

# Obituaries

## Robert Warren Sager

Jan. 19, 1921 - August 28, 2002  
Robert W. Sager was born Jan. 19, 1921, in Longmont, Colo., and died Aug. 28 in Denver, Colo.



Sager

Bob spent his boyhood years with his parents, Mary (Mae) Elizabeth (Williams) and Fred W. Sager, in Longmont. He spent this time with his sisters, Jeanne and Jackie, and brother, George. Bob graduated from the Longmont High School and, then, the Barnes Business School of Denver, Colo. His first professional employment was with The First National Bank of Denver. In 1941, Bob joined the United States Air Force. He received schooling and became a bombardier instructor at Roswell, N.M. Later, Bob trained for navigation in Albuquerque, N.M. He was deployed to the Pacific Theater as a Bombardier/Navigator and was advanced to the rank of Captain by the end of the war. Later, Bob shared experiences with his grandchildren about seeing the atomic bomb explode and the Japanese emperor surrender.

Sept. 19, 1943, Robert married Dorothy Jane McDougal at her parents' home in Colby, Kan. After World War II, the couple settled in Bird City. Bob managed the McDougal Grain Elevator for his father-in-law. They purchased the business in 1954. The elevator business grew to become the McDougal-Sager Grain Company of Bird City, Atwood, and Beardsley. Bob retired in 1989 from the elevator. He continued to do some farming until health reasons forced retirement in 1995. Throughout his children's teenage years he could be found on the road to many school activities. In later years, home games were still an important activity for the Sager's.

Bob's accomplishments included being a former Bird City High School Board member, past mayor and councilman of Bird City, the Bird City Community Club, the American Legion Post 352 for 56 years, and the Masonic temple of McDonald, then St. Francis receiving his 50-year pin. His children feel that his most complicated one was raising two daughters and six sons to adulthood without losing his beautiful mind and gentleness!

Preceding him in death were his parents, Mae and Fred Sager, and brother-in-law, Richard Torscher.

Survivors include his wife of 59 years; children: Robert Warren (Warren) and Deloris Sager, Jr. of Otis, Kan.; Hal B. and Judy Sager of Bird City; Janet E. (Sager) and Danny Siegfried of St. Francis; Fred A. and Pam Sager of Colby; Douglas L. and Tina Sager of Bird City; Janey M. Sager of Bird City; Wayne M. and Peggy Sager of Salina; and Alan D. and Tonya Sager of Colby. His

grandchildren are Cherri Harms and Robert (Rob) Warren Sager, III; Chad and Michael Sager; Heather Ohrman and Brian Siegfried; Tia Sager; Shanell and Ashlyn Sager; Garrett, Courtney, and Kyler Sager; Cory, Braden and Darby Sager. Bob also had seven great-grandchildren with the newest great-grandchild being Robert (Robbie) Warren Sager, IV; his sisters Jacqueline and Charles Snyder of Greenbrier, Ark.; LeJean Torscher of Denver; and his brother, George and Luann Sager of Longmont.

Bob's later years were greatly enhanced by his visits with his grandchildren. During his illness he would acknowledge his children but he glowed when he received visits from these special children.

A graveside service was held Aug. 31 at the Bird City Cemetery with Chaplain Father Bill Pounds officiating. There was also a military graveside service and a Masonic graveside service.

Casket bearers were Cherri Harms, Robert W. Sager III, Heather Ohrman, Brian Siegfried, Chad Sager, Michael Sager.

Honorary pallbearers were Tia Sager, Shanell Sager, Ashlyn Sager, Garrett Sager, Courtney Sager, Kyler Sager, Cory Sager, Braden Sager, Darby Sager.

Interment was in the Bird City Cemetery

Arrangements by Knodel Funeral Home

## Donnie Ray Voeller

Oct. 9, 1950 - Aug. 21, 2002

Donnie Ray Voeller was born Oct. 9, 1950, to Kenneth and Ellen Voeller, Cheyenne County, Kan. He leaves his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Voeller; wife, Patti Jo Voeller; children, Dan Blair and wife, Kris, Marsha Lin Lozano and husband, Scott; four grandchildren, Andrea, Jaycee, Jona and Aaron; a brother, Gene Voeller and wife, Patty; four nieces, Barb, husband, Jack, Shana, Julie and Kim; along with a host of friends and other family to celebrate his life.

Donnie was preceded in death by a sister Nancy Blair, her husband, Marvin and an infant daughter, Audria Ann.

Donnie grew up in St. Francis, Kan., and attended grammar school, junior high school and high school in St. Francis. During some of his high school years his interest in electronics grew, and he began working at Schield's Radio and TV. Marvin (Schield) was a good inspiration. Donnie went on to continue his education in electronics at a technical school in Denver, Colo., along with working at a gas station part time to assist in the expense of his schooling. He enjoyed coming home on weekends to see family and friends.

From a very young age Donnie would tinker with motors and repair things, also taking it all apart just to see how it worked. He continued these hobbies throughout his life. If anyone went to see him, it was evident in his computer room.

After schooling Donnie moved to McCook, Neb., and worked in television shops there. This is where he met Patti. This was not a by chance introduction, he sought her out, by getting an old girlfriends' sister to introduce them. Their courting was quick, 10 months to be exact. They dated for four months, became engaged at a football game and married six months later.

Their journey together as a couple found many heartaches, losing Patti's brother, two uncles, Donnie's sister and brother-in-law, and a favorite aunt that shared his birthday celebrations. In their first four months of marriage they lost seven very close and fondly loved relatives.

After four months of marriage, Don and Patti were blessed with Daniel. He was a great deal of comfort and joy to them after they lost their first born daughter, Audria Ann. Not much later Marsha was born. And this helped them grow as a family in spirit and love.

Throughout the 30 years of marriage there were many trials and opportunities to grow in love for one another.

Donnie grew up going to Sunday school every Sunday; he had loving parents to teach him the importance of the scriptures, of loving our Heavenly Father. He learned the importance of giving, and receiving and sharing his blessings.

The children grew up as well as did Donnie and Patti in appreciating family and friends. Donnie moved his family many times to work in various occupations, such as electronics, repairing appliances, oil fields, and then settled into the job he loved, working for the city and having the privilege of working with both his father and son, as well as many other close friends.

He enjoyed teasing and showing affection to all the people he met. He did not know any strangers; to him every acquaintance was a friend.

One of his great loves was that of the children he knew. They had many children in their lives. He was very ill a great deal of his life suffering from headaches and injuries, but always thinking of his family. After the children grew, and blessed him with grandchildren, you could see a tenderness and love for Andrea, Jaycee, Jona and Aaron, he seldom showed to others.

Donnie found delight in the grandchildren, and each of their unique personalities. With Andrea he was often tinkering with erector sets or fishing and camping. He often joked of her baby sitting him when her mom and grandma were at lodge, and when her dad was working. With Jaycee and Jona, he looked forward to the little chats on the phone, and the visits, when he was able to spoil them. With little Aaron, the joy came from doing a little dance in their own special way.

Throughout his life he attended several churches and faiths, and was baptized in The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints on July 20, 2000. The past few months while

suffering from a back injury he found comfort in the scriptures and in prayer.

Although Donnie's life was short it was full. He had many friends and family to love. There were many changes in his life in the past few years. His family and friends will miss him, but they must all go on and remember the things he taught them, through his example of how to love, laugh and enjoy life.

Donnie and Patti enjoyed family reunions and were blessed to be able to host to family reunions this summer. That a delight it brought to his heart, thank you for allowing him to have that pleasure.

He died on Aug. 21, 2002, in Denver, Colo., leaving pain behind, but taking his love for his family and friends with him.

"As you think of him today, it is hard not to shed a few tears, but you are asked to remember his life in celebration and how lives are better because you knew him."

The funeral service was held on Aug. 27 at the First Christian Church in St. Francis with President Kenneth Klemm presiding along with Rev. John Bartlett. Pianist was Sister Laurie Klemm and organist was Pat Leibbrandt.

Honorary pallbearers were Glenn Schliep, Jim Rarick, Mike Meyer, Rob Lawson, Rick Pettijohn, John Lanz and Randy Wieck. Casket bearers were Earl Hankins, J.R. Landenberger, John Larson, Bob Hankins, Chet Gardner and Eric Fiala.

Interment was in the St. Francis Cemetery, St. Francis. Arrangements were by Knodel Funeral Home, St. Francis.

## Ruth Anne Gilstrap

April 26, 1982 - Aug. 30, 2002

Ruth Anne Gilstrap was born April 26, 1982, in Wray, Colo., to Wesley and Barbara (Passmore) Gilstrap. She died in Brighton, Colo., on Friday, Aug. 30, 2002, after a short bout with pneumonia and rhabdomyolysis.

Ruth Anne was the third of four children. She attended and graduated with the class of 2000 from Wray schools.

After graduation, she moved to Haxtun, Colo., then to Yuma, Colo., with her brothers.

She enjoyed collecting dolphins and Eeyore. She loved looking for old and new friends to run around with and talked to them on the computer. She enjoyed taking care of the young and old alike.

She was a Certified Nurses Aide at Holyoke, Haxtun and a short time at Yuma Life Care.

She was preceded in death by her brother Anthony, grandparents, Paul and Helen Passmore and Bonnell Gilstrap.

She is survived by her parents, Wesley and Barbara; sister Lynn and husband, Gene Riley of Haigler, Neb.; brother Larry and special friends April and Tyler Hackett of Yuma; granddad Ed Gilstrap of St. Francis; nephew Justin Gilstrap; niece Natasha Riley of Haigler; uncle and aunts, Bob and Kaye Passmore of Omaha, Neb.; Pat Carmen of St. Francis, Margeret Sauer of Parker, Colo., June O'dell of St. Francis and a host of cousins and friends.

The service was held Tuesday, Sept. 3 at the New Life Christian Center with Pastor Glen Kline officiating. Interment was in Grandview Cemetery in Wray.

Spellman-Schmidt Funeral Home in Wray was in charge of arrangements.

## Evelyn Krutsinger Schauer

July 26, 1911 - Aug. 24, 2002

Evelyn Krutsinger Schauer, daughter of Clarence and Grace Krutsinger, was born July 26, 1911, in Dundy County, Parks, Neb., second of seven children.

Death came to Evelyn suddenly at Indianapolis, Ind., on Aug. 24, 2002, at the age of 91 years.

Evelyn had a son from her first marriage, his name was Jimmy Williams. Death came to him at a very young age.

On Feb. 3, 1938, she was united in marriage to Adolph Schauer of Cheyenne County, Kan. To this union three children were born, a daughter Sandra, two sons, Anthony and Dwight.

Evelyn was confirmed and joined Zion Lutheran Church in 1938.

Evelyn was very devoted to God, her children and family. She gave all of herself. She baked and cooked many things for friends and neighbors and gave all she could to her church.

There is one brother Jerry Krutsinger and one sister Alice Alba still living.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, two sisters, one son and one granddaughter.

She leaves to mourn her death her daughter Sandra and husband, Ron Floerke; two sons, Anthony and Jane Schauer and Dwight and daughter Cassy Schauer; six grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Oldest of seven is Toby Schauer, wife Shari, daughters Alexis and Tabitha; Brent Floerke, wife Jennifer, children, Joshua, Aubry and Jessica; Greg Floerke, wife Francine, children Victoria and Scott; Kristi Floerke Williams, husband Leroy, children, Breanne, Jalen and Treavor; Kerri Floerke Hunter, husband Ted, children, Dylan and Brynlee.

Funeral service was held Aug. 29 at Peace Lutheran church in St. Francis with Pastor David Rossbach officiating.

Honorary pallbearers were Raymond Winston, Jerry Krutsinger, Dennis Krutsinger, Kerry Krutsinger, Bobbie Krutsinger; Lanny Krutsinger, Ronald Krutsinger, Rick Alba

Casket bearers were Greg Floerke, Brent Floerke, Tod Hunter, Mike McQuire, Gerry Krutsinger, Toby Schauer, Leroy Williams.

Interment was at St. Francis Cemetery, St. Francis.

Arrangements by Knodel Funeral Home, St. Francis.

## St. Francis News

Jessie Smith visited Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Smith in Greeley last week. She also visited Mr. and Mrs. Alan Frank and family in Platteville, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Bender and family and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Smith and family, all in Parker. A great time was had by all.

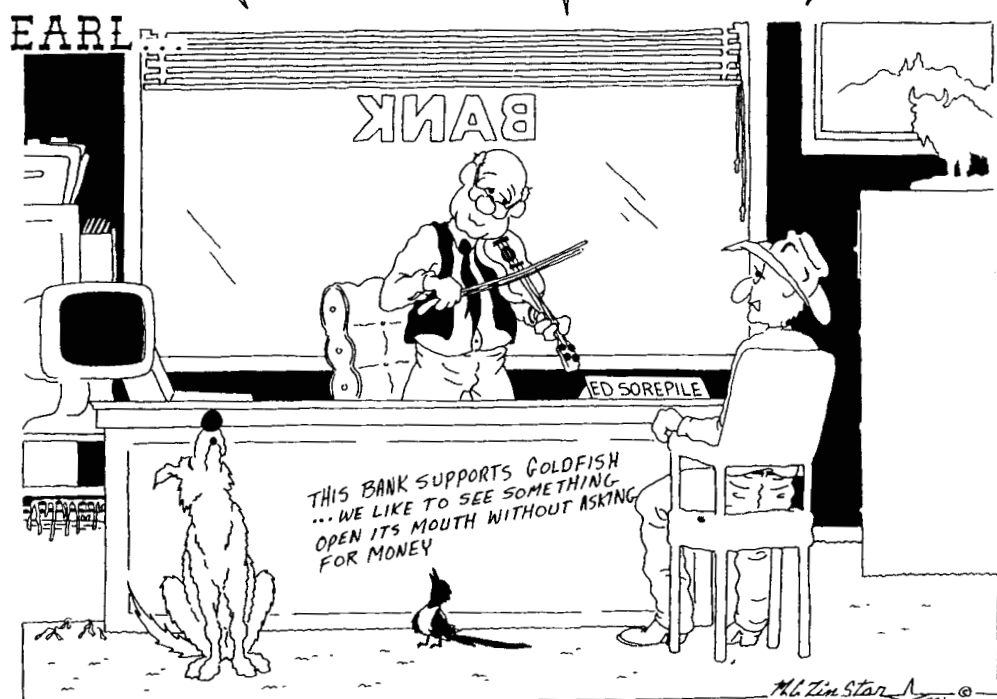
Weekend house guest of Billy and Karen Krien was Marilyn Krien of Aurora, Colo. Also visiting on Monday were Paul and June Krien. During the weekend, they all visited with Bill and Leone Krien.



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- 2000 Chevy Tahoe LT** • 4 door, Pewter, 40,300 miles.

- 1994 GMC Extended Cab SLE** • 2 WD, Cruise Control, Power Windows/Locks, Silver/Maroon, 81,444 miles.
- 1996 GMC 3/4 Ton Extended Cab** • Cassette, 2 WD, Red/Gray, 72,151 miles.
- 1999 GMC Jimmy SLT** • 4x4, Leather, Power Windows/Seats, Cruise Control, Blue, 38,163 miles.
- 2001 GMC Jimmy SLE** • 4 WD, CD, Power Locks/Windows, White, 31,477 miles.
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