



**SENIOR TROOP** performed at the Yuletide Festival held on Sunday. Left to right is Alyssa Lee, Krissy Harris, Laura Brunk, Taylor Archibald, Clarice Neitzel, Mikaela Grace, Aubree Schlepp, Jacquelyn Ketzner, Tilyn Bell, Christina Schoenrogge, Lexi Hilt.

## Obituaries

### Albert Carl Keller

March 2, 1913 - Dec. 6, 2009

Albert Carl Keller died Dec. 6, 2009, at the Good Samaritan Village, St. Francis, Kan. He was born in a dug-out soddy 10 miles from St. Francis in Cheyenne County on March 2, 1913, the second child of John and Matilda Elizabeth (Wagner) Keller. The family later moved to a home they built in that area.

He attended grade school at the Hackberry and the German Evangelical Lutheran Immanuel Church School. He was expected to help with the farm work, so attendance wasn't regular. He finished the eighth grade, and continued to help the family with the farm work.

Albert learned about horses at an early age and continued his enjoyment of them through his lifetime. All of the farm work was done with horses and by the time he was a young man, he could be called an expert. He had an eye for a good horse, and many people would seek his advice. He passed his love of horses down to his sons and his great-grandson, Carl.

He attended the Immanuel Lutheran Church where he was baptized on Aug. 3, 1913. He was confirmed at that church on April 21, 1929. He was a faithful member of Trinity Lutheran Church and later the Peace Lutheran Church. He served on the church boards in several capacities. Albert also served on the St. Francis Community High School board.

He was married to Vinta Moody on Aug. 20, 1939, at Bertha Moody's home. The couple moved to a farm on the Republican River where he farmed and raised cattle and their family. They moved to St. Francis in 1983.

To this union five children were born. Melvin John (Karen) St. Francis; Donald (Carolyn) Akron, Colo.; Dorothy Lueschen, Norton, Phyllis Wheeler, Tulsa, Okla., and Stanley (Vera) St. Francis. He is also survived by grandchildren, Mark (Gwen), Matthew (Peggy), and Clay

(and friend, Mary); Wade (Kim) Keller and Wendy (Tim) Pulkrabek; Jessica (Jerry) Ortega, Jason Garlow; Julie (Pat) Douglas and Lisa (Donnie) Edgerton; Mica Wheeler; Shannon (Shelly) Keller and Raquel (Shannon) Grover; also great-grandchildren, John (Jaci) and Luke Keller; Toni Keller, Radie Keller; Darris, Casey and Connor Keller; Edward Keller; Zach, Shelby, Holley, Colby, Mark and Helen Pulkrabek; Leana, Kaine, Kylie, Kash; Kyle (Shannon) Douglas, Kayla and Kurt Douglas; Rande and Ryan Grover; Natasha (Carl) Carman, David and Ashley Edgerton. He had one-great-great grandson, Kale Douglas.

He is survived by his wife of 70 years, Vinta, and by all his children; his brothers, Robert and wife, Dixie; Elton and wife, Ella Mae; his sister, Bertha Hilt; brother-in-law, Harry Roelfs and sister-in-law, Rachel Keller; many nephews, nieces and cousins.

Preceding him in death were his parents; sister, Ella and brother-in-law, Chester Stanhope; sister, Helen Roelfs; brother, Ed; an infant brother, Robert; brother-in-law, Bill Hilt; granddaughter, Carrie Keller; daughter-in-law, Jackie Keller; mother-in-law, Bertha Moody; brother-in-law, Arthur, Jr.; and sister-in-law, Verla Taylor; also his much loved great-grandson, Carl Burdette Keller.

Funeral services were held at Peace Lutheran Church, St. Francis, on Dec. 11, with Pastor Ken Hart officiating. Music was provided by his grandchildren, Matt Keller and Raquel Grover.

Pallbearers were Mark, Matt, Clay, Wade and Shannon Keller; Shannon Grover; Pat Douglas; Donnie Edgerton; Tim Pulkrabek and Jason Garlow.

Burial was in the St. Francis Cemetery.

Memorials will go to Levi Shuey, great-grandson of Bertha Hilt.

### Raymond William Zwegardt

April 27, 1929 - Dec. 7, 2009

Raymond William Zwegardt was born in Cheyenne County, Kan., on April 27, 1929, to B.L. and Emma (Knorr) Zwegardt. He was raised on the family farm northwest of St. Francis and attended country school and completed the eighth grade.

Raymond was a member of Salem Lutheran Church. He was baptized on May 19, 1929, and was confirmed on Palm Sunday, April 18, 1943.

On April 16, 1950, he married Martha Zwegardt at Salem Lutheran Church. To this union, three daughters were born: Jean Ann, Barbara Kay and Shirley Dianne. Raymond and Martha made their home 6 miles north of St. Francis and were engaged in farming and ranching until they retired in 2005.

Raymond's pride and joy were his four grandchildren: Christie (Holzwarth) Foster, Jon Zwegardt, Brian Holzwarth and Kyle Buffington.

Raymond and Martha spent many years following their grandchildren's sporting activities in junior high, high school and college. His newest pride and joy was his great-granddaughter, Raegan Foster.

Raymond served 24 years as treasurer of Cleveland Run township and later served as a Cheyenne County Commissioner for a total of 8 years in the 1980s.

He was a member of Salem Lutheran Church and served as

Sunday school superintendent for many years. In 1969, Raymond and Martha transferred their church membership to Zion Lutheran Church, which later merged into Peace Lutheran Church. Raymond served on the Building Committee of Peace Lutheran Church and served many years as head usher for worship services.

Preceding Raymond in death were his parents, B.L. and Emma Zwegardt and his brother, Alfred Zwegardt.

Left to mourn his death are his wife, Martha, of St. Francis; three daughters, Jean Ann and Brice Buffington, Barbara and Randy Holzwarth and Shirley Zwegardt, all of St. Francis; four grandchildren, Christie and Brian Foster of Manhattan, Jon Zwegardt of Windsor, Colo., Brian Holzwarth and Kyle Buffington, both of St. Francis; and one great granddaughter, Raegan Foster of Manhattan. Raymond also leaves to mourn a number of in-laws, nieces, nephews and friends.

Funeral services were held on Dec. 10 at Peace Lutheran Church, St. Francis, with Pastor Ken Hart officiating.

Casket bearers, Christie Foster, Brian Foster, Brian Holzwarth, Jon Zwegardt, Kyle Buffington and Roger Orth.

Interment was in the St. Francis Cemetery.

Arrangements were by Knodel Funeral Home, St. Francis.

### Lillian Leona Anderson

May 16, 1931 - Dec. 11, 2009

Persian horses. They had a freight wagon restored and proudly drove the team through many parades and when weather permitted they used the team and wagon for Christmas caroling.

Lillian was a devout Christian and her faith sustained her through good times and bad. She loved reading the Bible and Christian-based books and listening to and singing Christian music.

She had her faith to help her through the death of her first-born grandchild, Shane Anderson, in 1990. Her strength helped her entire family deal with the heart-breaking times.

One of the highlights in Lillian's life was being present at the delivery of her first great-grandchild, Sequoya. What a joyful experience for her.

If you knew Lillian well, you can see that mischievous twinkle in her blue eyes. When you saw the twinkle, you would watch out as you knew she was up to something.

She taught everyone of her grandchildren to twist a tissue tightly into a sphere and sneak up on Novin and tickle the inside of his ear. Novin would yell and Lillian and the grandchildren would laugh.

She would wrestle with her grandchildren and play like one of the kids. If the parents would scold the children they would always say, "Grandma started it!, which Grandma always did. She bounced each one of them on her knees and sang "Gently Brays The Donkey On His Way To Town." All of the grandchildren could bray like a donkey by the time they were 18-months old.

Lillian preceded in death by her parents, Fred and Ginny Sass; her father-in-law, Justice Anderson; her mother-in-law, Ethel Anderson; her grandson, Shane Anderson; her brother, Pete Sass; her brother-in-law, Warren Clemans, and her sister-in-law, Velada Clemans.

Lillian leaves to mourn her husband of 60 years, Norvin Anderson;

Lillian Leona Anderson was born on May 16, 1931, to Fredrick and Virginia Sass at the Sass family homestead, 21 miles northwest of St. Francis, Kan., and died on Dec. 11, 2009, at the Good Samaritan Village in St. Francis.

On Feb. 1, 1949, Lillian was united in marriage to Norvin Anderson. Three children were born to this union, Larry, Suzanne and Cynthia.

Lillian and Norvin worked for the Good Samaritan Village in St. Francis for the first several years of their marriage and then moved to the Sass homestead where they farmed and started a dairy.

In the mid-to-late 1960s, Lillian went to work at the cafeteria in the St. Francis Community High School. She loved being around the young people but sometimes felt a little embarrassment from the pranks that her son played at school.

Lillian went back to work at the Good Samaritan Village as a Certified Nursing Assistant. She had a special place in her heart for the elderly residents and they always knew that Lillian would take time to give them a hug and speak words of kindness to them. She provided sincere love and comfort in the final days of many of the residents' lives.

She trained in Denver to provide in-home dialysis treatments in the 1980s. She had a special bond with each of her patients as she spent 12 hours on uninterrupted and one-on-one time with each of them a week. After several years she didn't have the heart to continue with this profession as it marked the final days of each patient.

Lillian went back to work as a care provider at Cheyenne County Hospital. She said that it was a welcome change to see people recover and go home. It was a rewarding time for her.

Lillian loved to travel and relished each trip and looked on it as an adventure.

After all of the kids left home, Lillian and Norvin bought a team of

her son, Larry and his wife, Kayla, of McCook, Neb., daughter, Sue, and husband, Dave Schneider, of Anchorage, Alaska; daughter, Cindy, and husband, Gary Dokes, of Wray, Colo.; her grandchildren, Jon Schneider, Cassidy Schneider, Tyler Doke, Clayton Doke, Kaytlyn, and Jesse Anderson and wife, Sara. She also leaves her great-grandchildren, Sequoya Schneider, Faron Schneider, Isaac Anderson, Justice Lytle, Christopher Doke, Olivia Doke and Jasmine Shalf; her sister, Marjorie Carlson and husband, Evertt, sister, Corrine Ficken and husband, Harvey; sister-in-law, Phyllis Sass, brothers- and sisters-in-law, Norris and Doris Anderson and Chloras and Ferdinand Krien.

Lillian suffered from the ravages of Alzheimer's for the past several years so the family asks that you do

not grieve her death but celebrate her life. Instead of tears, close your eyes and imagine all of the wonderful candies that she made each Christmas, the way her eyes would light up each time she saw a baby and that mischievous sparkle in her blue eyes.

Cherish those memories and smile.

Funeral services were held Dec. 14 at the United Methodist Church in St. Francis with Reverend Morita Truman officiating.

Casket bearers were Dennis Krien, Craig Van Allen, Cody Beeson, Gaylord Krien, Jon Lanz and Terry Rieger.

Interment was in the St. Francis Cemetery.

Arrangements were by Knodel Funeral Home, St. Francis.

### Janice Marie (Weber) Clark

March 5, 1961 - Nov. 26, 2009

A Mass of Christian Burial for Janice Marie Weber Clark was held Nov. 30, 2009, at St. Cecilia's Catholic Church with Father Paul Eichhoff officiating. Burial followed at Ward's Grove Cemetery. A rosary was held Nov. 29, at the Musgrove-Merriott-Smith Chapel.



Clark

Janice Marie Weber Clark, 48 years old, of Claremore, Okla., died Thursday, Nov. 26, 2009, at her home.

Janice was born on March 5, 1961, in Franklin, Neb., the daughter of Darrel and Elizabeth Weber. She was raised in St. Francis, Kan., and was a 1979 graduate of St. Francis Community High School.

She attended Colby Community College and the Kansas City Art Institute graduating in 1982. She

became a very successful freelance graphic designer and owned her business, Arts Unlimited.

While living in Kansas City, she met the love of her life, Roger Lee Clark. On Aug. 24, 1998, Janice and Roger married at their home in Harrison, Ark. After living in Harrison for 8 years they moved to Claremore. Roger and Janice were blessed with two children named Zoe Dew and Jetta Marie Clark.

Janice is survived by her husband, Roger Lee Clark of the home; daughters, Zoe Dew, age 26 months and Jetta Marie, 7 months, of the home; her mother, Elizabeth C. Weber of St. Francis; brother, Darrel Lynn Weber of Spring Hill, Fla.; stepsons; Harland Coble, Choteau, Okla., Roger Clark, Anderson, Mo.; and Richard Clark, Broken Arrow, Okla.; several nieces and nephews; as well as a host of other family and friends.

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