

Family

Deaths

Renee Walden

Renee Walden, 59, former Colby teacher, died Thursday, Aug. 20, 2009, at Christus Schumpert St. Mary Place in Shreveport, La.

She was born April 11, 1950, in Scott City to Juanita (Webster) and Robert Blackwell. She graduated from Garden City High School in 1968. She attended the University of Kansas, Garden City Community College and Emporia State University where she earned a bachelor of science in education.

An elementary educator for most of her life, she taught second grade in Kiowa and first grade in Monument. In 1981, she and her family moved to Hoxie. She was sales director for Transart from 1982 to 1984 and sales manager of Legends boutique in Colby in 1984-85.

Walden performed in community theater in Hoxie in "Bye, Bye, Birdie" and "Guys and Dolls" in which she played a lead role. She returned to teaching in 1985 as an English teacher at Colby Middle School. In 1990, she moved to

Fort Collins, Colo., where she taught sixth grade at Tavelli Elementary School for 19 years.

She enjoyed gardening, watching sporting events, going to movies, reading, and playing bridge. She loved spending time with her children and grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

She is survived by two sons, Jeff Walden, Chicago; and Steve (Robin) Walden, Shreveport; a sister, Gail Foster, Tulsa, Okla.; two brothers, Larry Blackwell, Tulsa; and Danny Blackwell, Garden City; and five grandchildren.

Services will be at 5:30 p.m. (Central Time) on Wednesday, Aug. 26, 2009, in the south auditorium of Timberline Assembly of God Church, 2908 Timberline Rd., Fort Collins, Colo.

The family suggests memorials to Tavelli Elementary School, Renee Walden Library Fund, 1118 Miramont Dr., Ft. Collins, Colo., 80524.



Alisa and Nicholas Baden

Couple wed in Oakley

Alisa Leigh Golden and Nicholas Andrew Baden married Saturday, May 30, 2009, by Pastor Bob Kelly at the Oakley Christian Church.

Alisa is the daughter of Steven and Peggy Golden of Oakley, and the granddaughter of Leonard and Joan Richard of St. Francis, and Alma Golden of Grainfield.

Nicholas is the son of Leo and Janice Baden of Colby, and the grandson of Helen Hoops of Superior, Neb.

Escorted by her father, the bride walked down the aisle to "Pachelbel's Canon in D." She wore an ivory A-line lace gown with pearls and a chapel length train. She carried a bouquet of calla lilies with a brooch of her Grandmother Golden's. She wore her great-grandmother's necklace, worn by her mother at her own wedding.

The bride's aunt, Marcia Roemer, played "Greensleeves" as the parents and grandparents were escorted to their seats. Cami Coates sang "Only Hope" and "Valentine" during the ceremony.

Maid of honor was Morgan Nichols and bridesmaid was Brandi Solze. The bride's attendants

wore tea-length gowns, turquoise with brown sashes.

The groom's brother, Josh Baden, was best man and the bride's brother, Greg Golden, was groomsman. The men wore chocolate brown tuxedos with turquoise vests and ties.

Ushers were Jona Salinas, Daniel Smarsh and Andrew Nash, all of Wichita.

A reception, dinner and dance were held at the Oakley Country Club for family and friends.

The couple honeymooned to the East Coast before making their home in Wichita. The bride plans to complete her Bachelor of Science degree in psychology from Friends University in December and the groom works for CCH as a tax software developer.

Corrections

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Babies

Kylin Wayne Petersen

Kylin Wayne Petersen, son of Michael and Nicole Petersen, was born Aug. 12, 2009, at Citizens Medical Center.

He weighed 5 pounds, 13 ounces and measured 19 inches.

Siblings Tayler, Austin and Kyler Petersen and Haylee and Colten Schurr welcome him home.

Grandparents are Mike and Kay Petersen, Rexford, and Kenny and Elaine Flax, Gove.



K. Petersen

Rachel Kay Porter

Rachel Kay Porter, daughter of Kelly and Melissa Porter of Littleton, Colo., was born Friday, Aug. 14, 2009, in Littleton. She weighed 7 pounds, 6 ounces and measured 20 1/2 inches.

Grandparents are Royce and Anita Porter of Colby, Marvin and Pam McVay of Littleton, and the late Connie McVay of Littleton.



Rachel Porter

Rayann Rose Porter

Rayann Rose Porter, daughter of Kevin and Amy Porter of Merriam, was born Tuesday, Aug. 4, 2009, in Merriam. She weighed 9 pounds, 1 ounce and measured 20 inches.

Grandparents are Royce and Anita Porter of Colby, and Wallace and Carol Severson of Gem.



Rayann Porter

Emerson D. Lahman

Emerson D. Lahman, 92, died Sunday, Aug. 23, 2009, in Fort Collins, Colo.

He was born in Winona, to Charles Jacob and Margaret (Stover) Lahman on Feb. 15, 1917.

After graduating from Winona High School in 1936, he went to work on the family farm. He was drafted in the Army in Feb. 1942, and served four years as a medical-surgical technician during World War II, including two years on the coast of Brazil with the medical corps of the Air Transport Command. After his discharge in Nov. 1945, he returned to the farm.

On Oct. 10, 1950, Lahman married Mary Jane Mossman. They were married 54 years.

They were in the farming and cattle business until about 2000. Along the way, he also delivered fuel to area farmers, driving the Conoco bulk fuel truck for at least 20 years.

The couple were active in the Winona United Methodist Church. He was also active in the Masonic

lodge, serving as Master twice and as Secretary for about 30 years. He received a 50-year membership pin a few years before his death.

In 2000, the couple moved to Colby. Mary died in 2004, and he moved to an assisted living facility in Ft. Collins in 2007. He was living in the adjacent nursing home at the time of his death.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, and brothers Clifford and Cecil Lahman.

He is survived by two sons, Gary (Darla) Lahman, Fort Collins; and Kenneth (Ana Maria Roncal) Lahman, St. Louis; a brother, Howard Lahman; two grandsons and a step-granddaughter.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 29, 2009, at the Winona United Methodist Church. Burial will be in Winona Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday at Harrison Chapel in Colby.

The family suggests gifts to the Winona United Methodist Church in lieu of flowers.

Alma Beringer

Alma Beringer, 80, Bethune, Colo., aunt of Mark Beringer of Colby, died Wednesday, Aug. 19, 2009, at Presbyterian St. Luke's Hospital in Denver.

She was born on Dec. 13, 1928, in Campbell County, S.D., to John and Elizabeth (Heiser) Beringer. She was one of five children. The family moved to Saint Francis in 1930, where she attended a country school. In 1939, the family moved to Bethune, Colo., where she attended school through the sixth grade. On Feb. 14, 1942, the family was in a car accident where her parents and sister Irene died. Following the accident, Alma lived with Amelia and Reuben Meyer, attending a country school through the seventh grade. Amelia was a cousin, and she and her husband served as foster parents and guardians.

She was a member of the Immanuel Lutheran Church north of Bethune and a member of the Ladies' Aid. She enjoyed being a part of the settlement sewing club, quilting, embroidery, gardening, growing flowers, raising chickens and milking cows. She was also a babysitter for many children that grew up in the settlement.

She was preceded in death by her parents and sister, an infant brother Elmer, and an infant sister, Justina. She was also preceded in death by her foster father Reuben Meyer.

She is also survived by a brother, Milbert Beringer; her foster mother Amelia Meyer; and a step-brother, Jerry Meyer.

Services were Monday, Aug. 24, 2009, at the Immanuel Lutheran Church north of Bethune, with Pastor Roger Milheim officiating. Burial was in the Immanuel Lutheran Church Cemetery.

The family suggests memorials to the church, in care of the Colorado East Bank and Trust, 141 Colorado Ave., Stratton, Colo., 80836.

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Local Church Accepting Contributions for Family

Otto Schutte Jr. AKA Butch became seriously ill approximately 8 weeks ago. His wife, Roberta Schutte, took him to the ER at The Colby Medical Center where they ran extensive tests and immediately admitted him into the hospital. He was diagnosed with Arterial Peripheral Disease in both legs and his condition worsened when he had a stroke. He was immediately transported to Hays Medical Center. He endured several painful surgeries to unblock arteries in an attempt to avoid amputation. Roberta stayed the entire three weeks in Hays to keep his spirits up. Butch still has 32 staples, which have now become infected, ongoing physical therapy stemming from his stroke and another surgery to endure in the near future. Unfortunately, he is now unable to work and Butch and Roberta are struggling financially. They would appreciate any donations you are willing to contribute. They have worked with The Colby Free Press for eleven years and are beloved by their customers. They have been blessed by their church, The Assembly of God, who are accepting donations on their behalf.

Please send all donations to The College Drive Assembly of God Church and make them payable to "Benevolence." Please let the church know it is for Butch and Roberta Schutte. We Wish Butch a speedy recovery and our prayers are with him and his family everyday.

Thank you for your support during this time of hardship.

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