

# Family

## Deaths

### Richard Barnett

Richard Barnett, 58, son of Mildred Green of Colby, died June 28, 2010, at McKee Medical Center in Loveland, Colo.

He was born Dec. 17, 1951, and was adopted at 6 months by Vernon and Mildred (Heim) Barnett in Colby.

He attended Sacred Heart Catholic School, graduating from Colby High School in 1969. He attended Colby Community College, majoring in photography and graduating in 1972.

In 1975, he married Janet Coulter.

From 1972 through 1985, he operated Rix Studio in Colby, and was the photographer for many senior portraits and weddings in northwest Kansas.

In 1985, he moved to Wichita Falls, Texas, where he worked for KAUZ television in production

and as a news reporter.

He moved to Norton in 2009 to be closer to his daughter. Due to poor health, he then moved to be with his sister in Loveland.

He was preceded in death by his father and an infant sister, Diana Barnett.

Survivors include his mother and stepfather Jerry Green, Colby; a daughter, Corene (Brian) Smith, Norton; two brothers, Tim (Lei-Ann) Barnett, Colby, and Kevin (Loretta) Barnett, Security, Colo.; a sister, Gerilyn Barnett, Loveland; and a granddaughter.

Memorial services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, July 17, 2010, at the Harrison Chapel in Colby. No visitation.

The family suggests memorials in his name, in care of the funeral home, Box 634, Colby, Kan., 67701.

### Patricia Ellen Stramel Nelson

Patricia Ellen Stramel Nelson, 81, a Colby homemaker, died Tuesday, June 29, 2010, at her home.

She was born Oct. 17, 1928, in Seguin, the daughter of Paul and Alice (Dwyer) Stramel. She was a 1946 graduate of Jennings High School.

On Oct. 7, 1947, she married Robert Eugene Nelson at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Leoville. He was in the retail lumber business and they lived in Almena, Hoxie and Colby.

She was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Colby.

Her hobbies included reading, fishing, water aerobics, sewing and needlework.

She was preceded in death by her husband, on Feb. 23, 2006; her parents; and a sister, Carol Lee Newell.

Survivors include three daughters, Judith K. (Daniel) Watkins, Hoxie; Joyce A. (Larry) Washburn, Colby; and Marilyn S. (Rue) Sowers, Goodland; a sister, Joyce Wieser, Denver; a brother-in-law, William (Charlotte) Nelson, Jennings; seven grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Services were Friday, July 2, 2010, at the church in Colby with Father Dana Clark and Father B. Thomas officiating and burial in St. Frances Catholic Cemetery in Hoxie.

Memorials are suggested to the church in Colby.

### Opal F. Teel

Opal F. (Turner) Teel, 86, formerly of Rexford, died Saturday, July 10, 2010, in San Antonio, Texas.

Services are pending with Pauls Funeral Home of Selden and Oberlin, (785) 475-3127, www.paulsfh.com.

### Randall D. Collins

Randall D. Collins, 86, Colby, a retired power company safety manager, died Saturday, July 10, 2010, at Citizens Medical Center.

He was born Aug. 12, 1923, in Meadow Grove, Neb., the son of Randall and Mabel (Williams) Collins. He was preceded in death by his wife Virginia on Dec. 1, 1994.

Survivors include a son, Ed Collins of Colby; a daughter, Connie Collins, of Wentzville, Mo.; and

three grandchildren.

Graveside services will be at 9 a.m. Wednesday, July 14, 2010, at Beulah Cemetery in Colby, with the Rev. Mark Carlton officiating and military honors.

No visitation. The family suggests memorials to the Heartland Christian School, in care of the Kersensbrock Funeral Chapel, 745 S. Country Club Dr., Colby, Kan., 67701.

### Georgine M. Leiker

Georgine M. Leiker, 82, a Colby homemaker, died Friday, July 9, 2010, at the Prairie Senior Living Complex in Colby.

She was born Jan. 11, 1928, in Schoenchen, the daughter of George and Bridget (Zimmerman) Lambrecht, and was a long-time resident of Colby.

An active member of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church here, she enjoyed doing volunteer work along with visits and activities with family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband Cyril in June, 1997.

Survivors include two sons, Arlen Leiker, Colby, and Lee Leiker, Marion; two daughters, Colleen

Merideth, Northfield Minn., and Elma David, Liberal; a brother, Earl Lambrecht, Ellis; 11 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday, July 13, 2010, at the church in Colby, with Father Dana D. Clark officiating and burial in Sacred Heart Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. today at the Kersensbrock Chapel in Colby. A vigil service will be at 7 p.m. tonight at the funeral home.

The family suggests memorials to the church in care of the funeral home, 745 S. Country Club Dr., Colby, Kan., 67701.

### Donald D. Miller

Donald D. Miller, 69, husband of Sherry Nickel Miller, formerly of Colby, died Wednesday, July 7, 2010, at his home in Tucson, Ariz.

He also is survived by a sister, Patricia Martin, Peoria, Ill.; a brother, Jerry Miller, Richland,

Mo.; two-stepchildren, Kelly (Alan) Focke and Rachelle (Jeff) Morrison of Colby; seven step-grandchildren and three step-great-grandchildren.

Private services will be held in Illinois.

## Joyce Ann Kehler

Burlingame - Joyce Ann Kehler, 54, Burlingame formerly of Holton died Friday, July 9, 2010 at a Topeka hospital. Joyce was born on January 17, 1956 in Holton. She was the daughter of John W. and Audrey Abele Kehler. She graduated from Holton High School in 1974, Highland Junior College om 1976 and Emporia State University in 1978 with a degree in Elementary Education. She later received her Masters Degree from Emporia State.

Joyce taught elementary school at USD #454 Burlingame for 29 years. She co-directed many all school musicals and three plays. She was Assistant Director for the High School show choir tour and participated in two community theater musicals. She was a member of Delta Kappa Gamma, Red Hat Society, PEO Chapter IQ and the Burlingame Community Library Board. Joyce was a member of Evangel United Methodist Church in Holton, where she enjoyed traveling on many youth fellowship trips. She had attended Burlingame Federated Church.

Joyce was preceded in death by her parents, Audrey in 1985 and John in 2006. She is survived by her sister, Mary Maxwell and her husband, Larry, Colby, KS; step-mother, Lorene Kehler, Holton; step-brothers, Chuck Haber and his wife, Karen, Kansas City, MO, David Haber and his wife, Laura, Littleton, CO and Donald Haber and his wife, Connie, Boston, MA; and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Monday, July 12, 2010, at Evangel United Methodist Church in Holton. Burial will be at the Holton Cemetery. The family will greet friends from 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday evening at Mercer Funeral Home in Holton. Memorials may be given to Jackson County 4-H New Building Fund. www.mercerfuneralhomes.com.

# Not all gardens are really 'green'



**Kay Melia**

• The Gardener

I think Kermit the Frog started the whole thing. Kermit, of course, is green. He was born green and he will always be green. But Kermit is a different kind of green than the green we read and hear about so much these days.

Joe Lamp'1, host of Public Broadcasting System's "Garden SMART" television show, is a master gardener, author and is very green. Lamp'1 wrote a book entitled "The Green Gardener's Guide," and also writes a garden column for the Scripps-Howard News Service. He recently wrote that someone ask him the question, "Aren't all gardens green?" And Lamp'1 replied as follows:

"Allow me to state for the record that all gardens are not green. In fact, according to a recent National Gardening Association survey, only 5 percent of gardeners adhere strictly to organic gardening methods. Most fall far short of creating a truly ecofriendly garden and landscape. Unfortunately, as we gardeners create so much beauty, the environmental price we pay is quite costly."

And there you have one man's opinion about your garden. In other words, if you do not strictly adhere to the rules of gardening organically, not only are you not green, but you should be ashamed of yourself for proliferating the practice of producing garden crops and other flora and fauna utilizing methods that are not organically sound.

Joe Lamp'1 is so far into green that he says we all should revert back to the old reel-type push

mower that our grandparents used, and abandon the air-poisoning gas mower. He says stainless-steel blades and ball-bearing wheels make cutting the grass fun again.

"Green" is the buzz word of the environmental movement. Everything is either referred to as green, or not green, and there seems to be those among us who are much more capable than others to determine which is which.

I have to admit that I'm not really sure just how green I am. If you go strictly by the organic book, I'm not nearly as green as I should be, because I do some things in the garden that Lamp'1 says I shouldn't. But I'll guarantee him this. I'll bet him a head of nonorganic cabbage that I can grow more "safe-to-eat" green beans in my garden that he can in his. Of course, Lamp'1 wouldn't eat my green beans because they aren't organic.

Today, we have green shingles on our house, green cotton shirts on our back, green shoes, green carpet, green newspapers (because the paper is made from green trees) and green everything else as long as it is made organically or produced or manufactured from organic materials.

So, are all gardens green? I'm afraid mine isn't. How about yours?

## K-State awards spring honors

Five students from Colby have been recognized at Kansas State University with honors for the 2010 spring semester, having earned a 3.75 or higher grade average for the semester.

They were Mitchell Gregory

Gatz, Anthony Alexander Kleinsorge, Taylor Nicole McLemore, Hannah Leann Woofter and Spencer Charles Young.

More than 2,850 students were recognized overall.

## Phone call on taxes a life saver

FRANKFORT, Ky. (AP) — A Kentucky man credits a state revenue employee with saving his life when he had a heart attack during a phone call about his income-tax bill.

The *Lexington Herald-Leader* reported that Earl Phillips was talking with state employee Natalie Brown on May 26 when she noticed that he was breathing heavily and seemed ill.

Phillips said that he didn't want to tell a complete stranger that he needed help, but she verified his address and then called emergency responders.

## Corrections

He was taken to a Louisville hospital, where doctors put a stent in his heart. He had a 90 percent blockage in one of his arteries. Gov. Steve Beshear praised Brown's dedication Friday.

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## Babies

### Zandler William Shrout

Zandler William Shrout, son of Taresa Capps and Scott Shrout of Colby, was born Saturday, July 3, 2010, at Citizens Medical Center. He weighed 7 pounds, 9 ounces and measured 20 1/2 inches.

Big brother Landen Joseph Lee Capps, 19 months, welcomed the baby home.

Grandparents are Ron and Mary Dole of Hill City. Great-grandmother is Anna Sullivan of Brewster.



Zandler S.



Tyce McAtee

### Tyce Victor McAtee

Tyce Victor McAtee, son of Brock and Danielle McAtee of St. Francis, was born Saturday, July 3, 2010, at Citizens Medical Center. He weighed 5 pounds and measured 17 inches.

Grandparents are Rick and Deanna Kreigh of Fort Morgan, Colo., and Farrell and Becky McAtee of St. Francis.

### June Elizabeth Ritter

June Elizabeth Ritter, daughter of Matthew and Lisa (Davis) Ritter of Broomfield, Colo., was born Saturday, June 26, 2010, at Avista Adventist Hospital in Louisville, Colo. She weighed 9 pounds, 7 ounces and measured 21 1/2 inches.

Sister Addison Marie welcomes her baby sister home.

Grandparents are Steve and Helene Ritter of Chesterfield, Mich., and Loyde and Connie Davis of Colby. Maternal great-grandmother is Frances Smith of Colby.



June Ritter

# Logan's museum next stop for supercroc

The "Science of Supercroc" exhibit opens Friday, Aug. 13, at the Dane G. Hansen Museum in Logan.

The exhibit, which has been on display at the Sternberg Museum in Hays, will be up through Sunday, Nov. 7, showcasing the planet's largest crocodile, *Sarcosuchus imperator*, commonly known as Supercroc, about 17,500 pounds and 40 to 50 feet long.

The remains of this giant reptile were discovered in 1997 by paleontologist Paul Sereno and his colleagues at a remote site in the Sahara Desert.

Sereno concluded at the time, "We had never seen anything like it. The snout and teeth were designed for grabbing prey — fish, turtles, and dinosaurs that strayed too close."

The exhibit includes a 40-foot-long replica skeleton, a model of the head, a National Geographic film and other displays.

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