

Obituaries

Helen "Kitty" M. Kite

Aug. 28, 1931 - July 4, 2010

Helen "Kitty" M. (Whitehead) Kite, 78, of Wichita, Kan., former legal secretary, abstractor and volunteer, died Sunday, July 4, 2010. A graveside service will be held at Maple Grove Cemetery, 1000 N. Hillside, near the Civil War Pavilion at a later date.



Kite

Kitty is survived by her only child, J. Greg Kite, of Wichita.

Kitty is preceded in death by her parents, Shelby S. Whitehead and Gladys C. (Cockrell) Means.

Kitty was born Aug. 28, 1931, in Wichita and was an only child, as was her mother, Gladys.

She grew up in Wichita, playing the accordion and modeling, eventually being named "Miss Safeway" at age 5. In fact, as a child, Kitty so resembled Shirley Temple that she once wrote to the actress, including a picture, to which the actress replied, astonished at the resemblance.

She attended East High School, graduating in 1949, and worked across the street in her father's business, the "Whitehead Bakery." She attended the University of Kansas, majoring in home economics and earning a bachelor of science degree in education in 1956 and a master's degree in fine arts in 1958.

Kitty was married on Dec. 17, 1950, in Lawrence to John G. Kite. They had one child, J. Greg Kite, born in 1953. John and Kitty moved to St. Francis in 1958 where she worked in her husband's law office as a full-time legal secretary.

She also took pride in keeping the house immaculate and the landscape manicured. Her nephew, Bob Warren, remembered that his dad, Dick Warren, once found a weed and placed it on top of the "Yard of the Month" sign just to aggravate her. Her niece, Gale Warren, recalled: "I remember her coming around the corner right after our family arrived at the house in her bikini, sunglasses and little kitten-heel shoes. Wow, that image is seared into my brain! She also drove Lisa (Gale's sister) and I to Denver in the convertible, where we had a fancy lunch and then she took us to buy shoes. She had style, and lots of it."

Kitty had a loom and enjoyed weaving anything from place mats to rugs. She had a gift for decorating and loved to entertain, particularly during the holidays. Her niece, Gale Warren, remembered: "Kitty made a killer 12-layer mint chocolate torte, which could have been featured on the cover of any gourmet magazine."

Her nephew, Tom Kite, recalled: "I have always remembered what a gracious hostess she was. I know when our family was invited to a special meal at the house, I was always a bit awestruck by the elaborate table settings and the wonderful food." Her nephew, Tim Kite, remembered: "I always admired and respected Kitty, especially her creativity."

In describing a birthday party she threw for her son, her nephew, Ed Kite, recalled: "I remember Kitty making sure every child was included in the fun, with no one being left out. I can't remember what the party favors were, but I do remember thinking Wow, I didn't realize the guests got gifts, too!"

Kitty was an avid collector of unique liqueur glasses and antique napkin rings.

She spoiled the family Irish setter "Kerry" and when pheasant hunting season came around, she went, too. She was a crack shot with a 20-gauge Browning over and under shotgun and she didn't just block at the end of the field, but walked through the brush like any other hunter. This made an impression on her nephew, Tom Kite, who stated: "I remember going pheasant hunting with Dad

and Uncle John and finding, much to my surprise, that Aunt Kitty was part of the hunting party and even had her own shotgun!"

Although she was involved with and served as an officer in a number of local organizations, nothing gave her more satisfaction than being a Girl Scout Leader. While she was tough on the girls and wouldn't tolerate any fear of spiders or snakes, there wasn't anything she wouldn't do for them. She taught them to cook and camp with the best of them. She also took them on field trips to Denver, as well as hosted parties for them at the house.

Kitty adored the people of St. Francis and that feeling was only surpassed by her love for and admiration of her mother-in-law, Ruby Kite. In Ruby's later years, Kitty delivered meals to her, maintained the garden next to her apartment and took her for rides in the car, often times stopping for an ice cream cone on the way back.

Subsequently, Kitty trained under and became employed by Josephine Jaqua Churchill in the R.M. Jaqua Abstract Co. from 1967 through 1969. While in St. Francis, she was a member of the United Methodist Church.

She and her husband, John, were divorced in 1969. Thereafter, Kitty moved to Lawrence and became employed with the Douglas County Abstract and Title Co. as an abstractor from 1970 through 1977. From 1978 through 1979, she was employed by the University of Kansas at the Center for Public Affairs.

Subsequently, she moved back to Wichita to help take care of her parents. Kitty served as a volunteer at the Wichita Art Museum, Riverside Hospital, First Presbyterian Church and Wesley Medical Center where she worked more hours than any other volunteer - 16,000 hours in both 2006 and 2007. While Kitty enjoyed her service as a volunteer, it was the people she loved, both the ones she served and the ones she worked with.

She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Wichita. Perhaps the words of her niece, Lisa Warren, capture it best: "She was a trendsetter. She was adorable. She will be missed."

Kitty sustained a fractured left hip in December of 2007 and a fractured right hip in January of 2008. Thereafter, her health progressively deteriorated and she was hospitalized in late June.

Kitty always said she wanted to go out with a bang. Little did she know how prophetic those words would be - dying on the Fourth of July!

While somewhat unorthodox, in keeping with Kitty's desire to share her talents, the following recipe, a summer favorite, is included. Ironically, this recipe was featured in the Lawrence Journal-World newspaper on July 4, 1977.

Peach Ice Cream

(About 1 1/2 quarts)

Let the following ingredients stand until sugar is dissolved:

4 pounds ripe peaches, pared, sliced and mashed

1/2 cup sugar

1/8 teaspoon salt

Combine the following ingredients and partly churn-freeze in ice cream freezer (when half-frozen, add the fruit mixture, above):

1 teaspoon vanilla

1/2 teaspoon almond flavoring

1/2 teaspoon lemon juice

1/2 cup sugar

2 cups cream (or half 'n' half)

2 cups whipping cream

At the same time the mashed fruit mixture is added to the half-frozen cream mixture, add two coarsely chopped peaches.

Serve topped with a mixture of toasted slivered almonds and toasted shredded coconut.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial has been established with the Historic Preservation Alliance of Wichita and Sedgwick County, Inc., 230 North Market, Suite 201, Wichita, KS 67202-2006. Down and Lahey Mortuary East. Tributes may be sent to the family via www.dlwichita.com

Robert Lee Elliott

Aug. 21, 1928 - July 6, 2010

Robert Lee Elliott, 81, of Karval, Colo., died on July 6, 2010, in Hugo, Colo., at the Lincoln Community Hospital.

Robert was born on Aug. 21, 1928, at the ranch 14 miles east of Karval to Ernest Jefferson and Verbena (White) Elliott, one of seven children. Robert grew up on the ranch that he worked his lifetime riding many horses and working many cattle. He was schooled through the eighth grade in a one-room schoolhouse.

Robert married Erma Hartelroad in Clayton, N.M., on Oct. 12, 1948, and the couple had six children.

Robert was an outdoors man and he loved fishing, hunting elk and deer around the Eagle area. When he was young, he rode bulls and saddle broncos in rodeos.

Robert was a charter member of the Lions Club holding the office of secretary for seven years. He was also a member of the Lincoln County and Colorado Cattleman's Association, Prairie Soil Conservation, Districts Water Development Protection, vice chairman of the Game and Fish, Lincoln County Fair Board, fair manager for over 10 years and secretary of Tri-County Centennial.

Robert was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Elvin (Bud); sisters, Virginia and Lucy; one infant son, Ronald El-

liott and one granddaughter, Alicia Nestor.

Robert is survived by his wife, Erma; daughters, Maxine (Mike) Miller of Cheyenne, Wyo., Janet (Mike) Ream of Greeley, Colo., Linda (Gary) Nestor of Gypsum, Colo.; sons, Rick (Dayla) Elliott of Sugar City, Colo., Russell (Dianna) Elliott of Karval; three sisters, Ina Whittlesey of Calhan, Colo., Bessie Bombeck of Grand Island, Neb., Dorothy Rice of Denver; his grandchildren, Jeff Miller, Angela Miller-Soden, Brian Ream, Tom Ream, Amy Nestor-Boles, Corey Nestor, Richard (Blake) Elliott, Amy Barrat, Misty Cotterman, Roy Elliott, Ryan Elliott, Keith Crow, Cody Crow, Cory Crow, Lane Elliott; 16 great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held on July 9 at the Karval Public School gymnasium, burial followed at the Evergreen Cemetery in Hugo.

Memorial contributions may be sent to the Karval Lions Club in care of Vernon Stone, 26091 County Road V, Hugo, CO 80821 or Lincoln County Cattleman's Association in care of Chip Reid 6307 Highway 71, Ordway, CO 81063.

People may visit the website at www.lovefuneralhomes.com to sign the online guest book or send a message of condolence to the family.

David Neil Andrews

Aug. 27, 1930 - June 26, 2010

David Neil Andrews of Eugene, Ore., died on June 26, 2010, at the age of 79 after a short battle with cancer. He was born on Aug. 27, 1930, in St. Francis, Kan., to Ray and Millie Andrews. He was the son of a farmer and grocer. He was the first in his family to graduate from college.



Andrews

He married Beverly Brown Andrews on Dec. 20, 1951, in St. Francis.

Dave served America as an enlisted member of the Oregon National Guard (1947-50); a non-commissioned officer in the United States Air Force (1950-54); and as intelligence officer in the United States Navy Reserve (1960-78).

He attended Oregon State University and the University of Oregon, graduating in 1957. He graduated from the University of Oregon School of Law in 1959. Following his admission to the Oregon State Bar in 1957, he engaged in a distinguished law practice for 51 years. He was a founding member of Hershner Hunter, LLP, of Eugene.

As he practiced law, Dave also served: the University of Oregon as an adjunct professor in both the University of Oregon Business School and School of Law and as a member, Board of Trustees, University of Oregon Foundation (1983-93.); and, the legal profession as a director of the Oregon State Bar; as a member of various executive committees of the Oregon State Bar and as a frequent contributor to continuing education programs. Member, Board of Trustees, University of Oregon Foundation (1983-93).

For his skill and willingness to give of himself, Dave was continuously recognized as one of Oregon's pre-eminent lawyers.

He was: A Fellow of the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel (State Chair, Oregon, 1990-95); A Fellow, American Bar Foundation, recognized in The Best Lawyers in America (Trusts and Estates); and recognized as one of Oregon's Super Lawyers.

Dave served the community as an active member of the First Congregational Church. He was a member of Active 20-30 Club. In 1969 - 1970, he was the president of Active 20-30 International. Dave also was very involved in state and local politics for many years.

Dave loved practicing law. But, he was also an avid sailor and a lifetime member of the Eugene Yacht Club, serving as its Commodore in 1984. He read voraciously and loved music.

While serving in the Air Force, Dave and Bev lived in France and explored Europe whenever possible. They returned many times.

Most of all, Dave will be remembered as a quintessential

gentleman, a loving husband, a father, a grandfather and a great grandfather.

Survivors include his wife, Beverly Andrews; his children, Kathy Andrews-Smith, Jillian Herrera, Jeff Andrews, Mark Andrews and his grandchildren, Kenny Smith, Matthew Smith, Charlotte Andrews, Jennifer Miller and his great-grandchildren Amanda Young and Sophia Miller.

Remembrances may be made to the American Cancer Society and CaringBridge.org

Edna Pauline (Zweygardt) Zimbelman

Nov. 21, 1918 - June 30, 2010

Edna (Zweygardt) Zimbelman, daughter of J.E. and Eva (Walz) Zweygardt, was born Nov. 21, 1918, in Cheyenne County, Kan., and died on June 30, 2010, at the Cheyenne County Hospital. She was baptized Dec. 15, 1918, and confirmed on June 18, 1933, at the Salem Lutheran Church, northwest of St. Francis.



Zimbelman

She was raised on the farm on Cherry Creek where she was born. Edna graduated from the eighth grade and then helped her mom, dad and brother, Tobe on the farm. There she learned her great cooking, gardening and homemaking skills.

On April 14, 1940, Edna married Robert Zimbelman at the Salem Lutheran Church. To this union, two sons were born, Eldon in 1942, and Ron in 1946. Edna and husband, Robert managed the cream station and then later moved to the farm on Cherry Creek, where they farmed and ran a dairy until they got into the car business. Edna was the business manager of Zimbelman Motor until 1984. She prided herself on her excellent book-keeping skills and being on the "Honor Roll" with Chevrolet every month.

Edna and Robert enjoyed many trips, including Sweden, Norway, Hawaii, Tahiti and Aruba.

After retirement, she enjoyed their trips to Arizona, where she made many new friends. She enjoyed her needlework, making several quilts and other items, and cooking for everyone at the park where they stayed.

Edna was a leader, 4-H, Women's Society of Christian Service at the Evangelical United Brethren Church and then United Methodist Women where she was district treasurer. She also sang in the choir.

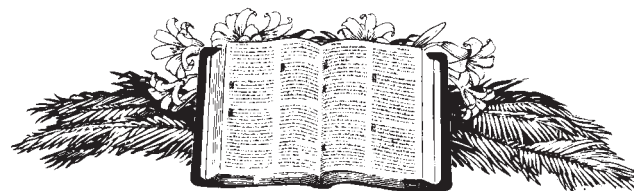
She played golf and loved competing in the tournaments at Riverside and neighboring towns. One of her crowning achievements was organizing and cooking for the monthly stags at Riverside for almost 10 years and with volunteer help, she raised a lot of money for the Riverside Ladies to do all kinds of improvements at the club.

Her garden was her pride and joy. She planted one every year up until 2008, when canning and freezing became a little hard for her. Edna loved her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, her beloved companion dog, Ed, her friends and family, her church, music, cooking for the hunters, cooking at harvest and doing her needlework.

Edna was preceded in death by her parents, J.E. and Eva Zweygardt; husband, Robert; and great-granddaughter, Isabella Grace Zimbelman.

Survivors include, sons, Eldon, Ron (Marsha); brother, Tobe; grandson, Clay (Erika), great-granddaughter, Alexis, all of St. Francis; granddaughter, Angie (Tim) Hoskins; great-grandsons, Weston and Braden, Wichita; and many nieces, nephews, family and friends.

A memorial service to celebrate Edna's life will be held at the St. Francis United Methodist Church on Saturday, July 31, at 10:30 a.m. Memorials are to the St. Francis United Methodist Church or the Cheyenne County Hospital.



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