

Obituaries

Eva L. Briney

Sept. 13, 1905 - Dec. 25, 2003
Longtime Sherman County, Kan., resident Eva L. Briney, 98, died on Dec. 25, 2003, at the Goodland Regional Medical Center. She had been ill only a short time.

Eva was born on Sept. 13, 1905, in a sod house in Holt County, Neb., near Chambers. She often said, "She was 13 and Friday the 13th." Her parents were Rev. James S. Coppoc and Winifred (Fowler) Coppoc, with their background of Quaker and Baptist. She attended schools in Nebraska and Iowa, graduated from high school in Bonaparte, Iowa, and took courses at Upper Iowa University and Fort Hays State University.

On May 22, 1927, she and Walker Briney were married in McDonald, Kan. Eva was a homemaker and a teacher. Until her failing years, she was an active member of the First United Methodist Church, teaching Sunday school classes for many years, being an active member of United Methodist Women, Circle 3, Bell Choir, and Quilters, and also being a District officer. She was awarded the Church Cross and Flame Award for service to youth. Other active memberships included 4-H and Boy Scouts leadership, Redwood Family and Community Education, PEO - Chapter Z, Research, and Order of the Eastern Star, Goodland Chapter 122. She was a supporter of her farmer husband, mother of five children and host to many grandchildren. She was known over the years for the countless knitted dish cloths and afghans she gave away. She truly enjoyed her church and people, and a visitor was always welcome.

When her daughter lived in England, she and Walker went to visit and ended up as world travelers with many new friends. She was a strong-willed person following the faith and guidance of her minister

father.

Preceding her in death were her husband Walker Briney; her parents; two brothers, Louis and Joseph; and two great-grandchildren.

Surviving family members include her five children Ruth Ross and her husband Chester of Goodland; Russel Briney and his wife Mary Ann of Goodland; Louise Hanable and her husband Harold of Glendale, Calif.; Evalyn Berndt and her husband Kenneth of Salina; and Dwight Briney and his wife Kathy of Edson; 24 grandchildren; 31 great-grandchildren, four great-great-grandchildren; her sister Leila Sturrock of Goodland; and her sister-in-law Eleanor Coppoc. She enjoyed being part of five generations. She will be greatly missed by her family and many friends.

The funeral service was held Dec. 30 at the First United Methodist Church in Goodland with Dr. Chester Ross officiating. Burial followed in the Goodland Cemetery.

Memorials may be designated to the First United Methodist Church and may be left at or mailed to Koons Funeral Home, 211 North Main, Goodland, KS 67735-1555.

Darwin Victor Fehrman

Feb. 19, 1918 - Jan. 2, 2004

Darwin Victor Fehrman, 85, lately of Hot Springs, Ark., died Friday, Jan. 2, 2004, at St. Joseph's Mercy Hospital in Hot Springs.

Darwin was born Feb. 19, 1918, in St. Joseph, Mo., to Clyde Cecil and Etha (Booe) Fehrman, the second of five children. He was raised in the St. Joseph area and married Dorothy Mann on June 30, 1940. During World War II, Darwin was in the 882nd Army Airborne Engineering Battalion. He reached the rank of Staff Sergeant, supervising the repair of several South Pacific landing strips in the Pacific Theater. He was honorable discharged in 1946.

Darwin was a registered land surveyor and spent his entire 50-year working career doing civil engineering and surveying work in

Missouri, Kansas, Colorado and Wyoming. He was happiest when he was outside in the sunshine working with a survey crew laying out and building roads, bridges and airport landing strips. Darwin spent the last years of his life in Broken Arrow, Okla., with daughter Vickie Winston and most recently at Lakewood Convalescent Home in Hot Springs with his daughter Allison Miller.

Preceding him in death were his parents, his brother Clyde Cecil Jr. and his beloved wife Dorothy to whom he was married to for 60 years.

Survivors include: three daughters and two sons-in-law; Victoria and Steve Winston of Broken Arrow; Allison and Col. (R) Douglas Miller of Hot Springs; and Diane Lee Fehrman of Pueblo, Colo.; a brother Rollie Fehrman of Kansas City, Mo.; sisters Maxine Parsons of Helendale, Calif., and Shirley Walker of Anderson, Ind.; four grandchildren Jeff Winston, Matthew Winston, Christina Miller and Ryan Miller and his wife Jaime.

Memorial services were held Jan. 4 at First United Methodist Church in Hot Springs. Burial will be in the Ft. Logan National Cemetery in Denver.

Verna Lorraine Nichols Krueger

June 24, 1924 - Dec. 30, 2003

Verna Lorraine Nichols Krueger, 79, registered nurse and former school nurse for the Halstead schools died Tuesday, Dec. 30, 2003, at her home in Halstead.

She was born June 24, 1924, in Menlo to Elda and Edith Evelyn Anderson Nichols. She married Harry E. Krueger Feb. 28, 1946, in Newton.

She was a member of the First United Methodist Church and United Methodist Women. She was also a member of the Halstead Nurses Alumni Association of Halstead. She was a 1945 graduate of Halstead Hospital School of

Nursing. She had been a resident of Halstead for 59 years.

Survivors include her husband Harry Krueger; a son, Larry Krueger and wife, Cynthia of Overland Park; a daughter, Shari and husband, Calvin Pottberg of Junction City; a brother, Merlin Nichols, Culbertson, Neb.; a sister-in-law, Lee Nichols, St. Francis; grandchildren, Jason and wife, Royal, Lenexa; granddaughters Kristen and Amy, Kansas City.

She was preceded in death by her parents, twin brother, Vernon, and brother, Virgil.

Funeral services were Saturday, Jan. 3, at First United Methodist Church in Halstead with Reverend Nancy Lambing officiating. Burial was in Halstead Cemetery.

Memorials were established with the First United Methodist Church, Halstead, and the Halstead Hospital Nurses Alumni Associates, in care of the Kaufman Funeral Home, 418 Chestnut Street, Halstead, KS 6706.

Wilma (Harris) Cummings

April 21, 1918 - Oct. 27, 2003

Wilma Marguerite Harris Cummings, 85, of Byers, Colo., died Monday, Oct. 27, at Fairacres Manor in Greeley, Colo.

She was born April 21, 1918, in Bird City, Kan., to James and Myrtle (Anderson) Harris.

In 1942, she married Harold Armknecht in Kansas. They divorced in 1965. She married George Cummings in 1970 in Limon, Colo. He died in 1998.

She graduated from high school in Bird City in 1936. She received her teaching certificate from the University of Colorado-Boulder. She was a member of the Tri-County Senior Citizens and was secretary for 12 years. She also was a member of Mount Tabor Baptist Church in Byers and the Eastern Star in Limon. She loved crocheting, crossword puzzles, community events and playing her accordion.

Survivors are a daughter, Sandra Goodwin of Hugo, Colo.; four sons, Gary Armknecht of Beowawe, Nev., Steve Armknecht of Galeton and Cary Armknecht and Lonnie Armknecht, both of Eureka, Nev.; 18 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren. A brother, Purl Harris, died in 1969.

Services were held at Mount

Tabor Baptist Church in Byers with interment in the Byers Cemetery.

Memorial gifts may be made to the Alzheimer's Association in care of Stoddard Funeral Home, 34205 W. 28th St., Greeley, CO 80634. An online memorial is at www.mem.com.

Wanda Lorraine Trembly

Sept. 17, 1931 - Dec. 29, 2003

Wanda Lorraine Trembly was born Sept. 17, 1931, in the little community of Hale, Colo. Her parents, William Armknecht and Ethel Whipple were farmers. Most of her childhood was spent on her parent's farm near St. Francis, Kan.

Wanda was the youngest of six. She had four brothers, Harold, Howard, Raymond and Richard (Sox), and one sister, Wilda (Susie). She is survived only by her brother Raymond.

On Oct. 8, 1950, she married Lyle Dwayne Trembly. They moved to Colorado Springs in 1953 after the birth of their first daughter, Peggy Hayes. In Colorado they had three more children, Ethelyn, Lyle and Penny Elledge. She also had 10 grandchildren: Cheritha Cale, Dawn Hayes, Sarah Hayes, Shana, David, Shelly, Joshua, Jessica, KaLeena and KaLynne Trembly.

Wanda worked as a homemaker until the untimely death of her husband, Lyle, in 1976. At this time she moved to Indiana to work

at Walgreens and help her son finish college and youngest daughter finish high school. In 1982, she moved to Florida where she worked as the supervisor of Haven Christian Academy Daycare Center. She also enjoyed spending time with some of her grandchildren who were in the school and daycare. She returned to Colorado in 1988, where she worked, and spent time with her children and grandchildren. In 1992, she moved to Washington state to live with her son and help with her grandchildren. In 1996, she moved to Phoenix to live with her second daughter and once again help with her grandchildren. Her life was spent in giving of herself to her children and grandchildren. She was greatly loved and will be missed by all.

Wanda believed that Jesus Christ was born on earth as the Savior of mankind. She accepted Christ as her personal Savior as a young woman and attended the Baptist church all of her adult life.

Her desire, if she were here today to speak it, would be that each and every one would come to know Jesus Christ as Savior.

A memorial service was held Jan. 3, 2004, at East Mesa Baptist Church in Mesa, Ariz. She was buried at Memorial Gardens Cemetery, Colorado Springs.

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Emergency medical technicians loaded the driver and passengers from a gold Ford Windstar into an ambulance Friday morning. The Sherman County Sheriff's Department said the driver, Barbara J. Fromholtz, 44, of St. Francis, was southbound on County Road 15 four miles west and five miles north of Goodland. She was close to the center of the road, swerved when meeting an oncoming pickup and lost control of the van, which rolled. Amber Fromholtz, 17; Sayoui Ito, 17, also of St. Francis; and Choromi Jang, 18, of Colby, were passengers.

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