

Obituaries

Marjorie Thomas Kadlub

April 22, 1925 - April 22, 2011

Marjorie Alice Thomas Kadlub was born April 22, 1925, to Rev. Burrus and Marie Freeland Thomas at St. Francis, Kan., and died April 22, 2011, at Greeley, Colo.

She married Edwin D. Kadlub on Aug. 13, 1948, in St. Louis, Mo. She is much loved and missed by her husband, six children, Christine and her husband, Rick Solomon, Cheyenne, Wyo.; Tom and his wife, Brandy, Roseau, Minn.; Dr. Craig Kadlub and Christine Capps, Las Vegas, Nev.; Brian and his wife, Luanne, Greeley; daughter-in-law, Stacey, Roggen; Brooke and her husband, Craig Ward, Nev.; and Barry, Windsor. She leaves six grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren, and two brothers, David (Mildred) Thomas of Fredericksburg, Va., and Robert Thomas of St. Louis. She was preceded in death by her parents, son, Kent, and granddaughters, Caitlin and Faith.

At Phillips University, Enid, Okla., she edited the campus paper and worked for the Enid newspapers. She was twice named to Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities, received the college band's gold medal, and was initiated into Tau Beta Sigma band honorary as a baritone player.

Following graduation she took an editorial job with Christian Board of Publication in St. Louis, also doing freelance public relations. She was elected chairman of an editorial subsection of the International Council of Religious Education and served on the National Youth Work Committee of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

The Kadlubs moved to Dove Creek, Colo., in 1950. She worked in Doctor Kadlub's office, cosponsored a youth group and summer program at First Baptist Church, directed the choir, substituted in high school music and at the Dove Creek Press.

Joining her husband on Okinawa while he was in the Army, she wrote features for the Okinawa Morning Star and organized a support group for Christian missionaries on the island.

Moving to Windsor in 1955, she worked in the doctor's office part-time, earned a master's degree in psychology and counseling and practiced marriage counseling, worked for KUAD radio station, edited the Windsor Beacon when it won the Sweepstakes for Best Weekly in Colorado, substituted at the Greeley Tribune when her children were small and later worked there for several years. She did public relations for many causes, her church and the Republican Party.

While a member of the First Christian Church, Windsor, she was a youth sponsor, church school teacher, president of the Christian Women's Fellowship, and frequently played piano. She had been secretary of the executive board of Christian Churches of the Rocky Mountain Region and later taught church school at First Christian Church, Greeley.

Mrs. Kadlub served as chairman of the school district Re-4 Accountability Committee and as a member of the school board, was a member of the Windsor library board, represented Windsor on the Weld County United Way board and budget and allocation committee, chaired the Larimer-Weld COG

Committee on human resources and the goals and objectives task force; was appointed to the Equal Opportunity in Education Committee by the State Board of Education, to the State Health Facilities Planning Advisory Council by the governor, was an invited member of the Windsor Action Council and co-founded Las Posadas which was held for several years.

Appointed to Weld Mental Health Center board, she made it fiscally responsible, eventually calling in the federal General Accounting Office to deal with financial irregularities. While she was chairman, the center was incorporated to meet federal guidelines. The Alcoholism halfway house, satellite clinics, evening hours and expanded daycare for adults were established. She represented Colorado on the Western Interstate Commission on Higher Education planning for a multi-state mental health conference, served on the state continuing education committee for mental health professionals and was invited by then AEW Region 8 to be a resource person for out-of-state mental health meetings.

Earlier, Mrs. Kadlub initiated a campaign for kindergarten in Windsor, started coffees for newcomers that resulted in Newcomers Club, was Boy Scout den mother and secretary, assistant Girl Scout Brownie leader, president of ESA (now CSE), and served on boards of Weld County Medical Auxiliary, Daughters of the American Revolution, American Association of University Women, among others, and was currently a member of Denver Mensa, Chapter IM, PEO, Loveland, Centennial State Chapter of Daughters of the American Revolution, Greeley, and First Christian Church, Greeley.

She was business manager for her husband's professional corporation and was chairman of the board of the Bank of Windsor when the building was built at 1041 Main St. and the holding company as formed. She was director for 15 years, from the time the bank was founded until it was sold.

She was appointed economic development chairman for Windsor in the 1980s and helped support several businesses and industries. Later she became a real estate broker, owned Windsor Real Estate Company, and developed River Trails subdivision. She was appointed to a regional transportation committee in 1971, to the Board of Trustees of the University of Northern Colorado in 2001 and the Student Media Corp. in 2002.

Dr. and Mrs. Kadlub were presidents of the Chamber of Commerce, and were honorary life members. She was the first female president and they were the only couple who both have ever been president of the Chamber of Commerce. They were chosen Citizens of the Year and twice were grand marshals of the Harvest Festival Parade.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations for the Caitlin and Faith Kadlub Memorial Scholarship Fund or Tennyson Center for Children at Colorado Christian Home in care of Mark's Funeral and Cremation Service. In keeping with her wishes, a family service will be held and inurnment will be at Lakeview Cemetery, Windsor.

Barbara (Zimbelman) Raile

Jan. 9, 1927 - April 29, 2011

Barbara was born on Jan. 9, 1927, to Leonard and Helen Miller in the St. Francis, Kan., area. She died on April 29, 2011. After a lengthy illness, she died at the Hospice of St. John's in Lakewood, Colo., with her husband at her side.



Raile

Barbara enjoyed her high school years in St. Francis and was proud of the fact that she attended Kansas State University for one year, at a time when not many girls ever did.

She married Ruben Zimbelman on June 16, 1946. She was his faithful helpmate on their farm. They raised a family of two daughters and one son there.

She loved growing things, especially her flower garden including numerous varieties of Iris.

Barbara was an active member

of the United Methodist Women's Society.

Ruben preceded her in death in 1986, as did her father and mother, a sister, a brother, and one great-grandchild.

Barbara was married to Paul Raile on Oct. 14, 1988, in St. Francis. They lived in Lakewood until her death. He survives.

Other survivors include a sister, Doris Amsberry, three children and their spouses, Sherry and Odie Sudbeck, Myra and John Engelkes, and Rell Zimbelman, as well as five grandsons and two great-grandchildren.

Interment will be beside Ruben after the funeral at the United Methodist Church in St. Francis. Services will be at 10:30 am on Wednesday, May 4.

The pallbearers will be Pete Raile, Spencer Schlepp, Jeff Sudbeck, Kelly Sudbeck, Kale Zimbelman, and Lee Zimbelman.

Memorials may be left in Barbara's memory at Hospice of St. John's. Send memorials to 1320 Everett Court in Lakewood, CO 80215.

Ruby M. Grice

Dec. 19, 1920 - April 27, 2011

Ruby M. Grice, 90, of Hardesty, Okla., died Wednesday morning, April 27, 2011, at the Dunaway Manor in Guymon, Okla.



Grice

The daughter of Thomas Bell and Laura Allen (Green) Harris, she was born on Dec. 19, 1920, in Lebanon, Tenn.

The Harris family moved to the Oklahoma Panhandle in 1928.

Ruby was united in marriage to Lawson Grice on Jan. 21, 1939, in Liberal, Kan. They moved to the family farm east of Hardesty, Okla., in the spring of 1944.

Ruby was a homemaker and member of the Hardesty First Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Lawson on Sept. 9, 2005; four sons: Ricky Grice, Jim Grice, and two infants; and one grandson, Gary Grice.

Survivors include one daughter, Karolyn Hager and husband, Joe of Vici, Okla.; two sons: Tommy Grice of St. Francis, and Warren

Grice of Hardesty, a daughter-in-law, Michele Grice of Hockley, Texas; nine grandchildren: Brenda, Priscilla, Shane, Shawnda, Cody, Anthony, Michael, Richard and Tammy; 15 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandson. She is also survived by three sisters: Marcille and husband, Roy Conner of Guymon, Joy and husband, George Smith of Guymon and Janice and husband, Tex Ballard of Denton, Texas, and one brother, Clarence Harris of Newton.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday morning, April 30 at 11:00 a.m. at the Hardesty School auditorium with Reverend Don Chambers and Reverend Tom Freeman officiating. Interment followed in the Hartville Cemetery, southeast of Hardesty.

The family suggests that memorials be made to the Hardesty First Baptist Church Youth group. Memorials will be accepted at the Bunch - Roberts Funeral Home, P.O. Box 1112, Guymon, OK 73942.

Friends can sign the online guestbook and leave condolences at www.bunchroberts.com.

Rex W. Shaver

March 25, 1925 - April 16, 2011

Rex W. Shaver died on Saturday, April 16, 2011, in the Hillcrest Care Center in Wray, Colo. He was 86 years of age.



R. Shaver

He was born on March 25, 1925, on the family farm near Armel, Colo., to Zell and Blanch (Browning) Shaver. He graduated from Armel High School and then enlisted in the U.S. Navy where he was a machinist on the USS Munda.

Rex and Patricia Lou Gustafson were married on June 19, 1946, in St. Francis, Kan. They lived in rural Colorado, Denver, Gunnison, North Platte, Neb., St. Francis and Ellis. They also served at Maranatha Bible Camp near Maxwell, Neb., for many years.

Following the death of his wife Patsy, Rex and Gwen Allen Cranmer were married on April 12, 2003. They lived in Wray, Colo. Gwen died on April 15, 2011, at the Wray Memorial Hospital after a brief illness.

Survivors include sons, Ned (Vickie) Shaver and James (friend, Martha) Shaver, both of Hays;

Gwendolyn Cranmer-Shaver, a life-time educator in Yuma County, died on April 15, 2011, after a brief battle with cancer.



G.Shaver

Gwen was born on March 19, 1924, in the farmhousesouth of Beecher Island where her family homesteaded in 1910.

Gwen was one of six children born to Glen and Nora Allen including her older siblings Kenneth, Berl, Bernice (Eberhart) and Melvin (Pete) and her younger sister, Darlene (Cutforth).

Life on the farm was hard work, but with perseverance and faith, the Allen's made a great go of it, raising cattle and chicken and harvesting wheat and corn. Gwen was a marvelous storyteller sharing many childhood tales, from having to clean out the corn cobs when she and Pete would argue, to fond memories of Sunday dinners after church complete with music and card playing with family and friends.

Gwen graduated from Armel High School in 1941 and headed off to Colorado State Teachers College in Greeley to follow her dream of becoming a teacher. With World War II in full swing and a shortage of teachers, the state expedited the issuance of teaching licenses and within two years, Gwen had her first job at the schoolhouse in Eckley, Colo. She would return to Greeley over many summers to complete her bachelor's degree. As the war came to a close, her high school sweetheart, Hubert Ross Cranmer, returned from the service and they were married on June 2, 1946.

They moved to Smokey Hill, south of Burlington where Gwen taught the first four grades at the local school. In 1948, they bought the farm from Glen and Nora Allen and returned to Beecher Island. A family would soon follow, with Terry Lee joining them on Aug. 24, 1949, and Gary Alan on Sept. 11, 1951.

Once Terry was old enough to go to school, Gwen returned to teaching as a third grade teacher in Wray. For seven years, she even drove the school bus that brought

all of the Beecher kids to school. Gwen continued to teach several generations of third graders in Wray before retiring after 31 years of service in 1986.

She and Hubert spent a great deal of time traveling and enjoying time with their children and grandchildren. She was an avid quilter with the Beecher Island Hand Club and always enjoyed a game of cards, whether it was pinochle or pitch or a round of Uno with the great-grandkids!

As the consummate educator, she also served as a long-time board member for the Wray Museum, where among many other things she continued to conduct field trips for hundreds of school children out to Beecher Island which had always been an annual event for her third graders while she was teaching.

Several years after Hubert died, Gwen was blessed to reconnect with a long-ago childhood friend from Armel High, which soon kindled into a beautiful courtship. She and Rex Shaver were married on April 14, 2003, surrounded by close family. In a true testament to the bond between human spirits, Rex died the next day.

Gwen was preceded in death by her first husband, Hubert; son, Terry; daughter-in-law, Nancy (Fonte); father, Glen; mother, Nora; brothers, Kenneth, Berl and Pete; and sister, Bernice.

Gwen is survived by son, Gary and wife, Patty; sister, Darlene (Cutforth) and family; granddaughter, Michelle Harr (husband, Pat and children, Caitlin and Lucas); grandson, Brent Cranmer, (wife, Dana and children, Terri Breanne and Bryson); grandson, Chad Cranmer (wife, Brigitte and children, Dawson and Emma); granddaughter, Cindy Gutierrez (husband, Nacho and children, Terry James and Gwendolyn); and numerous extended family and friends.

A joint funeral service for Gwen and Rex Shaver was held on Friday, April 22, at Beecher Island Sunday School with interment services at Armel Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to the Beecher Island Sunday School, Cranmer Memorial, c/o Judy Willard, 1218 S. Blake, Wray, CO 80758, which will be used to support educational scholarships.

Jay Siercks, Kelly Williams, and Michael Zerr. Rex had six great-grandchildren, Adrienne, Alexis, Cole and Macy, Moriah, Noah and eight step great-grandchildren.

Services were held for both Rex and Gwen Shaver on Friday April 22, at Beecher Island, Colo., with interment at the Armel Colorado Cemetery.

Memorials may be sent to the Schmidt Spellman Funeral Home, 427 Adams St., Wray, CO 80758 for the Cranmer Educational Scholarship Fund.

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