

obituaries

Dale Murphy

Dale H. Murphy, 79, a retired Goodland contractor, died Thursday, March 10, 2005, at St. Anthony Central Hospital in Denver.

He was born Oct. 11, 1925, at Seibert, Colo., the son of Coleman E. and Mattie B. (Wilmoth) Murphy. The ninth of 10 children, he was raised on the family farm south of Seibert. He attended school at Rock Cliff, south of Seibert, and at Seibert High School.

From 1945-47, he served in the Army. On Dec. 21, 1945, while home on furlough, he married Myrtle Mae Aumiller at the Sherman County courthouse. They had three children.

Murphy worked for the Seibert Co-op and then Gates Rubber Co. in Denver. He later managed the Akron (Colo.) Co-op and a Co-op in Hooker, Okla. While in Goodland, he owned an excavating and construction business.

He excavated the foundation for the Max Jones Fieldhouse, hauling

14,400 cubic yards of dirt to where the Van Gogh painting now stands.

He sold the excavating business to Don Baldwin, whom he later worked for at Goodland Redi Mix.

During this period, he supervised pouring concrete on I-70 from Brewster to the Kansas/Colorado line and the concrete at the Great Western Sugar Beet factory.

In the early 1970s, Mr. Murphy owned a construction company that built many homes from Seibert, Stratton and Bethune, Colo., to Hays and Phillipsburg, Kan.

In the late '70s and early '80s, he moved back to Seibert and served on the town council. He was responsible for building a big barbecue pit and a building for Seibert Days in the town park.

He proposed refurbishing the old Veterans of Foreign Wars building, and that dream became a reality. He put in a kitchen for serving funeral dinners and family reunions and for senior citizens. The other part of the building was left for roller skating. The city offices are now in part of it.

Murphy was active in the Goodland VFW post and held offices at the 9th District, state and national levels. Some of his proudest moments were when he and

some of his comrades went to Washington. He served on the color guard and helping with the annual Santa Claus visit, where he handed out treats to children. He built a memorial case for World War I veteran James Raybeck.

He enjoyed spending time with his family, playing town-team baseball and basketball, hunting and fishing. He was an avid gardener.

Preceding him in death were his parents; four brothers, Lionel, Loyd, Loren and Troy Murphy; and three sisters, Florence Gibbs, Lena Patterson and Grace Murphy.

Survivors include his wife; two sons, Norman (Gwen) Murphy of Flagler, and Doug (Ronda) Murphy of Ogallala, Neb.; a daughter, Leatha Murphy of Akron; two sisters, Twila Gorton of Seibert and Arvetta "Betty" Randall of Kingfisher, Okla.; seven grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Services were Monday, March 14, 2005, at the Koons Chapel in Goodland, with burial in the Goodland Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Goodland Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Goodland Senior Center or the Yaffee House in Denver, in care of the funeral home at 211 N. Main, Goodland, Kan. 67735-1555.

Roberta O'Leary

Roberta Rose O'Leary, 79, St. Francis, a retired nursing home administrator, died Wednesday, March 16, 2005, at the Cheyenne County Hospital.

She was born Sept. 5, 1925, the daughter of Ferdinand and Rose Ostdiek, on the family farm at Indianola, Neb. She was the ninth out of 16 children.

She attended country elementary schools and went through her junior year at Indianola High School. Her family moved to a farm near Benkelman, Neb., in 1940, and she and her sister went their senior year to Cheyenne County Community High School, where they graduated in 1942.

After graduation, she taught in country schools in Cheyenne County, living with parents of students she taught.

On Aug. 5, 1943, she married Paul O'Leary; they had three children. They farmed in the St. Francis area until 1946, when they moved to Anton, Colo., where they lived until moving to Woodrow, Colo., in 1954. In 1956, the family moved back to St. Francis, where Mrs. O'Leary worked in the laundry at the Good Samaritan Village.

In 1957, they moved Parkton,

S.D., where both O'Learys worked for the Colony of Mercy Nursing Home.

In 1958, they moved back to St. Francis and bought the Dr. Peck Hospital, which had been converted into a nursing home.

They opened a nursing home in Cheyenne Wells, Colo., in 1963, operating these homes until their closures in 1974.

The couple then moved to Sharon Springs, where they were administrators of the Prairie Manor Nursing Home. She continued to operate the home until her retirement in 1995.

She moved back to St. Francis after her son-in-law, Ron Krien, and grandson, Wade Krien, completely remodeled her house. She cared for her son Jim until his death Aug. 7, 2001.

O'Leary never forgot a birthday, wedding anniversary or any special day of any of her relatives and friends, especially the kids. She settled quite a few discussions with her memory of dates.

Also preceding her in death were her parents; her husband; two infant brothers; two infant sisters; four other brothers, Gerald, Alvin, Raymond and Walter; two other sisters, Lorraine Stevens and Irene Reining; and a great-grandson,

Michael Krien.

Survivors include a daughter, Janice (Ron) Krien of St. Francis; a son, Ron O'Leary of Topeka; two brothers, Louis (Darlene) Ostdiek of Northlenn, Colo., and J.D. (Marilyn) Ostdiek of Fresno, Calif.; three sisters, Irma Johnson and Kathleen (Paul) Hamm of Benkelman, and Yvonne (Johnny) Eggers of Bird City; two brothers-in-law, Joy Stevens of McCook, Neb., and Bunt Reining of Benkelman; two sisters-in-law, Agnes Ostdiek of Benkelman and Arilla Zimbelman of St. Francis; six grandchildren; three step-grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

A funeral mass was scheduled for 10 a.m. Monday, March 21, 2005, at St. Francis Catholic Church with Father John Walsh officiating. Father Beryl Gibson conducted rosary services Sunday.

Pallbearers were Wade Krien, Paul O'Leary, Travis O'Leary, Jeff Lopp, Francis O'Leary and Gabe Walz. Burial was in the Benkelman Cemetery alongside her mother and father.

Memorials may be made to the St. Francis Senior Center or Cheyenne County Hospital in care of Knodel Funeral Home, 202 S. Benton, St. Francis, Kan. 67756.

Bits of humor passed around can brighten days

There are always bits of humor circulating by word of mouth, by e-mail, in print. It's nice that people think up these things, and others pass them around to brighten our days.

Jo Simmons, manager of the Goodland Churches Thrift Store, has been sharing a poem that was found on a slip of paper at the store. The title at the top is "The Art of Negotiation." Yvonne Ornelas, an employee at the store, says it's by Shel Silverstein and is in his book, "Where the Sidewalk Ends:"

My dad gave me a one dollar bill
'Cause I'm his smartest son,
And I swapped it for two shiny quarters
'Cause two is more than one!

And then I took the quarters
And I traded them to Lou
For three dimes — I guess he



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• just for fun

didn't know

That three is more than two!

Just then, along came old, blind Bates

And just 'cause he can't see,
He gave me four nickels for my three dimes;

And four is more than three!

And I took the nickels to Hiram Coombs

Down at the feed-seed store,

And the fool gave me five pennies for them;

And five is more than four!

speak!

I really liked a joke passed on a while back because, even though all the clues were there, I still didn't see the punch line coming:

The church was needing repairs, and the minister had several cases of Bibles in the basement that weren't being used. He decided they could be sold to raise the money.

After the Sunday service, the minister asked members of the congregation to help sell them. Peter, a salesman, said he'd be happy to use his expertise to help the church, so

And then I went and showed my dad

And he got red in the cheeks;

And he closed his eyes and shook his head,

Too proud of me to

the minister gave him cases of Bibles.

The minister said there were too many Bibles for Peter to sell by himself, he needed others to help.

Paul, a lawyer, said he was pretty smooth with words; surely he could sell some Bibles to help the church.

After giving Paul some cases of Bibles, the minister said there were plenty more to sell, and he hoped at least one more person would help. Fred, a farmer, piped up from the back of the church, "I-I-I'd-d-d-b-b-b-be-e-h-h-h-a-p-p-py-t-t-to-h-h-e-l-p-p."

The minister was skeptical. Fred was shy and usually kept quiet because he was embarrassed about his stuttering. But Fred insisted he could sell Bibles, so the minister gave him some cases.

When the congregation met for the next Sunday's service, the min-

ister asked how the men were doing selling Bibles.

Peter was very proud of himself: "I sold 400 Bibles for \$10 apiece, raising \$4,000 for the church."

Paul was thrilled that he had outsold the salesman: "I sold 600 Bibles for \$10 apiece, raising \$6,000 for the church."

Almost afraid of the answer, the minister asked Fred how he did.

"I-I-I s-s-s-so-ol-ld-d-d th-th-three-ee th-th-thous-s-sand-d-d-B-B-Bib-b-bles-s-s, r-r-rai-s-s-sing th-th-thir-t-t-t-y th-th-thous-s-sand-d-d-d-dol-l-lars-s-s-f-f-for th-th-the ch-ch-church," he said.

The minister thought there must be a mistake. Surely Fred had not been able to outsell Peter and Paul combined! But Fred handed him an envelope with the money, sure enough, \$30,000.

"How did you do this?!" he asked.

"S-S-Simp-p-ple," Fred said. "I-I-I kn-kn-knock-ck-cked-d-d on d-d-doors-s-a-a-and-d-d-s-s-said-d-d, 'W-W-Would-d-d y-y-you I-I-I like t-t-to b-b-buy a-a-a B-B-Bib-b-ble f-f-for r-r-t-t-en-n-n-d-d-dol-l-lars-s-s, or sh-sh-should-d-d I-I-I j-j-just-t-t st-st-stand-d-d h-h-here-r-r-e-a-a-and-d-d-r-r-read-d-d it-t-t-t-to-y-y-you?'"

A friend passed on some good advice: "Don't go for looks; they can deceive. Don't go for wealth; even that fades away. Go for someone who makes you smile, because it takes only a smile to make a dark day seem bright.

"Find the one that makes your heart smile. Dream what you want to dream; go where you want to go; be what you want to be, because you have only one life and one chance to do all the things you want to do."

matters of record

District Traffic

The following fines were paid in the Sherman County District Court: **Jan. 28** — Hugo C. Ortiz, 30, Arlington, Texas, \$150 for speeding.

John L. Hatfield, 23, Fort Collins, Colo., \$132 for speeding.

Matthew A. Bryce, 23, Goodland, \$160 for no Kansas registration.

Luis A. Jimenez, 26, San Diego, Calif., \$126 for speeding.

Victor F. Arguelles, 26, Rogers, Ark., \$144 for speeding and \$20 for no child restraint.

Robert W. Lods, 34, Arvada, Colo., \$150 for speeding.

Lisa A. Hartenbower, 34, Lenexa, \$150 for speeding.

Zachary M. Mandel, 19, St. Louis, Mo., \$126 for improper parking.

Amanda Caldwell, 18, Denver, \$138 for speeding.

Joshua R. Lawrence, 19, Bismarck, N.D., \$168 for speeding.

Matthew M. Mead, 19, Purcell,

Okla., \$10 for no seat belt.

Jan. 31 — Nichole M. Maharrey, 26, Reno, Nev., \$150 for speeding.

Jeronimo Montoya, 16, Kanorado, \$126 for speeding.

Hermínio Maldonado Jr., 46, Colorado Springs, \$181 for speeding.

Steven C. Sepos, 35, New Ringgold, Pa., \$150 for speeding and \$20 for no child restraint.

Andrew M. Mason, 24, Longmont, Colo., \$222 for speeding.

Mark A. Wright, 40, Howard, \$80 for no child restraint.

Jeffery D. Cunningham, 18, Spencer, Ind., \$222 for speeding.

Patricia B. Wurster, 41, Prairie Village, \$132 for speeding.

Lejon J. Rentroppe, 25, Hampton, Va., \$159 for speeding.

Joshua D. Thies, 24, Manhattan, \$144 for speeding.

Adam C. Vance, 22, Leawood, \$120 for speed violation.

Richard J. Lavery, 21, Dallas, \$138 for improper parking.

Thomas Newman, 25, Joplin,

Mo., \$132 for speeding and \$10 for no seat belt.

Stefano Russolillo, 34, Frisco, Texas, \$132 for speeding.

Cory B. Scheer, 34, Buena Vista, Colo., \$120 for failure to yield.

Robert J. Wiltberger, 22, Colorado Springs, \$126 for speeding.

Allison E. Wood, 20, Springfield, Ill., \$132 for improper parking.

Dustin J. Braun, 21, Fort Collins, Colo., \$159 for speeding.

Feb. 1 — Shannon D. Butler, 26, Goodland, \$300 for no liability insurance, \$120 for improper driving and \$10 for no seat belt.

Harold W. Slusher, 68, Goodland, \$360 for driving under suspension.

Adrian A. Epstein, 24, St. Louis, Mo., \$255 for speeding.

Issa S. Kingu, 30, Houston, Texas, \$177 for speeding.

Thomas P. Dutton, 63, Kirkwood, Mo., \$150 for improper parking.

Jason J. Jenschke, 28, Colorado Springs, \$186 for speeding.

Ramin Bandii, 42, Duluth, Ga., \$120 for improper U-turn and \$60 for unlawful acts with a vehicle.

Feb. 2 — Jerry L. Baker, 42, Denver, \$120 for improper driving.

Ronald J. Talley, 44, Eton, Ga., \$105 for over weight limit on wheels and axles.

Rita Powell, 46, Takoma Park, Md., \$159 for speeding.

Bradley P. Morgan, 24, Fort Collins, \$132 for speeding.

Jack N. Waldron, 18, Brighton, Colo., \$231 for speeding.

Christopher A. Krack, 21, Columbus, Ohio, \$159 for speeding and \$125 for driving under suspension.

Edward J. Cure, 56, Burlington, Colo., \$138 for speeding.

Feb. 3 — Kristine A. Williams, 31, Denver, \$144 for speeding.

Bradford L. McGuire Jr., Gulf Breeze, Fla., \$132 for speeding.

Michael C. Schwartz, 41, Longmont, \$120 for unlawful acts with a vehicle.

Dustin D. Burmeister, 20, Mil-

ton, Fla., \$144 for speeding.

Feb. 3 — Jeffrey E. Gosmire, 38, Howard, S.D., was fined \$245 for being over the weight limits on wheels and axles.

William J. Johnson, 29, Bartlett, Tenn., was fined \$111 for being over the weight limits on wheels and axles.

Norma A. Villalpando, 23, Vine-land, N.J., was fined \$138 for speeding.

William King Brooks III, 19, Bellflower, Calif., was fined \$159 for speeding.

Marci L. Grebing, 33, Fort Collins, Colo., was fined \$132 for improper parking.

Keith D. Holmes, 47, Denver, was fined \$132 for speeding.

Robert Huerta, 21, Commerce City, Colo., was fined \$102 for speeding and \$10 for not wearing a seat belt.

Feb. 4 — Marcus A. Frederick, 22, Goodland, was fined \$120 for improper passing on the right and

\$100 for reckless driving.

Christopher T. Shaw, 20, Dermott, Ariz., was fined \$150 for speeding.

Ahmed Hamza, 56, Colorado Springs, was fined \$240 for speeding.

Catherine H. Turner, 45, O'Fallon, Mo., was fined \$204 for speeding.

Michael L. Hinton, 33, Aurora, Colo., was fined \$120 for speeding.

Lyndon C. Winchester, 26, Atlanta, was fined \$204 for speeding.

Stacy K. McDonald, 33, Denver, was fined \$177 for speeding.

Linda A. Konzerman, 42, Valley Center, was fined \$150 for speeding.

Jeffrey C. Mann, 21, Miami, Fla., was fined \$150 for speeding.

Zachary D. Pike, 31, Golden, Colo., was fined \$213 for speeding.

Milton Martinez Osmaro, 25, N. Hollywood, Calif., was fined \$120 for driving without a license.

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