Obituaries

Bonnie Ruth McQuillen

Feb. 7, 1940 - Aug. 11, 2008 Bonnie Ruth McQuillen was born on Feb. 7, 1940, to Robert and Mabel Brown of Bayard, Neb. Bonnie died on Aug. 11, after a long battle with cancer.

She spent most of her childhood in Riverton, Wyo., after moving there at age 1 and graduating from Riverton High School in 1958. Her teenage years in Riverton were spent working for various wellknown establishments such as the ACME Theater, Helen's Cafe and the Riverton Bean Company.

She married Donald McQuillen in Elko, Nev., on May 27, 1961. Bonnie enjoyed caring for her family as a homemaker and wife in Greeley Colo., from 1961 until

She was active in her children's school life as president of the Madison's Elementary Parent Teachers Association and contributed at length to the local chapter of the Boy Scout's troop.

In 1977 Bonnie moved to Clear Creek County, Colo., and lived at various times in Idaho Springs, Empire and Georgetown. She was the office manager and certified weighmaster for the gravel company, Mountain Aggregates until she retired in 1996. She and her husband then managed the "Mint Lode" AMCO gas station in east Empire for the next couple of

She was an avid volunteer and contributed many hours to the Idaho Springs Senior Center.

During the 1990s, Bonnie acquired a passion and talent for quilting. She was a member of the Columbine Quilt Guild and has several quilts registered with the Colorado Quilters Council. She was honored to have quilts selected for exhibition at the Colorado State Capitol Building in 2001.

In 2001, they moved to St. Francis, Kan., where she continued to engage her passion of quilting and was a member of the Carousel Quilters Guild. She was quite often featured in the local newspapers for her quilting talents as well as her volunteer efforts at the local churches and the St. Francis Senior Center.

Bonnie was preceded in death by her parents, her older brother, Robert Douglas, and a younger sister, Beverly Deann Schuerman.

She is survived by a brother, Curtis James; two sisters, Shirley Kay Knight and Carolyn Faye Zoller; her husband, Donald Dean McQuillen of St. Francis; two children, Edward Robert McQuil- Colorado. He graduated from len of Dallas, Texas, and Donald Armel High School in 1942. Dean McQuillen Jr. of Conifer Colo.; three grandchildren, Tabitha Leigh McQuillen of Denver, Daniel Kai McQuillen and Shayla Dawn Mayer of Conifer, and several nieces and nephews.

She brightened many lives with her colorful euphemisms and language. She will be sorely missed by all of her loved ones and ac-

There are no services planned at this time.

Dorothy Elizabeth (Bissell) Phillips Moore

Dec. 23, 1927 - Aug. 10, 2008 Dorothy Elizabeth (Bissell) Phillips Moore, age 80, died at the Cheyenne County Hospital in St. Francis, Kan., on Aug. 10, 2008.

Dorothy was born on Dec. 23, 1927, to Edwin Edelbert and Ora Blanche (Fieldgrove) Bissell near Litchfield, Neb. Later, they moved to the Hyannis area, where she graduated from Hyannis High School as valedictorian. While going to school she stayed with other families and helped with their children and chores.

When she was a young girl she had blond hair and blue eyes. Her father told her if she didn't smoke or drink and got good grades, he would buy an excellent horse, which at graduation he did.

Dorothy married C.A. "Bud" Phillips Jr., in 1946. To this union nine children were born: Charles Allen, Albert Lynn, John Ross, Paul Douglas, James Cole, Mitzi Valene, Leitha LeOra, Dora Lee and Celia Annette.

Dorothy lived in many places in her 80 years: Hyannis, Whitman, Mullen, Burwell, North Platte and Arnold in Nebraska and McPherson, Ellis, Oakley and Bird City in

Dorothy was a graduate of the Mid-Plains Community College Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) program. Her work ethic and studies were an inspiration to everyone including her instructors. Honors included Employee of the Year when working for Home Health Great Plains Regional Medical Center in North Platte.

In 1997, she married Willard Moore. She and Willard loved road

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trips; their motto was, "Happiness is a full tank of gas and somewhere to go." Dorothy enjoyed spending time with family and friends, as well as playing games, cooking and baking...cinnamon rolls and pies were specialties.

She loved her Lord, her family, life and everybody's kids.

Dorothy was preceded in death by her parents; her first husband, Clarence "Bud" Phillips Jr.; sons, Charles and James Phillips; grandchildren, Nia and Clinton Moore; great-grandchildren, Thorne Phillips and Craig Dutro; sister, Geneva Ewoldt; and brothers, Glen and Eugene Bissell.

Survivors include her husband, Willard of Bird City; children, Albert "Bert" (Judy) Phillips, Wa-Keeney, John Phillips, Arnold, Neb.; Paul (Susan) Phillips, Windsor, Colo.; Mitzi (Jim) Cartrell, Wallace, Neb.; Leitha (Wade) King, Ellis; Dora (Todd) Whitney, Concordia, Celia (Raymon) Lawson, Oakley, Calif.; Larry (Joyce) Moore, Goodland; Sondra (Scott) Phillips, Longmont, Colo; and Gary (Mary) Moore, Bird City; sister, Wynona Kimble, Gordon, Neb.; 33 grandchildren; 32 greatgrandchildren; and many other family and friends.

Funeral services were Thursday, Aug. 14, at the St. Francis Church of Christ with minister Norman Morrow officiating.

Casket bearers were Albert Phillips, John Phillips, Paul Phillips, Wade King, Larry Moore and Gary Moore.

Graveside services were held at 5 p.m. at the Arnold Cemetery in

Memorials can be made to the St. Francis Church of Christ, or a memorial fund for nursing education that has been established.

Knodel Funeral Home of St. Francis was in charge of arrange-

Paul J. Dent

Oct. 19, 1923 - Aug. 7, 2008

Paul J. Dent was born Oct. 19, 1923, in Trenton, Neb., to Samuel L. and Lucille L. (Vastine) Dent. He was the oldest of seven children. He died Aug. 7, 2008, at the Wray Community District Hospital in Wray, Colo., at the age of

Paul attended school in Trenton, Neb., through the third grade. A highlight during those years was carrying water to the animals on the circus trains that came through Trenton, in exchange for free passes to attend the performances.

In 1932, the family moved to

Paul joined the Army in June 1943. He served with the 161st Infantry Regiment in the Asiatic Pacific Theater until his honorable discharge in January 1946. As Staff Sergeant Squad Leader, he supervised a 12-man 57 mm antitank gun crew, seeing fierce action on the island of Luzon in the Philippines and serving in Occupied Japan. He was awarded the Asiatic Pacific Service Medal, the Philippines Liberation Ribbon with one bronze star, the World War II Victory Medal and the Good Conduct

On March 28, 1946, he married his high school sweetheart, Bessie Rosa Chase, at her family home near Beecher Island, Colo. To this union two children were born, Larry Paul, Feb. 25, 1949, and Joyce Marie, April 24, 1950.

Paul spent his life farming, doing heavy construction, custom harvesting, and driving a school bus for the Wray schools for 31 years. Paul loved his time spent with the kids. He always had time to listen and many kids spent hours talking out their problems. Paul especially enjoyed driving the football bus. He loved the game of football and all of his "football kids." A state championship was always an extra bonus.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Sam and Lucille Dent; sisters, Donna McCourt and Patricia Ash, and brothers-in-law, Alvin Williams and Rex McCourt.

He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Bessie Rosa; son, Larry Dent and wife, Linda, of Wiley, Colo.; daughter, Joyce Brown and husband, Ron of Beecher Island, Colo.; and grandchildren, Dwain Dent of Wiley, Eric Brown of Los Angeles, Calif., Grant Brown of Ness City and Riley Brown of Beecher Island. Also surviving are sisters, Ellen Mansfield and husband, Bill of Wray, Blanche Williams of Malad City, Idaho, Maxine Reingardt and husband, Dave of Fort Collins, Colo., and Linda Lilly and husband, Bill of Rush, Colo., and many other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held with military honors on Aug. 12 at the Friday, Aug. 22, at 10:30 central played baseball. He pitched and

with Rev. Steve Wynkoop officiating. Interment was held following the services in the Grandview

Memorials may be made to the Friends of the Wray Public Li-

Elizabeth Schritter Isernhagen

Aug. 5, 1917 - Aug. 15, 2008 Elizabeth Schritter Isernhagen was born in Aberdeen, Idaho, in 1917, to Ernest Schritter (emigrant from Kloestiz Bessarable, Russia) and Pauline Reichenberger. The family moved to Cheyenne County, Kan., in 1924, after her mother's death in 1923.

Elizabeth had six sisters and three brothers: Christina Carr, deceased 2001, Martha Schultz, deceased 2008, Emma Wilt, deceased 2000, Pauline Wall, deceased 1992, Helen Schauer, Bakersfield, Calif.; Regina Krien, Fort Mogan, Colo., Rudolf Schritter, deceased 1997, John Schritter, deceased 1987, and Robert Schritter, Fort Lupton, Colo.,

Her father and nine siblings moved into a sod house a short distance north of Salem Lutheran Church. They later moved 3 miles west of St. Francis just north of the Republican River and then to the "Fredrickson Place" 6 miles west and 3 miles north of U.S. 36.

She recalled seeing the flood of 1935 from the second story of the home with animals and buildings being carried down the Republican River.

She attended rural one-room schools in Cheyenne County, the Riverside School with teacher Ester Taylor being on of them.

Her father died in 1930 at the age of 50 when she was 13 leaving the children without parents or relatives in the area. Her oldest brother, Rudolph, then 23-yearsold, took the responsibility of managing the family. When she was 16, she moved into town and worked for the Churchill's. She then lived with and worked for Bud and Esther Boardman until she married at age 18. She often reported that Esther "taught me everything."

She married August F. Isernhagen in June of 1937. The marriage was blessed by two children, Raymond (KayDee) Isernhagen of Carson City, Nev., and Barbara (Rodger) Bainter of Macomb, Ill.

August joined in partnership with Wayne Ayeres to open the A-I Store selling hardware and home/farm supplies with Wayne also providing embalming and funeral services. Elizabeth did all the accounting and paper work for the business. When August and Wayne were drafted into World War II, the business was sold to Herb Lampe.

Upon his return, August opened a new business, again naming it the A-1 Store. Elizabeth was the accountant and managed the store on a day-to-day basis. The business was liquidated in 1955 and the family moved to Boulder,

Elizabeth worked for the bookstore at the University of Colorado. She was then employed in the Regent Building for the university performing financial services for the university administration. Her office was responsible for over \$2,000,000 of funding. She retired after 8 years of service at the uni-

Her husband, August died in

Her grandchildren are Kim Pasquarello, Las Vegas, Nev., Robin Gonzalez, Reno, Nev.; Lisa Isernhagen, Las Vegas, August Isernhagen, Carson City, Nev., William Knight, Macomb, Penny Baniter, Macomb and Brad Bainter, Macomb. She had eight greatgrandchildren, Ryan and Ashley Pasquarello, Sydney, Emma and Marne Gonzalez, Mat Peterson, Chelesa Bainter, Dustin Bainter and a great-granddaughter to be born in October, CharlieRae Elizabeth to August and Krysta Isern-

Elizabeth had a quick wit and great sense of humor. She loved to sew, quilt and knit, making several items for family and friends. She was an excellent cook, two of the family's favorites were her khesslnifla and pecan pie. She and August enjoyed traveling and visiting their grandchildren.

Her favorite Bible verse was the 23rd Psalm which she read every night. She crocheted this Psalm and gave it to family as well. She looked forward to Sunday church services. She will be missed by all those she came into contact with. She loved being a wife, mother and homemaker.

Funeral services will be held

First Christian Church in Wray, daylight time at Peace Lutheran Church, St. Francis.

Memorial contributions may be made to "The Elms" a nursing-care facility in Macomb, Ill, 1212 Madelyn Ave. Macomb, IL

Bruce Freemyer

July 23, 1924 - Aug. 1, 2008 Bruce Freemyer, 84, Briggsdale, Colo., was born in Dundy County, Neb., to Harley and Lily (Gardner) Freemyer. He grew up on the family farm in Nebraska and later served in the Army Occupation Forces in Germany at the end of World War II.

On Sept. 2, 1945, in Fort Morgan, he married Mildred Stephen. He farmed for many years around the Briggsdale area, and then worked for Monfort Meat Packing plant for more than 20 years until 1982, when he returned to farming and owned and operated the Briggsdale Market.

Mr. Freemyer enjoyed bowling and playing pinochle. He was an active member of the Briggsdale Lions Club for more than 50 years and a member of the Congregational Church of Briggsdale.

Mr. Freemeyer died Friday, Aug. 1, 2008, at his home in Briggsdale.

Suviviors include his wife, Mildred Freemyer of Briggsdale; two daughters, Nancy Allshouse and husband, Ralph, of Briggsdale and Lois Freemyer of Kersey; a son, Stephen Freemyer and wife, Julie of Briggsdale; five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Also surviving are four brothers and their wives, Ed and Della Freemyer and David and Jolene Freemyer, all of Greeley, Francis and Mary Anna Freemyer of Gill and Marshall and Julia Freemyer of Marrietta, Ga.; and a sister and her husband, Ruth and Dick Becker of Zephyrhills, Fla.

He was preceded in death by a son, Roger Dean Freemyer; a daughter, Jodell Mangum; his parents, a brother and a sister.

Funeral services were held on Aug. 5 at Sunset Memorial Gardens in Greeley.

Memorial gifts may be made to the Briggsdale Lions Club or the Briggsdale Fire Department in care of Adamson Funeral and Cremation Services, 2000 47th Ave., Greeley, CO 80634. Condolences may be sent to the family at www. adamsonchapels.com.

Bruce was the grandson of J.B. Freemyer, an early-day Pioneer who lived North of St. Francis.

Leonard Robert Ochsner Sept. 21, 1914 -July 5, 2008

This is the life story of a master story teller.

Leonard Robert Ochsner was born Sept. 21, 1914, to Henry and Lydia Ochsner on the family farmstead northwest of St. Francis, Kan. He was the second born

of six children, five being boys. Leonard was baptized and confirmed at the Hope Valley Church.

He began grade school at the Northrup School. On the first day of school, he and his older brother were sent home for speaking only German. His father returned them to the school and reassured the teacher they could speak English as well.

After finishing his formal education, Leonard attended The Hemphill Diesel School in Los Angeles in the 1930s.

Once more he returned to Cheyenne County and began farming the John Brunswig land. He enlisted in the Army in February 1942. Before shipping overseas, he crisscrossed the United States

while stationed at various forts. During the war, Leonard was a mechanic for a heavy artillery unit. He landed in England, crossed the Rhine, and moved into Germany, following the combat troops. Being fluent in German, Leonard also often traveled ahead and translated.

After being honorably discharged from the Army in 1946, Leonard returned home for good.

Two years after returning, he married Nettie Walz on Dec. 31, 1947. During their 60 years of marriage, they raised three children, Karen, Bob and Susan, on his Uncle Dan's (Rath) farmstead.

Leonard made a career of farming. He primarily grew wheat and also raised cattle. His favorite time of year was always harvest and he was anxious to be in the field cutting wheat. He drove the combine into his early 90s.

Although he worked hard to provide for his family, Leonard also took time to love life. He was well known in the community because he played sports and simply talked to people.

As a young adult, Leonard

played first base for the Red Caps and the Pirates.

In his spare time, he enjoyed going to the pool hall. He drank coffee in the morning and stayed if someone was there to play pool or cards with or to listen to his stories from childhood, the war and his years on the west coast.

Leonard also made daily trips to the golf course when the weather was nice. He was an accomplished golfer and hit three holes-in-one. Leonard and his tournament partner also won the first flight of the Riverside Rendezvous in1994; he was 79. He didn't spend all of his time at the golf course playing but also hunted lost golf balls, collecting more than 5,000.

Leonard used his frequent games of pool, golf and cards to hone his skills. When with family, he enjoyed playing with or against his children and grandchildren, always competing fiercely.

Even when just sitting in the living room or around the dining room table, Leonard's family loved nothing more than listening to him tell stories and jokes. He could entertain for hours or until everyone's sides hurt from laughing so hard. Leonard died July 15, 2008, in

Kingman.

He was preceded in death by his

parents, Henry and Lydia; his brothers, Harvey, Howard and Garfield and his sister, Arlene Busse.

He is survived by his wife, Nettie; his three children, Karen Lacio and husband, Nic, Bob Ochsner and friend, Marian, and Susan Alderson and husband, Tom; and his grandchildren, Derec, Erin and Kristen Lacio, Bob, Michael and Leigh Ann Ochsner and Tom Alderson.

Funeral services were held July 18 at the United Methodist Church in St. Francis with Reverend Morita Truman officiating.

Honorary pallbearers were nephews Ron Ochsner, Dan Ochsner, Jim Ochsner, Brian Ochsner, Gary Ochsner, Kent Ochsner, Rod Ochsner, Tom Ochsner, Chris Steve Steve Busse, Ochsner. Schlepp, Mike Schlepp, Billy Maupin, Rod McAtee, Larry McAtee and Gale Walz.

Casket bearers were grandchildren, Derec Lacio, Erin Lacio, Kristin Lacio, Bobby Ochsner, Michael Ochsner, Leigh Ann Ochsner and Tom Alderson

Interment was in the St. Francis Cemetery with a military graveside service by the Fort Riley Honor

Arrangements were by Knodel Funeral Home, St. Francis.

- Beecher Island News

There were 64 at Sunday school. Lee Thompson gave the special number. Jeri and Mallory Rose and Kyle Oestman gave their birthday

Mr. and Mrs. Kenny Rose and Chynna hosted a pizza party Saturday evening in honor of Mallory's 19th birthday. Guests were Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Rose, Sylvia Madsen, Kinsey Madsen, Brook and Cory Zuege and Hannah Langendoerfer.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Allen spent Friday and Saturday nights with Ryan Allen at Parker. They attended Harvey's Acacia Fraternity reunion in Denver Saturday.

Harry Ekberg, Mr. and Mrs. Al Renzelman, Mr. and Mrs. Rex Shaver, Pete Allen and Betty Lee Green attended the Willard Busby family reunion Saturday.

Mrs. Ron Jackson, Jake and Ragen and Mrs. Ron Scott were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Mansfield. They visited Mr. and Mrs. Bill Mansfield and Bessie Dent Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Simmons, Mr. and Mrs. Quentin Simmons and Taya and Mr. and Mrs. Royal Woods had dinner with Laura Pearl Wall Sunday.

Violet Brown visited Judy Hart

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Wieser and Ka-Friday.

tie had Sunday lunch in Holyoke.

Lon and Kay Eberhart of Dubuque, Iowa, visited Mr. and Mrs. Rex Shaver Saturday morn-Mr. and Mrs. Rod Chase and

Kathy, Mr. and Mrs. Ron Brown and Mr. and Mrs. Larry Dent had dinner with Bessie Dent Saturday. Mary Allen took Ashley and Gar-

rett Hurlburt to the fair Tuesday. Mr. and Mrs. Albert Shivley and Berneice Shiveley visited Mr. and Mrs. Larry Allen Tuesday.

Tuesday to Friday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Simmons. Randy Perila came Friday. Tyler and Jessica Bond and Devin

Laurie Perila and children were

were Sunday afternoon visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Rowe Shively.

Riley Brown spent Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Chapman. Laura Pearl Wall spent Saturday

with Mr. and Mrs. Bob Simmons. Taya Simmons was a Saturday overnight guest. Mr. and Mrs. Rowe Shively met

Maranda Shively in Burlington Saturday. They also visited Charlie Shively in Grace Manor. Mr. and Mrs. monte Mansfield

visited Mr. and Mrs.Bill Mansfield and Bessie Dent Saturday.

Trudie Wieser and Katie visited Mr. and Mrs. Bill Mansfield and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Sgrangways on

Annual reunion set for September

urday and Sunday, Sept. 13 and 14. The reunion is held at the Beecher Island Battleground located south of Wray in Yuma County.

The whole family can spend the weekend with activities planned for all ages. There will be games

The 109th annual Beecher Is- and races, a black powder shoot, land Reunion will be held on Sat- history told and some of the finest live music.

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> A detailed list of events will be published in the near future.

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