

# Family

## Deaths

### Dave Trail

Harold David Trail, 64, a former Colby and Gem resident, died Tuesday, April 14, 2009, at his home in Hendersonville, Tenn.

He was born in Colby on May 27, 1944, to Harold Lee and Margery Gay (Bond) Trail and attended Gem High School. He was a carpenter for Morton Buildings in Colby.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a son, Daniel David Trail.

He is survived by three sons, Shannon Vincent, Colorado Springs, and Nathaniel David Trail and Lonnie Daniel Trail, Denver; two daughters, Chele Marie Keller, Overland Park, and Amber Nicole Ehinger, Atascadero, Calif.; four sisters, Rosa Lea Fabrizio, WaKeeney; Sandra Sue Rosebrough, Colby; and twins Marlene Gay Voss, Colby, and Darlene May Soukup, Salina; and 12 grandchildren.

Memorial services at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, April 25, 2009, at the Colby Church of Christ with Jarrod Spencer officiating.

### Carolyn M. Rice

Carolyn M. Rice, 73, Emporia, a former Colby homemaker, died Saturday, April 18, 2009, in Wichita.

She was born May 19, 1935, in Denver, to Bernard and Emma E. Zubrod Hallacy. She married Leo R. Rice on April 5, 1953, in Newton. She was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Emporia, and its the Altar Society; the United Transportation Union Auxiliary; and a den mother for Cub Scouts and a Girl Scout leader. She had been a secretary at Horizon Plaza in Emporia.

She was preceded in death by her parents and husband.

She is survived by a son, Joseph A. "Butch" Rice of Lawrence; three daughters, Pam Weathersbee of Phoenix, Sue McKeown of Cheney, and Brenda Geerinckx-Rice of Geel, Belgium; seven grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Mass of Christian burial will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, April 23, 2009, at the church, with burial in Maplewood Memorial Lawn Cemetery.

A wake service will be at 7 p.m.

tonight at the church, followed by visitation until 8:30 p.m.

The family suggests contributions to the altar society or to the Harry Hynes Memorial Hospice, in care of Charter Funerals, 501 W. Sixth Ave., Emporia, Kan., 66801.

### Alfred Pancake

Alfred G. Pancake, 91, a former teacher who later farmed in Sherman, Cheyenne and Rawlins counties, died Saturday, April 4, 2009, at St. Anthony Central Hospital in Denver.

He was born April 8, 1917, to Joseph Loyd and Viola Ann (Groat) Pancake on the family farm 16 miles southeast of Atwood. He graduated from the Atwood Community High School in 1935.

One of his first jobs was teaching all eight grades in the neighboring school district. He was paid \$40 a month and he paid a family living close to the school \$11 a month for room and board. He then taught a year at a school nine miles south of Colby before spending a year at Fort Hays State Teachers College, and later got a job teaching school in Burr Oak. He was drafted while there.

After basic training, he volunteered to join the Army Air Corps as an airplane mechanic in the 8th Air Force. He served most of his time at Liverpool, England, returning home in the fall of 1945.

When he returned to Fort Hays State, he met Velma Briney Brumm. They were married in 1948 and went into farming, acquiring land in Canada near Dawson Creek, British Columbia. She died in 1978.

In 1980, he met his second wife Irene Garland from Denmark, after a church conference in Dallas. In 1986, her health began to fail and she was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. She died in 1987.

After her death, he traveled around the world three times. He was 82 when he returned from his last trip.

Also preceding him in death were his parents; a brother, Joseph Pancake; and three sisters, Marjorie Rameg, Nina Jensen and Vera Knudson.

Survivors include a sister, Helen (Jack Kent) Johnson of Denver; two brothers, Delmer (Iris) Pancake of Atwood and Warren (Ar-

dis) Pancake of Dayville, Ore.; and a stepson, Tommy Garland of Denmark.

A memorial service was held Monday, April 13, 2009, at the Adventist Church in Goodland.

### Dorothy Hansen

Dorothy Jean Hansen, 77, Phillipsburg, mother of Tim (Leisa) Hansen of Colby, died Thursday, April 16, 2009, at the Phillipsburg Retirement Center, from complications due to a car accident on May 2, 2007.

She was born in Lincoln on Sept. 20, 1931, to L.J. and Bertha Anderson Starks. On March 11, 1951, she married Robert Hansen.

She graduated from Lincoln High School in 1949 and went on to Brown Mackey Business College in Salina. She worked for Southwestern Bell Telephone Co. and was a medical secretary for many years. She was executive director of Keeney Village in WaKeeney before retiring in 1999.

She was an avid basketball fan and especially loved University of Kansas basketball. She was a lifetime member of both the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary and the Order of the Eastern Star. She enjoyed working in her yard and garden, sewing, doing cross-stitch, watching college basketball and spending time with her granddaughters.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband on Nov. 9, 1979, a daughter Barbara Jean Hansen on April 3, 2008, and two brothers, Everett and Darl Starks.

She also is survived by a daughter, Holly (Jeff) Dinkel of Phillipsburg; a friend, August Spies Jr. of Morland; a sister, Mildred Wells of Miami; a brother, Lyle Leisa of Mesquite, Ariz.; four granddaughters; and a great-granddaughter.

Graveside services were Monday at the Lincoln Cemetery with Pastor Kaye Metzler officiating.

The family suggests contributions to Hospice Services Inc. or the Joe Ortiz Scholarship Fund. Olliff-Boevee Memorial Chapel, Phillipsburg, was in charge of arrangements.

## Week honors soil care

The Thomas County Conservation District encourages everyone to think about their personal responsibility to be a good steward of all natural resources, including soil and water, during the annual Stewardship Week celebration this week.

The 2009 Stewardship Week theme is "DIG IT! The Secrets of Soil," said Debbie Potter, manager of the district. Education materials were developed based on an exhibition by the Smithsonian's National Museum of Natural History and sponsored by the Soil Science Society of America and the Nutrients for Life Foundation.

Soil supports forests, wetlands, grasslands, tundra, and aquatic ecosystems, the groups say.

Soil affects agricultural production, water quality and climate. Thanks to the earth's soils, most of the rainfall hitting the planet is trapped and absorbed, watering plants and replenishing aquifers, rivers, lakes and streams.

The Thomas County district is a member of the National Association of Conservation Districts, which oversees the Stewardship Week program.

"Since the Dust Bowl of the 1930s, the protection of soil from erosion and degradation has greatly increased through the work of conservation districts and our partners," said Steve Robinson, president of the national group. For information about Stewardship Week and conservation, call Potter at (785) 462-7482, extension 303, or go to www.nacdnet.org.

## Babies

### Maddison Jo Ruppert

Maddison Jo Ruppert, daughter of Candace Albers and Kevin Ruppert of Culbertson, Neb., was born April 2, 2009, at Dundy County Hospital in Benkelman, Neb. She weighed 4 pounds, 11.2 ounces and measured 17 inches. Grandparents are Mike and Patti Albers, Colby; Georgia Kelly and Larry Kelly, McCook, Neb.; and Wilber and Sue Ruppert of Culbertson.



M. Ruppert



Carter Yost

### Carter Yost

Carter James Yost, son of Jon and Kris Yost of Goodland, was born April 15, 2009, at Citizens Medical Center. He weighed 8 pounds, 7 ounces, and measured 21 inches. Brother Jackson welcomes the new baby home. Grandparents are Jim and Kathy Armatys, Great Bend, and Dave and Pat Yost of St. Francis.

### Was Mrs. Strawn your teacher?



On May 4, 2009 Maxine Strawn will be celebrating her **80th BIRTHDAY!**

Teaching kindergarten at Colby Elementary 1968-1973, this will mark her **50th year in the classroom.**

Friends, former students and parents are invited to send cards, photos, stories to:

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### Mary Elizabeth "Libby" Ziegelmeir

Mary Elizabeth "Libby" Ziegelmeir was born on February 22, 1921 to Achil and Mary (Laurent) Bourquin on the family farm north of Gem, KS. The farm was homesteaded by her grandfather in 1890. She passed from this life into heaven on April 19, 2009 at the Logan County Hospital following a long illness.

Libby grew up on the farm, attended the one room school house, Mt. Olive and completed her high school education in Gem, graduating in 1938. She married C. Ernest, "Ernie", Ziegelmeir on May 9, 1938 and they spent their life together farming, raising cattle, caring for the land and enjoying their family. In 1949 they purchased and moved to the Bourquin family farm. Following Ernie's death, Libby moved into Gem and the farm continues to remain in the family, being farmed by one of the grandsons. From Gem, Libby moved to Fairview Estates in Colby where she made some wonderful friends.

Libby and Ernie had six children: Mary (Beth) Elizabeth, Margaret (Margie) R. Dean, Carl E., Martha and Julie. They were blessed with 19 grandchildren and 29 great grandchildren.

Libby loved and enjoyed the farm life and was devoted to her family. Her interests were many and included gardening, sewing, cooking, raising chickens, turkeys and cattle, photography, drawing, calligraphy, clowning and music. She particularly loved to play the organ for her own enjoyment and in her later years she played for the Gem Baptist Church. Each interest occupied various phases throughout her life and enriched not only her life but the lives of many family and friends. She loved nature and always appreciated God's creation and its beauty. She had a deep and abiding faith in Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior.

Libby was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Ernie, children Mary and Dean, a grandchild, Carla Kay, and her siblings Ina Gray, Fred Bourquin and Freda Jensen. She leaves behind many family members and friends who love her deeply and miss her smile, her busy hands and her devotion to us. She is survived by children Margie (John) Flanagan, Gem, KS; Carl (Pat) Ziegelmeir, Gem, KS; Martha (Milton) Rogge, Sublette, KS; and Julie (Gary) Lindsay, Stilwell, KS; her grandchildren, great grandchildren, many nieces, nephews and friends.

Funeral arrangements are by Kersenbrock Funeral Chapel in Colby. Funeral services will be held at the Colby United Methodist Church on Saturday, April 25th, 2009, 2:00 PM with graveside service to follow at the Gem Cemetery. Visitation 10 AM - 8 PM Friday, April 24th, at Kersenbrock Funeral Chapel.

Memorial donations may be sent to her church home of the past six years, either in care of the funeral home of directly to: Colby Wesleyan Church, 320 W. Pine, Colby, KS. 67701.

### Mildred Goke

Is celebrating her 94th birthday. Send cards and warm wishes to:

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