

Obituaries

Michael Ray Forsythe

July 31, 1964 - Feb. 10, 2012

Michael Ray Forsythe was born July 31, 1964, at the Cheyenne County Hospital to Larry and Deanna (Henderson) Forsythe. He died Feb. 10, 2012, after a lengthy illness in Kindred Cherry Hills Medical Center, Englewood, Colo.

He was baptized into the Church of Christ in 1976.

Michael attended his first 13 years of school in St. Francis, graduating with the class of 1982. He earned a bachelor's degree from Tulane University, New Orleans, La., in 1986.

He worked in New Orleans until 1993 when he moved to Boston, Mass. His work there was art director for an investment firm.

Michael enjoyed travel and visiting many places. Italy and Costa Rica were among his favorite.

He moved back to St. Francis in 2009. He enjoyed spending time getting reacquainted with his cousins, uncles, aunts, other relatives and friends.

He said, "If anyone had told me in high school, I'd be back in St. Francis at this time of my life and loving it, I would have really laughed!" He did love being back and spent time

completely remodeling a little house, creating a cozy home for himself and his dog, Cocoa.

He was just getting started with a career as a rural mail carrier when he became ill.

Michael was a member of Masonic Lodge 404, St. Francis.

Michael was preceded in death by his younger brother, Mark, in 1998; grandparents, Howard and Florence Forsythe and Leonard Henderson.

He is survived by his parents and grandmother, Manette Henderson of St. Francis; many uncles, aunts and cousins.

Memorial services will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 14, 2012, at the Church of Christ in St. Francis. Inurnment will be held at a later date.

Casket bearers were his cousins, Shawn McElwee, John Bargo, Gary Forsythe, David Downing, Brandon Tatman and Freddy Henderson. Honorary pallbearers were James Crandall, David Dawkawski, Marc Charbonnet, Marvin Watts Jr. and Dewayne Lalicker.

In lieu of flowers, memorials to the Michael Forsythe Memorial Fund may be left at or mailed to Knodel Funeral Home, 202 S. Benton, St. Francis, 67756.

Theodore Holzwarth

Aug. 31, 1921 - Jan. 26, 2012

Theodore "Ted" Holzwarth died Jan. 26, 2012, in Chandler, Ariz. He was 90 years young.

Ted was born on the homestead of George Holzwarth and Julie (Orth) Holzwarth on Aug. 31, 1921. He as one of 11 children - three brothers and seven sisters.

For eight years, he attended school in a one-room schoolhouse. He then went on to attend St. Francis Community High School

He joined the United States Marine Corp in Wichita on Sept. 1, 1942. He was honorably

discharged December 1950.

On June 27, 1943, he married Margaret Laverne Wagner. They were married for 67 years. Margaret died Dec. 28, 2010.

He worked in grocery sales until he retired. He belonged to Elks Order and several volunteer organizations.

He is survived by three sisters and many nieces and nephews.

Memorial contributions may be made to Sunrise Health and Hospice, 105 North Pasadena St., Gilbert, AZ 85233.

Howard Peters

Dec. 6, 1946 - Feb. 4 2012

Howard B. Peters, age 65, of Olathe, formerly of Hays, died Saturday, Feb. 4, 2012, at the University of Kansas Hospital. He was born Dec. 6, 1946, in Carroll, Iowa, to Alvie and Helen (Schroeder) Peters. He married Kristen Lindsten on Dec. 26, 2004, in Las Vegas.

Howard was a long-time business owner and consultant in Hays. He served as a professor in the communication and business departments at Fort Hays State University and had a passion for teaching. He also enjoyed over 30 years as a coach and league director for Kids Federated Football.

He is survived by his wife Kristen of Olathe; a daughter, Steph Niernberger and husband Mike of Hays; five sons, Chuck Peters and wife Robyn of Lindsborg; Dan Peters and wife Tammy of Olathe, Nick Peters and wife Karen of Highlands Ranch, Colo.; PJ Peters and wife Jessica of Olathe, and Jason Peters and wife Ashley of Olathe; a sister, Margene Nickel and husband

Bill of Woodward, Iowa; and 20 grandchildren, Jordan, Sydney and Peyton Niernberger, Andrew, Belle, Noelle, Breanne and Bridget Peters, Leighton, Dylan and Brook Peters, Alek, Erik and Calli Peters, Skylar, Jace and Nash Peters, Emmitt, Meila and Nolan Peters.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Memorial services were on Feb. 10 at Trinity Lutheran Church of Hays. Private family inurnment will be at a later date.

The family greeted friends at the church.

Services were in care of Brock's North hill Chapel, 2509 Vine, Hays.

Memorial contributions are suggested to the Hays Football Association of the Hays Medical Center Foundation (designate DeBakey Heart Institute in the memo) and may be sent in care of the funeral home. Condolences may be sent to the family by guest book at www.keithleyfuneralchapels.com.

Nathan Barnhart

Jan. 7, 1993 - Jan. 31, 2012

Nathan E. Barnhart, 19, Hoxie, grandson of Shirley Barnhart of Goodland, died Jan. 31, 2012, when he lost control of his pickup about one mile west of Grainfield.



Barnhart

He was born Jan. 7, 1993, to Wesley Flinn and Dee Anna Barnhart in Goodland. He went to school in Goodland, Oakley, Hoxie and McCook, Neb.

Mr. Barnhart belonged to FFA in school, enjoyed video games, was a huge fan of the Dallas Cowboys and Texas Longhorns, and enjoyed his dogs, Hooch and Duchess.

Preceding him in death were his great-grandparents, Ed and Nina Brewer, Purl and Lydia Blue, J.E. and Viola Flinn and Irene

McLemore; an uncle, John Mosier; and a great great-aunt and uncle, Floyd and Faye Blue.

Survivors include his mother Dee Anna and step-father Brad Yowell of Marquette; father and step-mother, Wesley and Rhonda Flinn of Oakley; two brothers, Rickie Bose and Joel Bose of McCook, Neb.; step-brothers, Wesley Gilliland and Anthony Gilliland of Oakley; a sister, Bridgitte Schlereth of Dodge City; step-sister, Trista Gilliland of Oakley; other grandparents, Maurice and Janice Barnhart of Colby and Arnold and Belva Flinn of Halford.

Services were at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 4, 2012, at Bateman Funeral Home, 211 E. 11, Goodland, with Judge John Cahoj officiating. Burial will follow in the Goodland Cemetery.

Memorials to be designated by the family may be left at the funeral home.

Donna Belle Smith

Jan. 4, 1931 - Feb. 7, 2012

Donna Belle Smith died Tuesday, Feb. 7, 2012, at Bryan Lincoln General Hospital, Lincoln, Neb., at the age of 81. She was born Jan. 4, 1931, in St. Francis, Kan., to Orion and Chloe (McKay) Deardoff.

She was raised with two sisters Darline and Kay, and two brothers Kenneth (Kenny) and Wyndon (Wink). She graduated from St. Francis Community High School in 1948 and married Raymond A. Smith of Stockton, Kan., on Jan. 7, 1951. They moved to Indianola, Neb., and later McCook where Raymond worked as an civil engineer for the Bureau of Reclamation. They raised three sons, Colin, Rodney and Dan.

They were active members of McCook United Methodist Church teaching Sunday School and participating in a variety of activities. Donna was a long-term volunteer at Helping Hands thrift store operated by the Methodist Ladies. She participated in Rebekah Lodge and was a life-long bridge player.

In 2010, Donna moved to Lincoln to live at Savannah Pines. She resided at Tabitha following a hospitalization last summer.

Donna was a wonderful grandmother and was active in the lives of all her grandchildren. She and Raymond went to countless ball games and school activities and supported their grandchildren's interests in many ways. She was always willing to play board and card games, playdough, and games of imagination. Grandma always had her homemade sugar

cookies and everyone's favorite treats when they came to visit.

Donna and Raymond set a powerful faith example for their children and grandchildren. This testament of love and grace was imprinted on each of them.

Donna was preceded in death by Raymond in 2008, her sister Kay Tice, and brother Wink Deardoff. She is survived by sons Colin (and wife Linda) of Goodyear, Ariz.; Rodney (and wife Nancy) of Boise, Idaho; Dan (and wife Nicky) of Lincoln; brother Ken (and wife Dee) of Peoria, Ariz.; sister Darline Price of Gothenburg, Neb.; brother-in-law Clee Tice of Phoenix, Ariz.; grandchildren Jason (and wife, Sheri) of Omaha, Neb., Nichole (and daughter Rheanna) of Goodyear; Wyatt (and wife Julie and daughter Kate) of North Platte; Kady - recently commissioned to serve as a missionary in Brazil; Kyla of Eden, Utah; Karissa of Boise; Caitlin and Riley of Lincoln. She is lovingly missed by her family as well as friends and those whose lives she touched.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, Feb. 18, at 1:30 p.m. at the Memorial United Methodist Church in McCook with Rev. Lance Clay officiating. Inurnment will be in Memorial Park Cemetery. The family would like friends to join them in a reception at the church following the committal at the cemetery.

Friends may sign her book at Herrmann Funeral Home during regular business hours and memorials may be given in her name.

Student News

Savannah Isely from Bird City and Jodie Hilt from St. Francis were listed on the President's Honor Roll for the fall semester at Colby Community College. In order to earn a place on the honor roll, students must earn 15 or more credit hours and have a perfect 4.0 grade point average. Isely participates with the

Equestrian Riding Team. On Jan. 28-29, this team, coached by Shandra Mattix, competed at the University of Wyoming and Isely helped the team finish in third place overall. She came in sixth place during the Novice Flat, Show 1, and third in the Novice Flat, Show 2.

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