

Annabelle Lee Nelsen
Jan. 20, 1926 - June 12, 2010

Annabelle Lee (Williams) Nelsen was born on Jan. 10, 1926, to Thomas and Bertha Williams in Joplin, Mo., and raised near there. She died June 12, 2010, at the Good Samaritan Village in St. Francis, Kan., at the age of 84.

Annabelle met her husband, Harold while he was in the Army and stationed in Missouri. After a lengthy courtship, they eloped and were married on Jan. 22, 1946, in Gerard. They moved to a farm south of Bird City where they farmed and raised their four sons. In 1975, they bought their present home in Bird City.

Annabelle was a homemaker and a very talented, creative person. She was known for good fried chicken and buckets of chocolate chip cookies. Annabelle's hands were seldom idle as she was always sewing, tatting or doing wheat weaving. She created her own patterns for many of her projects. She also was a talented writer and poet. She had several poems published and wrote a novel titled "Shadows of the Soil."

She loved children! Annabelle enjoyed teaching Sunday school for many years and also helped with Bible School using many of

her creative talents. She was preceded in death by her parents; her brothers, Lewis, Rufus and Robert; her husband, Harold and her son, Darrel.

She is survived by her sister, Mary (Ed) Bowers; sisters-in-law, Zina Nelsen, Bonnie Nelsen and Alice Kirk; her sons, David (Deanna), Doyle (Linda) and Dwayne; grandchildren, Dana Barnett, Denise (Max) Keltz, Rhona Annon, Darci (Kale) Schields, Chad Gleason, Christina Nelsen, Erica Crane, Janessa Nelsen, Jessica Nelsen and Andrea Nelsen; 20 great-grandchildren and one great-great-granddaughter.

Funeral services were held on June 17 at the Immanuel United Methodist Church in Bird City with Pastor Becky Davison officiating.

Casket bearers were Caleb Keltz, Joshua Keltz, Matthew Barnett, Austin Cobb, Andrew Soderlund and Jeff Soderlund.

Burial was in the Bird City Cemetery.

Memorials may be given to the Annabelle Nelsen Memorial Fund.

Arrangements were by Knodel Funeral Home, St. Francis.

Vivian Gail Seymour
Feb. 4, 1920 - June 11, 2010



Seymour

Vivian Gail Seymour was born Feb. 4, 1920, in Bird City, Kan., the second of seven children to her parents, William "Bill" and Mildred "Dots" (Sawyer) Scheel. She died on June 11, 2010, at the Atwood Good Samaritan Center, Atwood, Kan.

Vivian graduated from Bird City High School in 1938 and married classmate Ralph Roland Seymour on Aug. 28, 1940. They lived on the family farm southeast of Bird City and later in Bird City where they raised four children: Gary Gene, Marianne, James Craig and Douglas William.

Vivian is survived by two sons, Gary (Karol) of Bird City, and Craig (Lynette) of Fort Collins, Colo., and daughter-in-law, Julie Seymour of Minneapolis. Also surviving are 11 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren; her sister, Marilee Scheel of Salem, Ore.; brothers, Bill (Donna) Scheel, and Gene Scheel of Omaha, Neb., and 15 nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death

Stanley Zuege
July 10, 1920 - June 21, 2010

Stanley Loy Zuege, 89, of Haigler, Neb., died June 21, 2010, at Hospice and Palliative Care of Northern Colorado in Greeley, Colo.

Stanley was born July 10, 1920, in Cheyenne County, Kan., to Emil and Alta (League) Zuege. He graduated from Haigler High School.

On Jan. 10, 1954, he married Lois Jene Van Horn. Stanley served in the Army Air Corp during World War II.

Stanley was a U.S. Mail Carrier for 28 years. He was a substitute carrier until 86 years of age. He was an avid baseball player, bowler, and fisherman.

Stanley is survived by his wife Lois of Haigler; son Stan "Shorty" Zuege of Pagosa Springs, Colo.; daughter Lora Jene Zuege and husband, Michael of Antioch,

Tenn.; grandchildren, Rikki Jene Zuege and Joshua Zuege Antioch; Jeremy Zuege of Firestone, Colo.; sisters, Hazel Chambers and Dorothy Walker, both of Brighton, Colo.

He was preceded in death by his parents; little sister, Helen Phifer; and brothers-in-law Jack Chambers and Bill Walker.

An inurnment service will be held Saturday, July 10, at 11:00 a.m. at Haigler Cemetery in Haigler.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to "Charity of Choice" in care of Adamson Funeral and Cremation Services, 2000 47th Avenue, Greeley, CO 80634.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.adamsonchapels.com.



FIRST RESPONDERS take part in an emergency drill. Identifying a supposed chemical spill are (left to right) Reid Raile, emergency medical technician, Janelle Bowers, emergency medical service director, Pat Owens, volunteer fireman, Gary Rogers, county emergency director, and Chris Bracelin, also with the St. Francis Fire Department.

Drill helps first responders prepare

On Sunday, June 13, St. Francis residents could hear the sirens and, at the east end of Main Street, there were flashing lights, emergency medical technicians and firemen running to different areas and to what appeared to be wrecked vehicles with people inside (or outside).

The Cheyenne County Emergency Medical Technicians of both St. Francis and Bird City, along with the St. Francis Fire Department planned in a mock mass casualty drill. The goal of the drill was to transport 10 patients to the Cheyenne County Hospital within a reasonable amount of time. The drill also involved a chemical spill.

The firemen had to identify the chemical and make it safe for the emergency medical technicians to enter the accident scene. This was a training exercise for the firemen, medical technicians and the hospital staff.

The hospital had their decontamination apparatus set up in the ambulance bay at the hospital and went through the decontamination process.

Each patient was given a diagnosis and played quite well, said Janelle Bowers, emergency medical service director.

"We even had some bystanders who ended up being our patients, purposely planned," she said.

"The emergency technicians train several times a year and this mass casualty pushes us to think what we would do if this were real.

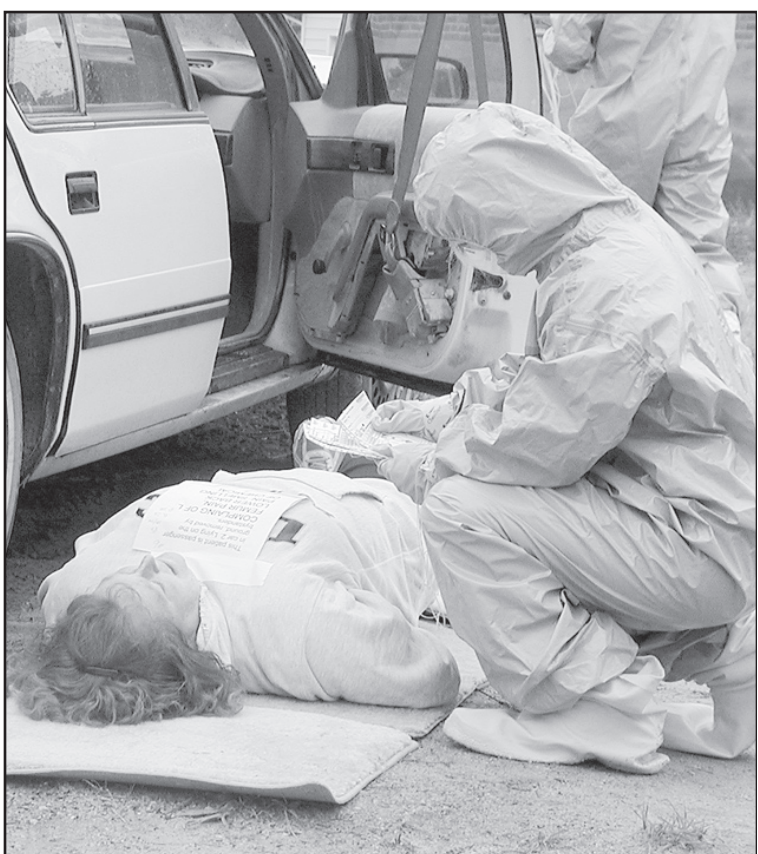
"Our goal on Sunday was to get all of our patients safely to the hospital and that's what we did."

Mrs. Bowers said the fire department and emergency medical service have always worked well together.

"We depend on each other's help during motor vehicle accidents or even ambulance calls around town when there is an all-female emergency medical crew and we need help lifting. We appreciate what the firemen do for us."

The training keeps the technicians up to date on their skills that are not used on every ambulance call.

"We learn our strengths and where we need to work a little harder," she said. "We are already planning another training."



JUST IN CASE, Anita Marin acts as a victim as Shane Wurm, in a hazmat suit, takes care of her.

Herald staff photos by Karen Krien

Local teen earns state 4-H project award

A Cheyenne County 4-H member has earned the top award in the state in the 4-H Family Studies Project.

Allison Grice, a 10-year member of the Pleasant Hill 4-H Club, was one of 32 Kansas 4-H members who earned a top award and the opportunity to attend the 2010 National 4-H Congress in Atlanta, Ga., in November.

The 2010 awards were presented at the 4-H Emerald Circle Banquet held June 3 in Manhattan. Allison received a commemorative medallion and a \$400 travel award from the Kansas 4-H Foundation to use for travel expenses for the trip.

In choosing the Family Studies project, Allison said that the project appealed to her because she enjoys working with children. She volunteers at Tiny Tikes Daycare, babysits and is an active teen leader in 4-H where she helps younger

4-H members with arts and crafts, photography, quilting and many other projects.

Allison says that by being in this project, she has learned how to plan and prepare activities for kids, learned to prepare healthy meals and snacks and has learned how a daycare operates. She finds that the biggest reward is just being around kids and seeing them grow day by day.

Allison enjoys 4-H and is active in many projects. She says it is a lot of hard work, especially keeping records and filling out the record books, but in the end there can be great rewards. She has learned to set goals and how to use many different skills to accomplish her goals.

This fall Allison will be a junior at St. Francis Community High School. She is the daughter of Tammy Grice and the late Gary Grice.



PREPARING MESSAGES FOR the troops abroad. Allison Grice, with the help of Garin Cooper, works on one of her 4-H projects.

Herald staff photo by Karen Krien



Thank You

The Bird City Quasquicentennial committee extends a huge and heartfelt "thank you" to all the volunteers who made our 125th birthday celebration a success. From the committee chairpeople to the littlest parade watchers, everyone played a part to make a fun, memorable and wonderful celebration of our town. Countless hours were contributed behind the scenes to plan and prepare for the weekend. Thank you to all the leaders, workers and participants — we dare not list names because undoubtedly we would omit someone! Volunteers have always been a hallmark of our little town and this celebration proved once again why Bird City has been a great place to live and work for the past 125 years, and will continue to be a great town thriving on agriculture, commerce and people who enjoy being part of a caring and vibrant community.

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