

# Obituaries

## Sally B. Ketter

Nov. 20, 1947 - Feb. 8, 2006

Sally B. Ketter, 58, of Goodland, Kan., a business owner and optometric assistant, died Wednesday, Feb. 8, 2006.



Ketter

She was born Nov. 20, 1947, in Goodland, the daughter of Deitrich A. and Esther A. (Cotter) Klassen. She attended school in Goodland, graduating in 1965.

On Sept. 3, 1966, she married Ronald R. Ketter at the Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church in Goodland. They own Tri-State Commodities Inc., a trucking company, and she was an optometric assistant for Dr. Kay Driver for many years and then for Dr. David Schnee.

Her full-time job was being "Nana" to her four grandchildren. She enjoyed her yard, cooking, family events and weekends at the lake.

Preceding her in death were her father; a brother-in-law, Darrel Parsons; and a nephew, Trevor Parsons.

Survivors include her husband; her mother of Goodland; a daughter, Kim (Richard) Bateman of Goodland; a son, Jason (Kerri) Ketter of Goodland; a sister, Pam Parsons of Goodland; four grandchildren and many more nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

Services were held at the Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church in Goodland on Saturday, Feb. 11, with Father Deabal officiating.

Pallbearers were nephews: Darin Gilliland, Kevin Isaac, Dustin Gilliland, Mike Isaacs, Mike Ketter, Randy Johnson, Monroe Mitchek and Brian Hammeke.

Burial was in the Goodland Cemetery.

Memorials may be sent to the funeral home, Box 278, Goodland, KS 67735. The family will decide the use later.

## Eleanor Walz

March 7, 1937 - Jan. 26, 2006

Eleanor (Lucero Gallegos) Walz was born March 7, 1937, to Joseph Paul Lucero and Genevieve (Gurule) Lucero in Tuijillo, Colo. She died at Wray Community District Hospital in Wray, Colo., on Jan. 25, 2006.

Eleanor was the oldest of three children, a younger brother, Paul and sister, Janet.

Eleanor spent her early childhood in Antonito, Colo., and her later years in Silverton. Eleanor was

united in marriage to Patricio Gallegos on June 18, 1955, in St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Silverton. Born to this union were two sons, Ronald, on July 21, 1956, in Ouray, and Patrick, on July 14, 1958, in Denver. Her husband Patricio, was tragically killed in a construction accident in Denver on Sept. 25, 1959. Eleanor returned to Silverton to raise her two young sons. She enjoyed working at the Bent Elbow in Silverton.

Eleanor married LeRoy Walz on July 31, 1971, in Silverton. LeRoy and Eleanor blended their two families together. She gained a son, David and a daughter, Debbie.

Eleanor and LeRoy enjoyed many great years together. He died on Nov. 26, 2004, leaving a very big void in her life.

Eleanor was caring, loving and devoted in all facets of her life including being a devoted family member...mother, daughter, sister and wife. She always put family first. As her own children grew older and had children of their own, she soon filled the role of devoted grandmother.

She was a member of the Wray community, spending much of her free time devoted to her church family. She was an active member of Altar Society and Rosary. Eleanor's devotion to God was evident in her daily life.

She spent countless hours at the nursing home visiting and reading the paper to the residents.

She enjoyed bowling on Friday nights and friends were an important part of her life.

Spending time traveling with her husband, LeRoy, was a great joy for Eleanor and when LeRoy became ill, she never left his side and remained a faithful companion until his death.

Eleanor is survived by children, Ron Gallegos and wife, Jana, and Pat Gallegos; daughter-in-law, Vicky Walz; her grandchildren, Stephanie Schueller and husband, Brad, Jeff Gallegos, Tonya Gallegos and fiancé, Quentin Simmons, Shawn Gallegos and wife, Erin, Patrick Gallegos, Sam Walz, Dianne Walz; her great-grandchild, Mariana Reese Gallegos; her sister, Janet Hadden and husband, Ron; her brothers-in-law, Eddie Gallegos and wife, Sandy, Arthur Gallegos and Harold Kamla; sisters-in-law, Alva Gallegos, Lavie Gallegos and Shirley Walz and numerous nieces,

nephews and friends.

Eleanor's funeral mass was held at the St. Andrew Catholic Church and burial was in the Grandview Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the St. Andrew Catholic Church building fund.

## Sylvester J. Meitl

Oct. 10, 1919 - Feb. 22, 2006

Sylvester J. Meitl, 86, Oberlin, Kan., died Feb. 22, 2006, at the Decatur County Good Samaritan Center in Oberlin. He was born to John Meitl and Bertha Ympa, in Summit Township, Decatur County.

Sylvester was raised on a farmstead in Summit Township and attended country school and Leoville High School.

He was a member of the U.S. Army during World War II.

On Oct. 24, 1951, he married Faye Votapka. He farmed south of Oberlin then moved to Oberlin in 1986.

Memberships included Immaculate Conception Church, Leoville and Sacred Heart Church, Oberlin; Farm Bureau and Polled Hereford Association.

He was preceded in death by his parents John and Bertha Meitl; brothers, Ernest and Elmer Meitl and sister, Genieve Campbell.

Survivors include his wife, Faye Meitl of Oberlin; sons Mark and Leta Meitl of Dresden and Kevin Meitl of Oberlin; daughters, Mary and Jimmy Carrico of Oklahoma City, Okla., Susan Meitl of Mustang, Okla., and Julie Meitl of Yukon, Okla.; brothers, Gerald and Lois Meitl of Dresden, Walt and Rosella Meitl of Oberlin; Reverend Roger Meitl of St. Francis and Harold and Janice Meitl of Green Valley, Ariz.; sister, Jackie Kenney of Indianapolis; eight grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Services were held on Saturday, Feb. 25, at Immaculate Conception Church, Leoville with Rev. Roger Meitl and Rev. George Kochuvelikkakam officiating. Burial was in the Mount Calvary Cemetery, Leoville;

Memorials made by made to the Sylvester Meitl Memorial Fund.

## Paul W. Shepherd

July 7, 1911 - Feb. 24, 2006

Paul W. Shepherd, 94, lifelong Kanorado, Kan., resident, died at his home on Feb. 24, 2006. Paul was born on July 7, 1911, to George and Mary (James). He attended school in Kanorado, graduating with the class of 1929. He was married to Eleanor Frost on Nov. 7, 1933 and she died in 1978; and to Viola Bandel on June 5, 1980, and she died in 2002.

He was a farmer, windmill repairman, worked in the oil fields and for

S and H Drilling.

He was a 60-year member of the Shriners, Masons and Elks, where he also was a past exalted ruler.

Paul was preceded in death by his parents, his wives and a son, Dennis.

He is survived by his son, Jerry of Sandwich, Ill.; Robinn Shepherd of Sandwich; grandchildren, Dennis (Heidi) of Ohio, Ill., Travis Shepherd of Sandwich; great-grandchildren, Mona Reyes of Ohio, Ill., and Amber and Abby Shepherd of Amboy, Ill. He is also survived by his brother, James of Oklahoma.

Graveside services were held March 2 at Kanorado Cemetery. Memorials will be directed to the Kanorado Senior Center.

## LeAnn Christy Johnson

Jan. 30, 1968 - Feb. 25, 2006

LeAnn Christy Johnson, 38, died Saturday, Feb. 25, 2006, near Hayes Center, Neb., from injuries sustained in an automobile accident.

LeAnn was born Jan. 30, 1968, to Gilbert D. and Patricia A. (McKinley) Stasser, at Burlington, Colo. She graduated from high school in St. Francis, Kan., in 1986, and attended the Northwest Kansas Area Vocational Tech School in Goodland, receiving a degree in electronics.

She married Jon Johnson in St. Francis on June 10, 1988, and to this union two children were born, Cody and Ashley.

She lived most of her adult life in Cloud and Jewell counties in Kansas, where she worked at Trapper's Restaurant in Simpson.

In February 2005, she moved to Hayes Center and worked as a desk clerk for Days Inn at McCook. She loved animals, collected wolf artifacts, and was devoted to her children.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Gilbert and Patricia Stasser; maternal grandparents, Herbert and Lola McKinley; and paternal grandparents, Everett and Margaret Stasser.

Survivors include her daughter, Ashley and son, Cody of Independence; brother, Larry Atkins and wife, Cathy of Edgemont, S.D.; sisters, Kathy Ellis of Jamestown, Paula Hebel, and Sherri Peterson and husband, John of Fayetteville, N.C.; life partner, Mark Long of Hayes Center and numerous family and a host of friends.

Memorials may be given in her name for her children's trust fund, in care of Carpenter Breland Funeral Home, P.O. Box 476, McCook, NE 69001.

Memorial services were held March 1 at First Christian Church in St. Francis, with Pastor Tony Christians officiating. Burial was in St. Francis and Hot Springs, S.D.. Condolences may be sent online

http://www.carpenterbreland.com/ Carpenter Breland Funeral Home of McCook was in charge of the arrangements.

## Robert E. Daily

Sept. 11, 1923 - Feb. 13, 2006

Robert E. Daily died on Feb. 13, 2006.

He was the husband of Edna (Raile) Daily; dad of Patti (Brian) McKee and the late Debra Daily; grandpa of Lindsay Brooks and Ashley Brooks; brother of Carol (the late Ronnie) Thompson; brother-in-law of Paul (Barbara), Edwin (Wanda) and John (Debbie) Raile; and uncle, cousin and friend to many.

Bob was a past president of the A.C.I.C. retirees group and a faithful member of Ferguson United Methodist Church.

A fan of the 40's era, he really enjoyed big band music and was a talented saxophone player.

After retirement, Bob enjoyed fishing and traveling with his wife abroad and all 50 states.

Memorials may be made in Bob's memory to the American Heart Association or Ferguson United Methodist Church.

The funeral services were held at White-Mullen Mortuary in Ferguson on Feb. 16. The interment followed in Memorial Park Cemetery in St. Louis County, Mo.

## Timothy Baxter

June 15, 1964 - Feb. 24, 2006

Clifford Timothy Baxter, 41, St. Francis, Kan., a self employed welder and outfitter, died Feb. 24, 2006, in St. Francis.

Tim was born June 15, 1964, the son of James Earl Baxter, Jr. and Esther Ruth (Lowrey) Trehern in Mobile, Ala., where he attended school and graduated.

By the time Tim was 5, he received his first 410-shotgun which started a lifelong love of hunting. He bagged his first deer at the age of 9 at the family owned fishing camp at Hubbard's Landing in Baldwin County. At that camp he also developed a love for fishing.

As teenagers, Tim and his brother, Slim watched their momma's hair turn gray as they raced stock cars at the local tracks and rode bareback broncs and bulls in rodeos.

On May 17, 1991, Tim met Judy Mallett in Mobile, Ala. In the fall of 1991, they moved to St. Francis, where Judy practiced as a veterinarian at the Republican Valley Veterinary Clinic and Tim worked at Callicrate Feedyard.

Tim and Judy were united in marriage at Movella Baptist Church in Lucedale, Miss., on Sept. 25, 1993.

In 1994, Tim began his welding career and the main focus of his business was building corrals.

Many farms and ranches in the tri-state area exhibit his workmanship and skill as a true craftsman.

His wife, Judy competed in the powder puff derby at the 1994 Cheyenne County Fair. She enjoyed it so much that Tim built their first derby car with which Judy received second place in the 1995 derby's main event. The two were hooked on the sport and they built a car every year except when they were expecting their children.

On Nov. 7, 2000, Cody Rivers Baxter was born and brother Jesse James joined the family on Feb. 10, 2003.

Tim passed his love of hunting and fishing on to both of his boys. Every chance Tim had, he and the boys looked for the "Mack Daddy Buck," turkeys, pheasant, dove and quail. The three also enjoyed fishing every year at Dauphin Island, Ala.

For the past few years, Tim's passion for hunting and fishing developed into his outfitting business. He spent hours scouting and talking on the phone to potential hunters and loved everything about it. There were times when Tim left the house before daylight to take his hunters out to find the "big buck" and didn't return until well after the sun went down. He never complained about the long hours.

Tim was preceded in death by his grandfathers, Clifford Lowery and James Earl Baxter, Sr., and his grandmother Kate Baxter.

He is leaving behind his wife, Judy Mallett-Baxter; and his sons, Cody and Jesse; his parents, Esther and Randolph Trehern and James and Faye Baxter, all of Mobile; his brother, James "Slim" Baxter and his friend, Kathy Biggs of St. Francis; his grandmother, Louise Lowery of Mobile; his mother-in-law, Maxine Mallett of Lucedale, Miss.; his sisters-in-law Carmen Dickerson and husband, Mark of Big Point, Miss., and Ruth Mills of Mobile, Ala.; several aunts and uncles; two nieces and six nephews; and a host of friends.

Services were Monday, Feb. 27 at the United Methodist Church in St. Francis, with Pastor Morita Truman officiating.

Casket bearers were Wayne Loy, Clay Keller, Pat Mills, Mike Sherlock, Joe Don Porter and Jeff Beims.

Honorary pallbearers were Ron Krien, Wade Krien, Tom Keller, Troy Porter, A.B. Fisher, Al Luke, Billy Samler, Jett Fromholtz, Derek Fromholtz, Troy Meyer and Joe Hoffman.

Burial was in the St. Francis Cemetery.

Arrangements were made by Knodel Funeral Home in St. Francis.

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