

Obituaries

Gary Edward Ross

Aug. 24, 1944 - Dec. 1, 2002

Gary Edward Ross was born Aug. 24, 1944, in St. Francis, Kan., to Eddie Edward and Doris Irene Walkey Ross, who lived on a farm southwest of St. Francis.

Gary died suddenly Dec. 1, 2002, in the emergency room at University Hospital in Denver.

Gary grew up in St. Francis, attended schools there and graduated with the class of 1963. He attended Kansas State University before taking a technical course and becoming a floral designer. He worked at this trade for several years in Greeley and Denver. He was widely known as a creator of beautiful arrangements and continued to assist florists the rest of his life.

He changed careers in the 1970s and worked as a machinist. He did delicate work for Redfield Company, making rifle scopes, until an industrial accident forced his retirement. He moved back to St. Francis and worked for the United States Census Bureau.

His church and living out his faith were important to Gary. He was baptized in the Christian Church and was an active lifelong member, often singing and working on church projects.

Gary was a generous person, always willing to share his artistic talents and his garden produce. He frequently and cheerfully assisted those who needed his help, especially his aunt, Mildred Warner.

Survivors include his older brother, Keith Ross and wife, Rosalie, of Atwood; nephews, Scott Ross and wife, Kathy, of Stockton and Robb Ross and wife, Julie, of Colby; niece, Shannon Ross of Dallas, Texas; great-nephews, Riley and Seth Ross; great-nieces, Jessica, Katie and Kari Ross; and several cousins, including a double cousin, Carol Ross Rogers.

He was preceded in death by his parents and nephew, Stuart Keith Ross.

Funeral services were held from the Christian Church in St. Francis with Pastor Richard Garcia officiating. Special music was provided by Gleneva Higley and Rod Eisenbise.

Casket bearers were Gordon Rogers, Gordon Ross, Glenn Schliep, Pat Stuart, Bert Follett and Wendell Warner. Burial was in St. Francis Cemetery.

A memorial service was held at Central Christian Church in Denver where Gary had been an active member for many years.

Knodel Funeral Home in St. Francis was in charge of arrangements.

Eugene Zuspann

Feb. 8, 1915 - Dec. 5, 2002

Eugene P. Zuspann, 87, a 1933 Sherman County (Kansas) High School graduate, died Thursday, Dec. 5, 2002, in Englewood, Colo.



Zuspann

He was born Feb. 8, 1915, in Goodland. He lettered in football, basketball and track in high school.

Mr. Zuspann played on the golf team at the University of Nebraska and graduated from the university's law school in 1939.

He served in the Army during World War II. He was licensed to practice law in Colorado, Kansas and Nebraska but was inactive in Nebraska. He still worked part time.

Mr. Zuspann played competitive amateur golf for much of his life and played in the U.S. Open, U.S. Amateur, U.S. Senior Amateur and the U.S. Senior Open. He was the chairman of the U.S. Senior Amateur in 1976 and served on the U.S. Golf Association Committees for many years.

Mr. Zuspann also enjoyed watching college and professional football, college basketball, golf and any sport involving the University of Nebraska.

Preceding him in death was his wife, Margaret Louise Zuspann.

Survivors include a daughter, Ann Zuspann of Utah; a son, Eugene (Diane) Zuspann of Denver; and two grandchildren.

A memorial service was held Tuesday, Dec. 10 at the Goodland Elks Lodge. Any memorials may be made to the charity of your choice.

Viola Lenore (Schorzman) Bandel

March 2, 1912 - Dec. 6, 2002

Viola Lenore Bandel, daughter of Dominick and Lydia (Orth) Schorzman, was born March 2, 1912, at Alpena, S.D. On March 27, 1912, she was presented to the Lord in the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. As a child she moved with her parents, brothers and sisters to St. Francis, Kan. Reverend O.H. Zeilinger confirmed Viola into the faith of the Lutheran church at the Salem Lutheran Church on Aug. 16, 1931.

On April 16, 1931, she was united in marriage to August T. Bandel. To this union two children were born, Martha and Delmer. The family lived west of St. Francis until 1974, when they moved to Kanorado.

She died Dec. 6, 2002, at Goodland Regional Medical Center at the age of 90 years.

Left to mourn her passing are her two children, Martha (Stanley) Pettibone, Kanorado, Delmer (friend Lori) Bandel, Salineville, Ohio; special friend, Paul Shepard, Kanorado; grandsons, Greg (Sally) Pettibone, Jay (Janell) Pettibone, Kanorado, Troy Bandel, Drasco, Ariz., Scot (Kelly) Bandel, Des Moines, Iowa, Cory (Christy) Bandel, Manhattan; granddaughter, Kimberly (John) Morton, Aurora, Colo.; great-grandchildren, Cody and Britany Pettibone, Hannah Morton, Andrew and Danielle Pettibone; brothers, Clarence (Dorlyne) Schorzman, Lamar, Mo.; Ruben (Betty) Schorzman, Jasper, Mo., and many friends and relatives.

She was preceded in death by her husband, parents, four sisters and eight brothers.

Funeral service was held at the Salem Lutheran Church on Dec. 10. Pastor Chris Farmer in charge with burial in the Salem Lutheran Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Greg Pettibone, Jay Pettibone, Scot Bandel, Cory Bandel, John Morton and Dan Schorzman.

Katie Andrijeski

April 21, 1902 - Nov. 22, 2002

Katie E. Andrijeski, 100, of Fort Collins, Colo., died Friday, Nov. 22, 2002, at Poudre Valley Hospital.

A prayer vigil was held Sunday, Nov. 24, at Bohlander Funeral Chapel. A Mass of Christian burial was held Monday, Nov. 25, at St. Joseph Catholic Church. Father Dennis K. Ryan officiated. Interment was

at Resthaven Memory Gardens.

Katie Kinen was born April 21, 1902, in St. Francis, Kan., to Gerhard and Catherine Weisenborn Kinen. Katie was the youngest of four children and she rode her pony to the one-room school when it was in session and helped with the farming when it wasn't. She herded cattle, helped in the field and performed her assigned chores.

When she was 12, she was entrusted to drive a wagon alone 10 miles to St. Francis and back to deliver produce, wheat, broomcorn or butter and eggs. Her reward was to have lunch at the town cafe.

She became proficient playing the church organ and piano. The priest in St. Francis suggested she go to Atwood, a few miles east, to study further. While there, she stayed with Mr. and Mrs. Joe Sramek.

After she returned home, Mrs. Sramek wrote to Katie about John Andrijeski, a young, handsome drug-gist living in Stratton, Neb., a few miles north of Atwood. A gathering of friends was arranged at the park in Wray to give the two a chance to meet. She married John J. W. Andrijeski on Nov. 8, 1927, in St. Francis. He preceded her in death March 31, 1981.

During retirement years, Katie and John enjoyed traveling around the world. After John's death, Katie continued to travel as much as possible. She visited every continent except Antarctica.

She moved to Fort Collins in 1942 from Stratton.

Katie was a member of the St. Joseph Catholic Church, St. Martha Legion of Mary and the Farm Bureau.

She is survived by three sons, John Andrijeski of Kersey, Colo., Frank Andrijeski of Reno, Nev., and Vincent Andrijeski of Aromas, Calif.; two daughters, Clara Panella of Fort Collins and Rose Cloet of Sutton, Ne.; 21 grandchildren and 24-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband and a son, Robert Andrijeski.

Memorial contributions may be made to a charity of choice.

Claribel Shaw Bell

Feb. 1, 1917 - Dec. 2, 2002

Claribel Shaw Bell was born Feb. 1, 1917, in Bonus, Texas, the oldest child of George Hilton and Minnie Letha Cruse Shaw. She died Dec. 2, 2002, in Denver, Colo., at the age of 85 years, 10 months, and one day.

In her early childhood, the family moved to Caldwell, Texas, where Claribel and her three younger brothers grew up. She trusted Jesus as her Savior and was baptized at age 16.

She graduated third in her high school class of 1935, and attended Mary Hardin Baylor College for two years. Her dream was to become an English teacher, but the Great Depression necessitated her leaving college and working to help her family. She took a position in the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service (ASCS) office in Caldwell, where she eventually met her boss' former college roommate, Clarence Bell.

Clarence and Claribel were married Nov. 4, 1939, in Tucson, Ariz. To their union, a daughter, Pamela Sue, was born. Their first four years of marriage were spent at the University of Arizona where Clarence had a teaching position. Some of the highlights of that time included serv-

ing as houseparents in a men's dormitory, and spending a summer on a government sheep research station in Idaho. Many lifelong friendships were made during those four years.

In 1943, they moved to Clarence's hometown of McDonald, Kan., where she spent the remainder of her life, coming to love the farm, the countryside, and the wonderful people of the area.

Claribel was active in church and community as long as health permitted. She was a member of the McDonald Federated Church, and taught Sunday school for many years. She worked with the Brownie Scouts, 4-H and YWCA. She and Clarence liked to square dance and play bridge with several groups. She was also a member of the Town and Country Garden Club.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Clarence; her parents; her brother Henry Shaw; parents-in-law Joe and Florence Bell; brothers-in-law Claude Bell and wife, Marie, and Marion Bell; sister-in-law Rena Wilmoth and husband, Holly.

Those who remain to mourn her passing and celebrate her life include her daughter, son-in-law, and grandson, Pam, Dan and Alex Thomas of McDonald; stepgrandson and wife, Ward and Tanya Thomas and children Lucretia, Ean, Natalie and Nathan of Phillipsburg; brother and wife, George and Darlene Shaw of Seabrook, Texas; brother and wife, Leon and Doris Shaw and sister-in-law Frances Shaw, all of Caldwell; nieces Mary Herbel and family, Dawn Chumak and family, Karen Schulze and family, Linda Piwonka and family, Oleta Shaw and family and Claudia Matcek and family; nephews Ron Bell and family, Ken Shaw and family, Mike Shaw and Raynard Shaw; and other relatives and many friends.

Claribel treasured her family and prized her friends. Her sincere caring about everyone drew people to her. She brought Southern graciousness and dignity to everything she did, and a deep faith in God and Jesus Christ guided her life. She will be greatly missed.



VAN BURRUS, a member of the Lions Club and Matt Whitmore, a Boy Scout are helping the Cheyenne County Salvation Army raise fund to be used to help those in need locally.

Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

The Breaks featured in magazine

Tobe Zwegardt, local historian, has been talking about his tour with Marci Penner, Kansas Sampler Foundation Director, who visited The Breaks north of St. Francis, noting that this area would soon be featured in *Kansas!* And, it is now printed in the Winter 2002 issue which recently hit the stands.

The photo of The Breaks spreads over much of two pages and shows the rugged terrain in color.

The Breaks article began with "The morning sun was a large ball of orange-red barely peeking over the cornfields surrounding Colby as 43 members of the Kansas Explorers Club got onto a bus for group adventure 5 — A two-day bus tour of northwest Kansas."

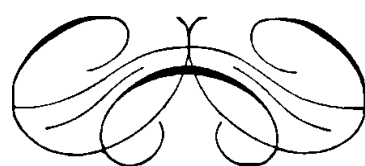
The group traveled through Rawlins county, traveling the sandy back roads and learning about the 1875 Battle of Sappa Creek, the last American Indian raid in Kansas during which a group of Cheyenne Indians were surprised and killed. They went on to where the Dewey-Barry Feud took place and then stopped at the McDonald Grocery in McDonald, just 25 miles from St. Francis. The tour members enjoyed breakfast in the feel of an old-time general store.

From McDonald, they drove on to St. Francis where they picked up Mr. Zwegardt and Milton Lampe who served as tour guides as they headed north to the Arikaree Breaks. Mr. Zwegardt told about the 350 historical sites and areas of interest in the county but The Breaks was the surprise of the tour.

The article tells about the "land suddenly falling away from the high prairies and opening up into the ripples of deep canyons." Mr. Zwegardt also directed the Explorers to the Three Corners area where Kansas, Nebraska and Colorado meet and to the Cherry Creek Encampment and the memorial to the Cheyenne Indians who survived the Sand Creek massacre.

The Explorers went on to Colby and to see other unique and interesting sites in northwest Kansas.

For more information about The Breaks and other interesting sites in Cheyenne County, contact The St. Francis Area Chamber of Commerce, the Cheyenne County Museum or talk to Mr. Zwegardt. People may also be interested in stopping by the McDonald Grocery and visiting with owner Brenda Johnson. Look around — people will not have to go far to find pieces of history and unique sites right here in the area.



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