

Clyde Edson Smith

Nov. 16, 1921 - June 26, 2010



Smith

Clyde Edson Smith was born Nov. 16, 1921, to Guy Theodore Smith and Ethel Elizabeth Freemyer Smith. Birth location was Cleveland Run Township, north of St. Francis, Kan. He was the only child in the family.

Clyde spent his childhood on the farmstead north of St. Francis. He attended country school to the eighth grade at the Cleveland Run Township.

Clyde spent his young years farming and ranching with his father, Guy Smith, north of St. Francis along the Hackberry Creek. On Feb. 14, 1944, Clyde married the love of his life, Lela Bernice Soule. They lived north of St. Francis in the Cleveland Run area. They were married for 63 years.

Clyde loved to tell "old time" stories to his grandchildren. He enjoyed coming to town for early morning breakfast and coffee and visiting with area farmers and business people.

To the union of Clyde and Lela were born seven children: Robert of St. Francis, Jim and wife,

Kathy, of Wray, Colo.; Shirley of St. Francis, Janice and Aaron Irwin of Haigler, Neb., Ronald (Buster) of St. Francis, Patricia and husband, Jim Leisure, of Bird City. Other surviving family members consist of seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. The grandchildren are Brenda and Dave Warren, Janelle and Eric Myotte, Michelle and Rio McCoy, Tyler and Nicole Smith, Kellie and Lee Simeon, Stacie Smith and Shellie and Travis Carroll.

Clyde is preceded in death by his son, Larry; grandchild, Barbara Lynn; wife, Lela and daughter-in-law, Berneta.

Funeral services were held on June 30 at Knodel Funeral Home, St. Francis, with Pastor Dan Carson officiating.

Honorary pallbearers were granddaughters, Stacie Smith, Brenda Warren, Kellie Simeon, Shellie Carroll, Janelle Myotte and Michelle McCoy.

Casket bearers were Tyler Smith, Rio McCoy, Lee Simeon, Patrick Mills, Dennis Krien and Dwight Brewer.

Interment was in the St. Francis Cemetery.

Arrangements were made by Knodel Funeral Home, St. Francis.

Velta Powell

Oct. 14, 1927 - June 27, 2010

Velta Powell a Golden Valley, Ariz., resident since 1995, a mother, wife and friend, died, June 27, 2010.

Velta was born in Goodland, Kan., on Oct. 14, 1927, to Otto and Bertha Ludwig. She was baptized at the St. Francis Christian Church in St. Francis on April 25, 1943, and renewed her vows to God in 1983.

She attended schools in St. Francis then graduated from high school with the class of 1946. Velta married Ronald Powell of Bird City, on May 26, 1946, right after high school. She and Ron then lived on a bird farm until 1954, then moved to and purchased the Fast Taxi Service in Montrose, Colo., later adding on an ambulance service and a rent-a-car service to their business.

They ran their businesses together as a husband and wife team. In 1962 they sold that business and moved to a farm in Montrose. Velta then worked for two optometrists before moving with her husband to Burlington, Colo., to be close to her parents.

Ron worked in construction and Velta at the Equitable Sav-

ings and Loan for over 16 years. Later they moved to Las Vegas, Nev., then to Golden Valley.

Velta is survived by her husband of 64 years, Ronald Powell; her sister, Ilene Raile, St. Francis; two sons, Terry L. Powell of Lone Grove, Okla., and Roger D Powell and wife, Vicky of Montrose; her grandchildren, Jennifer Milton and her, children of Splendora Texas, Donald Hoglund and his wife, Sarah and their children of Cleveland, Texas, Heather, Dustin and Gray of Glendale Ariz., Clint Powell and Conner of Montrose, Terry L. Powell Jr. of San Diego, Calif., and nieces and nephews.

Preceding her in death were her daughter, Marsha Powell-Wilby; baby boy Powell; her mother and father, Otto and Bertha Ludwig; sister, Dora Knapp and brothers-in-law, Delbert Powell, Doren Knapp and Clarence Raile.

Velta was cremated and private services will follow. She was a friend to all and will be missed deeply by her many friends and family.

Service will be in Montrose, on July 12 at 10:30 a.m. at Grand View Cemetery.

A reception will follow graveside services at the home of Roger and Vicky Powell, 66800 Solar Rd. Montrose.

Eugene "Gene" Victor Siegfried

Oct. 5, 1918 - July 1, 2010

Eugene "Gene" Victor Siegfried, son of Eugene George and Emma Alvina (Luedtke) Siegfried was born in Lincoln, Neb., on Oct. 5, 1918. His life of 91 years, eight months and 26 days ended on July 1, 2010, at the Hillcrest Care Center, Wray, Colo.

He was baptized as an infant and attended the Lutheran Church.

At the age of 9 years, he moved with his family to Traer, Kan., where Gene received his first eight years of education. He attended high school in Herndon and graduated in 1937.

He met his wife, Ada Martha Winkelmann in high school. They were married on March 3, 1939, and moved to St. Francis, Kan. He worked for Manson Electric until 1944 when he was inducted into the Army. Gene went through basic training in Mineral Wells, Texas, and then was sent to the Philippines. He was in the battle of Luzon and was later stationed at Osaka and Kyoto, Japan.

Gene received several medals including: American Service Medal, Asiatic Pacific Service Medal, Philippines Liberation Ribbon with one Bronze Star, World War II Victory Medal, Good Conduct Medal and Meritorious Service Unit Plaque Company 129, 33rd Infantry. He received an honorable discharge on Jan. 25, 1946. He was a member of the American Legion and a lifetime member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. He was very proud to have served his country and to be called a veteran.

After his discharge, he returned home and went back to work for Manson Electric. He took flying lessons from John Grace on the GI Bill. Gene loved to fly and spent many happy hours in the air. He also enjoyed fishing and hunting. For many years, Gene and Ada spent two weeks a year in the Meeker, Colo. area hunting deer and elk. He fished in many lakes around the area and later he and his son, Dan, enjoyed ice fishing together.

In 1947, Gene started the Konkrete Bloc Co., and the New Era Sand and Gravel/Redimix. He furnished concrete blocks and sand and gravel for many of the homes and businesses in the tri-state area. He donated concrete to several building projects in the community, including the Scout Hut and the Gun Club. Ill health forced him to close his business in 1972.

Survivors include his wife of 71 years, Ada; and his children: Rochelle Klie and husband, Fred; Danny Siegfried and his wife, Janet, of St. Francis and Cynthia Carroll of Arvada, Colo.; his grandchildren, Mel-

ody Maskus and her husband, Gary, of Arriba, Colo.; Michelle Stoke and her husband, Bill of Colby; Jennifer Jones and her husband, Rod, of North Platte, Neb.; Heather McWilliams and her husband, Dave, of Kremling, Colo.; Brian Siegfried and his wife, Kaycee of Goodland, Jason Carroll and his wife, Lisa, of Northglenn, Colo.; Joshua Carroll and his wife, Kim, of Commerce City, Colo., and Jessica Carroll of Arvada, Colo.; his great-grandchildren: Carissa and Grant Maskus of Arriba, Nathaniel Anderson and his wife, Kim, of Lincoln, Neb.; Caryn Fugitt and her husband, Trent, of Fort Collins, Colo., Dustin Stoke and his wife, Silvana, of Colorado Springs Colo., Alexander and Tyler Meitl of North Platte, Steven, Jacob, Kylee and Briana McWilliams of Kremling, Madison Siegfried of Goodland, Riley and Jake Carroll and Randy Richards of Northglenn; brother, Delbert Siegfried, of Arapahoe, Neb., and sister-in-law, Ethyl Siegfried, of McCook Neb.

Gene was preceded in death by his parents, George and Emma; a great-grandson, Garrett Maskus; three sisters, Carol Lou Siegfried, Phyllis Smith and Eloise Holiday and one brother, Larry Siegfried.

Services to honor the life of Gene will be held July 10 at the St. Francis United Methodist Church with Reverend Morita Truman officiating. Tema Trumbo is the organist and Althea Lebow, the soloist. Musical selections are Ave Maria, In the Garden, Old Rugged Cross and Blest Be the Tie That Binds.

Escorts will be all of his grandchildren and inurnment will be in the St. Francis Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of the Plains, Wray, Colo.; Hillcrest Care Center in Wray and Alzheimer Research.



White — Crow

Couple planning August wedding

Karlissa Crow of Goodland and Lucius White of McDonald are planning an Aug. 28 wedding at St. John Lutheran Church in Bird City.

Parents of the couple are Derek and Stacey Crow of Goodland and Loren and Wendy White of Bird City.

The groom's grandparents include Dean and Juanita Thorntson, Betty White and the late Edmond White.

The bride's grandparents are Ronny and Shirley Crow, Rod and Diana Kinkelaar, Bobby Brane

and Dorothy Wilson. The bride is a 2007 graduate of Godly Heritage Academy in Anthony and is employed at the Holiday Inn Express in Goodland.

The groom is a 2007 graduate of Cheylin High School in Bird City and received an associate degree in diesel mechanics at Northwest Kansas Technical College in Goodland. He is a shop foreman at Goodland Greenline John Deere in Wheeler.

A reception is planned at the American Legion Hall.

Auditors caution city councilmen

By Karen Krien

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The St. Francis City Council spent the majority of the June 26 meeting listening to Brian Staats and Angela Ketterl as they presented the 2010 audit and 2011 budget. The audit showed that the city had not spent more money than they had but cautioned them that within 12 years, the city could be out of money.

Mr. Staats recommended that the council either raise the mill levy and/or raise utilities. The city has little debt, he said, but there isn't a lot of cash either. The city needs to have three to

six months operating reserve.

The city of St. Francis has a very low mill levy compared to other cities, Mr. Staats said. He cautioned the council to not wait too long to adjust the way the money is coming in. It is better to raise the utilities a little bit each year instead of raising it two or three times the amount at one time.

The city does a good job at managing the money, he said,

noting that the biggest expense is buying power.

There was a negative figure concerning the emergency building maintenance fund and the mistake will require the council to amend the budget.

A hearing date for the budget and amending the 2010 budget will be held on Monday, Aug. 9, at city hall on Washington Street.

Club Clip

Veterans of Foreign War Auxiliary Post 1528

The Auxiliary of the Veterans of Foreign War Post 1528 met on June 28, 2010 at 1:30 p.m. at Ruth Moore's house. There were five members present: Connie Rooney, Marlys Poulgnot, Ruth Moore, Dot Hill and Wanda Dowdy. President Rooney called the meeting to order and members had the opening ceremonies.

There was a report about the Memorial Day service. There were many comments about how meaningful and effective this program was. It is great that there is a service on Memorial Day to help remind us of our veterans and servicemen and women who have served and are even today serving to keep our nation free.

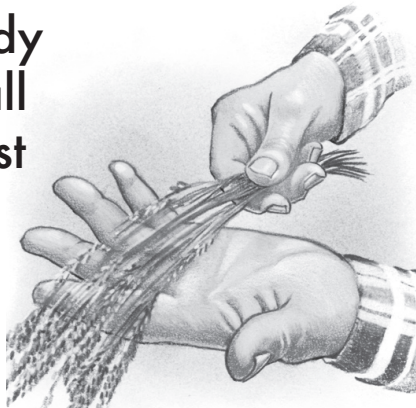
Ruth Moore received a 65-year pin, showing that she has been a member of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Post 1528, since it began in June of 1945. She has been faithful in paying her dues and in service as various offices and in helping in other aspects of this group. Congratulations to her for many years of service.

Two new members have joined this group. They are Linda (Beeson) Carroll and Kaye M. Bauman. Members welcome them as they have joined members as they serve the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the servicemen and women today.

If anyone is eligible to become a member of the Auxiliary, they would be welcome the members who serve the military and the veterans. The Auxiliary meet on the third Monday of the month.

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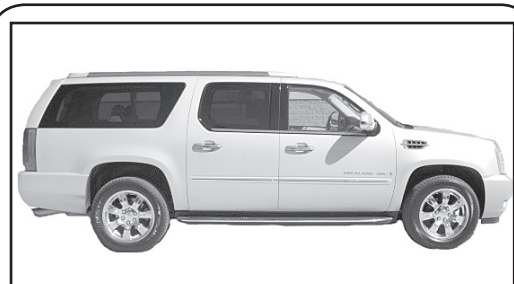
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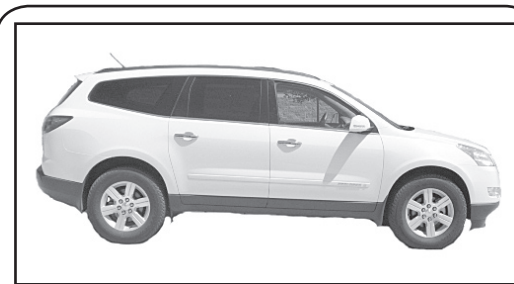
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thought to ponder.....if the London Bridge is standing why is there a song about it falling down?

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