

## Frances Bernice Williams

Dec. 4, 1925 - Sept. 25, 2011

Frances Bernice Williams was born Dec. 4, 1925, in Cheyenne County to John Henry Walter and Margaret (Holzwarth) Walter. She died on Sept. 25, 2011, at the Hays Medical Center in Hays, Kan.

Frances married Jesse Lee Williams on July 29, 1944. They had three children: Bonnie, Judy and Tom.

Frances worked waiting tables until she and Jess purchased an auto service shop where they worked side by side. After selling the shop, they stayed busy with many wood-working projects for family and friends while also selling items to supplement their retirement.

Frances was very active with her family. Her grandchildren and great-grandchildren kept her busy.

During her lifetime, she enjoyed a variety of different hobbies which included fishing on the weekends,

powder puff car racing, playing cards, putting puzzles together with grandchildren, sewing and embroidering.

She was known for her cooking ability as well. On numerous occasions, family members would receive a call from Frances telling them to stop by her house on their way home to pick up homemade rolls, noodles or a variety of cakes and pies.

Preceding her in death were her parents; three sisters, Alice Neitzel, Bertha Schleppe and Inez Holzwarth; four brothers, Albert, Edwin, Milton and Victor.

Frances is survived by her husband of 67 years, Jess; daughters, Bonnie and husband Gary Cooper, and Judy and husband Alvin Hilt, and son, Tom Williams; her grandchildren, Rodney Hilt and wife, MaryAnn, Greg Cooper and wife,

JaNan, Mark Hilt and wife, Deb, Kathy Owens, Amanda Bland and husband, Ryan, Jeff Williams, Jennifer Cox and husband, Kevin, Jessica Quesenberry and husband, Chris; great-grandchildren, Noah, Eli and Daniel Hilt, Gavin, Gaten and Garin Cooper, Wyatt and Seth Hilt, Jake and Luke Owens, Ashleigh and Shayleigh Bland, Justin and Sophia Williams, Payton and Hayden Cox, and Jaxon and Alayanna Quesenberry.

Services were held on Sept. 29, 2011, at the United Methodist Church in St. Francis with Rev. Warren Cico officiating. Pallbearers were Rodney Hilt, Mark Hilt, Greg Cooper, Jeff Williams, Gavin Cooper, and Ryan Bland.

Burial was in the St. Francis Cemetery, St. Francis, Kan. Arrangements were made by Knodel Funeral Home, St. Francis.

## Shirley L. Caswell

Aug. 26, 1923 - Sept. 26, 2011

Shirley Louise (Kinsley) Caswell, 88, of Laguna Niguel, Calif., died on Monday, Sept. 26, 2011, at home with her children at her bedside. Services will be held at Kennedy-Koster Funeral Home, Oakley, Kan., on Friday, Oct. 7, at 11 a.m. A graveside service will follow in the Oakley Cemetery. Services will be conducted by Rev. Bob Kelly, minister of the Oakley Disciples of Christ Christian Church.

Shirley was born Aug. 26, 1923 on a farm southeast of Oakley, the oldest of five (surviving) children of Lawrence J. and Lola A. (Wolfe) Kinsley. She started school in Oakley, moved briefly to Oberlin, KS, and returned to Oakley to complete her education.

Shirley married her high school sweetheart, Ernest (Ernie) W. Caswell, on Aug. 14, 1941, in Goodland, Kan. They started school together in Kindergarten and graduated together from Oakley High School in May, 1941. They continued to live and work in Oakley until after the birth of their daughter and son, later moving briefly to Medford, Ore. and then to Topeka, Kan.

Late in 1951, Ernie began work with Phillips Petroleum Company (Phillips 66) in Bartlesville, Okla.

and with the exception of four years in the Houston area, they lived in Bartlesville a total of 46 years. Shirley's work, in addition to being a loving wife, homemaker, and wonderful mother, included retail sales, as office manager for doctors, and as the office manager & financial secretary for the First Christian Church. She was an active member in the life of the Church, serving as a Deaconess, Board member, Board Secretary, choir member, Christian Women's Fellowship, and in the Adult Sunday School program. Shirley was an accomplished pianist and played in two traveling dance bands and the school orchestra during high school. She was also a champion twirler and head Drum Major her senior year, winning local, district, regional and national titles, as did the band and orchestra. That band also included Ernie, brother Bob, and several close, life-long friends.

Shirley and Ernie relocated to a retirement community in Hemet, Calif. in 1998 and then to Laguna Woods, Calif. to be near son Lynn in 2007. Shirley was living with her son, Lynn, in Laguna Niguel at the time of her death.

Shirley is survived by her daughter, Sandra Ward, Lawton/Ft. Sill,

Okla.; son, Lynn; four grandchildren, Heidi Ramos (Joel), Mililani, Hawaii; Bill Caswell (Cheryl), Orlando, Fla.; Brett Ward, Houston, Texas; and Kimberly Miller (Allan), Victorville, CA. Shirley also had eight great-grandchildren; Drew Ward, Houston; Kelsey and Audrey Miller, Victorville; Ava Ramos, Mililani; and Morgan, Emma, & P.J. Wailes, and Madison Caswell, all of Orlando. She is also survived by brother Bob Kinsley, Laguna Woods; sister Betty Rake Cooper, Topeka; sister Veneta Fryhofer Fusco (Joe), Tulsa; and sister-in-law Kathi Kinsley, (Bill-decd.), Lake of the Ozarks, Mo. In addition, she is survived by 14 beloved nieces & nephews, including long-time business partner Mike Rogers (Jo), St. Francis, Kan. and many great-nieces, nephews & cousins.

Shirley was preceded in death by her parents, brother Bill Kinsley; brothers-in-law Vern Rake, Don Fryhofer & Harry Cooper; sister-in-law Lila Kinsley; son-in-law Lt. Col. Dennis Ward; & two nieces, Jeanette (Fryhofer) Allison and Vicky (Rake) Southall.

Shirley was a member of the First Christian Church, Laguna Woods, the Laguna Hills Senior Center and was a long-time member of the international organization, the sisterhood of P.E.O. A memorial has been established for the Mission Hospital Foundation, Mission Viejo, Calif., and gifts in remembrance of Shirley may be sent to the Kennedy-Koster Funeral Home in Oakley, Ks., 67748. A visitation at the funeral home will be held on Thursday, Oct. 6 from 4 - 9:00 p.m. for family and friends.

## Auxiliary will host district convention

The VFW Post 1528 and Ladies Auxiliary are hosting the 9th district fall convention on Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 22 and 23, in St. Francis.

On Oct. 22, those attending will be able to play 18 holes of golf at Riverside Recreation starting at 12:30 p.m.

On Oct. 23 at 9 a.m., men will meet at the Equity Community Room at 123 N. River St. Also at 9, the women will meet at Riverside. A meal will be served in the dining room following the meetings.

For more information, contact Connie Rooney, 785-734-7769 or Jerry White, 785-743-5662.



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## City fall cleanup deadline is a little over a week away

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The deadline for St. Francis residents to call to the city plant to have their larger items picked up for the fall cleanup is only a little over a week away.

The St. Francis City Cleanup is set for Thursday, Oct. 20, but the deadline of Oct. 14 has been set for residents to call to have their items picked up.

Those residents having items to be picked up need to call the power plant at 785-332-3031. Anyone calling after the Oct. 14 deadline will need to wait a year until the next fall cleanup. Those calling too late last fall and still have items to be picked up need to call again before the deadline.

"The service is free," said J.R. Landenberger, city superintendent.

All items should be ready for pick up no later than 8 a.m. on Oct. 20.

Without a call, the city crew is not authorized to pick up items, even if they are beside the trash container.

Items to be hauled away must be accessible. That is, next to the alley or street; not behind fences, bushes, utility meters or poles.

Mixed piles cannot be picked up. People must sort items into separate piles of metal, tires, concrete, furniture and lumber too large to go into trash containers, and tree branches.

The sorting of the materials is necessary because one of the goals of the cleanup is to decrease the rate the solid waste pit fills up and to recycle as much as possible.

The city no longer is able to pick up chemicals, paint, batteries, yard waste or any petroleum products.

The city cleanup is for household cleanup for residents only. Contractors or citizens who have done construction, demolition, remodeling or renovation are expected to haul materials to the landfill. The city crew reserves the right to refuse to pick up on site.

The cleanup will require several days to complete so those who are expecting their items to be hauled away need to be patient.

The city council is encouraging citizens to take this opportunity to make the city an even more beautiful place to live.

## Legislature sessions attended


The Kansas Silver Haired Legislature met in Topeka on Sept. 27, 28 and 29. Carol Redding, St. Francis, representing Cheyenne County, attended all sessions.

Seventy-eight delegates attended and discussed legislation to be recommended to the Kansas Legislature for consideration. Topics included grandparental assistance, support of the Kansas Health Department's Optimizing Health Program, concern with pay-day loan abuse, enactment of a geriatric mental health program, and budget concerns for the Kansas Department on Aging. In addition, the delegates encouraged the state legislature to continue studying the tax code and the tax exempt entities in the state.

The Silver Haired Legislature is a unicameral legislature; all delegates are over 60 years of age and represent their counties. The legislature was established 29 years ago by the Kansas Legislature and provides an education experience in the political process in addition to providing opportunities to identify priority concerns of Kansas senior citizens.

For more information or to set up a program on the session, feel free to call Ms. Redding at 785-332-3531, or 785-332-6197, or e-mail at c.redding@att.net.

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