

Obituaries

Craig Dean Clark May 10, 1953 - April 22, 2009

Craig Dean Clark was born on Mother's Day, May 10, 1953, to Dean and Phyllis Clark in St. Francis, Kan. He spent his life on the family farm north of St. Francis. Craig had many happy memories of growing up there with grandparents living close by.

Craig attended country school in the little white school house along Highway 27, 3 miles from home. He went to school in Haigler for one year before going on to high school in St. Francis. While in high school, Craig worked for Lampe Implement with Junior Knorr. It was there he learned to assemble and repair farm machinery. Also in Mr. Burnham's shop class, Craig learned how to re-build small gas engines. Craig used that to work up to rebuilding blown alcohol racing engines. Craig also had an interest in electronics and ham radio.

After graduation from high school in 1971, Craig attended the Northwest Kansas Area Vocational-Technical School in Goodland. He lived off campus in his grandparent's travel trailer. He spent many hours with Neil Werth working on their vehicles, earning the nickname of "Shade Tree Mechanics." After Vo-Tech, Craig returned to the farm and set up a television repair shop.

Craig met his future wife, Valerie Jones, through his interest in C.B. radios in 1975. They were married July 14, 1979, at the Christian Church in Wray, Colo. To this union, two children were born, Brandi Christine, born Dec. 16, 1981, and David Jesse, born on Jan. 24, 1987.

Craig was a gentle, loving father from the very start. He and his family lived on the family farm for several happy years.

Craig had a life-long interest in farm tractors and cool cars. He found a way to combine these passions into tractor pulling. When he won his first pull in Sublette in 1975, he was hooked. This "addiction" led to 33 years of competition and many long-time friends all over the area. Craig was a champion tractor puller in Colorado for numerous years.

When David was diagnosed with Muscular Dystrophy in 1992, Craig was devastated. He was determined to give David the best life he could and he did just that. Craig was David's strongest supporter in his battle with the disease.

Although Craig and Valerie divorced, he remained an active part of Brandi and David's life. He would take them shopping and to the drag races in Denver, state fairs, toy shows and tractor pulling events. He was always just a phone call away, no matter what — he went that extra mile for his kids and Valerie.

Craig had heart surgery in 2003, but his devotion to his kids and family got him through it. He was proud of his children's accomplishments in school and attended many school functions and graduations. One of Craig's proudest moments came in 2004, when Brandi received her bachelor's degree in Koch Arena in Wichita.

The lowest point in Craig's life was the loss of his son, David, on

March 29, 2007. David was only 20 and Craig never recovered from it. Craig spent the next two years of his life working on a memorial for his son. Craig and his dad built a steel building at the Thresher's Show grounds in Bird city to house David's tractors and IH memorabilia.

Craig was a generous, soft-spoken man, devoted to his parents and family. He was thoughtful, intelligent and a responsible man who could fix anything and didn't know how to say no to people needing help. He kept busy running the farm, working on his pulling tractors and taking care of his parents. He taught himself how to weld and fabricate all kinds of metal. He built many trailers and pieces of equipment. He was a member of the Bird City Antique Thresher Association.

Craig died suddenly on April 22, 2009, while working on the farm.

Preceding him in death were his grandparents, Jeff and Evageline Clark, and Carl and Mary Boothe; son, David; aunt, Geneva Janda, uncle, Manford Boothe, and uncle, James A. Smith.

Surviving Craig are his parents, Dean and Phyllis Clark; daughter, Brandi; ex-wife, Valerie, and numerous other relatives and many, many friends.

Funeral services were held on Monday, April 27, in Haigler, Neb., at the Haigler United Methodist Church with Carole Coates, CLM officiating. Interment was held in the Haigler Cemetery in Haigler.

Valetta Vinnie Clemans May 6, 1923 - April 22, 2009

Valetta Vinnie Anderson was born May 6, 1923, in St. Francis, Kan., and died on April 22, 2009, in Burlington, Colo. She was the second child of Justice and Ethel (Kemp) Anderson. She and her siblings: Chloris, Norvin and Norris grew up on a farm southwest of St. Francis. After completing the eighth grade she worked on the family farm and helped various neighbors in the community with childcare and housework.

On June 30, 1941, Valetta met Warren Clemans at a church meeting at the Gospel Hall north of Kanorado where he was smiling at the pianist and it happened to be her. They were married on Aug. 29, 1941, in St. Francis. They had four children and spent nearly 65 years together. She accepted Christ as her Savior as a young woman.

While Warren was serving his country in the Army, Valetta lived on the family farm in a little red house and cared for their first child, Arlyn. After Warren returned home they bought a farm in the Beaver Valley Community where their family was complete with Royce, Janice and Donita. In 1954 they moved to Burlington where she provided day care for

many families in the community, sometimes having more than 20 kids at one time. Many years later she worked at the Sav-U Market and then drove the City Bus for 16 years.

She liked playing the piano at family gatherings while everyone sang. Valetta enjoyed her family and was happiest when they were all together. She had a wonderful sense of humor that kept everyone around her smiling even days just before her passing.

Preceding Valetta in death was her beloved husband, Warren; her parents; an infant granddaughter, Shauna Marie King and son-in-law, Randall J. Dreitz.

Surviving her are her sons, Arlyn (Sharon) Clemans and Royce (Yvonne) Clemans and their foster son, Anthony Sandoval of Burlington; daughters, Janice King of Eads and Donita Dreitz of Stratton; grandchildren, Sharlyn (Bryan) Rose and Madison; Starla (Mark) Koster, Mackenzie and Michaela; Sundee Clemans; Yvette (Dave) Korbelik, Sarena, Kolbran, Bohdan and Aidrek; Lance (Stephanie) Clemans, Caden, Trey and Boston; Geleslie (Shannon) King, Bailey, Melanie and Camryn; Waylon (Sherry) King, Sheranda and Tallon; Jatón (Jim) Wallace, Paris and Tucker; Dalene Rowley (Doug Brogan) and Carissa; sister, Chloris (Ferdinand) Krien; brothers, Norrin (Lillian) Anderson and Norris (Doris) Anderson; many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Funeral services for Valetta were held on Saturday, April 25, at the Evangelical Free Church in Burlington with Pastor Ron Lee officiating. Burial followed



DELORES ARCHER secures the 60 year pin on her husband Arlie's lapel. Mr. Archer was initiated into the McDonald Masonic Lodge in 1949.

Photo courtesy of Marsha Magley

Landmark year pins given

At a public meeting of St. Francis Masonic Lodge 404, held at the Masonic Hall on the evening of April 18, four landmark year membership pins were presented.

A welcome was extended by Bruce Roelfs, Past Master of St. Francis Lodge. Introductions included visitors from Oberlin, Sharon Springs, Colby, Atwood, McDonald, Goodland and St. Francis.

Most Worshipful Past Grand Master of Kansas, Steve Molstad, Colby, and Dale Samuelson, District Deputy Grand Master, District 40, Sharon Springs, were introduced to preside over the formal presentations.

Kelly Frewen, raised a Master Mason on Nov. 7, 1984, and Darren Van Allen raised on April 18, 1984, were addressed by Brother Samuelson and received their 25-year pins. Jo Frewen and Barbara Van Allen had the pleasure of pinning the pin on the lapels of the honored men.

Shelley Christensen, daughter; Amy Cooper, granddaughter; and Addy Christensen, great-granddaughter, seated west of the altar, were addressed by Brother Molstad, who reviewed the 50-year Masonic history of Ely Hunt, deceased. Brother Ely had been raised a Master Mason on Oct. 23, 1959, and transferred his membership to St. Francis Lodge on Feb. 7, 1984. A reading accompanied the posthumous presentation of a 50-year pin to Brother Ely's family.

Arlie G. Archer, initiated into the McDonald A.F. & A.M. Lodge, 383, on June 8, 1949, and raised a Master Mason on Nov. 9, 1949, was seated west of the altar. Brother Molstad reiterated his distinguished record of devotion to the order and invited Dolores Archer, Arlie's wife of 55 years, to be seated next to

her husband. Brother Arlie and his brother, Ross, deceased, were the third generation in their family to serve the McDonald Lodge, their grandfather, being a charter member and their father following thereafter. His involvement in the McDonald Lodge was outstanding, filling offices of one kind or another every year until that lodge was consolidated into St. Francis Lodge, 404, on Oct. 1, 1985. Brother Archer, Worship Master of the McDonald Lodge in 1961 and District Deputy Grand Master in 1964, remarked that 1949 was a big year for him, in that he also was initiated into Progressive Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, McDonald, and joined the American Legion, McDonald, that same year. Mrs. Archer was handed the 60-year pin, which she secured to Brother Arlie's lapel. The presentation of a 60-year certificate from the Grand Lodge of Kansas concluded the formal presentation.

Before retiring to the dining



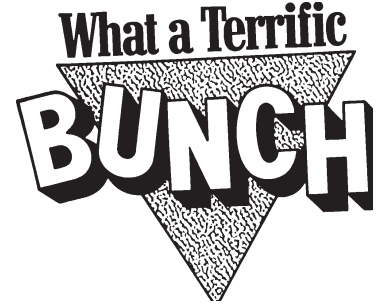
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VanAllen



Quotes

"All effort is in the last analysis sustained by the faith that it is worth making."

— Ordway Tead

"A failure is a man who has blundered, but is not able to cash in on the experience."

— Elbert Hubbard

"The more I want to get something done, the less I call it work."

— Richard Bach

"The only way to avoid being miserable is not to have enough leisure to wonder whether you are happy or not."

— George Bernard Shaw

"Happiness walks on busy feet."

— Kitta Turmell

"To attain happiness in another world we need only to believe something; to secure it in this world, we must do something."

— Charlotte Perkins Gilman

"Doubt indulged soon becomes doubt realized."

"If you count all your assets you always show a profit."

— Robert Quillen

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Willard and Donna Zwegardt celebrated their 59th wedding anniversary on April 23. Guests during the week were Tom and Norma Clapper, Troutdale, Ore., Dr. and Mrs. Herschel Stacey, North Platte, Neb., Kip and Deonn Wiese and Candice, Link and Juhnna Zwegardt, Victoria Clapper, Marie Holzwarth, Harvey and Marilyn Holzwarth and Lance Owens.

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Impact wrenches
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10 gal antifreeze in dis-panner
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Starter solenoids
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