

Pauline Luella Hixon

June 22, 1922 - Dec. 4, 2007

Pauline Luella Hixon died on Dec. 4, 2007, in Aurora, Colo., at the age of 85. She was born in Norton, Kan., on June 22, 1922, to Henry and Florence Shaw. On June 29, 1941, she was married to Charles F. "Chick" Hixon.

Pauline and "Chick" moved the family to St. Francis from Norton in April of 1950 to work for G.J. Raile Grocery. Seven years later the Hixons bought the store and operated it as the Ideal Super Market. In 1963, the store was expanded and relocated to its present location on the corner of Washington and Benton. Following her husband's death in January 1979, Pauline continued to operate the store with the help and assistance of a group of loyal and dedicated employees until she retired in January, 2001.

Pauline was an active member in the community, closely followed local sports as well as the sporting activities of her children and grandchildren. She was a member of the First Christian Church, serving on various ministries of the Christian Women's Fellowship, the Cheyenne County Blood Drive and other community support programs.

She is survived by her son J.C. Hixon, Aurora, and daughter, Sharron Nelson, St. Louis, Mo.; sisters, Mary Lue Archibald and Wava Donovan, both of Norton, and Miladene Bower of Zilla, Wash.; grandchildren, Jill Hixon, Denver, Colo., Brett Hixon, Miami, Fla., Chris Nelson, Carlsbad, Calif., Jeff Nelson, St. Louis; and great-grandchildren Jordan Nelson, St. Louis, and Tiffany and Ashley Nelson, Carlsbad.

Services were held on Sat., Dec. 8, at the First Christian Church with Rev. Jeff Landers officiating. Casket bearers were Brett Hixon, Chris Nelson, Marvin Miller, Larry Brunow, Les Doggett and Lynn O'Leary.

Interment was in the St. Francis Cemetery.

Arrangements were by Knodel Funeral Home.

Helen Frick

Nov. 20, 1913 - Jan. 22, 2008

Helen Frick, 94, died Jan. 22, 2008. She was born 1 mile northeast of Salem Lutheran Church in Cheyenne County, Kan., on Nov. 20, 1913. She was the youngest of 11 children born to Andrew and Anna Marie (Burr) Schauer. Her parents were immigrants to the United States from Klein-Neudorf, Russia.

Helen was baptized Jan. 4, 1914, at Salem Lutheran Church by Pastor Gottfried Kolb. When she was 4-years-old, the family moved to Wheeler, also in Cheyenne County. She attended school in Wheeler through the eighth grade.

She was confirmed by Pastor FJ Jungck on Jan. 22, 1929, at Zion Lutheran Church. That summer, she moved with her parents to Loveland, Colo.

There she met George Frick and

they were married Aug. 7, 1932, at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Loveland by Pastor Jenssen.

Helen and George moved to Wheeler the following March and lived in the same home until their health required them to move to Garden City in June 2001.

On Oct. 17, 1934, they were blessed with their daughter, Verlene.

Helen was a farm wife and all that it entailed. Her hobbies included sewing, quilting and gardening. She loved to cook and bake and to feed a crowd of people.

She is mourned by her daughter and son-in-law, Verlene and Oscar Kunz, Garden City; her granddaughter and her husband, Kim and Levi Vanatta, Garden City, her grandson and his wife, Karl and Melanie Kunz; her three great-grandsons, John Vanatta, Eli Kunz and AJ Kunz, as well as many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; George, her husband of 69 years; five sisters, Barbara Rath, Katie Raile, Mary Rueb, Martha Kluge and Christina Houtman; five brothers, John, Louie, Andrew, Adolph and William.

Funeral services were held on Jan. 28, at Peace Lutheran Church in St. Francis with Pastor Ken Hart and Pastor A.J. Striffler officiating.

Honorary pallbearers were Stanley Lillich, John Raile, John Schauer, Tony Schauer, Gene Kiehn and Paul Raile.

Casket bearers were Oscar Kunz, Karl Kunz, Levi Vanatta, Marlin Rueb, Larry Flemming and Dale Weeks.

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Mary Margaret Rodgers Jewell

March 3, 1916 - Jan. 7, 2007

Mary Margaret Rodgers Jewell was born March 3, 1916, in Cincinnati, Ohio, to Roland Weston and Clara Smith Rodgers of Amberly Village. She died Jan. 7, 2007, in Cushing, Okla.

There is a sense of history in Mary Margaret's death. She was the last of six generations born and raised on the farm in Amberly Village that her ancestor, Andrew Rodgers, founded in 1798 as a land grant in the Northwest Territories of Ohio after the Revolutionary War. Branches of her family date to the Mayflower, and one Phillip Livingston of New York, served on the committee that drafted the Declaration of Independence.

Mary Margaret was raised on Rodgers Fruit Farm, at the corner of Ridge and Galbraith roads, which her father, Roland, had transferred from an ordinary local farm to a prosperous fruit farm after graduating in horticulture from Ohio State. She attended Pleasant Ridge Presbyterian Church (her father was an elder at the church), Withrow High School, Ohio Wesleyan and Kansas State colleges, and completed graduate study in

dietetics at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor in 1939.

She married Ross Jewell in 1939. They had two sons, David and Ralph.

Mary Margaret had one older sister, Elizabeth, who died in infancy before Mary Margaret was born.

Among people with whom Mary Margaret has sustained lifelong correspondence (since grade school), and who may be in attendance at the grave-site on Saturday are Ruth Schmutter of Crooksville, Rosie Pugh of Cincinnati and Flo Bley also of Cincinnati and a member of Pleasant Ridge Presbyterian Church. Helen Doerring, Mary Margaret's cousin from Columbus, who will play taps at the funeral services, has been a correspondent with Mary Margaret for years. Mary Margaret comes from a generation of people who stayed in contact by mail and corresponded regularly, and, by doing so, she maintained her roots in Ohio and Cincinnati.

Mary Margaret met Ross at Kansas State College in Manhattan where he was a veterinary student and she was finishing a liberal arts degree. She completed work in dietetics at University of Michigan while she waited for Ross to finish his Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree at Kansas State. They were married in the living room at Rodgers Fruit Farm in September 1939, and travelled right away to Arkansas and Kansas, as Ross was employed by the Federal Department of Animal Husbandry to inoculate cattle against bangs disease.

In 1941, Ross began a master's degree at Ohio State University in Columbus, a boon to Mary Margaret whose maternal relatives, Thornton and Lot Smith, lived nearby in Canal Winchester.

During the Second World War, Mary Margaret gave birth to David (1942) and Ralph (1945) at Good Samaritan Hospital. Although Mary Margaret and Ross lived in Columbus at the time, they came home to help operate the farm, particularly after her father was stricken with asthma, and her mother died in 1944 or 45.

After the war, Ross accepted a position on the veterinary faculty at Kansas State College; Mary Margaret and the family moved to Manhattan and began her 62-year absence from the family homestead.

In 1947, she contracted tuberculosis, which meant a 13-month stay in a tuberculosis sanatorium and the loss of one lung. Mary Margaret feared that she wouldn't live to see her 2- and 5-year-old children reach adulthood; antibiotics had not yet been introduced for tuberculosis, which was very often a killer. She far surpassed her goal living another 60 years.

Ross changed professions and attended medical school in the early 1950s and the family moved several times following him through school, internship and practice in several small Kansas towns. Wherever she went, Mary Margaret established new roots, made friends and contributed to the community.

Her father died in 1959, at their home in Bird City, and Mary Margaret sold her portion of Rodgers Fruit Farm. It became the site of Adath Israel Reform Congregation. There is a mind's-eye picture of Roland, her father, standing on the back steps of the farmhouse with an arrowhead found in the fields in one hand, and looking at the temple, which rises where the barn once stood. He reflects on the native people who came before; on his family's six generations of stewardship to that site; and on the congregation that followed, and seems satisfied that the land continues, as it always has, to serve its residents well.

As the boys graduated from school, Mary Margaret made it her business to reclaim her individuality as well as holding the family together. She re-certified as a dietitian, contracted with a number of small hospitals and nursing homes in northwest Kansas, Colorado and Nebraska, and tooted around the region in her bright orange Karmann-Ghia inspecting facilities and dispensing wisdom, training, menus and advice. She built a career that lasted until Ross retired in 1985, and they relocated to Cushing.

In Cushing, at her memorial service, 45 people attended, attesting to Mary Margaret's continuing ability to make friends and develop relationships as she grew older. She sustained her church ties, participated actively in the quilting society, making and giving away scores of handmade quilts of all sizes to family and friends, became a mentor to several school children over the years, and participated actively with older adults at Senior Action in Cushing. She cared for Ross in his 80s, and remained a solid ally to both her boys in all their struggles and endeavors.

Mary Margaret is survived by two sons, three grandchildren, and a scattered, extended family of relatives and friends that she stayed in correspondence with in Ohio, Kansas, Washington, California, Texas, Florida and Hawaii.

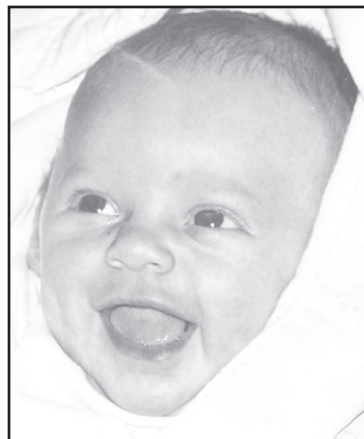
Mary Margaret was buried in the graveyard of Pleasant Ridge Presbyterian Church, as she requested, with her family, and close to her ancestors beginning with Andrew, whose 1814 limestone marker at the other end of the aisle is almost washed clean of text. She is along side of two centuries of Irish-Presbyterian kinfolk who settled and helped to develop the Ohio River Valley.

Introducing

James Douglas Walters

Tobias and Sara Walters of Jacksonville, Fla., announce the birth of their son, James Douglas Walters, on Nov. 2, 2007. He weighed 7 pounds, 14 ounces and measured 21 1/2 inches in length.

Grandparents are Dr. Mel Walters of Rocklin, Calif., Jill Rickard of Cape Girardeau, Mo., and Jim and Edie Walters of St. Francis. Great-grandmother is Leah Walter of Lakewood, Colo.



Walters

Jorja Rae Ebert

AJ and Nikki (Krien) Ebert of Greensboro, Ala., announce the birth of Jorja Rae Ebert. She was born Dec. 19, 2007, weighing 7 pounds, 10 ounces and measuring 19 1/4 inches.

Grandparents are Dennis and Iva Krien, St. Francis, Pat and Bill Schiele and Bob and Carol Ebert, all of Alabama. Great-grandparents are Ferdinand and Chloris Krien of St. Francis; Hugh and Fran Harper of Custer, S.D., Irene Hardin of Paris, Texas, and the late Chuck Hardin; Dorothy Ebert of St. George and Frankie McLean of Alabama.



Ebert

Employee reports on hospital duties

By Karen Krien
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The director of nursing was present at the Thursday, Jan. 24, Cheyenne County Hospital Board meeting to tell about her job and duties.



Lee

Tenille Lee, director of nursing, told the board that she is in charge of all patient care.

"I like this job because there are new challenges every day," she said. "Changes happen rapidly and it is important to be flexible."

The new patient room furniture and bed lifts have made a positive impact at the hospital, she said.

Traci Neitzel, board member, asked if she had sufficient staff?

Mrs. Lee said that right now, the hospital is in kind of a "crunch" and another registered nurse may need to be hired. The

hospital presently has seven full-time registered nurses; three full-time licensed practical nurses; seven certified nurses aides; one nursing aide; and two certified nursing aides working in other areas of the hospital.

Jane Young, board member, asked if pool nurses were used? Mrs. Lee said a few have been used in the past year but, routinely, they don't need them.

Mrs. Lee pointed out that the hospital staff is well trained, listing several advanced certifications that have been attained by an unusually high percentage of the staff.

Mr. Lacy said that Mrs. Lee does not routinely schedule herself for work, but, instead, backs up the schedule and fills in when and where she is needed.

Kari Gilliland, board member, commented that Mrs. Lee has a calm, efficient way of running the hospital.

Mrs. Lee has been with the hospital for 6 years and has been director of nurses for 2 years.



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TRACT 1 - The North Half (N 1/2) of the Southwest Quarter (SW 1/4) of Section Four (4), Township Five (5), Range Thirty-Eight (38) in Cheyenne County, Kansas. Acreage currently in wheat stubble.

BASE/YIELD INFORMATION					
FSA Acres	Wheat	G.S.	Corn	Sunflowers	2007 TAXES
76.9	40.5/33	9.2/45	---	4.6/1070	\$246.35

TRACT 2 - The South Half (S 1/2) of the Southwest Quarter (SW 1/4) of Section Four (4), Township Five (5), Range Thirty-Eight (38) in Cheyenne County, Kansas. Currently in milo stalks. Boundaries to be determined with findings of a survey, if needed.

BASE/YIELD INFORMATION					
FSA Acres	Wheat	G.S.	Corn	Sunflower Soybean	2007 TAXES
75.5	15.9/35	1.8/89	44.9/116	---	.4/34 \$222.31

TRACT 3 - A tract of land in the South Half (S 1/2) of the Southwest Quarter (SW 1/4) of Section Four (4), Township Five (5), Range Thirty-Eight (38) in Cheyenne County, Kansas.

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