

Obituaries

Dale Jerome Loker

Sept. 7, 1923 - Oct. 6, 2003

Dale Jerome Loker, 80, died Monday, Oct. 6, 2003. Mr. Loker was born Sept. 7, 1923, in rural Rawlins County, Kan. In 1969 Dale accomplished and received his General Education Development (GED) diploma.

Dale loved farming and he farmed in Rawlins and Sherman counties.

He loved all sports and playing cards and in early years enjoyed golf and bowling.

Dale was a member of the Federated Church in McDonald. He was also a member of Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks in Goodland.

Dale was preceded in death by his parents Jerome and Elvie Loker, four sisters, one brother, a special niece and nephews.

He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Ratha Lea; son Chad and wife, LaDell; seven grandchildren of Buford, Ga; a brother Gayle "Tunney" Loker of McDonald, and many nieces, nephews, friends and loved ones.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Federated Church in McDonald.

A graveside service was held Thursday, Oct. 9 at Fairview Cemetery in Atwood with Reverend Gregory Moyer officiating.

Arrangement by Knodel Funeral Home, St. Francis.

Priscilla M. (Shanks) Wilkinson

Nov 30, 1942-Oct 1, 2003

Priscilla Wilkinson, a Colorado Springs resident for 35 years, died peacefully on Wednesday, Oct. 1, 2003, at home surrounded by family. She was 60 years young. Priscilla was born Nov. 30, 1942 in Colby, Kan., the daughter of Clifford J. and Elsie P. (McAdams) Shanks. At the age of two Priscilla moved with her parents to Idalia, where they made their home on the family farm. Priscilla married Loren A. Wilkinson on Nov. 13, 1960 in Idalia. They moved to Colorado Springs in 1968.

She enjoyed caring for the children in a variety of schools at

Harrison District #2 for 26 years. She added her special touch of love and caring for all of the children, offering cooking classes after school, taking care of the kids that she knew did not have a meal at home, and many, many more acts of kindness. After retiring from the school district she enjoyed working at the Colorado Springs Auto Auction for 4 1/2 years—making some valuable friendships along the way.

Priscilla had a true love of life and positive outlook. She and her husband, Loren, loved fishing and vacationing at their home away from home in Gunnison and sharing special times with family and friends. Mom made everything special, always looking out for everyone. She loved putting on "shindigs," cooking wonderful meals for any number of people. We will miss her tremendously.

She was very active in volunteering for a variety of organizations in Colorado Springs. Those benefiting from her time, efforts and great smile were: Children's Advocacy Center, March of Dimes, Palmer Girls Basketball, Silver Key Silver Services and Special Olympics.

Priscilla is survived by her loving husband of 42 years, Loren; Two daughters, Rhonda and husband Kirk Deines, Debbie and husband David Shackelford; mother Elsie Shanks; grandsons Derek Webb and Tanner Shackelford; brother Darrell and wife Rosemary; sister Darlene Pichette and many family and friends. She was preceded in death by her father, Clifford Shanks; grandson Bryan Grinde; and grandson Luke Shackelford.

Special music "Old Rugged Cross" sang by the congregation. "My youth of Yesterday", "One Day At A Time" and "Daddy's Hands". Pianist Joan Jackson and soloist were Charlotte and Rick Douglas. Mediation of the Life of Priscilla M. Wilkinson pictures were shown on a slide film.

A viewing was held at Dove Witt Mortuary, Hwy. 85-87 on Sunday, Oct. 5, 2003 at 3 p.m. at Mountain View Presbyterian Church, 2520 Arlington Drive. Reverends Hill and Baxter officiating.

The family suggests memorial contributions in Priscilla's memory be made to Pikes Peak Hospice, 825 East Pikes Peak Avenue, Suite 600, Colorado Springs, CO 80903 or Silver Key Senior Services, 2204 Bott

Ave., Colorado Springs, CO 80904.

Clifford "Shack" Shackelford

Jan 8, 1922-Sept 22, 2003

Clifford "shack" Shackelford, a long time resident of Colorado Springs since 1969, died at his home Sept. 22, 2003. Cliff was born January 8, 1922 in Denver, Colo. to Alfred Oran and Minnie (Turbin) Shackelford. His family moved to Pueblo when Cliff was a child. Cliff graduated from Pueblo Central High School. He served in the United States Marine as a Radio Corps as a Radio Gunner in the Asiatic Pacific area from 1942 to 1946. On May 23, 1947 Cliff married Beatrice M. Immroth in Pueblo, Col. He retired after working as a Salesman and Finance Manager, in the Auto Sales industry for forty-five years.

Cliff is survived by his daughter Debbie and husband Ralph, son David and wife Debbie. Three grandchildren, Craig and Tara Smith and Tanner Shackelford. He was preceded in death by his parents, wife Beatrice, brothers, LeRoy and Robert, Sister Eva Jean Park and grandson, Luke Shackelford.

His passion was his grandchildren and fast pitch softball. Cliff was inducted into Colorado Amateur Softball Association Hall of Honor in 1993. He was past President and founding member of the Colorado Springs Fast Pitch Association. Cliff coordinated supported and advocated the sport of Fast Pitch working many hours on leagues and tournament. Known as "Papa Shack" to the Palmer Girls Basketball Program, he served as videographer and #1 fan at all competitions since 1996.

Memorial service was held at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, Sept. 26, 2003 at Calvary Untied Methodist Church in Colorado Springs.

The family requests that Memorial contributions be made to the "PapaShack" Palmer Girls Basketball Scholarship Memorial Fund" at Western National Bank, attention: Kathy Taylor, 3485 N. Academy Blvd, Colorado Springs, Colorado 80917



Wind speeds up to 64 miles per hour when a front went through the area. Lots of blowing debris and dirt but little rain fell for the much in need area. Top - A tree was uprooted at the Raymond Straub residence. Bottom - Scaffolding was blown from the side of the city building Monday night.

Herald staff photos by Margaret Bucholtz



Local man represents county

On Oct. 8-10, Elmer Kellner, St. Francis, represented Cheyenne County as a member at the annual session of the Silver Haired Legislature. The session was held at the State Capitol in the Chambers of the House of Representatives.

The Silver Haired Legislature is a body of individuals, age 60 and older, elected by their peers to develop bills and resolutions that are of interest to Kansas seniors and their families each year during their legislative session.

The 2003 Kansas Silver Haired Legislature introduced and heard

testimony on seven bills and resolutions during their October session," said Marge Zakoura-Vaughan, speaker of the Kansas Silver Haired Legislature.

"The bills cover a variety of topics from increasing the homestead property tax refund to credit for high schoolers for performing community services for senior to assistance for grandparents raising their grandchildren."

The five bills and resolutions passed during the session were:

- Support increased youth volunteer service during school years.
- Urging increased funding sup-

port for and expansion of existing work training and retraining programs for elderly Kansans.

- Assistance for grandparents raising grandchildren.
- Sales or compensating use tax proceeds from E-Commerce for Health Care for Seniors Fund.
- Homestead Property Tax Maximum Refund increased from \$600 to \$1,000.

For a summary of the bills and resolutions passed by the Silver Haired Legislature, log on to <http://www.agingkansans.org/kdoa/Silver-haired.htm>.

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