

Obituaries

Teena Lanette McDanel

Sept. 1, 1961 - Jan. 9, 2005

Teena Lanette Gienger was born in St. Francis, Kan., on Sept. 1, 1961, the third and youngest child of Wanda and Willard (Pete) Gienger.



McDanel

She was baptized as an infant and later confirmed at the United Methodist Church in St. Francis.

Teena graduated from St. Francis Community High School with the class of 1979. She attended Colby Community College for two years, graduating in 1981. She lived in Chicago for a short time, studying missionary service. This led her to New Hampshire and His Mansion where she served for a couple of years.

She returned to northwest Kansas for a few years where she enjoyed her work in the St. Francis school system.

Teena met Robert (Bobby) McDanel in 1983, while in New England, and on June 9, 1990, Teena and Bobby were united in marriage in St. Francis. Teena and Bobby began their married life together living in New York from 1990 through 1994. The couple moved back to St. Francis in September of 1994, where they have lived ever since. Teena and Bobby's daughter, Kathryn Elizabeth, was born on Jan. 11, 1996, and Teena became a very devoted stay-at-home mother.

Teena and Bobby opened their own antique and collectible shop, The Country Crafter, which has expanded in recent years, to include internet sales via eBay.

The family attended The Word Of Life Four Square Church in Goodland for some time. They are currently members of the Assembly of God Church in St. Francis. Teena recently became a volunteer at the Good Samaritan Village in St. Francis, reading scripture to the residents.

Teena's love of her Lord was evident to all she met. Many conversations soon turned to the need for Jesus' guidance in their lives. Sharing this faith with her family and others was where she found her true happiness. This love of the Lord was reflected in her devotion as a mother and wife.

Teena suffered a brain aneurysm on Dec. 27, 2004. She died surrounded by family on Jan. 9, 2005, the Sabbath.

Teena was preceded in death by her grandparents, Fred and Kathryn

Burr and William and Esther Gienger.

She is survived by her husband, Bobby and daughter, Katie of the home. Other survivors include Teena's parents, Pete and Wanda Gienger; her sister, Tonya Gienger; her brother, Tony Gienger and wife, Joan and daughters, Jody and Kari, all of Cheyenne County. She is also survived by her father and mother-in-law, Robert and Shirley McDanel; sister-in-law, Shirley Proefried and husband, Bill and their six children, Bobby, Sean, Billy, Caitlyn, Patrick and Matthew; and sister-in-law, Kelly and her two children, Michael and Summer, all of Long Island, N.Y.; along with many uncles, aunts, cousins, neighbors and a multitude of friends, near and far. All of these people will miss Teena dearly, as she touched the hearts of everyone she met.

Funeral services were held Jan. 13 at the United Methodist Church, St. Francis, with Pastor Robert Meyer and Pastor John Coumerilh officiating.

Honorary pallbearers were Blake McCall, Libby Berry, Aisa Burr, Toby Cooper, Reuben Burr, Willie Klie, Eddie Lauer, Dutch Walz, Bennie Weber, Maurice Stramel, Vicky Lilly.

Casket bearers were Kelly Gienger, Steve Johnson, Larry Gabel, Royce Gienger, Scott Carmichael, Ron Neitzel.

Interment was in the St. Francis Cemetery, St. Francis

Ruth Alice Sherlock

June 18, 1923 - Jan. 13, 2005

Ruth Alice Sherlock, 81, died at her home in Washington, Kan., on Thursday, Jan. 13, 2005. She was born to Alva J. and Alice G. (Murphy) Dryden on June 18, 1923, in Wichita.

On July 18, 1945, she was united in marriage to Fred Sherlock in Ellsworth.

Mrs. Sherlock spent a number of years as a social worker for the State of Kansas.

She was a member of the St. Augustine Catholic Church in Washington and also belonged to Chi Omega Sorority and while living in St. Francis, The American Association of University Women.

Preceding her in death were her father and mother, Alva and Alice Dryden; husband, Fred Sherlock, and brothers Jimmy Dryden, Billy Dryden and Bob Dryden.

Survivors include sons, Peter Sherlock and wife, Mary Kay of Washington, Steve Sherlock and wife, Judy of Lamar, Colo., Todd Sherlock of Leawood; daughter, Susan Hill and husband, Bill of Reston, Va.; sister, Betty McCosh,

Thousand Oaks, Calif.; seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

A Vigil service was held on Sunday, Jan. 16, with a Memorial Mass on Jan. 17 at St. Augustine Catholic Church in Washington with Father James Hoover and Sister Marilyn Wall officiating.

George Michael Morris

Sept. 21, 1926 - Jan. 10, 2005

George Michael Morris, fourth child of John and Bertha (Koehler) Morris, died from complications of Parkinson's disease at the Denver VA Medical Center on Jan. 10, 2005. George was born on Sept. 21, 1926, in the sod house; five miles north and one mile east of Wheeler, Kan., in Cheyenne County.

George entered the U.S. Army on Feb. 10, 1945, and was honorably discharged on Nov. 30, 1946.

On Oct. 2, 1949, he was united in marriage to Della Oakley, daughter of Kenneth and Fern Oakley in Benkelman, Neb. To this union were born four sons, Gary, Ricky, Ronny and Kelly.

George spent his life in Cheyenne County doing what was his passion, working the soil, working his calves and working his sons.

Remembering

Out in the hills north of Wheeler, George's life was begun.

With older siblings the walk to school, was under the Kansas sun.

Then as he grew somewhat older, he went to work by the day.

At 14—shucking corn, he earned his own way — you could say.

He served his country in '45 and '46; he was in the Army, He made the rank of Staff Sergeant, then he returned to farming.

George worked for Arnold Magley, tilling the soil and tending the stock.

Then he'd go roller-skating in Benkelman, and that led to holy wedlock.

For you see he met his sweetheart, Della Oakley was her name, A graceful skating couple soon their last names were the same.

They had a family consisting of four boys what a busy crew?

Back on the homelace north of Wheeler, there sure was a lot to do!

They brought up their family, learning by doing, in 4-H, he was a leader.

In electricity and woodworking projects, and of cattle; he was a feeder.

He traced his ancestry back in Scotland and even got to go there.

An interest in history and genealogy he truly did love to share.

A Christian man, his faith was strong, and so now we worry not.

For he was lifted up on angel wings, he sure was loved a lot.

You've made it a good life we hate to say goodbye,

But God has called your name.

So "Adieu to you our Special One" we'll miss you just the same.

By the Wild Rose Poet
Helene Ruth Landenberger

George was preceded in death by his parents, John and Bertha.

Survivors include his wife, Della of Colby; his sons and wives, Gary and Patty of St. Francis; Ricky and Linda of Haigler, Neb.; Ronny and Marcella of Arvada, Colo.; Kelly and Connie of St. Francis; one brother, Edward (Bud) and Betty of Goodland; two sisters, Kathleen Stanley and Martha Stothard, both of St. Francis; 11 grandchildren, Tiffany and husband, Sean Hamilton, Shane Morris, JJ Morris, Shauna Morris, Travis Morris, Sarah Morris, Veronica Morris, Lisa Morris, David Morris, Jessica Morris and Lacy Morris; four great-grandchildren, Nariah, Jacob, Chandler, and Logan Hamilton; and many other relatives and close friends.

Services were held at 1:30 p.m. on Friday, Jan 14, at the First Christian Church with Pastor Tony Christian officiating. Nephew, Kenny Oakley of Las Vegas, Nev., was the vocalist.

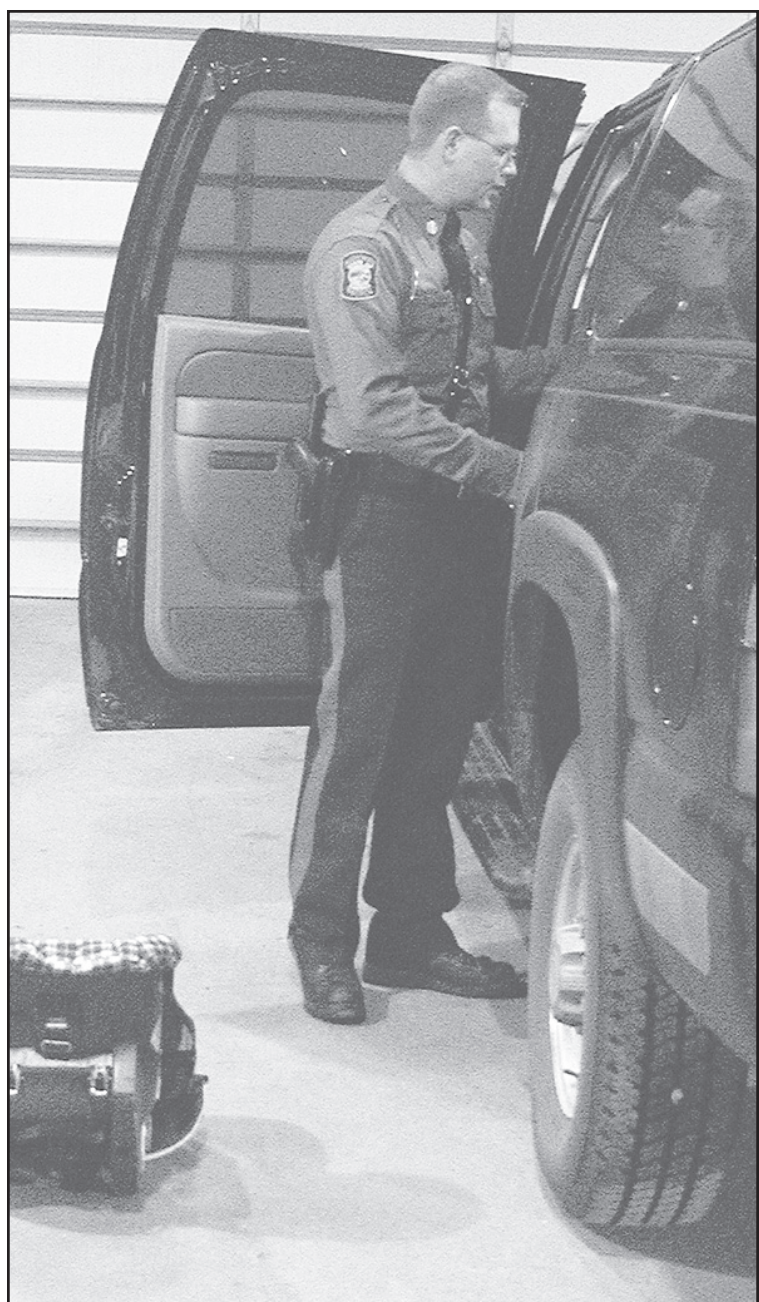
Honorary pallbearers were Gary Yonkey, David Sowers, Ray Lee, Calvin Raile, Mark Littlefield, Bob Van Allen, Terry Culwell, Kenny Bracelin, Jerdene Barnhart, Alvin Loop, Leroy Connett, Howard Poulignot, Skip Petersen, A.J. Follett, Danny Penn, L.A. Bunjes.

Casket bearers were George's grandchildren: Shane Morris, Travis Morris, JJ Morris, David Morris, Jessica Morris, Veronica Morris, Shauna Morris, Lacy Morris, Lisa Morris, Sarah Morris, Tiffany Hamilton.

Memorials may be made to: King's Kids Denver, 7754 N. Holland Court, Arvada, CO 80005

Military rites were provided by soldiers from Fort Riley, with interment in the St. Francis Cemetery of Cheyenne County.

Knodel Funeral Home of St. Francis was in charge of arrangements.



TROOPER TOD HILEMAN was in town doing car seat safety checks.

Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

Health department sponsors event

The Cheyenne County Health Department and the Kansas Highway Patrol conducted a child passenger safety event on Jan. 12 at Yost Ford-Mercury.

Rita Keeker, county health administrative assistant and Healthy Start Home Visitor, reported that, while there were only five infant car seats checked that day, Trooper Tod Hileman had been able to instruct the parents or those bringing the vehicles and seats how to install the car seats better, thus, helping to save a life in case there was an accident.

There were two car seats replaced and they provided two new seats.

Mrs. Keeker said Trooper Hileman was advising parents with forward-facing infant car

seats to watch the placement of the shoulder straps on the infant seat as they must be over the reinforcement bar on the back of the car seat.

The weather was extremely cold for the Jan. 12 check and this factor may have caused some parents to not bring in their vehicles and car seats. However, Mrs. Keeker says they will be having another car seat check in September, after school has started and before cold weather begins.

The Hospital Guild members had provided refreshments.

Mrs. Keeker said there is more information on car seat safety at the County Health Office on U.S. 36 and Benton Street. Parents are welcome to stop by and pick up a pamphlet.

Book Review

The Betrayal

By Beverly Lewis

Abram Ebersol and wife, Ida, are raising their daughters on a firm foundation of Plain traditions, and they expect the girls to carry on that heritage, safe and secure in their cloistered Lancaster County community. But Sadie, the oldest daughter, has found little appeal in her Amish life compared to the lure of the "English" world surrounding them. When Sadie's traditional

rumschpringe before embracing baptismal vows goes terribly awry, sister Leah's life also may be forever altered by their secret pact...

The twins, Hannah and Mary Ruth, have their own distinct and hidden yearnings, and fear clutches at each heart as the two begin to realize where those longings may lead.

Is the Ebersol family tapestry unraveling too quickly, too permanently, to be repaired?

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