

Family

Deaths

Gerald P. Emig

Sherman County farmer Gerald Emig, 65, died Monday, Oct. 1, 2001, at Goodland Regional Medical Center.



Gerald Emig

He was born June 6, 1936, to Lewis C. and Helen (Hlad) Emig. He grew up in Sherman County, attended Grace School and graduated from Goodland High School in 1955.

He married Norma Denton on June 22, 1956, at the Naval Ship Yard in San Francisco while Mr. Emig was in the Navy and was stationed at Hunters Point in San Francisco. The family returned to Goodland and were self-employed. At the time of his death, Mr. Emig was farming.

He was a member and trustee of the Goodland First United Methodist Church and a member of the Methodist Men.

Services were Thursday, Oct. 4, at the Goodland First United Methodist Church with Pastors Carol Moore-Ramey and Jerry Charles officiating. Burial followed in the Goodland Cemetery.

Emig is survived by his wife, of the home, four children, Angela Simmering (Dan), Colby; Adele Stockman (Tim), Dalhart, Texas; Annette Emig (Gary Lindberg) Colby; and Arlen Emig (Sharmis) of Goodland; two brothers, Robert Emig, Wichita, and Richard Emig of Goodland; a sister Marlene Harper (Larry) of Colorado Springs; and 12 grandchildren.

His parents preceded him in death. Memorials may be directed to the church or mailed to Bateman Funeral Home, Box 278, Goodland, Kan., 67735.

Melvin Lester Barrett

Melvin Lester Barrett died at Hays Medical Center in Hays following a brief illness. He was a farmer, teacher, civic leader, and long-time area resident.

He was born Dec. 19, 1918, in the rural Dodge City area, the son of Lena Dena (Hahne) and Thomas Martin Barrett. Lester attended school in Dodge City and graduated with the class of 1935 from Dodge City High School. He was an Eagle Scout.

Lester attended college at what is now Kansas State University, majoring in music education. There he met his soon-to-be- bride Clara Isabel Schnellbacher of Colby. They were married on June 4, 1941, just after Lester graduated with a bachelor of arts degree. The couple then moved to Iowa City, Iowa, where Lester attended summer graduate school at the University of Iowa.

Lester taught instrumental music first in Brewster, then in Atwood. He was drafted into the Army in 1944 in the Field Artillery and attended Officer Candidate School in Ft. Sill, Okla. After 90 days in officer training school he was sent overseas as a member of the 43rd Signal Heavy Construction Battalion, building communication lines in France. Lester was honorably discharged from the Army as a major.

Upon returning to Kansas, Lester

began farming with his father-in-law Claude Schnellbacher and his brother-in-law Albert Frahm near Colby. Lester enjoyed working in partnership with his son-in-law Mike Brown for the last 25 years.

Lester and Clara had four daughters. Lester always took time to read two or three chapters from a good book to his girls. Every year there was a trek to the mountains of Colorado to camp. He helped his daughters learn to play piano, violin, and cello, along with a good understanding of music theory. One of Lester's greatest joys in recent years was being "Papa" to eight grandchildren. Even the "grand dogs" held a special place.

Lester was the choir director at the Colby Methodist Church for 30 years. He was the soloist at many funerals.

Lester was also involved in many civic organizations. He was a Paul Harris Fellow and a long time member of Rotary Club. He supported Colby Community College especially the Livestock Judging Team, and the Horse Production Program. In 1992 Lester given an honorary degree from Colby Community College.

Lester was instrumental in helping to build Citizen Medical Center. He was one of the original incorporators of the Thomas County Hospital Association serving on the Board of Trustees from 1979-1982.

Lester is survived by his wife Clara Barrett of Colby; daughters Sherry Barrett of Colby, Jeanene Brown and husband Mike of Colby and children, Nancy Walker and husband Lynn of Valley Center and children, and Beverly Jensen and her husband Alan

of Plymouth, Minn., and children. He is also survived by a sister-in-law Helen Frahm of Colby. His parents and older brother, Morris, preceded him in death.

A memorial service was held Saturday, Oct. 13, at the Colby United Methodist Church Pastor James Mardock officiating. Honorary pall bearers were Joe Calliham, John Wieland, John Dougherty, Jim Dougherty, Darryl Henry, Don Crumbaker, Donnie Hughes, Larry Arehart, and Jimmy Strickland.

Mrs. Pat Ziegelmeier was organist, with Mr. Leon Woolfer pianist. Services were conducted by Harrison Chapel.

Memorials are requested to benefit Citizens Medical Center/Citizens Foundation, Colby United Methodist Church, and Colby Community College.

Esther Z. (Lister) Brown

Esther Z. (Lister) Brown of Brewster, 92, died Thursday, Oct. 18, 2001, at Citizens Medical Center, Colby.

She was a lifelong area resident, homemaker, and member of Brewster Methodist Church. Her husband, Leslie G., died March 9, 1976.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, at Brewster United Methodist Church, Brewster, Pastor Dorine Chambers officiating. The body was cremated so there will be no visitation. Inurnment will be in the Brewster Cemetery, Brewster.

Memorials are suggested to the Brewster Heritage Center, donations may be left at the Brewster Bank or Kersenbrock Funeral Chapel, Colby.

Community Calendar

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 26

Thomas County Extension annual meeting, Ramada Inn, 9 a.m.
Brown bag Al Anon (non-smoking), 775 E. College Drive, noon
Senior Survivors, Meadowlark Manor, 3-5 p.m.
New Hope Narcotics Anonymous, City Hall Basement, 8 p.m.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27

Book Sale, Pioneer Memorial Library, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
Heartland Christian Church Fall Festival, Community Building xxxx
Kready barbershop show, Colby High School, 7:30 p.m.
Golden Buckle Square Dance Club, Community Building, 8-10:30 p.m.
Sixth Street Alcoholics Anonymous, 1275 West 6th, 8:30 p.m.

Pride group makes plans

Rexford PRIDE Open Meeting was held at the Community Building on Oct. 15. The meeting was conducted by President Duane Cheney with 14 people present. Programs were presented by Big Brothers/Big Sisters and the Thomas County Endowment Program. Several minor changes were made in the bylaws. A Main Street Christmas Decorations committee was set up to purchase and set up decorations on Main street this year. The committee consists of Evelyn Johnson as chairman and Delores Dible, Kathi Hapke, and Peg Greenwood as members. The next core group meeting will be at the Red Barn Senior Center on Nov. 13.

Commander Ric Santos, National Commander of the American Legion, was in Colby at the Legion Post Home on Oct. 16. Approximately 40 Legionnaires and family member from Northwest Kansas honored Commander



Lula Thieler

• Rexford Correspondent

Santos at a reception. Peg Greenwood, adjutant and finance officer for the Rexford Legion, attended the reception. Commander Santos presented the Rexford Legion Post with a picture in recognition for their participation in Legion projects. Peg is also adjutant for the Sixth District, Kansas Department of the American Legion.

The Social Hour Club met with Eileen Dible at the Fairview Estates Community in Colby Wednesday afternoon with eight present. Deb Stepper won the hostess gift. Cake and ice cream sundaes were served for refreshments. Hulda Wark will be the next hostess.

Birthday party was a surprise

On Monday, the 15th, Inace Parker was more than surprised when her sons and their wives arrived to make sure she had a festive 94th birthday. Many friends, of all ages, stopped in to wish Inace the very best on this milestone, and she appreciates all the cards, flowers and hugs that she received. She also thanks her children for caring so much.

Bud and Peggy Parker of Denver, and Merle and Sandi Parker of Oakley, made this occasion so special. Inace's daughter, Norma Jean Hammond of Denver, couldn't make it, but she called and had a long visit with her Mom.

Following the birthday party, the GWFC Beta Club sponsored an informative presentation, by the EMS organization, on what happens when 911 is called. Fred Juennemann gave an interesting talk for the twenty+ group that attended. Following the presentation, the ladies of Beta served a delicious salad supper, and everyone enjoyed the great meal. So, Monday was busier than Homecoming Friday.

Then, on Tuesday, the day of the flu shots brought another good crowd in, and I believe it was the busiest day of all. There were 58 vaccines given, and for those that missed out, there will be a replay, on Tuesday, Nov. 20. We appreciate the Health Department coming in and performing this service, for us.

Other things that have been going on around town are the beautiful mums and other fall flowers that are blooming so abundantly. The gardens have pretty well been done away with by the frost we had early on. But, the mums are gorgeous!

Joyce Crabtree reports that her granddaughter and fiance, Shanda Holm and Rodney Solze, of Utica, were overnight guests of Jeff and



Sally Michael

• Brewster Correspondent

Tanya Crabtree and boys, on Saturday, Oct. 13. They all joined Willis and Joyce for lunch on Sunday.

Roger and I had a nice surprise last weekend. Barry and daughter, Rebekah of Salina, came and spent a day or two with us, and Barry was a big help to us. I enjoyed getting better acquainted with Rebekah, and finding out what a sweet 4-year-old she is. She was very good, but was beginning to miss her little brother, Andrew and of course, her mom, before they left. But, I do thank Kim for sharing her husband and daughter with us, and look forward to having the whole family here soon.

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