

## Gordon Gary Orth

June 14, 1939 - June 9, 2009

Gordon Gary Orth was born June 14, 1939, in Cheyenne County, Kan., to Richard and Lydia (Knorr) Orth. Gordon died on June 9, 2009, in Greeley, Colo., as a result of a burn accident on the farm.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Survivors include his wife, Betty of St. Francis; his brother, Marvin and wife, Veda, of St. Francis; sister, Jan Durant, of Denver; nephew, Roger and wife, Terri and their children, Trista and Ashlee, of St. Francis; niece, Cynthia and husband, Chris Bancroft, and children, Alec and Abigail, of Plano, Texas.

Being a life-long resident of Cheyenne County, Gordon attended St. Francis high school and celebrated his 50-year class alumni in 2008.

He was a life-long member of the Salem Lutheran Church, being baptized on Aug. 6, 1939, and confirmed on March 29, 1953. He rang the church bell for over 40 years.

Gordon was united in marriage to Betty on Sept. 10, 1970, at Peace Lutheran Church in St. Francis.

Throughout the years, Gordon enjoyed many different activities including football and wrestling in high school. Shortly after he graduated, rodeo became his passion. For 20 years, he participated in steer wrestling and team roping. Some of the highlights included entry into the National Western Stock Show and Cheyenne Frontier Days. Gordon served on the Cheyenne County Fair Board for about 20 years.

One day Gordon came home and told Betty that he was done with rodeo. He made a couple of phone calls and sold the horses and trailers and bought a golf cart and two sets of clubs.

Even though Betty loved golfing, Gordon became increasingly frustrated, spending most of his time in the trees looking for golf balls instead of on the fairway. He decided that socializing at Riverside was much less frustrating.

Then in 1986, Gordon made a life-changing decision to enter the Valley Hope treatment center in Norton and successfully completed the 30-day program. He was very proud to say that he had been sober for 22 years.

Out of this sobriety was born his love of music. Gordon and Betty started the band Borderline and continued performing for 9 1/2 years.

His love of pawn shops and getting a "good deal" on a guitar that needed just a little tender love and care, led to his extensive collection of vintage guitars. He shared his musical talent by teaching guitar and fiddle lessons for the next 18 years which gave him great satisfaction. Very often his students

would tell him stories about things that happened at home that they really shouldn't be telling, but Gordon always enjoyed a good laugh at their expense.

Gordon always loved good horses and was able to purchase a mare and raise eight colts. Two of the colts became rodeo stars in their own right, Snoop as a 'doggin' horse and Annie in barrel racing.

For the last five years, Gordon and Betty expanded their Hobby Music vintage guitar trading to manufacturing guitar bridge pins, end pins and strap buttons known as the Pin Gallery. This "hobby," turned into a full-time job for Gordon and Betty, but nothing made Gordon more proud than to see a picture of a guitar with a set of pins that he and Betty had made.

But above all this, Gordon was a farmer and rancher at heart, working along side his brother, Marvin, on the family farm for over 47 years. When the two of them would sneak away from the farm for a day, this was their "ag tour," a chance for the two of them to just share quality brother time. The last few years much of the farm work and cattle work was being delegated to his nephew, Roger, but he still loved working the field and harvesting wheat and corn.

He truly loved his International combine and his John Deere tractor and never missed a 10-minute power nap. Lay the seat back, put the feet on the steering wheel and snooze away. During harvest you would always hear him say "I love my combine!"

He was always up for a good challenge in every aspect of his life. Even in the end, he was just trying to make it easier to grease the sweep machine. If it wasn't right, he had to fix it.

Gordon has many friends from his rodeo days, music, guitar trading and farming. He will be missed daily by the people he touched through the years. He will be especially missed by his family who loved him so dearly from his helpful advice to his funny stories.

Gordon was one of a kind. Funeral services were held June 12 at the Salem Lutheran Church in rural St. Francis, with Pastor Chris Farmer officiating.

Casket bearers were Marvin Zweygardt, Rick Rogers, Bob Elliott, Gary Wickwar, Dale Patton, Delbert Henderson, Ray Gerver, Gordon Ross, Larry Allen, Darrel Zweygardt, Butch Ewing, Lynn O'Leary, Skip Petersen and Harvey Zweygardt

Interment was in the Salem Lutheran Church Cemetery, rural St. Francis.

Arrangements were by Knodel Funeral Home, St. Francis.

## William Charles Boyson

Dec. 26, 1915 - May 19, 2009

William Charles Boyson died on May 19, 2009, at the age of 93 in Atwood, Kan.

Bill was born the day after Christmas Dec. 26, 1915, on a farm north of Bird City to Nis Nelson Boyson and Catherine (nee: Comstock) Boyson. Nis Boyson was a home-steader who emigrated from Denmark in the late 1800s. Nis Boyson brought the first steam threshing outfit to western Kansas at that time.

Bill was the first born of four children, living in a sod house for a brief period of time. Bill moved his family to Washington state, where he met and married Naomi "Dolly" Nash on Dec. 11, 1941.

Bill worked briefly in the timber industry for his father-in-law's logging outfit. Among his other duties, he was a high climber who topped the big fir trees.

Bill moved to Los Angeles, Calif., at the beginning of World War II where his twin sons, Ronald and Donald, were born while he went to Consolidated Aircraft College during the day and worked nights at the Dr. Pepper Bottling Company.

The Boysons moved to Tucson, Ariz., where Bill worked for Consolidated Aircraft as an instrument repairman.

After the war, Bill returned to Bird City where the family continued to reside for the remainder of his life. The family's third son, Michael was born in the St. Francis hospital.

Bill had a photography studio and spent 30 years as a photographer. He and his family pho-

## Russell Kent Douglass

Aug. 23, 1929 - April 19, 2009

Kent Douglass died April 19, 2009, due to post-surgical complications. Kent was born in St. Francis, Kan., the son of Art and Hallie Douglass on Aug. 23, 1929. He was raised in western Kansas, Nebraska and eastern Colorado. The family moved to San Diego, Calif., in 1944, where he graduated from Grossmont High School.

He married Adelyne Knosp, the daughter of a minister, in St. Francis. Kent and Adelyne began "their ministry" (because Adelyne was very much a part of his entire ministry) in Culver in September 1951, while Kent was a student at Kansas Wesleyan University.

He graduated in 1953 with a theology degree. They then moved to Denver, Colo., where he attended Iliff School of Theology, serving a seminary student appointment at the Community Church of Beulah, Colo., from 1953 to 1956.

Kent and Adelyne moved to St. Louis, Mo., where Kent served as associate minister at Grace Methodist Church from 1956 through 1957. He was called to the Southern California Annual Conference to start a new church, Chapel of the Valley in El Cajon, Calif., from 1957 to 1960.

Pastoral appointments following the Chapel of the Valley were Encinitas Methodist Church, Encinitas, Calif., from 1960 to 1966; First United Methodist Church, National City, Calif., from 1966 to 1969; Covina United Methodist Church, Covina, Calif., from 1969 to 1978; and Velda Rose United

Methodist Church, Mesa, Ariz.; from 1978 to 1989.

In 1989, Kent accepted Bishop Galvan's invitation to be part of his cabinet for the last six years of his ministry.

Their first daughter, Joyce Renee' was born while Kent was in Denver in school. Joyce is married to Gary Gingrich and they have two children, Troy, married to Lauren Dang, and Kelly, married to Larry Andrews. A second daughter, Jaclyn Kay, was born during associate pastor days in St. Louis. Their daughters have been an integral part of the ministry of their parents. Both of them are very active in the Gold Canyon United Methodist Church. None of the family thought Kent would become a minister, but, it didn't take long to discover that it truly was his calling!

He never met a stranger, he loved what he was doing, was greatly respected and admired.

Velda Rose United Methodist Church honored Kent when he reached 30 years in the ministry. They also celebrated when Kent and Adelyne had been at Velda Rose 10 years, bringing Jackie home from Thailand to help celebrate, as well as helping toward a new car. The climax was having "Kent Douglass Day" before Kent became a district superintendent.

The family will miss Kent (husband, Dad, brother, etc.) more than words can express. Also his dog, Cody, is grieving for his master, who loved him so much!

## Charlene Lynn Turner

Dec. 11, 1944 - June 2, 2009

Charlene Lynn Turner, age 64, of Lamar, died at 1:50 a.m. Tuesday, June 2, 2009, at St. John's Medical Center in Joplin, Mo., following a short illness.

Charlene was born on Dec. 11, 1944, at St. Francis, Kan., to Emil and Dorma (Shaul) Schorzman. She graduated from Lamar High School in 1962 and was married the following Sept. 30, to Harold Quarles. Harold died in a car accident on May 30, 1969, the day their second son was born.

On Aug. 12, 1972, at Independence, Mo., Charlene married Leslie H. Turner and they owned and operated Lamar Hardware - Gamble's Store for 17 years.

Charlene also worked at the Blue Top Restaurant and O'Sullivan Industries for many years. In recent years, she had been a loving child-care provider in her home until ill health forced her to retire.

She was an active member of the Lamar Eagles, enjoyed crocheting, fishing, and most of all, spending time with her grandchildren. Charlene had attended Oak-

ton United Methodist Church and Lamar United Methodist Church.

Survivors include her husband, Les, of the home; two sons and daughters-in-law, Paul and Cindy Turner and Eric and Kellie Turner, all of Lamar; her mother, Dorma (Schorzman) and Seth Bradley, Cape Fair, Mo., and Texas; a sister, Donita and Larry Kidd, Chesterfield, Mo.; 10 grandchildren, Chris Mitchell, Sam Mitchell, Michael Turner, BreAnna Ware, Ashley Turner, Kale Turner, Mykela Passley, Macy DeFratus, Kara Turner and Seth Duncan; two great-grandchildren, Emerson Ware and Damian Mitchell; and a large extended family.

Funeral services were held Saturday, June 6, at Daniel Funeral Home with Reverend Don Keithly and Reverend Larry Garfield officiating.

Burial was in Memory Gardens Cemetery.

Cards of condolence may be sent to Dorma and Seth Bradley, 1092 Shadrock Rd., Cape Fair, Mo. 65624.

## Ministerial group meets to clear the air

By Karen Krien  
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The St. Francis Ministerial Alliance is holding a meeting on Thursday, June 25, to discuss strategies for educating citizens about the dangers of secondhand smoke. The meeting will be held from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at Peace Lutheran Church, 202 North College. Dinner will be provided.

The Ministerial Alliance is working with the Kansas Department of Health and Environment to improve the health of Kansans through secondhand smoke education and the creation of a



COOL AND REFRESHING — Tanner Kinen buys a glass of lemonade from Blake and Tony Meyer.

Herald staff photo by Casey McCormick

## Moments With Mila

Men's Health Week-Tobacco Usage



By Mila Bandel

County Health Nurse

The week of June 15 through June 21 is National Men's Health Week. One way to help increase the life span of men is to reduce tobacco usage. This is one of the best changes that men can make to improve their health according to the Kansas Tobacco Coalition. Tobacco usage is the leading cause of preventable death and disease in Kansas. Every year, approximately 2,500 Kansas men die from diseases directly linked to smoking.

According to the 2007 Kansas Behavior Risk Factor Surveillance System survey almost one out of every five Kansas men reported they smoke. Smoking is a leading cause of lung cancer, heart disease and respiratory diseases; and is a contributing factor to many other chronic diseases. Smokeless tobacco use is also a health hazard that can cause oral cancer and can lead to other oral health problems such as mouth sores, gum reces-sions, tooth decay, bad breath and permanent tooth discoloration. According to the 2006 Kansas Behavior Risk Factor Surveillance System survey 9.3 percent of adult males use smokeless tobacco.

According to the Kansas Tobacco Coalition, less tobacco usage will make you feel better, breathe

easier and greatly reduce your risk of disease. Quitting smoking will also improve your family's health by reducing their exposure to secondhand smoke.

When Kansas men and women are ready to quit tobacco use, the toll-free Kansas Tobacco Quit Line 1-800-QUIT-NOW (784-8669) is there to help. Experienced counselors work with callers one-on-one to set a quit date and help them create a personalized plan to fight cravings and other challenges.

## Family enjoys reunion

The Hofman family reunion was held on June 14 at the Peace Lutheran Church.

Those attending were Paul and Joan Martin, Dale and Eva Hofman, Don and Norma Klein, James and Wendy Reiners, Indianapolis, Neb., Richard and Hilda Hampton, Culbertson, Neb., Merlin and Rita Hilt, Lindsborg, Linda Hilt, Martin, Charlotte and Jodie Hilt, Alice Isernhagen, Glenn and Louanne Isernhagen, Henry and Billie Hilt, Harvey and Phyllis Zweygardt, Rhonda and Andrea Born, Raymond and Martha Zweygardt, Kary, Kim and Lauren Zweygardt, Marlin, Kim, Derek and Alex Queen, Victor and Darlene Zweygardt, Sylvia Queen, Randy and Barbara Holzwarth and Shirley Zweygardt.

The afternoon was enjoyed with a song by Alex Queen, piano music by Harvey Zweygardt, Louanne Isernhagen and Jean Ann Confer and visiting.

## Network Administrator

### Cheyenne County Hospital is hiring for a full-time Network Administrator

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Previous Information Technology experience in a hospital setting preferred but not required, including computer proficiency. Experience in Microsoft 2003 Server administration and terminal server. Knowledge of desktop operating environments: Windows 2000, and Windows XP, experience with Office 2003 and Crystal reports preferred.

Manage activities including network administration, network security management, site maintenance and trouble shooting, and hardware/software installation and diagnosis and data backup and archiving.

Overall support and maintenance of servers, desktops, and applications including day-to-day troubleshooting and support, overall server administration, planning and deployment, and some project management.

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