

# Obituaries

Services were held at the Clough Valley Church and burial was in the Clough Valley Baptist Church Cemetery on Nov. 13.

**Michael Charles Trulove**  
Sept. 19, 1944 - Nov. 13, 2004  
Michael Charles Trulove, 60, of Arvada, Colo., died at home on Nov. 13, 2004, after a long battle with cancer.

He was born Sept. 19, 1944, in Herington, Kan. Mike was the only child of Louis Charles and Florence Hattie Trulove.

Mike graduated from Herington High School where he grew up. He enlisted in the United States National Guard in April 1967, and received his basic training in Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. Most of the remainder of Mike's National Guard and Army Reserve time was with the 891st Engineer Co. (LE) in Salina. He received an honorable discharge from the United States Army Reserve on Jan. 31, 1972.

On May 2, 1969, Mike and Janice Wright were united in marriage in the United Methodist Church in Wichita. They had one daughter, Michelle, who was his pride and joy.

Mike drove transports for several independents before being hired by Consolidated Freightways in St. Francis in February 1978. He drove for them until he was diagnosed with cancer in 2000, at which time he took early retirement. He often commented he felt so fortunate to be able to enjoy the beauty and freedom of the road while driving 18-wheelers.

Mike enjoyed working on his vehicles, riding motorcycles and camping with his family.

He was preceded in death by his father, Louis, and his step-father, Van Pratt.

Survivors include his wife, Jan and daughter, Michelle, of Arvada and his mother Florence Trulove Pratt of Herington.

Cremation took place at Aspen Mortuary in Arvada, Colo. There will be a private scattering of the ashes.

The family requests memorial contributions be sent to Mike's memory to Heartland Hospice, 2655 W. Midway Blvd., Suite 335, Broomfield, CO 80020.

Sympathy cards may be sent to Mrs. Trulove at 6060 Everett Street, Arvada, Colo.

**Frances (Parks) George**  
May 6, 1918 - Oct. 5, 2004

Frances Marian George, 86, of Sheridan, Ore., died Oct. 5, 2004, at the Willamette Valley Medical Center in McMinnville, Ore.

She was born on May 6, 1918, in St. Francis, Kan., the daughter of John Benjamin "Ben" Parks and Julia Emma French Parks. She resided in St. Francis all of her childhood, attending local schools and was active in church and choir. Her love of singing continued throughout her life.

She married Jesse G. Helmick in May of 1935 in Coffeyville. One daughter, Judy Beth, was born to this union in 1946.

Widowed in 1952, she married Robert C. Browning in Winnamucca, Nev., in 1954. They settled in Pendleton, Ore. During the summer months they would travel around Oregon in their mobile home while Bob worked as a heavy equipment operator. They came to Sheridan in 1958 to retire.

Frances was widowed again in 1968. She and a friend then opened a restaurant in Sheridan. There she met and married Lloyd "Red" George. Frances and Red operated the Union 76 service station in Willamina. Frances tended the gas pumps and sang to all her customers. Frances continued to work at the station after Red's death.

Frances was a member of the Rebekah Lodge 162, and the First Christian Church. She had been a member of the Willamina Free Methodist Church.

Frances's good humor permeated any crowd. She and Lois Kendall will long be remembered for "Music Will Travel" and their rendition of the "Kitty Kat" song.

Frances was preceded in death by her parents; one brother Charlie Parks; sisters Myrtle Bartholomew, Novella Murphy, Ruth Houtman and Anna Fisher.

She is survived by a brother, Sam Parks, Nampa, Idaho; sister Judy Felstead, Evansville, Ind., daughter Judy Beth Souza of Sheridan, son-in-law, William Souza, four grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren.

A "Celebration of Life" was held on Oct. 24, at the Free Methodist Church in Willamina.

**Delda Vinnette (Brown) Faylor**  
April 12, 1908 - Oct. 28, 2004

Delda Vinnette Faylor was born to Mr. and Mrs. George Brown on the farm. (George's homestead in Yuma County, Colo.), which is the Ted Brunswig farm now. She lived there until 1921, when her parents moved to Haigler, Neb., where George went into the drayage and transfer business.

In 1917, George bought his father's farm in Cheyenne County, Kan., so he moved his family from Haigler to the farm northwest of St. Francis, to the Clough Valley area.

When Vinnette was ready for high school, her parents bought the Farmers Store in Haigler.

Vinnette, her mother Pearl and brothers Leonard and Maxon Brown moved back to town.

Her father, George Brown stayed on the farm, but came to town when ever he could get away.

The family lived in rooms over the store until they purchased a house.

Vinnette married Harry Faylor at that time at the age of 17. The year was 1925.

To this union two children were born, Joan in 1926, and Dale in 1928. Dale still resides on the ranch that Vinnette's father sold to them in 1940, known as the Faylor Red Angus Ranch.

Vinnette and Harry moved to California in the early 50s and sold the ranch to their son Dale and wife Dode.

They took care of a large rooming house at Stanford University until they retired in 1970.

They then moved to Boomville, Calif., to Vista Ranch. They lived there in Anderson Valley until Harry died on Jan. 19, 1999.

Vinnette lived in a home close to her daughter until June 29, 2001, when she moved back to Kansas to live with her son and wife, Dale and Dode Faylor. Vinnette is survived by her two children, Joan Spears and husband, Bob and Dale Faylor and wife Dode, seven grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren and 14 great-great-grandchildren.



DON KEEKER throws some money into the kettle to help the Salvation Army. McKenzie Grace, 4-H junior leader, was one of the bell ringers, also present was CJ Douthit.

Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

# Salvation Army kettle begins the holiday season

The Salvation Army kettle bells were ringing at the St. Francis Community High School before the Windsong Chorus program began Sunday and will be set up again during and after the Light Parade in front of Santa's Hut (the old city hall building).

The Salvation Army kettles are set up to collect donations to help people in need including those in Cheyenne County. Residents are asked to give as much as they are able.

The next appearance of the kettle will be at the Dance Ranch

Music Club performance on Sunday, Dec. 5.

The final day for the Salvation Army Kettle in St. Francis is set for the Dec. 16 drawing for Chamber scrip money as well as the Christmas On Us scrip drawing. The activities will start at 5:30 p.m. with drawings, the announcement of coloring contest winners and end with free chili on Main Street and Santa Claus at the old city office.

### Donation envelopes

There will be donation envelopes inserted this week in both *The Saint Francis Herald* and *Bird City Times*.

"Please watch for them and those not able to come to the activities can place a donation in the envelope and drop it in the mail," said Dolores Jenik, Salvation Army chairman.

There will also be extra envelopes placed at various locations throughout the two communities.

"If you miss them and still want to give, donations can be sent to Salvation Army, PO Box 462, St. Francis, KS 67756, or can be brought to me at the county treasurer's office in the courthouse."

## St. Francis News

Wilma Lampe was a guest of her daughter, Linda Gutsch, in Denver last weekend. They attended the Broncos-Houston football game Sunday afternoon which Denver won 31-13.

She also visited granddaughters Lara and Leah while there.

Fifty-two people traveled by chartered bus to Branson, Mo., last

week with Sunflower Tours, to take in some early Christmas festivities. Four shows were enjoyed along with a beautiful Christmas lights tour.

A stop was also made at Precious Moments near Carthage, Mo., enroute home.

Two local ladies that participated in the tour were Wilma Lampe and Grace Zwegyardt.

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