

Family

Death

Shirley Ann Darnell

Shirley Ann Darnell, 70, of Plainville, died Saturday, July 3, 2004 at her home in Plainville.

Services were held Wednesday at United Methodist Church in Plainville with Rev. Barbara Patterson officiating. Burial was at Plainville Cemetery.

Mrs. Darnell is survived by her husband, Gary, of the home, two daughters, Marsha Armbrister of Zurich and Malanie Bayles of Wichita and three grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband.

Mrs. Darnell was born April 7, 1934 on the Thogmartin place in Lowell Township in rural Rooks County to Harold and Mary Jane Miller.

She attended Fort Hays State University and Barton County where she earned her CNA, HHA and CMA certifications.

She married Gary Darnell on Sept. 13, 1958 in Bogue. She was an Avon representative and a home health aid for the Rooks County Home Health office.

She was a member of the United Methodist Church, AGLOW and United Methodist Women.

Memorials are suggested to the United Methodist Church of Plainville, Victory In the Valley of Wichita, National Ovarian Cancer Coalition or House Calls of HMC-Home Health and Hospice and may be sent in care of the chapel.

Kathryn Jane Owens

Kathryn Jane Owens, 53, of Edson, died Friday, July 2, 2004 at Lantern Park Manor on Colby.

Services were held Wednesday at Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Goodland with Pastor Scott Grimshaw officiating. Burial was at Goodland Cemetery.

All funeral arrangements were handled by Koons Funeral Chapel, Goodland.

Mrs. Owens is survived by her husband Darrell Owens of Edson; son Justin Owens of Shawnee; daughter Nicole Glassman of Goodland; mother Myrna Carson of Goodland; her step-mother Ruth Osborne of Gulfport, Miss.; half-siblings Becky Farris of Plainville; Kenny Carson; David Osborne and Robbie Osborne of Gulfport, Miss. and one grandson.

Mrs. Owens was born Sept. 23, 1950 in Santa Ana, Calif. to Donald and Myrna Troxell Osborne.

She married Darrell D. Owens in 1969. She was a member of Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Edson Social Club and Smokey Iowa Social Club.

Memorials are suggested to the Kathy Owens Memorial and may be left at or mailed to Koons Funeral Home, 211 N. Main, Goodland, Kan. 67735-1555.

Fairview Estates sees lots of out-of-town visitors

Howard and Joann Lahman of Oberlin visited Emerson Lahman on Thursday last week.

Guests of Pete Morrison over the last weekend were his sister Maxine Curtis and a friend, Ralph Garrett from Denver.

Guests of Eileen Dible last Saturday were her grandson Paul and wife Diane Dible from Denver, granddaughter and husband Kristi and David Gray from Wichita and her daughter Mary and husband Gary Withers from Rexford.

I was a supper guest of JoAnn and Ed Miller last Saturday evening. Other guests were Phillip and Penny Miller and girls from Over-



Lula Thieler

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land Park and the Mark Miller family. Irene Kehlbeck and Ardis Boersma attended a birthday party in McDonald Sunday afternoon honoring two long-time friends, Vivian Curry who was 90 and Amelia Bannister who was 94. Happy Birthday to both ladies.

Pete and Beverly Petersen spent about two weeks recently visiting family members. They attended the

Partlow family reunion at Leavenworth with over 70 attending. Later they went to Iowa to visit the Curt Petersen and the Scott Petersen families. They returned home June 29.

Bessie Calliham is a patient in the Citizens Medical Center in Colby at the present time. Russell Childers is a patient in the Hays Hospital now. We wish them both a speedy recovery. Our dining room was decorated with flags and other patriotic emblems on Sunday, July 4 for a special dinner honoring the day. Many of us remember that in our younger days we usually had fried chicken, potato salad, baked beans and apple

pie to celebrate the Fourth so that is what we had this time. Our music man, Pete Morrison played patriotic music on the tapes in his collection during the noon hour. It was a good way to celebrate our nation's birth. We had planned to see the fireworks that evening but the stormy weather changed that.

I attended the Claar family reunion in Oberlin at the Gateway on June 25 and 26. It has been 125 years since the first Claars came to Kansas and settled in the Hawkeye neighborhood north of Rexford in Decatur County. Over 175 were present for the event. A special service was held at the Hawkeye Cem-

etry on Saturday afternoon where many of the early settlers are buried. Other programs, speeches, displays of early-day treasures, picture taking, meals and visiting were held at the Gateway.

My daughter, Marjorie Paddock of Rose Hill brought me home and stayed until Tuesday. Our visitors here were JoAnn and Eddie Miller and some cousins, Mary and Don Harrison of Topeka and Lola McVey of Kismet.

Guests of Erik and Jean Erickson Monday afternoon were Sharon and Bill Lohofener and grandson Cole from North Platte, Neb. and grandson Ryan from Phoenix, Ariz.

Colby Girl Scouts look to rid city of household hazard

After earning their Bronze Award in 2002, the members of Cadette Girl Scout Troop #110 are tackling their Silver Award.

The girls are planning to hold a Mercury Thermometer Exchange in which metallic mercury thermometers will be collected and exchanged for digital thermometers,

said Karen Shoemaker, assistant leader.

"Metallic mercury is a very heavy, shiny, odorless silvery-white metal; it can be dangerous if not contained," she said.

"We hope to make Thomas County aware of this danger and rid the community of this hazard," Shoemaker said.

Mercury thermometers break easily and often. When they break, the let off toxic vapors that can be hazardous to your health. This is known as mercury poisoning, which affects the brain, spinal cord, liver and the kidneys.

The girls would like to invite everyone to attend the exchange. The dates are Friday, Aug. 20 from 6-8 p.m. and Saturday, Aug. 21 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Thomas County Hazardous Waste Site, located at 190 W. Fourth in Colby.

Only metallic mercury fever thermometers will be accepted. (Thermometers with red or blue liquid

don't contain mercury.) Participants may bring in as many metallic mercury thermometers as they want, but only one will be exchanged for digital. Supplies are limited, Shoemaker said.

For information, call Jo Cheney at 462-2082 or Sandy Swob at 462-3438.

Correction

Colby man has opportunity to call rodeo in small Wisconsin town

Editor's note: The following article is being re-run in its entirety since Richard Homm's name was incorrectly spelled 'Hahn.' In addition, Mr. Homm announced the two-day rodeo on June 18 and 19 and not July 18 and 19 as previously reported. Both errors were in reporting.

By TISHA COX

Colby Free Press

A Colby resident got the chance to call a rodeo in a place that's known more for its cheese and football team than its cowboys.

Richard Homm was the announcer for a two-day rodeo held June 18 and 19 in Stanley, Wis.

"I was invited by the stock contractor," Homm said, adding Joe Simon of JS Rodeo Company in Minnesota was the person who asked him to call the rodeo.

He said it was the first ever Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association-sanctioned rodeo held in the small Wisconsin community.

"There were 4,500 people the first night and over 5,000 the second night," Homm said, which was im-

pressive because the community has only about 1,500 residents.

He said probably 85 percent of the people there had never seen a Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association rodeo or just a rodeo before.

"We had their interest from the start to the finish," Homm said.

Wisconsin, he said, does have several large rodeos each year, including an event in Medford.

The Stanley rodeo did have a decent draw for cowboys, including Bill Huber, a calf roper who has appeared at the National Finals Rodeo in Las Vegas.

The rodeo also featured Arctic Cat, a tough bull who was unriden during the 2003 Professional Bull Riders event season and who was used at the 2002 National Finals.

Several broncs featured at the finals were used at the Stanley rodeo, he said.

Homm has been announcing ro-

deos since a no-show in Burlington, Colo. caused him to take up the mike at a Little Britches rodeo many years ago.

He says he usually announces six

performances a year but some have been high profile, including the annual rodeo at Beef Empire Days in Garden City the past two years and the Little Britches Rodeo National

Finals.

He also has done the Yuma, Colo. rodeo and has announced with pro rodeo association announcers Mike Mathies and Boyd Polhamus.



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