

# Obituaries

## Marian L. Miller

March 7, 1928 - July 17, 2012

Marian L. Miller was born on March 7, 1928, in Edison, Neb., to Cris and Mable Ferguson. She died on July 17, 2012, in Oberlin, Kan.



Miller

Marian was witness to many changes during the 84 years of her life. She lived through the Dirty Thirties and the Republican River Flood of 1935.

Living the typical farm girl life, she learned to drive a tractor, a Model A, enjoyed farm animals and doing many household chores for her family and her father's hired men.

Marian was a good student, attending Prairie Rose for the first eight years of her academic life, then high school at St. Francis. After high school, she returned to Prairie Rose, teaching all eight grades, for four years making the healthy sum of \$50 per month. Marian shared her father's love for horses, her mother's love for education and her parent's love of music, especially playing the piano.

After marrying Kenneth Miller in 1948, she was a devoted housewife, mother and worked the farm alongside Kenneth. After the children left home, she even had her own tractor and was particular of who else drove it and how it was treated.

Marian made sure her children got as much as western Kansas culture would provide driving them

to dance lessons, piano lessons, swimming lessons and 4-H. She and Kenneth enjoyed their friends and family and were often found at family gatherings, church programs and card parties.

Marian enjoyed being around others, and when there was nothing else to do, she enjoyed just sitting on Main Street watching the people. One of her favorite things to do was square dancing with Kenneth.

After Kenneth died, Marian was surrounded by a group of ladies who loved her and she loved them dearly. These dear friends and the activities they shared were often mentioned in letters written to her children.

Marian is survived by her son, Steve and wife, Fran of Silver Springs, Md., her daughter, Janelle Walter and husband, Gary, of Oberlin; her sister, Marjorie Ferguson Rosenthal of New Douglas, Ill.; and a niece, Robin Rosenthal and husband, Russ, of St. Louis, Mo., along with 11 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

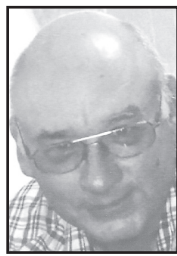
She was preceded in death by her parents, Cris and Mable, her husband, Kenneth of 43 years, and niece, Melody Rosenthal Davis.

All who knew Marion will remember the sweet lady she was. A celebration of her life will be held at the St. Francis United Methodist Church on Saturday, Aug. 18, at 4 p.m. Memorials may be made in her name to the St. Francis United Methodist Church, Cedar Living Center, Oberlin, Kan., or Decatur County Hospital, Oberlin. She had many friends and received wonderful care in all three places.

## Lynn Wayne Weyerman

May 4, 1948 - July 22, 2012

Lynn Wayne Weyerman was born to Jerry R. Weyerman and Minnie Marie (Gerber) Weyerman on May 4, 1948, in Wray, Colo. He died July 22, 2012, at Hillcrest Care Center in Wray after a hard fight with cancer.



Weyerman

Lynn lived in the Kirk and Idalia, Colo., area his entire life. He attended and graduated school at Idalia in 1966. Lynn married the love of his life, Phyllis Nash, on June 16, 1973, at the First Presbyterian Church in Wray. Together they had son Brandon Weyerman of Crook, Colo., and daughter, Whitney Weyerman of Sterling, Colo. He was a proud father, ever present at sporting games, 4-H activities, FFA activities, Boy Scouts, and even some Girl Scouts events in which the kids participated.

Lynn always enjoyed working outdoors whether it was helping construct I-70 during his high school years, working at Yuma Feeders as a young adult, or helping Howard Homm ready his bulls for the stock show. He continued his love of the outdoors by helping farm and ranch with the family agricultural operations for many years before entering the natural gas industry. He started his gas

patch career with Andrews Well Services LLC in 2003 and was working for LaRana Resources LLC just before his death.

Lynn was an active member of the Idalia community, serving on various boards including: the Idalia Lions Club, FFA Advisory Board for numerous years, was a founding member of the Idalia Ambulance Board, Visions Foundation, and the Idalia Fire Department, where he served as fire chief for 10 years.

Lynn is survived by his mother, Marie Weyerman, sister Carol Andrews and husband Gary, brother Keith and wife Katie, sister Becky Weyerman, sister-in-law Nancy Nash, nephews: Kevin Andrews and wife Jessica, Brian Andrews and wife Danielle, Jerone Rodarte, Jason and wife Lisa, and nieces: Nicole Weyerman, Sierra Weyerman, Lori Carnahan and husband Jason, Angie Scheler, and numerous great-nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his father, Jerry Weyerman, parents-in-law Earnest and Ida Nash, and sister-in-law Janice Rodarte.

A funeral service was held on Tuesday, July 31, at St. John's Church in Idalia followed by interment at the Lucas Cemetery located west of Idalia.

Memorials may be made to the Idalia Visions Foundation and Idalia Fire Department in Lynn's memory.

## Maxine Lavon Crawford

November 23, 1937 - July 25, 2012

Maxine Crawford was born Maxine Lavon Beechley, to Mildred and William Leslie Beechley on Nov. 23, 1937, in Mildred, Colo.

She married Philip Crawford on Jan. 4, 1958 and they settled in St. Francis, Kan. They were blessed with four children: Delores, Larry, Virginia, and Norma Jean.

Maxine was a member of the First Christian Church. For 35 years, she worked with Social Services assisting the elderly as a home-care professional, then later worked as Home Health Care Provider.

She was a cancer survivor for 27 years. She was known best for her caring attitude towards others, always giving a helping hand and asking nothing in return.

The writer of Ecclesiastes tells that there is "a time to love" (3:8). Maxine had many loves in the life she lived. She loved to bowl. Phil, who was able to achieve a higher score than Maxine, humbly confessed to the reality that Maxine probably had a better bowling average than he did. Maxine and her daughter, Virginia, took second place at their last bowling tournament together.

Maxine also loved other sports, especially girls softball and professional baseball, probably because she grew up playing ball in

the country school she attended. It would not be unusual for Phil to miss dinner if the Kansas City Royals or a girls' softball game was on television.

She loved her children and made them a priority in their growing up years. She was committed to making sure things were right in their home, not allowing work outside the home to interfere with her devotion to her children.

Maxine loved sending out birthday cards, anniversary cards and cards for the holidays. She never missed a special occasion and she never threw away a card she was given.

Maxine loved in life and so her life was worth the living.

She is survived by her husband Philip; their three older children, Delores Rabas and husband Bill, Larry, and Virginia McKeown and husband Dan; two grandchildren, Sarah Martin and husband Darin, and Kimberly Ryan and husband Michael; and three great-grandchildren, Randall, Aislee, and Treiton.

She was preceded in death by her parents, two brothers and her daughter, Norma Jean.

Graveside services were held July 27 at Glendale Cemetery, Vernon, Colo., with Rev. Jeff Landers officiating. Arrangements were made by Knodel Funeral Home, St. Francis.

## Benito Torres

Aug. 7, 1931 - July 20, 2012

Benito A. Torres, 80, of Aurora, Colo., formerly of Commerce City, died July 20, 2012. He was born Aug. 7, 1931 in Valmora, N.M. to Louis and Efrén (Domingues) Torres. He married Sophie Roybal at St. Augustine Catholic Church in Brighton Colo. on Sept. 5, 1953.

Ben loved to fish, spend time out in his garden, camp and dance. He enjoyed watching his beloved Broncos.

He was a loving husband, dad, grandfather, great-grandfather, uncle and nino.

He is survived by his children, Gloria (Larry) Ball of Westminster, Colo.; Jenny (David) Wright of St. Francis; Debra (Don) Patenaude of Aurora, Colo.; Veronica (Lester) Rodriguez of

Northglenn and son-in-law, James White of Phoenix, Ariz.; sisters, Grace Diaz, Lida Garcia, Mary Rose Lucero and Martha Romero; 14 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren.

Ben is preceded in death by his wife Sophie, both of his parents; daughter Cathy Torres White; brothers, Louis, Luciano, Mike, John and Tony; sisters Lucy, Vangie, Theresa and Patsy; father and mother-in-law, Martin and Crescencia Roybal.

A Rosary service was held Wednesday, July 25, at Tabor-Rice Funeral Home in Brighton, Colo. A memorial service was held on Thursday, July 26, also at Tabor-Rice Funeral Home.

## Kenneth Dale Kroeger

Jan. 13, 1943 - July 24, 2012

Kenneth Dale Kroeger, 69, of Las Cruces, N.M., died peacefully on July 24, 2012. Ken was born in Cheyenne County, Kan., on Jan. 13, 1943, to Walter and Mildred Kroeger.

Ken moved to Las Cruces nearly 30 years ago and was a real estate appraiser until death. He was known for his great smile, contagious laugh, and friendly, compassionate nature.

He is survived by a son Daniel Kroeger of Denver, Colo., a

daughter Dana Kroeger of Venice, Calif., grandson Nicholas Ullery of Denver, brother and sister-in-law Lyle and Karen Kroeger of Lincoln, Neb., three nieces: Julie Hestermann, Stephanie Kerscher and Kari Peterson.

A Celebration of Life was held on Tuesday, July 31, at New Mexico Farm and Ranch Heritage Museum, Las Cruces. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that people consider donating to the American Cancer Society, www.cancer.org.

## Roberta Margaret Linin

Nov. 23, 1918 - July 27, 2012

Roberta Margaret Snowbarger Linin was born Nov. 23, 1918 to Viola Margaret Taylor and Robert Lincoln Snowbarger on the family farm in Sherman County near Goodland. To this union there were two children, Eldon and Roberta. When her father died in a farm accident in 1920, her mother, Viola, found work in Goodland as the county courthouse treasurer.

Viola married Roy Fixen in 1930 and they moved to a farm west of Goodland. Roy also had two children Leroy and Lilly Dell. A year after they were married a daughter, Donna Lee (Fixen) Short, was born.

Roberta was baptized and confirmed in the Goodland Emmanuel Lutheran Church. She received her teaching certification in Spearfish, S.D. She taught four years in Sherman County in a one-room schoolhouse. On May 23, 1940, she was united in marriage to Harvey Linin and to this union four children were born. They lived on the family farm south of Bird City until Harvey died Oct. 12, 1986. She moved to Bird City in 1989.

She was steadfast in the trust and promise of God and remained dedicated to His work at St. John's Lutheran Church including over a 100 quilts that were made for Lutheran World missions with her good friend Velma Kruse, Ladies Altar Guild, Denver Rescue Mission, Indian Charities, Quilters Guild, Sunday School teacher and Circle activities. Roberta was also a member of the "Dolly Doers"

(reproduction of antique porcelain dolls) with two great friends from Bird City Joan Smith and Jo Deeds. Second only to her love of the Lord was her love of family and friends. Roberta's happiest times were her 46 years on the farm with her husband raising her children and watching their grandchildren grow.

"A mother is a teacher of faith, a giver of hope, and God's earthly example of love. Nothing has shaped us like the lessons that you gave and the beautiful example of the faithful way you lived."

Roberta was preceded in death by her husband Harvey, son Dale, her parents and brother Eldon.

She is survived by her daughter Jolene Estep, Leawood, Kan.; son Rex Linin, Bird City; and daughter Shelley Besse (Rudy), Overland Park, Kan.; daughter-in-law Linda Linin, St. Joseph, Mo.; grandchildren: Carrie Kamer (Michael), Overland Park; Susie Marmolejo (Charles, Jr.), Plano, Texas; Luke Linin (Mandy), Atchison; Zach Linin (Samantha) Eureka, Calif.; Clayton, Evan and Conner Besse, Overland Park. Great-grandchildren: Anthony and Chloe Kamer; Destiny and Tayden Linin; Savannah Linin, sister: Donna Short and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were Wednesday, Aug. 1, at St. John Lutheran Church in Bird City and interment was at the Bird City Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the St. John Lutheran Church, Bird City.



BELLA'S MARKET—State officials were back to collect money for back sales tax owed to Kansas. The store was closed on Wednesday and reopened on Thursday.

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