

THE OBERLIN HERALD —

# Obituaries

## Betty Jo Alexander

Betty Jo Alexander, 76, a longtime resident of the Norcatar area, died Sunday, March 14, 2004, at the Norton County Hospital.

She was born Dec. 28, 1927, in Almena, the daughter of Millard and Edith Dean (Hatcher) Jackson. She was reared in Norton County and attended schools in Almena, New Almelo, and Norton.

She married Donald E. Alexander on April 12, 1947, in Oberlin. They made their home on a farm northeast of Norcatar until moving to Norton in 1999. Her husband preceded her in death on June 14, 2000.

Survivors include two daughters, Barb and Butch Marvin, Alma, Neb.; and Brenda and John Kaus, Norton; five brothers, Arnold Jackson, Norton; Dallas Jackson, Brewster; Brooks and Cheryl Jackson, Colby; Gerald and Judy Jackson, Norcatar; and Delbert Jackson, Brewster; three sisters, Pauline and Don Shoemaker, Colby; Iris and Larry Smith, Clayton; and Lois and Ken Bieber, Colby; six grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and seven step-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; a son, Donald Joe Alexander; four brothers, Buster, David, Lloyd and Eldon, and a sister, Dora Jean.

Funeral services were held Tuesday morning at Enfield Funeral Home in Norton. Kathy Aeillo officiated and burial was in the Norcatar Cemetery.

Memorials were established to the Norton County Hospital and Norcatar Citizens Alliance. Contributions may be sent to Enfield Funeral Home, 215 W. Main, Norton, Kan., 67674.

## Clarence J. Bruggeman

Clarence J. Bruggeman, 78, a native of Leoville, died Thursday, March 11, 2004, at the Decatur County Hospital.

He was born June 18, 1925, at Leoville, the son of Bernard and Anna (Wolf) Bruggeman. He was reared on a farm near Leoville and attended school in Leoville.

He married Helena Baalman on Oct. 7, 1952, in Leoville and was a farmer and rancher. He and his wife moved to Oberlin in the summer of 1999. He was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church and the Knights of Columbus, both of Oberlin.

Survivors include his wife, Helena; two son, Larry Bruggeman, Colby; and Gary and Alvera Bruggeman, Oberlin; two daughters, Regina and Joe Stanley, and JoAnn and Bob Shuler, Oberlin; and six grandchildren.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held Monday morning at Immaculate Conception Church in Leoville with the Rev. George Kochuvekkakkam officiating. Burial was in Mount Calvary Cemetery at Leoville.

A memorial was established to the Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Mount Calvary Cemetery Fund, for Masses or to Hospice. Contributions may be sent to Pauls Funeral Home, 121 N. Penn, Oberlin, Kan., 67749.

## Roy V. Elshire

Roy V. Elshire, 83, of rural Dresden, died March 3, 2004, at his home in rural Sheridan County.

He was born Feb. 10, 1921, in Sheridan County, the son of Robert Lee and Della Blanch (Wynboop) Elshire. He was a farmer.

Survivors include two nieces, Joyce and Larry Schroeder; and Judy Schmidt; two great-nieces; three great-nephews; and one great-great-niece and two great-great-nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a sister, Ada B. and Lloyd C. Cornett; and a niece, Ruth A. Cornett.

Memorial services were held on Friday, at Kersenbrock Funeral Chapel in Colby. Inurnment was in Beulah Cemetery at Colby.

Memorials were established to the Sheridan County Museum and contributions may be sent to the funeral home, 745 S. Country Club Drive, Colby, Kan., 67601.

## Lois Haase

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday at the United Church of Oberlin for Lois (Nicodemus) Haase, 82, who died Sunday at Sioux Valley Hospital in Sioux Falls, S.D.

She was a 1940 graduate of Decatur Community High School.

A complete obituary will be carried next week.

## Frederick Helmkamp

Frederick L. Helmkamp, 84, a 1938 graduate of Decatur Community High School, died March 8, 2004, at the Decatur County Good Samaritan Center in Oberlin.

He was born Dec. 20, 1919, at the family's farm home near Traer, the son of Ewald "Ed" and Louise (Wendelin) Helmkamp. That year his family moved to the farm owned by his paternal grandparents, where his father grew up. He attended St. John's Lutheran School and Decatur Community High School. He attended Iowa State College in Ames, Iowa, before enlisting in the U.S. Army in 1942. He served with the 333rd Engineer Special Service Regiment during World War II. After his honorable discharge on Dec. 3, 1945, he returned home to become the third generation to farm the land and raise cattle.

He married Leona Naaman on Aug. 24, 1952, in Lexington, Neb. They made their home on a farm northwest of Oberlin before moving to Oberlin in 2000. He was a charter member of Faith Lutheran Church, was a member of the Oberlin American Legion Post, served on the hospital board, township boards, church council and Decatur County Planning Board, and was on the Board of Directors for Decatur County National Bank.

Survivors include his wife, Leona Helmkamp, Oberlin; two daughters, Julie and Chris Gardiner, Pratt; and Lori and Joe Brewer, Limon, Colo.; a sister, Doris Kreymborg, Littleton, Colo.; and four grandchildren, Matthew and Megan Gardiner, and Beau and Brett Brewer.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a daughter, Susanne, in infancy, and a sister, Mildred Bierwagon.

Funeral services were held Thursday afternoon at Faith Lutheran Church. Pastor Charlotte Strecker-Baseler officiated and burial was in the Oberlin Cemetery with military rites by the Oberlin American Legion Post.

A memorial was established in his name. Contributions may be sent to Pauls Funeral Home, 121 N. Penn, Oberlin, Kan., 67749.

## CARD OF THANKS

Thank you to everyone for the cards, food, flowers, visits and prayers during the time of our loss. Thank you to Pastor Charlotte for all her support and comfort, and to Dr. Vogel and the wonderful folks at the Good Samaritan Center for all the care and support that they gave to Frederick.

Leona Helmkamp  
Julie and Chris Gardiner,  
Matthew and Megan  
Lori and Joe Brewer,  
Beau and Brett  
Doris Kreymborg  
and family

## Alvin Duane Jording

Alvin Duane Jording, 59, a 1962 graduate of Decatur Community High School, died Feb. 28, 2004, at his home in Oberlin.

He was born April 20, 1944, in Oberlin, the son of Alvin Jay and Fern (Towery) Jording. He was reared in Oberlin and attended Oberlin Elementary School and Decatur Community High School. He was baptized and confirmed at St. John's Lutheran Church. He attended Fort Hays State University in Hays before joining the U.S. Navy. He served during the Vietnam War from 1964 to 1968 as a Storekeeper Second Class.

He married Norene Huxoll on June 10, 1976, and they had two children. They lived in Oberlin and later divorced. He worked for Decatur Co-op Association for 23 years. He was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church and Oberlin American Legion Post.

Survivors include his children, Cobe Jording, Douglas, Wyo.; and Susan and Brian Dier, Lincoln, Neb.; his parents, Alvin and Fern Jording, Oberlin; a brother, Clayton Jording, Medford, Ore.; a sister, Marjorie and Philip Law, Lake-wood, Colo.; step-children, Tammy McDonald, Raymore, Mo.; Trina Schroder, Olathe; and Dale Kempt, Oberlin; three grandchildren, Jordan Parsons, and Jessica and Elisa Dier.

He was preceded in death by an infant brother, Larry Jording, in 1940, and his sister-in-law, Janice Jording, in 1998.

Funeral services were held Thursday morning at St. John's Lutheran Church in Oberlin. The Rev. Don White officiated and burial was at the Kanona Cemetery with military rites by the Oberlin American Legion Post.

Memorials were established to the church or Decatur County Summer Recreation. Contributions may be sent to Pauls Funeral Home, 121 N. Penn, Oberlin, Kan., 67749.

## Glenn B. Marcuson

Glenn B. Marcuson, 82, brother of Gail Marcuson of Oberlin, died March 8, 2004, at his home in Hanover Park, Ill.

He was born May 13, 1921, on the family farm in the Lund community, the son of Albert and Ruby (Peterson) Marcuson. He was a 1939 graduate of Decatur Community High School, then served in the U.S. Navy during World War II in England.

He married Dorothy Stake on June 15, 1946, in Chicago. They made their home in Hanover Park and he was employed by the U.S. Postal Service until his retirement. He was a member of the Cuyler Covenant Church for nearly 50 years and currently was a member of Village Church of Bartlett, Ill.

Survivors include his wife, Dorothy, 1880 Hollywood Ave., Hanover Park, Ill., 60133; two sons, Ronald, Chicago; and Gary and Mary Marcuson, Streamwood, Ill.; two granddaughters, Terriann and Bobbie Jo; a brother, Gail Marcuson, Oberlin; and a sister, Doris Peterson, Atwood.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two sisters, Donis Morris and Mildred Waldo.

Funeral services were held Thursday with graveside services on Friday at Fairview Memorial Park at Hanover Park.

Memorials may be made to Cuyler Covenant Church, 1614 Byron, Chicago, Ill., 60613 or Village Church of Bartlett, 601 W. Bartlett Road, Bartlett, Ill., 60103. Country-side Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

## Philip M. Niemeth

Philip Martin Niemeth, 82, a soil conservation contractor for 45 years, died March 1, 2004, at the Decatur County Hospital in Oberlin.

He was born March 29, 1921, on the family homestead near Herndon, the son of Henry and Elizabeth (Versch) Niemeth. He attended St. Mary's Catholic School. He served in the U.S. Army from July 13, 1942, to Jan. 1946.

He married Laverne Janousek on Dec. 28, 1948 and they lived at Herndon. He was a member of St. Mary's Assumption Catholic Church; Knights of Columbus; and Veterans of Foreign Wars, all of Herndon; and American Legion Post of Oberlin.

Survivors include his wife, Laverne, Herndon; three children, Janice and Steve Alexander, Denver; Gerald and Kim Niemeth, Herndon; and Cynthia Bergling, Herndon; eight grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; a brother, Francis Niemeth, Denver; and a sister, Veronica Orin, Ruidoso Downs, N.M.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a son, Thomas Niemeth; brothers, Louis, Walter, Robert, Henry, and Ralph; and sisters, Eleanor Whittaker and Henrietta Niemeth.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held at the church in Herndon on March 4, 2004. Father Damian Richards officiated and burial was at St. Mary's Cemetery with military rites by the Herndon Veterans of Foreign Wars Post, and Oberlin American Legion Post.

Memorials were established in his name. Contributions may be sent to William Funeral Home, 109 N. 2nd Street, Atwood, Kan., 67730.

## Margaret S. Ross

Margaret S. Ross, 93, a 1929 graduate of Decatur Community High School, died Saturday, March 13, 2004, at the Phillips County Hospital in Phillipsburg.

She was born Jan. 31, 1911, at Kanona, the daughter of James and Mary (Jelinek) Ruzicka. She spent her childhood in Decatur County. After graduation, she taught school until her marriage to Harold Everett Ross on Sept. 17, 1939. They observed their 50th anniversary shortly before his death in 1989.

She lived in Plainville until moving to Phillipsburg in December 2002. She was a member of the Order of Eastern Star and the Rooks County Health Care Center Auxiliary.

Survivors include four children, Ronald Ross, Plainville; Robert and Flo Ross, Denver; Marilyn and Dick Sweat, Phillipsburg; and Carolyn Ross, Naples, Fla.; four grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

## Richard L. Temple

Richard L. "Sausage" Temple, 70, brother of Sue Banzet of Oberlin, died March 8, 2004, at the Andbe Home in Norton.

He was born Aug. 30, 1933, at Norcatar, the son of Clarence N. and Edith E. (Wiggins) Temple. He attended Norcatar schools. He married Georgia Cart on March 20, 1959, at the Christian Church in Norton. He had worked for Norton County, Sauvage Gas Service at Oberlin and Caldwell's at Goodland.

Survivors include his wife Georgia, of Norton; a daughter, Twila, Norton; and a son, Vinton, Hill City; three sisters, Vera Hoppes, Sidney, Neb.; Velma Schoenfelder, Commerce City, Colo.; and Sue and Darroll Banzet, Oberlin.

He was preceded in death by his parents; three brothers and two sisters.

Graveside services were held March 9 at the Norton Cemetery with Tim Myers officiating. Enfield Funeral Home of Norton was in charge of arrangements.

A memorial was established in his name. Contributions may be sent to the funeral home, 215 W. Main, Norton, Kan., 67654.

## Town Crier

**Today:** No school, spring break. Alcoholics Anonymous, 8 p.m., ambulance barn.

**Thursday:** No school, spring break.

Master Gardeners, Edible Soybeans by Diane Frickey, noon to 1 p.m., brown bag lunch, extension office.

**Friday:** No school, spring break. Coffee hour, 9-11 a.m., Ward Drug.

**Saturday:** Teens for Christ, meet at TFC building at 6 p.m., The Edge in Rexford.

**Sunday:** Senior potluck, 12:15 p.m., Golden Age Center.

**Tuesday:** Rotary, The Gateway, noon.

Story Time, 4-4:30 p.m., Oberlin Library.

Weight Watchers, 6-7 p.m., Medical Arts Building.

**Thursday, March 25:** Master Gardeners, Drip Irrigation by Gaylord Shields, noon to 1 p.m., brown bag lunch, extension office.

## Courthouse

These transactions were taken from the records in the offices of the Decatur County court clerk, sheriff and register of deeds:

### DISTRICT COURT

#### Traffic

Feb. 12: Brenda Breth, Oberlin, child passenger safety, \$80; Amy Lamb, Oberlin, child passenger safety, \$80.

Feb. 19: Kirk Mowry, Olathe, speeding, \$120.

#### Limited Action

Decatur Health Systems vs. Deidre Reuber, \$149 plus costs, interest, etc.

Decatur Health Systems vs. Charles Forbes, \$200 plus costs, interest, etc.

Visa vs. Glen and Judy Stragey, \$867 plus costs, interest, etc.

#### Small Claims

Dr. Gary Fredrickson DDS vs. Lynn Boyd, \$306, plus costs, interest, etc.

#### JAIL BOOKINGS

This person was booked into the Decatur County Jail last week:

Clifford Culligan, 29, Oberlin, March 10, battery, Oberlin Police Department.

#### REGISTER OF DEEDS

A.J. Wodack to Albert Filley, Lots 7 and 8, Block 16, Original City, Norcatar.

Michael and Cassie McLain to Cody and LaDawna Richards, the W 31' of Lots 5 and 6, Block 2, Sunnyside Addition, Oberlin.

Virgil Dreiling and Betty Fager, quitclaim to Virgil Dreiling, trustee, Virgil T. Dreiling Trust, the E 1/2 of

## Markets

### March 15, 2004 closing markets

Wheat, \$3.47 bushel  
Milo, \$4.88 hnd weight  
Corn, \$2.90 bushel  
Soybeans, \$9.28 bushel  
Sunflowers, \$11.85 bushel

## Sunflower Cinema

220 N. Penn

Oberlin

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Sat., Mar. 20 - 7 p.m.

### Confessions of a Teenage Drama Queen

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Sun., Mar. 21

2 p.m. - Matinee

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## AMBULANCE CALLS

These calls were reported last week by the Decatur County ambulance crew:

Last Wednesday: 8:45 a.m., medical, E. Ash to Decatur County Hospital.

Friday: 9:55 a.m., transport, to Hays Medical Center, Hays.

Saturday: 9 p.m., medical, E. Commercial, no transport.

## City Hall

### MUNICIPAL COURT

Thursday: Justin Thompson, Curtis, Neb., speeding 46 mph in a 30 mph zone, \$120; Rebecca Humphrey, Oberlin, basic speed, \$95; Nicole Boeve, Oberlin, inattentive driving and leaving scene of accident, \$260 (payments).

## Corrections

The Oberlin Herald will correct or clarify any mistake or misunderstanding in a news story. Please call our office at 475-2206 to report errors. We believe that news stories should be fair and factual, and appreciate your calling to our attention any failure to live up to this standard.

Now that you're in Heaven,

Grandma

Please tell us what you see  
I know it must be beautiful  
Like your smile was to me  
The gates are open wide,

Grandma

So go and take God's hand  
For there is no pain  
and suffering

In this Golden Land

I know that you are watching,

Grandma

Gazing down from afar  
And we know that you will  
go, Grandma

To be God's shining star

So please help heal our hearts,  
Grandma

And let us know you're fine

Wrap your soul around us,

Grandma

Just give us a little sign

We know it was your time,

Grandma

To follow at God's side

And as we sit here quietly

These tears are full of pride

You were loved by many,

Grandma

And we will miss you so much

So reach down from Heaven,

Grandma

And give us one last loving

touch

Now it's time to go, Grandma

Please just know that we love

you very much, Grandma

You are our angel in the Sky

Eunice Mae Thurnton

March 17, 2002

We miss you, Grandma

Laci, Sharee, MJ, Jesse, Jacob,

Brittany and Bryce

# American Profile

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