

# Obituaries

## Evelyn Francis (Jones) Query July 3, 1920 - June 30, 2014

Evelyn Francis Jones was born in Bird City to Jesse and Bertha Jones on July 3, 1920. Eventually, she became known affectionately as "EJay," taken from her initials for Evelyn Jones. Upon her birth, she joined her older sister, Irene. Following were three more sisters: Mabel, Annette and Betty.

EJay attended school in Bird City. In her early years, EJay worked as a telephone operator in Bird City. She remembered a time during a conference-type call connecting St. Francis, Bird City and Chicago during a thunderstorm. Lightning struck and the operator in St. Francis was killed. EJay also worked for persons and families in and around Bird City doing various jobs. One of her families was acquired because of her ability to make lemon meringue pies from scratch.

Feb. 2, 1942, she was united in marriage to Lowell William Query in the courthouse in Goodland. The early years of their marriage found them in such places as Kansas City, Mo., working on bombers for the war. And there were separate times while Lowell was serving in the U.S. Army. Their first residence was the Query farm 15 miles southeast of Bird City. In 1950, they moved to the Doc Sheets farm seven miles southeast of Bird City. To this union was added five children: Ethel Mae, Roland Lowell, Carolyn Jolene, Linda Gaye and Lynn Rodney.

During EJay's years as a farm wife, she was kept quite busy; not only with raising five children and the necessary housework, but also with raising and dressing chickens, gardening, canning, cooking for harvesters, and sometimes even driving a tractor in the field! Some of her children's favorite treats were her fried chicken, fudge and fudge squares.

For fun EJay belonged to a bowling team and enjoyed working at the Antique Thresher Show and Kansas Day. She also enjoyed traveling and saw the sights in Jamaica, Mexico, Alaska, the Virgin Islands, Venice, Florence and Rome, Italy; Athens, Greece; Monte Carlo, Barcelona, Spain; the Panama

Canal, and Tahiti. Her last cruise was special in that she traveled with her daughter, Ethel Mae and husband, Lou, and her son Roland, following the loss of his wife. They visited Copenhagen, Denmark; St. Petersburg and Moscow in Russia; Stockholm, Sweden; Helsinki and Lapland in Finland; and Berlin, Germany. In her spare time, she thoroughly enjoyed doing embroidery and playing Solitaire. In her later years, she spent many hours reading.

Due to failing health, EJay moved from the farm to Wheat Ridge Acres Assisted Living Residence in Goodland in February of 2009. Needing more care, she moved to the Good Samaritan Village in St. Francis in June of 2010. While there, she celebrate her 90th birthday with a host of family and friends in attendance. Follow-

ing the fire at the Good Samaritan Village, she was transferred to the Hester Memorial Home in Benkelman, Neb. in October of 2011. She passed away there June 30, 2014. She would have turned 94 this year.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Lowell, her parents, Jesse and Bertha, and three of her sisters: Mabel, Annette and Betty. She is survived by her children: Ethel Mae Lamberson and husband Lou of Littleton, Colo.; Roland Query and wife Linda of Firestone, Colo.; Carolyn Schultz and husband Larry of St. Francis; Linda Cherry of Donnellson, Ill.; and Lynn Query of Bird City; sister, Irene Kehlbeck of Colby; 13 grandchildren, 22 great-grandchildren, 7 great-great-grandchildren along with several nieces and nephews and a host of friends.

## Clyde Burnham Gleason Jan. 23, 1929- July 12, 2014

Clyde B. Gleason, 85, Hays, formerly of Bird City, died Saturday, July 12, 2014.

He was born south of Bird City on the family farm to Philander (Pood) and Cora Gleason.

He attended Bird City High School and played two years of football.

Clyde married Wilma Powell on Aug. 20, 1950. Together they lived on the Gleason family farm until years later they bought a house and moved to Bird City. Clyde farmed for all of the years his body would let him. Then he became a scaled down farmer, a gardener. While farming, Clyde worked for the Bird City Coop elevator for 25 years. He was also an accomplished wood worker and made furniture for his wife, children and grandchildren.

He enjoyed sports of all kinds. He talked football with his daughter Shona, and Nascar racing with his other daughter, Sandy and husband Merf. He al-

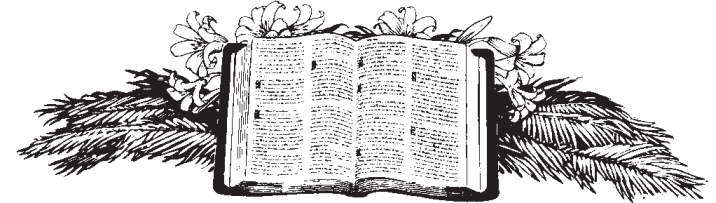
ways enjoyed hearing about the drag races when his son-in-law raced. He had a love of life in general and a great sense of humor which was seen in the gleam of his eye.

Survivors include his wife Wilma, Hays; two daughters, Sandy and husband Merf Kuhn, Hays; Shona, Ellis; a grandson, Wayne Lee and wife Kellie, Aurora, Colo.; two great grandsons, Jacob and Carson; two great granddaughters, Megan and Olivia; his twin brother Claude; and numerous nieces, nephews and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; five brothers, Joseph, Bill, Loyde, Tom, and Junior; three sisters, Erma, Francis and Louise (Sawyer); and his grandson Wade Lee.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Knodel Funeral Home in St. Francis.

Memorials are suggested to Hospice Services Inc. and cancer research.



THE AMBASSADORS MUSIC MINISTRY TEAM from Minneapolis, Minn., will be singing at a free concert at Peace Lutheran Church on July 23.

## Singers to perform at local church

The Ambassadors Music Ministry Team from the Association Free Lutheran Bible School in Minneapolis, Minn., will present an inspirational concert on Wednesday, July 23 at 7:00 p.m. at the Peace Lutheran Church, in St. Francis.

The public is cordially invited. There will be a "pie" social in the fellowship hall following the concert.

The Ambassadors features Christian music ranging from traditional to contemporary. The 60-minute concert includes about

10 songs, two testimonies of faith, and a brief message.

Association Free Lutheran Bible School (AFLBS) is a two-year, college-level school of the Bible, which enrolled 115 students this past year. Founded in 1966, AFLBS takes college students through all 66 books of the Bible and trains them in ministry-related courses. The AFLBS campus is in suburban Plymouth, Minn., about 15 minutes west of downtown Minneapolis.

The 2013 Ambassadors team members include: Erika Korho-

nen (Radcliffe, Iowa), Josh Hedstrom (Oxford, Neb.), Seth Moan (Corcoran, Minn.), Julia Erickson (Badger, Minn.), and Esther Johnson (Boyertown, Pa.).

The Ambassadors will travel for a total of 10 weeks this summer, traveling to the Pacific Northwest, Montana, Colorado, and several Midwest states, presenting concerts in congregations.

The concert is free. An offering will be taken for the ministry of Association Free Lutheran Bible School.

## Club Clip

### Classy Classic Red Hatters

The St. Francis Red Hatters stood on the deck of "The Barn" north of Benkelman on Wednesday, July 9, and enjoyed the view for miles around. The ladies were visiting the hunting lodge which has been painstakingly restored by Stan and Devonna Haines.

The Haines family decided if the old barn was to be saved, a new roof was a must. This was the beginning point. After the project began, Stan was pleasantly surprised to find out that the original barn had been built by his great-grandfather.

With most of the work being done by Stan, it was a slow project with each step being carefully planned. A winding staircase connects the first and second floors with the bedrooms being on the lower level and the dining area upstairs.

Devonna added one of her many touches by featuring homemade quilts, including one designed as a headboard on the wall of one of the bedrooms. Another bedroom had a ceiling completely made up of unused Nebraska license plates. Stone brought from Colorado was used in part of the new flooring and also outside on a patio.

Upstairs the kitchen features an antique stove among the modern appliances and a long table for guests to enjoy their meal. The wall of the dining room features the blades of an old windmill as one of the decorations.

Delicious dishes served included fresh green beans from the garden, and corn which had originally been from their patch of sweet corn. These were accompanied by a salad, rolls, a

potato casserole, and plates of roasted chicken. Dessert included brownies and ice cream. With all of the food served family-style, everyone left the table fully satisfied.

The ladies also enjoyed sharing their tales of "barn" stores from their youth, including all the fun they had jumping around in the hay and playing hide-n-seek in the hayloft. As the members were viewing the antique artifacts upstairs, Helene Landenberger shared several poems she had written which fit the theme of the day.

Traveling from St. Francis were Joyce Russ, Ilene O'Leary, Arlene Walz, Sally Wieck, Helene Landenberger, Laura Pugh, Barbara Ewing, Betty Jean Winston and Donna Zimbelman, who planned the outing.

**Dear Donors of the St. Francis 4th of July Celebration,**  
 As of July 5, 2014, the St. Francis Fireworks Committee took in a total of \$3,086. We spent \$2,949.74 on the fireworks, flags and kid's games and parade. That leaves a balance of \$136.26.  
 Thank you for your donations. We are looking forward to the 2015 Celebration. We have already begun planning next year's celebration. If there are any of you with ideas or wanting to join the committee, please contact one of us. Sincerely,  
 Wade Krien, John Amack, Anita Amack, Cynthia Poling, Holly Hingst, Ed Marin and Anita Marin

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**Tri-State Antique Engine & Thresher Show**  
**July 31 - Aug. 2**  
 Featuring stories about the demonstrations, buildings, history, shows and Queens.

**Cheyenne County Fair**  
**Aug. 6 - Aug. 9**  
 Featuring 4-H'ers, fair and carnival activities, schedule of events and other interesting happenings at fair time.