

# Obituaries

## Rachelle G. Moore

Dec. 21, 1959 - Nov. 25, 2011

Rachelle G. (Chelly) Bartlett Moore was born Dec. 21, 1959, in Fresno, Calif., to Rev. and Mrs. John Bartlett. She died Nov. 25, 2011, at her home.

She spent the first six years in California and Oregon. She moved to St. Francis at the end of first grade when her father took the pastorate of the First Christian Church. She graduated from St. Francis in 1978.

As a young girl, Chelly exhibited a sharp mind and artistic talent. Other than torturing teachers, Chelly developed a talent for drawing and dancing. In the third grade, she won the St. Francis city-wide talent show, dancing a routine to Tijuana Taxi. In high school, Chelly was a cheerleader and had learned to play guitar and sing. She also developed a great talent for acting. After graduation from St. Francis Community High School, she attended Drury College in Springfield, Mo., on a scholarship, acting in several plays and musicals. She also was a featured player in Colby Community College's summer stock theater, and attended college there as well.

In the summer of 1980, Geneva Northrup arranged a casual introduction between Chelly and Roger Moore. On a dare, Chelly went out on a blind date with him. Within a few months, they were engaged and married on Sept. 1, 1980. They made a home on the rural plains northwest of St. Francis where Roger farmed with his dad.

Chelly threw herself wholeheartedly into the role of a farmer's wife. Her mother-in-law, Jean Moore, taught her to cook, bake, can and perfect her sewing skills.

Their first born, Erin Marie, was born and died on April 24, 1981. Chelly and Roger were blessed with three other beautiful daughters- Abigail, Hannah and Kathryn. As the girls grew,

Chelly became a home educator, homeschooling her daughters in school studies, as well as teaching them the womanly skills of cooking, baking, quilting and sewing. They participated in a home school cooperative with other homeschooling families, where the girls participated in plays, music and sports.

After the children graduated from high school and went to college, Chelly began to pursue her dream of finishing her college degree and received her bachelor's degree in psychology from Excelsior College in 2005, and completed her master's degree in 2007 from Fort Hays State University. She began her practicum in counseling with Heartland Rural counseling and later opened her own counseling center, Capstone Counseling, in St. Francis.

Chelly loved her church. New Life Christian Center, and was active in praise band, teaching Sunday school and prison ministry. But Chelly's heart was for her family. She loved being with Roger, the girls and grandchildren. Family gatherings also involved sisters, mothers and cousins, all joining in laughter and Chelly's great cooking.

Chelly died Nov. 25, 2011, after a two year battle with breast cancer. She was preceded in death by her daughter Erin Laura and her mother Bethany Bartlett. She leaves behind her husband Roger, daughter Abigail and husband, Jason Howard, and their children Gloria, Jeremiah, Josiah, Jedidiah, and Grace; daughter Hannah and husband, Sam Jack, of Parsons; daughter Katie of Denver, Colo.; and many others including sisters, brother, nieces and nephews.

A memorial service was held Monday, Nov. 28, at New Life Church near Eckley, Colo. Burial was at Clough Valley Cemetery, rural St. Francis.

## Garold Dee Lee

June 2, 1955 - Nov. 12, 2011



Lee

Bird City resident, Garold Dee Lee, 56, died on Nov. 12, 2011, at Saint Francis Memorial Hospital in Colorado Springs, Colo. Garold's final days were spent surrounded by family and friends that he had touched throughout his very memorable life.

A memorial service was held on Friday, Nov. 18 at the Immanuel United Methodist Church in Bird City, Kan.

Garold was born June 2, 1955, in St. Francis, Kan. He could accomplish anything on which he set his mind to do. He held many positions in many different places throughout the U.S. He worked as a carpenter, candle maker, electric motor builder, maintenance for Cheylin School, and entrepreneur of Two Lee's Steak House, just to name a few of the careers he mastered. These endeavors took him from Wheeler, Kan., to Arkansas, Massachusetts, Florida, Arizona and finally, back to Northwestern Kansas.

Garold's life would seem too short to many, but those who

were touched by him understand that the quality of existence far exceeded the quantity of time in which one lives. His gentle smile, compassion for others, and selflessness brought so much joy to friends and family.

Although Garold spent the last few years battling health issues, he gave those around him such courage and hope and reminded them of the preciousness of life. He loved to fish, to do carpentry work and, most of all, he loved his family and friends. He would spend hours comforting or listening to a friend that needed someone close by. He enjoyed classic rock and in particular, the Doors.

Garold is survived by his loving parents, Ray and Jo Ann Lee of Wheeler, and Faye McConnell of Osborne; sisters Gena Lee of Queens Creek, Ariz., and Jody Ray Fritsche of Somer Set, Ohio; brothers Gail Lee of Osborne, Billy Lee of Wheeler, and Bobby Lee of Dearborn, Minn.; children Casey Lee of Hays, and Crystal Chick of Monument, Colo.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to: Immanuel United Methodist Church Food Bank, 116 E. 4th St., Bird City, KS 67731

## Zella Elaine Rooney

Dec. 18, 1922 - Dec. 2, 2011



Rooney

Zella Elaine Rooney, age 88, of Stratton, Neb., died Friday, Dec. 2, 2011, at the Dundy County Hospital in Benkelman, Neb.

Elaine was born on a farm north of Bird City, Kan., on Dec. 18, 1922. She was the second child of Earl and Marjorie (LeBow) Burr.

She attended a rural country school called Sunshine Plain before graduating from Bird City High School in 1941. She went on to attend St. Luke's School of Nursing in Denver, Colo., graduating in 1944. Following graduation Elaine was employed by Morehouse Hospital in Benkelman, Dundy County Hospital in Benkelman, and the Hitchcock County Hospital in Stratton.

Elaine married John E. Rooney Jr. on Oct. 8, 1946, in Salina, Kan. To this union two sons were born, H. Michael and Patrick Earl.

She was a lifelong member of the Church of Christ in Stratton. She enjoyed gardening and working in her yard. She also loved quilting and spending time on her computer e-mailing family and friends. She invested countless hours keeping her family's genealogy up-to-date online.

Elaine was preceded in death by her husband John in 1984, her parents, and two brothers, Marvin Burr of Flagler, Colo., and

Willis Burr of Bird City.

Elaine is survived by her two sons, Michael and wife Ruth of Bird City, and Patrick and wife Connie of McDonald, Kan.; six grandchildren, Lisa and husband Troy Rien of Lincoln, Neb., Michelle and husband Tim Heine-mann of Smithfield, Neb., Shane Rooney of Lincoln, Paul Rooney and wife Shelley of Benkelman., Jenny and husband Brad Owens of Benkelman, and Amy Rooney of Benkelman; and eight great-grandchildren, Alex and Jacob Rien, Samuel and Julie Leibhart, Colton, Justin, and Konner Owens, and Piper Williams; Devin Watkins, Emma and Andrew Heinemann, Nichol, Jacob, Kiley and Chelsie Elwell, Chad Miller and Gena Olson. Also surviving are sisters-in-law Delphia Burr of Flagler, Bonnie Burr of Bird City, Tamzen Rooney of Atwood, Kan., and Mabel Pulanski of Vernon, Pa.; step sisters Mar-nette Henderson of St. Francis, Kan., Inez Bargo of St. Francis, and Nadine Bryon of Lincoln, as well as many nieces, nephews and friends.

Memorials are suggested to the Donor's choice.

A funeral service will be held Wednesday, Dec. 6 at 10 a.m. at the Church of Christ in Stratton, Neb. with Norman Morrow officiating. Burial will follow in the Rose Hill Cemetery in Stratton.

Visitation will be held prior to the funeral service on Wednesday, Dec. 6, 2011.

## Robert Irving Thomas

Jan. 6, 1929 - Nov. 27, 2011

Robert Irving Thomas died peacefully on Sunday Nov. 27, 2011, in St. Louis, Mo.

Bob was born Jan. 6, 1929, in St. Francis, Kan., to the late Rev. Burrus and Marie Thomas. He grew up with an older brother and sister, was active in the church and helping with the family dairy operations, and developed a lifetime interest in his home community.

Bob graduated from Augusta Kansas High School, Tabor College and Covenant Theologi-

cal Seminary. He was Pastor of Cumberland Community Church in Augusta for 12 years and served as Registrar for over 22 years at Covenant Seminary.

Visitation was Monday at 10 a.m. until time of funeral service beginning at 11 a.m. at Covenant Presbyterian Church, St. Louis. Memorial contributions preferred to Covenant Theological Seminary, 12330 Conway Rd, St. Louis, MO 63141. www.bop-pchapel.com

# Foundation has money available

Does your organization need additional money? Apply and your organization may be eligible.

The St. Francis Community Foundation's New Generation Fund has \$1,400 which board members will be dispensing this year. The Foundation was established for the betterment of the community. The funds being distributed are from interest earnings on money which has been donated. The last distribution was in 2007.

The purpose of the foundation is to encourage individuals to make tax deductible charitable donations to be used along with

possible grants, government programs, government loans and other funds. These combined funds can then be utilized to improve the quality of life in St. Francis and Cheyenne County.

Organizations are urged to go to the internet, www.sfcommunityfoundation.org, New Generation Fund and click on the link for an application. Through the years, the Foundation has distributed money to PrairieLand Foods, the museum and scouts, just to name some.

It should be noted that the money being distributed is not money donated for the long-term care fund.

# Junior high teams bring home wins

By Nathan Fiala  
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The junior high basketball team traveled to Quinter to play the Bulldogs on Tuesday, Nov. 29. They were mainly successful, the A-Team winning 35-16 and the B-Team winning 42-16; however the C-Team lost their game 16-12.

"This was a close, competitive game from start to finish," Coach David Morrow said of the A-Team game. "Quinter used a special defense to try and contain Carl Fabre, but other guys stepped up and made contributions in scoring. The first half saw a number of lead changes before we went to the locker room with a 4-point lead. In those first 12 minutes, our shooting from the floor was terribly cold. We simply couldn't hit a shot from anywhere! In addition, we continued to miss lay-up attempts that would have put us well in the lead had we made them."

"The second half was another drama-filled event for this team," Coach Morrow continued. "After having trailed by five at one point in the fourth quarter, the guys were able to tie the score at 33 with about three minutes left. In the final few moments, we had some guys play excellent defense, which rattled the Quinter guards a little bit. In the last two minutes of the game, we had five players on the court who took control and played with great passion and poise. Garrett Brunk, Clay Cassaw, Justin Pacheco, Carl Fabre and Taylor Rogers finished the contest out for us."

Scoring for the Indians were Carl Fabre with 12 points, Garrett Brunk with eight, Jakob Church with seven, Jude Faulkender with 4 and both Clay Cassaw and Lane Hobrock scored two points apiece.

### B-team

"These guys came out of the locker room ready to play against Quinter and led the game from the very beginning," Coach Morrow said. "Our guard play was very good through the entire contest. Taylor Rogers, Quinton Cravens, Joel Hill and Travis Rogers handled the Quinter guards all night

and were able to run the floor early and often. Nearly everyone was able to contribute in this game."

Scoring for the B-Team were Taylor Rogers with 16 points, Joel Hill with 10, Austin Patton with six, Chris Hoard with four and Quinton Cravens, Francisco Fernandez and Travis Rogers all scored two points each.

"This team is still undefeated and will likely get a top seed for the tournament," Coach Morrow said. "We still have a tough game against Oberlin ahead of us, but we're excited about the competition and have our eye on the B-team championship, which will have to be won over some very competitive teams."

### C-Team

"These guys fought hard enough to win, but we were not very disciplined on defense," Coach Morrow said. "We found ourselves out of place frequently, and Quinter's tall post players scored some easy points because of that. Having a week of practice before facing Oberlin will be good for these guys."

The team will next face off against the Decatur Community Red Devils on Thursday, Dec. 8 on home court.

# Student gets grant

Katora Sherlock, St. Francis, received a \$5,000 Newman Grant from Newman University. The grant can be renewed each year to a total of \$20,000 over four years.

A student must have 2.0-3.29 high school or college grade point average. Freshman students must have a score of 18-22 on the ACT or equivalent SAT score to be eligible for the Cardinal Newman Scholarship. Recipients of the Newman Grant must be enrolled full-time.

Katora is a 2006 graduate of St. Francis Community High School and the daughter of Mike and Tammi Sherlock, St. Francis.

## Larry Bruce Fritz

June 11, 1928 - Dec. 1, 2011

Larry Bruce Fritz, Nixa, Mo., died on Dec. 1, 2011, at his home surrounded by his family.

Bruce and his twin brother, Boyde, were born on June 11, 1928, in St. Francis, Kan. They were the youngest sons of Lorence and Mattie Fritz. They attended Zion Lutheran Church and St. Francis Elementary School.

Bruce and his family later moved to Denver, Colo., where he graduated from West High School. He attended Wartburg Lutheran College in Waverly, Iowa, and received his bachelor's of science degree at Fayette, Iowa, and his master's degree in administration at Aberdeen, S.D.

He spent his summers in St. Francis helping his uncle and aunt, Ed and Jessie Fritz with their farming operation.

He was married to Gwendolyn Kay Beard of Plainfield, Iowa, on Sept. 2, 1951, and they had three children.

He began his teaching career in a one-room country school in Iowa. His career in education spanned 42 years. His great love of children was evident. Anytime the children saw him in public, there was a great "hello Mr. Fritz," and his eyes

would light up with delight as he greeted the children in return. Even after his retirement and his Parkinsons disease and dementia progressed, he would ask if the children were taken care of.

Those left to cherish Bruce's memory include his wife, Gwen, Nixa; one son, Loren and wife, Sheryl, Palm Bay, Fla., two daughters, Leslie Kay Burk and husband, Ron, Nixa, and Lana Lee Mangold and husband, Ken, Garfield, Ark.; eight grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren; his twin brother, Lorence Boyde Fritz, Conroe, Texas; one sister-in-law, Shirley Fritz, Germantown, Md.; several brothers-in-law, nieces, nephews, cousins and many friends.

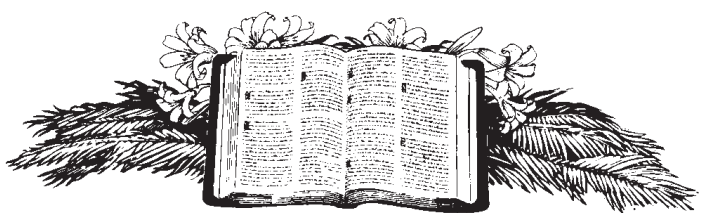
Preceding him in death were his parents, Lorence and Mattie Fritz, brothers, Linfred and Curtis Fritz, and sister, Shirley Ann Holton and his niece, Teresa Holton.

Visitation was held Dec. 2 at Redeemer Lutheran Church, Nixa. Funeral services followed with Pastor Adam Parvey officiating. Burial was at McConnell Bledsoe Cemetery in Nixa. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Barnes and Nobel in Springfield, Mo., for books for Occupation Centered Practice with Children (OCPC) or Joplin Schools.

His family said Bruce would never say goodbye but that he would see them later. He will be missed by all those he touched.



Fritz



# Thank You

We would like to thank everyone who came, sent a card, called or just thought of us on the celebration of our 60th wedding anniversary. We were overwhelmed by the out pouring of love and caring shown by so many friends and family. We are especially thankful for all the work and planning put in by our family. Some of you traveled quite a distance to be with us. Thank you all. It is a time we will remember with much gratitude to all of you and to God for giving us 60 years together and for the wonderful family He gave us. Times like this make us really stop and count our Blessings.

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