

# Obituaries

## Christa Jerean Navarro

June 7, 1985 - 2002

Christa Jerean Navarro was born June 7, 1985, in Austin, Texas, to Christopher and Deonn Navarro. She was baptized in Waynesboro, Pa., on Sept. 1, 1985. She was dearly loved especially by her grandparents and great-grandparents.



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Christa and her mother returned to St. Francis in 1988. Christa was confirmed on May 2, 1999, in Peace Lutheran Church.

In May of 1989, Deonn was married to Kip Wiese and Christa gained a new stepfather and a stepbrother Cole. She also gained another set of grandparents and great-grandparents.

Christa was quite a little girl. She was a very happy girl with a smile for everyone. She was very artistic and loved to draw and do other art projects. She was a member of the Brownie Scouts, Dance Ranch, 4-H, the junior high volleyball team, Sunday School and other school activities. Several summers were spent in Las Cruces, N.M., visiting her father Chris and other relatives.

She enjoyed talking with her close friends, hanging out at her boyfriend's house, listening to music and being with her family. Christa especially enjoyed her Aunt Lisa who is a year older than her.

She loved working at the Windmill Restaurant where she enjoyed seeing friendly faces and talking to people. She was a senior at St. Francis Community High School with lots of plans for her future after graduation.

Christa always had a big heart for people. She has donated her organs so others may live.

Preceding her in death were her half-sister Sheena; great-grandparents Fred and Katie Zweggardt and Paul and Iona Clapper.

Christa died on Oct. 13, 2002, at the age of 17 years, four months and six days. She leaves to mourn her parents, Kip and Deonn Wiese; father and stepmother, Christopher and Christine Navarro; half-sisters Amber, Sarah, and Libby; stepbrother Cole; half-sister Candice Wiese; grandparents Willard and Donna Zweggardt, Lyle and Esther Wiese, Jimmy Navarro, Irene Navarro; and many uncles, aunts, cousins and friends.

Funeral service was held Oct. 17 at Peace Lutheran Church, St. Francis with Pastor David Rossbach officiating.

Honorary pallbearers were Vanessa Wieck, Heather Merklin, Dylan Zweggardt, Nathan Wright, Marcus Moore, Michael Confer, January Fiedler, Dallas Walz, Jeremy Peter, Carla Semler.

Casket bearers were Jerry Moore, Craig Peter, John Navarro, Mike Sherlock, Fred Waufle, Ryan Zweggardt.

Interment was in the St. Francis Cemetery, St. Francis.

Arrangements by Knodel Funeral Home.

## Judy Davis

Nov. 28, 1947 - Oct. 14, 2002

Judy Davis was born Nov. 28, 1947, in Streeter, N.D., to Arthur and Edna (Kubler) Schultes. She died Oct. 14, 2002, in Sterling, Colo.

Judy attended Streeter High



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School in Streeter and graduated from there in 1965. She then attended Rapid City Business College for two years.

After business school, Judy worked at Espe Printing Company for two years before moving to Denver, Colo., in 1969, where she worked at Majestic Savings and Loan.

She met Denny Davis while in Denver, and they were married on Oct. 17, 1970. They moved to Goodland, Kan., in 1973, where their children were born.

In 1981, they moved to St. Francis where they owned a small business, Pal-Mor Recreation for 15 years.

In 1996, they sold the restaurant and went into "semi-retirement" in Sterling. In Sterling, Judy worked part-time at OK Auto Part until she got sick in 2002.

She was a member of Boots in Motion, The Sterling Does and Christian Womens Club.

Judy will be remembered for her passion to play cards and dance all night long, and she also enjoyed bowling.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Denny Davis in 1998; sister, Dyann Schweigert in 1982; sister, Stella Schultes in 1957; mother, Edna Schultes in September 2002; and father, Art Schultes in 1962.

Survivors include son, Brian Don Davis, Hermosa Beach, Calif.; daughter, Tobi Michelle Davis, Fairfax, Va.; brothers Clifford Schultes, Streeter, and Ruben Schultes, Jamestown, N.D., and sister, Joyce Wentz of Williston, N. D.

Funeral service was Oct. 18 at the First Presbyterian Church in Sterling with Reverend Steven Schorr officiating.

Burial was in Eckley Cemetery in Eckley, Colo.

Memorial contributions may be sent to the Hospice of the Plains at Tennant Funeral Home, P.O. Box 1547, Sterling, CO 80751.

## Darral D. Craft

Aug. 30, 1932 - Oct. 13, 2002

Darral D. Craft, 70, Sherman County, Kan., resident, died Sunday, Oct. 13, 2002, at the Goodland Regional Medical Center.

He was born Aug. 30, 1932, at the family's sod home northeast of Edson, the son of Elva (Dillinger) and Everett Craft. He graduated from high school at Edson Consolidated School in 1950.

On Aug. 9, 1950, he and Connie Wiggins were married at Oakland, Md.

Being involved with and attending his children's and grandchildren's events were the times he most enjoyed, as well as being a 4-H club leader. He enjoyed farming and also working in his shop with wood-working projects.

His memberships included the Brewster Lions Club, Goodand Elks Lodge 1528, Brewster Co-op Board, and Pleasant Home Church. He also attended the Goodland Bible Church.

Preceding him in death were his parents, and his wife Connie Craft, who died April 12, 2002.

Surviving family members include three children, Debra Cook and her husband, Brent, Edson; Steve Craft, Edson; Diane Krayca and her husband, Danny, Goodland; seven grandchildren: Kimberley Cook, Ashley Cook, Lisa Craft, Michael Craft, Kathryn Craft, Kristopher Krayca, Jason Krayce; one brother Jesse Craft and his wife, Doris, Goodland and one sister-in-law, Janice Miller, Sterling, Colo.

The funeral was held Friday, Oct. 18 at the Goodland Bible Church, with Pastor John Siebert officiating. Burial followed in the Goodland Cemetery.

Memorials may be given to Sherman County 4-H and may be left at Koons Funeral Home, Goodland.

## Mary Darlene Schields

Sept. 27, 1925 - Oct. 15, 2002

Mary Darlene Schields, 77, longtime Sherman County, Kan., resident died Tuesday, Oct. 15, 2002, at Memorial Hospital in Colorado Springs, Colo.

She was born Sept. 27, 1925, at Mankato, the daughter of Nina (Dillon) and Alvin "Babe" Saint. She graduated from Goodland High School.

On June 29, 1946, she and Fred H. Schields were married in Goodland.

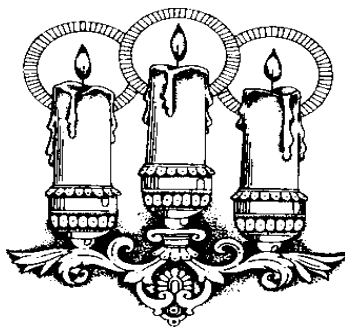
She attended the First United Methodist church and was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary and Elks Lodge 1528 Auxiliary.

Preceding her in death were her husband Fred H. Schields; one son, Stanley Ray Schields; her parents; two brothers Max Saint and Neil Saint; and one sister Betty Wieck.

Surviving family members include four children, Gail Ann Rooney and her husband, Tom, Lawrence, and their children, Shane and Shauna; Fred Schields, Jr., and his wife, Jeanie, Goodland, and their children, Tiffany, Tahnee, Tatum and Tennille; Dave Schields and his wife, Jeannie, Goodland, and their children, Crystal, Heather, Michael and Daniel; Brad Schields and his wife, Dana, Goodland, and their children, Brittany, Cortney, Lindsay and Whitney; and one sister Peggy Baird and her husband, Rodney, Salem, Ore.

The funeral was Thursday, Oct. 17 at the First United Methodist Church, Goodland, with Reverend Janet Hernandez officiating.

Memorials may be given to Girls Athletic Association, Goodland High School, and may be left at Koons Funeral Home, Goodland.



THE BED OF THE TRUCK which was at the Windmill Restaurant in September has now been installed on the truck. Notice the size of the men and truck beside the wheels of the dump truck.

## Huge dump bed installed

At the first of September, there was a huge piece of machinery parked out at the Windmill Restaurant on west U.S. 36. It sat there for over a week and people were curious as to what "it" was and where "it" was going. The answer, of course, was to Wyoming where it was going to be a dump bed on a huge

truck in the coal mines. On Monday, Pat Rose, owner of the restaurant, brought in pictures of the bed finally installed on the truck.

Roland and Mo David of San Antonio, Texas, were in charge of moving the piece of machinery and it took days to line up permits and work out routes

to the site. However, it arrived and Mo sent photos to Pat to show the dump bed still on the truck bed and then installed on the truck. Mo said to look at the size of the men next to the big tires on the truck. In the right of the picture is another chassis from the front that is the radiator.

## October is Cooperative month

October marks National Cooperative Month and there are a number of businesses in the county which join 120 million people across the nation in solving problems and enjoying a better life because they are cooperatives. More than 48,000 co-ops exist for farming, banking, healthcare, housing, electric and telephone service, grocery retailing and many other products and services.

Businesses focus on advancing value-added agricultural processing and marketing activities for themselves and new cooperatives with the aim being to enable producers to retain ownership of their commodity further into the processing channel, enhancing their returns on investments and getting more profit out of their production.

Today, cooperatives explores new ways for producers to get more profit out of their agricultural production. The average farmer has to grow more commodities each year in order to

stay in business. It is no secret that turning farm products into consumer goods can be very profitable. With numerous economic challenges many farmers and farmer-owned co-ops are looking into doing more with production than simply selling or moving the raw commodity.

Cooperatives involve farmers, consumers, employees, small businesses, local officials and neighborhood and rural community residents who want cooperative action for greater rural development. As examples, Colorado farmers formed a co-op, bought a bakery and purchased an elevator to market quality wheat. Michigan growers are currently developing canned ready-to-eat organic soybeans. All of these projects and others like them aim to get farmers and ranchers further into the marketing, processing and distribution channels of our nation's food and fiber industry.

Three of the cooperatives in Cheyenne County, Wheeler Equity Exchange, Prairie Land Electric Cooperative and St. Francis Equity, have an ad saluting National Cooperative Month on page 9 of the *St. Francis Herald* and page 6 of the *Bird City Times*.



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