

Obituaries

Mrs. Ruth Rudder Thoman

June 3, 1931 - Oct. 12, 2002
Mrs. Ruth Rudder Thoman, age 71, a longtime resident of Floyd County, Rome, Ga., died Saturday, Oct. 12, 2002, at her residence.

Mrs. Thoman was born in Benkelman, Neb., on June 3, 1931, daughter of the late Thomas J. and Daisy Harper Rudder. She was a bookkeeper and homemaker for most of her life. Mrs. Thoman was of the Baptist faith and was past president of the Junior Women's Club in Atlanta.

She was preceded in death by both parents; her husband, Robert M. Thoman, on Aug. 14, 1990, to whom she was married Feb. 22, 1953; and by a son, Thomas William Thoman, on April 28, 2000.

Survivors include two daughters, Sheryl Carroll and her husband, Joe, of Rome, and Patricia Korwin and her husband, Joe, of Greenville, S.C.; one brother, Glen H. Rudder of Genoa, Colo.; four grandchildren, Christina Buffington and her husband, Kent of Rome, Stephen T. Bailey of Rome, Victoria A. Carroll of Rome and Joey Korwin of Greenville, S.C.; three great-grandchildren, Misty and Mary Jo Buffington of Rome and Joseph Wyatt Carroll of Rome; nieces and nephews also survive.

The funeral service for Mrs. Thoman was held Oct. 16 from the graveside at East View Cemetery. Dr. Steve Andrews and the Reverend Sam Dulaney will officiate.

Active pallbearers included Joe Carroll, Stephen Bailey, Kent Buffington, Edgar King, Jeffrey Hughes and Aaron Carroll.

Honorary pall bearers included M.A. Padgett, Nathan Davis, Mark Dewielier, Jim Carroll and Neal Selman.

Robert E. Alsup

Oct. 18, 1922 - Nov. 4, 2002
Robert E. "Bob" Alsup, 80, Estes Park, Colo., died Monday, Nov. 4, 2002, at his home. He was born Oct. 18, 1922, to Erna (Schuhmann) and Robert E. Alsup at Kopperl, Texas.

Mr. Alsup grew up in New Mexico where he graduated from high school. In 1942, he joined the U.S. Navy; he was sent to school at Harvard and Notre Dame. He served in the Pacific Theater Operation.

He finished school prior to his service, receiving a bachelor's degree in accounting and political science from the University of New Mexico. He received a doctorate in jurisprudence from the University of Colorado.

He married Margaret Slattery on June 20, 1946, in Omaha, Neb. He practiced law in St. Francis for 16 years and later purchased Cheyenne County State Bank in St. Francis operating that for 29 years.

In St. Francis he was a member of the Rotary Club, the Knights of Columbus and the Chamber of Commerce. He also served on the school board, the city and county boards and the American Legion. He was the head of the Building Committee to build the Catholic Church in St. Francis in 1965.

In 1992, he and his wife purchased a home in Estes Park and moved there permanently in 1994. In Estes Park, he was a member of Our Lady of the Mountains Catholic Church, the Rotary Club of Estes Park and the Knights of the Belt Buckle (K.B.B.). He had served on the Art Center Board and the Estes Park Library Board. He and his wife spent their winters in Scottsdale, Ariz., where he attended Our Lady of Joy Catholic Church in Carefree, Ariz. After Bob and Margaret moved to their "paradise" in Estes Park, he loved

spending his free time hiking and enjoying the beauty of the area. He had a particular passion for reading and constant education. His favorite author was Robert Frost and he loved to read his poems aloud to his wife and children. Bob was a loving and caring husband and father and a generous and giving friend who was well loved by all who knew him. He enjoyed wood-working and building and working with his hands. He enjoyed his years in banking in St. Francis and had a gift for helping people attain their dreams. He was loved and admired by employees and customers alike.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Survivors include his wife, Margaret Alsup of Estes Park; sons, Robert Kevin (Victoria) Alsup, Phoenix, Ariz., Shawn Christopher (Dalaina) Alsup, Sterling, Colo.; Eric Michael (Christina) Alsup, Florence, Italy, Joseph Brendan (Elizabeth) Alsup, Scottsdale, Ariz.; daughters, Pamela Ann (Henry A.) Oster, Ventura, Calif.; Melanie Susan (Darrell) Bandel, Overland Park; brother, Ken Theo Alsup, Louisville, Ky.; sisters Elsie Beth Fryer, Manhattan, Ernestine Schotsch, Pittsburgh, Pa.; 14 grandchildren, and three step grandchildren;

The Mass of Christian Burial, officiated by Reverend Grzegorz J. Cioch, was held at 10 a.m. Friday, Nov. 8 at Our Lady of the Mountains Catholic Church.

A rosary service was held Nov. 7 at the Allnutt Funeral Chapel.

Burial was at Estes Valley Memorial Gardens, Estes Park, Colo.

Clarence Rudolph Rieb

May 19, 1928 - Oct. 31, 2002

Clarence Rudolph Rieb died on Thursday, Oct. 31, 2002. He was born on May 19, 1928, in St. Francis, Kan., one of nine children born to William and Clara Miller Rieb. Both of his parents were of German families that had come to the United States after having settled for some generations in the Odessa region of Russia. He was baptized at the Hope Valley Lutheran Church near St. Francis, and was confirmed at Zion Lutheran in St. Francis.

In 1946, Clarence joined the Marines and served for three years in the Philippines. He returned to Kansas and became a church worker for the American Lutheran Church in 1952, working one year in the United States building mission churches, then going to Papua, New Guinea, where he continued that work for three years. He was active in the Luther League both prior to and after his return.

He and Barbara Ochsner were married in Goodland, in 1959. They moved from Kansas to Denver in 1963 with their three children, Tim, Karlys and Karyn. They were active in their local Lutheran congregation, their children attended Lutheran schools from grade school through high school, and the family became members of Lutheran Valley Ranch in 1965. Clarence was active as a board member with Lutheran Valley Ranch and at his home congregation. He helped with various projects at Lutheran Valley Ranch and Retreat, the most memorable being the building and donation of a cross-shaped window which still graces the main lodge building at the retreat.

Clarence had a strong work-ethic, and his carpentry and hand-work skills translated into several long-term positions with companies in the Denver area, including Pella Windows, where he worked on specialty windows. He worked for the past 14 years for Labor Saving Devices, an entrepreneurial business which he joined when they were still

home-based. He was proud to be part of that business and watch it grow to the thriving enterprise it is today.

He was preceded in death by his parents, sister Elsie and brother Frederick.

He is survived by his wife, Barbara; son Tim Rieb and his wife, Donnie of Brewster, Wash.; daughter Karlys Rieb of Littleton; daughter Karyn Rieb Brettillo and her husband, Nick of Lake-wood; granddaughters Lisa and Kristie Rieb, Kellie Bodin and her husband, Dave, great-granddaughter Megan Bodin of Washington; brothers Edwin and Marvin; sisters, Edna, Deloris, Darlene and Iona; numerous nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

The service was held Monday, Nov. 4, at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church with Reverend Karen Weissenbuehler officiating. There was cremation. Burial will be in the Goodland cemetery at a later date.

Memorials may be made to the Lutheran Valley Ranch, P.O. Box 1352, Colorado Springs, CO 80901.

Edna W. Vig

April 12, 1922 - Nov. 3, 2002

Edna W. Vig, 80, Brush, Colo., died Sunday, Nov. 3, 2002, at her home with family, following her battle with cancer. She was born April 12, 1922, in Cheyenne County, Kan., to Carl and Hulda Peters. Edna spent her early years on her parents' farm south of Bird City, where she also attended school. She married Howard L. Amsbery in St. Francis in 1939 and he died in 1960. She then married Ole N. Vig in 1967.

Edna resided in the Brush community for over 50 years. After earning her LPN degree, she worked as a nurse at the local hospital and nursing homes. This was a very special part of her life. After her retirement, she enjoyed doing crafts and most of all, spending time with her family. Edna was a member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church.

Survivors include two sons, Gerald Amsbery of Littleton, Colo., and Marlin Amsbery of Centennial, Colo.; two daughters, Karen Teter of Salt Lake City, Utah, and Patty Chartier of Brush; three brothers, Ervin Peters of Bird City, Melvin Peters of Evans, Colo., and Dale Peters of Erie, Colo.; 12 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husbands, parents, two infant brothers, one sister and one grandchild.

The funeral service was Thursday, Nov. 7, at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Brush.

Interment will be in the Brush Memorial Cemetery.

Friends who wish may make memorial gifts to the Bethlehem Lutheran Church or Morgan County Hospice.

Edith Belle Banister Bartlett

April 30, 1913 - Nov. 9, 2002

Edith Belle Banister Bartlett was born the seventh of nine children of Alice and John Banister in Bird City, Kan., on April 30, 1913. She lived most of her life in Bird City, going all the way through school there and graduating in 1930. She loved going to school, playing basketball, singing in a girl's sextet and finishing a normal training course which prepared her for teaching one year in Vona, Colo.

She was a member of the Methodist Church in Bird City where she sang in the church choir for nearly 60 years. It was there she met Wilbur Bartlett and they were married in the church parsonage on June 1, 1931.

Edith and Wilbur made their home on the farm north of Bird City where his parents lived. It was while living there that they were blessed with four daughters and one son, Bruce Allen, who died

in infancy. Living through the Depression years on a farm in northwest Kansas had to have been difficult, but Marj, Sue, Karel and Connie don't remember being poor or deprived. They remember the love, the laughter, the music and the contentment. Edith was always involved with her girls' activities: school, plays, piano lessons, recitals and concerts, band practice, sporting events, senior trips and so on.

She was a wonderful cook. The Sunday dinners and holiday family celebrations are wonderful memories for the family. She was the last survivor of the big, loving Banister family.

Edith's husband, Wilbur, died in June, 1983. A few years following his death, she moved to Fort Morgan, Colo., where she made her home until she died Nov. 9, 2002, having lived the last year of her life in Eben Ezer Lutheran Care Center in Brush, Colo.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband Wilbur, her son Bruce; her sisters: Eula Jones, Amy Eggers, Vada Neidig and Ollie Underwood; her brothers: Melvin, Richard, Jack and Kenneth Banister and a great-grandson, Jeremy Taylor Brundrett.

Her survivors include her four daughters: Marj and her husband, Jim Kramer, Phillipsburg, Sue and her husband, Jarry Schaefer, Fort Morgan, Colo., Karel and her husband, Stan Clift, Denver, Colo.; and Connie and her husband, Dave Turner, Colorado Springs, Colo.; 11 grandchildren and 27 great-grandchildren: Nancy and Gene Larcade, Jordan and Aaron, Jared and Justin Poole; Kathy

and Chris Abbe, Heather and Kristin; Lori and Dave Nafie, and Allison, Brandon and Caitlin Brundrett; Jennifer and Brad Lee, James, Elijah and Krista; Brad and Tara Schaefer, Courtney, Kelsey and Camille; Beth and Blake Wallace and Chase; Barry and Kristie Schaefer and Collin; Chere and Frank Ferraiuolo, Talia, Nick and Lindsay; Ryan and Jan Holland and Shannon; Debbie and Kent Knudsen, Fisher, Olivia and Ivy, and Pam and Brent Bettolo, Devon and Tyler and many nieces and nephews.

Edith's memorial celebration was held at the United Methodist Church in Bird City on Nov. 14 with Reverend Phil Tarmann of the Fort Morgan United Methodist Church and Doug Mason of the Bird City United Methodist Church officiating.

Pallbearers were Ryan Holland, Brad Schaefer, Barry Schaefer, John Eggers, Ken Beougher and Brandon Brundrett.

Music was provided by Helen Witner, Barbara Beougher, Barry Schaefer, Jennifer Lee and Marj Kramer.

Interment was in the Bird City Cemetery.

Martina Unrein Flax

April 14, 1924 - Nov. 6, 2002

Martina Unrein Flax, 78, died Wednesday, Nov. 6, 2002, at Ellis (Kan.) Good Samaritan Center.

She was born April 14, 1924, in Schoenchen to Jacob and Appolonia (Kreutzer) Unrein.

She married Ingatius W. Flax on Jan. 7, 1947, in La Crosse. She was a member of St. Mary Catholic Church and Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary,

both of Ellis.

Survivors include her husband, of the home; two sons, Leon, Dodge City, and Leroy, WaKeeney; eight daughters, Martina Thomas, Noponee, Neb., Shirley Peintner Strickert, Scott City, Cecilia Werth, Hays, Catherine Webber, Franklin, Neb., Mary Jane Knapp, WaKeeney, Elaine Riedell, WaKeeney, Gladys Owens, St. Francis and Corona Hoch, Medicine Lodge; three brothers, Marvin Unrein, Scott City, Kenneth Unrein, Roland Heights, Calif.; and Gary Unrein, Lincoln, Neb.; three sisters, Mildred Kirmer, Great Bend, Ruth Slater, Great Bend, and Hedy Buel, Timken; 34 grandchildren; a step-granddaughter, 11 great-grandchildren; five step-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Mildred Werth, two brothers, James and Edwin Unrein, and four sisters, Mary Weber, and three infant sisters, Catherine, Rose and Elizabeth.

The service was held Saturday, Nov. 9, at St. Mary Catholic Church, Ellis, with Father Larry Letourneau officiating.

Casket bearers were Tony Flax, Mathew Thomas, Dustin Peintner, Shane Werth, Jon Webber, Craig Knapp, Curtis Flax, Heath Owens.

Honorary casket bearers were grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Burial was in St. Mary's Church Cemetery. A prayer service was held Friday evening at the church.

Memorials are suggested to St. Mary School or the church.



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