

Obituaries

Wilma Hendricks

April 19, 1919-Dec. 4, 2004

Wilma Hendricks was born April 19, 1919, in Dundy County, Neb., to Daniel and Ruby (Clapper) Winston; she was the second of their five children. The family moved to a farm 14 miles northeast of St. Francis, Kan., when Wilma was 7-years old. She attended District 43 elementary school, and graduated from Cheyenne County Community High School in 1935.

After graduation, she worked at Caldwell Electric and then the Agricultural Adjustment Act (AAA) office.

Wilma married Carl H. Hendricks on Aug. 18, 1940, and after living briefly with Carl's parents, Emil and Katie Hendricks, Wilma and Carl bought their own farm in Lawn Ridge in 1941. There they reared three daughters: Carolyn Sue, Deanna Lou, and Carla Beth.

In 1956, Wilma and Carl were honored to receive an award for Balanced Farming and Family Living from the Kansas State Chamber of Commerce and the Kansas State College of Agriculture and Applied Science.

Wilma began working part-time in the Cheyenne County social services office in 1960, and soon passed the Civil Service qualifying exam and became the office manager; she later was the fiscal officer for the department. She retired in 1979.

In addition to her office work and partnership in the farm, Wilma was always busy with creative and leisure pursuits. She was an avid gardener, and wherever she lived there was a flourishing garden; she especially loved to grow roses.

She was an accomplished seamstress and, as the Lawn Ridge 4-H Club sewing leader for many years, she taught her own daughters and many others the joys of sewing - and of ripping out their mistakes. She also was the club leader of Lawn Ridge 4-H for three years.

Wilma was a member of the Lawn Ridge Methodist Church and later of the United Methodist Church in St. Francis and its United Methodist Women's Merry Circle.

In October of 1980, Carl and Wilma left the farm and moved into the new house they had built in St. Francis. Wilma served on the City Recreation Committee and helped with cancer fund-raising in the community.

She loved to play bridge and was part of a bridge group that enjoyed the game and each others' company once a week for many years. In her 50s, she learned to play golf and loved being a part of events at Riverside Recreation.

Wilma and Carl traveled extensively; they visited 49 of the 50 states, missing only Rhode Island. In the 1980s and early '90s they enjoyed spending weeks of the winter in the Southwest, playing golf and visiting friends.

Wilma's and Carl's lifelong romance had begun when they went to dances together, and they celebrated their 50th anniversary by planning their own party - a dance, attended by friends and family, many of whom traveled many miles to join them on the dance floor.

Wilma was diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease in 1996 and continued to live at home and be cared for by Carl until 2001, when she fractured a hip and was admitted to the Good Samaritan Village.

She died on Dec. 4, 2004.

Wilma was pre-deceased by her parents and four brothers, Joe, Burman, Harold, and Dan. Her daughter Deanna died in 1976.

She is survived by her husband, Carl, of St. Francis; her daughter Sue and son-in-law Tom Pugh of Vancouver, Wash.; her daughter Carla and son-in-law Larry Sackett of Bethesda, Md; her grandchildren Kirstin, Mike (and his wife Denise), Jessie, and Jon; many nephews and nieces and their families; and a host of friends and neighbors.

Funeral services were held Dec. 8 at the United Methodist Church of St. Francis, with arrangements by John and Natalie Knodel.

Casket bearers were Kevin Winston, Larry Johnston, Mike Day, Dan Stephens, Tom Smull, and Randy Andrist.

When I think of childhood days I always think of Wilma's ways. Her daughters were such lucky girls, Rickrack on dresses and hair in curls.

4-H dresses, cakes in pans, Lots of giggles, busy hands, Crossword puzzles, games of cards,

Strawberries and roses filling her yard. Wilma loved music and loved to dance,

Time with friends, books, her plants. She was Carl's sweetheart all their years

We celebrate their love through our tears.

--Sue

Linda Jean Evert

Oct. 26, 1959 - Dec. 8, 2004

Linda Jean Evert, 45, Salina, Kan., died Wednesday, Dec. 8, 2004, at the Cheyenne County Hospital in St. Francis.

She was born Oct. 26, 1959, at Goodland, the daughter of Norval and Margaret (Scheopner) Evert. She attended schools in Goodland and graduated from high school in Colby. She had lived in the Salina area for 25 years, working in food service.

Her memberships included Our Lady Of Perpetual Help Catholic Church in Goodland and then the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Colby.

Preceding her in death were her mother Margaret Evert and her step-brother Charles Rodney Evert.

Surviving family includes her father Norval Evert and step-mother Peggy Evert of Ardmore, Okla., and her sister, Luann Evert of Ada, Okla.

The Mass of Christian Burial was Saturday, Dec. 11, at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church in Goodland, with Father Norbet Diabal presiding. Burial was in the Goodland Cemetery.

Memorials may be designed to the Linda Evert Memorial, and may be sent to Koons Funeral Home, 211 North Main, Goodland, KS 67735-1555.

Helen D. Keller

Oct. 23, 1909 - Dec. 2, 2004

Helen D. Keller, daughter of William H. and Ina F. Wathen, was born Oct. 23, 1909, at Albion, Neb. She died on Dec. 2, 2004. Her husband Glenn A. Keller predeceased her April 2, 1991. They did not have children.

She grew up and attended schools in Albion and moved to Denver in 1939. She was married to Glenn Abraham Keller on Dec. 14, 1940. Her professional career as an execu-

tive secretary included working for the B.F. Goodrich Tire and Rubber Company and J.E. Reynolds Tire Company before her retirement in 1980.

After her retirement, she and Glenn traveled extensively. They traveled to Europe numerous times, and took numerous cruises. One of the very favorite pastimes was ballroom dancing. They literally danced around the world. They had a full and beautiful life together for over 50 years.

Helen belonged to the Lakewood Chapter 139, Order of the Eastern Star. She and Glenn served as Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron of that chapter in 1980 and 1981. She also received a Grand Representative appointment in 1975 and 1976 to New York.

She was a beloved aunt. Those who were lucky enough to call her "Aunt Helen" are the survivors, including nephews, Dwight Robinson of Albion, and Dorald Robinson of Whitewater, Wis.; nieces, Judy Castle, Arlene Muir and Hollis Writebol of Denver, Dorothy Ray Bien of Spring Dale, Ark., and Marla Einspahr of Indianola, Neb. She is also survived by great nieces and nephews; great-great nieces and nephews and a host of other relatives and friends.

Helen will always be remembered for being the very, proud, vivacious, professional, gracious, fun and beautiful woman which she was. She had an overabundance of charm and her zest for living was an inspiration to all who knew her.

She was able to finalize her journey on this earth just as she had traveled her journey on this earth...with great dignity and grace.

Her loving memory will continue to live in her friends' and relatives'

hearts.

Services were held Dec. 4, 2004, at Horan McContany in Lakewood with burial at Fort Logan Cemetery.

Helen was a sister-in-law of the late Avis Byers.

Avis and Glenn were raised in the Lawn Ridge community south of St. Francis. Glenn was a professional pianist and had played over the years for numerous functions in this area as well as all over Denver.

Glenn and Helen were well known in the Bird City and St. Francis areas.

Thomas Orneil Lamb

April 15, 1923 - Dec. 10, 2004

Thomas Orneil Lamb, Burlington, Colo., died Dec. 10, 2004, at the Grace Manor Care Center in Burlington. He was 81 years old.

Thomas was born April 15, 1923, to Ira E. and Ida M. (Lebow) Lamb in Bird City, Kan. He was the fourth of six children.

In 1944, Tom married Betty Jean Zorn in Benkelman, Neb. To this marriage three children were born: Judith Kay, Thomas Lynn, and Michael Lee.

Tom was inducted into the U.S. Army, serving with the 7th Infantry Division in the Asiatic-Pacific Theater of Operations. Upon discharge in 1946, he and Betty and little Judy lived in Benkelman, Neb., where he helped run Lamb's Grocery store with his brother Blaine and sister Helen until 1949. He then moved the family to Burlington to farm. Along with farming, Tom did carpentry work in the Burlington area until he moved to Denver, Colo., in 1966. There, he was employed as a brew master for Coors Brewery, Golden, Colo., until his retirement in 1990. At that time, Tom moved back to Burlington where he made his home

at the Burlington Care Center. He loved doing odd jobs around the Center and helping other residents. He was well known for his practical jokes, and his love for making people laugh.

Tom was an excellent fisherman, loved woodworking, hunting, and playing bingo. He was also a pilot, a member of the local Veterans of Foreign Wars and thoroughly loved animals.

On a Sunday afternoon in October 2004, while crossing the street in Burlington on his daily walk, Tom was struck by an automobile. He sustained injuries that led to complex complications which he was not able to overcome. He will be missed by his family at Burlington Care Center, by his surviving children and grandchildren and the many other family members and friends who were cheered by his abundant sense of humor and kindness.

Preceding Tom in death were his parents, four brothers Delbert, Eldon, Blaine and Edwin, one sister Helen Martin, and his beloved daughter, Judith Lamb Bollwinkel.

He is survived by his two sons, Thomas L. Lamb of Idaho Springs, Colo., and Michael Lamb and his wife Catharine of Burlington. He is also survived by four grandchildren, Brook Lamb Specht and husband Ryan, Gabriel Lamb, Zachary Lamb, Kelly Towey and husband Martin; one great-granddaughter Remy Towey; sisters-in-law Anna Jean Lamb of Benkelman, Joan Lamb of Florida, and many loving nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, Dec. 15, at 10:30 a.m. at the Love Funeral Home in Burlington. Burial followed in the Fairview Cemetery with Reverend Ralph Datema officiating the ser-

vices.

Memorial contributions may be made in his name and may be left at the Bank of Burlington.

Funeral arrangements were entrusted to the Love Funeral Home, Burlington.

Lawrence A. Douglass

Dec. 4, 1916 - Dec. 10, 2004

Lawrence A. Douglass, age 88, died Friday, Dec. 10, 2004, at Cobre Valley Community Hospital in Globe, Ariz. He was born in Cheyenne County, Kan., on Dec. 4, 1916, the son of Edith (Tidyman) and Joseph Douglass. He will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.

Lawrence proudly served his country in the Army during World War II. He worked for the Bureau of Mines (Department of Energy) in Laramie Wyo., for 18 years. He helped build Baptist churches; he was always helping someone fix something and could fix anything.

His greatest joy was spending time with his family.

Lawrence leaves behind in loving memory his wife of 61 years, Bernice Douglass of Globe; daughters, Janice Staudte and her husband, Bill of Globe and Marilyn Laddusaw and her husband, Bob of Plano, Texas; brothers: Glen Douglass of California; Vick Douglass of Colorado and Bob Douglass of Phoenix, Ariz.; sister: Muriel Shirmak of Akron, Colo.; 11 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

His son Jerry Ray Douglass preceded him in death.

Funeral services will be held Dec. 22 at 1 p.m. at Miles Funeral Services Globe Chapel, 237 S. Sutherland Street, Globe. Interment will be in the Globe Cemetery.

Funeral arrangements were entrusted to Miles Funeral Service, Globe.

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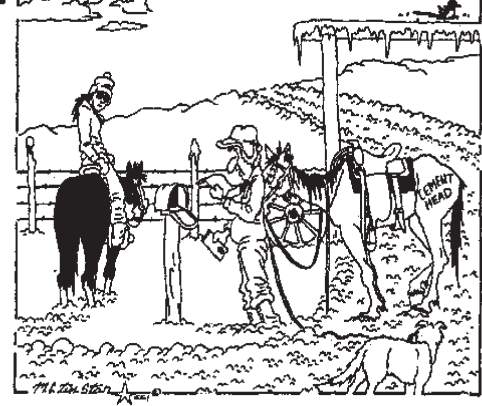
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