

Family

Death

Amelia Josephine Ottley
Amelia Josephine "Millie" Ottley, 90, of Oakley, died Thursday, May 6 at Logan County Manor in Oakley. Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at St. Joseph's Church in Oakley with Father Roger Meitl and Father James Grennan officiating. Burial will be at St. Joseph Cemetery in Oakley.

A rosary will be at 7 p.m. today at Kennedy-Koster Funeral Home in Oakley, which is handling arrangements.

Visitation is today from 2-9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mrs. Ottley is survived by three sons, Bernard Ottley of Oakley, William Ottley of WaKeeney and Robert Ottley of Oakley; a son-in-law, Gordon Shadle; three brothers, Vincent Maimer of Chubbick, Idaho, Florentine Maimer of Paola and Leo Maimer of Kansas City, Mo., 12 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband Leo J. Ottley, her parents, Joseph and Mary Maimer, a daughter, Mary Ann Shadle, a grandson, Mitchell Ottley, brothers Pat Maimer, Joseph Maimer and Ben Maimer and sisters Emma Holdforth and Matilda Rietchek. Mrs. Ottley was born Nov. 3, 1913 in Scotland, Texas to Joseph and Mary Roeder Maimer. She lived in rural Sheridan and Thomas counties before moving to Oakley in 1982.

She married Leo John Ottley on Sept. 3, 1940 at Seguin. She was a homemaker and member of St. Joseph's Church, Oakley, St. Joseph's Altar Society and a past member of St. Paul's Church, Angelus. Memorials are suggested to St. Joseph's School or Logan County Manor, both in Oakley, and can be sent to: Kennedy-Koster Funeral Home, 217 Freeman, P.O. Box 221, Oakley, Kan. 67748.

'Super Safe Sitter' enrollment limited to 25 youth

Editor's note: The following article was submitted as a public service announcement by the Thomas County Health Department.

We are excited to provide our youth with the Super Safe Sitter educational opportunity on Wednesday, June 16.

This event will be held in the Thomas County Office Complex's conference room from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. Connie Walden RNBSN and Amy Meier, office secretary will instruct the class.

Invited guests and speakers will be Keyna Baalman, 911 dispatcher (Colby Law Enforcement), Rick Dickman, Firefighter (Colby Fire Department), Diane Donn's Daycare, Kim Cardwell's Daycare and Shannon Koon's Daycare. The day will be spent going over all aspects of child care including the following: bathing, feeding, paying, safety, fire dangers, diapering, 911, CPR, choking, first aid, responsibilities, business aspects, parental permission, etc.

Enrollment is limited to 25 due to space limitations and the student needs to have completed 5th grade or higher. The student should bring a notebook, pencil, sack lunch, and wear tennis shoes and layered clothing (as the room temperature fluctuates). Snacks and books will be provided.

Death

Francis H. Gift

Francis H. Gift, 93, of Reedley, Calif. and formerly from the area, died Sunday, May 2, 2004 in Reedley, Calif. Graveside services will be held on Wednesday at 10 a.m. at the Visalia District Cemetery, Miller Memorial Chapel in Visalia, Calif. is handling arrangements.

Healthy Haps

The cost for this educational opportunity is \$20. To enroll, you must call 462-4596. Why do we

Student News

KelliLynn Wilson

KelliLynn Wilson a 2000 graduate of Colby High School and a May 22 graduate of Kansas State University received two awards on April 18. The first was the Outstanding Senior on the Kansas State University Equestrian Team of which she has been a Hunt Seat rider for all four years.

Wilson was presented with her team coat and an engraved silver plate.

The second was Outstanding ASI Senior of her entire class of Animal Science and Industry.

Wilson has also received notice that she will be graduating cum laud with her class of 2004, officials said.

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Ad Council

need Super Safe Sitters? Child care is a big responsibility and should be taken seriously. Our child care providers need training for this important job. Even if your adolescent is "great with children", this class will teach them safety,

first aid, CPR, etc. that is essential for the task at hand.

Have they had any training in 911 and the information they need to make the call? Has anyone they have been around needed CPR? Parents want to have quality child

care for their children and this is what we hope to accomplish with providing this class. It is also a fun and creative class.

Please consider having your child attend this opportunity to be a super, safe sitter.

Matthew Harper Hamill

Matthew Harper Hamill was called home to the Lord on April 21, 2004. He was surrounded by his children and grandchildren who, with tears of sorrow and joy, celebrated his life and sent him gently on his way.

Matt was born on February 1, 1914 to Albert and Zella Hamill. He was the second of seven children and spent his early years on the family farm five miles northwest of Colby. He attended grade school in Brownville and in 1932 graduated from Colby High School, where he made a name for himself in football and basketball. In 1936 he married Violet Blanche Schneider and with this lovely woman raised a family of seven: Tim of Lawrence, KS; Tom of Prairie Village, KS; Dick of Overland Park, KS; Greg of Baldwin City, KS; Sue Kistler of Colby; Anne Dreiling of Lenexa, KS and Chris of Baldwin City, KS. Violet preceded Matt in death on November 5, 1975. In addition to his children and their spouses, Matt leaves behind his wife Erma of Colby; stepchildren Warren Griggs of Morris, OK and Marsha Gaede of Colby; eighteen grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren; brothers Wayne Hamill of Ontario, CA and Virgil "Rusty" Hamill of Fort Collins, CO.

If Matt loved his family, he was passionate about his town. He spent nearly all of his adult years in Colby and dedicated body and soul to building this small city on the Kansas prairie. As an entrepreneur, he opened Matt's Service Store in 1939. After returning from a two-year stint in the Navy, he started Colby Tire and Battery in 1949 and operated it for more than forty years.

As a civic leader, Matt was a founding member of the Colby Economic Development Committee and the Colby Ambassadors. In addition, he was a member of both the Lions Club and the Colby Chamber of Commerce for over 60 years, president of the Highway 24 Association for more than thirty years, and remained active in the Highway 25 Association until his death. He served on the Colby City Council, the board of High Plains Mental Health, the Strategic Planning Industrial Board, Special Advisory Board for Citizens Medical Center, Assembly of God Church Board, RSVP Board, Advisory Board for Lantern Park Manor and the Ace Services Board.

In addition to this long list of pursuits, Matt served as the first president of the Thomas County Economic Development Corporation and used his time in this position to help get the route of Interstate 70 to touch the southern edge of the city. With other civic and business leaders, he worked for the creation of a two-year college in town, then served three terms on the Colby Community College Board of Trustees. Indeed, the Colby, Kansas that its citizens know today is in no small measure a reflection of the energy and determination of Matt Hamill.

It is for this perseverance Matt has received many awards and much recognition such as the Governor's Award for Volunteerism, the KXXX Personal Service Award, and the Colby Chamber of Commerce Business Person of the Year. Most recently, Matt was named a Melvin Jones Fellow by the Lions Club International Foundation, which is the highest form of recognition by this organization, and awarded Honorary Associates Degree, the college's most prestigious public award. To honor Matt's life, the Matt Hamill Memorial Scholarship Fund has been established to support students attending Colby Community College. Donations to the fund may be mailed to the Harrison Funeral Chapel, 190 S. Franklin, Colby, KS 67701.

Matt Hamill will no longer walk the streets of the town he called home nor grace the table of his beloved family. But no amount of time will lessen the memory of his quiet strength and humble demeanor. As he was loved in life, he will be profoundly missed in death, and his family and friends will hold the fire of his spirit in their hearts.

Funeral services were held 10:30 Monday, April 26, 2004 at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Colby. Father Dana Clark and Rev. Leonard Burgess officiated. Pallbearers were Matthew J. Hamill, Timothy Kistler, Anthony Hamill, Patrick Hamill, Nickolas Hamill, Austin Hamill, Benjamin Hamill, Joel Dreiling and Sam Hamill. Honorary Pallbearers were Mike Tubbs, Gene Jones, Floyd Gaede, Jim Wallin, Gerald Plantz, Bob Mader, Loyde Davis, Dale Hawk and Jim M. Tubbs. Musicians were Bob & Susan McLemore. Final resting place was Sacred Heart Cemetery, Colby, Kansas. All arrangements were through Harrison Chapel.

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