

# Obituaries

## Dwayne Alan Nelsen

Sept. 3, 1955 - March 25, 2014

Dwayne Alan Nelsen died Tuesday, March 25, at his home in Stockton at the age of 58. He was born Sept. 3, 1955 to Harold and Annabelle (Williams) Nelsen in Bird City.

Dwayne graduated from Cheylin High School in Bird City, served in The United States Navy, and then attended Northwest Kansas Technical College in Goodland. He was united in marriage to Teresa Talkington (Gleason) Nelsen, they later divorced. To this union were born three children, Chad, Christine "Chrissy," and Andi.

Dwayne worked as a plumber and electrician as well as acting as a housing and building inspector. Really though, he was a "Jack of All Trades." There wasn't any job or project too big or difficult to take on and do a good job on while he was at it. He enjoyed old time Rock-n-Roll music, and was known in certain circles as a Pinochle Shark.

To say that Dwayne loved the lake would be an understatement. Fishing wasn't a way of life, it was life. Every day he was out at the lake, fishing with his daughters, with his friends, or even by himself. Often he would live at the lake year round in his camper. He was a true outdoorsman who enjoyed hunting, fishing, and all of the peace, joy, and happiness that nature provided. Second only to his love for family and friends was Dwayne's love for Bo and Luke, his prized boxer dogs.

Dwayne is survived by his son, Chad Lee Gleason of Osage City; daughters, Christine "Chrissy" Nelsen and partner Thomas Pinkston of Pratt and Andi Wallisch and husband Derek of Effingham; brothers, Doyle Nelsen and wife Linda of Concordia, David Nelsen and wife Deanna of Bird City; and three grandchildren, Avery, Katie, and Gunner Gleason.

He was preceded in death by his parents Harold and Annabelle Nelsen; and a brother Darel Nelsen.

Sometimes by luck, sometimes by chance, but most often by his love, skill, dedication, and hard work, Dwayne could always turn life's challenges into winning bids. For all who knew and loved him best, Dwayne leaves a legacy that has taught us how to find the Queen of Spades and the Jack of Diamonds while everyone else is going set. He will live forever in our hearts, in our stories, and in our memories.

Memorial service was held at Goose Flats on Webster Lake in Rooks County on March 29.

## Luella Alma Rust

June 17, 1932 - Feb. 27, 2014

Luella Alma Rust, 81, died Feb. 27 at Western Plains Hospital. She was born June 17, 1932 in Bird City. She was the daughter of Martin and Bertha Lillich.

Luella married Ernest Rust on May 10, 1959 in Goodland. They moved to Dodge City in 1964.

Luella worked in restaurants, and was a home maker. She was a member of Holy Cross Lutheran Church. She lived in Greensburg from 2001 to 2007. Following the Greensburg tornado, she moved to Jetmore and was a resident there from 2007 to 2012, then moved to Dodge City.

Luella is survived by her husband, Ernie, of Dodge City, four children; Robert Rust and former daughter-in-law Bonnie of Lakewood, Colo., Michael Rust and wife Micki of Northglenn, Colo., Michelle Jolliff and husband Wilber Allen of Dodge

City, Paul Rust and wife Nicole of Emporia and one sister, Betty Kramer of Bethune, Colo.

Luella had eleven grandchildren; Wynter, Whitney, Brandon, Cory, Kim, Cameron, Zayne, Zerrick, Zarren, Kaedin and Joudin, and 10 great-grandchildren; Nevaeh, Lynix, Findley, Wren, Gideon, Anabelle, EmaLyn, Owen, Alex and Riah.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Martin and Bertha Lillich, stepdad Julius Lillich, and one sister, Barbara Foust.

There will be no viewing as cremation has taken place. There was a memorial service for Luella March 22 at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, with Reverend Randall Janhke presiding. A memorial has been set up for Luella Rust, please make checks payable to Michelle Jolliff and send to Michelle Jolliff at 11266-110 Sprg Rd., Dodge City, KS 67801

## John Jacob (Jack) Abendschan V

Aug. 2, 1919 - March 31, 2014

John Jacob Abendschan, 94, surrounded by his family, died on March 31 at 5:07 at Deseret Health and Rehab in Colby.

Jack was born on Aug. 2, 1919, in Denver, Colo. He grew up in La Junta, Colo., graduating from La Junta High School in 1937. He enlisted with the U.S. Coast Guard Feb. 22, 1941, was on active duty during World War II and was honorably discharged Jan. 4, 1946.

Jack attended Colorado School of Mines in Golden, Colo., 1946-1950, graduating with a bachelor's degree in Petroleum Engineering. He worked his way up to District Engineer Manager of Aztec Oil & Gas Company, being in charge of over 350 oil wells in Aztec, N.M.

Jack started serving the Lord full time after graduating from the San Francisco Theological Seminary with a degree in Divinity in 1959. He ministered in several churches, impacting many lives and hearts through God's love and grace. After ministering in churches in New Mexico and Colorado, Jack went back to school and received a master's degree in Gerontology from the University of Northern Colorado.

He then moved to Big Spring, Texas, where he assumed an administrative position over an assisted living facility. After several years of dealing with paperwork and frustration of not having time to minister to the residents, Jack entered back into the pastoring role so he would have time to minister to those people and others. He lived with his wife, Mary Lou, in Big Spring, serving Christ for over 20 years, pas-

toring at The United Methodist Church and leading many people through the "Walk to Emmaus," thus sharing Christ's heart with each one he came in contact with.

Jack and Mary Lou moved to St. Francis in 2003 where Jack teamed up with Marvin Zimbelman and together pastored The United Methodist Church for six months until a new pastor arrived. After leaving his "love mark" on St. Francis, he moved to Colby in 2012 to be closer to his daughter and her family. He resided there where he continued to touch lives and serve Christ through his witness.

Jack married Mary Lou Balentine March 18, 1942 and celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary on March 18, 2007, just before Mary Lou died on May 14, 2007.

Jack is survived by three sons: John Jacob Abendschan VI of Abilene, Texas, Ronald Emery Abendschan of Gilbert, Ariz., Robert William Abendschan of Big Spring; one daughter, Elizabeth Ann Gabel of Colby; 10 grandchildren, 24 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild. He will be missed by so many people and loved ones. The love and message God used him to share in his lifetime will be impacted upon the hearts of everyone who came in contact with him. His job here is done and now he is home.

Memorials may be made to Deseret Health and Rehab or Citizens Medical Center - both of Colby. Memorial service will be announced at a later date. Condolences may be sent to Kersbrookfuneralchapel.com

## Royce D. Roberts

Oct. 25, 1930 - April 4, 2014

Royce Roberts was born on Oct. 25, 1930, to Charles N. and Sabie (Moore) Roberts in St. Francis, Kan. He died April 4, 2014, at the Good Samaritan Village in St. Francis. Royce and his twin brother, Russell, were the youngest of seven children.

His sister, Janette, remembers when Royce was a young lad, the younger neighborhood children would come to their house and ask if Royce and his brother could take them to the park behind the courthouse to swing - "really high."

Royce lived at home with his family until his parents' death in October of 1966. He and his brothers then moved into the O'Leary Nursing Home until Nov. 1, 1974, when they moved into the Good Samaritan Village.

Royce was baptized on March 2, 1952, and faithfully attended the First Christian Church, where he always sat in the second pew on the north side of the sanctuary. Sunday school and church were always a must in his life.

He worked at the St. Francis Livestock Sale Barn for Harold Bracelin for many years. He was a hard worker and enjoyed being around the livestock. While residing at the Good Sam, Royce and some of the other residents made the trip to Denver to visit

the Aquarium and again to attend a baseball game.

Royce and Russell had a routine of walking every day to their parent's gravesite in the St. Francis Cemetery. This was done not in sadness, but in honor of their parents.

When arriving at the Main Street intersection, Royce would turn west and stop at Stuarts Jewelry to have his watch checked. Sometimes he would stop at one of the banks, just in case there was a chance of getting a ha... Then it was on to the post office to check the mail box. From there - off to the cemetery.

Royce was preceded in death by his parents, Charles and Sabie, sisters Josephine and Mary, and brothers Grant and Rex.

He is survived by his twin brother Russell and his sister Janette Pledger of San Diego, eight nieces and nephews, 13 great nieces and nephews, and many cousins. He also leaves behind his Good Samaritan Village family and the wonderful caring staff.

A service was held at the First Christian Church on Wednesday, April 7, 2014, with burial at the St. Francis Cemetery - Pastor Jeff Landers presiding.

Knodel Funeral home was in charge of arrangements.

## Student Poems

Luke Lampe  
8th Grade  
Mrs. Holzwarth

Mallery Mills  
8th Grade  
Mrs. Holzwarth

Wrestling Season

Spring Rain

Practice  
Sweaty, Tired  
Working, Running, Learning  
Ready, Prepared, Plan, Knowledge  
Celebrating, Cheering, Smiling  
Successful, Winner  
Victory

Water  
Wet, cold  
Storming, lightning, smiling  
Constant, shower, sprinkle, spectacular  
Drizzling, relaxing, thundering  
Heavy, loud  
Rain

If you practice for wrestling, you should achieve victory.

Water is a substance of rain. Since rain is a liquid, it is rain.

## Student Poems

Nick Paulsen  
8th Grade  
Mrs. Holzwarth

Coy Cassav  
8th Grade

Fall to Winter

The School Day  
Prepare  
Difficult, scared  
Learning, practicing, working,  
Preparation, classroom, friends, test  
Winning, praising, thanking  
Victorious, heartened  
Accomplished

fall  
beautiful, change  
yellowing, falling, cooling  
blizzards, frigid, frost, white  
freezing, cooling, chilling  
dramatic, storms  
winter  
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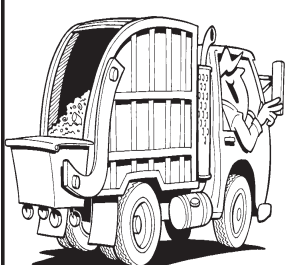
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Interested candidates should send their resume, cover letter, and salary requirements to:

Aaron Miller  
HR Manager - Great Plains Health Alliance  
amiller@gpha.com

## Face of God

I touched the face of God  
And came gently down  
I touched the face of God  
And looked all around  
I touched the face of God  
Jesus by His side  
I touched the face of God  
And didn't have to hide  
I touched the face of God  
Grandchildren on my knee  
I touched the face of God  
Wondering what was it to be  
I touched the face of God  
Asking was my time near  
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"YOU'RE NOT JUST FINISHED HERE"

- Rob Webb  
12/3/2008



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