

Obituaries

Connie D. Miller Cooper

Sept. 20, 1937 - July 27, 2010.

Longtime Goodland, Kan., resident Connie D. Miller Cooper, 72, died Tuesday, July 27, 2010, at her home.



Cooper

She was born Sept. 20, 1937, at Bird City, the daughter of Clyde Edward and Rose Inez (Talmon) Bolyard. She graduated from high school in Bird City.

On June 12, 1955, she and Marlyn K. Miller were married at Bird City, and they made their home in Goodland. She had been the owner and administrator of Connie's Home Health.

Preceding her in death were her husband, Marlyn Miller, who died May 28, 1996; her ex-husband, Johnny Cooper; and

two sisters, Audrey Bolyard and Genevieve Hardin.

Surviving family includes her son, Rodney Miller of Goodland; her daughter, Tamara Fogg and her husband, Loyd of Goodland; seven grandchildren, Drew Miller and his wife, Whitney, Seth Miller and his wife, Kendra, Cheyenne Miller, Colter Miller, Christina Burgess and her husband, Justin, Kimberly Clark and her husband, Jeff, and Courtney Knox and her husband, Dusty; and the 12 great-grandchildren.

The funeral was Friday, July 30, at Koons Chapel in Goodland, with The Reverend H. A. Lycett officiating. Burial was in the Goodland Cemetery.

Memorials may be designated to Feed The Children, and may be left at or mailed to Koons Funeral Home, 211 N. Main, Goodland, KS 67735-1555.

Richard Owen Petersen

Jan. 18, 1929 - July 9, 2010

Richard Owen Petersen, age 81, died July 9, 2010, in St. Francis, Kan.

He was born Jan. 18, 1929, in Flagler, Colo., to Millard and Sylvia Petersen. He graduated from high school in Flagler and from Barnes Business School in Denver in 1948.

He was a lifetime resident of Flagler, working with his father and owning several businesses until his retirement. Richard helped his dad build the M and S Motel (Little England) 1947 - 1949, in 1951 worked in Idaho for six months helping his father-in-law, Bert Moody, with construction; returned to Flagler to work with his dad again at M and S Motors until 1953, when he bought Vern's Equipment (Case Implement).

He sold the dealership in 1960 when he returned to work with his dad at M and S Motors. In 1966 he bought out his dad and in 1979, built the Husky Gas Station. He ran this business until 1990. From 1990 to 1993 he worked for Kit Carson County. Before poor health forced his retirement in 1994, he ran a scrap metal salvage business. In 2005, health forced Richard to move to the nursing home in Hugo, where he resided until May 2010. He then moved to the nursing home in St. Francis where daughter, Kris and family live.

Richard's first love was flying, which took him and his family many places to enjoy trap shooting, hunting and fishing. He was blessed to go on fishing trips in Canada with friends and family. He always chuckled when he told the story of his grandson, Patrick (12 years old), shooting a bear with one shot in Canada, and jumping out of his skin when the bear dropped to the ground. He enjoyed hunting and fishing with his son and grandsons, and had many good memories of time spent with them. He had a sign in his room at the nursing home in Hugo that said, "Fish-

ing stories told here, some true," a gift from grandson David.

In earlier years, Richard was active in Lions Club and the Odd Fellow Lodge. He was active in Flagler Town Council and was also mayor at one time. Richard gave his life to the Lord in 1976. He had the pleasure of helping in the founding of Trinity New Life Church. For many years he was an elder and member of the Trinity New Life Church and was a member of Full Gospel Businessmen's Fellowship.

On June 30, 1950, he married JoAnn Moody, who survives. He was able to celebrate 60 years of marriage before his death, when his kids brought cake and homemade ice cream to the hospital.

Other survivors include a son, two daughters, 11 grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren including son Mike and wife, Elaine, of Flagler; David and Lance Petersen, Crystal (Cory) Chick and son Kyler, and Casey (Marni) Lee and daughter Mia; daughter, Kris Rice and husband Ken, of St. Francis; Patrick (Angie) Grant, and daughter, Emma, Meggan (Josiah) Nierman, Jonathan Grant, and Dawn and Allison Rice; daughter, Jani Lackey and husband, Dan, of Rolla; Jade (Carl) Oldham and son, Noah; Luke (Malissa) Lackey.

He was preceded in death by his parents and three brothers, Lowell, Normal, and Lawrence.

Memorial services were held Monday, July 12, at the Faith Family Fellowship in Flagler with Pastor Bob Strauch, officiating.

Memorials may be made in Richard's name to the Flagler Ambulance Fund or the Cheyenne County Hospital St. Francis and may be left at or sent to the High Plains Bank P.O. Box 158 Flagler, CO 80815.

Visit the Love Funeral Home website at www.lovefuneral-homes.com to sign the online guest book or to send a message of condolence to the family.

E. Louise (Gleason) Sawyer

Dec. 20, 1919 - July 24, 2010

Ethel Louise Gleason Sawyer was born in a small sod house just south of Bird City, Kan., on Dec. 20, 1919, the sixth of 10 children born to Philander Clarke "Pood" and Cora Idell (Palmer) Gleason.

Louise died on July 24, 2010, at the Cheyenne County Hospital in St. Francis.

Preceding her in death were her husband, Howard; her parents; her brothers, Joseph Perl, Clarence Laverne "Tom," Junior Clark and wife, Leila, Lloyd and wife, Ida; her sisters, Frances and Erma Belle; her sister-in-law, Betty; her brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Russell and wife, Adeline Sawyer, Mildred Platt and Ila and husband, George Friberg; and one son-in-law, Daniel M. Sullivan.

Louise grew up on a farm approximately 6 miles south of Bird City, where she attended the Mt. Pleasant country school. On the farm, she enjoyed helping with the harvest, driving the horses which pulled the header barge, shucking corn and helping to milk the cows...often squirting milk in the kittens' mouths.

After graduating from Bird City Rural High School in 1937, Louise taught school at the Frontier School where she taught all eight grades.

On June 1, 1939, Louise married Howard Wesley Sawyer at the Justice of the Peace in St. Francis. They celebrated their 40th anniversary with a family trip to Oregon. In 1989, their 50th wedding anniversary was celebrated with a family dinner and program with all the family performing their talents at her request. In 1999, they were again fortunate to celebrate their 60th anniversary with a family potluck in Bird City. Their 68th anniversary was celebrated with a cake and punch reception at the Good Samaritan Village where Howard had resided since August of 2006.

Four children were born to this union: Detta Mae in 1940, Derald Eugene in 1941, Bryon Lee in 1952 and Darlene Rae in 1955. After the kids were grown and had moved away, she always had a pot of vegetable soup on the stove to welcome her kids home. Louise was a very loving, gracious and understanding mother throughout her lifetime and will be missed as a friend as well as a mother by her children.

The Sawyer family lived many places, including Ft. Logan, San Antonio, Denver, Stratton and Goodland before finally moving back to Bird City in 1948 where they lived until Howard moved to the Good Samaritan Village in 2006 and then Louise moved into her apartment in St. Francis in September, 2007, where she resided...living on her own...un-

til her death.

While they lived in Denver, Louise worked at Remington Arms for a little over a year during World War II. After moving back to Bird City in 1948, Louise was a mother and homemaker for many years to her family of four. She was active in her church and in the Rebekah Lodge as well as attending all of the school events for all four kids.

In 1965, she began working for her brother at the Gleason Rexall Drug Store and remained there until it closed in 1980. In 1987, she became the Avon lady and retired in 2007 when she moved to St. Francis.

After retiring from the drug store, Louise took a quilting class and from then on she was hooked. She enjoyed quilting with the Methodist ladies for many years and continued quilting at home on her own...making baby quilts for her great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

Family was important to Louise and she made time for each member of the family. Every year for the last 20 years, the Sawyer family would get together for a few days of fun...usually congregating in Bird City over Memorial Day. The whole family shared many hours of fun playing Nertz and Aggravation and will always cherish the memories of time spent together and the family pictures that were always taken.

Left to mourn Louise's death are: her four children: Detta Sullivan of Chandler, Ariz.; Derald Sawyer and wife, Greta of Sioux City, Iowa; Byron Sawyer and wife, Margaret of Kansas City, Mo.; Darlene Lauer and husband, Roger of St. Francis; brothers and sisters-in-law, Claude Gleason, Clyde and Wilma Gleason and Marvel Gleason. Louise was fortunate to have six grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren as well as many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends who will miss her also.

Funeral services were held July 29 at United Methodist Church in Bird City, with Pastor Morita Truman officiating.

Interment was at the Bird City Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Greg Lauer, Gerald Lauer, Jim Gleason, Dwen DeGood, Jason Eder and Ryan Eder.

Honorary pallbearers were grandchildren, Kayleen Allen, Shelley Forse, Kathleen Sawyer and Kevin Sawyer.

In lieu of flowers, the family has designated memorials for the Bird City United Methodist Church, Cheyenne County Emergency Medical Technicians and the Cheyenne County Hospital.

Roberta Ramsey Graves

March 12, 1924 - July 12, 2010

Roberta Ramsey Graves was born in the home of her parents, Wanda Eudora (Eddy) and John Wallace Ramsey, in the South Fork region of Cheyenne County, Kan. She was the older of two children. Her brother, Edwin Osborne, died in World War II in 1945.

Roberta's schooling began in a one-room schoolhouse, the South Fork School. Her eighth grade teacher was Emmor Earl Graves, who had graduated from high school the previous year and had taken normal school training that summer.

On May 29, 1942, surprising her parents, Roberta and Emmor eloped. Their wedding party comprised friends, Betty Ann (now Miller) and her brother, Francis Harrison. They woke a Justice of the Peace in Goodland, late that night to perform the ceremony and spent their honeymoon in Denver, Colo.

In 1944 their first child, Spencer Bryce was born followed by two daughters, Joan Marie, 1946, and Crystal Lyn, 1960.

In 1945 Emmor left his business and moved his family back to the farm where Roberta had grown up. Through the late 1940s and 1950s, Roberta participated in community activities such as the South Fork Friends church, where she loved to sing, the annual church auction, the South Fork Community Circle, the 4-H club and the South Fork square dance group.

When Emmor and Roberta went their separate ways in the early 1960s, Roberta faced her new life without complaint.

In the 1980s she moved to her parents' house in St. Francis to care for them as their health had declined. After her parents' death, she remained in their house until she too, developed health problems. She reluctantly agreed to try Colorado in 2007 to be near her daughter Crystal. Not too long after the move she determined to sell her house in St. Francis. She had found her happy home in Colorado.

She leaves her three children: Spencer Graves (Betsy) of San Jose, Calif., Joan McIntosh (Jim) of Wasilla, Ark., Crystal Dorsey (Jay) of Golden, Colo.; grandchildren: Milinda Hale of Littleton, Colo., John Hale of Hill City, Allen Hale (Nora) of Anchorage, Alaska, Robin Wisniewski (Mike) of Lakewood, Colo., Marie Hankins of Parker, Colo., Rhea Morrow (Eric) of

Lakewood; step-grandchildren: Nan Josephson (Rick Bailey) of Prairie Village, Missy Hunt (Michael) and daughters, Sara, Kaelin and Cori of Loveland, Colo., Taunia Locker (Larry) of Statesboro, Ga.; great-grandchildren: Kara May, Anna Jane, and Ian John Wisniewski and step great-grandson Bryan Bailey.

Services were held Monday, July 19, at the United Methodist Church in St. Francis with Reverend Dustin Petz officiating.

Honorary pallbearers were Jim Elliott, Mickey Graves, John Hankins, David Hankins, Keith Harvey and Tom Stevens.

Casket bearers were Jay Dorsy, Allen Hale, John Hale, Eric Morrow, Brent Wilkinson and Mike Wisniewski.

Interment was in the Benkelman Cemetery in Benkelman, Neb.

Donations in Roberta's memory may be made to the Cheyenne County Historical Society, especially for "Ye Old Country Church," where Roberta attended services faithfully when both she and that church were in South Fork.

Arrangement were by Knodel Funeral Home, St. Francis.

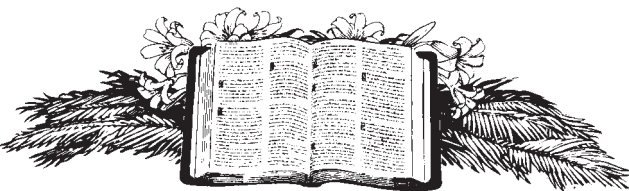
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Troy Dankenbring of Aurora, Colo., was a Thursday and Friday visitor of his grandparents, Donna and Norvin Northrup. They were supper guests at the George Harper home Thursday evening.

The Dankenbrings recently moved to Colorado from Virginia Beach, Va., and he will be stationed at Buckley while completing his Navy career.

Fifty-five descendants of A.C. and Emma Brown enjoyed a family reunion hosted by the grandchildren and great-grandchildren of George and Pearl Brown at the Senior Center Saturday. A great time of visiting, good food and fellowship were enjoyed by all.

Cooper Northrup, Tucker and Sawyer Ross, grandchildren of Kurt and Margaret Bucholtz came to spend fair week in St. Francis. Darrin and Dina Ross and Trevor Hilt will arrive later in the week.



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