

Obituaries

Edwin Ruben Schlittenhardt

Nov. 5, 1928 - March 12, 2008

Edwin Ruben Schlittenhardt was born to Dave and Lydia (nee Wolff) Schlittenhardt on Nov. 5, 1928. He died March 12, 2008, at Hays Medical Center, Hays, Kan.

He grew up on a farm in rural Cheyenne County. He was confirmed in the Lutheran faith at the age of 14 at the Salem Lutheran Church. He started school in northern Cheyenne County. His first grade teacher was Vivian Horwege.

On Dec. 6, 1950, he was inducted into the U.S. Army at the age of 22 at Fort Riley in Kansas. He was assigned to the 11th Airborne Division at Fort Campbell, Ky. He then attended and completed Paratrooper School at Fort Benning, Ga. He received his airborne wings on March 23, 1951. He then took strategic training and became a member of the 511th Airborne Regimental Combat Team.

On April 9, 1952, he left Fort Lewis, Wash., bound for Korea. He was wounded on the front lines and was first shipped to a hospital in Japan, then on to Fitzsimmons Army Hospital in Denver. His admitting doctor was Dr. E.R. Cram, a St. Francis native.

He received an honorable discharge from active duty in September 1952.

For the past eight years, Edwin has gone to the St. Francis Good Samaritan Village where he played music from his extensive music collection for the residents. He said several times how much he loved to play the music for the residents and they loved having him play it. Many expressed requests for their favorite songs or types of music, and Edwin did his best to fill those requests. Many of the residents loved the polka and big band music from his collection.

He married Lavon Trail of Atwood on May 27, 1953. They had three children: twin sons, Ronald Kim and Donald Lyn and a daughter, Michele Jolene.

Preceding him in death were: his parents, son, Donald Lyn, brothers, Ervin and Robert, and sister, Doris.

Surviving him: Lavon, his wife of 55 years; son, Ron and wife, Amelita; daughter, Michele Rohweder and husband, Dick; sister, Irene Andrist, all of St. Francis; brothers, Elroy and wife, Linda of Houston, Texas, Danny and wife,

Marti of St. Francis. Also surviving are his six grandchildren: Edward Schlittenhardt and his wife, Jenny of Kansas City; Donald Schlittenhardt and his wife, Jacki of Wichita; Leslie Ann Bailey and her husband, Travis of Ness City; Brian Schlittenhardt of Seattle, Wash.; Heidi Rohweder of Hays; and Devin Rohweder of Hays; also two great-grandchildren: Sapphira and Kiera Bailey of Ness City; numerous nieces and nephews, many cousins and friends too numerous to mention also survive Ed.

Funeral services were conducted by Reverend Jeff Landers at the First Christian Church, St. Francis, on Tuesday, March 18, with burial following in the St. Francis Cemetery with full military honors. A flyby of a Cessna 140, the plane Edwin and Ralph Crawford bought together and learned to fly in 1956, was made by Robert Grace.

Casket bearers were his six grandchildren: Edward Schlittenhardt, Donald Schlittenhardt, Leslie Bailey, Brain Schlittenhardt, Heidi Rohweder and Devin Rohweder.

Honorary pallbearers were Bob Andrist, Dick Rohweder, Melvin Schlepp, Robert Grace, Richard Grace, Kent Kechter, Scott Carmichael, Ward Cassidy, Troy Porter and Trevor Richard.

Memorials may be made to the Cheyenne County Airport Authority, the First Christian Church or Good Samaritan Village, St. Francis.

Arrangements were by Knodel Funeral Home, St. Francis.

Wayne Martin Johnsen

Feb. 7, 1931 - March 27, 2008

Wayne Martin Johnsen, age 77, Bird City, Kan., died March 27, 2008, at the Cheyenne County Hospital in St. Francis. Wayne was born Feb. 7, 1931, the son of, George Jergen Johnsen and Viola Leone (Hawkinson) Johnsen at a farm northeast of Wilcox, Kearney County, Neb. He grew up on farms around Wilcox.

He had seven brothers, Lawrence, Lamoine, Lloyd, Dale, Glenn, Arlan and Gary. Wayne was baptized on Feb. 7, 1932, and was a lifetime member of the Methodist Church.

Wayne graduated from Wilcox High School in 1948. At the age of 20, he was inducted into the U.S. Army on Aug. 15, 1951, at Omaha, Neb., and served two years during the Korean War.

On Feb. 17, 1952, Wayne mar-

ried Virginia Rogene Stoltenberg. Wayne shipped out of Seattle, Wash., just two weeks later for Korea in March, 1952. He spent time at the Punch Bowl and Heart Break Ridge areas operating telephone and radio for the rifle company and was promoted to Corporal while he was in Korea.

Wayne returned home on Feb. 14, 1953. He served a short time at Fort Carson, Colo., then was assigned military police (MP) duty at Fort Sheridan, Ill. Wayne was released from active duty in May, 1953, and spent the remainder of eight years on inactive duty. He was honorably discharged in August 1959. Wayne has been a member of the American Legion for nearly 35 years.

He returned to Wilcox where he farmed then managed the Coop elevator at Ragan.

Wayne and Rogene had three children, Pamela, David and Daniel. In 1967, the family moved to Bird City, where Wayne worked for Coop for many years. He later worked for and retired in 1993 from the Cheyenne County Road Department.

Wayne was preceded in death by his parents and three brothers, Lawrence, Lloyd and Glenn.

He is survived by his wife, Rogene; daughter, Pam and husband, Tom of Monument, Colo., and their three daughters, Krysta, Bryana and Tasha; son, Dave and his wife, Monica of Imperial, Neb., and their three children, Ben and wife, Sheila and great-grandson, Will, daughter, Tara and husband, Matt, and daughter, Amanda; and son, Dan and wife, Janet and daughter, Teri of Wiley, Colo.; and brothers, Lamoine of Wilcox, Dale and wife, Gussie of Wilcox, Arlan and wife, Elaine of Colorado Springs and Gary and wife, Elizabeth of Stapleton, Neb.; sister-in-law, Juanita and husband, Bernie; sister-in-law, Verle; brother-in-law, Rex and wife, Kenda and a host of nieces, nephews and friends.

Funeral services were held at the Bird City United Methodist church on Monday, March 31, with Pastor Becky Davison officiating.

Honorary pallbearers were granddaughters, Tara Deyle, Amanda Johnsen, Sheila Johnsen, Will Johnsen, Krysta Burns, Bryana Burns, Tasha Burns, Teri Johnsen.

Casket bearers were Brian Johnsen, Ben Johnsen, Matt Deyle, Scott Johnsen, Duane Johnsen, Dan Miller.

Interment was in the Bird City Cemetery, Bird City.

Military graveside service by Fort Riley Honor Guard.

Arrangements were by Knodel Funeral Home.

Memorial gifts can be made on Wayne's behalf to the Cheyenne County Hospital for their superior care or other donation of your choice.



BETH MAIFELD PERFORMS for the Music Club members. The meeting was titled: "Hawaiian Escape."

Photo courtesy of Marcia Magley

Meeting goes Hawaiian

St. Francis Federated Music Club

Hawaiian Escape was the theme of the March 11, St. Francis is Federated Music Club meeting, held at the home of Betty Orth.

Beth Maifeld, vice president and program chairman, opened the meeting with an extremely interesting presentation of the history, attire and importance of hula dancing, much of which she learned while residing in Hawaii during her younger years. The program was truly a learning experience for the 11 members and one guest in attendance and was greatly enjoyed.

For the Poetry Moment, Bonnie Cram recited Psalm 139 from memory.

During the formal business session, the Nominating Committee reported on proposed officers for the coming year. Election will be held at the meeting on April 8.

Extremely favorable reports were received concerning Western Plains Arts Association's presentation of "Yankee Doodle Dandee" presented at St. Francis High School auditorium, by Wichita Children's Theater, on Feb. 18. Those attending were treated to 45 minutes of uninterrupted rhythmic rhyme, narration and songs relating the story of America's beginnings through to 1927, Charles Lindbergh's Atlantic Flight.

Music Club will be sponsoring and taking part in the fifth and sixth grade music contest as judges, and will sponsor Dance Ranch Mother's Day Recital during National Music Week in May.

Members were encouraged to support the performances of "Murder Can Be Habit-Forming," on March 15; the high school drama class's performances of "Love's Labours Lost" on April 13 and 14; the Elvis program at the band shell on Friday evening

of the Cruisers Car Show; and the lunch to be served at the Cheyenne County Museum, on June 21, during alumni weekend.

Marsha Magley, president, shared that the club had been represented at the U.S. Navy Band Concert, on Feb. 26, at the Colby Community Building. She and Fred, Glenn and Louanne Isernhagen, Stan and Janet Carman reported an enjoyable evening. A major highlight of that evening, for Marsha, was having the honor of visiting with Captain George N. Thompson, commanding officer and band leader, who has the distinction of being the 12th Navy Band Leader (March 2007) and the first African-American to

be commissioned a bandmaster in the history of the U. S. Navy (Nov. 1, 1990).

A motion carried to contribute a floral offering for the Adelina Walter Memorial service on April 12.

Appreciation was extended to Betty for hosting the meeting, to Margaret Poling for providing the evening's refreshments, and to Beth and Bonnie for their inspirational and educational performances.

There being no further business, the muu muu and lei clad members adjourned to the kitchen and were treated to Hawaiian fruit kabobs and punch during the refreshment time.

Student Graduates

Alicia Burkhalter Rippe of Bird City is one of the 63 students who completed requirements for master's and education specialist's degrees during the fall 2007 semester at Fort Hays State University,

according to Dr. Tim Crowley, interim dean of the Graduate School at the college.

Burkhalter-Rippe earned a master's degree in counseling.

Odd Facts

- Two-thirds of the world's eggplant is grown in New Jersey.
- The longest one-syllable word in the English language is "screched."
- All of the clocks in the movie "Pulp Fiction" are stuck on 4:20.
- No word in the English language rhymes with month, orange, silver or purple.

- "Dreamt" is the only English word that ends in the letters "mt".
- All 50 states are listed across the top of the Lincoln Memorial on the back of the \$5 bill.
- Almonds are a member of the peach family.
- Winston Churchill was born in a ladies' room during a dance.
- Maine is the only state whose name is just one syllable.

Book Review

The Road to Forgiveness

Book review from St. Francis Public Library

By Bill and Cindy Griffiths


When Bill and Cindy Griffiths learned that their 11-year-old daughter and Cindy's mom had died in a car accident, they were catapulted into the deepest anguish they had ever known. And when they learned the driver was drunk -- severely so, at 7:30 in the morning -- their pain only intensified.

Forgiving the driver seemed out of the question.

Yet as Bill and Cindy ached to understand their loss and clung desperately to God's promises of faithfulness, they knew that har-

boring bitterness toward the driver would only compound their grief. Through time and prayer, they began to see Verma Harrison as not just a drunken killer, but a woman God deeply loved and had brought into their lives for a purpose.

The Road to Forgiveness is an amazing story of how the Griffiths forgave and eventually befriended the very person who had torn their lives ones from them. Their words are a compelling example of how God can transform the most tragic circumstances for His glory and how, ultimately, His love conquers all.



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Laird, Colorado

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Saturday, April 12, 2008

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(Lunch by Laird Community Center)

Tractors - Trucks - Trailers (Will sell at Approx. 1:30 pm.)

1989 John Deere 4055 tractor, dsl w/265, J.D. Loader, 4wd, w/grapple fork, power shift, PTO, 3 hyd, cab, ac, h, full set front wts., good tires; 1996 Ford 1720 dsl w/7108 loader, 5ft. bucket, 4wd, 4 spd w/shuddle, PTO, 414 hrs., like new; 1982 John Deere 4840 tractor, PS, PTO, 3 hdy., cab, h, ac, single rear tires w/long axle; 1979 Ford 6710 tractor 4wd, PTO, 2 hdy, 8-2 spd, cab, ac, h, good rubber; 1991 Ford F700 dsl truck, auto trans., w/harsh 300 mixer feed box w/scale, 19,000 actual miles; 1962 Ford truck w/John Deere feeder box, less 200 hrs. on new engine 4-2 spd.; 1983 Ford 9000 truck tractor, dsl, single axle, 9 spd, 6 cyl; 2004 Donahue gooseneck, 16 ft., grain trailer, steel box, like new, electric over hyd hoist, electric stand lift, tandem duals; 2001 Fleetneck (Diamond C trl. Mfr.) gooseneck, 30ft. flat bed tri, dual wheel tandem w/sway control, fold up ramps; 2001 Wilson Alumni 24 ft. gooseneck tandem stock trailer; machine carrier trailer, tandem axle; small 2 wheel trailers; 10 yard electric double dump trailer, Ford 2 wheel dump trailer, 4 ft. long x 27"W; Braw hood for car trailer, like new; Farm Equipment; shop tools; tack; wood equipment, ATV's, yard equipment, livestock equipment; ranch and farm items; household goods (will sell around 12 p.m.)

Auctioneer's Note - Complete sell-out as they have sold their place and are moving to Wray. Most equipment has been shedded and had only the best of care. Lots of excellent items for everyone. Possible that 2 Auction rings may be run at times.

Plan now to attend and thanks for attending our auctions. Dave

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