

# Family

## Deaths

### Gwen Garrett Sibley

Gwen Garrett Sibley, 59, of Yuma, Ariz., died Monday, Nov. 22, 2004. A memorial service will be

held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 22 at First Presbyterian Church in Colby. She was born July 7, 1945.

### Roger Brooke Michael

Roger Brooke Michael, 68, of Brewster, died Wednesday, Nov. 3, 2004.

Services were Saturday, Nov. 6, 2004 at Harrison Chapel in Colby with Pastor Steve Dinkel of Hays officiating. Burial was at Brewster Cemetery in Brewster.

Mr. Michael is survived by his wife, Sally, of Brewster; sons Brad, Brian, Brooke and Barry; daughter Beth Ziegler; brother Greg Michael of Claremore, Okla.; and 12 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Paul.

Mr. Michael was born in Brewster on Dec. 21, 1935 to LaVelle P. and Gwendolyn Marie (Hilton) Michael. He grew up in Colorado and Brewster and attended country schools in and around Brewster. He graduated from Brewster High School in 1953.

Following high school, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy and reported for active duty in February, 1954. He spent the next 10 years and nine months in the Navy.

During that time he was stationed in Hawaii, the Philippines, Japan, Kansas, Texas, Hawaii, Louisiana and Florida.

On Nov. 25, 1956 he married Sally Jean Smith of Goodland at LaCrosse and they began their years

together at the Naval Air Station in Hutchinson. They had five children, Brad, Brian, Brooke, Beth and Barry.

The family returned to Brewster in 1964 where Mr. Michael worked for the Farmers Co-op, attended Northwest Kansas Vo-Tech, where he graduated from the communication class in 1968.

Following this, he worked for S&T Communications in Brewster in June, 1980. After he left S&T, he worked with his father, LaVelle, in home remodeling and repair until July, 1981 when he had a heart attack.

While recuperating, he was visited by Bill Barnett of Gem who encouraged him to become acquainted with Gene Jones of Colby to see if he would be interested in jail ministry.

The two formed Evangel Ministries, which lasted until 2001. He also had an opportunity to pastor, and enjoyed his family from Living Waters Church as much as his own children.

Mr. Michael was a member of FGBMFI, the International Assembly of God in San Diego, which is where he held his ministry papers, Clergy care, RSVP, NRA, Brewster Ministerial Alliance, Evangel Ministries and the American Legion.

# Thanksgiving brings many together

## By LULA THIELER

Fairview Estates Writer

Thanksgiving Day guests of Dorothy Crabb were Harold and Jean Herbel and son Butch and Arliss Phillips.

Vida Toburen's son Robert from Ruston, La. came to visit his mother who lives in Fairview Estates and other relatives in the area during the Thanksgiving holiday. Thanksgiving dinner for the Toburen relatives in the area was hosted by Stanley and Maradith Molstad assisted by Carrie and Greg Bartlett with Robert as the honored guest. Maradith and Carrie are Robert's nieces and Vida's granddaughters.

Zelma Reed went to Oakley for Thanksgiving with her son Keith and Karen Reed at the home of Karen's parents, Jack and Marilyn Lee.

Carol Haselhorst accompanied her daughter and family, Susan and Bob McLemore and three sons to Julesburg, Colo. Wednesday afternoon to spend Thanksgiving Day with the senior Bob McLemore family.

Bernice Curtin enjoyed spending Thanksgiving out in the country at the home of her son, Larry and Jean Curtin.

Gary and Darla Lahman and son Royce of Fort Collins, Colo. visited his father, Emerson Lahman on Friday and Saturday after Thanksgiving. On Thursday, Thanksgiving Day, they all went to visit Darla's

mother in Norton.

Pete Morrison spent Thanksgiving Day at the home of his grandson, Jeff and Rachelle Morrison.

Don and Karen Hodson enjoyed

the Thanksgiving holidays by visiting her sons, Mike and Mark Kircher and families on Thursday and with the Hodson families on Saturday. They made the acquaint-

ance of some new grandbabies.

Lula Thieler spent a nice, quiet Thanksgiving dinner with her daughter and husband, JoAnn and Eddie Miller.

## Military News

**Former Colbyite appointed deputy director of Navy medicine**

WASHINGTON, DC - A former Colby man, Dennis D. Woofter, son of Duane and Ethel Woofter who both still reside in Colby, was appointed to Deputy Director of Navy Medicine and promoted to the Navy rank of Rear Admiral recently.

Woofter, who graduated from

Colby Community High School in 1961, will serve in his new position as Navy Medicine's lead liaison with the Chief of Naval Operations, developing and evaluating military medicine policy, plans and operations.

## Markets

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Hi-Plains Co-op	
Wheat	\$3.10
Corn	\$1.89
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Soybeans	No bid



D. Woofter

## Kerry Lynn Allen

Kerry Lynn Allen, 29, of Colby, died Thursday, November 11, 2004 at Citizens Medical Center in Colby.



A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Monday, November 15 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Colby with Father Dana Clark as celebrant. Interment was in Sacred Heart Cemetery, Colby. Kersenbrock Funeral Chapel in Colby was in charge of arrangements.

Kerry is survived by her husband, Scott Allen, mother Kelly Richmond, both of Colby; her sister Tracie Fobes and her husband Tim, Raymore, Mo; a niece Emma Fobes, Raymore Mo; her grandmother Eileen Reisch, Luverne, Minn and numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins. She was preceded in death by her grandfather, Marcel Reisch.

Kerry was born on August 14, 1975 in Luverne, MN. She moved to Colby with her family in 1978. After graduating from Colby High School in 1993, she held various jobs until her health forced her to become a homemaker. On August 24, 2001, she married Scott Allen in Colby.

Kerry had deep love for her two companions, Winston and Zoey. She enjoyed sewing quilts, decorating her home, playing computer games and spending time with her family.

Memorials may be made in her name to be designated at a later date.

## Dad claims to call shots in daughter's choice of men

DEAR ABBY: My name is "Lenny" and I live in Florida. About six weeks ago, my girlfriend, "Jill," and I broke up. Jill is 20 and I am 41. She was adopted by her parents as an infant.

Jill's parents saw no problem with the age difference because I had gained their trust during the year before I started seeing her.

Jill and her folks moved to Illinois, but we talk on the phone at least three times a week. I proposed marriage, but Jill said she couldn't make the decision without her father's approval. Her mother was all for it; her father was not.

Jill says that when her parents adopted her, her father put a clause in the contract that he had the right to choose the man she was to marry — and it was signed by a judge in the state of Illinois. Is this legal?

— FRUSTRATED IN FLORIDA  
DEAR FRUSTRATED: No, it's not. Either Jill is lying to you, or someone is lying to her.

DEAR ABBY: I have eight siblings. I am the only one who is still single. My brothers and sisters are outstanding members of their communities, happily married and raising beautiful families.

Until a few years ago, we all got together for the holidays. Now that the children are here — 20 at last count — my sibs prefer to spend the holidays in their own homes with their families. We get together a couple of weeks before Christmas to exchange gifts.

I know that each of my brothers and sisters thinks I'm having Christmas dinner with another family member, but in reality I'm not invited anywhere, so I spend the day alone. I'd love to spend the day with family, and I'm hoping they will see this letter and think of me.

— ALL ALONE IN MARYLAND  
DEAR ALL ALONE: And what if they happen to be too busy to read the column today? Your siblings aren't mind readers, so tell them what you told me. And if an invitation isn't forthcoming, make plans for the Christmas holiday with close friends or volunteer at a shelter. The greatest joy is in giving to others. You do not have to sit alone.

DEAR ABBY: I'm 11 and in sixth grade. I recently caught a girl in my class copying off my paper. When I asked her not to, she denied doing it. The next day, she started copying down my answers word for word. This time, I asked her if she would like to pair up and work together. She sneered at me and told me to get my "help" from the teacher.

I told the teacher then, and the teacher replied, "She is having trouble with her work and personal problems at home. Just imagine if this math was hard for you."



Abigail Van Buren

Dear Abby

continue to let this girl copy me? — STUDENT IN PHOENIX

DEAR STUDENT: No, you should not. Because if you do, a girl who is already having trouble with math will never learn how to solve the problems herself.

P.S. It was nice of you to volunteer to help by pairing up with her. But this girl has bigger problems than you can handle.

DEAR ABBY: You missed the mark with your advice to "Sad in the South," the woman who said she was miserable in her 35-year marriage to "Homer." She said she was afraid her "small pension" was insufficient to support her if she divorced him. You advised her to get a volunteer job that might turn into a paying position.

Abby, after 35 years of marriage, that woman is entitled to a significant portion of her husband's "very nice (retirement) annuity" and any other benefits he will receive. She should consult a lawyer specializing in family law about her rights, if she's as miserable as she says she is, and then divorce him. Life is too short. She has already missed 35 years of it by staying with a man who made her so unhappy.

— CALIFORNIA LAWYER  
DEAR LAWYER: In my own defense, I felt that volunteering would get the woman out of the house and give her enough of a boost that she would feel better. I was surprised at how many readers disagreed with me. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: You should have advised "Sad in the South," who is married to "the most manipulative, cunning, critical man ever born," to see an attorney about her rights to some of his assets if she should decide to leave. She may also need counseling to regain enough self-esteem to leave, and it would be better than staying in the situation she's in. I hope she gets out while she still has some enjoyable years left.

— A FRIEND IN THE MIDWEST  
DEAR FRIEND: She called her husband cunning, clever and manipulative. Although those traits are obnoxious, nowhere did she say he mistreated her. Instead of divorcing her husband, I'd rather she saw a counselor and learned how to stand her ground. She said at first she gave in because she loved him, then she did it to avoid an argument, and now she does it out of habit. Instead of just walking away, wouldn't it be better if she first gave him a chance to change?

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