have elevated nitrate levels, along with certain weeds like pigweed, Kochia, and lambsquarter. If your hay has lots of these weeds or is an annual grass, be alert to the potential for high nitrates. That doesn't mean these feeds always are toxic, nor does it mean that high-nitrate hay can't be fed safely. But always test these feeds for nitrates in a lab to determine how to feed them safely. Remember, there are many ways to feed high nitrate hay safely. Diluting with grain or low nitrate forages is most common. Frequent, small meals that slowly increase the amount of nitrate fed helps cattle adapt to high nitrate hay. And make sure cattle have plenty of clean, low nitrate water at all times.

Nitrates cause deaths most often after a snow storm has prevented animals from eating naturally for a day or more. Avoid feeding high or even marginally high nitrate hay at this time because cattle will eat an extra large meal when very hungry. This could create an overload of nitrates to their system, leading to death. Please contact the office if you need more information.

Dormant seeding of turfgrass I know you're probably thinking why is he writing about seeding a

lawn in December? Yes, it does sound crazy, but dormant seeding is possible even though fall is the best time to seed cool-season grasses. This seeding is done during the winter when low temperatures prevent the seed from germinating until spring. Normally in Kansas this is from about mid-November on. One advantage of this procedure is to be able to seed during a less busy time of year. Also, spring weather can be so wet that early spring seeding may be delayed. Delayed plantings are more prone to weed invasion and less able to withstand the stresses of summer weather.

Researchers at K-State conducted a study to compare tall fescue plantings done monthly from December through March. Each seeding was planted on the 15th of the month. A November planting was not done due to the abnormally warm weather.

Percent cover ratings were taken at mid-April and mid-May. The April rating showed that the February planting had the highest percent cover (73 percent). The December, January and March sowings had 47, 53, and 50 percent cover respectively. The early plantings were less successful probably due to birds feeding on the turfgrass seed. The March seeding was less mature than the other plantings.

By mid-May, the February and March ratings were tied at 80 percent cover. The January seeding was at 63 percent cover and the December rating was 60 percent. The March seeding had "caught up" with the February sowing.

All of these seedings were thick enough to prevent crabgrass infestations and mature enough to survive our summer without supplemental watering. However, the later plantings (February and March) had significantly more coverage than the earlier months and would be preferred.

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On Tuesday of last week, Sylvia Queen was an afternoon visitor of La Vera Farmer.

Pastor Farmer visited La Vera on Friday evening.



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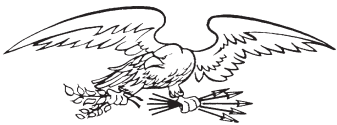
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