

Irene Muller

July 21, 1934 - Aug. 11, 2012

Irene Hannahbelle Sanderson was born July 21, 1934, in Wray, Colo., to John and Anna (Kibel) Sanderson. She was the second born of four girls. Her sisters were Gracie, Betty and Violet.



Muller

Irene graduated from Wray High School in 1952. That same year she met the love of her life, Max Muller from Bern, Switzerland. Irene always said, "It was Max's beautiful blue eyes that made her fall in love with him."

On April 12, 1953, Max and Irene were married and were happily married 54 years.

Irene worked as a waitress and babysitter after they were married. Irene was blessed with three daughters Charlotte, Sheila, and Chrissie. She was a stay at home mom and later worked part time at the sale barn, Duckwalls and various other places when needed.

Max and Irene loved children and became foster parents for years. They loved, nurtured and made a difference in the lives of many children. She kept in contact with several of the kids over the years. As her daughters were growing, Irene became a Girl Scout leader, 4-H leader and a Sunday school teacher. She was always involved in their activities.

Irene had a strong passion for cooking. She spent many hours in her kitchen trying out new recipes. She was an avid canner and baker and did a lot food dehydration. Irene began entering foods in open class at the Yuma County Fair and it began a passion for her. She worked for months baking, canning fruits and vegetables, making candy, drying herbs. She won many ribbons and awards over the years. In fact she canned up until April. Since she couldn't go to fair, her daughters took it and she won a Best of Show grand champion ribbon last week at the Yuma County Fair. She was

very proud of the ribbon and had it hung by her hospital bed. Irene was a cooking queen.

Over the years Irene had four cancer surgeries which ultimately took her ability to smell, taste and swallow. This did not interfere with her love for cooking. She loved cooking for family and friends and was always giving someone food she had prepared. Irene even did volunteer cooking for Hospice when needed. She was very hard working, kind and loved to give to others. Even though she was in fragile health she never complained. She always said there were people in worse shape than her.

In 2007 Max died and it was a hard adjustment for her. Irene made friends easily and formed lots of long-term friendships. She loved Jesus and had his picture on her refrigerator door. She always said, "It was her faith that kept her going." Irene was an inspiration to many and showed strength, courage and compassion. She will be truly missed. She always had a smile and made time to talk to everyone.

Irene was preceded in death by her parents, her three sisters and brothers-in-law and two grandsons.

She is survived by her daughters Charlotte Hankins of Goodland, Sheila Schwartz (Dan) of Wray and Chrissie Hankins (John) of St. Francis. Four grandsons Brent Like (Jade) of Topeka, Scott Schwartz (Crystal) of Wray, Aaron Schwartz and (Brianna Spelts) of Wray, and Marvin Hankins of Goodland. Chrissie's step children Robin, Marie and L.J. Three great-granddaughters Kaitlyn, Kayla and Cassidy Schwartz of Wray. Nieces Lois Spelts (Chuck) of Eckley, Colo.; Steve Newton of Eckley, and Glenda Warren.

Irene died Aug. 11, 2012, at Wray Community Hospital. Funeral services were held Wednesday, Aug. 15, at the Spellman Schmidt Funeral Home in Wray with Pastor Randy Payne officiating. Interment was in the Grandview Cemetery in Wray. Memorials can be made to the Irene Muller Memorial Fund.

Samuel "Sam" Lewis Scheller

Feb. 17, 1925 - Aug. 13, 2012

On Monday, Aug. 13, 2012, Sam Scheller died.

Sam is best remembered for his passion of cattle trading and his auctioneering talent. His love for the livestock sale barn started early while helping his father manage the family-owned sale barn in Steamboat Springs, Colo. From there, they owned and operated Sunset Sale Barn in Greeley, Colo. The staff at Brush Livestock became his second family as Sam attended the monthly dairy sale for 65 years. It was there that he officially adopted his beloved "Puddin'" Man's Best Friend.

It was Sam that the Greeley Christian School called upon for the annual Benefit Pie Sale. His auctioneering talent merited "outrageous" prices for a standard pie to the delight of the school. He was an active member of the Greeley Seventh-Day Adventist Church for 63 years.

Born Feb. 17, 1925, to Webb and Rose Scheller, Sam called St. Francis home until the age of 13. Sam was the oldest of four children, Bill Scheller (Norma), Shirley Scheller Achabal (AJ, deceased) and Bette Scheller Brown (Gary). Being the oldest, Sam was once again called upon to help his mother hook up the horses and plow the fields while his father transported cattle. Following the flood of '35 the family moved to Longmont, Colo.,

Geneva Lorraine North

April 29, 1918 - Aug. 15, 2012

Geneva Lorraine (Barrett) North died Wednesday evening, Aug. 15, 2012, at Hillcrest Care Center. She was 94 years old.



North

Geneva was born in Mildred, Colo., on April 29, 1918, at 11:30 a.m. to Avis and Russell Barrett. She married Guy Willard North on Dec. 22, 1939, in Imperial, Neb. To this union, four children were born: Kitty Arlene, Janice Diana, Gary Lane and Donald Wayne.

Geneva was preceded in death by her husband, Guy Willard (Punk) on Jan. 12, 2002; their youngest son, Donald, on Nov. 30, 2011, her parents, three brothers,

where Sam met Ruby Pierson and the two were married.

Wheat farming north of Pierce, Colo. became Sam's livelihood for the next 59 years where he and Ruby raised their four daughters: Sharon Scheller, Sandy Scheller Shelhamer (Mitch), Sheryl Scheller, and Shirley Scheller Soto (Tommy). But it was cattle trading that continued to be his passion.

Sam moved to Basin, Wyo., to be near his daughter, Sandy and his two grandchildren: Misty Cuin (Mat) and Nathan Forshee (Adrienne) and five great-grandchildren: Caden and Wyatt Bolken and Tyne Cuin and Kruze and Cachelynn Forshee; four nephews, Cleto Achabal (Pam), Billy Scheller (Colleen), Steve Scheller (Amy), and Travis Brown; and one niece, Tina Vorbeck (Bob).

In celebration of Sam's life, a memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 31, 2012 at the Stoddard Funeral Home, 3205 West 28th Street, Greeley, Colo.

Memorials in Sam's name can be sent the Worland Adventist Christian School, P.O. Box 433, Worland, WY 82401-0433.

Atwood Family Funeral Directors, Inc. at Basin/Greybull, Wyo., is in charge of arrangements in Wyoming and Stoddard Funeral Home at Greeley, Colo. is in charge of arrangements in Colorado.

one sister, one son-in-law, one grandchild, one great-grandchild and one great-great-grandchild.

She is survived by her daughters, Kitty Arlene Jacobs of Wray, Colo. and Janice Diana and her husband, Don Elrick of Watkins, Colo.; son, Gary Lane North and his wife, Mary Lou, of Burlington, Colo., her daughter-in-law, Zeke, of Flagler, Colo.; one sister, Violet Brown, of Wray; as well as 14 grandchildren, 29 great-grandchildren, nine great-great-grandchildren, many nieces, nephews and a host of friends.

Funeral services for Geneva were held Tuesday, Aug. 21, at St. John United Church of Christ in Idalia with Pastor Chuck Wright officiating. Burial was at St. John Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the American Council of the Blind of Colorado, Denver, CO 80202.



RECEIVING a scholarship from the Lion's Club is Allison Grice, right. She visits with Marvin Zimbelman.

Students receive club scholarships

Marvin Zimbelman, Lions Club member, presented two St. Francis high school seniors with \$250 each with the other \$250 to be presented at the second semester.

Receiving the scholarship money were Allison Grice, who is planning on attending Northwest Kansas Technical College, Goodland, and Logan Whitmore, who is attending Kansas State University, Manhattan.

The Lions Scholarship Committee looks at all seniors but especially those who are going into the service field.

The Lions have two money-making projects: the birthday/ anniversary calendar as well as the pancake feed which is held on the Saturday of the Gabel-Jenkins Wrestling Tournament. Besides giving the scholarships this year, they also donate money to special community projects.

The list of community service acts which the Lions members have done through the years is long and includes things like blood typing over 700 people for the walking blood bank; compiling a zip code booklet; helping with the sprinkling system at the hospital; helping restore the city park and

put a shelter at the park. Each year, they staff two fair rides at the home-owned carnival, assist the bloodmobile, sponsor local band students to State Lions Band Camp; send birthday balloons to the residents in the Good Samaritan Village; donate to the local food pantry; donate funds for new wheelchairs to the county hospital, who, in turn, donate their used wheelchairs back to the Lions, which are maintained at the county courthouse with other handicapped equipment and donate used bicycles to the Norton Correction Facility's repair program.

Through a partnership with the local Salvation Army's Vision USA program, the Lions help provide eyeglasses for individuals in the Community with special needs. They also collect used eyeglasses and hearing aids to assist people worldwide.

The Lions meet at 6:30 p.m. on the second Monday at the Church of Christ. Dues are \$20 per quarter. They are always needing new members. Those interested are welcome to come and visit a meeting or talk to a Lions member.

Witness escapes after being kidnapped

A witness kidnapped by the suspect of a double homicide case in Dallas chose the Goodland Walmart to make his escape on Thursday. Authorities later caught up with the suspect in Aurora, Colo.

The witness, whose name is being withheld while the investigation is ongoing, contacted the Goodland Police from Walmart, saying the suspect, Abey Belette Girma, 37, had forced him to drive from Dallas to Kansas after admitting to the murders of Yayehyirad Lemma and Yenesh Desta. Girma drove off. The Dallas Police Department issued an Attempt to Locate notice for him, saying he may be traveling west toward Denver.

Girma was arrested in Aurora on Saturday and is awaiting extradition to Texas.

According to the affidavit for arrest warrant, the witness told police he has known Girma for several months, and Girma told

him on Wednesday that he had killed Lemma and Desta because they "disrespected him." The couple had owned a restaurant in Dallas. Girma told the witness that he followed them home and confronted them on the porch of their residence, and that when they continued to disrespect him, he shot them.

The witness said Girma showed him the pistol and then intimidated him into driving to Kansas, where he was able to get away and call police. The witness was shown a photograph of Girma and positively identified him as the man who admitted to the murders.

The television show "The First 48" has reportedly been in Goodland to interview the witness for a future episode. "The First 48," is a show that goes behind-the-scenes with detectives during the first two days after a murder.

Identities are released in double homicide

The identities of two women killed in Kirk, Colo., last Monday have been released.

Dianne Withrow, 60, and Elva Doddridge, 88, were identified through dental records. Their names were released Friday evening. They were killed at their home in Kirk - south of U.S. 36, about 20 miles west of

Bonnie Reservoir - last Monday. Yuma County Sheriff's deputies responded to the house after receiving a 911 call from a female caller.

Tyler Withrow, 30, was found at the home and arrested. Tyler is Dianne Withrow's son and Doddridge's grandson. He is being charged with two counts of

first degree murder.

A judicial gag order has prevented law enforcement officials from talking about the case. Withrow had residences in Aurora, Colo., and Erie, Colo. Authorities have searched both places.

Withrow reportedly had an incident with Aurora police on

July 27, where he was found naked in a neighbor's garage. He refused to comply with police commands and had to be shot with a taser. He was taken to a hospital before being released.

Aurora police were applying for an arrest warrant at the time of the murders.

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