

Obituaries

Gustav Zwegardt

Sept. 4, 1912 - Jan. 20, 2011

Gus Zwegardt died Jan. 20, 2011, in his home at the age of 98. He was born on Sept. 4, 1912, along with his twin brother, Albert Zwegardt, on the family farm. They were the first children of Ludwig and Matilda Zwegardt. Two other children, a son, Oscar, and a daughter, Emma, were born later.

He attended grade school at Prairie View District 48. His farming career began at an early age. He and his younger brother Oscar broke and trained many saddle horses using a method that never allowed the horse to buck. As a result the horses they broke were generally gentle, easy-to-ride horses and there was a demand for them.

At that time, farming was done entirely by horsepower and training work horse teams was another skill he developed. Dick and Dan, his own Belgium horse team, was known to be an outstanding one. For 11 years, he worked as the threshing engineer for his father's threshing business.

In the late fall, he and his twin brother, Albert, would pick corn using their team of horses. In 1932, Gus held the record for hand picking over 3,000 bushels of corn.

Baseball was one of the activities he enjoyed in his youth. He was a member of the Red Caps, one of the six local St. Francis teams. He sometimes played at first base but mostly he played the right field position where his outstanding vision allowed him to be in the right place at the right time to catch the ball. One of the highlights of his life was attending a New York Yankees and Kansas City Royals game while visiting his daughter and her family in Kansas City.

Gus, along with his dad and brothers, enjoyed playing in the St. Francis Municipal Band during the time that Arlie Doak was the director. Mr. Doak had

been the former U.S. Army band director. They provided weekly community concerts in Sawhill Park band shell. Gus played alto horn, his brothers played trumpets and his dad the bass horn. This same bass horn was given to the St. Francis high school for their marching band.

On April 20, 1938, Gus married Martha Louise Schirmer at Zion Lutheran Church. Gus and Martha started farming on the John Rath farm northwest of St. Francis. Their two children, Ruth and Glenn, were born while they were living on this farm.

Following World War II and the death of Gus's brother, Oscar, in the Pacific, they moved to his parent's farm north of St. Francis. They remained on this farm until retirement in 1981. They had a diversified farming operation. Gus was especially proud of his Shorthorn cattle. They were good neighbors and active in the Plum Creek 4-H Club work. In 1959, the Balanced Farm and Family Award was presented to them. They also enjoyed having a foreign exchange student from Napel live with them for a short time.

Gus was a life-time member of Salem Lutheran Church where he was baptized and confirmed. He was the last survivor of his 11-member confirmation class. Gus was always an active member of Salem and served in every office of the church including Sunday School Superintendent. He was especially faithful in keeping the church building and cemetery in good condition.

When he retired from farming, Gus began his second career as manager of the first car wash and storage units in St. Francis. He enjoyed this job as it provided a wonderful opportunity to visit with his many friends and to become acquainted with the young people of the town. Gus was the manager for seven years.

Gus and Martha were active members of the Cheyenne County Historical Society. Gus joined his cousin, Tobe Zwegardt, in making and erecting the historical markers found all around the county. He also assisted Tobe in erecting the historical markers at the Cherry Creek Encampment site. Milton Lampe, Tobe and Gus Zwegardt collected rocks from all parts of Cheyenne County to use for the decorative front of the museum.

Gus was an active community volunteer and gave generous of his time and talents to help with many community projects including laying sod for the first football field, building and cleaning the fairgrounds, building the first swimming pool, helping to build the new library along with many other projects. He served on the county cemetery board helping to establish the funding for rural cemeteries.

Gus and Martha enjoyed many friends and neighbors in Cheyenne County over the years. Gus was especially good at remembering where everyone lived and farmed and all the relationships of marriage especially among the early German-Russian families. His outstanding memory remained intact until his death. Having lived in Cheyenne County for nearly 100 years, he had a deep affection for his home and never wanted to live anywhere else.

Gus was preceded in death by his parents; his brothers Albert and Oscar; his sister, Emma Hopp; their spouses and a granddaughter, Charise Zwegardt.

His will be greatly missed by his wife, daughter, Ruth and husband, Jack Britton; son Glenn and his partner, Christine Ehmann; grandchildren Susan and John Britton, Rena Mack, Shane Zwegardt and seven great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews and a host of friends.

Funeral services were held at the Salem Lutheran Church on Monday, Jan. 24, with Pastor Chris Farmer and Pastor Glenn Isernhagen officiating.

Honorary pallbearers were Shane Zwegardt, John Britton, Kim Underwood, Roger Blume and Gary Hopp.

Casket bearers were Tracey Galli, Chris McQuigg, Brice Bufflington, Royce Gienger, Tom Bandel and Roger Orth.

Interment was in the Salem Lutheran Cemetery, rural St. Francis.

Memorials may be given to the Cheyenne County Historical Society and Museum, P.O. Box 611, St. Francis, or the Salem Lutheran Church, 1765 Road 10, St. Francis, KS 67756.

Edwin Henry William Meyer

Jan. 15, 1912 - Jan. 15, 2011

On Jan. 15, 1912, Frank and Louise (Schiermeyer) Meyer welcomed their first child, Edwin Henry William, into the world. Edwin was born in Smyrna, Neb., a town that no longer exists, at their home. Edwin's mother, Louise was the oldest child in her family, so Edwin was the first grandchild.

Edwin's grandparents, William and Minnie Schiermeyer, were still rearing their own children when Edwin was born. Edwin had two uncles and one aunt younger than himself. He had many memories of this part of the family because his mother was sickly and he stayed much of the time at his grandparent's house. Edwin and one of his uncles were in the same class in school and also shared their Lutheran confirmation class. Edwin treasured his class ring as well as his uncle's that he kept all of these years.

Edwin was the oldest of the six children in his family. Velma was born in 1915 and died when she was only 3. Leonard was born in 1919 and died a hero in 1944, when the plane he piloted in the Army was shot down over the Atlantic Ocean. Clarence was born in 1921, and died in 1954, due to a gas leak. Everett, born in 1922, is currently living in Hastings, Neb. Alice the youngest, was born in 1928 and currently lives in Greeley, Colo.

Edwin grew up on a farm and started his career at a young age; school was always secondary to his work on the farm. He would help his dad in the field in the fall and miss lots of school in the first few months. He helped milk the cows, take care of the pigs, geese and ducks. He assisted in planting and harvesting the wheat, corn, milo and barley. Edwin remembered cutting thistles, piling them into a stack and adding lots of salt so the cattle would eat them because they had no feed in the 1930s.

After graduation from high school in Nelson, Neb., one of Edwin's teachers asked him to come to Bird City, Kan., to help on his family farm. Edwin stayed in Kansas and met the love of his life, Ruby Oletha Wright, the farmer's daughter, at his very first job. Edwin met Ruby when she was carrying two buckets of milk from the barn to the house. He was immediately lovesick and did not even offer to carry the buckets for her. Edwin lived on Ruby's father's farm, and Ruby ended up washing and ironing for him. The courtship ended as they were united in marriage on Dec. 16, 1936, in Goodland. The reception followed at her parent's home south of Bird City.

Ruby was a doting housewife

and became a mother on June 4, 1940, to daughter, DeEtta. Their son, David was born April 15, 1942. Edwin made sure that the children always went to church; they were members of the Lutheran church. They attended Sunday school, Bible school, confirmation and Lutheran League.

The children recall helping Edwin with lots of chores. They helped take care of the cows, pigs, chickens, guineas, geese, ducks, sheep, cats and dogs. In the winter months the family played many card games. After a snow, Edwin would hook a car hood to his pickup and pull the children around the farm.

In the summer, Edwin worked in the field, milked the cows, and then helped Ruby in the garden. He would help her water, hoe and gather the produce. Ruby would spend days in the kitchen canning the wonderful gifts from their garden.

Edwin was a member of the Bird City Lutheran Brotherhood and attended Bible study regularly his entire life. He was a regular volunteer for the St. Francis Center and would drive their bus for activities and meals.

Edwin and Ruby loved doing everything together; from doing chores together to taking road trips with others in the church van to Branson, the Grand Canyon, and many other great places. Edwin's greatest guilty pleasure was going to a good sale; consignment auctions, farm sales, garage or yard sales, you name it - he was there with Ruby in tow. He would be the one to bid on the box of things that no one else wanted. He would give a dollar and take home his treasures.

Family was always irreplaceable to Edwin. DeEtta, their daughter, was married to Kenneth Knorr on Aug. 7, 1960. Born to this union were two girls; Kim and Karla (Patrick). DeEtta has three grandkids and one great-grandchild. DeEtta and Kenneth are living in St. Francis and she is retired from being a nurse aide and restorative aide. They continue to farm. Edwin and Ruby's son, David, married Charlene Browning on June 27, 1965. This union gave Edwin four grandchildren; Anita (Jarrod), Mike, Troy (Kary), and Kelly. David's children have added nine great-grandchildren to the family tree, and a great-great grandchild is expected in May. David retired from the Equity filling station in St. Francis where he was the manager for 46 years. They continue to live in St. Francis.

With six grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren and soon to be two great-great grandchildren, Edwin was always a very busy

grandpa. He was always the first one on the floor entertaining the young children.

In 1981, Edwin and Ruby left the farm and moved into St. Francis. In 1984, Ruby died from a long battle with cancer. More hardships fell on the family in 2002 when one of Edwin's great-grandsons, his girlfriend, and their unborn baby girl were killed in a tragic car accident.

Edwin was blessed to have had a companion for the last 26 years, Ilone Ketter. Their courtship started with a trip to an auction. They then enjoyed countless activities together throughout the years. Just ask Ilone and she will tell you to consider the source when speaking of Edwin!

In 2002, Edwin relentlessly went to live at the Good Samaritan Village in St. Francis. Even though he didn't like the idea of becoming a resident, he did enjoy the activities and devotions at the "institution" as he called it. At the tail end of 2010, the Village caught fire and all of the residents were evacuated. He remembered that he was just trying to play a game of pinochle when they began evacuating. He was fortunate to find a new residency at Prairie Senior Living Complex in Colby.

Edwin loved a lively debate, a game of pinochle or bingo, and anything humorous or ornery. He truly enjoyed his life of family, friends, reading, music and mostly his faith in God. He was an inspiration to everyone he met.

Edwin celebrated his 99th birthday at the Cheyenne County Hospital in St. Francis, surrounded by family and friends. He finished his birthday celebrating in the hands of God.

Preceding him in death were his parents, two brothers, one sister, brother-in-law, grandson-in-law and great grandson.

Survivors include children, DeEtta (Kenneth), David (Charlene), six grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren, one great-great grandchild (one coming in May), brother, Everett (Ella) Meyer, sister, Alice Janssen and Ruby's sister, Dorothy (Brad) Wright Rambat.

Funeral services were held on Jan. 19 at St. John Lutheran Church, Bird City, with Pastor David Rossbach and Pastor Ken Hart officiating.

Casket bearers were Mike Meyer, Troy Meyer, Kelly Meyer, Patrick Mills, Paul Janssen, Ron Meyer, Steve Meyer and Jarrod Olson.

Interment was in the Bird City Cemetery.

Knodel Funeral Home, St. Francis, was in charge of the arrangements.

Cletus James Younger

Dec. 25, 1928 - Jan. 19, 2011

Cletus James Younger, 82, of St. Francis, Kan., died Tuesday, Jan. 19, 2011, in Greeley, Colo. He was born on Dec. 25, 1928, in Hays, to Alexander and Mary (Miller) Younger.

Mr. Younger was honorably discharged from the U.S. Navy in 1947.

He is survived by daughter, Laura Younger of Greeley;

grandsons, Austin Fessenden of Greeley and Garret Fessenden of Denver, Colo.

Grandson, Trenton Fessenden preceded him in death.

Mr. Younger was buried in Fort Logan National Cemetery in Denver.

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

Club Clips

Classy Classics Red Hatters

Classy Classics Red Hatters met Jan. 12, at the Main Street Java coffee shop for lunch and a meeting to make plans for the coming year.

Those in on the merriment were Rose Mary Bierig, Neva DeGood, Barb Ewing, Helene Landenberger, Nancy McCumber,

Laura Pugh, Madeleine Roberson, Carol Rogers, Charlsie Rogers, Joyce Russ, Shirley Sherlock, Arlene Walz, Betty Jean Winston and Raedell Winston.

It was decided to have along with monthly events, weekly coffees at 10 o'clock on Tuesdays at Main Street Java.



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2010 CITY OF ST FRANCIS BUDGET

	2009 BALANCE	EXPENDITURES	RECEIPTS	2010 BALANCE
CASH	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
PETTY CASH	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
FIRST NATIONAL BANK	\$6,616.85	\$0.00	\$10.58	\$6,627.43
FIRST NATIONAL BANK COLLECTIONS	\$636.93	\$0.00	\$201.52	\$838.45
FIRST NATIONAL BANK BANDSHELL	\$58,379.00	\$0.00	\$99.03	\$58,478.03
FIRST NATIONAL BANK BANDSHELL PRESERVATION	\$7,349.75	\$0.00	\$262.72	\$7,612.47
FIRST NATIONAL BANK SWIMMING POOL FUND	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,186.10	\$1,186.10
FIRST NATIONAL BANK	\$4,007.66	\$0.00	\$5.60	\$4,013.26
BANKWEST	\$191,879.67	\$3,691,472.67	\$3,697,226.74	\$197,633.74
BANKWEST HOLDING ACCOUNT	\$100,000.00	\$550,000.00	\$500,000.00	\$50,000.00
BANKWEST	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00
CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT	\$517,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$517,000.00
TOTAL	\$888,969.86			\$846,489.48
GENERAL	\$182,216.52	\$901,842.15	\$836,882.48	\$117,256.85
LIBRARY	\$1,323.31	\$32,498.12	\$31,174.81	\$0.00
TRANSIENT GUEST TAX	\$10,323.22	\$7,664.09	\$4,967.96	\$7,627.09
SPECIAL HIGHWAY	\$24,522.09	\$49,900.00	\$34,157.96	\$8,780.05
SPECIAL PARKS	\$2,469.52	\$749.65	\$372.67	\$2,092.54
BANDSHELL	\$58,379.00	\$0.00	\$99.03	\$58,478.03
BANDSHELL PRESERVATION	\$7,349.75	\$0.00	\$262.72	\$7,612.47
UTILITIES	\$134,949.64	\$1,591,907.84	\$1,629,041.51	\$172,083.31
REFUSE	\$28,306.73	\$161,910.08	\$148,032.86	\$14,429.51
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT	\$216,876.67	\$102,612.97	\$75,426.66	\$189,690.36
EQUIPMENT RESERVE	\$68,621.31	\$38,531.52	\$170,070.20	\$200,159.99
SEWER	\$91,785.34	\$227,483.87	\$138,828.00	\$3,129.47
WATER USE FEE	\$295.83	\$3,470.20	\$3,666.95	\$492.38
SALES TAX	\$3,132.35	\$48,143.82	\$48,844.41	\$3,832.94
TENANT DEPOSIT	\$57,586.50	\$8,359.43	\$10,050.00	\$59,277.07
THEATER	\$6.07	\$16,407.12	\$16,321.87	-\$79.18
NOW ACCOUNTS	\$826.21	\$879.15	\$493.44	\$440.50
NEW SWIMMING POOL FUND	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,186.10	\$1,186.10
HOUSING AUTHORITY	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
TOTALS	\$888,969.86	\$3,192,360.01	\$3,149,879.63	\$846,489.48

I, JENNIFER HOFFMAN, DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE STATEMENT IS CORRECT.

SIGNED, *Jennifer Hoffman*, CITY TREASURER, CITY OF ST. FRANCIS, STATE OF KANSAS, CHEYENNE COUNTY, BE IT HEREBY REMEMBERED THAT ON THE 21 DAY OF January 2011 BEFORE ME, A NOTARY PUBLIC IN AND FOR THE ABOVE MENTIONED STATE AND COUNTY, CAME JENNIFER HOFFMAN, TREASURER OF THE CITY OF ST. FRANCIS, KS, WHO IS PERSONALLY KNOWN TO BE THE SAME PERSON WHO EXECUTED THE ABOVE INSTRUMENT OF WRITING THEREFORE IN ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE SAME, I HEREBY SET MY SEAL.

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Mill Bar Final Answer 6322

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