

Obituaries

St. Francis News

T. Barbara Dorsch

July 27, 1922 - Dec. 27, 2001

Barbara Dorsch was born Theo Barbara Queen on July 27, 1922, at Max, Neb., to Ralph L. Queen and Helen Gardner Queen. She died at the Cheyenne County Hospital on Dec. 27, 2001 around 10 a.m.

Growing up, the Queen family lived on several farm sites north of St. Francis before Ralph and Helen purchased the farmstead which is currently the Tom Stevens place. Barbara and her two brothers, Wayne and Dale enjoyed their growing up years in the South Fork community doing such things as getting inside a wooden barrel and rolling down the hills south of the house.

Barbara attended country school and when it came time for high school, she roomed in St. Francis with several other girls while going to school. She graduated with the class of 1940 and enjoyed her 60th high school alumni reunion last year.

On May 9, 1943, she was married to Noble Wayne Dorsch at the farm north of St. Francis. To this union, two children were born: Sondra Sue and Noble Wayne, Jr., more commonly known as Bob.

Barbara worked in town as a secretary for the Farm Bureau agent and then worked in the Cheyenne County State Bank for 25 years as a teller and later a cashier.

She loved doing all kinds of crafts including counted cross-stitch, embroidery and tatting. She especially loved to paint china and was always painting something special for her family and friends. She enjoyed making each holiday special by making table favors for everyone. She continued to be busy with her hobbies until her eyesight and strength began to fail.

Barbara was an avid sports fan. She very much enjoyed watching professional football—especially the Chiefs and Broncos. Her favorite professional athletes, of course, were her grandchildren. She and Noble traveled to many high school and college sporting events to watch their grandchildren.

She belonged to many clubs and organizations, including Tuesday Club, Ramblers, and was a 50-year member of Doric Chapter No. 404, Order of the Eastern Star.

Barbara loved the Lord and grew up going to the South Fork Friends Church, also the Riverside Friends Church and later became a member of the First Christian Church.

Barbara loved fishing and shopping. During retirement, she especially enjoyed going to Texas with her husband and dear friends to fish. The tales were big, especially to those back home. Many games of pinochle were played—of course, it was usually men versus women, and as for who really won, we'll never know.

Preceding Barbara in death are her husband, Noble; her parents, Ralph and Helen; and her two brothers, Dale and Wayne and his wife Dolores. She is survived by Sondra and her husband, Rodney Bracelin; Noble, Jr. (Bob); grandchildren, Chris Bracelin and wife, Jill, Susan Dinkel and husband, Randy, of St. Francis, Kerry Hammeke and husband, Arthur of Ellis, and Michael Dorsch of Enon, Ohio; her great-grandchildren Cade and Hanna Bracelin and Emileigh Dinkel of St. Francis, a sister-in-law, Sylvia Queen of St. Francis, and nephews, nieces, and many extended family members and friends.

Leila May Crawford

Nov. 10, 1927 - Dec. 27, 2001

Leila May Crawford was born Nov. 10, 1927 in Goodland, Kan. to Ralph and Minnie (Martin) Crawford. She died Dec. 27, 2001 in Topeka, Kan. of complications from pneumonia. Leila grew up in St. Francis, Kan. and graduated from St. Francis Community High School in 1945. After attending school in Greeley, Colo., she returned to St. Francis and taught in the White School Dist. She later taught the Glendale School south of Bird City, Kan.

On Aug. 22, 1946, she was united in marriage to J.C. Gleason in Atwood, Kan. They resided in the Bird City area until the fall of 1950, when they moved to Lawrence, Kan. so J.C. could attend Pharmacy School. They returned to Bird City in June 1954 where they were both employed at C.C. McMillan Drug Store and later owned the store. In March 1966, Tim (5) and Teresa (4) came to brighten the Gleason home.

Lee, as her friends and family called her, was active in the United Methodist Church; serving on the local, district and conference level as church school and laboratory leader, filling local and district United Methodist Women's offices and singing in the Immanuel Church choir for many years. Her community activities also included American Legion Auxiliary Unit 352, Bird City Housing Authority, Nautilus Federated Club, PRIDE Steering Committee and Community Club.

Leila was preceded in death by her husband, J.C., on Sept. 18, 1992, an infant brother, Ralph Edward Crawford and parents Ralph and Minnie Crawford.

She leaves to mourn her passing son Timothy Gleason and his wife Yvonne Patrick of Centreville, Va., daughter Teresa Talkington and her husband Ken of Osage City, sister Norma Jean Molle, Mission, brother Loyd Crawford and wife Pat of Overland Park, Raymond Crawford and wife Jan of Lee's Summit, Mo., five grandchildren, one great-grandchild, many cousins, nieces and nephews.

Services were held Dec. 31, 2001 at the Immanuel United Methodist Church in Bird City. Burial in Bird City Cemetery, Reverend Doug Mason officiating. Arrangements by Knodel Funeral Home, St. Francis.

Jack L. Aughe

Sept. 25, 1931, to Dec. 21, 2001

Jack Loren Aughe was born Sept. 25, 1931, in Oberlin, Kan., to William Verne Aughe and Viola Clair Hale. He died Dec. 21, 2001, at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center ECU.

He attended Oberlin schools and moved to St. Francis, Kan., where he met and married Mary Lois Kyte on July 1, 1951.

He joined the U.S. Air Force and was stationed at F.E. Warren Air Force Base as an instructor of power production courses. He spent his overseas duty at 546ASSD Squadron on Okinawa. After his tour there he returned to F.E. Warren.

After discharge, he worked as a plumber and foreman for C Curtright Plumbing for 18 years.

He became a steamfitter welder for the V.A. Medical Center until retirement.

He was a member of the Plumbers Union 192, Classic Chevy Club, a life member of the National Rifle Association and a past member of Brotherhood of Moose, city of Cheyenne Plumbing Board and Grace United Methodist Church.

His interests were boating, water skiing, rock hounding, lapidary and amateur jewelry making and bowling.

He is survived by his mother, Viola Simeon of Limon, Colo.; his wife, Mary Lois; daughters Susan L. Aughe, Patricia L. White, Katharine L. Bratton, Myra L. Hopper of Cheyenne; Jeanette L. Aughe of Glendale, Ariz.; Janet L. Jeffers of Fort Collins, Colo. and Ann L. Skinner of Lake Stevens, Wash.; eight grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren; and his dog, Nikki.

A memorial service was held at the VA Medical Center auditorium on Dec. 28. In lieu of flowers, a donation can be made to the VA Medical Center Extended Care Unit.

Interment will be in Iliion Cemetery, Rawlins County, Kan., at a later date.

Jack was the nephew of the late Alva and Faye Juhl. Mary Lois graduated from St. Francis Community High School.

Those attending the service were Mary E. Harper Brown, mother-in-law, Colby; and Iva Krien, niece, St. Francis.

-Remember when-

Remember when "hippie" meant "big in the hips?"

And a "trip" involved travel in cars, planes and ships?

When "pot" was a vessel for cooking things in,

And "hooked" was what grandmother's rugs would have been?

When "fix" was a verb that meant "mend" or "repair,"

And to be "in" meant merely existing somewhere?

When "neat" meant "well-organized, tidy and clean,"

And "grass" was a ground cover—normally green?

When "groovy" meant furrowed with channels and hollows,

And "birds" were winged creatures like robins and swallows?

When "fuzz" was a substance real fluffy—like lint,

And "bread" came from bakeries—not from the mint?

When "roll" was a bun, and "rock" was a stone,

And "hang-up" was something you did with a phone?

When lights (not people) were turned on and off,

And "the pill" was something you took for a cough?

When a "swinger" was someone who swung in a swing,

And a "pad" was a soft sort of cushiony thing?

When "far out" meant distance—a long way away,

And no one thought twice when you said they were "gay"?

Taken from the scrapbook of Irene Zwegardt

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Wilma Lampe was a guest of her son and wife, Dennis and Debbie Floyd in Seattle, Wash., over the holidays. A very enjoyable week was spent, visiting, feasting and sharing gifts. Debbie's parents and aunt and uncle of Houston, Texas, were guests also.

Enroute home Wilma was met at the Denver airport by a nephew, Mr. and Mrs. Emerson Terry and son of Aurora, Colo., and she spent the night with them, returning home Monday, Dec. 31.

Wilma Lampe was a guest of her daughter, Linda Gutsch at her home in Highlands Ranch, Colo., several days last week. While there she also accompanied her to Las Vegas, Nev., over the weekend, returning home Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Norvin Northrup; Mr. and Mrs. George Harper of St. Francis; Mr. and Mrs. Kent Tremblay of Wahoo, Neb.; Mr. and Mrs. John England; Mr. and Mrs. Chris Chisholm, Kathlyn and Cass of Englewood, Colo.; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Martin of Lexington, Neb., were Saturday dinner and supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jake Tremblay at Cozad, Neb. They all drove to Elwood, Neb., that afternoon where they held a surprise birthday party for Viola Cassen's 90th birthday. They were joined for the afternoon by Mr. and Mrs. Don Fredrickson of Oberlin.

Jessie Smith spent the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Smith in Greeley, Colo. She visited Mr. and Mrs. Alan Frank and family and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Bender and family. Christmas dinner was served at Mr. and Mrs. Paul Smith's and a gift exchange was held. She also visited with Mr. and Mrs. Carl Peak, Mr. and Mrs. Kenny Pickett and family and Troy Pickett and family.

Violet Cranmer spent the Christmas holidays with her daughter Shirley and family in Merriam.

Christmas Day Norma Jean and Charlie Fairbanks of Marquette, Mich., Leroy and Marie Dungan of Salina, Elizabeth Dungan and daughter, Amaya Marie Elyse Dungan of Salina, Bill Dungan of Greeley, Virginia Draper of Littleton, Colo., David Ray Hankins of Goodland, Edward and Betty Morris of Goodland, George and Della Morris, Martha Stothard, Bob and Dorothy Hankins, Angie Hankins and Kathleen Stanley had a good Christmas dinner at the home of Kathleen Stanley.

Christmas Eve was spent at the home of Bob and Dorothy Hankins. Attending were Leroy and Marie Dungan, Elizabeth and daughter Amaya, Angie Hankins, Kathleen Stanley, Virginia Draper, David Ray Hankins, Ed and Betty Morris, Norma Jean and Charlie Fairbanks, Bill Dungan, Billy Joe Morris and friend Pamela Armst of Killeen, Texas. They enjoyed chili soup and potato soup.

On Dec. 27 Marie Dungan took Kathleen Stanley to the home of Mary Walz. Then they all went the Cheyenne Bowl to eat supper and

they were joined by Bob and Dorothy Hankins, Angie Hankins, Elizabeth Dungan and daughter Amaya. Bob then went bowling.

On Dec. 28 Martha Stothard took Billy Joe Morris, Pamela Armst, Kathleen Stanley, George and Della Morris and Mario Dominguez to breakfast at the Windmill.

Christmas 2001 was a very special and happy time at the Norman Haacks when all family member made it "home" for the holidays. First to arrive were Ron and Arlene Haack, Tampa, Fla., on Thurs., Dec. 20. Roger and Sharon Haack, Justin and Aaron of Lawrence, Bryan Haack, Wheeling, Ill., and Chris and Linsey Mullen, Overland Park, arrived on Saturday. Dave and Pam Jensen, Britni and Ryan, Blair, Neb. came on Sunday. On Monday, Brendon and Brenda Haack, Ogallala, Neb. and Tenley Hankins, Manhattan, joined the group.

Monday was the date of the extra special festivities including the gift exchange. All attended the St. John's Christmas Eve program in which Britni and Ryan Jensen participated. The Brendon Haacks, Chris Mullens and Dave Jensens returned to their respective homes on Christmas Day. The Roger Haacks returned on Wednesday. The following Saturday Norman and Vernetta Haack took Ron and Arlene Haack to Denver for their return flight to Tampa.

Sylvia Raile returned home after spending the Christmas and New Year Holidays in Blue Springs, Mo., with her family Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Smith and Eric and Mr. and Mrs. Todd Smith and Hannah Faith.

Following a two-week vacation, Betty Jean Winston returned to St. Francis on Saturday.

The first stop was at the home of Dan and Cindy Winston, Jean and J.J. in Ellsworth. Arriving there for an overnight on Friday, Dec. 22 they enjoyed a brunch in Salina Saturday morning before Betty Jean traveled on to Overland Park to the home of Shawn and Leigh Legere, Chase and Miles.

Additional Christmas guests of the Legere's were Dan and Cindy Winston, Jean and J.J. of Ellsworth and Vickie, a Wichita State University student.

The Legere's took Betty Jean to several points of interest in Kansas City between Christmas and Dec. 30 including a tour of Christmas lights,

Crown Center, the Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art, Country Club Plaza and Lewis and Clark Point in the Quality Hill historical district in downtown Kansas City overlooking where the Kansas River joins the Missouri River. Topping off the tours was dinner in places such as KC Masterpiece and The Rain Forest.

On Sunday, Dec. 30, Betty Jean boarded a plane for Fargo, N.D., and a drive to Valley City where she spent until Thursday with her sister and husband, Ellen and Grant Zwick.

Arriving back in Kansas City on Thursday, Betty Jean spent the night with the Legere's before traveling to Ellsworth on Friday to the Dan Winston home. Saturday morning she had the opportunity to see J.J.'s recreation program basketball team score a 23-21 victory before heading for home.

Lynn Greenlee and son Josh, Clay Center, were Dec. 21 overnight guests of Manette Keeler. They returned to Clay Center the following day and were accompanied by Manette who was a guest in the Greenlee home during the Christmas holiday. Lynn and Manette returned to St. Francis on Dec. 27 and Lynn went back home on Dec. 28.

Holiday visitors and house guests of Victor and Darlene Zwegardt were Dan and Cathy Gleason of Anchorage, Alaska, and Don Zwegardt, Dylan, Chandler and Max of Sioux Falls, S.D.

Dan and Cathy enjoyed the Christmas Eve program and candlelight service at Salem Lutheran Church in the country. They all enjoyed Christmas dinner and opening gifts at the Zwegardt home and also visiting with relatives and friends while here. They arrived Dec. 24 and Dan and children returned home on Dec. 29. The Gleasons left from Denver International Airport on Jan. 1. Everyone had an enjoyable time over the holidays.



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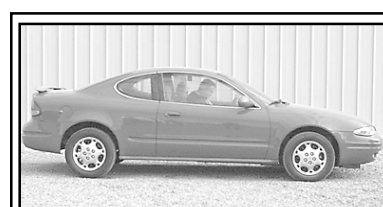
'00 Pontiac Grand Prix GTP - heated leather seats, CD player, gray interior, white, 28,000 miles



'01 Pontiac Grand Am SE - V-4, CD player, power windows/locks, tilt/cruise, white, 29,000 miles



'99 Pontiac Grand Am SE - graphite cloth interior, power windows/locks, cruise/tilt, CD player, white, 49,000 miles



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