

Obituaries

Helen Mazie Allen

Feb. 24, 1910 - Nov. 6, 2005
Helen Mazie Allen, 95, Urbana, died Sunday, Nov. 6, 2005, in the Mercy McAuley Center, Urbana. She was born on a farm in north St. Francis, Kan., the daughter of the late Fred Hammers and Florida (Crosby).

Helen was a member of the Assembly of God Church in St. Francis. She will be fondly remembered for her cooking.

She is survived by her daughters, Joyce (John) Brooks of Urbana and Kay E. (Craig) Fessenden of Hutchinson; sons, Bill (Dorothy) LeBow of Meridian, Idaho, and David Allen of Atwood; 11 grandchildren, including Gwen Espinoza of Urbana and Paul Espinoza of Arizona, Clark and Margie Davis of Springfield and Amber (Davis) and Brian Loudon of Urbana; several great- and great-great-grandchildren, brothers, Robert and Dorothy Hammers and Fredrick Hammers, both of Englewood, Colo.; several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, first husband, Ira C. LeBow; second husband of 34 years, Roy Allen; brothers, Harv and George Hammers, a granddaughter, Tracie (Davis) Rector, and great-great-grandson, Trey Moses.

A gathering of family and friends was held Nov. 9 in the Vernon Funeral Home, Urbana.

Following her wishes, her body will be cremated.

A memorial service and burial of ashes in the Bird City Cemetery will be held later.

Velma K. Holste

Dec. 5, 1919 - Nov. 27, 2005
Longtime Sherman County, Kan., resident Velma K. Holste, 85, died Nov. 27, 2005, at her home in Goodland.

Velma Katharina Margaret (Lehman) Holste was born to Arthur R. and Anna (Gross) Lehman Dec. 5, 1919, near Linn in Washington County. She became a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Linn by baptism Feb. 25, 1920. She was confirmed on Oct. 28, 1934, by Pastor Edwin J. Hirsch at St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

She attended school in Linn and graduated from Linn Rural High School in May of 1937. She did housework following graduation. In the fall of 1938, she, with her parents and sister Valetta, moved to Goodland, Kan. She did housework until she was employed by the Kansas State Employment Service for 1940-1945.

On Aug. 19, 1945, she was united in marriage to John P. Holste of Ludell, and they lived on a farm northeast of Edson. To this union were born three children: Daniel Paul, Miriam Anna and Mark Anthony.

Velma enjoyed her gardens and flowers, chickens, and canning her vegetables and fruit. She also enjoyed caring for her children and helping her husband with the farm work.

Velma was active in PTA at Edson while her children were in school. She was a Sunday School teacher at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, of which she was a member. She was also a sponsor of Junior Luther League, as well as a member of Senior League, and a Senior Choir member.

Her memberships included Naomi Circle, Women of the Church, Hospital Auxiliary, and Business and Professional Women's Club. She was selected as Woman of the Year (1984-1985) by the Business and Professional Women's Club.

She was the Sherman County Deputy County Clerk from 1959-1967, and Sherman County Clerk from 1967 through April 1, 1983.

She was very proud of her children and grandchildren.

Preceding her in death was her husband John; parents; baby brother Floyd Lehman; brother Chester Lehman; sister Valetta Sears and brother-in-law Lawrence Sears.

She leaves to mourn her death her children: son, Daniel Holste and his wife, Jean of Humboldt, Iowa; their daughters Diane Holste of Parker, Colo., and Ellen Holste of Humboldt; daughter Miriam Yonkey, her husband, Gary, and their daughter Heidi, all of Wheeler; son Mark Holste, his wife Linda, and their children, John Holste and Sarah Holste, all of Bettendorf, Iowa; sister-in-law, Lula Lehman of Salina; and nieces, nephews, and their families.

The funeral service was held on Friday, Dec. 2, at the Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Goodland, with Pastor Scott Grimshaw and Pastor David Rossbach officiating. Burial followed in the Goodland Cemetery.

Memorials may be designated to American Cancer Society, Emmanuel Lutheran Church, or to Hospice Services of Sherman County, and may be left at or mailed to Koons Funeral Home, 211 North Main, Goodland, KS 67735-1555.

Martha Irene Price

Sept. 17, 1946 - Nov. 29, 2005
Martha Irene Price, age 59, died Nov. 29, 2005, at Greeley County Hospital in Tribune, Kan. Martha was born Sept. 17, 1946, at Neodesha, the daughter of Franz B. and Edith Byington.

She had been a Wallace County resident since 1972 having worked for Blick's AgriFarm Services, Rickel Grains and FarmCo as a secretary and bookkeeper. She was also a homemaker.

She was a 1964 graduate of Fredonia High School, Fredonia. Martha was a member of the Bible Baptist Church in Fredonia.

On Oct. 11, 1964, she married James E. Price at Fredonia. He survives.

Martha's surviving family members include: two sons, James E. Price Jr., Grainfield, John E. Price, Dighton; one daughter, Dana Van Allen, Wheeler; one sister, Helen Stewart, Sacramento, Calif.; and six grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, a sister and a brother.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, Dec. 3, at the Wesleyan Church in Sharon Springs with the Reverend Bill Ball officiating.

Burial was in Wallace Cemetery, Wallace.

Memorials may be given to the American Diabetic Association in care of Price and Sons Funeral Home, Leoti.

e-condolences may be sent to pricefh@wbsnet.org

Barbara Louise Finley

Oct. 19, 1929 - Nov. 29, 2005
Barbara Louise Finley, 76, died

suddenly at the Good Samaritan Village Tuesday, Nov. 29, 2005.

Barbara was born Oct. 19, 1929, in St. Francis, Kan., to John Lewis Jr. and Dorothy Carroll Finley. She grew up on the farm north of St. Francis with her brother, John Lewis Finley III. While growing up, she helped the family with the dairy chores. During her free times while growing up she enjoyed church and school functions.

She was involved in 4-H, Girl Reserves, school choir, piano lessons and numerous other activities. She graduated in May 1947 from St. Francis Community High School. She went on to attend Phillips University and Dodge City Community College where she earned a secretarial degree.

She married Herbert M. Helms Sr. at the First Christian Church on Feb. 15, 1953. During their marriage they had two children, Herbert M. Helms, Jr. (Marty) and Richard D. Helms (Ricky).

She spent her years being a homemaker and a home healthcare aide. She was always willing to help someone out.

She was a life-long member of the First Christian Church. Barbara was admitted into the Rebekah's April 4, 1995, and was elected Noble Grand in 2000. She was also a member of the Past Noble Grand Club. Barbara was very dedicated to the Rebekah's. She was involved in the Relay for Life, a member of the AARP, the Christian Women's Fellowship and the First Christian Church Choir.

Barbara enjoyed crocheting, quilting, crafts, sewing and learning how to use the computer. She crocheted many afghans for her nephew and niece and their families.

Barbara had been a resident of the Good Samaritan Village since May 2002. She was selected as "Resident of the Month" in March of 2005.

Barbara was preceded in death by her parents, John Lewis (Daddy Doc) Sr. and Dorothy Carroll Finley, her first husband, Herbert M. Helms Sr., her two sons, Herbert M. Helms Jr. and Richard D. Helms, infant daughter, Dorothy, and sister-in-law, Bernadine Finley.

Survivors include her brother, John Lewis Finley, III of St. Francis; nephew, Larry Lewis Finley and wife, Terri of St. Francis; niece, Sharon Faye Havel of St. Francis, great nieces, Amber Havel and Taylor Finley, great nephews, Travis Havel, Tyler, Jonathon and Brendan Finley all of St. Francis; Ricky Jr. of Tennessee, special cousins, Mary Blackwood and Nancy Trout of Kansas City. Barbara leaves behind other cousins and special friends who will miss her deeply. She was truly a special and caring person.

The funeral was held at the First Christian Church, St. Francis on Saturday, Dec. 3, with Pastor Tony Christians officiating.

Honorary pallbearers were great nieces and nephews: Amber Havel, Travis Havel, Tyler Finley, Jonathon Finley, Brendan Finley, Taylor Kennedy Finley.

Casket bearers were Pat Stuart, Bert Follett, Lanny DeGood, Pat Cress, Rodney Bracelin, Dave Wright.

Burial followed at the St.

Francis Cemetery, with a Rebekah Graveside Service.

Arrangements were by Knodel Funeral Home, St. Francis.

Sylvia Ann Bandel

June 23, 1922 - Nov. 30, 2005
Sylvia Ann Bandel, daughter of Daniel Francis (Frank) McCurry and Della Elizabeth (Einspahr) McCurry was born on June 23, 1922, and died on Nov. 30, 2005, at the Good Samaritan Village in St. Francis, Kan., at the age of 83 years, 5 months and 7 days.

She was baptized as a child at the Lutheran Church in Imperial, Neb., along with her siblings. She was later confirmed in the Zion Lutheran Church in St. Francis. She attended the Mount Zion School, which was 1/4th mile from her home.

On Nov. 29, 1944, she was united in marriage to Otto Bandel in Goodland. No children were born to this union. Together they ran a dairy for many years. She delivered milk to many customers in St. Francis.

Sylvia was of cheerful and self-reliant nature, and was ever willing to help in whatever capacity she could. She enjoyed sewing quilts for the Lutheran Church, making many different craft projects from beads, raising rat terrier dogs, and spending time with family, especially the children. She attended church service faithfully until old age made it impossible for her to do so, and she also attended communion regularly.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Frank and Della McCurry, sister, Arvella Lillich and husband, Julius; brother Joseph and wife, Mildred, brother Calvert, and brother-in-law Estle Cullum. She was also preceded in death by brother-in-law, August Bandel and his wife, Viola; brother-in-law, Reinhold Bandel and his wife, Alydia, brother-in-law, Traugott Bandel and his wife, Lydia.

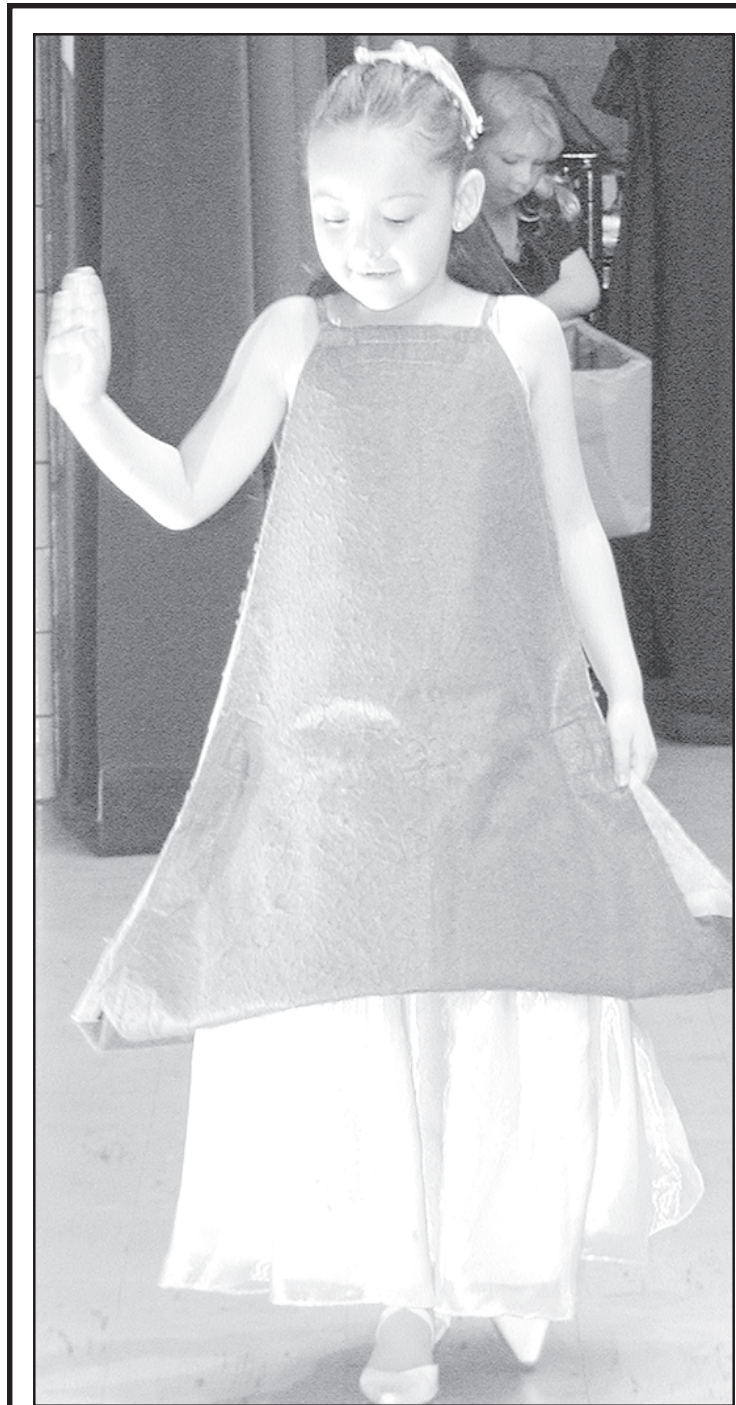
She is survived and sadly missed by her husband of 61 years, Otto Bandel, sister Gladys Cullum and Marlin Houtman, sister-in-law Gerri McCurry, brother-in-law, Ruben Bandel and wife Bernice, and many cousins, nieces and nephews and friends.

Services for Sylvia were held at Peace Lutheran Church, St. Francis, on Friday, Dec. 2, with Pastor Anthony J. Striffler of Garden City officiating.

Casket bearers were Chuck Bandel, Matt Bandel, Dan McCurry, Arnold Lillich, Randy Wieck, Dennis Weeden.

Interment was in the St. Francis Cemetery.

Arrangements were by Knodel Funeral Home.



JESICA PACHECO parades as a Christmas tree during the Christmas program. Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

Casey's Comments

By Casey McCormick

Pet owners can be a funny group. Animals can become a source of great companionship. Although their life spans are shorter than humans, we continue to keep them in our lives.

But I'm a little confused by the latest pet trend. Breeders are actually mixing dog types to come up with unusual new animals.

There is the Puggle, which is a Pug and Beagle cross. Take a Schnauzer and a Poodle and you have a Schnoodle. How about a Doodleman Pinscher? Yep, half Doberman and half Standard Poodle.

Others include the Boxerdoodle, Labradoodle, Shepadoodle, Westiepool and Bullboxer. You can figure those out, but how about a

Whooodles? That is a soft coated Wheaten terrier and a Poodle.

And these dogs come with a breeder's price tag as well. Most range from about \$500 to over \$1,000!

Maybe I'm crazy but that's a lot of money for a mutt. Granted, Poodle owners claim their dogs are very intelligent and don't shed. So why not buy a Poodle?

Again, our society confuses me. But, then again, one of the groups of people who are on waiting lists for Puggles are Hollywood actors. Go figure!

But maybe I'm looking at this all wrong. What would I get if I mixed a Scottish terrier, named Ferguson, with a Dalmatian, called Freckles? A Scalmatian who answers to Ferckles?

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