

Obituaries

Ruth Marie Craig Klepper

Nov. 12, 1915 - Sept. 12
Ruth Marie Craig Klepper was born on Nov. 12, 1915, in Republican City, Neb., to Roy Anthony Craig and Mildred Elizabeth Byers Craig. She died Sept. 12, 2004, at the Good Samaritan Village, St. Francis.

She was the oldest child with a younger sister, Virginia, and a younger brother, Bobby George. Her father was a house painter and her mother was a professional career woman working at the Fashion Bar in Denver, Colo.

On Nov. 12, 1938, she married Orval Laverne Klepper in Atwood. To this union four children were born. She suffered the heartache of losing her second son, Harlan Boyd, who died when he was seven months old.

They lived in McDonald while raising their three children, Rodney Kent, Anita LaDene and Julia Elizabeth. She enjoyed being a stay-at-home housewife and mother. She ran the household like a business: Monday, wash day; Tuesday, ironing; Wednesday, club; Thursday, clean the house from top to bottom and Friday, bake all day to get ready for company that was coming for the weekend, or else getting ready to go and visit one of the relatives for the weekend. She was famous for her cooking ability. Anyone who was around the house at meal time was expected to stay and eat as there was always plenty of food to share with company.

Another of her many talents was sewing. She would spend hours at the sewing machine making all of her children's clothes. August was an especially busy time as school would soon be starting and she would be hard at work making school clothes. She was famous for her Barbie doll clothes which she would spend hours sewing all the little pieces together making coordinated outfits for Barbie dolls.

She always enjoyed flowers and spent hours working in her yard planting and weeding her flower beds. She had a "green thumb" and

enjoyed all the colors of nature, especially the fall colors of that time of year, the oranges, yellows, reds and browns that nature provides.

The visions that the children have of their mother include the kitchen with the counters completely covered with fresh baked food; her famous chocolate cake, homemade breads and rolls, pies, and her fried bread and ham and beans. She was energetic and was always busy taking care of others and truly loved her role as a wife and mother.

All this changed in July 1974, when she had a massive coronary arrest. She spent several months in a coma and slowly regained consciousness and began her long journey to relearn basic skills such as feeding herself, writing her name and dressing. Her long-term memory was present but she had forever lost her short-term memory. She spent 30 years as this new person. She was a medical miracle and spent the last 30 years reminding her family of this fact.

Her legacy includes her remarkable lives, both of them. The message she leave for her three children and their spouses, her 13 grandchildren and her 16 great-grandchildren is "Believe in miracles because she has shown them that they really do happen."

The funeral service was held on Sept. 17, at Knodel Funeral Home, St. Francis. Paul Rainbolt officiated. Interment was in the Grace Cemetery, McDonald.

Shirley Joan Rose

Feb. 20, 1935 - Sept. 17, 2004
Shirley Joan (Brewer) Rose, 69, of Oshkosh, Neb. died Friday, Sept. 17, 2004, at Regional West Medical Center in Scottsbluff, Neb. Funeral services were held Thursday, Sept. 23 at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Oshkosh with Pastor Jack Coffey officiating. Interment was at the Paxton City Cemetery in Paxton. A memorial has been established.

Shirley was born on Feb. 20, 1935 in Sarben, Neb., to Christopher Ray and Ethel Eva (Herron) Brewer. She received her education

in Sarben and Paxton schools, graduating from Paxton High School. After school, she was employed with Goodall Electric and TRW in Ogallala.

On Nov. 20, 1968, she married Herbert C. Rose in Ogallala, Neb., and the couple resided in Oshkosh. She started as secretary for the Garden County Department of Road. After 30 years in the roads department, she retired in 2000.

She was active in the Garden County Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary 5379, Garden County Genealogy Society, St. Mark's Lutheran Church and the Royal Neighbors of American Camp, 558 in Paxton.

Shirley was very active in her family's lives, attending all sporting events and never missed a game. Her family was important to her and she was very caring, lending a hand whenever possible. She also enjoyed genealogy work and preserving information for future generations.

She is survived by her daughter, Linda and husband, Gene Gilliland, of Gering; granddaughter, Brenda and husband, David Gross and children, Leona and Matthew; grandson, Mike Gilliland; son, Jerry and wife, Barb Rose of Dalton; grandson, Jeremy and wife, Leslie Rose and children, Mattie, Lily, Kayla, Jerron and Justin; grandson, Josh and wife, Sarah Gross, and children, Joshua Dylan and Blake; grandson, Jon Rose; daughter, Jeanette and husband, Pat Kennedy, of Oshkosh; grandsons, Christopher Kennedy and fiancé, Jennifer Younger, Jamie and special friend, Chelsey Bolton, and David Kennedy; son, Marvin Rose of Duluth, Minn.; sister-in-law, Dorothy Brewer of North Platte; niece, Carolyn and husband, Jerry Snyder, of Paxton and children, Lance and wife, Amy Lehl, Jaron and wife, Heather Snyder and children, Jaden and Carter, and Kevin Snyder; niece, Connie Brewer of Kearney and son,

Dane Brewer and son, Nathan; cousins, Roger and wife Marvalyn Jones and Arthur Jones; numerous other cousins and family.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Herb; her parents, Ray and Ethel; a brother, Marvin and nephew, Dennis.

Stella Mae Konkol

Aug. 16, 1916 - Sept. 10, 2004
Stella Mae Konkol, daughter of Charles Roy and Lena Mae Breninger was born Aug. 16, 1916, in Armel, Colo. Stella died at her home in Denver on Sept. 10, 2004.

Stella spent her early life and graduated from high school in the Armel area. She then spent some time working at Roy Andrew's store on the Colorado-Kansas state line and helping various farmer's wives during harvest time.

Stella spent the years during World War II in Portland, Ore., working in a dime store. She returned immediately after the war to marry her sweetheart David Milton Konkol on Nov. 25, 1945. To this union four daughters were born.

Stella and Dave engaged in farming and raising livestock near St. Francis, Kan. After selling the farm they lived in Loveland, Colo., for approximately two years, before moving to Denver in January, 1961, where Stella worked as a buyer in the dish department of F.W. Woolworth's until retirement in 1972.

After retirement, Stella was actively involved in church activities at the Lakewood Church of Christ, where she was a member, and in gardening and needle craft projects.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Charles Ray Breninger and Lena Mae (Carlson) Breninger and her husband, David Milton Konkol.

She is survived by her children Nadine Ebert and husband, Ronald, of Pakalu, Hawaii, Charline Davis and her husband, Bobby, of Albertville, Ala., Sherry Konkol of Denver and Kathleen Coburn of Aurora, Colo.; brother, Charles Junior Breninger and his wife, Marlene, of Overland Park, Kan., and sister, Shirley Nadine Davidson, of Kaufman, Texas; nine grandchildren and eight great-

grandchildren as well as nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were conducted at the Lakewood Church of Christ at 3 p.m., Sept. 14, by Ralph Beck. Interment was at Armel Cemetery, Yuma county, on Sept. 15 with Norman Morrow officiating.

Arrangements were made by Olinger Mortuary and Spellman-Schmidt Funeral Home.

Memorials are to be given to Mountain States Childrens Home, Box 1097, Longmont, CO 80501.

Mary Clare McCullough

June 25, 1928 - Sept. 18, 2004
Mary Clare McCullough, 76, died Saturday, September 18, 2004, at her home in Goodland, Kan.

She was born June 25, 1928, at Delphos, the daughter of Maurice James Hally and Lenora (Blochlinger) Hally. Her education included Delphos Public Schools, St. Joseph School of Nursing and the University of Kansas, where she earned a certificate of Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner.

On Dec. 27, 1950, she and Robert Charles McCullough were married at St. Paul's Catholic Church in Delphos.

They moved to Goodland in October of 1967, after living in Denver Everest, Kan., and Colorado Springs. She was a registered nurse for 56 years, including critical care nursing and advanced registered nurse practitioner.

Preceding her in death were her parents, her sister Rose Mary Alderson and one son Timothy Robert.

Surviving family includes her husband, Dr. Robert C. McCullough of Goodland; eight children: Eileen M. Brunner and her husband, Jay, of Eudora, Kevin M. McCullough of Goodland, Mary P. McCullough-Daley and her husband, Dennis, of Goodland, Patrick J. McCullough and his wife, Marites, of Las Vegas, Nev.; Maureen E. Davidson and her husband, Larry, of Tonganoxie, Sheila A. Stairrett of Jetmore, M. Colleen Janner and her husband, William, of Shawnee, Finnian C. McCullough and his wife, Amber, of Olathe; 13 grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and one brother James M.

Hally of Delphos.

The funeral was Wednesday, Sept. 22, at 10 a.m. mountain time, at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church in Goodland, with Father Norbert Dlabal and Father John Slattery, presiders. Burial will be on Thursday, at St. Paul's Catholic Cemetery at Delphos, with Father Ken Lohrmeyer, presider.

Memorials may be designated to Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church or St. Joseph's Hospital in Denver and may be left at or mailed to Koons Funeral Home, 211 North Main, Goodland, KS 67735-1555.

Zelda Ilene Knapp

Nov. 30, 1920 - Sept. 17, 2004
Zelda Ilene Knapp died on Sept. 17, 2004, at her home with her children at her side.

Zelda was born Nov. 30, 1920, in St. Francis, Kan., to Ora and Blanch (Cole) Reasoner.

Zelda attended St. Francis schools. She loved her music, played the violin and the piano.

She married Howard Edward Knapp, Oct. 30, 1939. To this union Mavis, Jerry and Doris were born.

On Aug. 20, 1947, Zelda married Orville Leslie Knapp; in August of 2000 they celebrated 53 years of marriage.

She lived on the farm 7 1/2 miles north of McDonald all of her married life. She loved her family, church, gardening, quilting and cooking. Her fried chicken will always be a favorite conversation piece with her family.

Preceding her in death were her husbands Howard and Orville, her parents and one brother Arnold Reasoner.

Survivors include her children, Mavis Graff (Ed), Jerry Knapp (Betty), and Doris Martin (Lowell); one brother Alfred Reasoner (Helen), seven grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren, sisters-in-law Ruby Roberts and Ann Ewing, and a host of relatives and friends.

Memorial service for Zelda Knapp were held Tuesday, Sept. 21, at 10:30 a.m. at the McDonald Federated Church. Memorials may be made to Hospice or McDonald Federated Church.

Club Clips

Plum Creek 4-H Club

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Acting president Alecia Zimbelman called the September meeting to order. Roll call was answered by "Who is your favorite band or singer?" There were 16 members and two leaders present. July's meeting was all the 4-H groups at the swimming pool and there was no meeting for August because of the fair.

There is a Junior Leaders meeting Wednesday. The record books are due Sept. 24. The County Awards potluck will be Nov. 7.

Talks were by Kyla Bandel and Shakotah Blanka. Recreation was by the Douthits with "Honey, if you love me smile," and the song was led by the Bandel family, "Y.M.C.A."

Then the 4-H Pledge was said the meeting was adjourned.

Hosts were the Zimbelman and Blanka families.

Next meeting will be Oct. 4. Teri Walters, reporter

Occasions

Birthdays honored

Birthday club meets

The birthday club held their monthly luncheon at the Parkhill Restaurant on Thursday, Sept. 16. Those attending were DeEtta Knorr, Lois Leydig, Deloris Knorr, Dolores Kincheloe, Reva Pownell, Arlene Walz, RoseMary Bierig, Sharon Penton and Betty Jean Win-

ston. Lee Busby was a guest.

Birthday celebrated

Donna Northrup, Virginia Cooper, Mavern Gienger, Jo Gienger, Wilma Neilan, Floris Raile and Wanda Gienger enjoyed breakfast together Monday morning, celebrating Wanda's birthday.

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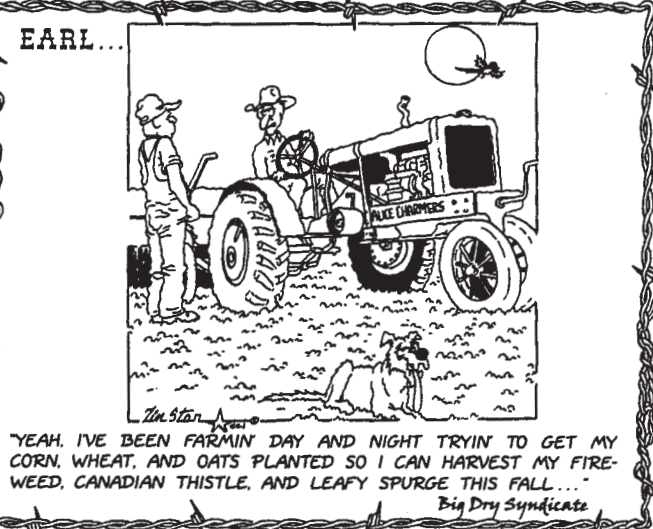


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