

Norman Lavell Mears

Feb. 12, 1928 - Dec. 30, 2004

Norman Lavell Mears was born on Feb. 12, 1928, in their rural Cheyenne County home to Alfred A. and Winnie M. (Lavell) Mears. He died in Aurora, Colo., on Dec. 27, 2004, at the age of 76 years, 10 months and 15 days.

Norman attended the rural Walnut Grove School through the eighth grade and later received his General Education Development while in the military. Two of his cousins and classmates were Inez (David) Stamm and Richard Payne, they shared many heartwarming and fun stories of that time of their lives. He worked locally for many people doing all sorts of jobs and learned many useful skills. He went on the harvest drive two different summers. He then bought land in Colorado and lived and worked there for a few years before he was drafted into the military.

He served in the military in Germany as a driver. He was a crack shot and took many honors after he was allowed to shoot left handed. Norman had many stories of his time in the military which all of his family will remember with fond memories. He had several friends from his service days whom he stayed close with all his life.

On Dec. 30, 1956, he was joined in marriage with Ivallee M. Spaulding at Steamboat Springs, Colo. They returned to the McDonald area where they made their home for the next 47 years, 11 months and 28 days. Their union was blessed with three children, Joyce A. Cahoj, Glenn J. Mears and Janet M. Martin.

Norman enjoyed guns, both collecting and trading along with hunting. There were many a wild ride taken when a coyote would run across the road in front of him. When his grandson was young, he spent many an afternoon teaching Laramie to prairie dog hunt. One of his greatest joys was farming and growing wheat. Norman was never happier than when he was on the tractor. But the greatest joy he ever had was his grandchildren. Norman was the best husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather anyone could ever ask for. He was known as Grandpa Norman by many and touched many lives by his presence.

He is preceded in death by his parents Alfred and Winnie Mears, his in-laws Glenn and Margaret Spaulding, his brother Kyle and sister Eula (Mears) Cook.

He is survived by his wife Iva Lee Mears, his daughter Joyce and husband Kenneth Cahoj of Fair Play, Mo., their son Laramie and wife Melissa Cahoj of Brookline, Mo. and his son Bailey Cahoj; his son Glenn (Bud) Mears and future wife Meridee of Strasburg, Colo.; his daughter Janet and her husband Rocky Martin of Champion, Neb., their children Rebecca Martin, Faylena, Emma and Julia Martin of Champion, Neb., and Elizabeth and husband Steve Estrada and daughter Meghan of Colorado Springs; his brother Gene and wife Carol Mears of McDonald; many nieces and nephews along with many wonderful friends.

The funeral service was held Dec. 31 at Knodel Funeral Home in St. Francis with Pastor Dennis Jones officiating. Honorary Pallbearers were Kent Banister, Gilbert Antholz, Lew McGrath, Gene Leitner, Fran Hatch, Theron

Culwell, Lou Reese, Jerry Shaw and Wayne Smith. Casket bearers were Joe Rainford, Butch Ewing, Gary Deyle, Bob Jones, Mike Knapp and Mark Roesener.

Interment was Grace Cemetery, McDonald with military rites by Fort Riley.

Lola Tompkins

Sept. 18, 1911 - Dec. 31, 2004

Longtime Sherman County, Kan., resident Lola Tompkins, 93, died Friday, Dec. 31, 2004, at the Goodland Regional Medical Center.

She was born Sept. 18, 1911, near Neosho, Mo., the daughter of Oliver Lee and Ida (Meyer) Hosey.

On Feb. 25, 1933, she and Hoyt Tompkins were married in Goodland and they lived at the Tompkins ranch for 25 years until 1958. Due to Hoyt's failing health, they moved to Goodland, making their home at the northwest corner of Goodland. Hoyt died Aug. 10, 1969 at Boothroy Memorial Hospital in Goodland.

Lola was a homemaker and she enjoyed her family, gardening, reading and painting. She enjoyed 35 years with good friends in Porcelain Art Club and 30 years as a hospital auxiliary volunteer.

Preceding her in death were her parents, brother and sister from Missouri, husband Hoyt Tompkins and a granddaughter Diana Tompkins.

She is survived by son A.H. "Tommy" Tompkins and his wife Viola of Goodland; three grandchildren Valerie Kaup of Goodland; Michael H. Tompkins, his wife Kim and their daughter Sadie of Goodland; Vickie Tompkins, her husband Floyd Stevens, and their son Jared of Pueblo, Colo.; great-grandchildren Andrew J. Kaup, his wife Stacy and their son Brody of Parker, Colo.; Matthew C. Kaup, his wife Derrmie and their son Bryce of Fort Collins, Colo.; Angela L. Kaup Luedecke and her husband Travis of Leander, Texas; Heather M. Tompkins, her husband Chris Hatfield, and their daughter Teryn of Goodland; Julie D. Tompkins, her husband Beau Hines, and their sons B.J. and Grant of Johnson; Shaunda K. Tompkins and her son Joseph of Goodland; Thomas M.H. Tompkins of Colby; and the children of Diana Tompkins: Phillip M. Daugherty of Seattle, Wash.; and Megan D. Daugherty and her daughter Mikela of Pueblo, Colo.

At Lola's request, there will be no service at this time. Following cremation, a private memorial service will be held with inurnment in the Goodland Cemetery.

Memorial may be designated to the Goodland Regional Medical Center Hospital Auxiliary or to the American Cancer Society, and may be left at or mailed to Koons Funeral Home, 211 North Main, Goodland, KS 67735-1555.

Helene Wilhelmina Antholz

Aug. 17, 1908 - Dec. 26, 2004

Helene Wilhelmina (Ommen) Antholz was born Aug. 17, 1908, to Henry and Anna (Kehlbeck) Ommen, southeast of Syracuse (Deleware Precinct), Neb. She was baptized on Sept. 6, 1908, by Reverend O. Klockner of Syracuse. Her sponsors were Minnie Rambat and Helene Roehler.

The family moved to a farm near Bird City, Kan., in 1913. Helene received her education in the Bird City School System. She reaffirmed her faith in Jesus Christ through her confirmation on April 9, 1922, at St. John Lutheran Church, Bird City, by Reverend Louis Sittler. Her confirmation verse was John 17:3. "And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent." (NKJV)

Helene graduated from Bird City High School in 1926. With her normal training and college summer school classes at Hays, she taught in one-room rural schools, grades first through eighth, for five years. She was at Star School (1926-27); Pleasant Valley (1927-29); and Pleasant Grove (1929-31), all in the Bird City area.

On Oct. 8, 1931, Helene was united in marriage to Arthur Antholz. They settled on a farm north of McDonald. To this union two daughters, Lila and Lucile were born.

In 1949, the family moved to Greeley, Colo., where her husband farmed in the Nunn area.

In 1961, they moved to a country home north of Lucerne, Colo. Helene was active in choirs of Our Savior's Lutheran Church of Greeley and Faith Lutheran Church in Eaton where they were active members. She also served in womens' organizations on the local, conference and district levels, and served as the president of the Women of the Central District of the American Lutheran Church. She was a Sunday school

teacher and Bible study leader for many years in her church home and community.

Since April of 1994, Helene was under nursing care of the Bonnel Good Samaritan and the Kenton Manor Care centers of Greeley.

She died Sunday, Dec. 26, 2004, at the Kenton Manor Care Center.

She is survived by one daughter, Lila Niefeld and husband, Clayton of Eaton; son-in-law, Charles Loper and wife, Beverly of Colorado Springs; brother, Elmer Ommen of Eugene, Ore.; sister-in-law, Frieda Black, McDonald; grandchildren, Katherine Dirks and husband, Randy of Garden City, Timothy Niefeld and wife, Konda of Blair, Neb., Eileen Stirtz and husband, David of Lincoln; Linda Loflin and husband, Ritchie and Bert Loper and wife, Pattie of Colorado Springs; great-grandchildren, Melodee Kirks, Tyler and Carrie Kirks, Benjamin Stirtz, Lyndon and Riley Loflin; step great-grandchildren, Mike and Mandy Giles and Haley Hansen; step great-great-grandchild, Ellis Giles, and a host of relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Arthur; daughter, Lucile; grandson, Bart Loper; her parents; four sisters and two brothers.

Funeral services were held Dec. 30 at 10:30 a.m. Family burial service was at Sunset Memorial Garden, Greeley.

Memorials may be given to Faith Lutheran Church, 36980 W.C.R. 37, Eaton, CO. 80615, or the place of your choice.



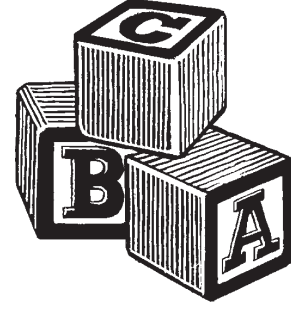
Velazquez

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Liberty Aynne Velazquez

Big sister Laila would like to announce the arrival of her baby sister, Liberty Aynne. She was born on Nov. 19, 2004, at KU Medical Center in Kansas City. She weighed 7 pounds, 7 ounces and was 19-inches long.

Her parents are Carlos and Laurie Velazquez, Kansas City, and her grandparents are Stan and Neva Wahrman, St. Francis; Esther Alaniz of Kansas City and Roberto Velazquez of Kansas City, Mo.



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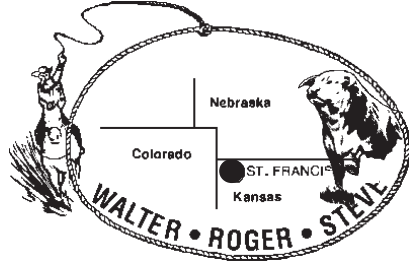
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