

## La Vonne Lois Raile

Oct. 24, 1943 - March 11, 2010



Raile

La Vonne Lois Raile, daughter of Wilhelm and Arlene (Wolff) Schultz, was born on Oct. 24, 1943, in Windom, Minn.

As a child, she attended Immanuel Lutheran School and Lakefield public schools, later graduating from Lakefield High School in 1961.

After school, La Vonne worked for Dr. Wood's Dental Office in Lakefield before moving to Bloomington in 1964. La Vonne remained in Bloomington where she worked in data processing until 1971, when she decided to move to Las Vegas, Nev.

She obtained a job working for Clark County as a senior management analyst in the Business Licensing Department. It was here, in Las Vegas, where she would meet her future husband, Verlin "Duke" Raile.

La Vonne and Duke were mar-

ried on Feb. 8, 1975, in Las Vegas. La Vonne and Duke remained in Las Vegas until 2003, when, after La Vonne's retirement in 2002, they decided to move home to Lakefield.

La Vonne died at home on Thursday, March 11, 2010, at the age of 66 years, four months and 15 days.

La Vonne and Duke were members of Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Lakefield, where La Vonne enjoyed being a member of the Altar Guild. She was also a member of the American Legion Ladies Auxiliary.

La Vonne and Duke enjoyed traveling across the United States and Europe, and especially enjoyed going on cruises with their friends. La Vonne was also a collector and one of her favorite things to "hunt" for was "depression-era glass."

La Vonne is survived by her husband of 35 years, Duke; a brother, Daniel (Rose) Schultz of Lakefield; a sister, Linda Davis of Lakefield; a brother-in-law, Del-

bert (Marilyn) Raile of St. Francis, Kan. and a sister-in-law, Verla (Art) Inness of Denver, Colo. Other survivors include her many nieces and nephews, Danette (Arnold) Tolan of Orleans, Iowa; Lynette (Marlin) Olson and Troy (Heidi) Schultz of Lakefield; Angela David of Minneapolis, Minn; Chad (Angela) Raile of Los Angeles, Calif.; Cody (Smantha) Raile, Nick Raile and Matt Raile of St. Francis; Delwin (Cheryl) Inness of Seattle, Wash., and Natisha Inness (Earl Graham) of Kansas City; her two great-nieces, Trinity and Isabelle Schultz, and great-nephew (Godson) Hayden Schultz.

La Vonne was preceded in death by her parents, Wilhelm and Arlene Schultz.

A memorial service was held on March 14 at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Lakefield with Pastor Bob Iverson officiating.

Nieces and nephews were honorary bearers.

Burial was at Lakefield City Cemetery in Lakefield.

## Helen Louise Phifer

Jan. 13, 1931 - March 3, 2010

Helen Louise Rose, the daughter of Louis Emil Rose and Minna Wilhelmine Karoline (Zuege) Roe, was born Jan. 13, 1931, in Cheyenne County, Kan., and died March 3, 2010.

Minnie, Helen's mother, died soon after her birth, so she lived with her uncle and aunt, Emil and Alto Zuege, Stan, Hazel and Dorothy for five years. She then returned to live with her dad, Louis, Herbert, Leonard, Wilma and Esther at the home place.

Helen was raised and educated in the Cheyenne County area. She was baptized, confirmed July 14, 1946, at Emmanuel Lutheran Church and later joined the Lutheran Church in Torrence, Calif., in 1957.

Helen married George Phifer, Sr., at Zion Lutheran Church in Haigler, Neb., on July 11, 1954. To this union were born: George Francis, Jr., Catherine Louise and Stephanie Diane.

George and Helen began their married life in Wray, Colo., and then moved to Hale, Colo. In 1955, they moved to Southern California and returned to their home in Wray, in 1958.

Helen was a very religious, wise, loving, strong woman; who

loved pets and let her children have then, even though she had terrible allergies. She even had coyote pups for pets when she was younger.

She was always smiling and good natured. Helen was like a shining light to help guide and she truly inspired. She was known around Wray for her great garden, beautiful flowers, huge pumpkins and immaculate, lush lawn. She liked to share all of her vegetables and flowers with all the neighbors. Her children and grandchildren loved her garden, her awesome cinnamon rolls, cakes, hand-churned ice cream, macaroni salad, roast beef sandwiches, mashed potatoes, and her fried chicken that took her all morning to make and a few minutes to devour.

Helen enjoyed being outside, landscaping and working hard, but still had time for family and friends, walking, cooking, baking, arts, crafts, hobbies and was a lover of music.

Helen also had a very ornery side and was quite the prankster. She enjoyed teasing people with bugs and spiders. She also taught the grandchildren how to shoot spit wads with a straw in pub-

lic, and numerous other naughty things that she had reprimanded her own children for years before.

Helen loved life and lived it with all her ability.

She was a faithful member of Calvary Lutheran Church for 50 years.

Helen was preceded in death by her husband, George Phifer Sr.; son, George Phifer Jr.; parents, Louis and Minnie Rose; brothers, infant twins, Herbert Rose, Leonard Rose; brothers-in-law, Carl Semler, Max Roundtree; sister-in-law, Shirley Rose.

Survivors include daughters, Catherine Phifer, Stephanie Olson and husband, Steve; daughter-in-law, Pamela Phifer; grandchildren, Brandon, Bree and Brayden Phifer, Joshua Phifer, Anthony Wonder and fiancée Sarah Kennedy, Matthew Wonder, Jessica Olson, Trevor Olson; sisters, Wilma Roundtree, Esther Semler; sister-in-law, Mae Rose; and many other relatives and friends.

Services were held on Monday, March 8, at Calvary Lutheran Church in Wray, with Pastor Tim Davis officiating.

Private family inurnment will follow at a later date.

## Emily Brooks (Matzke) Neu

Sept. 25, 1929 - March 7, 2010



Neu

Emily Brooks (Matzke) Neu, 80, of Cozad, Neb., formerly of Lexington, Neb., died Sunday, March 7, 2010, at Golden Living Center in Cozad, Neb.

She was born Sept. 25, 1929, at Ogden, Utah, to William Joseph Brooks and Gladys Irene Avery. She grew up and lived with her mother, father, and brothers and sisters in Ogden until the family moved to Englewood, Colo., in 1942. While in Ogden, Emily, her mother, and brothers and sisters played in the Salvation Army Band. She graduated from Englewood High School in 1947.

Emily met Warren Richard "Dick" Matzke during high school and they were married on May 25, 1947. Dick and Emily were in the

ministry as pastor and wife for almost 30 years. Emily was his loving, faithful, supportive wife of 38 years until Dick's death in 1985 while pastor of the Berean Church in Lexington, which they served for almost 18 years.

Emily married Cecil Neu in 1996 and moved to Sumner, Neb. She was married to Cecil until his death in 2008.

Emily loved to play golf and did so until April, 2004, when she moved to Indian Hills Manor in Ogallala, Neb., because of Alzheimer's disease. She moved in February of 2006 to Golden Living Center in Cozad where she resided until she died.

Emily is survived by two sons: Richard and Mary Matzke of Ellis, Kan., and Pastor Russell and Claudine Matzke of Walsh, Colo.; one daughter: Pam and Mark Carlton of Colby; grandchildren: Matthew Matzke, Andrew Matzke, Jason Carlton, Wendy Gesch-

wentner, Benjamin Matzke, Blake Matzke and Tiffany Carlton; two sisters: Beverly Robinson of Denver, Colo., and Jeannine DeGarmo of Rocksboro Park, Colo.; 13 great-grandchildren; many nieces, nephews, and friends.

Emily was preceded in death by her parents; brothers, William Monroe Brooks and Donald Brooks; her husbands, Warren Richard "Dick" Matzke and Cecil Neu; sister-in-law, Aline Brooks and by her niece, "Jenny".

Services were held on Thursday, March 11 at 2:00 p.m. at the Berean Bible Church in Lexington, with Pastor Russell Matzke officiating.

Burial was in the Greenwood Cemetery.

Memorials are suggested to the Alzheimer's Foundation or Maranatha Bible Camp.

Online condolences may be sent to: reynoldslovefuneralhome.com.

# Studies show vaccines safe

Three judges have ruled that thimerosal-containing vaccines do not cause autism.

In an article submitted by Erika Zimelman, office manager at the Cheyenne County Clinic, the ruling supports a series of biological and epidemiological studies which have failed to show a link between vaccines and the widely-diagnosed neurodevelopmental disorder.

Another ruling last year from the same court declared that the measles-mumps-rubella vaccine, or MMR, in combination with thimerosal-containing vaccines, does not cause autism.

"The court has supported the science that shows that vaccines do not cause autism," said pediatri-

cian Dr. Paul Offit, chief of Infectious Diseases and the director of the Vaccine Education Center at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia.

"Parents should take heart in this decision and continue to immunize their children with the confidence that they are the safest, most effective way to protect against dangerous diseases."

"It's time to move forward and look for the real causes of autism," said Alison Singer, president of the Autism Science Foundation. "There is not a bottomless pit of money with which to fund autism science. We have to use our scarce resources wisely. Our children deserve real answers and at this point,

doing more and more studies of vaccines, when the science is so clear, would be allowing politics to triumph over science."

"This is a great day for children," said Amy Pisani, MS, executive director of Every Child By Two. "One life lost to a vaccine-preventable disease because of false rumors is one too many. With this decision, as well as the recent retraction of "The Lancet" study, we hope these rumors are finally put to rest so that families can once again feel confident in the safety of vaccines."

For more information, go to [www.vaccinateyourbaby.org/news/releases/2010/20100312](http://www.vaccinateyourbaby.org/news/releases/2010/20100312).

# Moments With Mila

By Mila Bandel



County Health Nurse

## Cheyenne County Health Fair

Health fairs are excellent ways to offer screenings for some health problems like diabetes and high blood pressure, catching them early and thereby reducing the risks for costly complications. The Cheyenne County Health Fair will be held April 12 through April 16.

Lab draws offered will be a Chemistry Panel (with Thyroid Stimulating Hormone (TSH) and Lipid panel) and Prostate Specific Antigen (PSA).

The lab draws will be offered for three mornings in St. Francis (April 12, 13 and 14) from 7 to 10 a.m. in the basement of the Cheyenne County Clinic in St. Francis and one morning in Bird City (Tuesday, April 13) from 7 to 10 a.m. at the Bird City Clinic. No appointments are needed for the lab draws.

Please remember to not eat or drink except water after midnight the night before the lab draw. You can take your morning prescription medications with sips of water prior to the lab draws.

There will also be male and female exams available for the health fair on April 14, 15, and 16 in the St. Francis clinic as well as the Bird City Clinic. You must make an appointment by calling 785-332-2682 for the exam appointments. The exams will offer breast and pelvic exams, pap smears and the male exam will include a prostate check. The fees for the labs and exams are at a much reduced price and will not be charged to your insurance.

There will also be an exhibit booth fair with health and safety information available on Thursday, April 15 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the St. Francis Grade School Gymnasium. This is a come and go fair for participants to

walk through the exhibits.

Free Medical Testing will be available in the following areas: blood pressure, pulse, oxygen, glucose /blood sugar, vision, body mass index score just to name a few. There will also be numerous organizations on hand to visit with you regarding health and safety for you and your family. This event is free of charge to attend.

Preventing or delaying the onset of chronic health problems like diabetes, heart disease and stroke can produce significant savings for any insured employee group or individual. Regular physical activity helps people temporarily or in some cases, permanently, prevent having diabetes if they also lose 7 percent of their

body weight.

In addition, regular physical activity helps people manage their diabetes, high blood pressure and cholesterol better, thereby reducing their short and long term health care costs. People who walk at least 30 minutes, five days a week, lower their stress, and risks for heart disease, stroke, hospitalizations, osteoporosis, fractures, depression, gall bladder disease, Alzheimer's Disease, and many other conditions, thereby lowering health care costs.

Don't miss out on this great opportunity to take part in all aspects of the upcoming health fair.

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