

Obituary

Emil Peter

Dec. 10, 1907 - Feb. 12, 2003

Longtime Kansas resident Emil Peter died Feb. 12, 2003, at Holly Heights Care Center in Denver, Colo. He was 95 years old.

Emil was born in Cheyenne County, Kan., on Dec. 10, 1907, the eldest child of Jacob W. Peter, Jr., and Katharina Hoerth. He was baptized on March 8, 1908, and was confirmed at an early age in the Zion Evangelical Church, which later merged with the Methodist Church. He remained a member of this faith at the time of his death. He attained an eighth-grade education.

Emil lost his mother at the tender age of nine. Joining his father and two younger brothers as wife and stepmother was Anna Wagner, who brought into the fold a small step-sister, Lila. To the latter union, two daughters were born, Irene and Mildred.

On May 17, 1931, Emil was united in marriage to Emma (Em) Eikenberg. This union of 70 years was blessed with six children: Willard, Royce, Lavonne, Janice, Dallas and Sherry.

Surviving Emil are children Willard Peter, daughter-in-law Arlene Peter, Lavonne Zwegardt (Delmer), Dallas Peter (Norma Jean) and Sherry Schultz (Eddy). Also, a sister Mildred Burr and sister-in-law Helen Peter, 12 grandchildren and their spouses, 17 great-grandchildren, one great-great-grandson and four step-great-grandchildren, as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Emil was preceded in death by his loving wife Em; son Royce; daughter Janice in infancy; daughters-in-law Barbara Peter and Ruth Peter; parents; brothers Reuben and Herbert; sisters Irene in early childhood and Lila; brothers-in-law Marion Drummond and Andrew Burr; sister-in-law Hazel Peter and great-grandson, Bobby Krien. He was also preceded in death by Em's parents and all nine of her siblings and their spouses.

Emil and Em began their married life in Sherman County, where Emil quickly established himself as an excellent farmer and cattleman and earned the reputation as an honest, hard-working man and good provider for his family. He won the Sherman County Corn Husking Contest in 1931 and placed second in the state contest. In 1953, he was a pioneer in the art of irrigation, having the first deep well for this purpose in Sherman County. He served for 13 years as a member and chairman of the St. Francis Equity Board of Directors. He was a loving husband, father and grandfather, dearly loving to have his family around him.

Emil enjoyed hunting big game, and in 1963, when he and Em semi-retired and moved to St. Francis, he became quite an avid fisherman, which he enjoyed immensely. He also enjoyed many spectator sports. He will be sadly missed by his family, friends and all who knew and loved him.

A funeral service was held at the St. Francis United Methodist Church on Feb. 17 with Pastor Doug Mason officiating.

Honorary pallbearers were Robert Zimbelman, Junior Smull, Pete Kinen, Bill Fuller, Clarence Roberson, Steve Danielski and Andre Moseley.

Casket bears were grandsons Dana Zwegardt, Darol Peter,

Geoffrey Peter, Tom DeHerrera, Gaylord Krien, David Krien, Greg Peter, Jack Hausback, Curt Peter and Bob Gross.

Memorials may be given to the St. Francis United Methodist Church, Hospice or Shiner's Hospitals.

"Just a farmer," you said
And I laughed 'cause I knew
All the things that farmers
Must be able to do.
They must study the land,
Then watch the sky
And figure just when
Is the right time and why
To sow and to plant
To buy and to sell
To go to the market
With Cattle and well
You know the books
That farmers must keep
To pay all those taxes
And be able to sleep
And you know the fixin'
That farmers must do
When machines like mad mon-
sters
Blow a gasket or two.
I guess when God needed
Folks to care for His earth
He chose "just farmers"
'Cause He knew their true
worth.

Helen G. Coon

Otto Ernest Bader

July 16, 1919 - Jan. 13, 2003

Otto Ernest Bader, age 83, died at Livingston (Mont.) Memorial Hospital on Jan. 13, 2003, following a long illness. A funeral service was held at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Livingston at 10 a.m., Jan. 16, followed by burial at the Wilsall Cemetery. A reception was held at the Wilsall (Mont.) Senior Center following the graveside committal.

Otto was buried on the anniversary date of his enlistment to the Marine Corps, January 16. He was buried with full military honors, performed by active duty military personnel from nearby bases. Two Marines and a Naval medic acted as honor guard; giving a 21-gun salute. The Marines presented the United States flag to the family as the seaman played *Taps*.

Otto, of German ancestry, was born the seventh of nine children to Michael and Sophia Bader on July 16, 1919, at their home in Cheyenne County, Kan. In 1911 his parents and three oldest siblings left their home in Nesselrode, Russia, to homestead north of St. Francis, Kan., where Otto received his education from the St. Francis public schools. Being raised in a strong Christian home, he was baptized and confirmed in the Salem Lutheran Church, in St. Francis.

A World War II veteran, he enlisted in the Marines on Jan. 16, 1942. He made staff sergeant while stationed at the Marine rifle range in LaJolla, Calif., where he was in charge of feeding 5,000 military personnel.

While home on leave in December of that year, he married Ann Imhoff. No children were born of this marriage.

Upon returning to duty, he was assigned to the Second Armored Amphibian Battalion and was stationed on the island of Saipan in the Marianas, south of Iwo Jima. When that duty was completed, he was then sent to Mauwai Island, Hawaii for rest and recuperation and to wait for his next assignment. While he was there, the war ended. After the

war, he was a driver for the Denver-Chicago Transport Truck Line; worked on harvest crews in Kansas, Colorado, Oklahoma and Texas; and worked as a journeyman carpenter in home and commercial construction. He then moved to Denver, Colorado, where he worked for McDowl and later Mayar-Osborn in the construction of concrete grain elevators.

It was here he met Alice Ellen Frazier and they were married July 4, 1952, at his parent's home in St. Francis.

In 1955 they settled in Garden City and he started his own business called, Grain Elevator Maintenance Company, Inc. In 1978 he retired and moved to Wilsall, where he was able to fulfill his lifelong dream of raising Morgan horses.

Over the years, he has always been an active church member, first of St. James Lutheran in Garden City, then Shields Valley Lutheran in Wilsall, and finally St. Paul's Lutheran in Livingston. He has served his Lord as council member, Sunday School Superintendent, and choir member.

Otto enjoyed fishing and all types of hunting all his life, and was a member of the Sand and Sage Rod and Gun Club for several years while in Garden City.

His parents, three sisters and two brothers preceded him in glory. He is survived by his wife Alice of the home; one daughter, Charlene and husband Rollie Truax of Wilsall; two stepdaughters, Delsie Bader of Grand Island, Neb., and Shirley Ann Heaton of Lakin; one sister, Meta Dankenbring of Bird City, Kansas; two brothers, Paul of Valentine, Nebraska, and Robert of Grand Island; 10 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren; nine great-great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

The family requests that memorials be made in Otto's name to the St. Paul's Lutheran Church Building Fund, 1116 W. Geysler, Livingston, MT 59047.

Club Clip

Merry Circle

Sixteen members of Merry Circle met at the United Methodist fellowship hall on Feb. 19.

Susan Roelfs presented the lesson "A Gift of a Lifetime." The lesson focused on coming together for a quiet day service in observance of a call to prayer and self-denial. Members lives and God's reign in their lives are gifts from God. Members respond in gratitude to the immeasurable gift of grace by love and service. The gift of service is a way of fulfilling the purpose of being. Deaconesses and missionaries are models of this gift, and today members honored and celebrated their contribution to the mission of Jesus Christ in the world. The scriptures were from Micah 6:6-8 and Matthew 13:44-50.

Hostesses Carol Rogers and Mary Lou Douthit served refreshments at the close of the meeting.



DENNON ZIMBELMAN and HEIDI ROHWEDER work on the computer in journalism class.

Students 'sweep' regionals

Feb. 20, members of the award-winning St. Francis Community High School yearbook staff arose in the predawn hours and at 5:30 a.m. sleepily made their way to the circle drive of the high school where they boarded three school suburbans and departed for Fort Hays State University in order to compete at regional journalism contest.

Students placed in 15 of the 17 categories they competed in. A first, second, third place or honorable mention qualified 19 members of the staff for the state journalism contest which will be held May 3 at the University of Kansas in Lawrence.

Individual placers included seniors Heather Culwell - second Newspaper Sports Writing, second Yearbook Photography; Jessica Flemming - honorable mention Yearbook Sports Writing; Brooke Kibel - honorable mention Infographics; Heather Merklin - second Editorial Writing; Heidi Rohweder - second Editing, honorable mention Advertising; Jenny Weems - second Feature Writing, honorable mention Theme Development and Graphics (team); Dennon Zimbelman - second Yearbook Sports Writing, honorable mention Theme Development and

Receives top rating

The 2002 Wigwam received an All-Kansas Award from the Kansas Scholastic Press Association, ranking it in the top 1 percent of yearbooks in the state of Kansas.

Yearbooks are judged in the categories of Concept, Coverage, Reporting and Design. The St. Francis High School book received an All-Kansas rating in

each category.

Proud Yearbook staffers beamed at receiving the prestigious award. "I felt really good about our All-Kansas award because I know how hard we worked," junior Janis Dodd said.

The yearbook staff is advised by Brenda Day who serves as a representative on the state Kansas Scholastic Press Association board.

Graphics (team). Juniors were Janis Dodd - honorable mention Feature Writing; Grant Keller - first Newspaper Photography; Meredith Knodel - first Theme Development and Graphics (team); Toni Rice - first Theme Development and Graphics (team), first Yearbook Copy Writing; Clancey Livingston - first Headline Writing; Dana Raile - honorable mention Editorial Writing. Sophomore qualifiers were Kelsey Dunn - third News Writing; Megan Ford - honorable mention Editing; Amy Grace - second Layout/Double Page Spread; Brooke Lucas honorable mention

Cutline Writing; Ale Tygart - second News Writing; Emily Walz - honorable mention Yearbook Copy.

The yearbook staff is advised by Brenda Day who serves as a representative on the state Kansas Scholastic Press Association board. "I'm thrilled to see so many students recognized for their fine work in journalism," Mrs. Day said. "We would have received almost twice as many points for a sweepstake prize (which is awarded at the state competition) as any of the other staffs competing in our division."

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