

## Royce Dale Kellner

May 18, 1939 - March 9, 2010



Kellner

Royce Dale Kellner, rancher, cattle breeder and farmer, son of Bluford and Irene (Lampe) Kellner, was born in St. Francis, Kan., on May 18, 1939. He died Tuesday, March 9, 2010, at the farm southwest of St. Francis.

He attended the Sunny Slope School (District 47) in Cheyenne County. He graduated from St. Francis Commu-

nity High School in 1957. Royce attended Kansas State University, Manhattan, for one year and then served in the United States Army for two years before returning home to work with his parents on the farm.

Royce enjoyed his several collections. He especially had a passion for family genealogy, traveled in Germany, finding the old Kellner home and collected many family records.

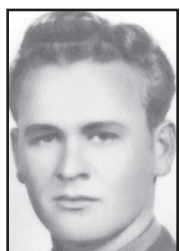
Royce was preceded in death by his parents; nephew, Nathan Kellner; and brother-in-law, Vern Hass.

Survivors include his brother, Elmer (Dorothy) of St. Francis; sister, Lois (Glenn) Erber of Jackson, Mich.; sister, Donna Hass of Topeka; and brother, Wayne (Barbara) of Silver Lake; 13 nieces and nephews; 22 great-nieces and nephews; aunt, Alma Walter, aunt, Wilma Lampe and uncle and aunt, Milton and Betty Lampe.

Memorial contributions may be made to David Erber's mission work in Nigeria, West Africa, the MACO Program or the St. Francis Fire Department, sent in care of Knodel Funeral Home, PO Box 606, St. Francis, KS 67756.

## Oscar Krien

Jan. 24, 1921 - March 13, 2010



Krien

Oscar Krien (Whitey) died Saturday, March 13, 2010, at Pathways Hospice Care Center at McKee Medical Center in Loveland, Colo., with his daughter by his side. He was 89.

He was born Jan. 24, 1921, in St. Francis, Kan., to German-Russian immigrants, Tobias and Dorothea (Fiekert) Krien.

Oscar was the third youngest of 11 children and grew up on a farm south of Akron, Colo. He was a hard-worker at a very young age, often being hired-out to neighboring farms earning no more than a dollar a day. And while his contribution to the family was important, he completed the eighth grade at his mother's insistence.

In August of 1942 he was drafted into the US Army. To have spending money during training camp, he sold his horse. Oscar realized he could survive on less, so he sent the horse money back home to his mom and dad. He wanted to continue supporting his family and arranged for a large portion of his service pay to be sent home each month throughout the war.

After nearly two years of state-side training he shipped off to Liverpool, England, in 1944. From England, Oscar was sent to France, Holland, Belgium, Luxembourg and Germany. His fluency in German proved invaluable throughout his tour in World War II as he was often called to translate for captured German soldiers. He was wounded in the leg during combat and received the Purple Heart. After recovering, he spent the rest of the war in Germany before be-

ing honorably discharged in late 1945. Oscar was decorated with European, African, Middle Eastern Campaign (EAME) Theater Ribbon; Three Bronze Service Stars; American Theatre Ribbon; the Purple Heart and a Good Conduct Medal. He was a life-long member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

After World War II, Staff Sergeant Oscar Krien returned to Kansas to farm with his father. It was during this time he met Muriel (Halley) Meireis, a widow with two young sons, Don and Bruce. They married Aug. 8, 1946, and in September 1947, their daughter Linda was born.

In 1955, Oscar and his family moved to Fort Morgan, Colo., where he began his career as a mason contractor. He was a devoted husband, and father to three. He loved and raised his two stepsons as if they were his own, teaching them a strong work-ethic and family values. He and his family moved several times between Brush, Colo., Fort Morgan and Loveland, before retiring in Brush. Shortly after the death of his wife, he moved to Loveland to live with his daughter.

Though he was one of the youngest siblings, his big heart, generosity, hard-working spirit, and love for his family made Oscar a patriarch to his family. He employed his brothers when they needed work and when someone needed a helping-hand, he was there with a smile and his good sense of humor, happy to share whatever he had.

In the last years of his life, Oscar spent time outdoors growing tomatoes and beautifully maintaining his daughter's lawn. He also enjoyed time with his great-grandkids on his knee, while he told war stories to the older ones and taught them a few words in German. He will be remembered

for his gentle quietness, his large, skilled hands and his love for sweets. His memory will be forever cherished by his family.

He is survived by his son and daughter-in-law, Bruce and Melody Meireis of Tucson, Ariz.; daughter, Linda Kay Bernhardt of Loveland; daughter-in-law, Wilma Beckmann of Loveland; brother and sister-in-law, Bill and Leone Krien of St. Francis; brother, Paul Krien of St. Francis; sisters-in-law, Golda Krien of Loveland; Regina Krien of Brush; Jessie Shield of St. Francis; sister-in-law and brother-in-law; Bessie and Albert Burr of St. Francis; grandchildren, Brenda and Mike Gipson of Orlando, Fla.; Phyllis and Kevin McDonald of Fort Collins, Colo.; Kathy Meireis and Bill Snakenberg of Centennial, Colo.; Lisa Meireis and Richard Behbehani of Arvada, Colo.; Michael and Donna Meireis of Garden Grove, Calif.; Robyn Lake and Aaron Samuels of Brighton, Colo.; Bruce Jr. and Robin Meireis of Gill, Colo.; Monica and Matt York of Fort Collins; Dirk and Sara Bernhardt of Loveland; Desiree and Matt Smith of Fort Collins; great-grandchildren, Michael Meireis II; Jakob Meireis; Meghan Lake; Robert Meireis; Bailey Meireis; Amber and Jason Voigt; Kyle and Heather McDonald; Dillon McDonald; Jennifer Soderlund; Dustin Snakenberg; Caleb Vickers; Jacob York; Holden Bernhardt; Locke Bernhardt; Theodore Smith; Lilly Smith; great-grandchildren, Arianna Voigt; Kyla Voigt and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Muriel Krien; son, Don Meireis; son-in-law, Theodore Bernhardt; daughter-in-law, Kay Meireis; great-grandchildren, Amanda Meireis; Jake Snakenberg; parents; brothers, Fred, John, Jake, Tony, Max (Otto), and Wilmer Krien; sisters, Christina Voorhies and Edna Byerly.

A memorial service will be held to celebrate Oscar's life at 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, March 23, at United Methodist Church of Fort Morgan, 117 E Bijou Ave., Fort Morgan followed by an interment at Fort Morgan Cemetery. Viewing will be one hour prior to services.



GOD AND ME AWARD was presented by instructor, Pastor Jeff Landers, right. Those earning the award were (l to r) Wyatt Hilt, Aaron Blair and Seth Hilt.

## Cub Scouts receive awards

Cub Scouts met on Feb. 22 at the First Methodist Church for the Blue and Gold Banquet and to celebrate scouting's 100th birthday.

One of the highlights of the evening was the presentation of the God and Me Award received by Aaron Blair, Wyatt Hilt and Seth Hilt. Helping them earn the award was Pastor Jeff Landers of the First Christian Church.

The boys, Pastor Landers said, went on a journey to become best friends with Jesus and to tell their story of "God and Me" together.

Each lesson they made a game to keep in a Gamebox labeled "God and Me Exploring Box." These games reinforced the Bible lessons learned and provided opportunities for their families to explore God's love together.

The first lesson dealt with the topic, "God created me." The second lesson dealt with the topic, "Jesus is God's gift to me." The third lesson dealt with the topic, "I Can Talk with God." And the fourth lesson dealt with the topic, "Because God cares for me, I can care for others."

The work Aaron, Wyatt, and Seth did was celebrated in three ways: 1) a final God and Me party, complete with pizza and games, 2) recognition and reward at the most recent Boy Scouts meeting, and 3) recognition and reception of NIV Adventure Bibles in the Sunday morning worship service of First Christian Church on Sunday, March 7.

Finally, the P.R.A.Y. award received by the these boys is not necessarily earned as a part of Boy Scouts.

"This award fits well with the philosophy and practice of Boy Scouts," Pastor Landers said. "Girls and boys may earn P.R.A.Y. awards even if they do not belong to a Girl Scout, Boy Scout, American Heritage Girls, or Camp Fire group. As a matter of fact, members of youth groups and Sunday



ELMER KELLNER, Cub Master, and Kris Blair, den leader, look as Isaiah Lee presents his mother Tenille Lee, the Mother's Ribbon. He had just received his Bobcat Award!

School classes may participate in receiving P.R.A.Y. awards

Awards were given to the Scouts for popcorn sales (some had already received their's). Webelos and Tiger badges were also

given out. A video presentation was shown, telling the boys about the history of Boy Scouts. There was also a skit about the flag being the most beautiful piece of art.

## Annual bowling event takes place Tuesday

Big Brothers Big Sisters will get rollin' with the annual Bowl For Kids' Sake fundraisers on Tuesday. The event will take place at the Cheyenne Bowl with bowl times at 6 and 8 p.m. For more information or to get a pledge packet, contact Bridgette Antholz at 332-3333 or Stephanie Workman, 332-3100.

This year marks the fifth Bowl For Kids' Sake event in Cheyenne County. The fundraising goal this year is \$5,000.

Currently there are 13 matches in Bird City and four matches in St. Francis with several matches still pending and children on the

waiting list for a Big Brother or Big Sister.

Funds raised during this event help cover the expenses of recruiting and training new volunteers as well as making matches in the community. All funds raised stay in the community to support the county's efforts in mentoring.

Last year, Kansas Big Brothers Big Sisters served more than 6,600 kids all across the state.

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