

Family

Death

Maxine A. Neville

Maxine A. Neville, 94, of Colby, died Monday, Sept. 8, 2008 at her home.

Mrs. Neville was born Maxine A. Houston on Jan. 29, 1914 in Gem to P.S. and Carrie Houston.

She married Carl "Dutch" Higerd and was a homemaker and farmer. Her husband preceded her in death in 1967.

Others preceding Mrs. Neville in death were her parents; two brothers: Ross and Glen Houston; three sisters: Twila Harrison, Ariel Dechert and Wanda Briggs.

She is survived by her nephew

Max Houston of Wichita.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. Friday at Harrison Chapel in Colby with Pastor Jeremy Gundling officiating.

Burial will follow in Gem Cemetery.

Visitation is from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., Thursday, at Harrison Chapel, 190 S. Franklin Ave., Colby and from 9 a.m. to service time Friday.

A memorial fund has been established to benefit Hospice Services of Thomas County. Donations may be left at any Colby bank or Harrison Chapel.

Recipe released for seasoning cast-iron skilletts

Dear Heloise: Would you please reprint the "recipe" for seasoning cast-iron skilletts? — Phyllis T., via e-mail

Phyllis, many times cast-iron skilletts are handed down from generation to generation. In fact, I have my grandmother's and mother's. If yours is an old skillet, wash (no metal brushes or scrubbers, and just a drop of soap) and dry. Rub the inside, outside and lid (if it has one) with a very light coat of shortening, lard or light cooking oil. Aerosol spray should probably not be used due to the additives, which can cause the pan to become sticky.

If the skillet is new and has a protective coating on it, use a steel-wool scouring pad, soap and the hottest water possible to scrub it off, but only the first time.

Place the clean, oiled skillet in the oven upside down on an aluminum-covered baking sheet to catch oil drips. Bake in the oven at 350 degrees for an hour. Carefully use a dry cloth or paper towel to keep the surface evenly coated with oil. After baking, let the skillet

cool in the oven.

When cleaning a cast-iron skillet, be sure it is cool before doing so, and use a nonmetallic scrubber. Many people use salt as a scrubber or use mild dish soap (only before seasoning, not after every use, most professionals agree), rinse well and dry. Do not soak, let water sit in it or put iron cookware in the dishwasher. If food is sticking, it is not seasoned correctly. If the food turns black, it's time to re-season.

Store skilletts stacked with a paper towel or paper plate between each one to absorb moisture, and leave the lid off.

Keep your skilletts clean and seasoned, and they will last for generations to come. — Heloise

P.S.: Cornbread baked in a cast-iron skillet is simply the best!

Rubber-band rescue

Dear Heloise: I read where a reader uses rubber bands to close bags, etc., after they have been opened.

My daughter-in-law and I use spring-type clothespins to close bags after they have been opened.

Hints from Heloise

This works great for frozen foods that are going back into the freezer. — Barb, Valley, Neb.

Chicken and noodles

Dear Heloise: I recently was fixing chicken and noodles and was afraid the broth wasn't rich enough, so I added 2 tablespoons of powdered chicken bouillon to my 4 cups of flour that I was making the noodles out of. They turned out great!

My family ate them all! I'll never go back to making them without the bouillon powder. — Shirley Watkins, Mattoon, Ill.

Carrot cutter

Dear Heloise: Canning season is here, and it is time to harvest the garden.

I've been canning carrots for the past two summers, and I

found that a salad-chopper appliance is great for slicing the carrots right into the jars. Saves me lots of time! — Eileen Scheffer, Belgrade, Mont.

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Babies

Katelyn Ann Diederich

Shawn and Kathy Diederich of Colby announce the birth of their daughter, Katelyn Ann Diederich born Wednesday, Aug. 27, 2008 at Hays Medical Center in Hays. She weighed 7 lbs., 5 oz.

Grandparents are Alice Urban and the late Kenneth Urban and Tom and Cheryl Diederich of Lenora.

Katelyn was welcomed home by her sister, Samantha.


Kaelyn Rana Schilling

Cash and Amanda Schilling of Edson announce the birth of their daughter, Kaelyn Rana Schilling Wednesday, Sept. 3, 2008, at Citizens Medical Center in Colby.


Kaelyn weighed 7 lbs., 15 oz. and was 19.5 inches in length.

Grandparents are Ron and Mar-

sha Schilling of Edson and Jack and Trish Albrecht of North Platte, Neb. Great-grandparents are Doris and Jesse Craft of Goodland; Dale and Darlene Schilling of Goodland; Mary Waldron of Baggs, Wyo. and Darlene Albrecht of North Platte.




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Maxine A. Neville

Maxine A. Neville, age 94, died Monday, September 8, 2008 at her home in Colby, Kansas.

Maxine was born Maxine A. Houston on January 29, 1914, Gem, Kansas, to P.S. and Carrie Houston; she was the last of a family of six children. She was a homemaker and farmer, living all her life in Gem. She married Carl "Dutch" Higerd. After Dutch's death, nephew Larry Higerd worked for and with Maxine on her farm. He has been a close friend and business partner for over 48 years. In later years Maxine married Dwight Neville, who died in 1967.

Preceding her in death were her parents, two brothers, Ross and Glen Houston, and three sisters, Twila Harrison, Ariel Dechert, and Wanda Briggs. She is survived by nephew Max Houston of Wichita.

Funeral services for Maxine will be held on Friday, September 12, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. at Harrison Chapel, Colby, Kansas with Pastor Jeremy Gundling officiating; burial will follow in Gem Cemetery, Gem, Kansas. Visitation at the funeral home will be Thursday, September 11 from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. and Friday morning prior to the service. A memorial fund has been established to benefit Hospice Services of Thomas County and donations may be left at any Colby bank or Harrison Chapel.

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