

# Family

## Death

### Virginia Leebrick

Virginia Lee (Hartzell) Leebrick died Tuesday, April 9, 2008. She was born Oct. 24, 1920, in Ellsworth, the second daughter of Faye Conner and Leland Earl Hartzell.

Her father was a driller in the oil fields of southeast Kansas and northern Oklahoma. When the girls were to begin high school the family decided they needed to stay in one place for the girls to have some continuity. Burrton was central to Leland's work so the family resided in Burrton where June and Virginia graduated from high school.

After graduation from high school Virginia went to Sterling College, graduating with a teaching degree. Her first employment was in the McDonald High School where she taught English, Latin, and Speech.

One of her students introduced her to a friend of his, an area farmer, Wilbur Leebrick. Two years later, Nov. 1, 1945, they married. They spent the first winter in Denver. When a farm became available near McDonald they returned to farm life which was totally new to Virginia.

When a teaching position be-

came available in Atwood, Virginia taught in the high school while her husband constructed terraces in the county.

They moved to a farm southwest of Atwood where they lived for 58 years.

She was always active in the Steven's Chapel church which was only a few miles from the farm home. Later, she taught both adult and children's Bible study classes at Herndon Covenant Church.

When their youngest son, Lance, had taken the management of the farm they retired and made their home in Colby.

Virginia's pastel portraits, which her interest started in college, can be found in offices, museums and many homes.

Survivors include her husband, Wilbur; June Neely of Cheyenne, Wyoming, sons, David and wife Sue Leebrick of Mechanicsville, Va., Lance and wife Brenda Leebrick of Atwood; daughter, Nicolee Jo of Colby, eight grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Preceding her in death was her daughter, Linda in 1976.

A memorial service was April 12 at the Colby Wesleyan Church.

### Gloria Riedel

Gloria Riedel, 86, of Salina died Wednesday, April 23, 2008, in Salina.

She was born Jan. 10, 1922, to Raymond and Victoria (Wilbeck) Montgomery in Vesper.

She married August Riedel, who was from Colby. She was a teacher.

Survivors include son, Lanny and wife Judy Riedel of Fairway; sisters, Raynolle Helin of Longwood, Fla., Maxine Montgomery Ryan of Lincoln; one grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her parents and husband.

Services will be 11 a.m., Saturday at Hall Funeral Home, 111 E. Elm St., in Lincoln. Visitation will be from 9-11 a.m. Saturday. Interment will follow at Lincoln City

Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Lincoln Carnegie Library.

## Thank You!

We wish to thank everyone in the Colby area who have been prayer support and encouragement on behalf of our granddaughter, Kinlie Dickson and her parents, Josh and Kayla of Las Vegas Nevada. We are truly grateful for your loving concern for them during Kinlie's surgeries and the following weeks. Kinlie is doing great!!

*Tim and Leisa Hansen*

## Babies

### John Nickel

John "Trampis" and Laura Nickel of Manhattan announce the birth of their son, John "Tasen" Nickel born Tuesday, April 15, 2008, at Mercy Regional Hospital in Manhattan.

Tasen weighed 6 pounds, 6 ounces and 19 3/4 inches long.

Maternal grandparents are Milton and Cindy Hartwich Falk of Onaga. Paternal grandparents are John Micheal and Karen Nickel of

Johnson.

Great-grandmothers are Rosie Lindsten of Goodland and the late Roma Nickel of Levant, Sylvia Hartwich Galloway of Onaga, and Elsie Falk of Wheaton. Great-grandfathers are the late Al Lindsten of Goodland and John R. Nickel of Levant, Art Falk of Wheaton, and Paul Hartwich of Onaga.

### Taylor Addison McCarty

Michael and Amy McCarty of Bird City announce the birth of their daughter, Taylor Addison, Wednesday, April 23, 2008, at Citizens Medical Center in Colby.

She weighed 5 pounds, 6 ounces and measured 17 inches in length.

Grandparents are Tom and Judy McCarty of Rexford and Larry and Betty Jo Shults of Wyalusing, Pa.

Welcoming home Taylor are brothers Colton and Logan.

### Carter Aaron Matthies

Brad and Jessica Matthies of Bird City announce the birth of their son Carter Aaron Matthies, Thursday, April 23, 2008, at Citizens Medical Center in Colby. Carter weighed 9 pounds 5.5 ounces and was 21 inches long.

Grandparents are Kay Kisner of Wichita, Bob Webb of Denver, Colo. and Gene and Ann Matthies of Burlington, Colo.

Carter was welcomed home by sisters MaKaila and Breeilyn.

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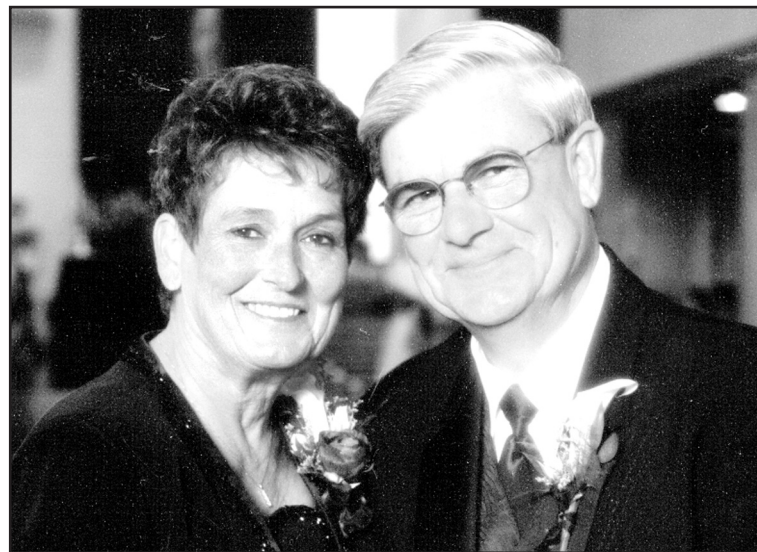


His love is like the wind. We can't see it, but we can feel it.

In memory of Quaid Collyer Huelsman

Son, Brother, Grandson, Friend.


April 25, 2003



### Couple to celebrate 40th anniversary

Sherrie and Brent Wiedeman Tubbs were married at Sacred and George Tubbs and Sherrie Heart Catholic Church on May 4, 1968. Cards can reach the couple at 470 W. Ash Street, Colby, Ks. anniversary with a card shower. 67701

Jamed D. and Kathleen (McInay)



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We will provide refreshments all that week to show our gratitude.

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