

# Obituaries

## Elmer P. Peter

Nov. 18, 1914 - July 10, 2004  
 Elmer P. Peter, 89 years old, Goodland, Kan., died at Lantern Park Manor in Colby, July 10, 2004. Elmer was born Nov. 18, 1914, to John and Emma (Hornbacher) Peter in Sutton, Neb. The family moved to Goodland where Elmer attended school.

Elmer married Vera Charles on April 30, 1938, in Gove. He was a truck driver for many years in the Goodland area retiring in 1981. He was a Wal-Mart greeter from 1998, to 2001, and enjoyed playing cards, watching the squirrels in his yard and watching baseball on television.

He was preceded in death by his wife Vera in 1997, and son Terry. Survivors include four daughters and six sons, Phyllis (Harvey) Zwegardt of St. Francis, Erma (Clarence) Atkins, Mishawaka, Ind., Larry (Mary) Peters, San Diego, Calif., Karen Winter, Elkhart, Ind., Ken (Marcia) Peters, Johnson City, Tenn., Roger (Delma) Peters, Elkhart, Vickie (Don) Engel,



Tygart - Ligsay

## Wedding plans told

Cristita Ligsay of Tacloban City, Philippines, daughter of Melecio and Celestina Ligsay of Catebato, Philippines, will marry Harold Tygart of St. Francis, son of Joy Anderegg of Bird City and Ken Tygart of Tucson, Ariz. Cristita has a bachelor of science degree in secretarial administration from Mountain View College in Valencia City, Philippines. She works for the East Visayan Conference of Seventh-Day Adventists in Tacloban City. Harold attended Union College in Lincoln, Neb. He is owner of Tygart & Sons Construction Company in St. Francis.

Oakley, Rod (Rita) Peters, Colby, Rick (Cindy) Peters, Wylie, Texas, and Randy (Becky) Peters of Wichita; 34 grandchildren, 49 great-grandchildren and seven great-great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his brother Arthur of Pittsburg, and two sisters, Seatta Vandonge and Irene Daise of Goodland.

Elmer confessed Jesus Christ as his personal Lord and Savior in his later years.

The funeral service was held at 10:30 a.m. mountain time on Wednesday, July 14 with burial following in the Goodland Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Sherman County Home-Owned Carnival in care of the Bateman Funeral Home P., O., Box 278, Goodland, KS 67735.

## Eloyce Ann Pettijohn

March 21, 1943 - July 10, 2004  
 Eloyce Ann (Yonkey) Pettijohn was born March 21, 1943, to Clarence and Lila (Goodale) Yonkey in St. Francis, Kan. She was the third of four children. Eloyce died on July 20, 2004, at the home place after battling cancer, she was 61.

Eloyce grew into adulthood on the family home place southwest of Wheeler. Eloyce went to school at Wheeler her whole eight years of grade school. She then went to St. Francis Community High School and graduated in the class of 1961. In the fall of 1961, Eloyce started college at Fort Hays State to graduate with a degree in elementary education.

Upon finishing college she would teach school in Cheyenne, Wyo.; Goodland, Hood River, Ore., and Portland, Ore. During the summer breaks from teaching, Eloyce was able to travel and see most of the 50 states and Canadian Provinces.

It was while teaching in Portland that she met Eric Osterholme. They were married in the spring of 1971. To this union was born a daughter, Kimberly Ann.

This marriage would end in divorce. She would stay in Portland for Kimberly to finish high school and start college.

In the spring of 1994, Eloyce moved back to St. Francis to live. At that time she started Lady in Red and Tasteful Treasures. This business specialized in homemade cookies, sweets and seasonal Christmas candy. Making cookies, tending to the flowers and yard, along with spending time with her family members, friends, and dogs was great pride for Eloyce.

In the spring of 1995, Eloyce married Rick Pettijohn. Eloyce met Rick while taking dance lessons in Burlington, Colo. They would make their home at the farm where they shared interest in gardening

Rick's vegetables and Eloyce's flowers.

In September, 1996, Kimberly married Andrew Psaltis in Colorado Springs and to this union was born Gabriella Ann in September, 2002, at which Eloyce proudly earned the title of Grandma and Nana. Sharing pictures and spending time with Kimberly, Andrew, and Gabriella was an extreme pride of Eloyce.

Eloyce was a member of Peace Lutheran Church in St. Francis and a member of the Master Gardening Club.

Eloyce is preceded in death by her parents, Clarence and Lila; a brother, Royce; sister-in-law, Claudia, and father-in-law, Darrel Pettijohn.

She is survived by her husband, Rick, of the home; daughter Kimberly (Andrew) Psaltis of Littleton, Colo.; stepsons, Darrel (Tammy) of St. Francis and Kirk of Afghanistan; brothers, Merlyn (Ruth Anne) of St. Francis and Gary (Miriam) of Wheeler; brothers-in-law, Greg (Alice) of Stafford and Frank of Kentucky; sister-in-law, Darolyn (Clint) of Stafford; granddaughters, Gabriella of Littleton, Lakyn and Layne of St. Francis and Shayna of Swink, Colo.; mother-in-law, Clara Pettijohn of Stafford; an aunt, Helen Yonkey of Lincoln, Neb., and several nieces and nephews, relatives and friends. She is also survived by her special dog companions, Teacup, Molly and Jazz.

Services were held at the Yonkey Farm outside of St. Francis on Wednesday, July 14, with Pastor David Rossbach and Pastor Chris Farmer officiating. Interment was in the St. Francis Cemetery in St. Francis.

Pallbearers were Kevin Brown, Tadd Neitzel, Roger Pownell, Jim Karack, Gaylord Krien and Darrell Zwegardt.

Memorials may go to the Eloyce Pettijohn Memorial and mailed to Knodel Funeral Home, 202 S. Benton, St. Francis, KS 67756.

## Queen entries are being accepted

The Thomas County Rodeo Queen and Princess contest is now taking entries for the contest on Friday, July 30. Queens ages 17-23, princess, 14-16, and junior princesses ages, 10-13, by July 1 are eligible. Contestants must also be a resident of northwest Kansas. Application deadline is Friday, July 23.

The contestants will be judged in horsemanship, interview, speech and modeling. A trophy saddle will



R.L. WALZ watches as Dana Bailey, admissions coordinator, shows Roseanna Goin, camper from Hayes Center, Neb., how to clip her calf. RL was among those attending the Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture Cattle Fitting and Showing camp.

## St. Francis youth attends cattle fitting/showing camp

RL Walz, St. Francis, recently attended the Cattle Fitting and Showing camp at the Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture, Curtis.

"The best thing for the inside of a kid is the outside of a calf," said

Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture (NCTA) faculty, Dr. Clyde Cranwell.

With that in mind, the college hosted its first Cattle Fitting and Showing camp June 28 through June 30.

Eight campers from Colorado, Kansas and Nebraska spent three days practicing fitting, showing and breaking down cattle for show.

Each participant brought or rented his or her own calf to work on during the camp. Most campers brought their own grooming chutes, blowers and equipment. Campers reviewed daily cattle care and routine, discussed rinsing and brushing out calves, learned more about nutrition and show ethics and practiced clipping and fitting cattle. The college admissions coordinator, Dana Bailey, a cattle breeder and long-time cattle show woman, gave campers instructions on safety and

halter breaking, discussed packing for a show and demonstrated fitting techniques.

"I hope we provided the participants with valuable knowledge and insights into all aspects of showing cattle that they can apply to their own cattle projects in the future," said Ms. Bailey.

The Show Barn Olympics gave campers a chance to test their skills in a wheelbarrow race, show stick kick, cow pie throw, syringe water game, blower golf ball and comb games and a knot tying contest. Campers stayed in the college dorms.

"Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture certainly buys into the philosophy that when young people work with things that live and breathe and have the responsibility for feeding and caring for livestock - it makes them better adults," said Dr. Cranwell.

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