

Merrick County, Nebraska  
Obituaries

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**The Nonpareil - 19 January 1899**

**Mrs. Margaret Brandt**

CHAPMAN From our Regular Correspondent. January, 17th

"Died. - At the home of her son, Jacob Brandt, Mrs. Margaret Brandt. She was born in Maryland June 17th, 1827, and died Jan 14th, 1899, aged 71 years, 6 months, 29 days. Mr. Brandt died in 1893. They came as far west as Iowa City in 1857 and in 1872 moved to Nebraska. Twelve children were born to them, eight of whom are living, two daughters and six sons. Three sons, Oscar, Charles and J. W. Brandt, were present at the funeral. Mrs. Brandt has been in poor health and a patient sufferer for some time past and everything that could be done for her was done by her son and wife. She lived a christian life being a member of the Catholic church. Her remains were conveyed to the Chapman cemetery south of town and there laid to rest to sleep the sleep that knows no waking. We wish to express our, heartfelt thanks and appreciation to the neighbors and friends who so kindly assisted us during the illness and death of our beloved mother.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Brandt."

Sent by [Barbara Ketels](mailto:barbketels@adiis.net) <barbketels@adiis.net> Margaret Brandt was her 2 G-Grandmother.

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1904

Central City Democrat - 29 Sep 1904

**NICKEL**  
**Febr. 22, 1835 -- Sept. 27, 1904**

Mr. Nickel, Sr. died at the home of his son Fred Nickel in Prairie Creek Township, Monday night. He had been ailing for some time, but was thought to be in no immediate danger. After sitting up with him until late in the night, his son, seeing that he was sleeping peacefully, retired, only to find him dead in the morning. The deceased was about seventy years of age.

10 Apr 2007 - Received from [Patsy Scheer](mailto:danandpatsy@yahoo.com) <danandpatsy@yahoo.com>

Carl Nickel was my gg grandfather, have no idea where his wife Minnie Runzel Nickel is buried but she was very much alive in Saline Co. in 1888 when they arrived in Nebraska. The family lived in Saline, Jefferson, Clay, and Merrick counties.

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**Central City Democrat - 15 Dec 1904**  
Ralph Adelbert "Delbert" Evans

**TORN TO FRAGMENTS**  
**First Authentic Account of the Horrible Death Last Week of Delbert Evans.**-----  
Blast in Stone Quarry Explodes Prematurely, Mangling Him Beyond Recognition.  
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As noted, in last week's issue, Mr. Samuel **Evans**, of this city, was called to Montana by a brief telegram informing him of the death of his son Delbert. The meager details contained in the telegram were all the information obtainable here up to Tuesday, when full particulars reached relatives in this city.

The deceased was foreman in a rock quarry at Whitehall, Mont., about thirty-five miles east of Butte, on the Burlington. On December 4, while Evans and another man were placing a blast of dynamite and tamping it in place, it was prematurely exploded. The explosion literally tore Mr. Evans into fragments. The other man was lifted bodily to the height of about forty feet, and landed upon a shelf of rock, escaping with comparatively little injury. Such fragments of the body as could be found were gathered up and the funeral was held Thursday, the father arriving there Wednesday.

Delbert Evans was about thirty-five years of age, and had been in the West some ten years. He formerly lived near Clarks with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Evans, now of this city, and was not generally known in this immediate vicinity. His brother Edward, who has been teaching in Montana for the past three years, is a son-in-law of Jas. **Stephen**. Edward was well known here, having graduated from the academic course of the college. The message conveying the news of the accident came from him. The deceased was married in Montana, and leaves a wife and one child. The quarry in which he met his death belonged to his father-in-law.

Four former Merrick County boys, Thomas **Hays**, Charles **Edward**, Delbert Evans and Harry **Strickler**, have met with violent deaths in the West within the last four months, and a feeling of dread hovers over every family with some loved one out there.

Note: Delbert was oldest surviving child of Samuel Cook Evans and his first wife Helen Permelia Yates. Helen died 1880 in Portville, NY. Sam married second to Elnora Amanda Smith. They had 3 children, the last born & died in Merrick County, NE. Samuel Cook Evans, his second wife and assorted relatives are buried at Bureau Cemetery, Pierce Chapel, near Clarks, NE.

2 Sep 2007: Copy provided by G. Ferris. Thank you!

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Central City Nonpareil - 6 Sept 1906

**MRS. LULU LAWSON**

This community was shocked and saddened by the sudden and unexpected death of Mrs. Lulu Lawson at her home in Blaine County on Friday, August 22, 1906. She fell victim of that dread disease, typhoid fever, and all that medical skill and loving kindness could do was done to save her life, but after three weeks of patient suffering God called her to the beautiful home beyond.

Lulu Mae Shively was born in Merrick County, Nebraska, June 1, 1885, and died August 22, 1906, age 21 years, 2 months and 22 days. On January 4, 1904, she was married to Clarence E. Lawson. To this union was born a little daughter, Violet, who with the stricken young husband, parents, brothers and sisters remain to mourn her untimely death.

Too much cannot be said of this beautiful young life which has gone to its maker, and the many floral tributes were but mute testimonies of respect and esteem in which she was held. Lulu had lived her entire life in this community and was dearly loved by all who knew her. In her home, she was a dutiful wife and a kind and

loving mother. Her bright and cheerful disposition made her a favorite among all she met.

Her remains were brought home for burial, and the funeral was held at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Shively, Sunday afternoon conducted by Rev. Pierce of Fullerton. Followed by seventy teams, the body was conveyed to its lasting place in Pleasant Hill Cemetery to await the trumpet sound that shall bid us and take up the skyward march. The sorrowing relatives have the heartfelt sympathy of the community.

Obit contributed by Lois Miller Lindholm Dawson.

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**about 12 Feb 1909, no source given -**

### **CHARLES WHERRETT. (Deceased.)**

This honorable name of a man who has passed on to his final reward, but left behind him the record of good and useful years, should not be omitted from the list of Nebraska history makers. Mr. Wherrett spent an honorable and energetic life, and lived to a good ripe age.

Charles Wherrett was born in Gloucestershire, England, February 6, 1839, and came to America with his father and family in 1853, locating near Cleveland, Ohio, where Mr. Wherrett grew to manhood, receiving his education in the local schools. In 1861, Mr. Wherrett enlisted in Company D, First Ohio Volunteers as orderly sergeant for the three months' call and after serving for that period returned to Cleveland, Ohio, where he re-enlisted in August of 1861 in Company D, First Ohio Volunteers, serving until March, 1862, when he was discharged owing to injuries received by the explosion of gun powder. He participated in the battles of Bull Run, Shiloh, and others. After the war, he returned to Cleveland and a few months later went to Illinois, engaging in farming.

In April, 1865, Mr. Wherrett was united in wedlock to Mrs. Harriet Parrotte, of Illinois, and in 1874 came with his wife and four children to Merrick county, Nebraska, and homesteaded one hundred and sixty acres of land in section eight, township fourteen, range eight, west, which remained the home place until 1900, when Mr. Wherrett retired from the farm and moved to Palmer, where he built a good home. Several years later he became interested in the banking business, and was made president of the Loup Valley Bank at Palmer. He had served as county supervisor for some years and was also a member of the school board in his district for many years. He was prosperous and successful, owning three hundred and sixty acres of land all in Merrick county, aside from good city properties.

Mr. Wherrett died February 12, 1909, survived by his wife and three children, viz: Grace, who resides at home; George M., living in Lincoln, Nebraska; Cornelia H., wife of H. N. Baird, has two children, and resides in Callaway, Nebraska. Mr. Wherrett had one brother in the state of Washington, one sister in Iowa; the father died in 1869, near Cleveland, Ohio, and the mother died in England, in 1844. Mrs. Wherrett lives on the old Palmer home place, surrounded by a large circle of friends. Her parents are deceased, and she has one son, Fred D. Parrotte, by a former marriage; he resides in Palmer, and has four children.

Sent by [Jim Wherrett](#), 22 July 1999 - The main reason for this letter is help in my search for descendants of Charles Wherrett. His descendants have a very well documented tree to present day both here in the United States and in England. In fact, I'm searching at the request of my distant cousin who is English. Charles Wherrett died in 1909 leaving three children and one stepson. My question is, what do you recommend I do to find any living descendants in Merrick County? Thank you for any assistance you can give -

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Obituary - Mahala BURNS

Central City Nonpareil (pg 6, col 6) Thursday Sept 26, 1912

## DEATH ENDS LONG LIFE

Lacking less than four years of the century mark, Mrs. Mahala Burns died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. M. Dungan (note correction; Mrs. J. L. Dungan), Sunday morning. She has been bedridden for seven years and in recent weeks has been steadily failing. The end came very quietly as she passed peacefully from sleep into the great beyond.

The funeral was held at the Methodist church Tuesday afternoon and was conducted by Rev. G. H. Main, assisted by Dr. D. K. Tindall. Interment was made in the cemetery north of town.

Mahala Wilson was born in Polaski (note: Pulaski) County, Kentucky, July 14, 1816, and was thus 96 years, 2 months and 8 days of age. At the age of 15 she moved with her family to Illinois. She was married to Rev. John Burns May 1, 1837, and soon after moved to Iowa. She was left a widow on October 10, 1869, and since that time has made her home with her children, three of whom are living---Mrs. Alice Dungan and Mrs. Delilah Woods, of Central City, and Mrs. Eliza Bennett, of Birmingham, Alabama.

She moved to Merrick county in March, 1881, and has resided here since that time. Mrs. Burns was converted in her youth and has been an exemplary Christian all her life. While confined to her bed for the past seven years her interest in the church has never declined. The influence of her long and well spent life will continue as long as memory lasts.

Submitted on 3 Feb 2010 by Joyce Oelke

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**From "Clarks Enterprise"?  
in column titled "Pierce Chapel" - Dec 1914**

### **Death Notice - Lillie (Evans) Miller**

"The Clarks News, page 1 col 4" written on the margin with the date of her Mother's obituary penciled in!

Mrs. Lille Miller was laid to rest in Bureau cemetery Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. The deceased was brought up in this neighborhood having lived in the house now occupied by Will Grant. She was laid to rest by the side of her father, Mr. S. Evans.

Stapled to the above, and origin uncertain (may be different page of same newspaper?) -

Mrs. Lillie Evans Miller, a former resident of this vicinity passed away at her home in Iowa, Thursday December 3rd. The remain (sic) were brought here and interred in the Bureau cemetery at Pierce Chapel; Rev. W. Sanders conducting the services.

NOTES: Lillie Evans Miller died 3 Dec 1914 at Villisca, Montgomery, Iowa, and was buried 6 Dec 1914. Her husband was Charles Miller and they had divorced. Lillie had gone to Iowa to live with her brother Otis Samuel Evans, died there.

"The Clarks News" was NOT established until 1950, so the margin reference must simply mean it was from a Clarks newspaper, probably the Clarks Enterprise. We were fortunate with this death date - most issues of that newspaper published 1903-1914 were lost.

### Answers Last Roll Call

**Robert C. McCann** was born at Sparta, Illinois, May 18, 1845, and died at his home in Palmer, Nebraska, January 14, 1915, aged 70 years, 7 months and 26 days.

He enlisted in Co. E. 30th Illinois infantry Veteran Volunteers, February 8th, 1864, from which service he was honorably discharged July 17, 1865.

He was married to Mary C. Chambers August 24, 1865, to which union ten children were born, seven of whom are living, and with the exception of one daughter, Mrs. A. J. Samis, of Calgary, Canada, and one son, William, of Tyndall, South Dakota, were present with their mother in this time of sorrow.

He was among the early pioneers of this community, arriving in Nebraska with his family in September 1872, and has since been a resident of Howard and Merrick counties.

At the age of 16 he confessed his faith in Christ, and for the last 56 years of his life he walked in the straight and narrow way.

The funeral was conducted from the Christian Church Sunday afternoon, the Reverend Nicholas C. Horn, of Morrowsville, Kansas officiating. The ritualistic service of the G. A. R. was used at the grave the small remnant of the "Old Guard" that is left being present to assist in performing the last sad rites of one who had always been a true comrade.

He was a devoted husband, and a kind and indulgent father, but best of all he was a man. And it is as a man that those who knew him best must love to contemplate him.

The sympathy of the entire community is extended to the sorrowing family in their bereavement.

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### 13 Jul 1915 (Tues): Grand Island Independent, p6

#### Mrs. Albert Burger

Mrs. Albert Burger, for many years a resident of Grand Island, passed away this morning about 2:15 at her home on West Seventh street, after an illness of six weeks and being quite low for the past week from blood poisoning. The deceased was 52 years of age and leaves to mourn her death, her husband, A.H. Burger, six daughters, Mrs. J.M. Von Rembow, Mrs. P. D. Willis, Mrs. Herman Bischeld, Mrs. Clarence Bixeman, Miss Helen Burger, Miss Esther Burger, one son, William Burger, and seven grandchildren, all of here, also an aged mother, Mrs. Carl Rudolf and several brothers and sisters of Chapman. Mrs. Burger with her husband and family has lived in Grand Island for the past thirty-four years, coming from Germany. She has numerous friends who were shocked to learn of her death, realizing that they will greatly miss one of the truest of friends. She was a member of the Woodman Circle and the M.B.A. lodge and has always been associated with members of the Plattduetsche, where she will be much missed. The sympathy of the entire community goes to the bereaved relatives. The funeral will be held Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the home, 604 West Seventh Street. Rev. Mehl. of the German Evangelical church, having charge.

Obit provided by [Dona Hawk](mailto:fcdfhawk@cccusa.net) <fcdfhawk@cccusa.net> 1 Apr 2005

**Julia Grace Foster** was born at Palmer, Neb., March 14th, 1896 and died at Lincoln, Neb., Jan. 24, 1916, aged 19 years, 10 months and 8 days.

She died at the sanatorium at College View, whither she had been taken after a lingering illness, which had baffled medical treatment.

The funeral service was conducted by Rev. Arthur of Grand Island at St. Mark's Episcopal church. The large concourse of friends that crowded the church, and the beautiful floral offerings from Sunday school, church, lodge and friends, attested the esteem in which she was held in the community.

To the sorrowing father and sister the entire community extend their sympathy.

## **1916 - March**

Palmer Journal

### **Obituary**

**Chelsey Herbert** Coolidage was born in Delaware county Iowa, May 29th, 1854. He died at Laird, Colorado March 18, 1916, being 61 years, 10 months and 29 days 1 old.

He came west in the early day and has been a pioneer in different parts, of this state, formerly living in this community. He was married to Miss Rebecca Parsons in 1881.

He leaves to mourn his loss, a wife, four sons, Herbert in Iowa, Ray in Holt county this state, Elmer at Laird, Colorado, and Harry and his only daughter who resides at home at Laird, Colorado. An older daughter, Mrs. Inez Humphrey, passed away last week at Mountain View, Missouri, making a double grief to this bereaved family.

He was so honest, hard working, God fearing man, who left a host of, friends wherever he resided. The body was brought to this town last Monday, and the funeral was held from the M. E. church here Tuesday afternoon, the Rev. W. O. Romick officiating. Interment was made in Rose Hill Cemetery.

## **2 Apr 1916**

Palmer Journal

### **Obituary**

**David Baird** was born at Sparta, Randolph Co., Illinois, August 19, 1856. He died Sunday morning Feb. 27, 1916 at Cedar Rapids, Iowa, being 69 years, 6 months and 18 days old at the time of his death.

He came with his parents to Nebraska in 1881, locating in Loup Township. A few years later they moved to Central City.

In 1887 he married Genevieve Burkman, daughter of Warren and Elma Burkman of Palmer. 'They made their home in Merrick county the greater part of the time until two years ago when they moved to Cedar Rapids, Iowa where they have since resided.

He is survived by his wife, his father, A. P. Baird of Lincoln, two brothers, John and Sidney of Grand Island, one sister Mrs. Ham Burkman of Omaha, three nephews, and three nieces. Two aunts, Mrs. John Wilson of Clarks and Mrs. Nancy Foster of Central City, one uncle, Mr. Grandville McDonald of Sparta Ill. Many cousins and friends to mourn his loss. The funeral was held from Methodist church, Wednesday on March 1, and interment made in Rose Hill cemetery.

## **1916 - April**

Palmer Journal

### **Mrs. Joseph Horgan**

**Mrs. Joseph Horgan** was born December 26, 1828, in Ireland, and died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. A. M. Templin, of Palmer, April 26, 1916, aged 87 years and four months.

Her husband, Joseph Horgan died several years ago. The remains were taken to Rapid City, South Dakota, where interment will be made in the family burying ground.

Her son, Chas. Horgan of Kansas city arrived here Wednesday night.

## 1916 - June

Palmer Journal

### Obituary

**Calvin Absalom Badgley** was born at Greenbush, Iowa, April 29, 1855.

While a young man he came into fellowship with the Baptist church.

After the death of his first wife he was united in marriage to Rachel Sherwood. To this union were born four children, two sons and two daughters, Edward and Boyd Badgley of Thedford, Neb., Mrs. VanPelt of Palmer, Neb. and Mrs. Bessie Wilson of Richland Center, Wisconsin.

After a lingering illness of nearly two years he passed from this life, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Bessie Wilson, at Richland Center, Wisconsin. June 8, 1916 being 61 years, 1 month, and 9 days old.

The remains were brought to Palmer and funeral services were conducted by N. F. Horn, pastor of the Christian church, on Monday June, 12. The remains were laid to rest in the Rose Hill cemetery.

Besides the four children he leaves three sisters, Mrs. Turner Dooley of Palmer, Mrs. Ella Sloan of Des Moines, Iowa, and Mrs. Lib Griffin also of Iowa; three brothers, Saul of Oconto, Neb., Isaac of Des Moines, Iowa, and Edward of Belleville, Ill., besides a number of other relatives and many friends to mourn his departure.

Mr. Badgley was well and favorably known around this community,, having worked a. number of years for Henry Grammer and Wm. McNeal who report him a good and trustworthy man.

**Card of Thanks** To the friends who assisted us at the funeral of our beloved father and brother, and to those contributing the beautiful floral offerings, we tender our heartfelt thanks,

E. A. Badgley

B. F. Badgley

Mrs. Zera Van Pelt

Mrs. Bessie Wilson

S. D. Badgley

Mrs. Mary E. Sloan

Mrs. Kate Dooley

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1918

Palmer Journal

June 1918

Peter DeMoss died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. C.E. Hudnall, June 2, 1918, age 75 years.

**John Melborn Colborn** died June 23, 1918.

**Mrs. Peregrine**, mother of Mrs. Truman Gee, died at Fullerton.

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Palmer Journal

Oct 1918

**Mrs. Wm. Grey** died Oct 19, 1918 at the age of 24 years at the home south of Palmer.

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Palmer Journal

Nov 1918

Norbert Lambert died of flu at Loup City.

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**Notices and Obituary - From the "Palmer Journal," 5 Dec 1918**  
provided by Carol Page Tilson<bobcartilson@cox.net> 28 Aug 2002

**BUSINESS HOUSES TO CLOSE FOR MEMORIAL SERVICES**By order of the town board all business houses in Palmer are asked to close from 3 o'clock to 4 o'clock p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 11th, for memorial services at Opera House for Wm. Beyer who died in the service in France.

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### IN MEMORY OF WM. BEYER

For several weeks the Beyers family had no word from Wm. Beyers, whose division was known to be in the thickest of the fighting in France. As the days lengthened into weeks and no word came, and as his name was not mentioned in the casualty list, they consoled themselves with the old saying, that "no news is good news."

When hostilities ceased they hoped for a letter saying that he was all right and that he would soon return home, for he had been in France for several months and had been in several desperate engagements. Imagine their grief, when instead of the letter, there came last Friday the following brief telegram:

"Mr. Charlie Beyer: Deeply regret to inform you that Private Wm. Beyer is officially reported as killed in action Oct. 17. Adj. Gen. Harris"

Every person in this community with a relative or friend in the service, has scanned the casualty list every day, and when the armistice was signed, and no boy from this community had been reported killed, all had hoped that no soldier from this place had been called upon to pay the supreme sacrifice, but hardly a community escaped, fathers and mothers who have sons in France are waiting anxiously for news from them, for it was well known that the troops from this section were in the thickest of the fighting at the last, and it will be several days before the casualty list is completed.

The deceased was born in Grand Island May 11, 1893 and had spent most of his life in Central Nebraska. He enlisted in the U. S. Army Sept. 15, 1917, being among the first of the Nebraska troops to land in France.

Although a quiet youth, he was very popular and his friends and relatives were looking forward anxiously to the time when he would come home and tell them about his struggles with the crafty foe upon foreign battlefields, but now this hope is gone for he is one of the Grand Army of noble young Americans who gave their lives in the great struggle for human liberty.

Of all these it may be said as it was said of the heroes of Ancient Greece: "Their glory shall never fade; the whole wide world is their sepulchre; their epitaphs are written in the hearts of men, and wherever there is speech, of noble deeds, their names are held in the most grateful remembrance."

The heartfelt sympathy of the entire community is extended to the bereaved parents whose consolation is that their son died for a good cause and that he fell fighting bravely.

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From Funeral Card (death date error): "Pvt. William Beyer Killed in Action While Serving as an Infantryman with American Expeditionary Forces in France Oct. 1, 1918."

Final Note: Pvt. Wilhelm Franz Walter Beyer, U.S. Army, 61st Infantry Regiment, 5th Infantry Division, is buried (Plot E, Row 16, Grave 15) with 14,245 others in Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne, France. He was the son of Charles Johann Frederick and Bertha (Zillmann) Beyer.

Palmer Journal  
Dec 1918



Ephriam M. Hills died Dec. 16, 1918 after months of illness.

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1919

**April, 1919**

**Grand Island Daily Independent**  
**Saturday, April 12, 1919**  
Central City, April 12. - (Special)

### **Death of John E. Jenkins**

The funeral of John Edward Jenkins, prominent business man of this city, was held yesterday from the family home, the service being conducted by Rev. George L. Freebern, pastor of the Episcopal church. The deceased, who was 63 years of age, was for the past thirteen years proprietor of the Central City Roller Mills, in which business he was assisted by his sons. Death has been attributed to an infection of the heart, and for several days his condition had been regarded as very serious, a specialist being summoned from Omaha. Mr. Jenkins came to this city from Schuyler, where he had been engaged in the milling business, and the body was taken to that city on the noon train to be laid to rest at the side of a little daughter, who died several years ago. All the business houses were closed yesterday morning during the hour of the funeral service. Mr. Jenkins is survived by his wife and four children, Miss Nellie Jenkins, John Jenkins and Edward Jenkins, all of this city, and Mrs. Isabel Wellensick, of Kearney.

NOTES: Obituary sent by Kaylynn, 20 Apr 2004.

For additional info on this Jenkins family - see for the following resources posted on-line

[History of the State of NE, Vol 1, by Andreas Colfax Co Chapter, page 594](#) for John's father David Jenkins and his father-in-law W. Dworak

[Merrick Co., NE Marriage Records](#) Book E page 371 #2185 (w/ch: John R.); and Book G page 121 #2662 (w/ch: Isabella)

Data not on-line: 1880 Fed. Census NE - Colfax Co., Schuyler Village ED73 p16 D147 F154 (w/Steven Miller);

and 1900 Fed. Census NE Colfax Co., Schuyler Ward 2, ED51 p14a D316 F327 (HW & 4 ch)

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### **1919 OBITUARY**(from Fullerton News-Journal, no date)

**Mrs. W. L. Shively**, daughter of Mr and Mrs. Eli Jameson, was born September 16, 1885 near Sargent Nebraska and died at her home near there, April 11, 1919, age 33 years, 6 months and 24 days. Maude Ethel Jameson of Fullerton, Nebraska, was united in marriage to Willis Lafayette, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Shively, of Fullerton, Nebraska, March 20, 1907. To this union were born four children, two girls and two boys, Irene, Nona, Leonard and Baby, who passed away with his mother. Deceased became a member of the M.E. Church in early girlhood, and lived a true Christian life up to the time her Master called her home. She was a loving and devoted wife, mother, daughter and sister and loved by all who knew her.

She leaves to mourn her loss a husband, three children, father, mother, three sisters and five brothers and many relatives and friends. Father, mother and sister Viola of Bellingham, Wash., Mrs Blanche Carter of Julesburg, Colorado, Flora Deal and brother Robert and Charles of Elsie, Nebraska, Fred and Ralph of Thedford, Nebraska and Edward of Sargent, Nebraska. All were present. (poem omitted)

Funeral services were held in Pierce Chapel on Tuesday afternoon, April 15th. Rev. William VanBuren had charge of the service and preached the sermon, and the mortal remains of Mother and Babe were laid to rest in the cemetery in the presence of relative and many friends.

Obit contributed by Lois Miller Lindholm Dawson.

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## Central City Nonpareil, 29 May 1919

### Mrs. Mary Van Pelt Passes Away at Archer

"Mary M. Burleigh was born in Athens County, Ohio, September 26, 1845, and died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. A. Nitzel at Archer, Nebraska, May 22, 1919 aged 73 years 7 months and 26 days.

She grew to womanhood in the community in which she was born. She graduated from Millers Academy, after which she taught school.

She was married January 6, 1866, to Jefferson VanPelt and moved immediately to Carpenter, Ohio. To this union six children were born, all of whom survive her. They are: Mayo, Milo, John B., Jessie D., and Mrs. Sophia A. Nitzel of Archer and Mrs. Ionia Trebilcock of Omaha, these together with one brother, C.B. Burleigh of Athens, Ohio and 23 grand children and six great grand children are left to mourn her departure.

In 1879 with her family she moved to Nebraska which has since been her home. In her new home she met the burdens of frontier life but was willing to pay the price for the sake of her children.

When sixteen she gave her heart to God and united with the Methodist Episcopal Church where she has since found a church home. A host of friends sympathise (sic) with the bereaved family on their deep loss."

Submitted by [Herbert Brown, III](#) <HerbKandi@neb.rr.com>

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1920

Grand Island Daily Independent, Thurs., Jan. 1, 1920

### Walter Jacob BRANDT

The town of Chapman and community was shocked and saddened last Sunday afternoon to learn of the sudden death of Mr. J. W. Brandt. Mr. and Mrs. Brandt had been in their accustomed places in the Sunday school at the Baptist church Sunday morning and he was in his usual good spirits and apparent good health. On the way home he began to feel ill and his wife had to assist him up the steps and into the room. Dr. Triplett was called at once and found that he was suffering from a sinking spell caused by heart trouble. Shortly after one o'clock the patient had another sinking spell and the doctor was summoned at once but before he could reach the home, Mr. Brandt breathed his last, without being able to rally sufficiently to speak to his wife.

Walter Jacob Brandt was born in Cedar Bluffs, Iowa, July 22, 1857. He spent his early childhood there and later moved to Nebraska, locating at Chapman. In 1882 he was united in marriage to Miss Nellie Morrill. To this union was born one daughter, Eva, on April 29, 1883. She died at the age of four months and thirteen days.

Mr. Brandt was at first engaged in farming, but later entered business in Chapman and for the past sixteen years he has continuously been in the mercantile business here, operating up to the time of his death one of the leading general merchandise stores in town. His rule of conduct in and out of business, was the "Golden Rule" and was scrupulously upright and honor able in his dealings with his fellow-men. He was a man of positive and determined convictions and what was more he had the courage of his convictions. In any efforts put forth in the town for civic righteousness or improvement he was always a leader and he won the respect of all through his determination and unflinching stand for those things that he considered right.

Mr. Brandt was a member of the Chapman Baptist church since 1885 and he was an earnest, consistant Christian gentleman--a type of man that any community can ill afford to lose. He will be sadly missed by his church, his business associates and the entire community, and not the least by the scores of little children who loved him because of his happy faculty of always remembering to greet them with a smile and a pleasant word.

Left to mourn his sudden and untimely departure are his faithful, loving wife, one brother in Louisiana, two brothers in Colorado and one sister in Oklahoma, besides an entire community which had nothing but love and respect for him.

The funeral services were held on Tuesday afternoon, December 30, from the Chapman Baptist church, conducted by Rev. W. O. Samuelson. The large concourse of friends who gathered at the church and the profusion of beautiful floral offerings spoke eloquently of the esteem in which the departed was held. The remains were tenderly laid to rest in the Chapman cemetery.

Note: Obit from K. Loveland - was found while she was doing newspaper research on another subject.

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## **Obituary from The Clarks Enterprise, 9 Apr 1920**

### **Obituary - Elnora (Smith) Evans**

Elnora A. Smith was born in New York State May 1846 and was married to Samuel C. Evans in may (sic) 1880, to this union three children were born, two daughters and one son. Mr. and Mrs. Evans came to Nebraska in 1886 taking up their residence in the Pleasant Hill neighborhood for a number of years, only one of her children surviving, Otis Samuel of Grand Island at whose home she died on March 30 1920 age 73.

Suffering is over,  
All sorry is passed  
And she is in God's care  
With those she loved.

She joined the Presbyterian church in youth. The funeral services were held at Pierce Chapel April 2, conducted by W. T. Taylor and J. H. Kraemer. Interment in the Pierce Chapel cemetery.

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1921

## **Clarks News - May 1921**

### **Funeral Of Old Resident**

**Alfred G. Sweet** was born at Nauvoo Illinois, March 4, 1859 and passed away at the M. E. Hospital in

Omaha, Saturday May 15, 1921 having reached the age of 62 years, 2 months and 11 days. Mr Sweet came to Clarks in 1871 and engaged in ranch work more or less until 1895 when he settled on the home farm.

He was married to Sarah Shannon October 17, 1895 and to this union ten children were born, two died in early life. He was a charter member of the Masonic Lodge of Clarks.

Mr. Sweet had been ailing for sometime but patiently bearing up under the affliction was ready when the call came. A kind affectionate husband and father whose wife and children are most devoted that the home fires were kept sacred. Mrs. Sweet was with him during the last hours and when the call came she was resigned to the Masters plan. He leaves a wife, eight children and many relatives and friends.

A delegation of the Masonic Order, relatives and friends met at the home and after a short prayer by the pastor the body was taken to the Congregational Church where a sermon was preached by Rev. J. H. Kraemer pastor of the church and prayer was offered by Rev. W. T. Taylor. A quartet sang splendidly which added to the sacredness of the hour.

The Masonic order took charge of the services at the grave where the benediction was pronounced by Rev. Kraemer.

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## Clarks News? Aug 1921

### MRS. THOMAS A. SHIVELY.

(newspaper not identified, only the year written in margin)

Indiana Violet Richards was born in Wabash county, Indiana, September 11, 1857, and departed this life on August 4, 1921 at the Methodist hospital in Omaha, as the age of 63 years, 10 month and 24 days.

When but 15 years of age she moved with her parents to Merrick county Nebraska, where on July 12, 1877, she was married to Thomas A. Shively. To this union were born seven children, three daughters, Mrs. Vern Porter of North Star, Mrs. Charles A. Miller of Fullerton and Mrs. Clarence Lawson who preceeded the mother to the Great Beyond in 1906. Four sons, Charley of this neighborhood, Lafe of Sargent, Lawrence of Fullerton and Klar who was still at home, besides two sisters, Mrs. John Anderson of St. Joseph, Mo., and Mrs. Frank Sowl of Fullerton, two brothers, Will Richards of South Bend, Neb., and Jay Richards of Fullerton, and eleven grand children are left to mourn her loss.

For several months, Mrs. Shively has been in failing health and in spite of all that loving hands and physician's care could do, she grew gradually worse until at her request she was taken to the Methodist hospital in Omaha, where her spirit took flight.

Mrs. Shively's going is felt as a personal loss by the whole neighborhood, although having gone thru all the hardships of the pioneer, her disposition was always genial with a smile and kindly word for every one. No matter what the weather was she was always at Pierce Chapel for worship and did much for the up-building of the church -- her loss is keenly felt by every family in the neighborhood and her life has been a worthy example to all who knew her. Had the writer been choosing the text for the funeral sermon, it would have been, "She hath done what she could."

The sympathy of the entire community is extended the bereaved ones.

Funeral services were held at Pierce Chapel on Saturday afternoon conducted by Rev. Taylor, pastor of the church, asisted by Rev. Kramer of Clarks.

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Obituary - CLARKS ENTERPRISE AUGUST 12, 1921

**Indiana Violet Richards** was born in Wabash County, Indiana, September 11, 1857, and died in the Methodist Hospital at Omaha, Nebraska August 4, 1921 at the age of 63 years, 10 months and 28 days.

She was the second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Amaziah Richards. She spent her girlhood in Indiana and Iowa. She moved with her parents to Merrick County, Nebraska where she lived the remainder of her life.

July 12, 1877, she was united in marriage to Thomas A. Shively, with whom she lived a little more than 44 years. To this union was born 7 children, 6 of whom survive her. The second daughter, Mrs. C. E. Lawson passed away August 24, 1906.

The deceased was a member of the Pierce Chapel M. E. Church and was a faithful member and a true Christian up to the time of her death. Some of the last words were she was ready to meet her Master and Lord.

She is left to mourn her loss, her faithful husband, two daughters, Mrs. Verne Porter, North Star, Nebraska, Mrs. C. A. Miller, Fullerton, Nebraska, four sons, Charles and Klar of Clarks, Nebraska, W. L. Shively, Sargent, Nebraska and Lawrence Shively, Fullerton, Nebraska. She also leaves 2 brothers and 2 sisters, 11 grandchildren and a host of friends.

The funeral services were held at the Pierce Chapel M. E. Church Saturday afternoon August 6, conducted by pastor W. T. Taylor assisted by Rev. Kraemer of the Congregational Church. Internment was in the Pierce Chapel Cemetery.

Obit contributed by Lois Miller Lindholm Dawson.

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## **Clarks Newspaper, 1921**

### **ALBERT BECK LOOSES LIFE**

Last Friday evening when Albert Beck returned home from Central City, whither he was taking county school examinations, he went about his duties as chore boy at the parental home, where a part of his routine work was to bring home the cows and he mounted a horse to proceed on the mission from which he did not return. After waiting some time the father became uneasy and went out to investigate, where he found Albert laying on the ground, face downward in a pool of blood and life extinct. The father heart-stricken returned to the home and gave the alarm upon the phone, there being no other members of the family present, which increased the father's burden.

Examination revealed a crushed skull, broken neck and dislocated shoulder with the presumption the horse had fallen upon him. Assistance by relatives and friends quickly conveyed the lifeless body to the house, and members of the family received the comfort and blessing of loving friends and neighbors.

Albert Beck, the youngest son of John Beck, met death by accident at the home last Friday evening, age 14 years, 6 months and 12 days.

Albert was an affectionate little fellow whose friends were numbered by all who knew him. His funeral was a Pierce Chapel Sunday at 2:30 p. m., Rev. Taylor, assisted by Rev. Kraemer having charge of the services. The singing was beautiful. His favorite hymn, "Went to the Garden Above," was sung by Mr. and Mrs. Zinnicker. School No. 25 attended in a body. Two girls in his class were flower girls. The flowers were numerous, notwithstanding it was Mother's Day.

He leaves a father, five brothers and four sisters and a host of friends to mourn the loss of a promising, lovable boy. His mother and one brother had preceded him, where he will now be with them in glory.

This being the third death in the family within three years, makes it the more sad indeed. The sympathy of the entire community is with beloved ones of the home.

Besides the father there are left four brothers, Teddy, David, Raymond and Walter, and four sisters, Mrs. Lizzie Hansen of Clarks, Mrs. Iva Branting of Polk, Zoe Beck and Ruth Beck of Clarks.

The funeral services were conducted Sunday afternoon at the Pleasant Hill Church with Rev. Taylor,

pastor of the Clarks Methodist church in charge. The pupils of District 25 attended in a body with their teacher, Miss Minnie Cluff. Interment was made in the Pleasant Hill cemetery.

NOTES: Sister Elizabeth married Herman Hansen in June 1920, therefore Albert died after that date.

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1922

Apr 1922 - Palmer Journal

#### Fredrick Gruber Passes Away

This community was saddened by the news that Fredrick Gruber had passed away at his home on the north side of the river.

The funeral was held at Glenwood Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

The obituary will be published next week.

(Note: Died 17 Apr 1922. Buried at Glenwood Cemetery, Cottonwood Pct., Nance County, NE.)

#### 25 Apr 1922: Grand Island Newspaper

##### Frank Rudolf

Frank Rudolf, farmer, residing near Archer, Nebraska passed away at the St Francis hospital in this city, Sunday morning, after a rather extended illness. He was aged 47 years, 11 months and 14 days. The remains were taken to Archer, accompanied by the relatives on Monday where the burial will take place.

Obit submitted by [Dona Hawk](#) <fcdfhawk@cccusa.net> 4 Apr 2005.

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May 1922 - Palmer Journal

#### Obituary

**Selina Burge** was born in Cornwall, England, August 16, 1838, With her parents she came to America when she was seven years old, settling at Hazel Green, Grant Co., Wisconsin.

On July 3, 1859, she was united (sic) in marriage to Stephen A. Nicholas. To this union were born twelve children, five sons and seven daughters, four of whom, with the father, preceded her in death.

The surviving children are Mrs. James Peck of Grant, Mrs. Ira Griffin of Grand Island, William of Grand Island, Isaac, Alfred, Charles, Joseph and Mrs. Bert Strong of Palmer.

Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas came to Nebraska in 1872, driving from Wisconsin with their family, which numbered six. They homesteaded first near St. Paul. Two years later they moved to a farm 1 1/2 miles south of where the town of Palmer now stands. A few years later they moved 2 1/2 miles farther south to a timber claim, now owned by the youngest son, Joseph where they lived until eighteen years ago when they moved to Palmer where they since resided.

She died May 22 1922, aged 93 years, 9 months and 6 days.

She united with the Methodist Church in girlhood, and always lived a devoted Christian (sic) life, bringing her children up in the fear of the Lord.

The funeral services was held at 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon at the home, and were attended by a large assemblage of friends. All the children were present and many of the grand-children and several great-grandchildren.

The services were conducted by Rev. Warren, passtor of the M.E. Church.

We would not call her back from that far-off shore, though longing with aching hearts for that precious guiding hand, and praying that one day we shall meet her in that fair land.

Contributed

(Note: Husband was Alexander Stephen Nicholas. See Rose Hill Cemetery)

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Palmer Journal - Sep 1922

**Perry McFarland**, who resided in Palmer for many years, died in Hastings and was buried here Sunday.  
(Note: Buried at Rose Hill Cem)

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Palmer Journal - 1922

#### KILLED BY AUTO.

Word was received here that a workman employed in rebuilding the telephone lines blown down in the recent storm, was killed by being struck by an auto last Thursday.

The man's name was given as **Mayer**.

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Palmer Journal - 1922?

#### YOUNG MAN SUCCUMBS TO DIABETES

Oliver Wright received the sad news Sunday that his brother Lawrence, of Gering had died suddenly following an attack of acute diabetes.

Oliver left that night for Gering.

The bereaved relatives have the sympathy of their many friends.

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**5 Oct 1922 (Wed): GI Independent**

#### **William J. Glause**

William J. Glause, a resident of Halsey, Nebr., passed away at the St. Francis Hospital in this city abut 3 a.m., Wednesday, as the result of serious injuries sustained in a runaway accident while at work on his farm, near Halsey, on October 13th, when he suffered a broken back and other severe injuries. He was brought to the hospital in this city, where an operation was performed but all efforts to alleviate his condition were futile.

Mr. Glause was born in Erie county, New York, on January 5, 1857, and was aged 65 years, 9 months, and 20 days at the time of his demise. In the year of 1873 he located in Merrick county where he resided continuously for a period of 43 years. For the last six years he has resided near Halsey, Nebr.

Surviving him, besides his bereaved widow, are two sons, Chas. W. residing at Palmer, Nebr., and Paul

H., residing at Halsey, four daughters, Mrs. Hulda Willhoft, Mrs. Esther Adams, and Mrs. Lena Campbell, all residing at Palmer, and Mrs. Bertha Anderson, of Halsey. A brother, Phillip Glause, of St. Libory, Neb., a sister, Mrs. Fred Freeland, of Palmer, and seven grandchildren also survive him.

Funeral services will be held from the home of a son, Charles W. Glause, in Palmer, at 1:30 p.m. Friday, and at 2.p.m. from the Evangelical church near Archer, Rev. Boelter officiating. Interment will be made at Archer, Nebr.

Obit from [Dona Hawk](#) <fcdfhawk@cccusa.net> 5 Apr 2005.

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1923

**Feb. 1923**(no source given)

### **Fredrick Deertz**

Fredrick Deertz was born in Heide, Germany, January 6, 1842, and departed this life in Palmer, Nebraska, February 20, 1923. When a young man, he went to Australia where he spent fifteen years. From Australia, he returned to Germany and after a short visit with his mother and friends, he came to America when about thirty-nine years old. For some time he lived at Archer, Nebraska. He has lived in Palmer, Nebraska since 1918. On May 20, 1886, Mr. Deertz was married to Miss Theresa Rudolf at Archer, Nebraska. To this union seven children were given. Two daughters passed away in infancy. The living children are: Mrs. Mary Eckstrom, and Mr. Carl Deertz of Palmer; Mrs. Lizzie Glause near Grand Island; Mr. George A. Deertz, Butte, Montana; and Mr. Fredrick Deertz, Palmer, Nebraska. The last illness of Mr. Deertz was brief. On Saturday, February 10 he had a stroke of apoplexy and later brain fever developed. He lived a devout Christian life. He had many friends and was highly respected in the community. The funeral was held from the Christian Church Thursday, February 23, at 2 o'clock; H.A. Wingard officiating, and interment was made at Rose Hill Cemetery.

Obit submitted by [Dona Hawk](#) <fcdfhawk@cccusa.net> 4 Apr 2005

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1924

### **1924 Obituary**

I have this old obituary taken from a newspaper, name unknown. Part of the bottom of the article was missing.

**Central City, NE.---Monday newspaper dated 10/20/1924**

**James Lowry Dungan** was born at Otley, Iowa, on December 7, 1854, and there made his boyhood home. He was united in marriage to Miss Alice Burns on March 20, 1879. To this union five children were born, two of whom preceeded their father to the Great Beyond. Lewis died in infancy and Mrs. Bessie Larson passed away about five years ago.

The family came to Central City in the spring of 1881, and with the exception of a short period, spent at Ames, this state, Mr. Dungan made this place his home until the final summons came. They first resided on the farm north of the city, now owned by M. A. Larson, and later removed to a farm several miles west of town. For a number of years, Mr. Dungan was in charge of the Teschemacher Ranch, located just west of Central City, being in the employ of T. B. Herd.

The family came to Central City to reside about 21 years ago. Mr. Dungan being the first rural mail carrier on route two. Not only did he secure the necessary number of patrons to be served, but continued his



duties as carrier for a period of 18 years. He retired from the service about four years ago.

Mr. Dungan had been in failing health for several years, and during the past few months his condition had become such that the family and friends realized that he had not long to live. The end came quietly in the morning of Friday, October 17th, at 6:45 o'clock, when he passed away quietly, bring to a close four weeks of intense suffering. It was an unequal struggle, but one well fought, and when the call came it found Mr. Dungan ready to meet his Maker.

Mr. Dungan was a splendid husband and father. During the years of greater activity he entered into the life of the community, numbering his friends by his acquaintances. Not only was he an earnest worker, but took out of life the finest it had to offer. To meet him was an assurance had some humorous incident to relate. He represented a high type of citizenship, honorable in his dealings, performing his duties well, devoted to his home and prizing his friendships.

Mr. Dungan was a member of the Modern Woodmen of America, and for several years held the office of Consul. He was a faithful worker in the society, and was ever ready to help when his services were needed.

The deceased was a member of the Methodist Church, and it was there the funeral service was held Sunday afternoon, October 19th, at 2:20 o'clock. Due to his long residence in our community and the esteem in which he and his family had been held, there was a very large attendance. The service was conducted by the pastor, Rev. H. G. Langley, assisted by Rev. Thos. F. B. Smith of the Presbyterian Church.

No higher tribute could be paid to his memory than to say that his funeral was one of the largest in the history of the county, hundreds of old time friends and neighbors meeting with the relatives to mourn the loss of a staunch friend. The floral offerings were both beautiful and profuse.

Interment was in the Central City Cemetery, the Modern Woodmen of America, who attended the funeral in a body, having charge of the service at the grave. In addition to many friends, Mr. Dungan leaves to mourn his loss, his faithful wife; two sons, Pearl Dungan of this city and Charles Dungan of -----the rest of this obituary is missing--the rest may have read to-wit: Charles Dungan of Nebraska City, Ne. and one daughter Mae McHargue of Grand Island, Ne.-----

2 Jun 2004 - Submitted by [Joyce \(Dungan\) Oelke](#), dau of Charles Minot Dungan and Emma (Meyer) Dungan.  
<joelke@yahoo.com>

James Lowry Dungan was my grandfather.

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1928

**Palmer Journal** - one liners

**James Prochaska**, 80 years old, died at his home in St. Paul May 30, 1928.

**Mrs. G.B. Sears**, 70, died at her home 10 miles southwest of Palmer, Jun 13, 1928.

**Albert E. Wagner** died July 5, 1928, age 73 years.

**Axel E. Anderson** died Jul 7, 1928. age 63 years.

Little **Mary Lou Welch**, child of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Welch died (Oct. 1928)

**Mrs. Wm. Whitley** of Gregory S.D. passed away (Oct 1928)

**Albert James McCann** died Nov. 12, 1928 at the home of his son, Athol, at Rising City.

**George Cummins** died at university hospital Omaha after several operations, age 29 years. He was afflicted with a tumor of the brain. (Nov. 1928)

**Mrs. George Adams** died at the home of her son Harry. (Dec 1928)  
(Note: Maiden name - Eliza Engart)

**Phillipine Rudolf**, old time resident of Archer vicinity, died December 6, 1928 at the age of 88 years.

**Thomas Francis O'Hare**, two year old son of Mr. and Mrs. James O'Hare died from pneumonia, December 11, 1928.

(Note: Buried at Fullerton Catholic Cemetery)

1930

**Grand Island Daily Independent, Wed., January 15, 1930 (Abstract)**

**Apoplexy Takes Merrick Farmer**

**John Stueven, 64**, farmer residing twelve miles northeast of Grand Island, in Merrick county, died of apoplexy, at his home about 10:30 o'clock Tuesday evening, after a brief illness. Early in the morning, he appeared to be in his usual health and went about his farm duties, but about nine o'clock he developed a very severe headache. His condition rapidly became worse and shortly after 4 p.m. lapsed into unconsciousness from which he failed to rally.

He was born at Schleswig-Holstein, Germany, on September 12, 1865, and spent his early life there. On August 2, 1895, he was united in marriage with Catherine Wenn, in Germany. In March, 1910, they came to America, locating first on a farm near St. Libory and later moving to their present farm home.

Surviving are the widow, four son, five daughters, and one brother, Claus, residing in Germany. One son, Herman, died February 15, 1920, and another son passed away in infancy.

Funeral services will be held from the home at two o'clock Thursday afternoon, Rev. O. Hausmann, of St. Paul's German Lutheran church, officiating. Burial will be in the Wiegert cemetery, northeast of Grand Island.

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**Palmer Journal, Palmer, NE, Thursday January 30, 1930; front page**

**William H. Jennings**

Was born Burbon, Illinois\*, February 15, 1855 and passed away at his home northwest of Palmer Nebraska, January 23, 1930, aged 74 years 11 months and 8 days.

At the age of fourteen he left Indiana and made his home in Illinois for seven years, when he moved to Missouri. In 1875 he went to Iowa, where he was married to Miss Sarah Roberts, November 28, 1887. They moved to his community about five years ago. Mr. Jennings became a member of the Congregational Church in 1897 at Minersville, Nebraska.

He was a true and honest citizen and had made many friends in the community during his short stay here. The bereaved family have the sympathy of their many friends in their bereavement.

He leaves to mourn his departure, his wife, two sons, Grant Jennings of Weeping Water, Nebr. and Alvin Jennings of Santiago, California; one daughter, Mrs. Stella Johnson of Palmer, six grandchildren, four brothers and many friends.

The funeral was conducted at the home on Saturday afternoon, January 25, by Rev. Hamilton of Wolbach, and interment was made in Rock Creek Cemetery, in the country he loved, and near so many of his friends

\*Obit provided by [Jerre Robertson](mailto:jjerrero@mchsi.com) <jjerrero@mchsi.com>, who states his correct birthplace was Indiana. Rock Creek Cemetery is in Howard County, near Cotesfield. 19 Aug 2004

**Additional notes:** William H. Jennings was my great-grandfather. My father was Virgil M. Johnson, son of Sam and Stella (Jennings) Johnson. My Dad, his parents and his grandparents (Sarah and William Jennings)

lived in Palmer, Nebraska between 1925 - spring of 1931. My Dad played baseball at Cushing, Nebraska and my Mom said he traveled to all the little towns in the area playing ball. The Johnson's (my Dad's family) lived neighbors to and were friends with the Chris Jensen family. If anyone in the area remembers my family or the Jensen family, I would like to have them contact me. Family stories have it that the Johnson home burned down in 1931 and that is when the family moved back to Missouri. My Dad died in 1971 - was always proud to say he was from Nebraska.

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1931

**13 May 1931 (Wed): Grand Island Newspaper**

### **Death Takes Mrs. Louisa Rudolf**

Mrs. Louisa Rudolf, 62, a resident of Merrick County for more than a half century, died at 6:10 p.m. Wednesday, at the St. Francis hospital, where, for more than two weeks past, she had been receiving medical treatment. She had been in failing health for several months.

Born in Pommern, Germany, on July 28, 1868, and came to America in 1877 with her parents, who came directly to Merrick county, Nebraska. In 1889, she was united in marriage with Mitchell Oxner. Two sons being born, Edward, of Hall county, and William of Nance county. In 1905, she married Frank Rudolf, who preceded her in death in 1922. To this union were born one daughter, Mrs. Clarence Stout, and three sons; Raymond, Leonard and Lawrence, all residing on the home place, near Palmer. Besides her immediate family, she is survived by two brothers, Charles Rudolf of Central City, and Herman, residing in Alaska; and three sisters, Mrs. Carl Tinge, of Grand Island; Mrs. Fred Deertz and Mrs. Wm Glause, both living near Palmer; and six grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held Saturday at 1:30 p.m. from the home place, five miles southwest of Palmer, and at two o'clock from the Evangelical church in Merrick County, Reverend H.A. Schwab officiating. Burial will be in the cemetery adjoining the churchyard.

Submitted by [Dona Hawk](#) <fcdfhawk@cccusa.net> 4 Apr 2005

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1933

Palmer Journal

Jun 1933

**Myron Dooley** died at his home in Plattsmouth, Nebraska, June 2, 1933, age 61 years.

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Palmer Journal

Jul 1933

**Frank John Hesselgesser**, age 45, of Central City died at St. Francis hospital at Grand Island July 9, 1933. **Richard Ray Adams**, 20 months old son of Mr. and Mrs. Orville Adams, died July 16, 1933 at the St. Francis hospital in Grand Island.

**Richard**, 11 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. **Reimer** drowned in the Loup near the Ben Wolf farm Sunday.

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Palmer Journal  
Sep 1933

**A. F. Heck** passed away Sept. 5, 1933 after a lingering illness.  
**Oliver Perry Ross** died September 12, 1933, at teh (sic) age of 73 years.  
**Miles Stouter** died September 16, 1933, age 57 years.  
**John Richard Walters** died Sept. 17, 1933, age 81 years.  
**Mrs. John Logan Davis** died Sept. 24, 1933, age 88 years. She was a resident here since 1872.

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Palmer Journal  
Oct 1933

James William, the four months old son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Johnston died.  
Little Mary Lou Welch, child of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Welch died.

**Mrs. Susana Wagner** died at the home of her daughter Mrs. Chas. Richey at St. Edward Oct. 27, 1933, age 81 years.

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Palmer Journal  
Dec 1933

**George D. Jeffers**, former resident between Palmer and St. Paul, died Dec. 17 1933, age 82.

## 1936

### Columbus Telegram

Oct 1936

**Dies Here-** Mrs. Angeline Bump, 74, of Fullerton, who had been here since Sep 1, with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Shemek, 954 Twenty-fifth avenue, died at 3 a.m. today at their home following a several-months illness. Her death was due to heart trouble caused by an asthmatic condition. As Miss Angeline Bump, she was born on Nov. 4., 1861 at Lockport, Ill., where she grew to womanhood, and where her marriage to her first husband Frank Wells, took place. One son, Henry Wells, of Oregon City, Ore., was born to this union. Four years after their marriage, Mr. Wells died, and later Mrs. Wells was married to Alonzo Bump. They came to Nebraska in 1888, from Lockport, and located on a farm northwest of Silver Creek. In 1913, they retired from the farm, and moved into Silver Creek to reside, and one year later, on Mar. 7, 1914, Mr. Bump passed away. Mrs. Bump continued to make her home in Silver Creek until 1920, when she moved to Fullerton to reside. About the first of this year, when her health became impaired, she went to Silver Creek to be with her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Bump, coming from there to Columbus Sept 1 (?). She was a member of the Congregational church at Fullerton. Besides her daughter and two sons, she is survived by two sisters, Mrs. Mat Ludwig of Orland Park, Ill., and Mrs. Jessie Barnes of Ronan, Mont., 11 grandchildren and four great grandchildren. The body is at the Gass Funeral home. Funeral arrangements will be announced tomorrow after word is received from her son in Oregon.

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1937

Central City Republican (pg. 2, col.6)

LAURA ALICE DUNGAN PASSED AWAY OCT. 12th

She was a Devoted Mother

Taught Sunday School Class and Sang in the Choir

Mrs. Laura Alice Dungan passed away Tuesday evening, Oct. 12, following twelve day illness. Although Mrs. Dungan had been in poor health for the past year, her sudden passing was a shock to her many friends. She attained the age of 80.

She was the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. John burns, and was born October 27, 1857, at Libertyville, Iowa, where she grew to young womanhood.

She was united in marriage to James Dungan on March 20, 1879, at Pella, Iowa, and to this union five children were born. Two preceded her in death, a small son at the age of two years and a daughter, Mrs. Bessie Larson, in the year of 1919. Her husband passed away October 27, 1924.---((my note: his obituary states he passed away on Friday, 10/17/1924)).-- Those left to mourn her are Pearl Dungan of Ogallala; Charles of Nebraska City, and Mrs. A. B. McHargue of Central City, besides six grand children and two great grand children.

During the past 58 years Mrs. Dungan made her home in Nebraska, living most of that time in Central City, although for a short time the family resided at Ames, Nebraska. She was a school teacher and an excellent music instructor. She was affiliated with the Methodist Episcopal church, and was a very active member while her health permitted, teaching a Sunday School class and singing in the choir. All those who knew her appreciated her kindness as a neighbor and friend, for she went to the assistance of many in need.

Funeral services were conducted from the Solt Funeral Home at 2:00 o'clock Thursday afternoon, with Rev. J. Henry Stitt and Rev. G. W. Stansbury in charge. Two beautiful hymns, "Sweet Bye and Bye" and "Safe in the Arms of Jesus" were rendered by Mrs. Warren Riggs and Mrs. J. Hruza. Accompaniment was played by Mrs. Paul Engel. The ladies in charge of the floral tributes were Mrs. Wayne Reeves, Mrs. Sol McHargue, Mrs. Earl McHargue and Mrs. Earl Pullen. Those acting as pallbearers were Earl McHargue, A. C. Nicholas, Sol McHargue, Wayne Reeves, John Barton and Robert C. Campbell. Interment was made in the family plot in the Central City Cemetery.

Dearest mother, you have left us, No one else can take your place, We are so sad without you mother, God sustains us by His grace. May we strive to meet you mother, When our tasks on earth are o'er, And be with you forever, On that bright and happy shore.

Submitted 3 Feb 2010 by Joyce Oelke

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1938

**May 1938 death notice** (Grand Island newspaper?)

**FRED FREELAND, 78, CENTRAL CITY, DIES**

Central City, Nebr., May 30. (Special)--After friends and neighbors became alarmed over the lack of activity about his home, the body of Fred H. Freeland, 78, was found Saturday morning, May 28, in his own bed at home just northeast of Central City. County Attorney Paul R. Morris said that death must have taken place several days prior to the discovery, because of the condition of the body.

Residing alone most of the time since the death of his wife on Friday, May 13, this year, Mr. Freeland had not been seen about his home for several days, consequently A.W. Scott and Eric Larson investigated Saturday morning. They were unable to gain entrance to the house, but looking into the house through a window they saw Freeland in his bed. After authorities had been notified and entrance to the house gained by forcing a door, they found that he had been dead for some time. Authorities stated that he apparently died a natural death, since there was no indication of foul play. Attorney Morris said no inquest was contemplated, so burial was made the day of the discovery.

Surviving Mr. Freeland are nine children: Frank and Louie of Palmer, Henry of Amelia, Nebr., Fred of Clarks, Edward of Central City, Mrs. Emma Farlee of Wolbach, Mrs. Anna Bandt of Cushing, Mrs. Lydia Gruber and Mrs. Ells Verplank of Palmer.

**May 1938: obit** (Grand Island newspaper?)

### **rites for Fred H. Freeland Sunday**

Last rites for Fred H. Freeland, 78, prominent farmer who died at his home near Central City, Thursday, May 28, 1938, following a sudden heart attack, were held at the family home, Sunday afternoon, with Rev. J. Lohr, of this city officiating. Burial was in the Wiegert cemetery northeast of the city.

Mr. Freeland was born in Dunkirk, N.Y., March 12, 1860, and came to Nebraska in 1882. Two years later he was united in marriage to Miss Minnie Glause. His wife preceded him in death, on May 13, of this year. He was a faithful member of the English Lutheran church.

He is survived by five sons, Frank and Louis of Palmer; Henry, of Amelia, Fred of Clarks and Edward of Central City, and four daughters, Mrs. Emma Farlee, of Wolbach; Mrs. Anna Bandt, of Cushing; Mrs. Lydia Gruber and Mrs. Ella Verplank, of Palmer. A daughter, Clara, died in infancy.

Also surviving besides the children are two brothers, Henry Freeland of Dunkirk, N.Y., and John C. Freeland, of this city; one sister, Mrs. Minnie Lechner, of Jamestown, N.Y., and thirty-three grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

2 articles for F. T. Freeland, submitted by [Dona Hawk](mailto:fcdfhawk@cccusa.net) <fcdfhawk@cccusa.net> 4 Apr 2005

NOTE: Have found this surname given as Freelend also.

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Palmer Journal

Oct 1938

Mrs. George Uhlick of St. Paul, Minn., died.

Palmer Journal

Nov 1938

**Dempsey Alexander** died at Antioch of influenza.

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1939

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**Thursday, April 27, 1939** -Obit written by Mrs. Fred A. Marsh

## "ALBERT FITCH IS VICTIM OF TRAGIC DEATH

### Killed Instantly Last Thursday When Struck by Train—Outstanding Citizen"-----

Born 7 Aug 1859, Orient, Long Island, NY. Parents: Albert & Harriet Vernon Fitch. Family moved to Central City in 1875. Attended UN. Was partner with brother George as publishers of Central City Courier, which later took over the Record. Presbyterian. Died 20 Apr 1939 at Central City, NE. Survivor: brother George. Predeceased by brother Halsey who died in Easter Sunday 1913 Omaha tornado.

Notes: Funeral has been held when this obit was written. Musicians and pallbearers are listed, also out of town visitors/mourners. Location of funeral is not stated, nor is place of burial.

See Who's Who in NE 1940 p814 (w/bro: George). 1880 Fed. Census NE ED114 p1 D5 F5 (w/p); 1885 NE Census ED 526 p16 D157 F157 (w/p); and 1900 Fed. Census NE ED136 p1a D1 F1 (w/p) - Central City, Merrick, NE

Feb 2007: Submitted by Larry Coates.

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**16 Jul 1939 (Friday): GI Independent, p4**

### **Albert Burger, Resident for 58 Years, Dies Funeral Services for Retired Railroad Man Will Be Held Saturday**

Albert H. Burger, Grand Island resident for 58 years, died yesterday afternoon at 4:00 at a local hospital. Mr. Burger had been in failing health for the past year, his condition becoming serious about a week ago. Death was attributed to complications attending the infirmities of his advanced years.

Albert Burger was born in Schleswig-Holstein, Germany, March 28, 1859. He attended the schools of his home province and grew to manhood there. When he was 22 years of age, he came to this country and directly to Grand Island.

In 1882, he married Miss Anna Rudolph. Seven children were born of their union, five of whom survive their father's passing. Mrs. Burger died in July of 1915.

On June 25, 1930, Mr. Burger and Mrs. Minnie Evers were married and since have lived a quiet retired life at their family residence, 604 West Seventh Street.

Mr. Burger served the Union Pacific railroad for thirty-six years. Since his retirement, he had devoted himself to a close companionship with his many friends. He was a member of the Union Pacific Old Timers' club and the Plattdeutsche Verein.

Surviving are his bereaved widow, a son, William Burger, of Climax CO; four daughters, Mrs. Emma Trauner of Grass Valley, CA, Mrs. Hattie Von Rembow of Denver CO, Mrs. Pearl Willis of this city, and Mrs. William Black of Omaha NE, three step-children, Mrs. William Haack and William and Walter Evers; ten grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. A son, Charles Burger, and a daughter, Mrs. Herman Bischeld, preceded him in death, the latter only three weeks ago.

Funeral services will be held at the Livingston-Sondermann funeral home Saturday afternoon at two o'clock. Rev. Leslie F Sweetland, pastor of the First Presbyterian church will be the officiant. Burial will be in the family space in Grand Island cemetery.

Friends may view the body at the funeral home between the hours of seven and nine o'clock this evening.

Note; Anna Rudolf was daughter of Carl & Phillipine Rudolf.

Obit provided by [Dona Hawk](#) <fcdfhawk@cccusa.net> 1 Apr 2005



26 Mar 1940 (Tues.) - Central City Newspaper

### Lady Fatally Injured Here Late Tuesday

#### Mrs. Carl Rudolf Is Struck By Union Pacific Train at Crossing Near Her Home

Mrs. Carl Rudolf, longtime resident of this city, was instantly killed about four o'clock Tuesday afternoon, March 26, when struck by Union Pacific extra freight No 5064 at a crossing in the east part of this City. Mrs. Rudolf, on foot, apparently saw the train and endeavored to run across the crossing in front of it. Eyewitnesses told Deputy County Attorney Leon Armatys. With her husband Carl, Mrs. Rudolf had lived by the crossing at which she met death for a number of years. She had crossed it probably thousands of times. When the tragedy occurred she apparently was walking to her home. Several local people were witness to the accident that claimed Mrs. Rudolf's life, but they were powerless to avert it. Trainmen made no statements about the tragedy, but eyewitnesses were of the opinion that they could have done nothing to avoid striking Mrs. Rudolf. Engineer of the train J. McGrath and S.J. Condron was conductor. When the train struck Mrs. Rudolf it hurled her about sixty feet, but she was not mangled or badly marked. Examining physicians were of the opinion that death was instantaneous. Attorney Armatys said Wednesday that no inquest would be held.

#### Rites Friday

Mary Schaumleffel Rudolf was born October 11, 1861 at Buffalo, N.Y. and passed away Tuesday, March 26, 1940 from a terrible train accident. She was married to Carl Rudolf of Archer, March 1, 1885 and they made their home there until 1901. Mrs. Rudolf made her home in the Evangelical home, as she was an Orphan, but six years prior to her marriage she helped Mr. and Mrs. Carl Schutter at Archer. She belonged to the Evangelical church and was always a good church worker. Her residence in the city has been forty years and she was always fond of her home and kept it beautifully. Mrs. Rudolf will be missed greatly by her husband and neighbors. Those left to mourn her loss are her husband, one brother Sam Schaumleffel of Idaho and one niece and one nephew. Three brothers and one sister preceded her in death.

Funeral services will be held Friday, March 29th at 2 p.m. at the Evangelical church at Archer with Rev. Kramer in charge. The pall bearers will be Laurence, Albert, Harry, Leonard and Art Rudolf and Cecil Glause. Music will be by Zamzow quartet, "Nearer my God to Thee", "The Old Rugged Cross" and "Rock of Ages" will be sung. Burial will be in the Evangelical cemetery near Archer.

Submitted by [Dona Hawk](#) <fcdfhawk@cccusa.net> 4 Apr 2005  
Article from Larry Murphy

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1942

Grand Island Daily Independent, Thursday 7 Apr 1942

#### EARLY RESIDENT OF CHAPMAN DIES

**Mrs. Sophia Schroeder**, nearly 84, died Monday noon at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Fred Garbers in Chapman. Death followed a long illness.

Prior to her marriage she worked for several years in the home of J. Sterling Morton at Nebraska City. She was born Apr. 30, 1858, in Germany and came to the United States when she was 22 years of age. Her husband died several years ago.

Surviving are three sons, John, Albert and William Schroeder, and four daughters, Mrs. Mary Meyers, Mrs. Katherine Garbers, Mrs. Tressa Hock and Miss Louise Schroeder.

The body will be taken to Bertrand. Funeral arrangements are indefinite, pending word from relatives in



California but arrangements have been made tentatively to hold services Friday at Bertrand. Burial will be at Bertrand.

Note: Obit sent by Kaylynn, March 2004.

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1945

**6 Sep 1945: GI Independent**

**Howard County Pioneer Dead  
Mrs. Carl Tuenge Dies Following Illness of Past Three Years**

Mrs. Carl Tuenge, 87 widow of Carl Tuenge, pioneer farmer of Howard County, died at the home of her son-in-law and daughter Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Meinke, three miles east of St. Libory, this morning following an illness of the past three years.

Amilia Rudolph, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Frederick Rudolph, was born in Geise, Pommern, Germany on September 9, 1857. In June, 1881, she came with her parents to America, locating on a farm near Archer. She was baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran faith in Germany.

On November 18, 1881, she was married to Carl Tuenge. They resided on a farm three miles east of St. Libory, the same farm on which Mr. & Mrs. Meinke reside. In 1906, Mr. and Mrs. Tuenge retired and moved to Grand Island. In 1931 they celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. Mrs. Tuenge returned to the farm to make her home with Mr. and Mrs. Meinke in May 1943.

She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Herman Kruse and Mrs. Fritz Meinke of St. Libory; 24 grandchildren and 24 great grandchildren; two brothers Carl Rudolph, Central City and Herman Rudolph, British Columbia, Canada; two sisters Mrs. Mary Glause, Halsey and Mrs. Tracy Deertz, Palmer. Her husband two brothers and three sisters preceded her in death.

Funeral arrangements have not yet been completed. Inquiries may be directed to the Geddes funeral home. (from Larry Murphy)

Provided by [Dona Hawk](mailto:fcdfhawk@cccusa.net) <fcdfhawk@cccusa.net> 1 Apr 2005.

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1948

**Sep 1948:**

**Maria Teresa Rudolph Glause**

Maria Teresa Rudolph Glause was born on December 19, 1862 in Germany where she grew to womanhood. She was the daughter of Henrietta Buss Rudolf. She came to America in 1880 and was united in marriage on March 10, 1881 to William Glause at Grand Island, Nebraska. After residing there one year they moved to Palmer where they lived until 1914 when they moved to Minnesota. In 1916 they returned to Halsey, Nebraska, where Mrs. Glause lived until two years ago when she came back to Merrick County and made her home with one of her daughters, Mrs. Esther Peck at Clarks.

Mrs. Glause united with the Evangelical Church in 1890 and remained a member of her church.

Mrs. Glause passed on Saturday, September 18, 1948 at the home of her grandson, Ed Wilhoft at Stromsburg, where she had suffered a cerebral hemorrhage one week prior.

She leaves to mourn her passing two sons; Charles of Archer and Paul of Milburn; four daughters; Mrs. Bertha Anderson of Halsey, Mrs. Esther Peck of Clarks, Mrs. Hulda Wittgren of Stromsburg and Mrs. Lena Campbell of Genoa, Nebraska; two brothers, Carl of Central City; and Herman Rudolph of Alaska; one sister, Mrs. Theresa Deertz of Palmer; 27 grandchildren and fifteen great grandchildren.

Mrs. Glause was preceded in death by her husband, parents, two sons, one daughter and four sisters. Funeral services conducted by the Rev. Bornemeier, were held Tuesday at 2:30 p.m. in the Archer Evangelical U.B. Church. Six grandsons were pallbearers. Mr. and Mrs. George Rudolf, Harold Rudolf and Mrs. Richard Weller were singers, with Mrs. Harvey Bonness accompanist. Burial was made in the cemetery near the church.

Submitted by [Dona Hawk](#) <fcdfhawk@cccusa.net> 4 Apr 2005

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1950

**Emma (Lucas) GREGG** - extract from about 1950

Died age 84 yrs, Central City, NE. Born Pennsylvania.

Was teacher during blizzard 12 January 1888 and managed to get all the pupils to their homes.

1894: Married Charles A. Gregg. They farmed in Merrick County until 1915  
when moved to Fullerton, NE.

Survived by her husband & a daughter, Mrs. B. F. Douthit.

Submitted by [Julia](#) <jmm1961@charter.net> 15 Jan 2004

Clipping does not have any indication of newspaper title or date. There is no information about the funeral service or burial.

**Records on-line for Emma Lucas Gregg**

Marriage Record Book 2 p50: Nance Co., NE;

1900 Fed. Census NE ED138 p5b D93 F97: Mead Twp, Merrick, NE

**Mar 1950 (no source)**

**Mrs. Theresa Deertz Passed Away Sunday Morning**

Mrs. Theresa Deertz died about 4 o'clock last Sunday morning at Coolidge Hospital where she had been staying for treatment and care during the past three weeks. Her age was 83 years and 27 days. Funeral services conducted by Brother Own Wilmot, were held at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 1, at Palmer Church of Christ, and burial was made in Palmer Cemetery. The pall bearers were Richard Drawbaugh, Leonard Eckstrom, Erwin Island, and Alvin Deertz. Singers were Mr. and Mrs. Norris Haag and Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Maddox with Mrs. Harry Prochaska at the piano. Flower assistants were granddaughter: Mrs. Richard Drawbaugh and Mrs. Boyd Snodgrass of Grand Island.

Theresa Rudolf was born in Germany January 20, 1867, to Frederick and Henrietta Buss Rudolph. She came to America with her folks in 1880 and was married to Fredrick Deertz on May 20, 1886, at Archer Nebraska. Seven children were born. Two daughters died in infancy, and one son George died three years ago. Her husband passed away, February 20, 1923.

She is survived by four children: Mary Eckstrom of Palmer, Lizzie Glause of Chapman, Carl Deertz of Palmer, and Fred Deertz of England, Arkansas. She also leaves sixteen grandchildren, several great grandchildren; two brothers, Carl Rudolph of Central City and Herman Rudolph of Canada; also many other relatives and friends.

Obit from Larry Murphy, submitted by [Dona Hawk](#) <fcdfhawk@cccusa.net> 5 Apr 2005.  
NOTE: Cemetery extract shows her death date as 26 Feb 1950.

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1951

**19 Jun 1951: Grand Island Independent, p4**

### **Charles W. Glause of Archer Is Dead**

Charles William Glause, a native of Grand Island and a resident of Archer, Neb. for many years, died in an Omaha hospital June 11, 1951. He was 64 years old.

Funeral services were held in the Archer Evangelical United Brethren Church June 16. The Rev. D. S. Bornemeier of Archer officiated, assisted by the Rev. D. J. Park of Central City.

Family services were conducted by the Solt Funeral Home in Central City.

Mr. Glause was born in Grand Island Nov. 3, 1886, a son of Mr. And Mrs. William J. Glause. He was married, June 15, 1912, in Grand Island to Miss Ida Blauhorn. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Glause moved to the Archer community, where they spent the rest of their life together except for seven years in Sherman county.

Surviving are his wife; a son, Cecil in Central City, one brother, Paul Glause, Milburn; four sisters, Mrs. Hulda Wittgren, Stromsburg; Mrs. Esther Peck, Clarks; Mrs. Lena Campbell, Genoa, and Mrs. Bertha Anderson, Halsey.

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1954

**Mar 1954**

### **Carl Rudolf, 94, Dies at Central City, March 3**

Carl R. Rudolf was born at Pommern, Germany, August 17, 1859. In the early eighties he came to America with his parents, coming directly to Merrick County, Nebraska. On March 1, 1885, he was united in marriage with Mary Schaumleffel. They together resided on a farm northwest of Archer for a number of years. In about 1900 they moved to Central City where Mrs. Rudolf passed away March 26, 1940. After which he resided alone and continued to busy himself as much as his physical strength would permit him to do so, since they had no children of their own, they took into their home an orphan girl "Marie" and reared her to womanhood. Carl Rudolf loved the Lord and endeavored to do some work for his Master in that it was through his efforts the Evangelical Church operated a church in Central City for a number of years. The record shows that he united with the Archer Evangelical United Brethren Church in the year 1884. He ailed considerable for the past number of years, and spent most of the time alone at his Central City home. On the night of March 3rd, he passed away. He leaves one brother at Altan, British Columbia, Canada, one foster daughter, three foster grandchildren, thirty-two nephews and nieces also many other relatives and friends.

Carl Rudolf reached the ripe age of 94 years 6 months and 11 days. Funeral services were conducted at the Archer EUB Church Sunday, at 2:30 p.m. by Rev. J.H. Oehlerking. Interment was made in the cemetery near the Archer Evangelical United Brethren Church. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Marsh sang "The Old Rugged Cross" and "Rock Of Ages", accompanied by Mrs. Harvey Bonness. Pall bearers were George Rudolf,

William Rudolf, Ernest Rudolf, Albert Rudolf, Arthur Rudolf, and Harvey Rudolf.

Submitted by [Dona Hawk](#) <fcdfhawk@cccusa.net> 4 Apr 2005 (received from Larry Murphy)

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1959

**27 Jul 1959 (Mon): GI Independent**

**Albert John Suck of Palmer Dies**

CENTRAL CITY--Albert John Suck of Palmer, a retired farmer, died Sunday in a Central City rest home after an illness of about two years. He was 74.

Funeral services will be conducted Wednesday at 2p.m. in the EUB Church at Archer by the Rev. Armin Vogt of Marquette. Burial will be in the church cemetery.

Friends may call Tuesday evening from 7 to 9 o'clock at the Solt Funeral Home in Central City.

Mr. Suck is survived by five daughters, Mrs. Clifford Goerl of Palmer, Mrs. Cecil Rawlings and Mrs. Harold Brandeis, Central city, Mrs. Earl Conway, Elba, and Mrs. Wesley Chestnut, Temple City, CA; and a son Milton Suck, Palmer. He was preceded in death by his wife.

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1960

**8 Dec 1960 (Thurs.): Grand Island Independent**

**Merrick Resident Dies Here**

ARCHER--**Louie Paul Wegner**, a lifetime resident of Merrick County, died Wednesday in a Grand Island hospital. He was a retired farmer. He was 63 years old and had been ill for 28 months.

Funeral services will be conducted Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock in the Evangelical United Brethen Church at Archer. Burial will be in the church cemetery.

Mr. Wegner was born Dec. 20, 1896, at Archer to William F. and Bertha Rudolf Wegner. He received his education in the Archer schools. He was married to Lydia Weller on April 18, 1917.

He is survived by his wife; a son, Leland of Archer; three daughters, Mrs. Vivian Gaddis, of Sidney, Mrs. Wauneta McBride of Archer, and Mrs. Phyllis Nugent of Grand Island; a brother, Albert of Archer; two sisters, Mrs. Ella Riggs of Central City, and Mrs. Dora Hansen of Archer; ten grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

The Rev. Armin Vogt will officiate at the funeral services. Solt Funeral Home, Central City, is in charge of arrangements. Visitation hours are from 7 to 9 this evening at Solt Chapel.

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1962

**1 May 1962 (Tues): Grand Island Independent**

**Mrs. A. Wegner Dies at Archer**

ARCHER--Mrs. Albert A. Wegner, 65, a lifetime resident of Merrick County, died at her farm home a mile west of Archer Tuesday morning. She had been ill for the past three years.

Funeral services will be held Friday at 2 p.m. at the Evangelical United Brethren Church at Archer. The Rev. Armin Vogt will officiate. Burial will be in the church cemetery.

The body will lie in state at the church from 11 a.m. Friday until the services. The casket will not be opened afterwards.

Annie Minnie Weller, daughter of Herman and Anna Weller, was born at St. Libory, Jan. 26, 1897. She grew up in Merrick County and graduated from high school at Central City. She and Albert A Wegner were married May 2, 1917, at Palmer. They spent their entire married life on the farm where Mrs. Wegner died. She was affiliated with the Archer EUB Church.

She is survived by her husband; a daughter, Mrs. Darlene Kuhn of Central City; a son, Dwain A. Wegner of Archer; two brothers, Herman and Richard Weller of Palmer; five sisters, Mrs. Martha Wallace of Mitchell, Mrs. Mary Magnuson of Lewellen, Mrs. Lydia Wegner of Archer, Mrs. Minnie Fagan of Hampton and Mrs. Ruth Ita of Palmer; and five grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by both parents, a son and a brother.

Visitation hours are from 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday at Solt Funeral Home, Central City.

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1968

**6 Aug 1968 (Tues): GI Independent**

**Wegner Services At Archer**

ARCHER (Special Dispatch) - Funeral services for Albert A Wegner, 85, life resident of the Archer community, are set Thursday at 10:30 a.m. at the Archer United Methodist (EUB) Church.

Mr. Wegner died Monday in a Central City nursing home where he had lived for one week. He previously had been hospitalized at Central City for six months.

The Rev. Roger Kronholm will officiate at the services. Burial will be in the church cemetery. Solt-Byers Funeral Home of Central City is in charge of funeral arrangements.

Mr. Wegner was born April 2, 1883, on a farm near Archer to William and Bertha Rudolf Wegner. On May 2, 1917, he married Anna Weller at her parents' home.

He was a member of the Archer United Methodist Church where he served on the church board, was president of the Men's brotherhood group, taught Sunday School and served as Sunday School Superintendent. He also served on the local cemetery board for more than 25 years and on the board of School District 46 for 14 years.

Survivors are a son, Dwain of Archer; a daughter, Mrs. Gerald Kuhn of Central City; two sisters, Mrs. W.P. Hansen of Archer and Mrs. Ella Riggs of Lewellyn; and five grandchildren.

His wife died May 1, 1962. A son, Woodrow Randall, 5, also preceded him in death, in addition to four brothers and six sisters.

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**9 Aug 1968 (Fri.): Grand Island Independent obit**

**Hansen Rites On Saturday**

CENTRAL CITY (Special Dispatch)--Funeral services for Mrs. W.P. (Dora) Hansen, 76, a lifetime resident of Archer, will be Saturday at 2 p.m. at the Solt & Byers Funeral Home in Central City. The Rev. Len Ricky, pastor of the Palmer and Archer Methodist Churches will officiate and burial will be in the Archer United Methodist Church (EUB) cemetery.

Mrs. Hansen died Thursday in a Grand Island hospital after an illness of several months. Visitation hours are set for Friday evening from 7 to 9 at the funeral home.

Mrs. Hansen was born Nov. 21, 1891 on a farm near Archer to William and Bertha Wegner. She was married June 3, 1920 to W. Phocian Hansen in Archer.

She was a lifetime member of the United Methodist Church and was currently serving as spiritual life secretary of the Women's Society of Christian Service. She was a 47 year member of the Archer Chapter No. 200 of Eastern Star in Central City and had previously served on the council of Job's Daughters.

In addition, she had taught Sunday School for many years and was a member of the church choir.

Survivors include her husband, and one sister, Mrs. Ella Riggs of Lewellen. She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Albert Wegner, whose funeral was Thursday.

Obit submitted by [Dona Hawk](#) <fcdfhawk@cccusa.net> 4 Apr 2005.

**NEGenWeb Project**

**Merrick County, Nebraska -  
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**15 May 1970: Grand Island Independent**

**FUNERAL RITES SATURDAY FOR FRANK W. FREELAND**

Central City (Special Dispatch) -- Funeral services will be Saturday at 10:a.m. in the chapel of Solt-Byers Funeral Home here for Frank W. Freelend, 83, a retired farmer.

The Rev. Dr. Melvin Zichek, pastor of the Central City Christian Church, will officiate. Burial will be in Highland Cemetery at Ravenna. Visitation hours were scheduled from 7 to 9 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Mr. Freelend died Wednesday evening, May 13, 1970, at his home in Central City.

He was born June 12, 1886, near St. Libory, the son of Fred and Minnie Glause Freelend. On Jan. 29, 1928, he was married to Jessie E. Swaim at Fullerton. Following their marriage, the couple farmed in Merrick County and then lived in Litchfield before coming to Central City in 1960. They were longtime members of the Methodist Church.

Surviving are his widow; one daughter, Mrs. Darrell (Dorothy) Moore of Lead, S.D. ; three sons, Alfred of Lead, Ernest of Council Bluffs, Iowa, and Donald of Hampton; one sister, Mrs. George Verplank of Palmer; four brothers, Louis of Loup City, Edward of Central City, Henry of Joplin, MO, and Fred of Clarks, 10 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death, in addition to his parents, by three sisters.

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NOTE: Have found this surname given as Freelend also.

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**11 Sep 1970 (Fri.): Grand Island Independent**

**Clarence Stout, Chapman, Dies, Funeral Set Monday**

Clarence L. Stout, 70, Chapman, an Army veteran of World War I, died early Friday morning at his home following a long illness.

Funeral rites are to be held at 1:30 p.m. Monday in the chapel of the Livingston-Sondermann Funeral Home. The Rev. Harvey Clark will officiate. Interment is to be in Westlawn Memorial Park Cemetery. Visitations may be made from 4-9 Sunday at the Funeral Home. Friends may remember through memorials to the Cancer Fund.

Mr. Stout was born June 5, 1900, at Fremont. He received his schooling at Fremont and entered the armed forces there.

He and Miss Mabel Rudolf were married Jan. 20, 1925, at Council Bluffs, Iowa. They farmed in the Central City area and then came to Grand Island, where Mr. Stout was employed at the Soldiers and Sailors Home. They moved to Hermiston, Ore., where Mr. Stout was employed by the Umatilla Ordnance Depot until he retired in 1966 and they came to Chapman to make their home.

Mr. Stout was baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran faith. He was a member of the Eagles and the Stuart Post of the American Legion.

He is survived by his wife, Mabel, one brother, Jack Stout of Wilbert Calif.; and two sisters, Mrs. Bernard Newton of Yuma, Ariz., and Mrs. Leona Watkins of the Talles, Ore.

He was preceded in death by his parents, an infant child, two brothers and two sisters.

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May 1973: Grand Island Independent

**Bertha Rembolt, 85**

Mrs. Bertha J. Rembolt, ... "died at a local nursing home Wednesday following a long illness."

Visitation: Friday, Apfel-Butler-Geddes Funeral Home.

Funeral: Saturday, Faith United Methodist Church, the Rev. Donald Roker officiating.

Burial: West Lawn Cemetery (Grand Island).

Born 20 Dec. 1887, Archer, NE. Parents: Gustav and Emma Wiegert Rudolf.

9 Jan. 1907: Married Gottlieb A. Rembolt at Archer. They farmed in Merrick County.

1945: Moved to Chapman. Abt. 1966: She moved to Grand Island.

Survived by daughter, Mrs. Clarence (Lucille ) Stratmen, Grand Island; son, Erwin, Denver, CO; three sisters, Mrs. Alma Sautter, Mrs. Ella Wadsworth and Mrs. Lill Winebrenner, all of Grand Island; 4 gch. and 8 g-gch.

Preceded in death by her husband (1965); 2 brothers and 3 infant sisters.

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**10 Jul 1973 (Tues.): Grand Island Independent**

**EDWARD FREELAND**

CENTRAL CITY--Funeral services for Edward C. Freeland, 75, will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Solt and Byers Funeral Home in Central City with the Revs. Wayne Carlson and Melvin Zichek officiating.

Burial will be in the Pierce Chapel Cemetery. Visitation was to be from 7 to 9 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Mr. Freeland died Sunday morning, July 8, 1973, at the Central City Hospital. He was born on May 10, 1898, near Palmer, to Fred and Minnie Glause Freeland. He attended Merrick County Public Schools. He married the former Pearl Peck on Dec. 23, 1926, at Central City. He was a member of the Christian Church.

He is survived by his widow; one son, Robert of Central City; one sister, Mrs. Ella Verplank of Palmer; two brothers, Fred of Clarks and Henry of Carthage, MO., and four grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by four sisters and two brothers.

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NOTE: Have found this surname given as Freelend also.

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**14 Dec 1973 (Fri): GI Independent**

**WILHELM HANSEN**

ARCHER--Wilhelm Phocian Hansen, 85, a lifetime resident of Merrick County died Thursday at the Aurora hospital.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Monday at the Solt-Byers Funeral Home at Central City with Rev. Kenneth Rood officiating. Burial will be in the Archer Cemetery.

Visitation will be Sunday from 7-9 p.m. at the Solt-Byers Funeral Home.

Mr. Hansen was born Oct 2, 1888, at Archer to Emil and Mattie Hooper Hansen. He was cashier for the Citizens State Bank and served as secretary-treasurer for the Co-Op Credit Association. In 1943, he was postmaster at Archer, retiring in 1953. He had married the former Dora Wegner Jan. 3, 1920, at Archer. He was a member and past master of the Masonic Lodge 36. He was also past patron, Order of Eastern Star, Chapter 200. He served in WWI.

He is survived by a brother, Carl of Rocky Ford, CO, three sisters, Mrs. Pete DeLano of Wood River, Mrs. Helen Earhart of Clarinda Iowa, and Mrs. Anita McCutcheon of Honolulu Hawaii.

He was preceded in death by his wife and his parents.

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**9 May 1974 (Thurs): Custer County Chief**

**PAUL GLAUSE, 75**

**A Merna man spent many years in Nebraska Sand hills**

Mr. Paul Glause, 75 years of age, of Merna, Nebraska, passed away on Monday, April 8, 1974 in the Good Samaritan Hospital in Kearney, Buffalo County, Nebraska, following considerable illness.

Funeral rites for Mr. Glause were held on Thursday, April 11, 1974 at 2:00 p.m. at Govier Brothers Mortuary Chapel in Broken Bow, Nebraska, with Rev. Royce Buchtel (United Blaine Co. Larger Parish, United Church of Christ (Formerly Congregational) of Dunning, Nebraska, officiating. Interment was made in the



cemetery at Merna, Custer County, Nebraska.

Memorials were suggested in lieu of flowers to the Cancer Fund, in care of Mrs. Dwight Lyon of Merna. Funeral services were private.

Mr. Glause is survived by his wife, Genevieve Glause of Merna, and six daughters, Mahala Thompson of Tryon, Nebr., Lois Jensen of Kearney, Nebr., Charlene Rhoades of Dunning, Nebr., Margaret A. Campbell of Denver, Colo., Judy Gushard of Lincoln, Nebr., and Linda Haumont of Bridgeport, Nebr., by 3 sons, Paul Glause, JR. of Oshkosh, Nebr., Roland W. Glause of Dunning, and Van E Glause of Merna, Nebr.; by 29 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren and also by one sister, Lena Campbell of Stromsburg, Nebr.

Paul Herman Glause, the son of William and Mary Glause was born at Palmer, Nebraska on February 3, 1899.

He was, when an infant, baptized in the Evangelical United Brethren Church at Palmer, Nebraska.

At the age of 17 years, he moved with his parents, to a ranch north of Halsey in the sand hills of Nebraska.

On October 5, 1926, he married Genevieve VanArdsdale. To this union, 9 children were born, all of whom now survive. They are Mrs. Mahala Thompson, Lois Jensen, Charlene Rhoades, Margaret Campbell, Judy Gushard, Linda Haumont, Roland W, Paul M. and Van E..

He lived in the communities of Halsey and Purdum, where for many years he was a rancher. In 1956, he moved to Merna, in Custer County, where he resided until his death April 8, 1974 in hospital at Kearney Nebraska at age of 75 years.

At the funeral in Broken Bow, music was furnished by a granddaughter and her husband, Larry and Karla Estes and Joyce Dowse and Cleo Haynes. Pallbearers were his 5 sons-in-laws, Wallace Jensen, Claude Rhoades, Rodney Campbell, Stanley Gushard and Darrel Haumont and Billy Jensen.

He was preceded in death by his parents, 4 sisters and 2 brothers.

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**12 Jan 1978 (Thurs): Grand Island Independent**

### **GLADYS FREELAND**

Mrs. Gladys Freeland, 72, of Virginia Drive, died Wednesday, January 11, 1978, at a Grand Island hospital. Services are pending at Apfel-Butler-Geddes Funeral Home.

Mrs. Freeland was born May 7, 1905, near Meadow Grove. She was the daughter of Bert and Minnie Ellis Verplank. She married Louie Freeland on June 20, 1923. They lived on a farm near Palmer until the early 1950's, then moving to Cushing. In 1967 they moved to Loup City. Mr. Freeland died in 1971.

Mrs. Freeland moved to Central City in 1975 where she lived until 1977. She then came to Grand Island to live with her daughter, Mrs. Opal Oswald.

Survivors include two sons, Rolland and Harold, both of Central City; 10 daughters, Mrs. Lyle (Euveda) Wilson of Central City, Mrs. Harry (Zella) Hausmen, Mrs. Ron (Betty) Beck, Mrs. Norman (Lois) Petersen and Mrs. Robert (Opal) Oswald, all of Grand Island, Mrs. Fred (Wanda) Rother of Wolbach, Mrs. Ernest (Mable) Burkhardt of Palmer, Mrs. John (Shirley) Abbott and Mrs. Ed (Minnie) Rasmussen of Omaha, and Mrs. Richard (Ruby) Henderson of Olathe, Kansas; 29 grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren and three brothers, George Verplank of Palmer, Robert of Neligh and Willard of Boone, Iowa.

She was preceded in death by one brother, one sister, one grandson and one great-granddaughter.

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**18-19 May 1979: GI Independent**

## OSCAR ITA

ARCHER--Services for Oscar Ita, 79, of Archer will be Monday at 2 p.m. at Archer Zion United Methodist Church. The Rev Daniel R. Gangler will officiate. Burial will be in Archer Evangelical Community Cemetery.

There will be no visitation. Solt Funeral Home of Central City is in charge of arrangements. Memorials will be designated later.

Mr. Ita was born July 5, 1899, in Merrick County, the son of Jacob and Minnie Wegner Ita. He attended rural schools and had lived in the Archer area all his life.

He married Velma Luft on Feb. 5, 1927. He was a mechanic in the Archer area.

Mr. Ita was a member of Zion United Methodist Church in Archer and the Central City Masonic Lodge.

Survivors include a brother, Wesley of Grand Island, and a sister, Mrs. Margaret Weyers of Burwell.

He was preceded in death by four brothers, an infant sister and two infant sons.

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### 27 Jan 1980 (Sun.): Grand Island Independent

#### HARRY G. RUDOLF, 66

Born 7 April 1913, Palmer, NE. Parents: Otto and Bertha Templin Rudolf. "... resident of this area his entire life."

Married 7 May 1941 - Lucille Retzlaff.

Member of the Central City United Methodist Church.

Died Fri. (25 Jan) at hospital in Omaha, NE. Visitation: Sun., Solt Funeral home in Central City.

Services: Mon, at the Central City United Methodist Church. Burial: Central City Cemetery.

Survivors: widow, Lucille of Central City; 2 daughters, Mrs Mike (Geraldine) Hansen of Omaha and Mrs Dick (Gloria) Evers of Clarks; sister, Mrs Anna Suck of Grand Island; and 2 gch.

Preceded in death by his parents, 2 brothers and 2 sisters.

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### 18 Jan 1981 (Sun.): GI Independent

#### MABLE MARIE STOUT, 76

Born 20 Oct. 1904, Archer, NE. Parents: Frank and Louise Rudolph.

Married 20 Jan. 1925, Grand Island, NE - Leonard Stout. Lived in the Central City area, and Grand Island.

"Later they moved to Pendleton, Oregon." 1966: Moved to Chapman, NE.

Member of the Evangelical Church in Chapman.

Died Fri. (16 Jan.), Chapman, NE. Visitation: Sun., Livingston-Sondermann Funeral Home, Grand Island.

Service: Mon. at Funeral Home. Burial: Westlawn Cemetery. Memorials: Cancer Fund.

Survivors: 3 brothers, Leonard and Lawrence Rudolph, both of Chapman, and Raymond of St. Paul.

Preceded in death by husband (1970), a son and 2 half-brothers.

### 22 Jan 1981: GI Independent

#### MABLE STOUT

Services : Monday at Livingston-Sondermann Funeral Home.

Burial: Westlawn Cemetery in Grand Island.

"Pallbearers were Terry Rudolf, Terry Suchanek, Bill Maahs, Randy Maahs, E.J. Burke and LeRoy Randolph."

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**30 Jun 1981 (Tues): Grand Island Independent**

**MARTHA C. SUCK, 81**

Born 3 Feb. 1900, Archer, NE. Parents: Jacob and Lena Wegner Suck.

Member of Zion United Methodist Church.

Died Mon. (29 Jun), Palmer, NE. Visitation: Wed., Solt Funeral Home Central City.

Service: Thurs., Zion United Methodist Church in Archer. Burial: Archer Evangelical Community Cemetery.

Memorials to the church.

Survivors: sister, Viona Suck of Palmer; 3 brothers, Edward of Central City, and Elmer and Delbert, both of Palmer.

Preceded in death by 2 brothers and a sister.

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**1 Jun 1982 (Tues): Grand Island Independent**

**Ida A. Glause, 88**

Born 24 Aug. 1893, Palmer, NE. Parents: Julius and Marie Buss Blauhorn.

Married 15 Jun 1912 at Grand Island, NE - Charles W. Glause.

Member: Zion United Methodist Church in Archer (50+ years).

Died Sat., Central City hospital.

Visitaion: Tues., Solt Funeral Home, Central City.

Services: Wed., Archer Zion United Methodist Church. Burial: Archer Evangelical Community Cemetery.

Survivors: son, Cecil, Archer; brother, Albert Blauhorn, Central City; sister, Mrs. Anna Lee, Marsing, ID, a g-dau and 2 g-gch.

Preceded in death by husband (1951) and a brother.

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**15 Jul 1983 (Fri): Grand Island Independent**

**SHIRLEY M. ABBOTT, 45**

Born 12 Oct. 1937, Nance County, NE. Parents: Louie and Gladys Freeland.

Died Thurs. 14 Jul 1983, Omaha, NE. Service: Mon., Heafey, Heafey and Hoffman Mortuary's West Center

Chapel, Omaha.

Burial: Hillcrest Memorial Park Cemetery in Omaha, NE.

Survivors: husband, John of Omaha; 2 daughters, Mrs. Don (Sharon) Jorgensen of St. Paul and Mrs. Kathy Nielsen of Denver, CO; a granddaughter; 2 brothers, Harold and Rolland Freeland, both of Central City; 9 sisters, Euveda Wilson of Stromsburg, Betty Beck, Fay Lubken, Lois Peterson and Opal Oswald, all of Grand Island, Mabel Buckhart of Templeton, CA and Minnie Rasmussen of Omaha, Wanda Rother of Wolbach and Ruby Henderson of Yates Center, KS.

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## **12 Aug 1983 (Fri): Grand Island Independent**

### **ELLA RIGGS, 93**

Born Dec. 11, 1889, in Merrick County. Parents: William and Bertha Rudolph Wegner.

Attended school in the Lone Tree area, and Nebraska Central College in Central City.

12 May 1911: Married Warren H. Riggs at Archer.

1914: Moved to Central City. Lived a short time at Archer while they were in the mercantile business.

1966: Moved to Lewellyn, NE; Mr. Riggs died soon afterwards.

About 1973: Mrs. Riggs moved to the Garden County Nursing Home.

Member of the United Methodist Church and its choir. Member of the Royal Neighbors of America (more than 50 years), and Eastern Star, Auburn Chapter No. 200, at Central City.

Died 12 Aug 1983, Oshkosh, NE.

Visitation: Sunday at Solt Funeral Home in Central City. Holechek Funeral Home of Oskosh in charge of local arrangements.

Services: Saturday, United Methodist Church in Lewellyn.

Graveside services: Monday, Central City Cemetery.

Memorials are suggested to the church or the Garden County Nursing Home.

Survivors: 2 daughters, Mrs. Naomi Clary of Lewellyn and Mrs. Rhoda Edlund of Central City, 6 gch.; daughter-in-law, Mrs. Hazel Riggs of Albuquerque, N.M.; and 3 sons-in-law, Oren Clary, Raymond Edlund and Clayton Wilson.

She was preceded in death by 10 brothers and sisters; a son, Orval, and a daughter Rosemary.

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## **17 Aug 1983 (Wed.): Grand Island Independent**

### **Esther A. Rudolf, 71**

Born 23 June 1912, at Duff, in Rock County.

Parents: Adolph and Anna Faber Zlomke. 1915: Moved to farm 5 miles south of Archer.

Married 22 Oct 1930: Albert Rudolf, St. Paul (Howard Co). Farmed near Palmer.

Abt. 1966: Moved to Central City.

Member of Zion United Methodist Church at Archer, and Eagles auxiliary.

Died Tues., Central City, NE. Visitation: Thurs., Solt Funeral Home Central City.

Service: Fri. at Zion United Methodist Church in Archer. Burial: Archer Evangelical Community Cemetery.

Survivors: daughter, Mrs. Jack (Aileen) Rawlings of St. Paul; 3 sons, Ralph of Palmer, Wayne of Hastings, and Gary of St. Charles, Iowa; 4 sisters, Mrs. Arthur (Edna) Rudolf of Central City, Mrs. Roy (Anna)

Landstrom of Pontiac, Illinois, Mrs. Marvin (Gladys) Sims and Mrs. Ben (Linda) Bates, both of Sacramento, Calif., 15 gch and 11 g-gch.

Preceded in death by: husband (1966); a daughter, 2 grandsons, 4 sisters and 5 brothers.

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12 May 1984 (Sat): Grand Island Independent

**Steve L. Kolar, 36 - Grand Island Resident**

Born 16 Feb 1948, St. Paul, NE. Parents: Leon and Helen Verplank Kolar. Educated at Wolbach.

Member of Trinity Lutheran Church, Wolbach.

Married 3 July 1981, Grand Island, NE - Pam Partridge.

Died Thurs. May 10, 1984, Omaha, NE. Visitation: Sun. Jacobsen Funeral Home in St. Paul.

Services: Mon. Trinity Lutheran Church at Wolbach. Burial: Hillside Cemetery, Wolbach, NE.

Survivors: his wife, Pam; his parents, of Wolbach; 2 brothers, Gary of Colorado Springs, CO, and David of Grand Island; 6 sisters, Mrs. Linda Bagley, Mrs. Judy Small, Mrs. Terri (Laura) Wicht and Mrs. Dale (Connie) Lamberson, all of Grand Island; Diane Kolar of Palmer, and Gail Kolar of Wolbach. Grandparents are deceased.

**20 May 1984 (Sun): Grand Island Independent**

**Steve Kolar**

Added info: "Pallbearers were Randy Broshears, Dan Mieth, Wendell Land, Bill Verplank, Rick Davison and Ivan Rasmussen."

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**4 Jun 1984 (Mon.): Grand Island Independent**

**Geraldine A. Weakley, 66**

Born Sept 16, 1917, Grand Island, NE. Parents: Edward and Anna Gilmont Spink.

Married 9 Nov 1941, Grand Island - to Ronald Weakley of Gibbon.

Member: Grand Island Eagles Auxiliary, Trinity United Methodist Church.

Died Sun. 3 June, Grand Island, NE. Visitation: Wed., Livingston-Sondermann Funeral Home.

Service: Thurs. at Trinity United Methodist Church. Burial: Westlawn Cemetery

Survivors: husband; mother, Anna Spink of Grand Island; daughter, Norma Weakley of Grand Island; sister-in-law, Neva Pool of Grand Island.

Preceded in death by her father.

Memorials are suggested to the Cancer Fund.

**9 or 10 Jun 1984: Grand Island Independent**

**Geraldine Weakley**

Services were Thurs. at Gollaher Chapel. Burial: Westlawn Memorial Park.  
Pallbearers: Duane Wildon, Bob Carter, Kenneth Eckles, Morris Pool, Lyle Nedrig and Jack Gilmont.  
Livingston -Sondermann Funeral Home in charge.

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**21 Jun 1984 (Thurs.): Grand Island Independent**

**MARJORIE ANN JACKSON, 61**

Born 2 Oct. 1926, Palmer, NE. Parents: John and Meta Doncheske Rudolf.  
Married 9 Jun 1946, Palmer, NE - William J. Jackson. "They lived in Denver ..."  
Member: Trinity United Methodist Church in Denver and active in many church activities.  
Died 11 June, Denver, CO. Service: Fri. 15 June, Olinger Chapel in Denver. Burial: Ft. Logan National Cemetery at Denver.  
Survivors: her husband; 2 sons, Kenneth of Cheyenne, WY and Gary of Denver; 6 gch; her parents of Palmer, and a sister, Mrs. Warren (Dorothy) Rice of Columbus Ohio.

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Oct 1984 - Central City newspaper?

**Mrs. Klar SHIVELY (Celia Agnes GOERL), 78**

Born 9 Aug 1906 in Merrick County, NE. Parents: John & Hannah (Sims) Goerl. Grew up near Clarks in Pierce Chapel neighborhood. 1 Jun 1926: Married Thomas Klar Shively at Osceola, NE. They farmed near Clarks. She died 16 Oct 1984 at Fulleton Manor. Service was 20 Oct at Palmer's Funeral Chapel, Fullerton, NE. Burial: Pierce Chapel (Bureau Cemetery) near Clarks. Survivors: Her husband; 2 sons; 2 brothers & 5 sisters; 4 gch., 4 g-gch. Predeceased by her parents; brother Clifford, and a grandson.

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Nov 1984 - Central City newspaper?

**Thomas Klar SHIVELY, 87**

Born 4 Nov 1896 in Pierce Chapel area (near Clarks). Parents: Thomas A. & Indiana (Richards) Shively. Farmer. 1 Jun 1926: Married Celia Goerl at Osceola, NE. 1980: Pioneer Farm Family Award from Ak-Sar-Ben of Omaha for family ownership of 100 years. He died 2 Nov 1984 at hospital in Fullerton, NE. Service was 6 Nov at Palmer's Funeral Chapel, Fullerton, NE. Burial: Pierce Chapel Cemetery (Bureau Cemetery near Clarks). Survivors: Two sons, 4 gch., 4 g-gch. Predeceased by his wife; a grandson; 3 brothers & 3 sisters.

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## Obits 1985-1997

1985

23 Mar 1985 (Sat.): Grand Island Independent

### **FRED T. FREELAND, 82 - CLARKS**

Born 23 Dec. 1902, at Palmer, NE. Parents: Fred and Minnie Glause Freeland.

Married Evelyn Peck - 31 Dec. 1927, at Central City. Farmed north of Clarks. Later moved into town.

November - "they moved to the Bethesda Care Center in Central City."

Member: United Methodist Church, Clarks.

Died Wed., 20 March 1985, Central City, NE. Visitation: Sun., Solt Funeral Home, Central City.

Services: Mon., United Methodist Church in Clarks. Burial: Pierce Chapel Cemetery near Clarks.

Survivors: Widow of Central City; 4 daughters, Mae Marie Craig of Corvallis, OR, Lucile Kantor of Julesburg, CO, Doris Ann Glinsmann of Omaha and Bonnie June Hack of Columbus; two sons, Kenneth of Omaha and Marvin of Clarks; sister Ella Verplank of Palmer; brother Henry of Carthage, MO, 13 gch and 8 g-gch.

Preceded by 4 sisters and 3 brothers.

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10 Aug 1985: Grand Island Independent

### **Overton L. Bandt, 68**

Born 27 Aug. 1916, Kimball, NE. Parents: William and Anna Freeland Bandt. "He attended school in Phillipsburg Kansas. In 1927, he moved to a farm in Howard County near Wolbach." Farmer.

Married 7 Aug. 1978, Alma, NE - Gertrude Gibbons.

Died Fri., 9 Aug. at hospital, St. Paul, NE. Visitation: Mon. McIntyre-Jacobsen Funeral Home, Wolbach.

Service: Tues. United Methodist Church, Wolbach. Burial: Hillside Cemetery, Wolbach.

Survivors: his wife; 2 step-sons, Eugene Gibbons of Buckley, WA and John Gibbons of Renton, WA; 4 step-daughters, Mrs. Charles (Beverly) McDonald of Grand Prairie, TX, Mrs. Steven (Patricia) Marinkovich of Castro Valley, CA, Mrs. Richard (Sandra) Portugal of Denver, CO, and Mrs. Maureen Humphreys of Auburn, WA; 19 step-gch and 8 step-g-gch; 3 brothers, Percy, of St. Paul, Harold of Alma; and Marvel of Farmington Hills, MI.

Preceded in death by an infant brother.

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25 Oct 1986 (Sat.): Grand Island Independent

### **JESSIE E. FREELAND, 89**

Born 1 Oct. 1897, at Ravenna, NE. Parents: J. E. and Clara Salling Swaim.



Married 29 Jan 1928: Frank Freeland, at Fullerton.

"They farmed east of Palmer and had lived in Central City after his retirement. ... Later she moved to Ravenna."

Member of the United Methodist Church.

Died Thurs. 23 Oct 1986, Grand Island, Hall, NE. Visitation: Sun., Solt Funeral Home in Central City & Mon. at the church.

Services will be Mon., United Methodist Church in Ravenna. Burial: Highland Cemetery, Ravenna.

Survivors: Daughter, Mrs. Donald (Dorothy Alice) Welton of Basin, Wyo.; 3 sons, Wayne of Lead. S.D., Ernest of Council Bluffs, Iowa, and Donald of Hampton; brother, Cecil Swaim of CA; sister, Irene McGraw of CO, 6 gch, 4 step-gch and 5 g-gch.

Preceded in death by her husband (13 May 1970, see above) & three sisters.

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1988

13 Feb 1988 (Sat.): Grand Island Independent obit

**EDWARD HENRY SUCK, 82**

Born 13 Dec. 1905, near Archer. Parents: Jacob and Lena Wegner Suck.

Died Thursday, 11 Feb 1988, Palmer, NE. Visitation: Sunday, Solt Funeral Home in Central City.

Services: Monday - Archer Zion United Methodist Church. Burial: Archer Zion Evangelical Community Cemetery.

Lifelong resident of the Archer community.

1923: Married Anna Rudolf. Member of the Archer Zion United Methodist Church.

Survivors: 4 daughters, Mrs. Otis (Luella) Langrehr of Parker Dam, CA, Mrs. Guy (Ruby) Hendricksen of Las Vegas NV, Mrs. Carl (Phyllis) Brim of Elwood and Mrs. Harold (Delores) Meyer of St Libory; 11 gch; 19 g-gch; 2 brothers; Elmer and Delbert, both of Palmer; and a sister, Viona Suck of Palmer.

Preceded in death by a brother, a sister, and a grandchild.

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11 Nov 1988 (Fri.): Grand Island Independent

**EVELYN O. FREELAND, 80**

Born Sept. 2, 1908, at Clarks, NE. Parents: Jerome and Laura Adams Peck. Attended school at Pleasant Hill near Clarks.

Married 31 Dec 1927 to Fred Freeland at Central City. "They farmed near Clarks and later moved into Clarks." 1985 - to Central City. Member of the United Methodist Church of Clarks.

Died Wed. 9 Nov 1988, Central City, NE. Visitation Fri. - Solt Funeral Home, Central City.

Services: Sat. - United Methodist Church in Clarks. Burial: Pierce Chapel Cemetery near Clarks.

Survivors: 2 sons, Kenneth of Omaha and Marvin of Clarks; 4 daughters, Mrs. Arnold (Doris Ann) Glinsmann of Omaha, Mrs. Glenn (May Marie) Craig of Corvallis, Oregon, Mrs. Dan (Lucile) Kantor of Julesburg, Colorado, and Mrs. Cecil (Bonnie) Hack of Sierra Vista, Arizona; 2 sisters, Pearl Freeland of Central City and Mildred Lorange of Grand Island; 15 gch, 17 g-gch.



Preceded in death by her husband (20 Mar 1985), 2 brothers, and 1 granddaughter.

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1989

20 Feb 1989 (Mon.): Grand Island Independent

**Arthur F. Rudolf, 83**

Born Sept. 16, 1905, near Archer, NE. Parents: Carl and Emalia Ostrick Rudolf.

Married Edna Zlomke 16 June 1930, St. Paul.

Died Sun. 19 Feb 1989, Central City, NE. Services: Wed. at the Zion United Methodist Church near Archer.

Burial: Archer Evangelical Community Cemetery at Archer.

Farmer. Served on the school board. Member of the Archer Zion United Methodist Church. 1966: Moved to Central City.

Survived by his wife; one daughter, Mrs. LeWayne (Joyce) Medinger of Palmer; five grandchildren.

Memorials: Archer Zion United Methodist Church.

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10 May 1989: GI Independent

**LeWAYNE KENNETH MEDINGER, 49**

Born 8 Nov. 1939, David City, (Butler Co.), NE. Parents: Leo and Caroline Zima Medinger.

Grew up in the Genoa-St. Edward area. 1964 moved to Central City, NE.

Married 12 Nov 1966, Central City, NE to Joyce Rudolf. 1968, they moved to farm near Archer.

Member of St. Michael's parish in Central City.

Died Mon. 8 Mar 1989 at home in Archer, NE. Solt Funeral Home, Central City in charge of arrangements.

Rosary: Wed. at St. Michael's Catholic Church, Central City. Service: Thurs. at the church. Burial: Central City Cem.

Survivors: wife; 3 daughters, Patricia, Colleen and Susan; 2 sons, Michael and Nicholas; his mother, Central City; 3 brothers - Clayton of Fullerton, Gary of Grand Island and Dean of Archer; and 4 sisters - Mrs. Don (Delores) Faulhaber of North Platte, Mrs. Dolend (Phyllis) Swanson of Eagle, and Mrs. Jack (Carol) Hahn of Lincoln.

Preceded in death by his father and a brother, Norman.

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13 Oct 1989 (Fri.): GI Independent

**Marie Matilda Retzlaff, 92**

Born 21 Feb. 1897, Platte County, NE. Parents: William & Amanda Luschen Hake. "In 1912 the family moved to the Archer ...".

Married 29 Sep. 1920, Archer, NE to George Retzlaff. "They farmed in the Palmer area ...".  
Resided: 1947, Archer; 1954, Sidney. NE; 1960, Central City, NE.  
Member of the United Methodist Church, and United Methodist Women.  
Died Thurs. 12 Oct 1989, Central City, NE. Visitation: Sun. Solt Funeral Home, Central City.  
Service: Mon. United Methodist Church, Central City. Burial: Central City Cemetery  
Survivors: Husband; son, Bud Retzlaff of Anchorage, Alaska; 2 dau, Lucille Rudolph of Central City and Mrs. Herbert (Loretta) Foreman of Monticello, Ind.; 4 sisters, Anna Kunnemann and Hulda Kuppinger, both of Hammond, Ind., Alma Kamper of Grand Island and Minnie Buckalou of Texas; 1 brother, Henry Hake of Highland, Ind.; 4 gch. and 4 g-gch.  
Preceded in death by 3 brothers and 2 sisters.

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1992

2 Jun 1992 (Tues.): Grand Island Independent

**HARVEY GUSTAF RUDOLF, 85**

Born 27 Jan 1907, Archer, N. Parents: Emil and Anna (Wildt) Rudolf.  
Member of Archer Evangelical Community Center.  
Died Sat. 30 May 1992, Central City, NE.  
Services: Tues. Solt Funeral Home in Central City. Burial: Archer Evangelical Community Cemetery.  
Survivor: Sister, Emma Rudolf of Central City.  
Memorials: Archer Evangelical Community Church.

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19 Sep 1992 (Sun.): Grand Island Independent

**Anna Spink**

Born 27 Feb 1892, Archer, NE Parents: Fredrick and Augusta (Rudolph) Gilmont.  
Died - Wed., Jan. 15, at the Jennie Melham Hospital, Broken Bow.  
Services: Mon. at the Livingston-Sondermann Chapel. Burial: West Lawn Memorial Park Cemetery, Grand Island.  
Married Ed Spink in Grand Island; lived in Grand Island.  
Moved to Broken Bow eight years ago due to ill health.  
Member of the Christian faith.  
Survivors: a granddaughter, Norma (Mrs. Wendall) Weakly-Roos, Greeley, Colo.; & a sister, Ella (Mrs. Lee) Hawkins, Peetz, CO.  
Preceded in death by her husband; a daughter, Geraldine Weakley; a brother, a sister, two half-brothers, two half-sisters.  
Memorials are suggested to the family

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1993

24 Apr 1993 (Sat): GI Independent

**WINIFRED H. PETERSON, 91**

Born 14 April 1902, Central City, NE. Parents: Henry & Augusta (Rudolf) Boehl. Lived at Archer. Married 16 Nov 1921, Grand Island, NE - Carl Peterson. Resided in Central City, moved to Grand Island in 1965.

"Mr. Peterson died on March 20, 1980. Mrs. Peterson then resided in Aurora."

She died Thurs 22 Apr 1993, Aurora, (Hamilton Co.) NE. Visitation: Mon. Apfel-Butler-Geddes Funeral Home. Graveside service: Tues. Westlawn Memorial Park Cemetery, Grand Island, NE.

Survivors: A son, Douglas Peterson of Aurora; sister, Mabel Nelson of Jacksonville, FL.

Preceded in death by her husband, 3 brothers and 4 sisters.

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1994

3 Feb 1994 (Thurs.): Grand Island Independent

**PEARL E. FREELAND, 89**

Born 26 Dec 1904, Merrick Co., NE. Parents: Jerome I. and Laura (Adams) Peck

Married 23 Dec 1926, Central City, NE - to Edward Charles Freeland.

Member of First Christian Church.

Died 31 Jan 1994, Central City, NE

Service: Thurs. Solt Funeral Home, Central City. Burial: Bureau Cemetery at Pierce Chapel.

Survivors: Son, Robert Freeland of Central City; sister, Mildred Lorange of Wood River; 4 gch; 8 g-gch, & 1 g-g-grandson.

Preceded in death by her husband; sister, Evelyn Freeland; 2 brothers, Carmine and Orville Peck.

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NOTE: Have found this surname as Freeland also.

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2 Mar 1994 (Wed.): Grand Island Independent

**George F. Retzlaff, 93**

Born 25 April 1900, near Archer, NE. Parents: August & Bertha (Rudolf) Retzlaff.

Married 29 Sep 1920 to Marie Hake. "... farmed in Palmer before moving to Archer where they lived for several years."

Resided: 1954, Sidney, NE; 1960: Central City, NE; 1991: Community Care of Central City

Member of the Archer Zion United Methodist Church.

"He was the 1993 Resident of the Year for Bethesda Care Center and was the 1994 Valentine King at the

Community Care Center."

Died Tues. 1 March, Central City. Visitation: Fri. Solt Funeral Home, Central City.

Service: Sat. at same place. Burial: Central City Cemetery.

Survivors: son, Delbert "Bud" of Anchorage, Alaska; 2 daughters, Lucille Rudolf and Loretta Foreman of Central City; 4 gch and 4 g-gch; sister, Martha Retzlaff of Central City.

Preceded in death by his wife in (1989); 3 brothers, Henry, William and Charlie; and 4 sisters, Mary Wegner, Minnie Wegner, Anna Wegner and Lydia Bonness.

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NOTE: Mother listed as Bertha Rudolf but according to research should have been Anna.

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12 Aug 1994 (Fri.): GI Independent p11

### **Lena Campbell, 99**

Born 17 May 1895, in Merrick County, NE. Parents: William and Mary (Rudolf) Glause. Lived in Palmer area.

Married 24 Dec 1914, Burwell, NE - Walter Campbell. "They farmed in Nance, Merrick and Polk counties".

1952: Moved to Stromsburg (Polk Co, NE). Worked as nurse's aide and cook.

Member: Methodist Church in Stromsburg.

Died Tues. 9 Aug., Stromsburg, NE. Visitation: Thurs., Greenway-Palmer Funeral Home, Palmer, NE.

Service: Fri. at the Funeral Home. Burial: Rose Hill Cemetery, Palmer.

Survivors: Daughter, Mahala Koehn of Cheyenne, Wyo.; 4 gch; 6 g-gch; and 8 gg-gch.

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Grand Island Independent - Sat. 6 Dec 1997

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Born 28 Jun 1913, Pattonsburg, MO. Parents: W. C. Woodring & Lucy Dannar. Grad. of Aurora HS (Hamilton Co.) NE. 19 Sep 1937: Married Mildred I. Van Pelt at Aurora, NE. WW II: US Army. 1991: Moved to Central City, NE. Died Thurs. 4 Dec 1997 at Central City. Service: Sat. Solt Funeral Home, Central City. Burial: Central City Cemetery. Survivors: A daughter & a son; 7 gch., 4 g-gch. Predeceased by his wife (10 May 1993).

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 9 Dec 1997

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Notes: Sister - Christina Wait is buried at Bureau Cemetery (Pierce Chapel), near Clarks, Merrick Co., NE. Brother - Vernon Luft died in 2005 and was buried at Fullerton Cemetery (Nance Co.)

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 9 Dec 1997

**L. Clark CALEY, 64**

Born 26 Jan 1933, Springfield, NE. Parents: Clifford R. Caley & Eva E. Clark. 1950 grad. of Springfield HS. 1954 grad. UNL. Aug 1955: Married. Lived in Lincoln, NE & Greeley, CO. Served in US Army. Returned to banking business at Alamosa, CO. 1961: Moved to Clarks, NE. Mar 1988: Married a second time. Mr. Caley died Sat. 6 Dec 1997 at Grand Island, NE. Visitation: Wed. Solt Funeral Home, Central City, NE. Service: Thurs. at United Methodist Church, Clarks. Burial in Clarks, Cem. Survivors: His wife, a son, a daughter, 5 gch.; 2 sisters. Predeceased by his parents.

Grand Island Independent- Tues. 9 Dec 1997

**Richard L. "Dick" CHURCH, 37**

Born: 16 Jun 1960, Osceola, NE. Parents: Harold Church & June Scott. 1978 grad. of Clarks HS. Attended Central Community College in Grand Island, NE. 16 Jun 1977: Married at Yankton, SD. Lived at Clarks until 1991, moved to Lexington. Died Sun. 7 Dec 1997 in accident near Lexington, NE. Service: Thurs. at St. Ann's Catholic Church, Lexington. Burial: Pierce Chapel near Clarks, NE (Bureau Cemetery). Arrangements: Reynolds-Love Funeral Home, Lexington. Survivors: His wife, a son, a daughter; his parents; a brother, 2 sisters.

Grand Island Independent - Sun. 14 Dec 1997

**Lester Fred "Jack" BARTH, 84**

Born: 4 Dec 1914, near Chapman, NE. Parents: Charles J. Barth & Cecil McPherson. Grew up at Palmer, NE. 20 Mar 1937: Married Edythe Butler at Grand Island, NE. Lived at Palmer. Farmer, mechanic, welder. Jan 1994: Moved to Elba, NE. Mr. Barth died Fri. 12 Dec 1997 at Grand Island, NE. Service: Mon., Greenway-Palmer Funeral Home. Burial: Rose Hill Cemetery. Survivors: One daughter, 2 gch., 1 g-gch.; a sister & a brother. Predeceased by his wife, an infant daughter; 2 sisters - Esther Husman & Opal Burkman. Note: See 1920 Fed. Census NE Viereggs Twp, Merrick, NE - ED163 p1A F2, (w/p); extracts of Rose Hill Cemetery.

Grand Island Independent - Sun. 14 Dec 1997

**Peter W. GRAUS, 82**

Born 29 Oct 1915, near Elba, NE. Parents: Mike Graus & Helen Szwaneek. Family moved to farm near St. Paul, NE. Farmer, REA employee, self-employed electrician, carpenter, plumber. Died Fri. 12 Dec 1997 at Palmer, NE. Service: Mon. Jacobsen Funeral Home, St. Paul. Burial: Elmwood Cemetery, St. Paul, NE. Survivors: 2 brothers, 3 sisters. Predeceased by 3 brothers - Benny, Frank & Ed Graus; a sister Kathryn

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Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 18 Dec 1997

**Edna Emilie WICHMANN, 92**

Born 9 Jan 1905 on farm east of Worms, NE. Parents: Wm. F. Bader & Marie Loeffelbein. 24 Mar 1926: Married William "Bill" Wichmann at Grand Island, NE. They farmed south of Palmer, NE. 1957: Moved to Grand Island, NE. She died Tues. 16 Dec 1997 at Palmer, NE. Service: Fri. Apfel-Butler-Geddes Funeral Home. Burial: Westlawn Memorial Park Cemetery, Grand Island. Survivors: A son, 2 daughters, 8 gch., 15 g-gch., 9 gg-gch. Predeceased by her husband; 4 brothers - Arnold, Alfred, Edgar & Martin Bader; a sister, Elvera Peters. Also deceased, a gch. & 2 g-gch.

Note: See History of Merrick Co., NE Vol II pp 136 (Boltz), 263 (Wichmann). Check Prairie Creek Twp - 1920 Fed. Census NE ED226 p4B D73 F73 (w/p) and 1930 Fed. Census NE ED61-12 p3a D54 F54

Grand Island Independent - Fri. 19 Dec 1997

**Harriet M. SCARBOROUGH, 67**

Born 10 Jan 1930, Kearney, NE. Parents: Ira Scarborough & Edith Ferris. Spent 25 years at Bethphage Home, Axtell, NE. 1990: Moved to Lakeview Nursing Home. Died Wed. 17 Dec 1997, Grand Island, NE. Service: Sat., Greenway-Palmer Funeral Home, Palmer, NE. Burial: Rose Hill Cemetery, Palmer. Survivors: Several cousins.

Note: see Rose Hill Cemetery extracts.

Grand Island Independent - Mon. 22 Dec 1997

**Wilma RUGE, 69**

Died Sun. 21 Dec 1997 at Central City, NE. Services pending at Solt Funeral Home, Central City. "More details will appear later."

Note: Did not find any additional info.

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 27 Dec 1997

**Victoria "Vickie" Baker, 23**

Born 28 May 1974, Columbus, NE. Parents: Daniel Baker & Sandra Prososki. 1992 grad. of Silver Creek HS. Worked in Schuyler. Died Thurs. 25 Dec 1997 at Columbus, NE. Service: Mon. at St. Lawrence Catholic Church, Silver Creek. Burial in church cemetery. Arrangements: McKown Funeral Home. Survivors: Her parents, 4 brothers. Also surviving, her maternal grandparents. Predeceased by her paternal grandparents: Gilbert & Victoria Baker.

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Pearl Freelend of Central City and Mildred Lorange of Grand Island; 15 gch, 17 g-gch.  
Preceded in death by her husband (20 Mar 1985), 2 brothers, and 1 granddaughter.

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1989

20 Feb 1989 (Mon.): Grand Island Independent

**Arthur F. Rudolf, 83**

Born Sept. 16, 1905, near Archer, NE. Parents: Carl and Emalia Ostrick Rudolf.  
Married Edna Zlomke 16 June 1930, St. Paul.



Died Sun. 19 Feb 1989, Central City, NE. Services: Wed. at the Zion United Methodist Church near Archer. Burial: Archer Evangelical Community Cemetery at Archer.

Farmer. Served on the school board. Member of the Archer Zion United Methodist Church. 1966: Moved to Central City.

Survived by his wife; one daughter, Mrs. LeWayne (Joyce) Medinger of Palmer; five grandchildren.

Memorials: Archer Zion United Methodist Church.

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10 May 1989: GI Independent

### **LeWAYNE KENNETH MEDINGER, 49**

Born 8 Nov. 1939, David City, (Butler Co.), NE. Parents: Leo and Caroline Zima Medinger.

Grew up in the Genoa-St. Edward area. 1964 moved to Central City, NE.

Married 12 Nov 1966, Central City, NE to Joyce Rudolf. 1968, they moved to farm near Archer.

Member of St. Michael's parish in Central City.

Died Mon. 8 Mar 1989 at home in Archer, NE. Solt Funeral Home, Central City in charge of arrangements.

Rosary: Wed. at St. Michael's Catholic Church, Central City. Service: Thurs. at the church. Burial: Central City Cem.

Survivors: wife; 3 daughters, Patricia, Colleen and Susan; 2 sons, Michael and Nicholas; his mother, Central City; 3 brothers - Clayton of Fullerton, Gary of Grand Island and Dean of Archer; and 4 sisters - Mrs. Don (Delores) Faulhaber of North Platte, Mrs. Dolend (Phyllis) Swanson of Eagle, and Mrs. Jack (Carol) Hahn of Lincoln.

Preceded in death by his father and a brother, Norman.

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13 Oct 1989 (Fri.): GI Independent

### **Marie Matilda Retzlaff, 92**

Born 21 Feb. 1897, Platte County, NE. Parents: William & Amanda Luschen Hake. "In 1912 the family moved to the Archer ...".

Married 29 Sep. 1920, Archer, NE to George Retzlaff. "They farmed in the Palmer area ...".

Resided: 1947, Archer; 1954, Sidney, NE; 1960, Central City, NE.

Member of the United Methodist Church, and United Methodist Women.

Died Thurs. 12 Oct 1989, Central City, NE. Visitation: Sun. Solt Funeral Home, Central City.

Service: Mon. United Methodist Church, Central City. Burial: Central City Cemetery

Survivors: Husband; son, Bud Retzlaff of Anchorage, Alaska; 2 dau, Lucille Rudolph of Central City and Mrs. Herbert (Loretta) Foreman of Monticello, Ind.; 4 sisters, Anna Kunnemann and Hulda Kuppinger, both of Hammond, Ind., Alma Kamper of Grand Island and Minnie Buckalou of Texas; 1 brother, Henry Hake of Highland, Ind.; 4 gch. and 4 g-gch.

Preceded in death by 3 brothers and 2 sisters.

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1992

2 Jun 1992 (Tues.): Grand Island Independent

**HARVEY GUSTAF RUDOLF, 85**

Born 27 Jan 1907, Archer, N. Parents: Emil and Anna (Wildt) Rudolf.  
Member of Archer Evangelical Community Center.  
Died Sat. 30 May 1992, Central City, NE.  
Services: Tues. Solt Funeral Home in Central City. Burial: Archer Evangelical Community Cemetery.  
Survivor: Sister, Emma Rudolf of Central City.  
Memorials: Archer Evangelical Community Church.

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19 Sep 1992 (Sun.): Grand Island Independent

**Anna Spink**

Born 27 Feb 1892, Archer, NE Parents: Fredrick and Augusta (Rudolph) Gilmont.  
Died - Wed., Jan. 15, at the Jennie Melham Hospital, Broken Bow.  
Services: Mon. at the Livingston-Sondermann Chapel. Burial: West Lawn Memorial Park Cemetery, Grand Island.  
Married Ed Spink in Grand Island; lived in Grand Island.  
Moved to Broken Bow eight years ago due to ill health.  
Member of the Christian faith.  
Survivors: a granddaughter, Norma (Mrs. Wendall) Weakly-Roos, Greeley, Colo.; & a sister, Ella (Mrs. Lee) Hawkins, Peetz, CO.  
Preceded in death by her husband; a daughter, Geraldine Weakley; a brother, a sister, two half-brothers, two half-sisters.  
Memorials are suggested to the family

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1993

24 Apr 1993 (Sat): GI Independent

**WINIFRED H. PETERSON, 91**

Born 14 April 1902, Central City, NE. Parents: Henry & Augusta (Rudolf) Boehl. Lived at Archer.  
Married 16 Nov 1921, Grand Island, NE - Carl Peterson. Resided in Central City, moved to Grand Island in 1965.  
"Mr. Peterson died on March 20, 1980. Mrs. Peterson then resided in Aurora."  
She died Thurs 22 Apr 1993, Aurora, (Hamilton Co.) NE. Visitation: Mon. Apfel-Butler-Geddes Funeral Home.  
Graveside service: Tues. Westlawn Memorial Park Cemetery, Grand Island, NE.

Survivors: A son, Douglas Peterson of Aurora; sister, Mabel Nelson of Jacksonville, FL.  
Preceded in death by her husband, 3 brothers and 4 sisters.

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1994

3 Feb 1994 (Thurs.): Grand Island Independent

**PEARL E. FREELAND, 89**

Born 26 Dec 1904, Merrick Co., NE. Parents: Jerome I. and Laura (Adams) Peck  
Married 23 Dec 1926, Central City, NE - to Edward Charles Freeland.  
Member of First Christian Church.  
Died 31 Jan 1994, Central City, NE  
Service: Thurs. Solt Funeral Home, Central City. Burial: Bureau Cemetery at Pierce Chapel.  
Survivors: Son, Robert Freeland of Central City; sister, Mildred Lorange of Wood River; 4 gch; 8 g-gch, & 1 g-g-grandson.  
Preceded in death by her husband; sister, Evelyn Freeland; 2 brothers, Carmine and Orville Peck.

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NOTE: Have found this surname as Freeland also.

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2 Mar 1994 (Wed.): Grand Island Independent

**George F. Retzlaff, 93**

Born 25 April 1900, near Archer, NE. Parents: August & Bertha (Rudolf) Retzlaff.  
Married 29 Sep 1920 to Marie Hake. "... farmed in Palmer before moving to Archer where they lived for several years."  
Resided: 1954, Sidney, NE; 1960: Central City, NE; 1991: Community Care of Central City  
Member of the Archer Zion United Methodist Church.  
"He was the 1993 Resident of the Year for Bethesda Care Center and was the 1994 Valentine King at the Community Care Center."  
Died Tues. 1 March, Central City. Visitation: Fri. Solt Funeral Home, Central City.  
Service: Sat. at same place. Burial: Central City Cemetery.  
Survivors: son, Delbert "Bud" of Anchorage, Alaska; 2 daughters, Lucille Rudolf and Loretta Foreman of Central City; 4 gch and 4 g-gch; sister, Martha Retzlaff of Central City.  
Preceded in death by his wife in (1989); 3 brothers, Henry, William and Charlie; and 4 sisters, Mary Wegner, Minnie Wegner, Anna Wegner and Lydia Bonness.

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NOTE: Mother listed as Bertha Rudolf but according to research should have been Anna.

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12 Aug 1994 (Fri.): GI Independent p11

### **Lena Campbell, 99**

Born 17 May 1895, in Merrick County, NE. Parents: William and Mary (Rudolf) Glause. Lived in Palmer area.  
Married 24 Dec 1914, Burwell, NE - Walter Campbell. "They farmed in Nance, Merrick and Polk counties".  
1952: Moved to Stromsburg (Polk Co, NE). Worked as nurse's aide and cook.  
Member: Methodist Church in Stromsburg.  
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Grand Island Independent - Sat. 6 Dec 1997

#### **Roy WOODRING, 84**

Born 28 Jun 1913, Pattonsburg, MO. Parents: W. C. Woodring & Lucy Dannar. Grad. of Aurora HS (Hamilton Co.) NE. 19 Sep 1937: Married Mildred I. Van Pelt at Aurora, NE. WW II: US Army. 1991: Moved to Central City, NE. Died Thurs. 4 Dec 1997 at Central City. Service: Sat. Solt Funeral Home, Central City. Burial: Central City Cemetery. Survivors: A daughter & a son; 7 gch., 4 g-gch. Predeceased by his wife (10 May 1993).

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 9 Dec 1997

**Josephine E. BREMER, 83** Born 4 Mar 1914 near Clarks, NE. Parents: George P. Luft & Ida T. Holtz. 15 Nov 1936: Married Elmer W. Bremer at Central City, NE; lived at Clarks, NE. 1938: Moved to Frohna, MO. 1948: Moved to farm near St. Edward (Boone Co.), NE. Died Sun. 7 Dec 1997, Grand Island, NE. Visitation: Tues. Levander Funeral Home, Albion, NE. Service: Wed. Zion Lutheran Church. Burial: Rose Hill Cemetery, Albion, NE. Survivors: 1 son & 2 daughters, 10 gch., 17 g-gch.; 3 brothers & 1 sister. Predeceased by her husband (1970); daughter JoAnn Hendrickson; 3 grandsons; 2 brothers - Lawrence & Phillip Luft; sister Christina Wait. Notes: Sister - Christina Wait is buried at Bureau Cemetery (Pierce Chapel), near Clarks, Merrick Co., NE. Brother - Vernon Luft died in 2005 and was buried at Fullerton Cemetery (Nance Co.)

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 9 Dec 1997

**L. Clark CALEY, 64**

Born 26 Jan 1933, Springfield, NE. Parents: Clifford R. Caley & Eva E. Clark. 1950 grad. of Springfield HS. 1954 grad. UNL. Aug 1955: Married. Lived in Lincoln, NE & Greeley, CO. Served in US Army. Returned to banking business at Alamosa, CO. 1961: Moved to Clarks, NE. Mar 1988: Married a second time. Mr. Caley died Sat. 6 Dec 1997 at Grand Island, NE. Visitation: Wed. Solt Funeral Home, Central City, NE. Service: Thurs. at United Methodist Church, Clarks. Burial in Clarks, Cem. Survivors: His wife, a son, a daughter, 5 gch.; 2 sisters. Predeceased by his parents.

Grand Island Independent- Tues. 9 Dec 1997

**Richard L. "Dick" CHURCH, 37**

Born: 16 Jun 1960, Osceola, NE. Parents: Harold Church & June Scott. 1978 grad. of Clarks HS. Attended Central Community College in Grand Island, NE. 16 Jun 1977: Married at Yankton, SD. Lived at Clarks until 1991, moved to Lexington. Died Sun. 7 Dec 1997 in accident near Lexington, NE. Service: Thurs. at St. Ann's Catholic Church, Lexington. Burial: Pierce Chapel near Clarks, NE (Bureau Cemetery). Arrangements: Reynolds-Love Funeral Home, Lexington. Survivors: His wife, a son, a daughter; his parents; a brother, 2 sisters.

Grand Island Independent - Sun. 14 Dec 1997

**Lester Fred "Jack" BARTH, 84**

Born: 4 Dec 1914, near Chapman, NE. Parents: Charles J. Barth & Cecil McPherson. Grew up at Palmer, NE. 20 Mar 1937: Married Edythe Butler at Grand Island, NE. Lived at Palmer. Farmer, mechanic, welder. Jan 1994: Moved to Elba, NE. Mr. Barth died Fri. 12 Dec 1997 at Grand Island, NE. Service: Mon., Greenway-Palmer Funeral Home. Burial: Rose Hill Cemetery. Survivors: One daughter, 2 gch., 1 g-gch.; a sister & a brother. Predeceased by his wife, an infant daughter; 2 sisters - Esther Husman & Opal Burkman. Note: See 1920 Fed. Census NE Vieregg Twp, Merrick, NE - ED163 p1A F2, (w/p); extracts of Rose Hill Cemetery.

Grand Island Independent - Sun. 14 Dec 1997

**Peter W. GRAUS, 82**

Born 29 Oct 1915, near Elba, NE. Parents: Mike Graus & Helen Szwaneck. Family moved to farm near St. Paul, NE. Farmer, REA employee, self-employed electrician, carpenter, plumber. Died Fri. 12 Dec 1997 at Palmer, NE. Service: Mon. Jacobsen Funeral Home, St. Paul. Burial: Elmwood Cemetery, St. Paul, NE. Survivors: 2 brothers, 3 sisters. Predeceased by 3 brothers - Benny, Frank & Ed Graus; a sister Kathryn Cochenour.

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 18 Dec 1997

**Edna Emilie WICHMANN, 92**

Born 9 Jan 1905 on farm east of Worms, NE. Parents: Wm. F. Bader & Marie Loeffelbein. 24 Mar 1926: Married William "Bill" Wichmann at Grand Island, NE. They farmed south of Palmer, NE. 1957: Moved to Grand Island, NE. She died Tues. 16 Dec 1997 at Palmer, NE. Service: Fri. Apfel-Butler-Geddes Funeral Home. Burial: Westlawn Memorial Park Cemetery, Grand Island. Survivors: A son, 2 daughters, 8 gch., 15 g-gch., 9 gg-gch. Predeceased by her husband; 4 brothers - Arnold, Alfred, Edgar & Martin Bader; a sister, Elvera Peters. Also deceased, a gch. & 2 g-gch.

Note: See History of Merrick Co., NE Vol II pp 136 (Boltz), 263 (Wichmann). Check Prairie Creek Twp - 1920 Fed. Census NE ED226 p4B D73 F73 (w/p) and 1930 Fed. Census NE ED61-12 p3a D54 F54

Grand Island Independent - Fri. 19 Dec 1997

**Harriet M. SCARBOROUGH, 67**

Born 10 Jan 1930, Kearney, NE. Parents: Ira Scarborough & Edith Ferris. Spent 25 years at Bethphage Home, Axtell, NE. 1990: Moved to Lakeview Nursing Home. Died Wed. 17 Dec 1997, Grand Island, NE. Service: Sat., Greenway-Palmer Funeral Home, Palmer, NE. Burial: Rose Hill Cemetery, Palmer. Survivors: Several cousins.

Note: see Rose Hill Cemetery extracts.

Grand Island Independent - Mon. 22 Dec 1997

**Wilma RUGE, 69**

Died Sun. 21 Dec 1997 at Central City, NE. Services pending at Solt Funeral Home, Central City. "More details will appear later."

Note: Did not find any additional info.

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 27 Dec 1997

**Victoria "Vickie" Baker, 23**

Born 28 May 1974, Columbus, NE. Parents: Daniel Baker & Sandra Prososki. 1992 grad. of Silver Creek HS. Worked in Schuyler. Died Thurs. 25 Dec 1997 at Columbus, NE. Service: Mon. at St. Lawrence Catholic Church, Silver Creek. Burial in church cemetery. Arrangements: McKown Funeral Home. Survivors: Her parents, 4 brothers. Also surviving, her maternal grandparents. Predeceased by her paternal grandparents: Gilbert & Victoria Baker.

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Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 8 Jan 1998

**Velma Elaine BOROVIK, 73**

Born 14 Dec 1924 Woodward, OK. Parents: Asas J. Ennis and Emma T. Goyen. Grad. Wheatland HS, WY. 6 May 1934: married Clarence R. Borovik at Gering, NE. Following husband's discharge they lived at Columbus, NE and then at Clarks, NE. Clarence died 13 Apr 1990. Mrs. Borovik died Mon., 5 Jan 1998 at home. Service Fri., St. Peter's Catholic Church, Clarks, NE. Arrangements: Solt Funeral Home, Central City. Survivors: 3 daughters, 4 sons, 15 gch., 5 g-gch.; 2 sisters. Predeceased by her husband and a brother.

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 13 Jan 1998

**Neal HARTFORD, 92**

Born 1 Feb 1905, "Hartford Homestead", near Palmer, NE. Parents: Cornelius Hartford and Nellie Washburn. Attended school in Howard County. 5 Jul 1926: Married at St. Libory, NE to Agnes Mary Fay. Farmed near Central City, NE. Died Sat., 10 Jan 1998, Aurora, NE. Service: Tues., Solt Funeral Home, Central City, NE. Burial: Rose Hill Cemetery, Palmer, NE. Survivors: 1 son, 4 gch., 14-g-gch.; 3 sisters. Predeceased by wife, one grandson; 2 sisters Margaret DeMoss and Edith Horn; 2 brothers: Raymond and Gerald Lee (infant) Hartford.

Note: see History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I pp 220-1; 1930 Fed. Census Mead Twp, Merrick, NE - ED61-10 p2a D36 F36.

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 14 Jan 1998



**Harold F. JOSEPH, 87**

Born 22 Aug 1910, Polk County, NE. Parents: Henry Joseph and Nellie Schlapler. 1920: family moved to Palmer, NE. WW II: US Army. 15 Aug 1942: married Marie at Petaluma, CA. After war they farmed at Palmer and he worked other jobs. 1995: moved to Grand Island, NE. Died Tues. 13 Jan 1998, Grand Island, NE. Visitation: Wed., Greenway-Palmer Funeral Home, in Palmer, NE. Service: Thurs., First Presbyterian Church, St. Paul, NE. Burial: Rose Hill Cemetery, Palmer, NE. Survivors: wife, 3 daughters, 3 gch., 2 g-gch. Predeceased by 2 brothers: Lloyd and Herbert Joseph.  
Note: see 1930 Fed. Census - Loup Twp., Merrick, NE ED61-9 p5b

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 15 Jan 1998

**Clara HUEBNER, 86**

Born 10 Jun 1911, Merrick Co., NE. Parents: Mads Sorgenfrei and Hansine Smidth. Family lived at Dannebrog (Howard Co.), and Grand Island, NE. 1928 grad. GHS. 10 Oct 1931: married Donald Huebner at Columbus, NE. They lived at Alda, NE. Mr. Huebner died 15 Nov 1995. Mrs. Huebner died Tues. 13 Jan 1998 at Alda, NE. Service: Fri., Apfel-Butler-Geddes Funeral Home. Burial: Westlawn Memorial Park Cemetery, Grand Island, NE. Survivors: 2 sons, 3 gch., 3 g-gch.; a sister.  
Note: see 1920 Fed. Census Prairie Island Twp, Merrick Co, NE - ED154 p3a D008 F008

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 15 Jan 1998

**Donna L. IRWIN, 60**

Born 8 Feb 1937, Lincoln, NE. Parent; Evelyn Gillham. Raised by mother & step-father Paul Magnuson in Merrick County, NE. Grad. Grand Island HS. 1955: married James Grandon at Wichita, KS. Jul 1960: married Robert Irwin at Grand Island, NE. Died Tues. 13 Jan 1998, Grand Island, NE. Visitation: Thurs., Apfel-Butler-Geddes Funeral Home. Service: Fri. at Trinity United Methodist Church's Gollaher Chapel. Burial: Westlawn Memorial Park Cemetery. Survivors: 2 sons, 3 daughters, 17 gch., 1 g-gch.; 2 brothers. Predeceased by her step-father.  
Note: see History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I p280 (PE Magnuson)

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 15 Jan 1998

**Victor John JONES Sr., 63**

Born 25 Jan 1934, Columbus, NE. Parents: Kenneth Jones and Sophia Seberger. Attended school in Hamilton County. 15 Aug 1954: married Carol at Aurora, NE. They lived at Aurora, and later at Twin Lakes near Central City, NE. Business owner. Died Wed. 14 Jan 1998 at Central City, NE. Visitation: Fri., Higby Mortuary, Aurora, NE. Service: Sat., Aurora First Christian Church. Burial: Aurora Cemetery. Survivors: wife, 2 sons, 2 daughters, 9 gch., 4 g-gch.; his step-mother, a brother and 3 sisters. Predeceased by his parents.

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 15 Jan 1998

**Jon Lyndon SCHLONDORF, 37**

Born 14 Jan 1961, Central City, NE. Parents: Robert E. & Vernetta L. Kingsley. 1979 grad. Clarks HS. Farmer. Died Wed. 14 Jan 1998 at Clarks, NE. Service: Fri., Solt Funeral Home, Central City, NE. Burial: Clarks Cemetery. Survivors: his father, 2 brothers, 2 sisters, 2 grandmothers. Predeceased by his mother & 2 grandfathers: Henry Schlondorf and William Kingsley.  
Note: see History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I p352 (Schlondorf)

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 15 Jan 1998

**Marie M. WIECK, 85**

Born 26 Jul 1912, on farm west of Western, NE. Parents: Ernest Schoenbeck and Lena Jordening. Attended school at Tobias (Saline Co.) and grad. from Western HS. Attended UNL. Teacher (taught at Worms, NE). 26 Feb 1942: married Oscar Wieck at Tobias. They farmed near Worms. Mr. Wieck died 15 Apr 1970. Mrs. Wieck continued to live on the farm, worked in Palmer, NE. She died Wed. 14 Jan 1998, at Palmer, NE. Service: Fri., Zion Lutheran Church, Worms. Burial: church cemetery. Arrangements: Peters Funeral Home, St. Paul, NE. Survivors: 2 sons, 4 gch., etc.; a sister and a brother. Predeceased by her

husband, an infant son; a sister Lucille Meyer, and 3 brothers - Henry, Arthur, & Ted Schoenbeck.

Grand Island Independent: Sat. 17 Jan 1998

**Arthur B. BURKHARDT, 90**

Born 25 Apr 1907, Howard County, NE. Parents: Bruno Burkhardt and Whilimina Kruse. 1 Oct 1934: married Elsie Zlomke. They farmed west of Palmer, NE. 1944: moved to Lambert Ranch near Palmer. Elsie died 18 Dec 1967. About 1993, he moved to Coolidge Nursing Home at Palmer. Died Thurs., at Palmer, NE. Visitation: Sun., Greenway-Palmer Funeral Home, Palmer, NE. Service: Mon., St. John's Lutheran Church. Burial: Rose Hill Cemetery, Palmer, NE. Survivors: 4 daughters, 5 sons, 27 gch., 25 g-gch. Predeceased by 4 gch.; 4 brothers - Richard, Hugo, Harry and Fred; a sister Clara Eckstrom. Note: see cemetery extracts for Rose Hill Cemetery.

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 20 Jan 1998

**Gerald H. "Jerry" WITT, 56**

Born 16 Jul 1941, Bloomfield, NE. Parents: Herbert Witt and Hazel Steffen. Grad. of Niobrara HS. 1962-64: US Army. 12 Jun 1964: married Judy at Lindy, NE. Died Sat. 17 Jan 1998, Chapman, NE. Service: Sat. at Messiah Lutheran Church, Grand Island, NE. Arrangements: Kleine Funeral Home, Grand Island. Survivors: wife, 2 sons; his mother, a sister, a brother and a stepsister. Predeceased by his father, stepfather Melvin Bourn, and stepsister Janice Steinbach. Note: no burial place stated.

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 22 Jan 1998

**Bernice GETTKO, 89**

Born in Chapman, NE. Parents: Lewis Powell and Minnie Dye. Grew up in Central City, NE. Resident of Des Moines, IA for 40 years. Died 15 Jan 1998 at Pleasant Hill, Iowa. Service: Mon., Iles Grandview Park Funeral Home, Des Moines, IA. Burial: Chapel Hill Cemetery. Survivors: 2 daughters, a son, a sister. Note: see 1920 Fed. Census NE - Lone Tree Twp, Merrick Co. ED157 p3A D55 F55. Her husband was John Gettko.

Grand Island Independent - Fri. 23 Jan 1998

**Bob "Rudy" CHURCH, 43**

Born 8 Oct 1954, Clarks, NE. Parents: Jack Church & Elva Schmid. 1972 grad. Clarks HS. 30 Jun 1973: married Peggy. They lived near or in Clarks, NE. Farmer, truck driver. Died Wed. 21 Jan 1998 at Central City, NE. Service: Sat., United Methodist Church, Clarks. Burial: Pierce Chapel Cemetery near Clarks, NE. Survivors: wife, a son, a daughter, a sister. Predeceased by his father, his grandfather Walter T. Church; his grandparents Delora & George Schmid.

Grand Island Independent - Fri. 23 Jan 1998

**Virgil KNOX, 89**

Born 9 Nov 1908 at Alda, NE. Parents: Wesley J. Knox and Ella Mae Shipton. 3 Jun 1932: married Dolores at Grand Island, NE. Employee of UPRR. Died 21 Jan 1998, Grand Island, Hall, NE. Service: Mon., Livingston-Sondermann Funeral Home. Burial: Grand Island City Cemetery. Survivors: wife, a daughter, 2 gch.; a brother and a sister. Predeceased by daughter Marilyn Waggoner (died 1968), 2 brothers: Cecil and Bethuel Knox; 3 sisters: Ruth Knox, Erma Blair and Luella Seilbach. Memorials: St. Pauls Lutheran Church or St. Francis Medical Center. Note: see Merrick Co Marriage Record Book I p639 #I-639

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 24 Jan 1998

**Mildred L. WAGNER, 90**

Born 19 Aug 1907, Wood River, NE. Parents: Warren Jacobus and Clara Quisenberry. Teacher. Died Thurs., 22 Jan 1998 at York, NE. Memorial service: Fri., Metz Chapel, York, NE. Private burial at Grand Island City Cemetery. Survivors: a daughter, 8 gch., 10 g-gch. Predeceased by her husband, a son; a brother & 2 sisters.

Note: She married Erwin Wagner 18 Dec 1929 - see Merrick Co Marriage Records, Bk I, page 451. See also - 1930 census, Prairie Creek Twp, Merrick Co, NE ED61-12 p3b D70 F65.

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 27 Jan 1998

**James F. CLARKE, 90**

Died Sun. 25 Jan 1998. Service: Thurs., St. Michael's Catholic Church, Central City, NE. Burial: Central City Cemetery. Arrangements: Solt Funeral Home. Survivors: his wife Myrtle, a daughter, 4 sons, 15 gch., 3 g-gch. Memorials: Clarke Recreation Fund, in care of Merrick Manor.

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 28 Jan 1998

**Glenn Snyder WAGNER, 96**

Born 11 Sep 1911, Snyder, NE. Parents: August & Johanna Wagner. Grew up on farm near Central City, NE. 1934-57: US Navy. Died 20 Jan 1998, Bellingham, WA. Visitation: Wed. & Thurs., Jerns Funeral Chapel, Bellingham. Service: Fri., Greenacres Memorial Park. Survivors: his wife Mina, 2 daughters, a stepdaughter, 2 stepsons, 14 gch., 21 g-gch; a brother and 3 sisters.

Note: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I p 394 (Wagner); 1920 Fed. Census NE ED157 p4B D89 F89: Lone Tree Twp, Merrick, NE and 1930 Fed. Census NE ED61-7 p3b D64 F66: Lone Tree Twp, Merrick, NE (w/p)

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 29 Jan 1998

**Leroy Harry NELSON, 98**

Born near Stark, NE. Parents: J.W. Nelson and Mathilda K. Rydson. Attended school in Hamilton Co, NE. 10 Oct 1970: married Ella Husmann. They farmed the homeplace. 1988: They moved to Hordville, NE. 1992: moved to Central City, NE. Mrs. Nelson died in 1996. Mr. Nelson died Wed. 28 Jan 1998, Central City, NE. Service: Fri. at Solt Funeral Home, Central City. Burial: Lindale Cemetery near Hordville. Survivors: a niece and a nephew. Predeceased by his wife, 3 sisters & a brother.

Note: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I p 242. For his first marriage, see Merrick County Marriage Records Book I p225 #I-225. For Ella's first marriage see History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I p242 (Husmann).

Grand Island Independent - Fri. 30 Jan 1998

**Leona R. HOLM, 87**

Born 21 Feb 1910, Elm Creek, NE. Parents: William Shrack and Laura Steele. 1928 grad. Elm Creek HS. 1935 grad. Kearney State College. Teacher. 24 Dec 1937: married Floyd E. Holm. 1943: they moved to Holm family farm near Litchfield, NE. Mr. Holm died in 1982. Mrs. Holm lived at Grand Island, and then Central City, NE. Died Wed. 28 Jan 1998, Central City, NE. Service: Sat. at United Methodist Church, Litchfield. Burial: Litchfield Cemetery. Arrangements: Rasmussen Mortuary, Ravenna, NE. Survivors: a daughter, 2 sons, 13 gch., 14 g-gch. Predeceased by her husband, 3 brothers & 3 sisters.

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Grand Island Independent - Sun. 1 Feb 1998

**Judy E. MEYER, 44**

Born 15 Dec 1953, Atlanta, NE. Parents: James W. & Lilly M. Tatum. Family lived at Kansas City, MO, Chicago, IL and Grand Island. 1971: grad of GISH. 12 Jun 1971: married Dennis Meyer at Grand Island. They lived at Ord, then Grand Island; after 1987, at Central City, NE. Mrs. Meyer died Sat. 31 Jan 1998 at Central City, NE. Visitation: Mon., Solt Funeral Home. Service: Tues., St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Central City. Burial: CC Cemetery. Survivors: husband, 2 sons, 2 daughters, 3 gch.; her mother, a brother & a sister. Her father is deceased.

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 3 Feb 1998

**Carol Fern OSBORNE, 63**

Born 28 Apr 1934, Friend, NE. Parents: Clarence E. Chase and Fern E. Brewer. Grad. of Friend HS.

Moved to Crete, NE. 23 May 1953: married Arthur LaVerne Osborne. They lived near Friend; then moved to Aurora, NE. Later lived at Chapman, NE. Following husband death 1 Jan 1990, she moved to Grand Island, NE. Mrs. Osborne died Sun. 1 Feb 1998 at home. Service: Wed., Solt Funeral Home, Central City. Burial: Chapman Cemetery. Survivors: 4 sons, 6 daughters, 24 gch., 6 g-gch.; 4 brothers and 5 sisters. Predeceased by her husband, and her brothers Delbert & Loren Chase.  
Note: see extracts for Chapman Cemetery.

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 4 Feb 1998

**Robert F. HARRIS, 71**

Born 1 Aug 1926, Omaha, NE. 7 Oct 1950: married Coletta at Central City, NE. Died Sun. 1 Feb 1998 at Cheyenne, WY. Service: Thurs., Holy Trinity Catholic Church, Cheyenne. Burial: Olivet Cemetery, Cheyenne, WY. Arrangements: Schrader Funeral Home. Survivors: wife, 4 sons, 2 daughters, 6 gch.; a brother & a sister. Predeceased by sister Joyce Jorgensen. Memorials: Hospice of United Medical Center East, Cheyenne, WY.

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 11 Feb 1998

**Myrtle L. HASSEL, 93**

Born 21 Dec 1904, Hordville, NE. Parents: Henry Jones and Josephine Benson. 7 Sep 1936: married Harry A. Hassel at Central City, NE. Died Sat., 7 Feb 1998 at Thornton, CO. Graveside service: Wed. at Grand Island City Cemetery. Arrangements: Olinger Highland Mortuary of Thornton, CO. Survivors: 2 sons, 5 gch., 4 g-gch.; 2 sisters. Predeceased by her husband.

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 11 Feb 1998

**Augusta L. TYLER, 95**

Born 5 Jan 1903, Greeley Co., NE. Parents: Gustav Wagner and Inez Lee. 1909: Family moved near Aurora, NE; 1911: Family moved to her grandparents farm near Chapman, NE. Attended Chapman and Central City High Schools. Teacher. 30 Jun 1935: Married George E. Tyler at Grand Island, NE. They moved to Cheyenne, WY. Mrs. Tyler died Sun. 9 Feb 1998 at Cheyenne. Service: Wed. at First United Methodist Church, Cheyenne, WY. Visitation: Thurs. at Apfel-Butler-Geddes Funeral Home, Grand Island, NE. Graveside service: Fri. at Grand Island City Cemetery. Survivors: 3 sisters. Predeceased by husband (25 Nov 1995), 3 sisters & a brother.

See extracts of siblings obits - 14 Mar 2001 - Grand Island Independent obit of sister Dorothy; 30 Jul 2005 - Grand Island Independent obit of sister Emma; 12 Jun 2006 - Grand Island Independent obit of sister Hazel.

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 12 Feb 1998

**Don Francis SHOUP, 74**

Born 6 Mar 1923, Pawnee City, NE. Parents: Vernon Shoup and Hannah Rinne. 1941 grad. CCHS. Worked elsewhere, then returned to Hordville, NE. 26 Mar 1994: Married Darleen Larsen at Hordville, NE. They farmed in that area. 1987: moved to Central City, NE. Died Tues. 10 Feb 1998, Grand Island, NE. Visitation: Thurs., Solt Funeral Home, Central City. Service: Fri., Fridhem Lutheran Church, Hordville. Burial: Hordville Cemetery. Survivors: 2 sons, 3 daughters, 12 gch., 3 g-gch.; 2 brothers (one is his twin). Predeceased by his wife (died 1994), an infant daughter Tammy Shoup; brother Norman Shoup and 2 sisters: Luella Curtis and an infant.

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 14 Feb 1998

**Sharon K. SCHLEICHARDT, 56**

Born 9 Sep 1941, Juniata, NE. Parents: Ken Sample and Helen Bachman. 9 Oct 1972: married Gene Schleichardt at Hastings, NE. They lived at Grand Island until 1980; moved to Chapman, NE. Sharon died Wed. 11 Feb 1998 at home. Service: Mon., Kleine Funeral Home. Burial: Grand Island City Cemetery. Survivors: husband, a son, a daughter, 3 gch. Also surviving: her father & 3 brothers. Predeceased: her mother and a brother Ron Sample.

Grand Island Independent - Sun. 15 Feb 1998

**Larry R. FORBES, 47**

Born 17 Dec 1950, Palmer, NE. Parents: Robert & Wynona Forbes. 1969 grad. Fullerton HS. 1973 grad. UNL. 27 Aug 1988: married Marcia at Fullerton, NE. They ranched near Palmer, NE. Died Fri. 13 Feb 1998, Grand Island, NE. Visitation: Mon., Palmer Funeral Home, Palmer, NE. Service: Tues. at Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church (Krakow). Burial: Rose Hill Cemetery, Palmer, NE. Survivors: wife, a son, a daughter; his parents, 2 sisters.

Note: see Fullerton's 1st 100 Years, 1879-1979 pp 111 (Russell-Forbes), 120 (Hamilton & Forbes); extracts of Rose Hills Cemetery.

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 19 Feb 1998

**Clara D. SEIM, 105**

Born 12 Jul 1892, Litchfield, NE. Parents: Adolph Giesenhagen and Wilhelmina Roby. About 1894, her mother died and she lived with relatives for 3 years. Grew up in Hall County. 14 May 1913: married John Seim at Grand Island, NE. They farmed in Merrick County, near Chapman and then south of Worms. 1960: She moved to Grand Island, NE. Died Tues. 17 Feb 1998, Grand Island, NE. Visitation: Fri. at Apfel-Butler-Geddes Funeral Home, Grand Island. Service: Sat. at St. Pauls Lutheran Church. Burial: Zion Lutheran Cemetery, Worms, NE. Survivors: 2 sons and a daughter, 16 gch., 34 g-gch., 9 gg-gch. Predeceased by her husband (died 1958), a son Donald; 4 sisters and 6 brothers.

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 21 Feb 1998

**Lloyd "Dale" Perkins, 76**

Born 2 Nov 1921, Lindsay, NE. Parents: Lloyd Dwight Perkins and Edna Dortha Dalbey. Attended school in Polk and Butler Counties. WW II: US Army. 1 Oct 1942: married Marcella at Aurora, NE. They later lived in Bradshaw, NE. 1959: moved to Central City, NE. Died Thurs., 19 Feb 1998 at Central City, NE. Service: Mon., United Methodist Church, Central City, NE. Burial: Bradshaw Cemetery. Arrangements: Solt Funeral Home, Central City. Survivors: wife, 2 sons, 2 daughters, 13 gch., 3 g-gch. Predeceased by 5 sisters: Ellen Gnauden, Etta Smith, Violet Hogendorn, Eva Perkins and Mary Perkins. Also deceased, brother Roy Perkins.

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 21 Feb 1998

**Orie E. STACK, 89**

Born 28 Jul 1908, Eagle, NE. Parents: Walter Stack and Ethel Jepsen. Family lived near Lincoln and Scottsbluff, NE. WW II: US Army. 27 Apr 1941: married Augusta Hanson. They lived at Central City & Chapman, then moved to a farm north of Hordville, NE. Returned to Chapman area in 1947. Died Thurs. 19 Feb 1998 at Veterans Affairs Medical Center. Service: Tues., Kleine Funeral Home, Grand Island, NE. Burial: Chapman Cemetery. Survivors: 3 sons, 2 daughters, 7 gch., 3 g-gch.. Predeceased by his wife (died 19 Apr 1993), sons Ray and Danny; a brother Walter and sisters: Elizabeth, Lois and Elsie. Note: see extracts for Chapman Cemetery.

Grand Island Independent - Mon. 23 Feb 1998

**Vera L. BONNESS, 84**

Born 4 Aug 1913, Wymore, NE. Parents: Frank Hicks and Pearl Holroyd. Family moved to St. Joseph, MO and later to Grand Island, NE. 21 Nov 1931: married Arthur H. Bonness, at Smith Center, KS. They lived in Archer, NE. 1942: moved to Grand Island, NE. 1996: moved to Lincoln, NE. Mrs. Bonness died Fri. 20 Feb 1998 at Hasting, NE. Visitation: Tues., Apfel-Butler-Geddes Funeral Home, Grand Island, NE. Service: Wed., Faith United Methodist Church, Grand Island, NE. Burial: Westlawn Memorial Park Cemetery. Survivors: husband, a son, 2 gch., 3 g-gch.; a brother, a sister. Predeceased by brothers Lavelle and Clifford Hicks.

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 24 Feb 1998

**Margaret Eilan WATSON, 81**

Born 4 Nov 1916, Palmer, NE. Parents: Charles Green and Grace Judson. Grad. from HS & college in California. 7 Nov 1950: married Kirby Watson. Worked in Orange Co., CA for 31 years. Mr. Watson died

Sep 1973. Mrs. Watson moved back to Palmer in 1996, and died there 20 Feb 1998. Private service will be held at Fullerton Cemetery. Survivor: a daughter, 3 gch.

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 26 Feb 1998

**Donna Louise ANDERSON, 36**

Born 29 Aug 1961, Albion, NE. Parents: Raymond & Clareen M. Prothman. 1979 grad. of Albion HS. 2 Aug 1980: Married Robert Anderson at Albion. 1987: Moved to Clarks, NE. Died Wed. 25 Feb 1998 at home. Service: Sat., St. Peter's Catholic Church, Clarks. Burial: Clarks Cemetery. Survivors: husband, 2 daughters; her parents, 2 brothers and 5 sisters. Also surviving, a grandmother. Predeceased by 2 sisters: Judy & Elaine Prothman. Also deceased - grandfather Tony Nienaber; and grandparents Albert & Pauline Prothman.

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 26 Feb 1998

**Viona HARVEY, 50**

Born 1 May 1947 on farm in Valley County, NE. Parents: Oliver Morgan and Roena Dunbar. 1965 grad. of Loup City HS. 2 Oct 1965: married Donald Harvey at Mira Valley Church. They lived near Grand Island, NE. Died Wed. 25 Feb 1998 at home. Service: Sat., Apfel-Butler-Geddes Funeral Home. Burial: Chapman Cemetery. Survivors: husband, a son, 2 daughters, 2 gch.; 5 brothers and 6 sisters. Predeceased by her parents, and a sister Marilyn.  
Note: see extracts of Chapman Cemetery.

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 28 Feb 1998

**Louie W. MULLER, 83**

Born 29 Sep 1914, Chapman, NE. 24 Mar 1942: married Lucille at Omaha, NE. They farmed, then moved to Grand Island, NE. Died Fri. 27 Feb 1998 at Grand Island. Service: Mon., Kleine Funeral Home. Burial: Westlawn Memorial Park Cemetery, Grand Island. Survivors: wife, 1 daughter, 2 gch; a sister. Predeceased by sister Ella Oberschulte.  
Note: see 1920 Fed. Census Chapman Twp, Merrick, NE - ED155 p4A D6 F6

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 28 Feb 1998

**Elizabeth Alida "Betty" NELSON, 84**

Born 7 Mar 1913, Grand Island, NE. Parents: A.J. Niemoth and Bertha Loescher. 1932 grad. Grand Island HS. 1 May 1935: married Ivan Arthur Nelson at Grand Island, NE. They farmed northwest of Central City. He died 14 Aug 1987. Mrs. Nelson died Wed. 25 Feb 1998 at Central City, NE. Service: Sat., Grace Lutheran Church, Central City. Burial: Central City Cemetery. Arrangements: Solt Funeral Home. Survivors: a daughter, a son, 6 gch., 5 g-gch; 2 sisters. Predeceased by her husband; 2 brothers: Fred & Gus Niemoth; 3 sisters: Laura Lakin, Minnie Rauert and Ella Schmaltz.  
Note: see History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I page 303.

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 28 Feb 1998

**Veda Mae SWEET, 96**

Born 1 Dec 1901, Webster County, NE. Parents: Jess Albert Pritts and Belle Mae Zeigler. 1920 grad. Guide Rock HS. Teacher. 22 May 1926: married Frank D. Sweet. They farmed north of Clarks. Mr. Sweet died 26 Mar 1971. Mrs. Sweet died Fri. 27 Feb 1998 at home. Visitation: Sun., Solt Funeral Home, Central City, NE. Service: Mon., Congregational Church, Clarks, NE. Burial: Clarks Cemetery. Survivors: 2 daughters, 8 gch., 19 g-gch, 1 gg-gch. Predeceased by her husband, and a sister Ulah Barnason.

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Grand Island Independent - Mon 2 Mar 1998

**H. Warren RICE, 71**

Born 18 Jan 1927, Palmer, NE. Parents: Harold Rice and Elizabeth Ivey. 1944 grad. Palmer HS. US Navy. 17 Dec 1950: Married Dorothy. 1955-59: publisher of Palmer Journal. Operations mgr. for Columbus

Telegram. 1973: moved to Columbus, OH "where he was director of management services for the affiliate office of Printing Industries of America." 1977-87: worked for Buckeye Letter Service; 1991: moved to Grand Island, NE. Died Sat. 28 Feb 1998, Lincoln, NE. Visitation: Mon. at Apfel-Butler-Geddes Funeral Home. Service: Tues., Gollaher Chapel, of Trinity United Methodist Church, Grand Island. Burial: Grand Island City Cemetery. Survivors: wife, a son, 2 daughters, 4 gch., 1 g-gch.; two sisters.

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 5 Mar 1998

**Norma Scott DADY, 68**

Born 31 Dec 1929, Central City, NE. Parents: Dr. Allen M. Scott and Dorothy Benton. 1948 grad CCHS. Teacher. 18 Dec 1959: Married Milan Dady at Central City, NE. They lived in MO, KY and VA. 1974: moved to Ralston, NE. Resident of La Vista, NE. Died 3 Mar 1998, Omaha, NE following heart attack and surgery. Memorial service: Fri., Faith Presbyterian Church, La Vista. Second Service: Tues. Solt Funeral Home, Central City (day originally Mon.; changed by weather). Burial: Central City Cemetery. Survivors: husband, 2 daughters, 2 gch.; one brother. Predeceased by brother Roy Benton Scott.

Note: see Who's Who in Nebraska pp 814 (Benton) & 818 (Scott)

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 5 Mar 1998

**James M. JENSEN, 56**

Born 19 Feb 1942, Onawa, IA. Parents: Harry Jensen and Dorothy Metcalf. 1960 grad. Onawa HS. About 1960-62: US Army. 15 Jun 1963: married Lorraine at Lincoln, NE. Engineer. 1971: moved to Grand Island, NE. 1989: moved to Chapman, NE. Died Wed. 4 Mar 1998, Chapman, NE. Visitation: Thurs. Livingston-Sondermann Funeral Home. Service: Fri. Messiah Lutheran church. Burial: Chapman Cemetery. Survivors: wife, 2 sons, a daughter, 7 gch.; his mother and 2 sisters. Predeceased by his father and an infant daughter.

Note: See extracts of Chapman Cemetery.

Grand Island Independent - Sun. 8 Mar 1998

**Gilbert M. SKOW, 88**

Born 12 May 1909, Clarks, NE. Parents: Rasmus Winter Soren Skow and Bessie A. Dahnauer. Attended CCHS. 26 May 1929: Married Ada Mae Campbell at Aurora, NE. They farmed, then moved to Central City. 1942: Moved to Gibbon, NE. He owned a filling station. Died Fri. 6 Mar 1998 at Kearney, NE. Visitation: Tues., Godberson Mortuary, Gibbon. Service: Wed. at Faith United Church. Burial: Riverside Cemetery, Gibbon. Survivors: wife, a son, a daughter, 5 gch., 2 g-gch.; a sister.

Note: See 1920 Fed. Census NE Merrick Co., Prairie Island Twp., ED154 p1B D17 F17 (w/ father). Wife died 8 Aug 2000.

Grand Island Independent - Mon. 9 Mar 1998

**Kenneth CONDELL, 60**

Born 4 Sep 1937 at Palmer, NE. Parents: Tom Condell and Esther Scarborough. 1955 grad. Palmer HS. Attended airline school in Kansas City. 25 Sep 1960: Married at West Lafayette, OH. Customer service agent at Chicago, IL and Lincoln, NE. Retired to Palmer, NE. Died Sat. 7 Mar 1998 at Palmer, NE. Service Tues. at Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church, St. Paul, NE. Burial: Rose Hill Cemetery, Palmer. Arrangements: Palmer Funeral Home, Palmer, NE. Survivors: wife, 2 sons, 1 daughter, 3 gch.; his parents, a brother, his twin sister.

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 10 Mar 1998

**Edwin John LUKASIEWICZ, 87**

Born 4 May 1910, Howard County, NE. Parents: Alois L. Lucasiewicz and Wanda Larkowski. 10 Apr 1940: married Lucile M. Matousek at St. Paul, NE. They lived near St. Paul, on a farm in Nance County, and then at Havens, NE. 1948: Moved to Central City, NE. Mr. Lukasiewicz died Mon. 9 Mar 1998, Central City. Visitation: Wed. at Solt Funeral Home, Central City. Service: Thurs. at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church, Grand Island, NE. Burial: Central City Cemetery. Survivors: a brother and a sister. Predeceased by wife (died 21 May 1989), sister Leona Wissbaum and an infant brother Arnold.

Grand Island Independent obit - Thurs. 12 Mar 1998

**Phyllis Onilee Greving, 87**

Born 17 Apr 1910, Merrick Co., NE. Parents: Edmund E. Smith and Anna M. Caldwell. 1927 grad. CCHS. Teacher. 1933: married Dr. Henry F. Greving. They lived in Central City. 1976: moved to Green Valley, AZ. Feb 1988: moved to Grand Island, NE. Died Tues. 10 Mar 1998, Grand Island, NE. Memorial service: Sat. at United Presbyterian Church, Central City. Arrangements: Solt Funeral Home, Central City. Survivors: husband, 2 daughters, 5 gch., 2 g-gch.; a brother. Predeceased by sister Rosina Floy McKenzie. Note: see History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I p368 (w/p); Who's Who in Nebraska Merrick page 816; 1920 Fed. Census NE Merrick Co., Lone Tree Twp. ED157 p4A D71 F71 (w/p)

Grand Island Independent -Thurs. 12 Mar 1998

**Carolyn Kay JACKSON, 48**

Born 15 Mar 1949, Central City, NE. Parents: Lawrence Barnes & Wilma Larsen. Family moved to Northboro, IA. 27 Dec 1968: Married Gary Jackson at Shenandoah, IA. Died Sun. 8 Mar 1998 at Northboro, IA. Visitation: Thurs. at Hackett Funeral Home. Service: Fri. at First United Methodist church, Shenandoah, IA. Survivors: husband, 2 daughters, 3 gch; her mother, a sister & a brother. Predeceased by her father.

Grand Island Independent - Mon. 16 Mar 1998

**Jason E. GRAY, 73**

Born 26 Mar 1924, York County, NE. Parents: Arthur Gray and Stella Rhoads. WW II: US Army. 4 Aug 1946: married Audrey at Cordova, NE. They moved to Silver Creek in 1960. Died Sat., 14 Mar 1998 at Central City, NE. Visitation: Mon., McKown Funeral Home, Silver Creek. Service: Tues. at United Methodist Church, Silver Creek, NE. Burial: Silver Creek Cemetery. Survivors: wife, 4 sons, 2 daughters, 13 gch., 3 g-gch.; a sister. predeceased by 3 brothers & an infant granddaughter.

Grand Island Independent - Fri. 20 Mar 1998

**Loretta I. MEYER, 81**

Born 8 Feb 1917, St. Edward, NE. Parents: Frank Campaign and Katherine Heltenberg. 1931 grad. St. Edward HS. Attended nurse's training school. 22 Aug 1938: married Fred Meyer at Fullerton, NE. Died Wed. 18 Mar 1998 at Genoa, NE. Visitation: Fri. McKown Funeral Home, Silver Creek, NE. Service: Sat. at United Methodist Church, Silver Creek, NE. Burial: Silver Creek Cemetery. Survivors: husband, a son, 2 daughters, 8 gch., 5 g-gch.; a brother & 3 sisters. Predeceased by 3 grandsons and two sisters: Jane Grosch and Vernie Harrington. Memorials: Loretta Meyer Nursing Scholarship Fund in care of the Farmer's State Bank in Silver Creek.

Grand Island Independent - Fri. 27 Mar 1998

**Timothy Ray HOFFMAN, 44**

Born 24 Nov 1953, Winner, SD. Parents: Ray Hoffman and Frances Kappelman. 1972 grad. Gregory HS. Married in 1973. Respiratory therapist. Resident of Palmer, NE. Died Tues. 24 Mar 1998 "in a car/truck accident on a rural road near St. Libory". Service: Sat. at Congregational Church in Gregory, SD. Burial: IOOF Cemetery, Gregory. Survivors: 3 children, his parents, 2 brothers. Predeceased by an infant sister.

Grand Island Independent - Fri. 27 Mar 1998

**Alice Duffy WILSON, 89**

Born 19 Apr 1908, McCool Junction, NE. Parents: Philip A. Duffy and Zola Edmunds. 1926 grad. CCHS (valedictorian). Taught piano and voice. 1932: married Olan K. "Bus" Wilson. 1943: moved to Park Ridge, IL. 1976: moved to Arizona. 1990: moved to Denver, CO. Died 26 Feb 1998 at Aurora, CO. Services held 2 Mar in Denver, CO. Burial: 18 Apr at Central City Cemetery, NE. Survivors: a son, a daughter, 3 gch.; a sister and a brother. Predeceased by her husband, infant son Terry Keith Wilson; and an infant brother. Note: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I p409 (JA Wilson); 1920 Fed. Census NE ED158 p19A D117 F124



Grand Island Independent - Mon. 30 Mar 1998

**Peggy NABITY, 64**

Born 8 Mar 1934, Nebraska City, NE. Parents: Fridolin Sand and Adeline Bischof. Grad. of HS in Nehawka, NE. 1956 grad. of UN. 20 Aug 1955: Married Ernest Nabity at Nebraska City, NE. They farmed near Chapman. She was an elementary school teacher. Died Sat. 28 Mar 1998, Chapman, NE. Service: Wed., St. Michael's Catholic Church, Central City. Burial: Central City Cemetery. Arrangements: Solt Funeral Home. Survivors: 5 sons, 4 daughters, 14 gch.; 2 brothers, 4 sisters. Predeceased by her husband (died 20 Apr 1996) and a daughter Beth Yvonne.

Note: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I pp 300-1

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Grand Island Independent - Wed. 1 Apr 1998

**Pearl Ruth LUSCHEI, 75**

Born 12 Mar 1923, Columbus, NE. Parents: Thomas C. and Martha Dilly Adams. 13 Sep 1943: married Edward Hilmer at Columbus, NE. Edward died 6 Nov 1946. 29 Mar 1947: married Armin Luschie at Central City, NE. Armin died 4 Jan 1976. Mrs. Luschei died Mon. 30 Mar 1998 at Central City. Service: Thurs: Solt Funeral Home, Central City. Burial: Shell Creek Baptist Cemetery near Columbus, NE. Survivors: 2 daughters, 2 sons, 9 gch., 8 g-gch.; five sisters. Predeceased by both husbands, a son Mervin Dale Luschei; 2 brothers - Bill & Don Adams.

Note: see History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I p203 (Garrett)

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 4 Apr 1998

**Josephine C. "Jo" ROUSH-MILLER**

Born 29 May 1903, Schuyler, NE. Parents: Joseph Peters and Elizabeth Vedder. Family moved about 1906 to Central City, NE. Attended school in Central City, and Grand Island Business College. 1 Oct 1924: married Orval Roush at Council Bluffs, IA. They lived at Shelton, NE. Mr. Roush died 13 Jun 1958. She married 26 May 1962 to August Muller. He died 9 Feb 1992. Mrs. Miller died Wed. 1 Apr 1998 at Grand Island, NE. Service: Mon., Apfel-Butler-Geddes Funeral Home. Burial: Grand Island City Cemetery. Survivors: 2 daughters, 3 sons, 17 gch., 29 g-gch. Predeceased by both husbands, and 5 brothers. Memorials: the Good Samaritan Center at Wood River or Trinity United Methodist Church.

Note: 1920 Fed. Census - Midland Twp, Merrick, NE ED161 p3B F23 (w/p)

**7 Apr 1998 (Tues): GI Independent**

**MARTHA M. RETZLAFF, 100**

Born 22 Oct. 1897, Archer NE. Parents: August and Bertha (Rudolf) Retzlaff.

"She lived with her parents until they died. She taught Sunday School and was the Sunday School Superintendent for the Evangelical United Brethren Church west of Archer." Employed as telephone operator and as kitchen helper. Retired in 1970s.

Died Mon., 6 Apr 1998, Central City, NE. Solt Funeral Home in charge. Service: Wed., Archer Zion United Methodist Church. Burial: Archer Zion Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to the family. Survivors: nieces and nephews. Preceded in death by 4 brothers, Henry, William, Charlie and George Retzlaff; 4 sisters, Mary, Minnie and Anna Wegner and Lydia Bonness.

Note: Obit submitted by Dona Hawk <fcdfhawk@cccusa.net> 4 Apr 2005.

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 8 Apr 1998

**Letha V. GIBSON, 85**

Born 21 Nov 1912, Palmer, NE. Parents: Jerome Tuttle and Mary Flint. 3 Jan 1928: married Aden Gibson at Grand Island, NE. They lived in St. Paul, NE. Died Sun. 5 Apr 1998, St. Paul, NE. Service: Sat. at Jacobsen Funeral Home, St. Paul. Burial: Elmwood Cemetery, St. Paul. Survivors: a son and two

daughters, 10 gch., 21 g-gch.; a sister and a brother. Predeceased by her husband, and a granddaughter. Also deceased - sister Blanche Earl; and 2 brothers, Emery and Theodore.

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 9 Apr 1998

**Donald Earl KING, 64**

Born 4 Jun 1933, Hamilton County, NE. Parents: Ralph W. King and Inez M. Farlee. Attended Merrick Co. schools. Worked at Larson Chevrolet in Central City, NE. Member of First Christian Church. Died Wed. 8 Apr 1998, at Central City. Service: Fri. at Solt Funeral Home. Burial: Central City Cemetery. Survived by a brother and a sister.

Grand Island Independent - Fri. 10 Apr 1998

**Glenn ALLINGTON, 94**

Born 17 Dec 1903, Carson City, IA. Parents: William Allington and Jennie Fisher. They moved to farm in Jewel Co., KS. 1922 grad. of HS in North Branch, KS. 12 Aug 1925: married Bessie at Burr Oak, KS. 1927: moved to farm near Fullerton, NE. Died Wed., 8 Apr 1998 at Central City, NE. Service: Sat., Palmer Funeral Home, Fullerton, NE. Burial: Fullerton Cemetery. Survivors: wife, 2 sons, 4 gch., 5 g-gch, 2 gg-gch.; a brother and 2 sisters. Predeceased by a grandson; 3 brothers - Clyde, Guy and Cecil; 3 sisters - Pearl Gibson, Mildred Sharman and Lela Swanson.

Note: see Fullerton's 1st 100 years 1879-1979 p101 (Fisher). Parents are buried at Fullerton Cemetery.

Grand Island Independent - Fri. 10 Apr 1998

**Ruth McKENNEY, 99**

Born 6 Nov 1898 on farm near Malcom, NE. Parents: William & Ellen McKenney. 1900: family moved to farm northwest of Palmer, NE. Grad. of CCHS. School teacher, missionary, minister. Had lived in Missouri, Kentucky and California. Member of Assembly of God Church. 1962: Returned to Palmer to care for her mother and an aunt. Died Wed., 8 Apr 1998 at Palmer, NE. Service: Sat. at Palmer Funeral Home. Burial: Rose Hill Cemetery. Predeceased by a brother & a sister.

Grand Island Independent - Fri. 10 Apr 1998

**Benton Calvin REEVES, 73**

Born 13 May 1924, Central City, NE. Parents: Charles Reeves and Susan May Price. 1943 grad. CCHS. 1945-46: US Navy. Farmer, carpenter. Died Thurs. 9 Apr 1998, Central City, NE. Graveside service: Sat. at Central City Cemetery. Survivors: a sister and 4 step-sisters. Predeceased by 3 brothers -Robert, Eric and Cleveland Reeves; a step-brother - Charles "Bub" Lindgreen.

Note: see History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I p333.

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 14 Apr 1998

**Eva Bernice DRUMMOND, 80**

Born 4 May 1917, Lyons (Burt Co.), NE. Parents: Samuel Case and Eva Marple. 1934 grad. of Oakland HS. Teacher. 15 Jun 1938: Married Eldon J. Drummond at Lyons, NE. They farmed near Lyons. 1951: Moved to Central City, NE. She died Sun. 12 Apr 1998, Central City, NE. Visitation: Tues., Solt Funeral Home, Central City. Service: Wed., Evangelical Free Church. Burial: Central City Cemetery. Survivors: Her husband, 3 sons, 6 gch., 14 g-gch.; 3 sisters, one brother. Predeceased by a grandson; 3 siblings - Robert, Floyd and Gertrude Case.

Note: Parents marriage - Washington Co. NE Marriage Record Bk 7 p20

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 14 Apr 1998

**Rose M. KULA, 41**

Born 28 Oct 1956, Genoa, NE. Parents: Louis Staniec and Helen Mecek. Grad. Silver Creek HS. 20 Jul 1979: married Edwin Kula. They lived at Silver Creek. Died Sun. 12 Apr 1998, Lincoln, NE. Service Wed., St. Lawrence Catholic Church, Silver Creek. Burial: church cemetery. Arrangements: McKown Funeral Home, Silver Creek, NE. Survivors: a daughter, 2 sons, her mother; 4 sisters and 2 brothers. Predeceased by her father.

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 15 Apr 1998

**Pearl PANNIER, 92**

Born 22 Nov 1905, Clarks, NE. Parents: Henry Sims and Rose Key. 1923 grad. Clarks HS. 1925: moved to Fremont, NE. 22 Jul 1927: married Wilmer Pannier. They farmed near Fremont. Died Mon. 13 Apr 1998, Fremont, NE. Service: Thurs., Ludvigsen Mortuary Chapel, Fremont. Burial: Ridge Cemetery. Methodist. Survivors: 2 brothers and a sister. Predeceased by her husband (died Jan 1978), 2 brothers and a sister. Note: See 1920 Fed. Census NE ED154 p2 D15 F15 - Central Twp, Merrick Co., NE. Sister - Frieda Reeves obit extract, Jan 2001.

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 16 Apr 1998

**Marilyn F. CARLSON, 49**

Born 17 Sep 1949, Los Angeles, CA. Parents: Richard P. Kelly and Faye A. Evans. 1958: family moved to Columbus, NE. 1966: grad. Columbus HS. Paralegal. 11 Jul 1997: married Greg Carlson. Found dead Mon. 13 Apr 1998, Grand Island, NE. Body to be cremated, no service planned. Arrangements: Solt Funeral Home, Central City, NE. Survivors: husband, a son, a daughter, her parents, 2 brothers and a sister.

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 16 Apr 1998

**Audra M. SHIVELY, 31**

Born 14 Feb 1967, Grand Island, NE. Parents: Duane Beed and Myrna Boardman. Family lived in Alda until 1979, moved to Fullerton, NE. 1985 grad. Fullerton HS. 15 Jun 1985: married Carl Shively at Fullerton, NE. They moved to Clarks in 1988. Died Mon. 13 Apr 1998 at Mayo Clinic, Rochester, MN. Visitation: Thurs., Palmer Funeral Home, Fullerton. Service: Fri., United Methodist Church, Fullerton. Burial: Pierce Chapel (Bureau Cemetery) near Clarks, NE. Survivors: husband, 2 sons; her parents, 2 sisters, 3 brothers, and two grandmothers. Predeceased by grandfathers Marvin Boardman and Charles Beed.

Note: See Bureau Cemetery (Pierce Chapel) extracts and photos.

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 16 Apr 1998

**Laura SUTKO, 87**

Born 20 Jun 1910, Duncan, NE. Parents: George Sutko and Anna Gembica. Died Tues. 14 Apr 1998, Central City, NE. Service: Fri., St. Lawrence Catholic Church, Silver Creek. Burial: church cemetery. Arrangements: McKown Funeral Home, Silver Creek. Survivors: 3 sisters. Predeceased by an infant sister, and brothers Adolph & Louis Sutko.

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 18 Apr 1998

**Lyal D. NICKEL, 72**

Born 31 Jan 1926, Archer, NE. Parents: Frank Nickel and Elsie Butt. Served in US Army. 15 Feb 1949: married Dorla Rodysill at Central City, NE. They moved to Crawford, NE, later farmed near Ashland, NE. Dorla Nickel died 27 Dec 1988. 20 Jan 1990: Mr. Nickel married Connie Gleason at St. Paul, NE. Mr. Nickel died Thurs. 16 Apr 1998, St. Paul, NE. Visitation: Sun., at Jacobsen Funeral Home. Service: Mon., United Methodist Church, St. Paul. Burial: Central City Cemetery. Survivors: wife, a son, 2 daughters. Predeceased by his first wife, brother Edgar and sister Mildred Dangler.

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 23 Apr 1998

**June E. GREEN, 89**

Born 27 Jun 1908, Chambers, NE. Parents: William Blake and Elzetta Gluckey. 1926 grad. Burwell HS. 19 Mar 1939: married Ray Green at Burwell. They moved to Oregon. 1945: returned to NE. Teacher. Resident of Palmer, NE. Died Tues. 21 Apr 1998 at St. Paul, NE. Visitation: Thurs., Palmer Funeral Home. Service: Fri., United Methodist Church, Palmer. Burial: Chambers Cemetery. Survivors: 3 sons, 4 gch, 5 g-gch; a sister. Predeceased by her husband, and 2 brothers - Closs and Raymond. Memorials: to the church.

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 25 Apr 1998

**Jeannette I. SMITH, 81**

Born 26 Mar 1917, Ringling, MT. Parents: James Shaw and Viola Bucklend. 1922: family moved to Palmer, NE. 28 Jul 1938: married Gordon Smith. They lived at Palmer until 1983. Died Wed. 22 Apr 1998, Grand Island, NE. Service: Mon. at Apfel-Butler-Geddes Funeral Home. Burial: Grand Island City Cem. Survivors: 5 gch., 2 g-gch. Predeceased by her husband (died 30 May 1996); son Michael Wayne Smith; twin brother, James Cook; brother Fred Cook.

Note: see History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I page 368. Her stepfather was Ben Cook.

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 28 Apr 1998

**Charles B. BOLLING, 74**

Born Central City, NE. Parents: Henry W. Bolling and Eva M. McMahon. Grad. CCHS. 1943-47: US Army. 1948: married Margaret B. Killham. They lived in Oregon, Nevada, Wyoming, Colorado and Arizona. Returned to Central City (about 1987?). Died Sat. 25 Apr 1998 at Grand Island, NE. Service: Wed., St. Michael's Catholic Church, Central City. Burial: Central City Cemetery. Arrangements: Solt Funeral Home. Survivors: a son, a step-daughter; 5 sisters. Predeceased by brother Phillip Bolling, and stepdaughter Karen Waznick.

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 28 Apr 1998

**Doris L. WIESEMAN, 79**

Born 21 Aug 1918, Osceola, NE. Parents: George Bush and Martha Wright. 1936 grad. Polk HS. 25 Mar 1939: married Glenn Wieseman at Central City, NE. They lived in Illinois, then farmed in Merrick County, NE. 1983: moved to Clarks, NE. Died Mon. 27 Apr 1998, Aurora, NE. Service: Thurs. at Kepner-Roberts Funeral Home, Osceola, NE. Burial: Osceola Cemetery. Survivors: husband, a daughter, 6 gch.; 2 sisters. Predeceased by sister Margaret Hewitt and brother John Edward Bush.

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 30 Apr 1998

**Virgil C. ZEGAR, 71**

Born 31 May 1926, Silver Creek, NE. Parents: Phillip Zegar and Anna Boro. Attended school in Nance County. 29 Aug 1950: married Shirley. Farmer. Died Wed. 29 Apr 1998, at Genoa, NE. Service Sat. at St. Lawrence Catholic Church, Silver Creek. Burial: church cemetery. Arrangements: McKown Funeral Home, Silver Creek. Survivors: wife, 3 daughters, one son, 12 gch.; 5 sisters, a half-brother. Predeceased by brother Henry Zegar.

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Grand Island Independent - Fri. 1 May 1998

**George H. DABERCO, 93**

Born 2 Apr 1905, Merrick Co., NE. Parents: Frank & Marie Daberco. Attended District 2 school. Lived in North Carolina; returned to live at Grand Island, NE. Died there, Wed., 29 Apr 1998. Visitation: Fri. Livingston-Sondermann Funeral Home. Graveside service: Fri., Grand Island City Cemetery. Predeceased by a brother Dave.

Note: For his family, see Marriage Records Book D p358 #1699: Central City, Merrick, NE; and 1920 Fed. Census NE ED163 p6B D122 F122: Vieregg Twp, Merrick, NE

Grand Island Independent - Mon. 4 May 1998

**William R. "Bill" KNIGHT, 70**

Born 12 Sep 1927, Chapman, NE. Parents: William & Mildred (Smith) Knight. Grad. of Chapman HS. US Army. 14 Dec 1947: married Dorothy at Grand Island, NE. Worked with father; then established Knight Bros. Inc. with brother Bud. Had a band for 30 years. Died Sat., 2 May 1998 at hospital in Grand Island, NE. Visitation: Tues., Solt Funeral Home. Service: Wed., Chapman Baptist Church. Burial: Chapman Cemetery. Survivors: wife, 3 sons, 4 daughter, 21 gch, 3 g-gch. Predeceased by his brother Andrew "Bud" and a sister June Vipperman.

Note: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I pp 260 (Knight), 368 (Smith); 1930 Fed. Census Chapman

Village, Merrick, NE ED61-3 p1a D7 F7 (w/p); Chapman Cemetery extracts

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 5 May 1998

**Henrietta "Mabel" McNEELY, 93**

Born 10 Mar 1905, Clarks, NE. Parents: C.B. "Det" & Lillian (Koeplin) Knowles. Grad. of Clarks HS. Attended Kearney State Teachers College. Married Vernon Bruning who died in Holstein, IA. She moved to Grand Island, NE with 2 daughters. 1941: Married Duree McNeely. Duree died 1990. Mrs. McNeely died Sun., 3 May 1998, Grand Island, NE. Graveside service: Tues., Grand Island City Cemetery. Arrangements: Livingston-Sondermann Funeral Home. Survivors: a daughter, 4 gch., 6 g-gch. Predeceased by 2 husbands; daughter Patricia Webb; a grandson; 2 brothers & 2 sisters. Note: See 1920 Fed. Census Clarks Village, Clarksville Twp, Merrick. NE ED156 p4A D94 F96 (w/p); 1930 Fed. Census Clarksville Twp, Merrick, NE ED61-6 p2a D34 F34; Dittmer Scrapbook page 44 (father's obit). Parents buried at Polk, Polk, NE. Daughter Joyce died in 2005.

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Wed. 6 May 1998

**Virgil "Logan" WILLITS, 30**

Born 5 Nov 1967, Cadillac, MI. Parents: Vance & Elena Willits. Grew up at Silver Creek, Madison and Genoa, NE. Served in NE National Guard. Died Mon., 4 May 1998 in accident at Grand Island, NE. Service: Fri., Apfel-Butler-Geddes Funeral Home. Burial: Clarks Cemetery. Survivors: his parents, 3 sisters, his Willits grandparents.

Grand Island Independent - Fri. 8 May 1998

**Pearl B. ANDERSON, 89**

Born 22 Aug 1908 at Scotia, NE. Parents: Joseph & Maggie (West) Bilyeu. 10 Jun 1931: Married Albert "Bus" Anderson. They lived in Overland, Kan., North Platte and Grand Island. Mr. Anderson died in 1983. Mrs. Anderson died Thurs., 7 May 1998 at Central City, Merrick, NE. Private service: Sat., Livingston-Sondermann Funeral Home. Grand Island. Burial: Westlawn Memorial Cemetery. Predeceased by her husband; 4 brothers, 1 sister.

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 9 May 1998

**Mary A. PLACKE, 87**

Born 10 Mar 1911, Central City, NE. Parents: Patrick E. & Mary Ann (Heaton) Powell. Grad. of Chapman HS. Attended NE Central College. Died Fri. 8 May 1998 at Grand Island, NE following auto accident near St. Libory, NE. Service: Mon., Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church. Burial: Westlawn Memorial Park Cemetery. Arrangements: Kleine Funeral Home. Survivors: a son, 12 gch., 5 g-gch. Predeceased by 2 daughters - Kathleen Whetstone and Patty Vejvoda. Also deceased - 2 brothers, John & Henry Powell. Note: Husband not named. See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I p322 (w/p); 1920 Fed. Census Lone Tree Twp, Merrick, NE ED157 p3B D60 F60 (w/p); 1930 Fed. Census Vieregg Twp, Merrick, NE ED61-16 p2B D37 F37 (w/p)

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 9 May 1998

**Harold F. SCARBOROUGH, 89**

Born 13 Feb. 1909 in Howard Co., NE. Parents: Charles & Ida (Stone) Scarborough. 24 May 1939: Married Beulah at St. Paul, NE. They farmed in Gage Valley area; then moved to farm in Merrick County. 1974: Retired to St. Paul. Died Fri., 8 May 1998 at St. Paul. Service: Mon., United Methodist Church, St. Paul. Burial: Rose Hill Cemetery, Palmer, NE. Survivors: wife, a son, 3 gch.; a sister. Predeceased by 2 brothers - Clifford & Harry; 4 sisters - Esther Vincik, Viola Weber, Lottie DeMoss and Alverta Bader. See: History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I p348; Rose Hill Cemetery extracts

Grand Island Independent - Sun. 10 May 1998

**Clifford F. BARNES, 83**

Born 21 Jun 1914, Brazil Mills, NE. Parents: Carl & Grace (Johnson) Barnes. Attended CCHS. 19 Feb 1938:

Married Irene at Fairbury, NE. They farmed near Clarks. Died Fri., 8 May 1998 at Aurora, NE. Visitation: Sun., Solt Funeral Home, Central City. Service: Mon., United Methodist Church, Clarks. Burial: Pierce Chapel (Bureau) Cemetery near Clarks. Survivors: his wife; 3 sisters. Predeceased by 4 brothers - Lyle, Don, Lawrence & Faye (infant); a sister Mildred McClure.

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 13 May 1998

**Bernard Leslie Klawonn, 60**

Born 10 May 1938, Scottsbluff, NE. Parents: Arthur & J. Marie Klawonn. 1956 grad. of Marquette HS. Served in USAF. 18 Dec 1960: Married Lova at Worms, NE. They lived in Chicago, IL; California; Columbus & Elm Creek, NE; Tulsa, OK. Sep 1974: Moved to Aurora, NE. Mr. Klawonn died there Mon., 11 May 1998. Service: Thurs., Zion Lutheran Church, northeast of Hampton, NE. Burial: church cemetery. Survivors: his wife, 2 sons, 2 daughters, 5 gch.; his parents and a sister. Predeceased by an infant son, Timothy.

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 14 May 1998

**Bruce E. Cowgill, 82**

Born 23 Apr 1916, Clarks, NE. Parents: Barney Cowgill and Susan Ziegler. 1933 grad. Clarks HS. Attended UNL. Educator, administrator, insurance adjustor. 2 Jun 1940: married at Clarks, NE. Worked in Polk, Hamilton and Platte Counties. Resident of Silver Creek, NE. Died Wed. 13 May 1998 at Grand Island, NE. Visitation: Thurs. at McKown Funeral Home, Silver Creek. Service: Fri. at United Methodist Church. Burial: Silver Creek Cemetery. Survivors: wife, 3 sons, 11 gch.; a sister.

Grand Island Independent - Fri. 15 May 1998

**JoAnn Elizabeth Merrill, 65**

Born 5 Apr 1933, Wallace, NE. Parents: Newton & Margaret (Karp) Lenhart. Lived at Wray, CO until about 1937; family moved to McCook, NE. 1952 grad. of McCook HS. 15 Nov 1952: Married Jack C. Merrill at McCook. They lived in Dighton, KS, McCook, NE and Wood River, NE. 1973: Moved to Central City, NE. "She was deputy Merrick County assessor until retiring in 1995." Mrs. Merrill died Wed., 13 May 1998 at Grand Island, NE. Service: Sat., St. Michael's Catholic Church, Central City. Burial: Westlawn Memorial Park Cemetery, Grand Island, NE. Arrangements: Solt Funeral Home, Central City. Survivors: her husband, 3 daughters, a son, 10 gch., ...; 4 brothers. Predeceased by her parents.

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 28 May 1998

**Rexford Lee Ferris, 85**

Born 15 Mar 1913, Merrick Co., NE. Parents: Lee J. Ferris and Evaline A. Hathaway. 1931 grad. CCHS. Farmer. 9 Mar 1937: married Donna Severance. Volunteer for many civic activities. Died Tues. 26 May 1998 at home in Central City. Visitation: Thurs., Solt Funeral Home, Central City. Service: Fri., Fairview United Methodist Church (near town). Burial: Burke Cemetery. Survivors: wife, 3 sons, a daughter, 13 gch., 7 g-gch; two brothers, and two sister. Predeceased by "infant sister Mary Ferris and triplet siblings." See: History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I pp 190-1 (Ferris), 360 (Severance); 1920 Fed. Census NE ED161, Midland Twp, Merrick, NE - p3A F14 (w/p)

Grand Island Independent - Fri. 29 May 1998

**Marjorie Elizabeth Church, 86**

Born 16 Feb 1912, Clarks, NE. Parents: John Key and Meta Kokjer. 7 Dec 1929: married Leonard Church who worked for UPRR - they moved about. 1959: settled in Elm Creek, NE. Died Tues. 26 May 1998, Kearney, NE. Service: Sat., Solt Funeral Home Chapel, Central City. Burial: Pierce Chapel (Bureau Cemetery), near Clarks, NE. Survivors: her husband, a son and 2 daughters, 10 gch. & 10 g-gch.; a sister. See: History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I pp 153-4 (Church), 224-5 (Kokjer); and 1920 Fed. Census NE ED156 Clarksville Twp, Merrick, NE - p7B D23 F23. See also the cemetery extracts & photos.

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Grand Island Independent - Tues. 2 Jun 1998

**Ruby M. PLUMBTREE, 77**

Born 27 Jun 1920, Nance County, NE. Parents: Arvid Carlson and Edna Clites. Sept 1939: married Delmer Plumbtree at Central City, NE. They farmed near Belgrade. 1954: She moved to Palmer; owned a cafe. 1991: moved to Grand Island. Died Mon. 1 Jun 1998 at Grand Island, NE. Service: Thurs., Palmer Funeral Home, Palmer, NE. Burial: Rose Hill Cemetery. Survivors: a daughter, 2 gch., 4 g-gch. Predeceased by two brothers, Wayne and Robert Carlson.

Grand Island Independent - Sun. 7 June 1998

**Lena HANSEN, 98**

Born 26 Dec 1899, Platte Co., NE. Parents: Andrew Meyer and Marie Hugh. 21 Sep 1928: married William G. Hansen. They farmed at Silver Creek, NE. She later lived at Columbus, NE. Died Fri. 5 Jun 1998 at Osceola, NE. Service: Mon., McKown Funeral Home, Silver Creek, NE. Burial: Silver Creek Cemetery. Survivors: a daughter, 5 gch., 7 g-gch., 1 gg-gch; a brother and a sister. Predeceased by her husband, 2 gch., a brother & 2 sisters.

Grand Island Independent - Sun. 7 June 1998

**Shirley Ann MAXSON, 57**

Born 24 Aug 1940, Burwell, NE. Parents: James Arthur Mach and Libbie Ann Bartos. 1957 grad. Burwell HS. 31 Aug 1958: married Eldon Lee Maxson at Burwell, NE. Jan 1970: moved to Central City, NE. Died Fri. 5 Jun 1998, Central City, NE. Service: Mon. at Chapel of Solt Funeral Home. Burial: Central City Cemetery. Survivors: her husband, parents, a son, 2 daughters, 5 gch.; 2 brothers.

Grand Island Independent - Mon. 8 June 1998

**Janet HUMMEL, 61**

Born 14 Oct 1936, Central City, NE. Parents: Harold Ross and Mae Garbacz. 1954 grad. CCHS. 25 Feb 1956: married Douglas W. Johnson. They lived in Colorado, Iowa, and Lincoln, NE. Mr. Johnson died in 1987. 15 Sep 1989: she married John Hummel. They lived in Central City. Died Sun. 7 Jun 1998, Grand Island, Hall, NE. Visitation: Tues., Solt Funeral Home. Service: Wed. at United Presbyterian Church, Central City. Burial: Central City Cemetery. Survivors: her second husband, 3 daughters, 6 gch.; a sister, a stepson, 2 step-gch. Predeceased by her parents, first husband and a step-daughter, Gretchen Hummel.

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 10 June 1998

**Blanche HUDNALL, 99**

Born 18 Apr 1899 near Chapman, NE. Parents: Joshua C. Raser and Alma E. Bush. 1916 grad Chapman HS. 10 Nov 1920: married Ernest A. Hudnall. They farmed near Chapman. Died Tues. 9 Jun 1998, Grand Island, NE. Visitation: Thurs., Solt Funeral Home, Central City. Service: Fri., First Baptist Church, Chapman. Burial: Chapman Cemetery. Survivors: 3 daughters, 1 son, 13 gch., 28 g-gch. Predeceased by her husband (died 1982); 4 g-gch.; 5 brothers & 2 sisters.

Note: see History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I pp 241 (Hudnall), 253 (Jones), 327 (Raser); 1900 Fed. Census NE ED133 p2b D39 F39 - Chapman Twp, Merrick, NE (w/p); 1920 Fed. Census NE ED155 p7A D75 F76 - Chapman Twp, Merrick, NE (w/p); Marriage Records Book H p106 #3276; Chapman Cemetery extracts

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 11 June 1998

**Betty Jean CHURCHILL, 66**

Born 2 Jun 1932, Aurora, NE. Parents: Fred L. Andersen and Velma O. Clark. 1950 grad. Aurora HS. 6 Dec 1950: married Dwaine Dale Churchill at Hiawatha, KS. Died Tues.. 9 Jun 1998, Central City, NE (Bike/auto accident). Service: Fri., Solt Funeral Home, Central City. Burial: Elmwood Cemetery, St. Paul, NE. Survivors: her husband, a son, 2 daughters, 5 gch. Predeceased by a brother.

Grand Island Independent - Sun. 14 June 1998

**Levi JACKSON, 89**

Born 15 Apr 1909, Wheeler County, NE. Parents: Benjamin Jackson and Ida Fears. "He grew up at

Central City and was educated there." 6 Dec 1943: married Murlaine at Mankato, KS. They lived in Grand Island, NE. He died Thurs. 11 Jun 1998, Grand Island. Service Tues. at Apfel-Butler-Geddes Funeral Home. Burial: Westlawn Memorial Park Cemetery. Survivor: his wife. Predeceased by 13 siblings.

Grand Island Independent - Mon. 15 June 1998

**Joseph L. KRIHA, 86**

Born 14 Mar 1912, Buffalo Co., NE. Parents: John Kriha and Sophia Pokorney. 16 May 1936: married Mae E. Zimmerman at Central City, NE. They lived at Shelton, and then near Gibbon, NE. He died Sat. 13 Jun 1998, Kearney, NE. Visitation: Mon., Godberson Mortuary, Gibbon. Service: Tues. at Faith United Church. Burial: Riverside Cemetery, Gibbon, NE. Survivors: 5 sons, 1 daughter, 10 gch., 9 g-gch.; 3 sisters. Predeceased by his wife (died in 1992); 2 brothers and a grandson.

Grand Island Independent - Fri. 19 June 1998

**Ruth HODTWALKER, 74**

Born 3 Jun 1924, Merrick County, NE. Parents: Floyd & Ethel Tyler. 1941 grad. Chapman HS. 21 May 1942: married Kenneth R. Hodtwalker at Grand Island, NE. Lived in Grand Island while he was in US Army. 1945: farmed at Chapman, NE. Later moved to Grand Island. She died Tues. 16 Jun 1998, Grand Island, NE. Service: Sat. at Apfel-Butler-Geddes Funeral Home. Burial: Westlawn Memorial Park Cemetery. Survivors: 2 sons, 2 daughters, a foster son, 10 gch., 5 g-gch., 3 foster gch., 3 foster g-gch. Predeceased by husband (died 1992); and sister Marjorie. Memorials: YMCA. Note: see History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I page 388

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 27 June 1998

**Mary K. FRAHM, 98**

Born 10 Feb 1900, Hall County, NE. Parents: Henry Fredrick Frahm and Margaret Wilhelm. Grew up in Merrick County, NE. Housekeeper. Lutheran. Died Wed., 27 Jun 1998, Grand Island, NE. Service: Mon. at Kleine Funeral Home. Burial: Westlawn Memorial Park Cemetery. Survivors: a sister & a nephew. Predeceased by two brothers, Henry and Bill Frahm. Note: For her family see 1900 Fed. Census NE ED141 p4a D68 F68: Vieregg Twp, Merrick, NE; 1920 Fed. Census NE ED162 p8A D3 F3: Silver Creek Twp, Merrick, NE; 1930 Fed. Census NE ED61-15 p3b D70 F70: Silver Creek Twp, Merrick, NE. Her parents - Merrick Co. NE Marriage Records Book C p431 #1326; Chapman Cemetery extracts.

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 30 June 1998

**Esther Elizabeth BOELTS, 82**

Born 14 Dec 1915, Lincoln, NE. Parents: Philip Nagel and Elizabeth Weygant. 17 Aug 1941: married Hubert F. Boelts in Lincoln, NE. They farmed in Merrick County with exception of 2 years in Kansas. Mr. Boelts died in 1990. Mrs. Boelts died Sun. 28 Jun 1998, Central City, NE. Service: Wed., Solt Funeral Home, Central City. Burial: Central City Cemetery. Survivors: 2 sons, one daughter, 6 gch., 4 g-gch.; a sister. Predeceased by her husband; daughter Katherine A. Boelts; a brother & 2 sisters. Note: see History of Merrick Co., NE Vol II page 135

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 30 June 1998

**Roy Franklin "Skippy" HOBBS, 80**

Born 22 Oct 1917, Merrick Co., NE. Parents: Bert Hobbs and Anna Hence. 1935 grad. Fullerton HS. 24 Dec 1938: married Hannah at Central City, NE. They lived in Central City. 1983: retired from Osborne Plumbing. Died Sun. 28 Jun 1998, Central City, NE. Visitation: Wed., Solt Funeral Home, Central City. Service: Thurs. at United Methodist Church. Burial: Central City Cemetery. Survivors: wife, 3 gch., 8 g-gch.; a brother. Predeceased by daughter Sandra Warren, and a sister. Note: see 1920 Fed. Census NE ED167 p3A D65: Fullerton, Nance, NE; parent's marriage - Merrick County NE Marriage Book G p193 #2724

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Grand Island Independent - Sat. 4 Jul 1998

**Garland E. STEPHENSON, 70**

Born 9 Jun 1928, Central City, NE. Parents: Lewis Stephenson and Ruth Klinkman. 1946 grad. CCHS. 19 Aug 1948: married Patricia at Central City, NE. Newspaperman; owner of Republican-Nonpareil. 1991: Moved to Sun City, AZ. Methodist. Died Thurs., 2 Jul 1998 at hospital in Las Vegas, New Mexico. Service: Mon., Solt Funeral Home, Central City, NE. Burial: Central City Cemetery. Survivors: wife, 2 sons, a daughter, 7 gch., 6 g-gch.; a sister.

Note: see History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I p376 (Stephenson)

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 4 Jul 1998

**Clarence WINDFIELD, 92**

Born 17 Jun 1906, western Merrick Co., NE. Parents: Thomas Windfield and Lydia Wagner. 12 Apr 1928: married Hanna Helzer at Worms, NE. They farmed near Worms until 1943, moved to Alburnett, Iowa. Mrs. Windfield died in 1978. 22 Oct 1980: Clarence married a second time, in Bassett. Mr. Windfield died 27 Jun 1998 at home in Iowa. Service was Wed. at Cedar Memorial Chapel of Memories, Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Burial: Cedar Memorial Park Cemetery. Survivors: wife, a son, 2 daughters, 9 gch.; 2 brothers. Predeceased by his first wife, and 3 sisters - Lilly, Myrtle and Mabel.

Note: see History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I p409 (w/p); Compendium of History Reminiscence & Bio. of NE p437 (w/p); 1920 Fed. Census - Prairie Creek Twp, Merrick, NE ED226 p8A D138 F138 (w/p); Marriage Records Book I p324 #1-324; 1930 Fed. Census - Prairie Creek Twp, Merrick, NE ED61-12 p3b D72 F67

Grand Island Independent - Mon. 6 Jul 1998

**Joyce Marilyn "Jo" PURCHAL, 59**

Born 1 Oct 1938, Humphrey, NE. Parents: Rodney Ainsworth and Lillian Jasper. 1947: family moved to Madison, NE. 1957 grad. of Madison HS. 12 Oct 1960: married Joh F. Purchal at Platte Center, NE. They lived in Columbus and then Aurora, NE. 1970: moved to Central City, NE. Mrs. Purchal died Sat. 4 Jul 1998 at Central City. Service: Tues., St. Michael's Catholic church. Burial: Central City Cemetery. Survivors: husband, 2 daughters, 2 sons, 4 gch.; her mother; 4 brothers. Predeceased by a son Michael, her father, a brother Gerald Ainsworth.

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 8 Jul 1998

**Myron HARRIE, 79**

Born 12 May 1919, Chapman, NE. Parents: Fred Harrie Sr. and Marie Schroeder. Educated at Grand Island, NE. Farmed with parents near Omaha, NE. Caregiver for his parents. Lutheran. Died Sun. 5 Jul 1998 at Omaha, NE. Service: Fri., Kleine Funeral Home, Grand Island, NE. Burial: Grand Island City Cemetery. Survivors: 2 sisters. Predeceased by five brothers - Alvin, Walter, Irvin, Fred Jr. and Henry; 3 sisters - Lorraine, Elvira and Leona.

Grand Island Independent - Mon. 13 Jul 1998

**L.L. "Egg" HADDIX, 97**

Born 16 Oct 1900, Winside, NE. Parents: Calvin Haddix and Ella Purdy. Grew up on eastern edge of Custer Co.; graduated from 8th grade in Hall County. 1922: opened Specialty Shop in Central City, NE with Spangenburg; became sole owner the next year. Welder. 5 Aug 1925: married Helen Catherine Louise Neilsen. She died 21 Apr 1982. Jun 1985: married second to Elizabeth Nickel. They lived in Fullerton, NE. Ethel died 25 Feb 1995. He moved to Central City in 1994, and died there Fri. 10 Jul 1998. Service: Wed. at Solt Funeral Home chapel. Burial: Central City Cemetery. Survivors: 2 daughters, 5 gch., 9 g-gch.; 2 sisters. Predeceased by both wives and an infant daughter Jeanette Louise Haddix.

Note: See Who's Who in Nebraska (1940), Merrick County Chapter, page 816 (where his first name is given as "Lawrence").

Grand Island Independent - Mon. 13 Jul 1998

**Erma E. CLARK RANDALL, 88**

Born 1910, Polk Co., NE. Parents: Martin & Mabel Monson. The family moved to Fullerton, and then to

Clarks, NE. Dec 1931: married Earl Clark. They farmed, later moved to town. Earl died in 1964. She owned the Clarks Cafe. 1969: married Don Randall at Las Vegas, NV. He died in 1978. Mrs. Randall died Sat., 11 Jul 1998 at Grand Island, NE. Service: Mon., Solt funeral Home, Central City, NE. Survivors: 2 sons, a daughter, 8 gch., 4 g-gch. Predeceased by both husbands, 2 sons - Bobby Dean and Earl Eugene; 2 sisters - Goldie Kohlhof and Bertha Monson, 2 brothers - Harold & George Monson. Memorials: Clarks Community Endowment Fund or Clarks HS Endowment Fund.  
Note: see 1920 Fed. Census - Fullerton Twp, Nance, NE ED165 p9B D189 F195 (w/p)

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 15 Jul 1998

**Arthur H. NIEDFELT, 69**

Born 30 Nov 1928, Merrick Co., NE. Parents: August Niedfelt and Ella Eggers. 1952-53: US Army. Farmer. 4 Jan 1953: married Mary Lee at Grand Island, NE. Died Tues. 14 Jul 1998, Grand Island, NE. Visitation: Thurs., Livingston-Sondermann Funeral Home. Service: Fri. Messiah Lutheran Church. Burial: Grand Island City Cemetery. Survivors: wife, 3 daughters, 2 sons, 11 gch.; his mother, a brother and two sisters. Predeceased by his father and a grandson.  
Note: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I page 308 (w/p); 27 Aug 2003: Grand Island Independent obit of wife.

Grand Island Independent - Fri. 17 Jul 1998

**Jerald Allen KISER, 52**

Born near Archer, NE. Parents: Marvin & Aunilee Kiser. Attended CCHS. Died Wed., 15 Jul 1998 at Kansas City, MO. Cremation. Service will be in Tennessee. Survivors: mother, 2 sons; a brother & 3 sisters. Predeceased by his father.  
Note: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I pp 258-9 ; 18 Jan 2006: Grand Island Independent obit of mother.

Grand Island Independent - Sun. 19 Jul 1998

**Alphonse A. SOCK, 58**

Born 26 May 1940, Silver Creek, NE. Parents: Adam Sock and Mary Koziol. Died Fri., at hospital in Osceola, NE. Service: Tues., St. Lawrence Catholic Church, Silver Creek, NE. Burial: church cemetery. Arrangements: McKown Funeral Home, Silver Creek, NE. Survivors: 3 sisters and 2 brothers. His parents are deceased.

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 30 Jul 1998

**Iola F. MIETH, 88**

Born 13 Dec 1909, Hall Co., NE. Parents: Eugene & Lillian (Urwiller) Harris. 29 Sep 1927: Married Carl Mieth at Central City, NE. They farmed near Cairo, Ravenna, Loup City & Rockville, NE. Died Wed., 29 Jul 1998, Ravenna, NE. Visitation: Fri., Rasmussen Mortuary, Ravenna. Service: Sat., Congregational Church, Ravenna. Burial: Highland Park Cemetery, Ravenna. Survivors: her husband, a son, a daughter, 11 gch., 13 g-gch, 5 gg-gch.; one brother. Predeceased by 2 brothers, and a gch.  
Note: Husband's obit, 3 Feb 1999 in GI Independent.

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Grand Island Independent - Sun. 2 Aug 1998

**Leonard Richard CHURCH, 88**

Born 13 Mar 1910, near Clarks, NE. Parents: LeRoy Church and Mabel Branting. Attended Clarks HS. 7 Dec 1929: married Marjorie Key at Osceola, NE. Worked for UPRR. Resident of Elm Creek, NE. Died Fri., 31 Jul 1998 at Holdredge (sic), NE. Service: Tues., Solt Funeral Home, Central City, NE. Burial: Pierce Chapel (Bureau Cemetery) near Clarks. Survivors: a son, 2 daughters, 10 gch., 10 g-gch.; a brother and 3 sisters. Predeceased by his wife; 2 brothers: Russell and Cecil Church; 3 gch., 1 g-gch.  
Note: see 1920 Fed. Census Prairie Island Pct, Merrick, NE - ED154 p 3b D016 F016; and cemetery extracts.

Grand Island Independent - Sun. 2 Aug 1998

**George L. MEIER, 84**

Born 7 Feb 1914, Grand Island, NE. Parents: John & Anna (Lohman) Meier. 15 Apr 1941: Married Alma at Grand Island, NE. They farmed east of Grand Island. Died Thurs., 20 Jul 1998 at Grand Island. Visitation: Sun., Apfel-Butler-Geddes Funeral Home. Service: Mon., Trinity Lutheran Church. Burial: Westlawn Memorial Park Cemetery, Grand Island. Survivors: his wife, a son, 3 daughters, 6 gch.; 2 sisters. Predeceased by 5 brothers - Carl, William, Edward, Fred & Walter Meier; 3 sisters - Matilda Quandt, Emma Wiemer & Clara Klein.

Note: See 1920 Fed. Census NE ED163 p4A D68 F68: Vieregg Twp, Merrick, NE (w/p); and 1930 Fed. Census NE ED61-16 p4B D92 F92: Vieregg Twp, Merrick, N (w/p)

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 4 Aug 1998

**Elizabeth A MEYER, 95**

Born 9 Jun 1903, Norka, Russia. Parents: Peter Helzer and Margaret Dick. Family immigrated in 1906. Lived at Grand Island and Worms, NE. 24 Jun 1925: married William Meyer at Worms, NE. He died 9 Apr 1982. She moved to Palmer, NE. Died Sun. 2 Aug 1998 at Grand Island, NE. Visitation: Tues., Palmer Funeral Home. Service: Wed., Zion Lutheran Church, Worms. Burial: church cemetery. Survivors: a son, a daughter, 19 gch., 46 g-gch., 7 gg-gch. Predeceased by her husband and two sons - Eugene and Marlin Meyer.

Note: see 1920 Fed. Census Praire Creek Twp, Merrick, NE - ED226 p8A D143 F143

Grand Island Independent - Sun. 9 Aug 1998

**Katherine A. KANTER, 70**

Born 3 Nov 1927, Central City, NE. Parents: Otto Butt and Susanna Doncheske. 1946 grad. CCHS. 24 Jun 1951: Married Clarence Kanter at Central City. They farmed near Palmer. Died Fri. 7 Aug 1998, Omaha, NE. Visitation: Mon. at Palmer's Funeral Home, Palmer, NE. Service: Tues., St. John's Lutheran Church, Palmer, NE. Burial: Rose Hill Cemetery. Survivors: husband, 2 sons, 7 gch.; two sisters. Predeceased by brother Adolph Butt and 2 gch. Memorials: St. John's Lutheran Church Building Fund. Note: see History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I p145 (w/p); and extracts for Rose Hill Cemetery, Palmer, NE.

Grand Island Independent - Sun. 9 Aug 1998

**Reuben A. McINTOSH, 86**

Born 23 Mar 1912, Marquette, NE. Parents: Robert & Maggie M. (Decker) McIntosh. 20 Feb 1934: Married Mildred at Central City, NE. Worked for UPRR. Lived at Grand Island until 1949; moved to North Platte, NE. Died Sat., 8 Aug 1998 at North Platte. Visitation: Mon., Carpenter Memorial Chapel. Graveside service: Tues., North Platte Cemetery. Survivors: his wife, a son, 4 gch., 9 g-gch., 1 gg-gch; 2 brothers. Predeceased by 7 brothers - Orville, Joe, Fay, Ernest, Clyde, Guy and Forrest; 2 sisters, Ethel McIntosh & Verna Youngs.

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 11 Aug 1998

**Edward Armin BRUNS, 81**

Born 20 May 1916, Palmer, NE. Parents: William & Johanna (Seim) Bruns. WW II: US Army, 186th Infantry. Installed electric lines in NE, KS, WY, & CO. Married in 1950. Resident of Valentine (Cherry Co.), NE. Died Fri., 7 Aug at Valentine. Cremated; remains will go to Black Hills National Cemetery, Sturgis, SD. Survived by a son, a daughter, 5 gch.; 2 brother & 3 sisters. Predeceased by 2 brothers - Albert & William (infant) Bruns; a sister, Helen Bader.

Note: See 1920 Fed. Census NE ED226 p7A D126 F126: Prairie Creek Twp, Merrick, NE (w/p); 1930 Fed. Census NE ED61-12 p6a D131 F122: Prairie Creek Twp, Merrick, NE.

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 13 Aug 1998

**Charles William "Billy" LOUGHMILLER, 77**

Born 20 Dec 1920, Atlanta, GA. Parents: Frank D. & Catherine L. Loughmiller. Carpenter. Did not marry. Lived at Stone Mountain and Atlanta, GA. Died 18 Jul 1998 at Atlanta, GA. Graveside Service Sat.,

Chapman Cemetery, NE. Survivors: a sister & a brother. Predeceased by an infant sister.  
Note: See extracts for Chapman Cemetery.

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 19 Aug 1998

**Robert RUZICKA, 47**

Born 13 Apr 1951, Central City, NE. Parents: Louis & Mary (Kocian) Ruzicka. Grew up in Grand Island, NE. Served in US Marine Corps. 14 Dec 1985: Married June at Phillips (Hamilton Co.), NE. Died Sun., 16 Aug 1998 at Phillips. Service: Wed., Phillips United Methodist Church. Burial: Phillips Cemetery. Survivors: his wife, a son; 3 step-sons (surname Starkey), a step-daughter; 3 brothers and a sister. Predeceased by his parents.

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 20 Aug 1998

**Wanda Jean STEUBEN, 74**

Born 23 Mar 1924 near Central City, NE. Parents: Fred & Edith (Lawson) Galusha. 1941: Married Albert Steuben. They lived in Central City, NE. She later lived in Schuyler, Cozad & Lexington, NE. Died Tues., 18 Aug 1998 at Gothenburg, NE. Service: Sat., Berryman Funeral Home Chapel, Cozad. Burial: Central City Cemetery. Survivors: 2 sons, 4 daughters, 23 gch., 17 g-gch.; a brother & a sister. Predeceased by her husband; 2 sons - Fred and Tommy; 2 brothers - Bobby and Rex; and a sister, Maxine Leece. Memorials: Shriners' Children's Hospital.

Grand Island Independent - Sun. 30 Aug 1998

**Peter Walter DOWNS, 72**

Born 23 May 1926 near Tilden, NE. Parents: Elbert & Bertilla (Hoos) Down. Grew up at Crow Hollow near Neligh, NE. 1944-46: US Navy. 14 Feb 1947: Married Florence at Neligh, NE. They farmed near Tilden about 3 yrs; moved to Neligh. 1959: Moved to Central City, NE. He died Fri. 28 Aug 1998 at Grand Island, NE. Service: Mon., Solt Funeral Home, Central City. Burial at later date. Memorials: "Merrick Foundation for the community's children." Survivors: his wife, 3 sons, 2 daughters, 23 gch., 6 g-gch.; 3 sisters. Predeceased by infant triplets.

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Grand Island Independent - Mon. 7 Sep 1998

**William F. HEINS, 77**

Born 28 May 1912, Grand Island, NE. Parents: Edward & Wilhelmina (Loescher) Heins. Grad. of GISH. Worked for AT&T. WW II: US Army. 14 Jun 1946: Married at Eutaw, Alabama. Died Sat. 5 Sep 1998 at Grand Island. Service: Wed., Grand Island City Cemetery. Livingston-Sondermann Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Memorials - Messiah Lutheran Church. Survivors: his wife, 2 daughters, 2 sons, 10 gch., 7 g-gch. Predeceased by sister Evelyn McMullen.

Note: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I p231 (Heins); 1930 Fed. Census Vieregg Twp, Merrick, NE ED61-16 p2B D43 F43 (w/p)

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 8 Sep 1998

**Norman F. SCHLEICHARDT, 70**

Born 16 Jan 1928, Grand Island, NE. Parents: Fred & Alyce (Husman) Schleichardt. 1946 grad. of GISH. 11 Nov 1949: Married Lorraine. at Grand Island. Steamfitter. Died Sat., 5 Sep 1998 at medical center in Milwaukee. Service: Thurs., Livingston-Sondermann Funeral Home. Burial: Grand Island City Cemetery. Survivors: wife, a son, 2 daughters, 5 gch. Predeceased by brother Don.

Note: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I p242 (H Husmann)

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 10 Sep 1998

**Ruth Alice FISH, 89**

Born 20 Oct 1908 near Clarks, NE. Parents: John J. & Anna (Lumadue) Beck. 14 Feb 1932: Married Charles Fish at her family home place. They farmed near Clarks. Mr. Fish died in 1965. Mrs. Fish died Tues., 8 Sep 1998 at hospital in Central City, NE. Service: Fri., Solt Funeral Home, Central City. Burial:

Bureau Cemetery at Pierce Chapel (near Clarks). Survivors: nieces & nephews. Predeceased by her husband; 7 brothers - David, Raymond, Walter, Theodore, Albert, Frank and Leslie Beck; 3 sisters - Iva Branting, Zoe Beck and Lizzie Hansen.

Grand Island Independent - Sun. 13 Sep 1998

**Emma B. NICHOLAS, 86**

Born 9 Apr 1912, Nance County, NE. Parents: Clarence & Mina (Edwards) Clark. 1936: Married Raymond Hann. They moved to Kansas City. Mr. Hann died in 1945. She later moved to Broken Bow, NE; and then to Palmer, NE. 27 Feb 1977: Married Orville Nicholas at Palmer. She died Sat., 12 Sep 1998 at Grand Island, NE. Visitation: Mon., Palmer Funeral Home. Service: Tues., First Church of Christ, Palmer. Burial: Rose Hill Cemetery, Palmer. Survivors: her second husband; a daughter, 3 gch., 2 g-gch ...; a sister. Predeceased by her first husband; 3 sisters - Leota Collen, Edith Wilson, and Florence Cornish; 1 brother, Ralph C. Clark.

Grand Island Independent - Mon. 14 Sep 1998

**Edward C. BERST, 69**

Born 3 Dec 1928 Cushing, NE. Parents: Charles & Marie (Peterson) Berst. 1051-53: US Army medic. 25 Sep 1955: Married Charlotte at Palmer, NE. They lived in Grand Island, NE. He died Fri. 11 Sep 1998 at Grand Island. Visitation: Tues., Apfel-Butler-Geddes Funeral Home. Service: Wed., Messiah Lutheran Church. Burial: Westlawn Memorial Park Cemetery. Survivors: his wife, a son, 3 daughters, 14 gch., 4 g-gch.; 2 brothers & a sister. Predeceased by an infant sister.

Los Angeles Times pA20 - Wed 16 Sep 1998

**Jessie (Colborn) MORDAUNT**

Born 13 June 1908 in Palmer, NE. Died Sun, 13 Sep 1998 at her niece's home in La Habra, CA. Resident of Los Angeles 79 years. Married 54 years to Melrose Mordaunt who died in 1990. Survived by 2 sons & a daughter-in-law; a grandson; many other relatives & friends. Predeceased by her husband; & a daughter Lynne Mordaunt Nissar (29 Aug 1998). Memorial service: Fri. 18 Sep 1998, Little Church of the Flowers, Forest Lawn, Glendale, CA.

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 22 Sep 1998

**Margaret A. RUBESH, 67**

Born 4 Aug 1931, Palmer, NE. Parents: Bernard & Roberta (Stout) O'Hern. 1949 grad. of Palmer HS. 17 Sep 1965: Married Carroll Rubest at St. Paul, NE. They moved to Iowa in 1957; returned to Palmer, NE in 1966. She died Sat., 19 Sep 1998 at Kearney, NE. Visitation: Tues., Palmer Funeral Home in Palmer, NE. Service: Wed., Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church, St. Paul, NE. Burial: Rose Hill Cemetery, Palmer. Survivors: a son, 3 daughters, 5 gch.; a sister & 2 brothers. Predeceased by her husband; a son Tony; a sister Mary.

Note: See extracts for Rose Hill Cemetery.

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 24 Sep 1998

**Richard Leonard "Dick" GUSTAFSON, 72**

Born 4 May 1926, Polk, NE. Parents: Oscar & Beulah (Stevens) Gustafson. 1944 grad. of Polk HS. US Army. 9 Nov 1955: Married Deloris F. Steinke at Central City, NE. They lived at Central City, then moved to family farm near Hordville, NE. Mrs. Gustafson died in 1994. Mr. Gustafson died Tues., 22 Sep 1998 at Central City, NE. Visitation: Thurs., Solt Funeral Home, Central City. Service: Fri., First Baptist Church, Hordville. Burial: Central City Cemetery. Survivors: a son, a daughter, 8 gch. Predeceased by his wife; and a brother Roger Gustafson.

Note: See Our Polk Co. Heritage, p215 (WA Stevens)

Grand Island Independent - Sun. 27 Sep 1998

**Margaret NICHOLAS, 42**

Born 16 Dec 1955, Grand Island, NE. Parents: Robert & Helen Wegner. 1974 grad. of Palmer HS. 11

Dec 1976: Married Bob Nicholas at Palmer. They lived in Palmer & Archer area. She died Fri. 25 Sep 1998 at hospital in Central City, NE. Service: Monday, Palmer United Methodist Church. Burial: Rose Hill Cemetery. Arrangements: Palmer's Funeral Home of Palmer. Survivors: her husband, 3 daughters, her parents.

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 29 Sep 1998

**Harry Thomas MATTSON, 87**

Born 9 Dec 1910 Merrick Co., NE. Parents: Edward & Anna (Nelson) Mattson. 1930 grad. of CCHS. 14 Jun 1939: Married Connie at Chapman, NE. They farmed near Chapman. He died Sun., 27 Sep 1998 at Grand Island, NE. Visitation: Tues., Solt Funeral Home, Central City, NE. Service: Wed., Chapman Baptist Church. Burial: Chapman Cemetery. Survivors: his wife, 2 sons, 1 daughter, 4 gch., ...; 2 brothers. Predeceased by brother Joseph.

Note: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I pp 285 (E Mattson), 341 (Ruben-Hall-Mattson); Who's Who in Nebraska Merrick p 817 (w/p); Chapman Cemetery extracts; 1930 Fed. Census Lone Tree Twp, Merrick, NE ED61-7 p1b D19 F21 (w/p)

Grand Island Independent - Mon. 28 Sep 1998 and Tues. 29 Sep 1998

**Anna I. POLLOCK, 82**

Born 28 Feb 1916, Grand Island, NE. Parents: John Henry and Anna Irene (Lohmann) Meier. Attended school in Merrick & Hall Counties. 20 Oct 1937: Married Earl Pollock at Harbine, NE. They farmed in Hall County, NE. She died Sat. 26 Sep 1998 at Grand Island, NE. Visitation: Tues., Livingston-Sondermann Funeral Home. Service: Wed., Trinity Lutheran Church. Burial: Westlawn Memorial Park Cemetery. Survivors: husband Earl Pollock; a son, 3 daughters, 15 gch., 15 g-gch.; a sister in Illinois. Predeceased by 6 brothers - Carl, William, Walter, Fred, Edward & George; 3 sisters - Matilda Quandt, Emma Wiemer & Clara Klein.

Note: See 1920 Fed. Census Vieregg Twp, Merrick, NE ED163 p4A D68 F68 (w/p); and 1930 Fed. Census Vieregg Twp, Merrick, NE ED61-16 p4B D92 F92 (w/p)

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Grand Island Independent - Fri. 2 Oct 1998

**Herbert J. SCHUETT, 63**

Born 21 Jan 1935, Chapman, NE. Parents: Henry & Bertha (Kruse) Schuett. 1956-57: US Army. Resident of Chapman, NE. Employee of NE Dept. of Roads. Died Wed., 30 Sep 1998 at hospital in Central City, NE. Visitation: Fri., Apfel-Butler-Geddes Funeral Home, Grand Island. Service: Sat., Zion Lutheran Church, Worms, NE. Burial: Grand Island City Cemetery. Survivors: 2 brothers and a sister. Predeceased by his parents.

Note: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I p355.

Grand Island Independent - Sun. 4 Oct 1998

**Jean M. ITA, 80**

Born 29 Jan 1918, Archer, NE. Parents: Otto Leo & Rosa May (Paulard) Held. 1936 grad. of Archer HS. 1 Mar 1937: Married Clarence Ita at Archer, NE. They farmed in Garfield & Wheeler Counties. Died. Fri. 2 Oct 1998 at Grand Island, NE. Service: Mon., Livingston-Sondermann Funeral Home, Grand Island. Burial: Archer Cemetery. Survivors: a son, a daughter, 7 gch., 12 g-gch.; a brother. Predeceased by her husband; 7 brothers - Harold, Morris, Dale, Bob, Kenneth, Keith & Marvin; 3 sisters - Verna Rodysill, Ursula Young and Wilma Christianson.

Note: Mother's surname Pollard?

Grand Island Independent - Mon. 5 Oct 1998

**Melania "Mollie" KUBAS, 94**

Born 9 Apr 1904, Pilsno, NE. Parents: John & Katherine (Kontor) Lisko. Attended school in Polk Co., NE. 1 Sep 1931: Married Charles Kubas at Pilsno. They lived at Silver Creek, NE. Died Sun., 4 Oct 1998 at Central City, NE. Service: Tues., St. Lawrence Catholic Church, Silver Creek. Burial at St. Lawrence

Catholic Cemetery. Survivors: a son; 3 sisters. Predeceased by her husband; 3 brothers & 2 sisters.

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 6 Oct 1998

**Bonnie Lee CARLSON, 70**

Born 19 Mar 1928, Arnold, NE. Parents: Adolphus "Duff" & Leona (Backes) Norgard. 1945 grad. CCHS. 2 Jun 1946: Married Eugene Hunt at Central City, NE. They lived in California. Eugene died 25 May 1950. 9 Oct 1952: Married Ned C. Carlson at Lincoln, NE. They lived in Central City, NE. She died Sun. 4 Oct 1998 at Grand Island, NE. Visitation: Tues., Solt Funeral Home, Central City. Service: Wed., United Methodist Church, Central City. Burial at city cemetery. Survivors: her husband, 5 sons, 12 gch; a niece who lived with them; 3 sisters. Predeceased by 3 sisters - Marcele Norgard, Dorothy Brown & Pat Stuart; a brother - Bob Norgard.

Note: Husband's obit, 23 Mar 1999 in GI Independent

Grand Island Independent - Fri. 9 Oct 1998

**Henry Arthur DITTMER, 59**

Born 18 Mar 1939 near Clarks, NE. Parents: Arthur & Minnie (Hammond) Dittmer. 1958 grad. of Polk HS. US Navy (4 yrs). Died Wed., 7 Oct 1998 following accident near Polk, NE. Service: Sat., Immanuel Lutheran Church "between Polk and Hordville". Burial at church cemetery. Arrangements: Solt Funeral Home in Polk, NE. Survivor: his mother. Predeceased by his fath & a brother, Marvin.

Grand Island Independent - Mon. 12 Oct 1998

**Edna M. COLLINSON, 91**

Born 1 Mar 1907, Archer, NE. Parents: Charles & Elizabeth (Lehr) Huff. Grad. of CCHS. Teacher. 11 Apr 1929: Married Byron H. Collinson at Central City. "They farmed in Ash Creek community." Later purchased a farm near Broken Bow, NE. Mrs. Collinson died Sat., 10 Oct 1998 at Broken Bow. Service: Wed., Govier Bros. Mortuary, Broken Bow. Burial at city cemetery. Survivors: a son, 2 brothers, a sister. Predeceased by her husband (died Sep 1974); 2 infant sons & an infant daughter; 3 sisters & 3 brothers. Note: See 1920 Fed. Census NE ED161 p1B F22: Archer, Midland Twp, Merrick, NE; Merrick Co. Marriage Records Book I p399 #I-399.

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 14 Oct 1998

**H. Robert MEYER, 72**

Born 7 Nov 1925 on farm northeast of St. Libory, NE. Parents: Henry J & Meta (Wiegert) Meyer. Served in US Navy. 24 Apr 1954: Married Jane Johnson Preston at Worms, NE. They farmed northwest of Worms. 1988: Moved to Grand Island, NE. Died Mon., 12 Oct 1998 at Grand Island. Service: Thurs., Zion Lutheran Church, Worms, NE. Inurnment: church cemetery. Survivors: a son, 3 daughters, 6 gch.; 2 sisters, a brother. Predeceased by his wife; brothers - Earl and Marvin Meyer; a sister, Edna Quandt.

Grand Island Independent - Fri. 16 Oct 1998

**Edward L. ZUEHLKE, 91**

Born 7 Feb 1907, near Palmer, NE. Parents: George & Josephine (Mueller) Zuehlke. 1935: Bought a farm in Gage County, NE. 10 Sep 1945: Married Edna at St. Libory, NE. They farmed near St. Paul, NE. 1985: Retired to Palmer, NE. Died Wed., 14 Oct 1998 at hospital in St. Paul, NE. Service: Sat., Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church, St. Paul. Burial: Rose Hill Cemetery at Palmer, NE. Survivors: wife, 2 step sons and their families; 2 sisters, 2 brothers. Predeceased by brother, George; & 5 sisters - Mary Ziller, Gustie Peterson, Lucy Baasch, Margaret Lillienthal & Ann Tracy.

Note: See extracts for Rose Hill Cemetery.

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 17 Oct 1998

**Milo Ray BURCH, 63**

Born 23 Feb 1935, Pipestem, MN. Parents: Clifford & Leona (Gilfillan) Burch. About 1957, moved to Grand Island, NE. 27 Oct 1975: Married Marcella at Egan, SD. 1982: They moved to Central City, NE. Owned Milo's Lawn Service. Died Thurs., 15 Oct 1998 at hospital. Service: Mon., Central City Cemetery.

Arrangements: Solt Funeral Home. Survivors: his wife, 6 step children ...; a brother, a sister. Predeceased by his parents & 5 siblings.

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 17 Oct 1998

**Carl M. "Chris" CHRISTENSEN, 80**

Born 14 Sep 1918, north of Palmer, NE. Parents: Martin Carl & Georgia (Brown) Christensen. Grad. of Palmer HS and NE Wesleyan University. Lived in Spokane, WA for 2 yrs.; returned to NE. Returned to Washington in 1958. 5 Nov 1960: Married at Portland, OR. Resident of Wapato, WA. Died Thurs., 15 Oct 1998 at home. Service: Mon., Merritt Funeral Home Chapel, Wapato. Burial: Maryhill Cemetery, Maryhill, WA. Survivors: His wife, 4 sisters, a brother.

Note: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I p383 (Thede); 1930 Fed. Census NE ED63-3 p2b D34 F35: Cottonwood Twp, Nance, NE

Grand Island Independent - Mon. 26 Oct 1998

**Paul E. COOVER, 76**

Born 8 May 1922, Stromsburg, NE. Parents: Edgar & Jennie (Stromberg) Coover. 1932: farm 6 miles north of Polk. 12 Feb 1944: Married Ida Mae Best at Belleville, KS. They farmed in Polk County. 1995: Moved to Central City, NE. Died Sat., 24 Oct 1998 at Central City. Visitation: Mon., Solt Funeral Home, Central City. Service: Tues., United Methodist Church, Polk. Burial: Polk Cemetery. Survivors: his wife, a son, a daughter, 5 gch., 3 g-gch.; a sister.

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 27 Oct 1998

**Caroline Faye ZWELLING, 64**

Born 29 Aug 1934 near Palmer, NE. Parents: George H. and Alma W. (Hake) Kamper. Attended GISH. 19 Feb 1955: Married Ronald E. Zwelling at Yuma, AZ. Mrs. Zwelling died Wed., 21 Oct 1992 at Salina, KS.. Memorial service was Sat. at Christ the King Lutheran Church, Salina, KS. Inurnment private - at later date Fort McPherson National Cemetery, near Maxwell, NE. Survivors: her husband, a son, 3 daughters, 6 gch.; her mother & 4 sisters. Predeceased by her father; brother George, sister Betty Morgan.

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 29 Oct 1998

**Emma L. MEYER, 87**

Born 11 Jun 1911, Steger, IL. Parents: Rev. H. William & Emma Loise (Kruse) Meyer. Family moved to NE in 1916; was at Worms in 1933. 25 Dec 1926: Married Elmer J. Meyer in Salt Lake City, UT. She worked at a bank there. Died 26 Oct 1998 at home. Service: Thurs., Christ Lutheran Church, Murray, UT. Arrangements: Memorial Gardens of the Valley. Survivors: her husband, a son, 2 daughters, ... a brother & 6 sisters. Predeceased by 5 brothers & a sister.

Note: For her parents, see History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I p288 (Rev. HW Meyer).

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Grand Island Independent - Sun. 1 Nov 1998

**Fred O. YUNGDAHL, 85**

Born 24 May 1913 at Silver Creek, NE. Parents: Olaf Yungdahl and Elizabeth Sarow. Attended school in Polk Co., NE. 28 Mar 1937: married H. Arloa Deay at Stombsburg, NE. Died Fri. 30 Oct 1998 at Stromsburg, NE. Visitation: Sun. & Mon. at Kepner-Roberts Funeral Home, Osceola. Service: Tues., Calvary Lutheran Church, Swede Home. Burial: Osceola Cemetery. Survivors: 2 sons, a daughter, 7 gch., 7 g-gch. Predeceased by his wife who died 4 Oct.

Note: his parents are buried at Osceola Cemetery.

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 7 Nov 1998

**Herman Otto BURKHARDT, 87**

Born 14 Feb 1911, Merrick Co., NE. Parents: Paul Burkhardt and Hildegard Heinzig. 31 Aug 1934: married



Mae at Grand Island, NE. They farmed near Palmer, NE. Died Fri. 6 Nov 1998 at Genoa, NE. Service: Mon., St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Central City, NE. Burial: Central City Cemetery. Arrangements: Solt Funeral Home. Survivors: wife, 3 sons, 5 daughters, 24 gch., 38 g-gch.; a brother and 2 sisters. Predeceased by sister Martha Kellog; and 3 brothers: Max, William and Christian.

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 7 Nov 1998

**Ida A. ZEDICKER, 72**

Born 21 Aug 1926, York, NE. Parents: Charles Jenkins & Christina Altberg. 1944 grad. Stromsburg HS. 23 Jul 1945: married Billie Zedicher at Belleville, KS. Residence: near Clarks, NE. Died Wed. 4 Nov 1998 in traffic accident east of Central City, NE. Service: Sat. at United Methodist Church, Osceola, NE. Cremation, no burial. Arrangements: Kepner-Roberts Funeral Home, Osceola, NE. Survivors: husband, son, 3 daughters, 7 gch., 3 g-gch.; a sister and 2 brothers. Predeceased by a grand daughter, 2 brothers and a sister.

Grand Island Independent - Mon. 9 Nov 1998

**Thomas H. Condell, 95**

Born 19 Dec 1902, Merrick Co., NE. Parents: John Condell and Catherine Watchorn. 19 Aug 1931: Married Esther Scarborough at St. Paul, NE. Farmed near Palmer, NE. Died Sat. 7 Nov 1998 at St. Paul, NE. Visitation: Mon. at Palmer's Funeral Home, Palmer, NE. Service: Tues. at United Methodist Church, Palmer. Burial at Rose Hill Cemetery. Survivors: wife, 1 son, 1 daughter, 9 gch., 15 g-gch.; 1 sister. Predeceased by son Kenneth and 2 sisters: Lillian Nitzel and Marian Condell. Note: See extracts for Rose Hill Cemetery.

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 10 Nov 1998

**Emil LILIENTHAL, 94**

Born 31 Oct 1904 in Merrick Co., NE. Attended District 17 School. Farmer. Died Mon. 9 Nov 1998 at Grand Island, NE. Service: Thurs., Livingston-Sondermann Funeral Home. Burial: Grand Island City Cemetery. Survivors: nieces & nephews. Predeceased by 3 brothers: Harry, Roy and Ray Lilienthal; and 2 sisters: Ella Herman and Hilda Frauen. Note: see 1920 Fed. Census - Vieregg Twp, Merrick Co., NE ED163 p5B D101 F101 (w/p)

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 12 Nov 1998

**Lynn H. SCOTT, 98**

Born 22 Oct 1900 on farm in Gage Valley area near St. Paul, NE. Parents: William Scott and Sarah Baird. Lived elsewhere as teenager. 6 Sep 1922: Married Oma Stone at Grand Island, NE. They farmed in Gage Valley. Retired in 1991, wrote 2 stories. Died Mon. 9 Nov 1998 at St. Paul, NE. Memorial service: Sat., Jacobsen Funeral Home, St. Paul. Burial: Rose Hill Cemetery, Palmer, NE. Survivors: a son and 3 daughters, 13 gch., 25 g-gch., 3 gg-gch. Predeceased by his wife (died 8 Nov 1987); four brothers: Walter, Glen, Ralph and Donald; 4 sisters: Della Grammer, Emma Starkey, Josephine Stone and Bessie Ziegler. Note: see Rose Hill Cemetery extracts.

Grand Island Independent - Fri. 13 Nov 1998

**Robert Lee "Bub" GRIGSBY, 67**

Born 4 Mar 1931. Parents: Ray Grigsby and Helen Moore. Raised in Hamilton Co., NE. 15 Oct 1950: married at Central City, NE, and moved there. 1952-53: US Army. Farmer, construction work. Died Wed. 11 Nov 1998 at Columbus, NE. Visitation: Fri., Solt Funeral Home. Service: Sat. at United Methodist Church, Central City. Burial: Central City Cemetery. Survivors: wife, 3 sons and a daughter; 8 gch.; a brother & 4 sisters. Predeceased by 4 brothers: A.R., Perry, Donald and an infant. Note: see History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I pp 213 (Grigsby), 316 (Page), 398 (Wells).

Grand Island Independent - Fri. 13 Nov 1998

**Sarah Leone Osborne HILLIARD, 34**

Born 26 Mar 1964, Crete, NE. Parents: Arthur Osborne and Carol Chase. Attended school in Central City,

NE. LPN degree from Southeast Community College, Lincoln, NE. Died Tues. 10 Nov 1998, Aurora, NE. Service: Fri., Solt Funeral Home, Central City. Burial: Chapman Cemetery. Survivors: 2 sons and a daughter; 4 brothers and five sisters. Predeceased by her parents.  
Note: Mother's obit published 3 Feb 1998. See also Chapman Cemetery extracts.

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 14 Nov 1998

**Ruby H. DONALDSON, 84**

Born 13 Mar 1914, Palmer, NE. Parents: John Luebbe and Mary Hargins. Died Wed. 11 Nov 1998, St. Paul, NE. Service: Mon., Palmer Funeral Home, Palmer, NE. Burial: Rose Hill Cemetery, Palmer, NE. Survivors: 2 daughters, a son; a sister in Illinois.  
Note: see 1920 Fed. Census - Prairie Creek Twp, Merrick, NE ED226 p2B D37 F37 (w/p)

Grand Island Independent - Sun. 15 Nov 1998

**Maxine Marie ERICKSON, 78**

Born 2 Sep 1920, near Central City, NE. Parents: Lloyd & Winifred Willeman. 1938 grad. CCHS. 1 Jun 1941: married Leland Erickson. They lived in Wichita, KS. and worked at Boeing. After husband's discharge in 1947, they moved to a farm (near Central City). Mrs. Erickson died Fri., at Omaha, NE. Visitation: Mon., Solt Funeral Home. Service: Tues. at Fairview United Methodist church of Central City. Burial: Central City Cemetery. Survivors: 2 sons, 7 gch., 1 g-gch.; 3 sisters. Predeceased by a brother Thomas Willeman, and 3 sisters: Vera Daniels, Marge Chesarek and Betty Johnson.  
Note: see History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I p406 (w/p); 1930 Fed. Census Mead Twp, Merrick, NE ED61-10 p2b D47 F47 (w/p)

Grand Island Independent - Mon. 16 Nov 1998

**Mabel R. SOWL, 81**

Born 31 Jul 1917, Murdo, SD. Parents: Porter S. Nelson and Angeline C. Groff. Attended school in Fullerton & Waco, NE. 9 Aug 1933: married Edward M. Sowl at St. Paul, NE. They lived at Fullerton, Cozad, Chapman and Grand Island. Mrs. Sowl died Wed., 11 Nov 1998 at Grand Island, NE. Service: Thurs., Apfel-Butler-Geddes Funeral Home. Burial: Pierce Chapel (Bureau Cemetery near Clarks, NE). Survivors: 3 sons, 10 gch., 12 g-gch.; a brother & 3 sisters. Predeceased by her husband, 2 children and a brother.  
Note: see Bureau Cemetery, Lot 139.

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 17 Nov 1998

**Irene MUELLER, 94**

Born 1904. Parents: John Mueller and Mary Bruno. Grad. NE Central College, Central City, NE. PhD from UN. Taught in Chapman, WI State College, Northwest State College, Maryville, MO. Died Wed. 11 Nov, Maryville, MO. Memorial service: Wed., Central City Cemetery.  
Note: see History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I p292 (Mueller); 1920 Fed. Census Prairie Creek Twp, Merrick, NE ED226 p1B D20 F20 (w/p)

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 18 Nov 1998

**Logan James KLUTE, 4 mos.**

Born 14 Jul 1998, Central City, NE. Parents: Scott A. and Angela M. Kortum Klute. Resident of Hampton, NE. Died Mon. 16 Nov 1998, at Aurora, NE. Service: Fri., Solt Funeral Home, Central City. Burial: Chapman Cemetery. Survivors: his parents, a sister, 2 sets of grandparents. Predeceased by 4 great-grandparents: Jim & Margaret Kortum; Edgar Klute and Henry Kisler.  
Note: see extracts for Chapman Cemetery.

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 24 Nov 1998

**George Alfred KILLHAM, 77**

Born 23 Mar 1921 near Genoa, NE. Parents: Elmer Killham and Lula Kinzer. WW II: US Army Air Corps medic. 8 Jun 1945: married Sarah at Central City, NE. They lived in Central City. Died Sun., 22 Nov 1998,

Grand Island, NE. Service: Wed., Solt Funeral Home, Central City. Burial: Central City Cemetery.  
Survivors: wife, 3 sons, a daughter, 8 gch.; 3 brothers and 3 sisters.

Grand Island Independent - Fri. 27 Nov 1998

**Nettie Pearl HILDERBRAND, 91**

Born 31 Aug 1907 in Arkansas. Parents: Mr & Mrs. Charles Brown. Attended CCHS. 11 Feb 1925: married Frederick A. "Fritz" Hilderbrand. They lived at Central City, NE. Died Thurs., 26 Nov 1998 at Grand Island, NE. Service: Sat., Solt Funeral Home Chapel, Central City. Burial: Central City Cemetery. Survivors: 3 sons, a daughter, 8 gch., 6 g-gch. Predeceased by her husband and a son Merle, 2 gch.

Grand Island Independent - Fri. 27 Nov 1998

**Marrienne LONGENECKER, 48**

Born 1 May 1950 at Columbus, NE. Parents: Milton Brunken and Louise May Lohr. Grad. of Clarks HS. 20 Aug 1983: married Ernest Longenecker at Clarks, NE. They lived at Clarks, moved to Aurora in 1997. Died Wed., 25 Nov 1998 at Aurora. Service: Sat. at Gass-Haney Funeral Home in Columbus, NE. Burial: Shell Creek Baptist Cemetery, Platte County. Survivors: husband, mother, 3 brothers, 4 sisters. Predeceased by her father. Memorials: American Cancer Society or the Shell Creek Baptist Church.

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Grand Island Independent - Tues. 1 Dec 1998

**Glen William JEROME, 87**

Born 3 Dec 1910, Chapman, NE. Parents: William Glen & Lila May (Zetler) Jerome. 23 Jun 1949: Married Katherine at Livingston, MT. They lived in Golden, CO. Contractor. 1979: Moved to Hillsboro, OR. Died 12 Nov 1998 at Portland, OR. Cremated. Memorial service was held 21 Nov at Forest Grove Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. Survivors: His wife, 3 daughters, 3 sons, 18 gch., 28 g-gch., 9 gg-gch.; 3 sisters.

Note: See 1920 Fed. Census Prairie Creek Twp., Merrick, NE ED226 p8A D137 F137 (w/p). His first wife (not mentioned in obit) was Lola Shivley, mother of 4 of his children.

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 1 Dec 1998

**William C. SVOBODA, 93**

Born 26 Aug 1905, Howard Co., NE. Parents: Charles V. & Jane F. (Sevcik) Svoboda. 1924 grad. of St. Paul HS. Attended St. Paul Business College & UNL. 5 Jan 1938: Married Evelyn M. Mitchell at Dwight, NE. They farmed. May 1997: Moved to Community Care of America in Palmer, NE. Bill died there on Sun., 29 Nov 1998. Visitation: Tues., Peters Funeral Home, St. Paul. Service: Wed., First Presbyterian Church, St. Paul. Burial: Elmwood Cemetery. Survivors: His wife, 3 daughters, 7 gch., 5 g-gch.; a sister & a brother. Predeceased by 4 brothers - Carl, Clem, Alfred Svoboda and an infant brother; 4 sisters - Estella Punchocar, Blanche Francis and two infants.

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 2 Dec 1998

**May Esther SMITH, 93**

Born 28 May 1905, Chicago, IL. Parents: Niel & Lena (Olson) Olsen. Resident of Community Care Center, Central City, NE. Died Tues., 1 Dec 1998. Cremated. Arrangements: Solt Funeral Home, Central City, NE. Survivors: a daughter, 6 gch., 10 g-gch., 17 gg-gch. Predeceased by her husband, a brother & a sister.

Grand Island Independent - Thurs 3 Dec 1998

**Ernest Francis HLADKY, 83**

Born in Cushing, NE. Parents: Frank & Anna (Juranek) Hladky. 25 Jun 1941: Married Lula at Fremont, NE. WW II: US Army Air Force. Thereafter, farmed northeast of Archer, NE. Moved to Central City where he worked as a mechanic. Died Tues., 1 Dec 1998 at Central City. Service: Sat., Solt Funeral Home, Central City. Burial: Central City Cemetery. Survivors: His wife.

Grand Island Independent - Sun. 6 Dec 1998

**Angela NABITY, 60**

Resident of Bloomington, MN - formerly of Chapman, NE. Teacher. Died Thurs., 3 Dec 1998. Memorial mass: Mon, Werness Bros. Chapel in Bloomington. Survivors: 2 sisters, 6 brothers. Predeceased by her parents Joseph & Wilhelmenia Nabity, and 2 brothers - George & Ernest.

Note: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I p301 (w/p).

Grand Island Independent - Fri. 11 Dec 1998

**Mary TOMASIEWICZ, 95**

Born 15 Apr 1903, Genoa, NE. Parents: Thomas "Savage" & Julia (Iwan) Tomasiewicz. Lived primarily on family farm northeast of Clarks with sister Anna. They moved to Central City in 1967. Mary died Thurs., 10 Dec 1998 at Central City. Service: Sat., St. Michael's Catholic Church, Central City. Burial: St. Lawrence Cemetery near Clarks. Arrangements: Solt Funeral Home, Central City. Survivors: 3 sisters & 2 brothers. Predeceased by an infant sister; 3 brothers - Frank Savage, and Francis & Joe Tomasiewicz.

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 17 Dec 1998

**Dr. Henry F. GREVING, 94**

Born 20 Sep 1904, Luctor, KS. Parents: William & Katie (Dragt) Greving. Grad. of HS in Long Island, KS. Teacher. 1929 grad. of Creighton University Dental School. 1929: opened dental practice in Central City, NE. 1933: Married Phyllis O. Smith. 1943-46: US Army Dental Corps. 1976: Moved to Green Valley, AZ. 1998: Moved to Grand Island, NE. Died Tues., 15 Dec 1998 at Grand Island. Memorial service: Fri., United Presbyterian Church, Central City, NE. Survivors: 2 daughters, 1 guardian daughter; 5 gch., 1 guardian gch.; 2g-gch.; one brother. Predeceased by his wife (10 Mar 1998); 3 sisters, 4 brothers.

Note: See History of Merrick Co. NE, Vol I p368 (Smith); Who's Who in Nebraska Merrick pp 815-16.

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 19 Dec 1998

**Margaret EDGAR, 87**

Born 14 Apr 1911, Central City, NE. Parents: Elwood & Sarah (Beetem) Dughman. 14 Jun 1928: Married Alfred Edgar. They lived in Central City. 1941: Moved to Albany, CA where she worked as a buyer. Mr. Edgar died 26 Dec 1994. In spring of this year, Margaret moved to Oroville, CA - died there Wed., 16 Dec 1998. She was cremated. Survivors: a son, 2 gch.; a sister. Predeceased by her husband; a gch.; 4 sisters, a brother.

Note: See 1930 Fed. Census NE ED61-7 p10a D222 F224: Lone Tree Twp, Merrick, NE.

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 22 Dec 1998

**Loretta GAY, 80**

Born 9 May 1918, Columbus, NE. Parents: Robert & Mildred (Toogood) Hansher. Attended school in Columbus and Belgrade, NE. 1 Jan 1939: Married Lyle F. Gay at Palmer, NE. She lived in Columbus; worked at Dale Electronics. Mrs. Gay died Mon., 21 Dec 1998 at Columbus, NE. Service: Wed., McKown Funeral Home, Columbus. Burial: Pierce Chapel Cemetery near Clarks, NE. Survivors: a son, 3 gch.; a brother, 3 sisters. Predeceased by her husband.

Grand Island Independent - Sun. 27 Dec 1998

**Ruby SCHLUETER, 73**

Born 19 Sep 1925, Pierce, NE. Parents: Frank and Rose (Ray) Rowlett. Grad. of Palmer HS. 25 Oct 1953: Married Otto Schlueter at Palmer. They farmed southwest of Palmer until 1981; moved to St. Paul, NE. Raised 4 foster children. Otto died 17 Apr 1995. Mrs. Schlueter died Sat., 26 Dec 1998 at hospital in Omaha, NE. Service: Tues., Jacobsen Funeral Home, St. Paul. Burial: Rose Hill Cemetery, Palmer, NE. Survivors: 2 daughters, 3 gch.; 1 sister. Predeceased by her husband, 3 brothers - Robert, John & David Rowlett; 2 sisters - Ida Rowlett and Lenora Booher.

Note: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I p330 (w/p); 1930 Fed. Census Palmer Village, Merrick, NE ED61-8 p3a D54 F54 (w/p); Rose Hill Cemetery extracts.

Grand Island Independent - Mon. 28 Dec 1998

**Mildred C. KNUTH, 80**

Born 26 Sep 1918 Hall County, NE. Parents: John and Katherine (Wenn) Stueven. Attended school in Merrick County. 22 Aug 1943: Married George H. Knuth at Grand Island, NE. They farmed in Hall & Merrick Counties. 1962: Moved into Grand Island where she worked as a school cook. Mrs. Knuth died Sat., 26 Dec 1998 at Grand Island. Visitation: Tues., Livingston-Sondermann Funeral Home. Service: Wed., Messiah Lutheran Church. Burial: Westlawn Memorial Park Cemetery. Survivors: a daughter, a son, 5 gch. Predeceased by her husband, 5 brothers - Herman, Carl, John, William and Otto Stueven; 4 sisters - Rose Kruse, Frieda Kruse, Erna Boltz and Lillie Sanders. Memorials - to the church.  
Note: See 1930 Fed. Census Vieregg Twp, Merrick, NE ED61-16 p1B D19 F19 (w/mother)

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 29 Dec 1998

**Margaret Grace PERSONS, 102**

Born 30 Oct 1896, Central City, NE. Parents: Charles & Ida (Litten) Brown. 1916 grad of CCHS; valedictorian. 6 Sep 1916: Married Havvy Valentine Persons. They farmed in Merrick County; moved into Central City in 1938. Mr. Persons died 1 Dec 1970. Mrs. Persons died Mon., 28 Dec 1998 at Central City. Graveside service: Thurs., Central City Cemetery. Arrangements: Solt Funeral Home, Central City. Survivors: a son, 2 daughters, 9 gch., 17 g-gch., 5 gg-gch; one sister. Predeceased by her husband; 3 sisters - Martha "Arta" Packer, Alma Butts and Ruth Linstrom; 2 brothers - Earl and Merle Brown.

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 30 Dec 1998

**Darwin Robert WILLIAMS, 83**

Born 22 Oct 1915 near Clarks, NE. Parents: William and Julia (Lumadue) Williams. 5 Nov 1938: Married Lorraine Petersen. Raised Angus cattle on same homestead as his parents. Died Tues., 29 Dec 1998 at hospital in Hastings, NE. Graveside service: Sat., Bureau Cemetery (Pierce Chapel) near Clarks. Arrangements: Solt Funeral Home of Central City. Survivors: His wife, 2 daughters, 4 gch., 2 g-gch. Predeceased by son Marvin; brother Clark.  
Note: Wife died - Jan 2004.

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Grand Island Independent - Fri. 1 Jan 1999

**David Mace, 46**

Born 22 Jul 1952, Central City, NE. Parents: Marvin L Mace & Roberta Johnston. 1970 grad. of CCHS. 1 Jun 1973: Married at Central City. Dairy farmer near Central City. Died Wed., 30 Dec 1998, Lincoln, NE. Service: Sat., Solt Funeral Home, CC. Burial at Central City Cemetery. Survivors: His wife, a daughter, a son; his mother, 3 brothers & a sister.

Grand Island Independent - Fri. 1 Jan 1999

**Wayne Elmer SENKBILE, 65**

Born 22 Oct 1933, Hordville, NE. Parents: Amos Senkbile & Elna Andersen. 1952 grad. of CCHS. 1953-55: US Army. 27 Feb 1960: Married Emma at Central City, NE. Farmer. Lutheran. Died Thurs. 31 Dec 1998 at Grand Island, NE. Service: Mon. Solt Funeral Home, Central City. Burial: Central City Cemetery. Survivors: His wife, 2 sons, 1 daughter, 2 gch. Predeceased by sister Shirley Kruse.

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 2 Jan 1999

**Dorothy KEENE, 74**

Born 29 Apr 1924, Palmer, NE. Parents: Elmer Jensen & Lena Robinson. Attended school in Palmer and Cushing, NE. 23 Oct 1943: Married Ernest Keene at St. Paul, NE. They eventually lived in Grand Island, NE. Mr. Keene died 4 Nov 1981. Mrs. Keene died Fri., 1 Jan 1999 at Grand Island Veterans Home. Service: Tues., Livingston-Sonderman Funeral Home. Burial: Westlawn Memorial Park Cemetery, Grand Island. Survivors: 2 sons, 6 gch ... ; a brother. Predeceased by her husband; 2 sons - Kenneth & Daniel; 2 infants -

James & Kay Lynn.

Grand Island Independent - Sun 3 Jan 1999

**Doris J. GLYNN, 91**

Born 24 Jan 1907, Nance Co., NE. Parents: George Whitley & Louise Gammon. Raised in Glenwood area. Grad. of Palmer HS. Teacher. 28 May 1941: Married Ernest Glynn. They farmed between Fullerton & Palmer, NE. She died Thurs., 31 Dec 1998 at Beatrice, NE. Service: Mon., United Methodist Church, Palmer. Burial: Rose Hill Cemetery. Arrangements: Palmer Funeral Home. Survivors: a daughter, a son, 6 gch., 11 g-gch, 1 gg-gch; a brother in California. Predeceased by her husband (1972); and a sister Gladys Whitley.

Grand Island Independent - Mon. 4 Jan 1999

**Eugene C. "Gene" BECK, 53**

Born 17 Sep 1945, Grand Island, NE. Parents: William Beck & Faith Davis. Auto mechanic. 17 Dec 1998: Married Jennifer at Grand Island, NE. Opened business in Central City. Died Sat., 2 Jan 1999, Central City, NE. Graveside service: Wed., Chapman Cemetery. Arrangements: Solt Funeral Home, Central City. Survivors: His wife, 4 daughters, 5 sons, 3 gch.; 2 sisters & 4 brothers. Predeceased by his parents.

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 7 Jan 1999

**Avis GREEN, 96**

Born 11 Mar 1902, Greenwood, NE. Parents: Olean & Nancy Gillham. 4 Apr 1934: Married Bernie Green at North Platte, NE. 1949: Moved to Grand Junction, CO. Died 26 Dec 1998 at Grand Junction, CO. Service: Martin Mortuary. Burial: Memorial Garden, Grand Junction, CO. Survivors: a sister. Predeceased by her husband, 4 brothers & 6 sisters.

Note: See 1920 Fed. Census Prairie Creek Twp, Merrick, NE ED226 p1A D2 F2 (w/p)

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 7 Jan 1999

**Wilma Johanna Seraphine SEWING, 89**

Born 24 Aug 1909, Perryville, MO. Parents: Gottlieb Boxdorfer & Clara Buettner. 2 Nov 1930: Married Alfred L. Sewing. 1951: Moved to Wood River, NE. 1953: Moved to Central City, NE. Mr. Sewing died 28 Jun 1971. Mrs. Sewing died Tues., 5 Jan 1999 at Omaha, NE. Service: Sat., Solt Funeral Home, Central City. Burial: Central City Cemetery. Survivors: 5 sons, 2 daughters, 17 gch., 17 g-gch.; a sister. Predeceased by her husband and a g-gch.

Grand Island Independent - Fri. 8 Jan 1999

**Warren MESNER, 74**

Born 5 Dec 1924, Merrick Co., NE. Parents: Raymond Mesner & Erma Marsh. 1942 grad. of CCHS. 26 Jan 1947: Married Selma at Central City. Farmer. Member of CC Friends Meeting. Died Wed., 6 Jan 1999 at Central City. Service: Sat. at Solt Funeral Home Chapel, Central City, NE. Burial: Central City Cemetery. Survivors: His wife, 3 sons, 6 gch., 1 g-gch.; 4 brothers, 2 sisters. Predeceased by his parents.

Note: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I p286; 1930 Fed. Census Mead Twp, Merrick, NE ED61-10 p5a D95 F96 (w/p)

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 9 Jan 1999

**Lillie Christina JACOBSEN, 94**

Born 6 Mar 1904, Minden, NE. Parents: Herman Strohbehn & Anna Reimers. 1908: Family moved to Silver Creek. 21 Jan 1926: Married Eller Jacobsen at Council Bluffs, IA. Lillie died Thurs., 7 Jan 1999; Central City, NE. Visitation: Sun., McKown Funeral Home, Silver Creek. Service: Mon., United Methodist Church, Silver Creek, NE. Burial: Silver Creek Cemetery. Survivors: 3 daughters, a son, 10 gch., 16 g-gch. Predeceased by her husband; 2 brothers - Loyd Atkinson & Walt Strohbehn; and an infant sister.

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 12 Jan 1999

**Melva Jean HERBIG, 68**

Born 8 Oct 1930, Polk, NE. Parents: Gustav Monson & Mary Matthes. 9 Apr 1948: Married Donald Herbig at

Central City, NE. They lived at Marquette, NE. Died Sun. 10 Jan 1999; Aurora, NE. Visitation: Tues., Higby Mortuary, Aurora, NE. Service: Wed., First Christian Church, Aurora. Burial: Richland Cemetery, south of Marquette, NE. Survivors: A son, 2 daughters, 7 gch. 2 g-gch.; a sister. Predeceased by her husband & a gch.

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 13 Jan 1999

**Lillian M. EWOLDT, 62**

Born 29 May 1936, Columbus, NE. Parents: Warner J. Eisenmann & Zelma L. Shanklin. Family moved to Grand Island. 12 Dec 1954: Married Fritz Ewoldt at Grand Island, NE. They lived in Grand Island and Lexington, NE. 1992: Moved to Silver Creek, NE. Died Mon., 11 Jan 1999 at Grand Island, NE. Service: Thurs., Livingston-Sondermann Funeral Home. Burial: Westlawn Memorial Park Cemetery, Grand Island, NE. Survivors: 2 daughters, a son, 4 gch.; 2 sisters and a brother. Predeceased by son Daniel Jacob; and brother Kenneth Eisenmann.

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 13 Jan 1999

**Warren William WEGNER, 79**

Born 17 Apr 1919, Central City, NE. Parents: Edward H. Wegner & Faye C. Tibbetts. Grad of CCHS. WW II: US Army Air Force. 22 Jun 1946: Married "B" Clausen at Boelus, NE. 1950: Purchased Wegner Monument from his father. Died Tues. 12 Jan 1999 at Central City, NE. Visitation: Thurs., Solt Funeral Home. Service: Fri., United Methodist Church, Central City. Burial: Central City Cemetery. Survivors: wife, 2 sons, 2 daughters, 4 gch., 1 g-gch. Predeceased by 2 brothers - Richard & Robert (infancy).

Note - see History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I pp 397-8; 1920 Fed. Census Central City Ward 1, Merrick, NE ED158 p5A H315 D116 F123 (w/p). Obit of wife published 6 Jan 2004 in Grand Island Independent.

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 14 Jan 1999

**Evelyn M. SVOBODA, 88**

Born 5 Apr 1910, Rogers, NE. Parents: Charles F. Mitchell & Katie Pimpara. 1928 grad. of Elba HS (Howard Co.). Teacher. 5 Jan 1938: Married William E. Svoboda at Dwight, NE. They farmed near St. Paul, NE. Mr. Svoboda died 29 Nov 1998. Mrs. Svoboda died Wed., 13 Jan 1999 at IHS/Community Health Care, Palmer, NE. Visitation: Fri., Peter's Funeral Home. Service: Sat., First Presbyterian Church, St. Paul. Burial: Elmwood Cemetery, St. Paul. Survivors: 3 daughters, 7 gch., 5 g-gch.; a sister. Predeceased by her husband; 2 brothers - Lester & Ivan Mitchell; 2 sisters - Anna Ogard & Cathryn Schachta.

Note: Family in 1920 Fed. Census Prairie Creek Twp, Nance, NE ED171 p2A D21 F21

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 16 Jan 1999

**Violet May VARDAMAN, 85**

Born 5 Jun 1913, Palmer, NE. Parents: Fred Adams & Clara Starkey. 27 Sep 1930: Married L. Earl Cook of Cushing, NE. They lived in Palmer, Wolbach & Cushing areas. Mr. Cook died 19 Sep 1965. 24 Sep 1966: Married Samuel R. Vardaman. They lived at Farwell and St. Paul, NE. Mr. Vardaman died 17 Nov 1991. Mrs. Vardaman died Thurs., 13 Jan 1999 at Aurora, NE. Visitation: Sun., Higby Mortuary, Aurora, NE. Service: Mon., Giltner United Methodist Church. Burial: Rose Hill Cemetery, Palmer, NE. Survivors: 4 sons, 3 daughters, 28 gch., 31 g-gch., 10 gg-gch. Also surviving - a sister. Predeceased by 2 husbands & a grandson.

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 19 Jan 1999

**Marcia Lois McCLAY, 85**

Born 27 Oct 1913, Merrick Co., NE. Parents: William & Mary Whittemore. 1931 grad. CCHS. 23 Aug 1936: Married John W. McClay at Central City. Worked for Wilder's Cafe, Central Cafe and Nixon Hotel. Mr. McClay died 29 Sep 1991. Mrs. McClay died Sat., 16 Jan 1999 at Central City, NE. Service: Wed., at chapel of Solt Funeral Home. Burial: Central City Cemetery. Survivors: 2 daughters, 4 gch., 9 g-gch. Predeceased by her husband, a son Paul, and a grandson. Also deceased - 4 brothers - Paul, Francis, Harold & Herbert Whittemore.

Note: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I p 401 (w/p); 1930 Fed. Census Central City, Lone Tree, Merrick, NE ED61-1 p18a D254 F256 (w/p)

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 20 Jan 1999

**Walter Max HASSELMAN, 79**

Born 4 Apr 1919 at Worms, NE. Parents: Herman H. Hasselman & Emma Petzoldt. Family moved to Grand Island, NE. WW II: US Army. 6 Jun 1943: Married Ruth Wingard. 1950's: Opened dental lab business in York, NE. Died Sun. 17 Jan 1999 at Grand Island, NE. Service: Tues at Farmer & Son Funeral Home, Geneva, NE. Burial: Fairmont Public Cemetery. Survivors: A son, 3 gch., 4 g-gch.; a sister. Predeceased by a son Dennis; 5 brothers - Carl, Herman Jr., Alfred, Chris, & Ernest; 2 sisters - Helen & Linda.

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 20 Jan 1999

**Raymond Steven KELSO, 75**

Born 31 Aug 1923, Riverton, NE. Parents: Oak Lee Kelso & Anna Elizabeth Juggert. 1941 grad. of Riverton HS. 1941-68: US Navy. 19 Jan 1955: Married Helene Jacobs in Franklin. Retired to Central City, NE. Died Mon., 18 Jan 1999 at Papillion, NE. Service: Thurs. at Solt Funeral Home, Central City. Burial: St. John's Cemetery, Kronborg, NE. Survivors: 2 sons, 3 daughters, 11 gch., 1 g-gch. Predeceased by his former wife; son Vernon Kelso; 3 brothers - Don, Bob & Gerald Kelso; 3 sisters - Maxine Kelso, Helen Smith & Maybelle Kelso.

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 23 Jan 1999

**Ann TOMASIEWICZ, 87**

Born 25 Jun 1911 south of Genoa, NE. Parents: Thomas "Savage" Tomasiewicz & Julia Iwan. Grew up primarily on a farm northeast of Clarks, NE. 1967: Moved to Central City with sister Mary. Died Wed., 20 Jan 1999 at Central City, NE. Service: Mon., St. Michael's Catholic Church, Central City. Burial: Silver Creek Cemetery. Arrangements: Solt Funeral Home. Survivors: 2 brothers & 2 sisters. Predeceased by her parents (father died in 1938 & mother in 1961), 3 brothers - Frank Savage, Francis & Joe Tomasiewicz; 2 sisters - Mary & an infant.

Note: Brother Louis changed surname to SAVAGE - see obit in Columbus Telegram, 19 Jan 2003.

Grand Island Independent - Mon. 25 Jan 1999

**Lucille LAMBERT, 80**

Born 18 Jun 1918, Palmer, NE. Parents: Mark Lambert & Lilly May Carpenter. 1936 grad. of Palmer HS. Married Edwin Charles Tibbetts. 1980: Married second to Ed Schiller. Died Sat. 23 Jan 1999, Grand Island, NE. Visitation: Mon., Palmer Funeral Home, Palmer. Service: Tues., United Methodist Church, Palmer. Burial: Rose Hill Cemetery, Palmer. Survivors: 3 sons, a daughter, 11 gch., 8 g-gch. Predeceased by both husbands. Memorials: Palmer Fire Department or Palmer Rescue Squad.

Note: For her parents see Who's Who in Nebraska Merrick Co. chapter, page 816; 1920 Fed. Census NE ED159 p3B D69 F72: Palmer Village, Loup Twp, Merrick, NE; and 1930 Fed. Census NE ED61-8 p6b D122 F122: Palmer Village, Merrick, NE

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 26 Jan 1999

**Fay Roberta BENDER, 93**

Born 3 Jun 1905 at Clarks, NE. Parents: Robert E. McLean & Cora P. Sanders. 1923 grad. of Clarks HS. 1928 grad LDS Commercial College, SLC, UT. 15 Apr 1925: Married Francis P. Bender at Laramie, WY. Piano teacher. 1930: They moved to Clarks, NE and ran a grocery store. Mrs. Bender died Mon., 25 Jan 1999 at Central City, NE. Service: Thurs., St. Peter's Catholic Church, Clarks. Burial: Clarks Cemetery. Survived by 2 cousins. Predeceased by her husband in 1997; and an infant sister.

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 26 Jan 1999

**Frieda Mae McHARGUE, 93**

Born 25 Feb 1905, Rising City (Butler Co.), NE. Parents: William Drawbaugh & Cora Minnick. Grad of Kearney State Teachers College. 1 Jun 1927: Married William H. McHargue at Council Bluffs, IA. They farmed near Central City & Marquette, NE. 1959: Retired to Aurora, NE. She died Sun., 24 Jan 1999 at Aurora. Visitation: Tues., at Higby Mortuary, Aurora. Service: Wed., United Methodist Church. Burial: Aurora Cemetery. Survivors: a son, 2 daughters, 9 gch., 27 g-gch., 4 gg-gch. Predeceased by her husband; a son,



Dale Eugene; seven siblings.

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 26 Jan 1999

**Billie Lloyd ZEDICHER, 72**

Born 4 Sep 1926, Shelby (Polk Co.), NE. Parents: Benjamin Zedicher & Julia Brazee. 1945 grad. of Osceola HS. 23 Jul 1945: Married Ida A. Jenkins at Belleville, KS. 1945-47: US Army. They lived in Osceola; moved south of Clarks in 1991. Seed salesman, business owner, etc. Died Thurs. 21 Jan 1999 at Grand Island Veterans Home. Service: Sat. at United Methodist Church, Osceola. Burial: Osceola Cemetery. Arrangements: Kepner-Roberts Funeral Home. Survivors: A son, 4 daughters (1 is an adopted child), 7 gch., 3 g-gch; 4 brothers & 2 sisters. Predeceased by his wife, a granddaughter; 2 brothers - Russell & Harry Earl Simonsen. Note: Wife died in auto accident, Nov 1998.

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 27 Jan 1999

**Emma Darlene SENKBILE, 58**

Born 22 Mar 1940, Central City, NE. Parents: John Brondel & Esther Harrington. 1958 grad. of CCHS. 27 Feb 1960: Married Wayne Elmer Senkbile at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Central City, NE. Died Sun., 24 Jan 1999, Central City. Service: Thurs., Solt Funeral Home. Burial: Central City Cemetery. Survivors: 2 sons, 1 daughter; her mother, 4 brothers, 4 sisters. Predeceased by her husband; her father; a brother Marvin Brondel.

Grand Island Independent - Fri. 29 Jan 1999

**Robert E. HINES Jr., 50**

Born 11 Sep 1948, Lincoln, NE. Parents: Robert E. Hines Sr. & Edna Poehler. Grew up in Grand Island, NE. 1967 grad. of Palmer HS. 1968-72: US Marine Corps. Returned to Grand Island, NE. Accountant for UPRR. Member of Zion Lutheran Church at Worms, NE. 1993: Moved to North Platte, NE. 13 Sep 1997: Married Donna Jean. Died Wed. 27 Jan 1999 at Ogallala, NE. Survivors: His wife and a step-child; his parents, 2 brothers & 4 sisters. Predeceased by a sister, Dorothy Hines.

Grand Island Independent - Fri. 29 Jan 1999

**Herman C. PETERS, 93**

Born 11 Jul 1905, Howard Co., NE. Parents: Fred Peters & Emma Luebbe. Grew up at Worms, NE. 21 Nov 1926: Married Sarah Stone. 20 Jul 1954: Married Margaret Reimers. 9 May 1963: Married Delpha Bushnell at Grand Island, NE. Died Thurs., 28 Jan 1999 at Palmer, NE. Visitation: Fri., Apfel-Butler-Geddes Funeral Home. Service: Sat. at Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church, Grand Island. Burial: Westlawn Memorial Park Cemetery, Grand Island. Survivors: a daughter, a son, 7 gch., 16 g-gch.; 3 sister. Predeceased by his wives; 2 sisters - Mamie Scheer & Meta Schmidt; 4 brothers - Henry, Walter, Eddie & Willie Peters. Note: First marriage - see Merrick Co. Marriage Records Book I page 214 #I-214. Obit of brother Willie published 4 Dec 1997 in GI Independent.

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 30 Jan 1999

**Vera A. STRUBLE, 85**

Born 31 Aug 1913 at Boelus (Howard C.), NE. Parents: Charles Tockey & Martha Dethlefs. 12 Jan 1935: Married Francis Struble at Central City, NE. They lived at Ravenna & then Grand Island, NE. Mr. Struble died 12 Feb 1992. Mrs. Struble died Fri. 29 Jan 1999, Grand Island, NE. Service: Mon., Apfel-Butler-Geddes Funeral Home. Burial: Westlawn Memorial Park Cemetery, Grand Island. Survivors: a son, a granddaughter; 2 sisters. Predeceased by her husband; sister Mable Hil; 6 brothers - John, Art, Fred, George, Charles and Tag Tockey. Memorials: Grace Baptist Church.

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Grand Island Independent - Tues. 2 Feb 1999

**George SENKBEIL, 92**

Born 25 Dec 1906, Hall County, NE. Parents: Ernest Senkbeil & Antoinette Sass. Attended school in Merrick

County, NE. 10 Mar 1934: Married Linda Wiese at Grand Island, NE. They dairy farmed in western Merrick County until 1987. Died Mon. 1 Feb 1999 at Grand Island, NE. Visitation: Tues., Livingston-Sondermann Funeral Home, Grand Island, NE. Service: Wed., St. Pauls Lutheran Church. Burial: Grand Island City Cemetery. Survivors: 2 daughters, 5 gch., 7 g-gch.; a brother, a sister, a nephew he raised. His wife died in July 1989. Memorials to the church.

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 3 Feb 1999

**Carl MIETH, 92**

Born 25 Jul 1906, in Hall County, NE. Parents: Fredrick Mieth & Eunice Siberly. 29 Sep 1925: Married Iola Harris at Central City, NE. They farmed near Cairo, Ravenna, Loup City and Rockville, NE. Mr. Mieth died Mon. 1 Feb 1999 at Grand Island, NE. Visitation: Thurs., Rasmussen Mortuary, Ravenna, NE. Service: Fri., Congregational Church, Ravenna. Burial: Highland Park Cemetery, Ravenna, NE. Survivors: A son, a daughter, 11 gch., 13 g-gch., 5 gg-gch. Predeceased by his wife, a grandson & a brother.

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 4 Feb 1999

**Clifford Lee MILLER, 90**

Born 7 Jun 1908, Lincoln, NE. Parents: Bert D. Miller & Fannie Brown. Attended Grand Island HS. Worked for UPRR. 6 Nov 1938: Married Jean Elois Snelling at Wahoo, NE. They lived in Central City, NE. 1965: Moved to Grand Island, NE. Mrs. Miller died in 1988. Mr. Miller died Tues. 2 Feb 1999 at Grand Island, NE. Service: Sat., Solt Funeral Home, Central City. Burial: Westlawn Memorial Park Cemetery, Grand Island, NE. Survivors: 4 sons, 5 gch., 1 g-gch. Predeceased by his wife, 2 sisters & a brother.

**Grand Island Independent - Fri. 5 Feb 1999**

**Delbert L. 'Bud' Suck, 79**

Born on 17 April 17 1919, near Archer, NE. Parents: Jacob & Lena (Wegner) Suck.

Died Thursday, 4 Feb. 4, 1999, Central City. Formerly lived at Archer, NE

Farmer, retired 1990. WW II: US Army.

50-Year Member of Archer Zion United Methodist Church.

Survivors: two sisters-in-law, Hulda Suck of Central City and Lillie Suck of Palmer; several nieces.

Preceded in death by 3 brothers, Lester, Edward, & Elmer Suck; 2 sisters, Martha & Viona Suck.

Visitation: Friday at Solt Funeral Home, Central City.

Services: Saturday at Zion United Methodist Church near Archer with burial in the Archer Community Cemetery.

Obit submitted by Dona Hawk <fcdfhawk@cccusa.net> 4 Apr 2005.

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 6 Feb 1999

**Earl H. "Smitty" SCHMIDT, 76**

Born 16 Nov 1922, Central City, NE. Parents: Henry Schmidt & Sena Mickelson. 1939 grad. of GISH.

1943-46: US Army. 22 Jul 1949: Married Bernadine at Grand Island. 1967: Started a construction company.

Mr. Schmidt died Tues. 2 Feb 1999 at Veterans Home, Grand Island. Service: Mon. at Apfel-Butler-Geddes Funeral Home. Burial: Westlawn Memorial Park Cemetery. Survivors: His wife, a son, a daughter, 3 gch.; 2

sisters. Predeceased by an infant brother. Memorials to United Congregational Church.

Grand Island Independent - Sun. 7 Feb 1999

**Elmer L. "Bud" KEARNS, 78**

Born 13 May 1920, Silver Creek, NE. Parents: Ray Kearns & Cordelia Carr. Grew up near Scotia, NE. 1939:

Married Luella McDonald; she died in 1943. WW II: US Army. 1946: Married Doris Morrow. They lived near

North Loup. She died in 1947. 1948: Married Virginia; continued to live at North Loup. 1995: Moved to

Veterans Home, Grand Island, NE. Died there on Fri., 5 Feb 1999. Service: Mon., at Ord Memorial Chapel.

Burial: Mount Hope Cemetery, Scotia, NE. Survivors: His 3rd wife, a son, 2 gch.; 2 sisters, 1 brother.

Predeceased by 2 wives, and an infant daughter Grace Marie. Also deceased, a sister Donna Pahl.

Grand Island Independent - Mon. 8 Feb 1999

**Lawrence H. WIECK, 84**

Born 5 Mar 1914, Merrick Co., NE. Parents: Peter Wieck & Wiebke Hargens. Raised at Worms, NE. 17 May 1940: Married Lucille at Worms, NE. Farmer, stockman. Died Sat. 6 Feb 1999 at Grand Island, NE. Visitation: Mon., Apfel-Butler, Geddes Funeral Home, Grand Island, NE. Service: Tues., Zion Lutheran Church, Worms, NE. Burial: church cemetery. Survivors: wife, 2 sons, 4 gch.; 2 sisters. Predeceased by 4 brothers - Frank, Alfred, Reynold, & Oscar; 3 sisters - Emma, Ella, & Hilda.

Note: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I pp 402-403; 1920 Fed. Census Prairie Creek Twp, Merrick, NE ED226 p3A D43 F43 (w/p); 1930 Fed. Census Prairie Creek Twp, Merrick, NE ED61-12 p3a D56 F55 (w/p)

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 11 Feb 1999

**Walter LUEBKE, 87**

Born Palmer, NE. Parents: Herman Luebke & Gesine Janssen. WW II: US Navy. 25 Feb 1945: Married Ruth. They moved to Tacoma, WA. US Postal Service employee. Died Tues. 9 Feb 1999 at Puyallup, WA. Survivors: His wife, a daughter, a son, 6 gch. Predeceased by 5 sisters - Wilhelmina Renken, Anna Simonson, Clara Dankert, Lydia Kamper and Rose Holtz.

Note: See 1920 Fed. Census Loup Twp, Merrick, NE ED159 p9B D58 F60 (w/p); 1930 Fed. Census Palmer Village, Merrick, NE ED61-8 p2b D38 F38 (w/p)

Grand Island Independent - Fri. 12 Feb 1999

**Charles Sidney Fuehrer, 70**

Born 10 May 1928, St. Michael, NE. Parents: Calvin Fuehrer & Lydia Glause. About 1940: his family moved to Chapman, NE. 1945 grad. of Grand Island HS. 23 Oct 1949: Married Roma at Grand Island. They farmed near Worms, NE. Died Wed. 10 Feb 1999 at Central City, NE. Visitation: Fri., Solt Funeral Home. Service: Sat., Zion United Methodist Church, Archer, NE. Burial: Westlawn Memorial Park Cemetery, Grand Island, NE. Survivors: His wife, 3 sons, 2 daughters, 11 gch.; a sister & a brother. Predeceased by sister LaVon Harmony.

Grand Island Independent - Sun. 14 Feb 1999

**Cody Ray Mustard HOLDEMAN, infant**

Born & died 8 Feb 1999, Bull Head City, AZ. Parents: Ernie Holdeman & Jacque Mustard. Family graveside service was Sat. at Central City Cemetery. Survivors: His parents & 3 grandparents. Predeceased by grandfather Ervin Holdeman.

Grand Island Independent - Fri. 19 Feb 1999

**Lewis J. ZMEK, 80**

Born 23 Jul 1918, Central City, NE. Parents: Joseph Zmek & Mary Nabity. 1937 grad. of Chapman HS. 1957: Family moved to Dannebrog, NE. 27 Nov 1940: Married Dolores at Central City, NE. They farmed in Merrick County until 1957, moved to farm near Dannebrog, NE. Mr. Zmek died Thurs., 18 Feb 1999 at Dannebrog. Visitation: Sun., Jacobsen Funeral Home, St. Paul, NE. Service: Mon., St. Anthony's Catholic Church, Farwell, NE. Burial: Westlawn Memorial Park Cemetery, Grand Island, NE. Survivors: His wife, 2 daughters, 4 gch., 3 g-gch.; a sister in T& Ann Reha.

Note: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I p383 (EW Thede); 1920 Fed. Census Lone Tree Twp, Merrick, NE ED157 p5B D103 F103 (w/p); 1930 Fed. Census Vieregg Twp, Merrick, NE ED61-16 p1A D2 F2 (w/p)

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 23 Feb 1999

**Lucy HOBACK, 80**

Born 13 Aug 1918, Fount, KY. Parents: John Hammons & Lizzie Jones. 1919: Family moved to Central City, NE. 1936 grad. of CCHS. 10 Mar 1949: Married Raymond Sawyers at Central City. He died in 1973. 7 Apr

1974: She married Oren Hoback at Central City, NE. Member of First Christian Church. Mrs. Hoback died Sun., 21 Feb 1999 at Grand Island, NE. Service: Wed., Solt Funeral Home, Central City. Burial: Central City Cemetery. Survivors: Her second husband, 2 sons, 2 daughters, 1 step daughter, 12 gch., 2 step gch., 17 g-gch. Also surviving - 3 sisters. Predeceased by her first husband, & an infant son; 4 brothers: Charles, Bill, Huber & Sam Hammons

Note: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I pp 235-236; History of Merrick Co., NE Vol II page 134 (Benner); 1930 Fed. Census Lone Tree Twp, Merrick, NE - ED61-7 p1a D5 F6 (w/p)

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 25 Feb 1999

**Arnold C. BOSSELMAN, 91**

Born 24 Jan 1908, Worms, NE. Parents: Henry Bosselman & Ollie Conrad. 12 Feb 1933: Married Rose Marie at Grand Island, NE; lived in that town. Died Mon. 22 Feb 1999 at Grand Island, NE. Service: Fri., Messiah Lutheran Church. Burial at later date in Grand Island City Cemetery. Survivors: His wife, a daughter, 4 gch., 3 g-gch.; 2 brothers. Predeceased by his brother Elmer.

Grand Island Independent - Sun. 28 Feb 1999

**Hazel NUGENT, 94**

Born 28 Nov 1904, Merna, NE. Parents: James P. Haddix & Emma Jane Payne. Grew up in Broken Bow. 21 Jan 1931: Married Charles Kelsey at St. Paul, NE. 2 Sep 1941: Married Lewis E. Nugent at Grand Island, NE. Lived mostly in Central City. Mr. Nugent died in 1960. Mrs. Nugent died Fri. 26 Feb 1999 at Central City. Service: Mon., Solt Funeral Home Chapel, Central City. Burial: Central City Cemetery. Survivors: Nieces & nephews. Predeceased by 3 brothers & 4 sisters.

Grand Island Independent - Sun. 28 Feb 1999

**Goldie I. OTT, 86**

Born 2 Dec 1912, Taylor, NE. Parents: Roy Preston & Edna Ankney. Grad. of Monroe HS (Platte County). 21 Aug 1933: Married Fred Ott at Central City, NE. They lived in Grand Island, NE, and then California (1953-79); returned to Grand Island, NE. Methodist. Mr. Ott died in 1993. Mrs. Ott died Sat. 27 Feb 1999 at NE Veterans Home. Visitation: Mon., Livingston-Sonderman Funeral Home. Service: Mon, Grand Island Cemetery. Survivors: 3 sisters & a brother. Predeceased by her husband; 2 brothers - Harry & Glen Preston.

Grand Island Independent - Sun. 28 Feb 1999

**Donald Harvey WILSON Jr., 43**

Born 9 Apr 1955, Wilmington, Del. Parents: Donald Harvey Wilson & Caroline Garcia. 27 May 1990: Married Debra Sue at Syracuse. Abt 8 yrs ago, moved to Central City, NE. Died Fri. 26 Feb 1999, Central City, NE. Memorial service: Mon., St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Central City. Burial: Central City Cemetery. Arrangements: Solt Funeral Home. Survivors: His wife, 3 sons, 3 daughters; his father & 13 siblings. Predeceased by his mother & a brother.

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Grand Island Independent - Mon. 1 Mar 1999

**Albert C. Christensen, 76**

Born 13 Aug 1923, Palmer, NE. Parents: Martin Christensen & Georgia Brooks. 1940 grad. of Palmer HS. 26 Nov 1948: Married at Mitchell, NE. Farmed north of Palmer. 1984: Moved to St. Paul, NE. Opened auction business. Died Sun. 28 Feb 1999 at St. Paul, NE. Visitation: Jacobsen Funeral Home, St. Paul. Service: Wed at United Methodist Church, St. Paul. Burial: Elmwood Cemetery. Survivors: His wife, 3 daughters, 7 gch.; 4 sisters. Predeceased by brothers - Carl & Chris.

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 3 Mar 1999

**Elinor Evangeline CARNES, 83**

Born 13 Jul 1915, Aurora, NE. Parents: Edgar Gorham & Erma Yantz. Grad. of Aurora HS (Hamilton County). 14 Oct 1936: Married Elmo Carnes at Lincoln, NE. Lived in Aurora until 1951 when moved to Chapman, NE.

Died Mon., 1 Mar 1999 at Aurora, NE. Service Thurs. at Higby Mortuary, Aurora. Burial: Aurora Cemetery. Survivors: husband, a son, a daughter, 5 gch., 8 g-gch.; a brother & 2 sisters. Predeceased by a brother & a sister.

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 4 Mar 1999

**Lawrence R. WEGNER, 93**

Born 15 May 1905, Archer, NE. Parents: John Wegner & Emma Zamzow. 7 Mar 1929: Married Alice Snyder at Palmer, NE. His wife died 13 May 1952. In 1960, he moved to a farm south of St. Paul, NE. Mr. Wegner died Wed., 3 Mar 1999 at St. Paul. Visitation: Fri., Jacobsen Funeral Home, St. Paul. Service: Sat. at United Methodist Church, Palmer. Burial: Rose Hill Cemetery, Palmer, NE. Survivors: 2 sons, 1 daughter, 9 gch., 21 g-gch.; one sister & one brother. Predeceased by his wife; five brothers - Vernon, Harold, Leonard, Clinton & John Wegner Jr.; 4 sisters - Irene Gilmont, Louise Weller, Alice Hettrick & Helen Green.

Grand Island Independent - Sun. 7 Mar 1999

**Winifred Marie LARSON, 81**

Born 20 Feb 1918, Wolbach, NE. Parents: Claus Larson & Anna Olsen. Family moved to farm north of Meadow Grove, NE. 1952: Moved with parents to Tilden, NE. Worked in California. 1978: Returned to parents home in Nebraska. 1999: Resident of Integrated Health Services. Died Fri. 5 Mar 1999 at Central City, NE. Graveside service Tues. at Stromsburg Cemetery. Survivors: 2 brothers & a sister. Predeceased by 4 brothers - Rudolf, Allan, John and Arnold (infant); an infant sister, Anna.

Grand Island Independent - Mon. 8 Mar 1999

**Hazel Irene NICHOLS, 88**

Born 7 May 1910, Linwood (Butler Co.), NE. Parents: William Nichols & Louisa Ella Benson. Grad. of Ord HS (Valley Co). Worked in Loup City, NE. 1944-46: US Marine Corps. Returned to Loup City; later worked in York, NE. Resident of Litzenberg Long Term Care Center, Central City, NE. Died Fri. 5 Mar 1999 at Central City. Visitation: Mon. at Metz Mortuary, York, NE. Service: Tues. at Arbor Drive Baptist Church, York. Burial: Greenwood Cemetery, York, NE. Survivor: A niece. Predeceased by 4 brothers & 7 sisters. Memorials: Litzenberg Long Term Care Center Aviary Fund.

Grand Island Independent - Mon. 15 Mar 1999

**Merle L. WELLER, 64**

Born 26 Mar 1934 near Palmer, NE. Parents: Herman Weller & Elsie Bruns. 1952 grad. of Archer HS. 6 Nov 1955: Married at Archer, NE. 1956-58: US Army. 1959: Moved to farm near Palmer. Died Sun., 14 Mar 1999 at Palmer. Visitation: Mon., Solt Funeral Home, Central City. Service: Tues., Archer Zion United Methodist church. Burial: Rose Hill Cemetery, Palmer. Survivors: His wife, a daughter, 2 sons, 3 gch.; his mother & a brother. Predeceased by his father.

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 17 Mar 1999

**E. N. "Pars" PARSONS, 75**

Born 8 Feb 1924, Arnold, NE. Parents: Emory Parsons & Gertrude Maxson. Both parents died, and from age 10 Pars lived in Central City with his sister and brother-in-law, Vera and Ed Rasmussen. WW II: US Navy. 11 Jul 1948: Married Shirley Marceline Jones at Hordville, NE. Mrs. Parsons died 21 May 1995. Mr. Parsons died Mon. 15 Mar 1999 at Aurora, NE. Visitation: Wed., Solt Funeral Home, Central City. Service: Thurs., First Baptist Church, Hordville, NE. Burial: Lindale Cemetery near Hordville. Survivors: a son and 2 gch.; a sister. Predeceased by his wife, his parents, 3 sisters - sisters, Vera Rasmussen, Berle & Arleeta Parsons.

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 23 Mar 1999

**Ned Conrad CARLSON, 87**

Born 26 Sep 1911, Central City, NE. Parents: Jonas Gunnar Carlson & Henrietta Anderson. Family moved to Lincoln where he grad. from HS. 1933: Family returned to Central City, NE. WW II: USAF. 9 Oct 1952: Married Bonnie Norgard at Lincoln, NE. Worked for Standard Oil. Died Sun. 21 Mar 1999 at Grand Island Veterans Affairs Medical Center. Visitation: Tues., Solt Funeral Home, Central City. Service: Wed., United Methodist

Church. Burial: Central City Cemetery. Survivors: 5 sons, 12 gch., 1 g-gch. Predeceased by his wife; 3 sisters & a brother.

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 24 Mar 1999

**Thelma HESSELGESSER, 89**

Born in Colfax Co., NE. Parents: John C. Bailey & Mahala Mae Hughes. Grew up on farm near Schuyler, NE. 1928 grad. of Schuyler HS. 1931: Married Lawrence Hesselgesser of Central City, NE. They lived in Grand Island, NE. 1939: Moved to Alhambra, CA. Died Fri. 19 Mar 1999. Memorial service: Sat., in California. Survivors: husband, 2 sons, 7 gch., 6 g-gch.; a brother and 2 sisters. Predeceased by adopted son Jim; 3 brothers - David, Glenn & Richard Bailey; a sister Elzada Barr.

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 31 Mar 1999

**Lelon E. ALEXANDER, 87**

Born 9 Feb 1912, Duncan (Platte Co.), NE. Parents: William Alexander & Emma Leith. 1931 grad. of Duncan HS. 11 Oct 1941: Married Mildred Boss at Silver Creek, NE; they lived at Silver Creek, NE. WW II: US Army. Employed by UPRR. Died Mon. 29 Mar 1999 at Columbus, NE. Visitation: Wed., McKown Funeral Home, Silver Creek. Service: Thurs., United Methodist Church, Silver Creek. Burial: Silver Creek Cemetery. Survivors: 2 sisters-in-law. Predeceased by his wife; 3 brothers - Herman, Ivan Bruce "Pete" & Ray; 1 sister - Ruby Warner.

Note: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I pp 107 (Alexander), 128 (Boss)

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 31 Mar 1999

**BECK, Barbara Joanelle**

Born 13 Oct 1965, Grand Island (Hall Co.), NE. Parents: Orval Nouzovsky & Jeanie Sandquist. Grad. of Grand Island HS. 1985: Married Steven Roy Beck at Grand Island; lived in Central City for several years. Died 28 Mar 1999, Grand Island, NE. Service: 1 Apr 1999 at Stolley Park Church of Christ, Grand Island. Burial: Pierce Chapel Cemetery near Clarks. Survived by her husband, a son & a daughter; her parents, two brothers & 3 sisters.

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Grand Island Independent - Sun. 4 April 1999

**Glendora Marie MARTENS, 74**

Born 14 May 1924, Exeter, NE. 1942: Moved to Central City, NE. 11 Jul 1964: Married Leonard Martens at Central City. They lived there until 1950, moved to Stromsburg. Later lived at Lyons, Oakland, & Arlington NE. 1962: Settled at Fremont, NE. Leonard died 24 Sep; 1983. Mrs. Martens died Fri., 2 Apr 1999 at hospital in Omaha, NE. Service: Tues., Rozanek & Son Colonial Chapel, Fremont, NE. Burial: Ridge Cemetery, Fremont. Survivors: 2 daughters, 4 sons, 19 gch., 10 g-gch.; 2 sisters and 3 brothers. Predeceased by 2 sisters, a brother, a gch., and a g-gch.

Note: Obit of sister Beverly Patton was published 13 Nov 2004 in GI Independent.

Grand Island Independent - Sun. 7 Apr 1999

**Winifred Marie LARSON, 81**

Born 20 Feb 1918, Wolbach, NE. Parents: Claus Larson & Anna Olsen. Family soon moved to a farm north of Meadow Grove, NE; and in 1952 to Tilden, NE. She went to California, then returned to NE in 1978. Miss Larson died Fri. 5 Mar 1999 at Central City, NE. Graveside service: Tues. at Stromsburg Cemetery (Polk County). Survivors: 2 brothers & a sister. Predeceased by 4 brothers - Rudolf, Allan, John & Arnold (infant); and a sister Anna (infant).

Note: Appears there was some delay with burial plans, so obit repeated.

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 8 April 1999

**Edith Iona FLEEK, 85**

Born 14 Jul 1913, Shell Rock, IA. Parents: Richard C. Riley & Clara Lincoln. Family moved to Merrick Co., NE.

4 Oct 1939: Married Harry Fleek. Harry died in auto accident 8 Oct 1939. Mrs. Fleek moved to Idaho; returned to Central City in the 1970's. Died Wed., 7 Apr 1999 at Grand Island, NE. Graveside service: Fri., Central City Cemetery. Arrangements: Solt Funeral Home. Survived by a nephew & a niece. Predeceased by her husband; 5 sisters - Bethel King, Mable Cummings, Emma Holcomb and two infants; a brother - Marian Riley.

Grand Island Independent - Fri. 9 April 1999

**Mary Jane SORENSEN, 77**

Born 28 Dec 1921, Cairo, NE. Parents: Chester Omev & Grace Brayton. 18 Nov 1938: Married Virgil Harlan Sorensen at Grand Island, NE. They farmed near Cairo, then Wood River, NE. 1976: Moved to Polk, NE. Mr. Sorensen died 12 Sep 1989. Mrs. Sorensen died Wed., 7 Apr 1999 at Central City, NE. Service: Sat., Evangelical Free Church, Central City. Cremation will follow. Survivors: 2 sons, 3 daughters, 13 gch., 9 g-gch.; a sister. Predeceased by her husband; 2 brothers - Lyle & Roy Omev; 2 sisters - Nora Smith & Doris Lane; an infant grandchild.

Grand Island Independent - Sun. 11 April 1999

**Doris J. RILEY, 66**

Born 23 Jun 1932, Hastings, NE. Parents: Charles Dewey & Leona Buskirk. 13 Dec 1955: Married Donald LeRoy Riley Sr. They moved to Central City, NE. Presbyterian. Died Fri., 9 Apr 1999 at Central City. Service: Mon., Solt funeral Home, Central City. Burial at City Cemetery. Survivors: 3 sons, 1 daughter, 10 gch.; 3 brothers, & 2 sisters. Predeceased by her husband; 2 sons - Gerald and Tim; a grandson, Paul; 4 brothers - Dick & three infants.

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 17 April 1999

**William Eldon HUXFORD, 83**

Born 7 Jan 1916, Merrick Co., NE. Parents: J. Eldon Huxford & Leonore Chandler. 1934 grad. of CCHS. 6 Apr 1940: Married Helen. WW II: US Army. Employed in VA hospital system. Died 7 Apr 1999 at Phoenix, AZ. Service: 7 Apr at Tempe Mortuary. Burial: National Memorial Cemetery of Arizona. Survivors: wife, 3 sons; a sister Dorothy Kramer. Predeceased by sisters Winona Reid and Aline Nielsen. Memorials: Hospice of the Valley in Phoenix or any local hospice.

Note: Sister Dorothy died later in same month, see below.

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 21 April 1999

**Vernal P. WISELY, 49**

Born 27 Apr 1949, Central City, NE. Parents: Kenneth Wisely & Edna Ruge. 1956: Family moved to Grand Island, NE. 1968-70: US Army, Vietnam. Married Pat at Grand Island. 1995: Moved to Colorado Springs, CO. Died Sat. 17 Apr 1999 at Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Denver, CO. Service: Thurs., Kleine Funeral Home Chapel, Grand Island, NE. Burial: Westlawn Memorial Park Cemetery. Survivors: A son, 3 gch., his parents, a grandmother. Predeceased by grandparents, Paul Wisely; Herman & Anna Ruge.

Grand Island Independent - Fri. 23 April 1999

**Leah M. HYDE, 100**

Born 14 Dec 1898, Callaway, NE. Parents: Edgar Pinnell & Ethel Douglas. 1922: Married Leo Hyde at Central City, NE. Member of First Christian Church. Mr. Hyde died in 1986. Mrs. Hyde died Wed., 21 Apr 1999 at Grand Island, NE. Visitation: Fri., Apfel-Butler-Geddes Funeral Home. Graveside service: Sat., Westlawn Memorial Park Cemetery. Survivors: Nieces & nephews. Predeceased by a brother Walter Pinnell & a sister Charlotte Phelan.

Grand Island Independent - Fri. 23 April 1999

**Dorothy Huxford KRAMER, 91**

Born 21 Sep 1907, Central City, NE. Parents: J. Eldon Huxford & Leonore Blanche Chandler. 1926 grad. of CCHS. Worked as model in NY City; as secretary in California. 1980: Returned to Central City. Died Wed., 21 Apr 1999 at Central City. Service: Fri., Solt Funeral Home. Inurnment at later date. Survivors: 7 nieces and nephews. Predeceased by her husband; brother, Bill Huxford; two sisters, Aline Nielsen & Winona Reid.

Note: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I p243 (w/p); 1920 Fed. Census Central City Ward 1, Merrick Co. NE ED158 p8B H404 D189 F207 (w/p); Merrick Co. Marriage Records Book I p387 #I-387; 1930 Fed. Census Central City, Merrick Co., NE ED61-1 p18a H2226 D243 F245 (w/p)

Grand Island Independent -Thurs. 29 April 1999

**John A. BRUNER, 68**

Born 12 Mar 1931 near Kola (Holt County), NE. Parents: John Bruner & Alta Rockford. Attended school in Garfield County. 24 Apr 1953: Married Dorothy at Central City, NE. Died 22 Apr 1999, Bullhead City, AZ. Service: Thurs. at Trinity Lutheran Church, Grafton, NE. Arrangements: Kohler Mortuary, Sutton, NE. Survivors: His wife, 4 daughters, a son, 12 gch.; 2 sisters.

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 29 April 1999

**Mabel FOSSBERG, 78**

Born 16 Nov 1920, Scotia (Greeley County), NE. Parents: Conrad Hermsmeyer & Ollie Schultz. 1938 grad. of Scotia HS. 17 Mar 1947: Married Gordon Deveer Fossberg at Scotia. 1948: Moved to Polk, NE. Mabel taught at a country school in Merrick Co., & at Hordville, NE. Died Tues., 27 Apr 1999 at York, NE. Visitation: Thurs., Solt Funeral Home, Polk, NE. Service: Fri., First Baptist Church, Polk. Burial: Lindale Cemetery near Polk. Survivors: Her husband, 2 sons, 2 daughters, 16 gch., 1 g-gch; 2 brothers & a sister. Predeceased by an infant daughter Jean Marie; brother Paul Hermsmeyer; sister Edna Leibli.

Grand Island Independent - Fri. 30 April 1999

**Leona T. STOPAK, 85**

Born 30 Jul 1913, Genoa, NE. Parents: Jacob Herdzina & Louise Brezenski. 18 Apr 1934: Married Frank Stopak. Lived at Silver Creek, NE. Died Wed., 28 Apr 1999 at Lutheran Home in Omaha, NE. Service: Sat., St. Lawrence Catholic Church, Silver Creek. Burial: Church cemetery. Arrangements: McKown Funeral Home. Survivors: A daughter; a step-granddaughter, 2 gch. Predeceased by her husband; a brother & 2 sisters. Memorials: To the church or the American Cancer Society.  
Note: See 1920 Fed. Census NE Newman Twp, Nance, NE ED170 p5A D88 F89 (w/p); 1930 Fed. Census East Newman Twp, Nance, NE ED63-5 p4b D58 F58 (w/p)

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Grand Island Independent - Tues. 4 May 1999

**Fern Goldy LAVELLE, 94**

Born 6 Nov 1904, Polk Co., NE. Parents: William Henry & Nellie Mabel (Sherwood) Lavelle. 1924 grad. of Clarks HS. Teacher; employee of RR Board at Washington DC & Chicago, IL. Died Mon., 3 May 1999 at Central City, NE. Service: Fri., Solt Funeral Home, Central City. Inurnment: Osceola Cemetery. Survivors: a brother. Predeceased by 2 brothers & 3 sisters. Memorials: NE Christian Schools.

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 4 May 1999

**Iva "Claire" WIDMAN, 94**

Born 28 Jun 1904, Merrick Co., NE. Parents: William & Joseph(ine) (Farrel) Harris. 6 Oct 1926: Married Samuel Embree Widman at Central City, NE. They lived in Lincoln, North Platte, Colorado, then returned to Central City. Mr. Widman died 15 Aug 1973. Mrs. Widman died Mon., 3 May 1999 at Central City. Service: Wed., Solt Funeral Home, Central City. Burial: Central City Cemetery. Survivors: A brother & 2 sisters. Predeceased by her husband; 6 brothers, a sister.  
Note: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I pp 220 (Harris), 402 (Widman); 1920 Fed. Census Chapman Twp., Merrick, NE ED155 p7B D85 F86 (w/p); Marriage Records Book I p209 #I-209; 1930 Fed. Census Central City, Merrick, NE ED61-1 p1a H1415 D10 F101

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 8 May 1999

**Frank KUCERA Jr., 89**

Born 11 Nov 1909, Crete, NE. Parents: Franks Sr. & Mary Trousil Kucera. Family moved to Merrick Co., NE. Farmer. 29 Jul 1931: Married Eunice Sherwood in Central City, NE. 1965: Started selling insurance. 1994:



Retired. Mrs. Kucera died 12 Sep 1991. Mr. Kucera died Fri., 7 May 1999 at Palmer, NE. Service: Mon., Solt Funeral Home, Central City. Burial at Central City Cemetery. Survivors: 3 sons, 12 gch., etc. Predeceased by his wife; ... 2 brothers - Rudolph & Lumier Kucera; a sister, Millie Ricks.

Grand Island Independent - Mon. 10 May 1999

**Harriett May CARTER, 102**

Born 25 Sep 1896, Ashland, NE. Parents: John W. & Daisy B. (Rager) Kershaw. Grad. of Silver Creek HS. Aug 1915: Married A. Wallace Carter at Silver Creek, NE. They lived in several places before settled at Gibbon in 1967. She died Sun., 9 May 1999 at Gibbon. Service: Wed., Gibbon Faith United Church. Burial: Riverside Cemetery, Gibbon. Survivors: A son, a daughter, 15 gch., 25 g-gch., 21 gg-gch. Predeceased by her husband, 3 sons & 2 gch. Memorials: the church or the Good Samaritan Center, Gibbon.

Note: See 1920 Fed. Census Silver Creek Twp., Merrick, NE ED162 p9B D22 F22

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 13 May 1999

**Edna Marie McClURE, 85**

Born 26 Mar 1914 near Palmer, NE. Parents: William Lee & Dora Ann (Mundt) Banister. 31 Jan 1935: Married Glenn McClure at Archer, NE. "They lived in Chapman, Archer, Palmer and Central City." She died Tues., 11 May 1999 at Central City, NE. Visitation: Fri., Solt Funeral Home, Central City. Graveside service: Fri., Burke Cemetery. Survivors: 2 sons., 5 gch., 7 g-gch. Predeceased by her husband; 3 brothers - Walter, Earl and Harry Banister.

Grand Island Independent, - Fri. 14 May 1999

**John William MUNDT, 81**

Born 18 Mar 1918, North Platte (Lincoln Co.), NE. Parents: George & Bertha (Wegner) Mundt. Attended school at Central City, NE. 4 Sep 1941: Married at Lincoln, NE. They farmed north of Central City. He died Wed., 12 May 1999 at Grand Island, NE. Service: Sat., Kleine Funeral Home. Burial: Pierce Chapel (Bureau Cemetery) near Clarks, NE. Survivors: His wife, 2 sons, a daughter, 11 gch., 14 g-gch. Predeceased by a gch.; 2 brothers - Ralph & Lloyd; a sister Elizabeth.

Note: See 1930 Fed. Census Mad Twp, Merrick, NE ED61-10 p1b D16 F16 (w/p)

Grand Island Independent - Sun. 16 May 1999

**Alfred "Grandpa" MEYER, 87**

Born 31 May 1911, Barbrake, Hanover, Germany. Parents: Herman & Anna (Bormann) Meyer. Family immigrated in 1913. Farmer. 30 Mar 1933: Married Evangeline Schwarz at Grand Island, NE. They lived near Palmer most of their married life. 11 Jan 1943: Naturalized at Grand Island. 1963: Moved to farm south of Grand Island; and in 1976 moved into town. He died Thurs., 13 May 1999 following accident near Grand Island. Visitation: Mon., Apfel-Butler-Geddes Funeral Home. Service: Tues., Grace Lutheran Church. Burial: GI City Cemetery. Survivors: 2 sons, 2 daughters, 11 gch., 21 g-gch., 1 gg-gch; 2 brothers, 3 sisters. Predeceased by his wife (1988); son LeRoy; ... 3 brothers & 3 sisters.

Note: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I pp234 (Hiegel), 287 (Meyer), 357 (Schwarz)

Grand Island Independent - Mon. 17 May 1999

**Albina HRUBAN, 95**

Born 1 Dec 1903, TX. Parents: Joseph & Francis Novak. About 1905, her family moved to Omaha, NE. 5 Mar 1926: Married Method J. Hruban. They had a floral business in Omaha. Later operated same type of business in Schuyler, NE and Pomona, CA (Pomona?) 1947: Opened business in Central City, NE. In 1972, she married her first husband's brother, James Charles Hruban. They had a floral business in Schuyler, NE. 1990: They moved to Central City, NE. Albina died Fri., 14 May 1999 at Central City, NE. Graveside service (private) will be Tues. at Central City Cemetery. Survivors: 3 daughters, a son, 12 gch., 25 g-gch. Predeceased by both husbands.

Grand Island Independent - Mon. 17 May 1999

**Tony S. SAVAGE, 90**

Born 22 Dec 1908 on farm south of Genoa, NE. Parents: "Thomas and Julia (Iwan) Tomasiewicz (also known as Savage)." Farmed near Clarks. 1928: US Army. 1934: Employee of Dept of Agriculture. 1935: Married in Polk Co., NE. Later worked in UT, NE, KS, NE. WW II: US Army. Lived in Washington DC for 36 years. Retired in 1973. Resident of Central City, NE. Died Sat., 15 May 1999 at hospital in Grand Island, NE. Service: Wed., St. Michael Catholic Church, Central City. Burial: St. Lawrence Cemetery, Silver Creek, NE. Survivors: His wife, a daughter, 4 gch., 8 g-gch.; a brother & 2 sisters. Predeceased by 3 brothers - Frank, Francis & Joe; 3 sisters - Mary, Anna & an infant.

Note: See 1920 Fed. Census Clarksville Twp, Merrick, NE ED156 p13A D141 F148 (w/p); 1930 Fed. Census Clarksville Twp, Merrick, NE ED61-6 p3a D44 F44 (w/p). His sister Katherine Prososki died 23 Sep 2007 in Polk County (Columbus Telegram obit - 24 Sep 2007)

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 19 May 1999

**Steven Lee GRIGSBY, 44**

Born 10 Oct 1954, Aurora, NE. Parents: Robert Grigsby & his wife. 1972 grad. of CCHS. 15 Jan 1982: Married at Central City, NE. Farmed in Central City area. Died Mon, 17 May 1999 at Central City, NE. Service: Wed., Solt Funeral Home. Burial: Central City Cemetery. Survivors: His wife, 3 sons; his mother, 2 brothers, & a sister. Predeceased by his father.

Note: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I pp 213 (Grigsby), 398; 13 Nov 1998: GI Independent obit of father

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 22 May 1999

**Ethel J. DETTMAN, 64**

Born 9 Mar 1935, Hordville, NE. Parents: McKinley & Faye (Campbell) Land. 24 Oct 1952: Married Louis E. Dettman at Central City, NE. Died Fri. 21 May 1999 at Marion, IA. Service: Mon., Solt Funeral Home, Central City, NE. Burial: Central City Cemetery. Survivors: 2 daughters in Iowa; a son in MO; 2 gch., 2 g-gch.; a brother and 5 sisters. Predeceased by her husband; 2 sons - Alan Dale & Michael; 3 brothers and 3 sisters.

Grand Island Independent - Mon. 24 May 1999

**Frank A. PODRAZA, 93**

Born 23 Jan 1906, Chicago, IL. Parents: Joseph & Katherine (Novak) Podraza. 25 Oct 1936: Married Eleanora at Krakow near Genoa, NE. They lived in Chicago, IL; Silver Creek, NE; Santa Ana, CA. He retired in 1975 & they returned to Silver Creek, NE. From 1991-1996, they lived at Lexington, NE; then moved to Columbus, NE. He died Sat., 22 May 1999 at Columbus, NE. Visitation: Mon., McKown Funeral Home, Silver Creek. Service: Tues., St. Lawrence Catholic Church, Silver Creek. Burial: church cemetery. Survivors: His wife, a daughter, 3 sons; 2 sisters & 2 brothers. Predeceased by 4 brothers & 2 sisters.

Grand Island Independent - Mon. 24 May 1999

**Viola REMBOLT, 89**

Born 24 Feb 1910, Chapman, NE. Parents: Albert & Stella (Aurand) Schmutz. 1928 grad. of Chapman HS. 10 Aug 1928: Married Harvey F. Rembolt. They lived near Chapman. She died Sat., 22 May 1999 at Grand Island, NE. Visitation: Mon., Solt Funeral Home, Central City. Service: Tues., Chapman Baptist Church. Burial: Westlawn Memorial Park Cemetery, Grand Island, NE. Survivors: A son, 2 daughters, 5 gch., 7 g-gch. Predeceased by her husband; two sisters, a brother; 2 gch.

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 25 May 1999

**Alma W. KAMPER, 100**

Born 18 Feb 1899, Platte Co., NE. Parents: John W. & Amanda (Lueschen) Hake. 1912: Family moved near Archer, NE. 3 Jun 1924: Married George Kamper. They farmed northeast of St. Libory, NE; then moved to Palmer, NE. 1963: They moved to North Platte, NE. Mr. Kamper died in 1968. In 1989, Mrs. Kamper moved to GI Veterans Home. She died Fri. 21 May 1999 at Grand Island, NE. Service: Tues., Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, North Platte, NE. Burial: Floral lawns Memorial Garden, North Platte. Survivors: 4 daughters, 36 gch., 78 g-gch., 19 gg-gch. Also living, a sister. Predeceased by her husband, a son, 2 daughters; 5 sisters & 4 brothers.

Note: See 1900 Fed Census Bismark Twp, Platte, NE ED 155 p06a D087 F090 (w/p); Merrick Co NE Marriage Records Book I p41 #3594; 1930 Fed. Census Palmer Village, Merrick, NE ED61-8 p2a D26 F2. Husband can be found in 1900 Fed. Census Prairie Creek Twp, Merrick, NE ED139 p3b D59 F59 (w/p); and 1920 Fed. Census Prairie Creek Twp, Merrick, NE ED226 p7A D119 F119

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 25 May 1999

**Dolores M. ZMEK, 82**

Born 4 Dec 1916, Central City, NE. Parents: Alfred & Rose (Trainor) Power. 27 Nov 1940: Married Lewis Zmek at Central City, NE. They farmed in Merrick County until 1957; moved to a farm near Dannebrog, NE. She died Mon., 24 May 1999 at hospital in St. Paul, NE. Visitation: Thurs., Jacobsen Funeral Home, St. Paul. Service: Fri., St. Anthony's Catholic Church, Farwell, NE. Burial: Westlawn Memorial Park Cemetery, Grand Island, NE. Survivors: 2 daughters, 4 gch., 3 g-gch; one sister. Predeceased by her husband (18 Feb 1999): & a son Galen. Also deceased are 5 brothers - Vince, Jamie, Rich, Owen & Bob Power; 5 sisters - Charlotte Pierce, Phyllis Williams, Theresa Drusseau, Dorothy Armatys & Agnes Clouse. Memorials to Howard Co. Community Hospital, St. Paul, NE; or American Heart Association.

Note: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I p323 (w/p), & p383 (Thede); 1930 Fed. Census Lone Tree Twp., Merrick, NE ED61-7 p2b D45 F47 (w/p).

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 27 May 1999

**Ivan DITTMER, 64**

Born 21 Jun 1934, Clarks, NE. Parents: Bill & Bernita Dittmer. Grad. of Clarks HS. 1952-54: US Navy; also served in Army Reserve & National Guard. Farmed; worked for Bureau of Reclamation at Ainsworth, Valentine & Moses Lake. After 1983, worked as police officer. Married in 1988. Retired to Wood River, NE. Died Mon., 24 May 1999 at Broken Arrow, OK. Visitation: Thurs., Apfel Funeral Home, Wood River. Service: Fri., Countryside Christian Church, Kearney, NE. Burial: Fort McPherson National Cemetery, Maxwell, NE. Survivors: His wife, 2 sons, a daughter; his mother, a brother & a sister. Predeceased by his father.

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 29 May 1999

**Wesley John "Wes" BECK, 75**

Born 27 Sep 1923, Clarks, NE. Parents: Raymond & Ruth (Wolfe) Beck. 1942 grad. of CCHS. WW II: US Army. Married. Farmer, iron worker, school bus driver. Resident of Marquette, NE. Died Thurs., 27 May 1999 at GI Veterans Home. Service: Tues., Solt Funeral Home, Central City, NE. Burial: Bureau Cemetery at Pierce Chapel, near Clarks, NE. Survivors: His wife Shirley, 2 sons, a daughter, 11 gch.; 5 brothers. Predeceased by a sister, Doris Neel.

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Grand Island Independent - Wed. 2 June 1999

**Lloyd LaVern TRAXLER, 47**

Born 3 Oct 1951, Alma, NE. Parents: Lloyd Traxler & Meda Knapp. 4 Jun 1970: Married Anita. 4 Dec 1975: Married Betty. They lived in Central City. Currently a resident of Clarks, NE. Died Mon. 31 May 1999 at Central City, NE. Service: Thurs., Baptist Church, Central City. Cremated. Arrangements: Solt Funeral Home, Central City. Survivors: A son & 4 daughters; 5 step-children; 11 gch.; 2 brothers, & 2 sisters. Predeceased by his parents, brother David, and sister Shirley Butler.

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 3 June 1999

**Florence L. HARDY, 73**

Born 21 Dec 1925, Custer Co., NE. Parents: Phillip Glover & Gladys McClure. 1944 grad. of Central City HS. 1945: Married Roland F. Hardy at Smith Center, KS. They lived in Grand Island, NE. Member of Christian Church. Died Tues., 1 Jun 1999 at York, NE. Service: Fri., Apfel-Butler-Geddes Funeral Home Chapel. Burial: Westlawn Memorial Park Cemetery. Survivors: 2 sons, 9 gch., 8 g-gch; a sister. Predeceased by a daughter Jeanette.

Note: For her family see 1930 Fed. Census NE ED63-3 p4b D77 F78: Cottonwood Twp, Nance, NE. Sister

Geraldine Scarborough died 13 Mar 2001 (Rose Hill Cemetery, Palmer, NE).

Grand Island Independent - Mon. 7 June 1999

**Gertrude B. RUSSELL, 86**

Born 23 Jul 1912, Geary, OK. Parents: Rolla Scott & Josephine Lindahl. 1930: Family moved to Hordville, NE. Apr 1933: Married Frank Russell at Aurora, NE. They farmed near Marquette, NE. 1954: Moved to St. Paul, NE. 1957: Moved to Central City, NE. Mr. Russell died in 1970. Mrs. Russell died Sat. 6 Jun 1999 at Central City. Service: Wed., Solt Funeral Home Chapel, Central City. Burial: Richland Cemetery, near Marquette (Hamilton Co.), NE. Survivors: 3 daughters, 3 sons, 19 gch., 20 g-gch, 1 gg-gch; 2 sisters & 4 brothers. Predeceased by her husband, son Larry; 2 brothers - Forrest & Buck Scott; a sister Opal Berck.

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 9 June 1999

**Georgie E. GRAY, 85**

Born 28 Mar 1914, Pollackville, Alberta, Canada. Parents: James Stuart & Mabel Holbrook. 1932 grad. of Central City HS. 1 Apr 1934: Married Donald Gray. They lived in WY about 5 years - until husband entered the military. May 1946: Returned to farm near Central City, NE. Mrs. Gray was an office manager at the County Hospital. She died Mon. 7 Jun 1999 at Central City, NE. Visitation: Wed., Solt Funeral Home. Service: Thurs., St. Michael's Catholic Church. Burial: Central City Cemetery. Survivors: a son, a daughter, 2 gch.; a sister in Washington.

Note: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I page 379 (T Stuart)

Grand Island Independent - Fri. 11 June 1999

**Leona E. SVOBODA, 97**

Born 27 Feb 1902, Howard Co., NE. Parents: Charles V. & Jane F. (Sevcik) Svoboda. 1921 grad. of St. Paul HS. Attended UN, art major. Returned to St. Paul, NE. Died Wed., 9 Jun 1999 at Palmer, NE. Visitation: Fri., Peters Funeral Home, St. Paul. Service: Sat., Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church, St. Paul. Burial: St. Wendeslaus Cemetery. Survivors: a brother. Predeceased by 5 brothers - Carl, Clement, Alfred, William and Stephen; 4 sisters - Estella Punchochar, Blanche Francis, 2 infants (Anna & Mary).

**Grand Island Independent - Sun. 13 June 1999**

**OPAL JEAN OSWALD, 54**

Born 1 May 1941, Fullerton, NE. Parents: Louie and Gladys (Verplank) Freeland. "... raised in Palmer ..."

Married 31 Dec 1959, Rapid City, SD - Robert Oswald

Residences: Grand Island, NE; Grand Forks, N.D.; Okinawa, Japan; Tucson, AZ; 1977: Grand Island, NE; and other locations.

Died Fri., 11 June 11, 1999, Grand Island, Hall, NE. Visitation: Mon. at the funeral home.

Service: Tues., Kleine Funeral Home Chapel. Burial: Westlawn Memorial Park Cemetery.

Survivors: husband of Grand Island; 3 daughters, Roberta of Riverside, CA, Lori (Mrs. David) Hudnall of Chapman and Shelly (Mrs. Bill) Pepper of Grand Island; one son, Victor of Grand Island; 6 gch; 2 brothers, Harold and Rolland of Central City; 8 sisters, Euveda Wilson of St. Paul, Faye Lubken of Central City, Mable (Mrs. Ernie) Burkhardt of Palmer, Betty (Mrs. Ron) Beck of Grand Island, Minnie (Mrs. Ed) Rasmussen of Omaha, Wanda, (Mrs. Fred) Rother of Wolbach, Ruby (Mrs. Richard) Henderson of Hastings and Lois (Mrs. Norman) Petersen of Grand Island.

Preceded in death by a sister, Shirley.

Obit submitted by [Dona Hawk](mailto:fcdfhawk@cccusa.net) <fcdfhawk@cccusa.net> 4 Apr 2005

Grand Island Independent - Mon. 14 June 1999

**Louis C. BUTT, 73**

Born 20 Aur 1925, Merrick Co., NE. Parents: Rynold F. Butt & Minnie B. Clauff. 1942 grad. of CCHS. 18 Jan. 1944: Married Alvera L. Johannes at Central City. They farmed north of town until 1992. Died Sun. 13 Jun

1999 at Central City, NE. Visitation: Tues., Solt Funeral Home, Central City. Service: Wed., St. Paul's Lutheran Church. Burial: Central City Cemetery. Survivors: His wife, a daughter, a son, 5 gch., 3 g-gch.; his mother, a sister. Predeceased by son, Bruce; and sister, Laree Gee.

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 15 June 1999

**Willis C. ABBOTT, 88**

Born 18 Jul 1910, Chapman, NE. Parents: Blanchard Carl Abbott & Ida Hulda Siem. Grad. of Palmer HS. WW II: US Army (Europe). 1 Jun 1946: Married Audra M. Mitchell at Laramie, WY. (Audra died 28 Nov 1968) Employee of Defense Dept. 15 Nov 1971: Married Katie H. (Miller) Heinrich at Fort Collins, CO. (Katie died 3 Apr 1987). Willis lived at Sidney & Scottsbluff, NE before moving to Dannebrog in 1993. He died there Wed., 9 Jun 1999. Cremated. Survived by 2 sons.

Note: see 1920 Fed. Census NE ED159 p11A D90 F93: Loup Twp, Merrick, NE.

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 15 June 1999

**Matilda ZULKOSKI, 92**

Born 8 Feb 1907, Cotesfield (Howard Co.), NE. Parents: Joseph Jurzenski & Minnie Dorszyski. 27 Jan 1925: Married Frank Zulkoski at Elba, NE. They farmed near Scotia, NE. Mr. Zulkoski died 3 Nov 1974. Mrs. Zulkoski died Sun., 13 Jun 1999 at Palmer, NE. Service: Wed., St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Scotia. Burial at Ord Catholic Cemetery. Survivors: 2 daughters, 9 gch., 10 g-gch. Predeceased by her husband and 2 gch; a sister Helen Wegrzyn; 6 brothers - John, Frank, Stanley, Edward, Peter & Anton Jurzenski.

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 17 June 1999

**Josephine R. DAVIS, 83**

Born 5 Feb 1916, Duncan, NE. Parents: Thomas Cyza & Anna Koziol. 28 Aug 1941: Married Noble John Davis at Genoa, NE. They lived in Columbus; moved to Silver Creek, NE in 1960. Owned/operated Kozy Bar. Died Tues. 15 Jun 1999 at Silver Creek, NE. Service: Fri., St. Lawrence Catholic Church. Burial at church cemetery. Arrangements: McKown Funeral Home, Silver Creek. Survivors: 5 daughters, 14 gch., 8 g-gch.; a sister. Predeceased by her husband; 2 brothers - Adolph & Lonnie Cyza; 4 sisters - Anna Drozd, Donna Frazer, Helen Gasper, Clara Shearer.

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 19 June 1999

**Grace Evelyn McHARGUE, 88**

Born 5 Aug 1910, Hastings, NE. Parents: Autin Miller & Amanda Johnson. 1929 grad. of CCHS. 10 Sep 1931: Married Oscar McHargue at Marquette, NE. They farmed in Hamilton Co., NE; and near Central City, NE. Member of Friends Society. Died Fri. 18 Jun 1999 at Central City, NE. Service: Mon., Solt Funeral Home. Burial: Central City Cemetery. Survivors: A daughter, a son, 8 gch.; 6 g-gch.; a brother. Oscar McHargue died in 1987.

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 19 June 1999

**George E. MOORE, 90**

Born 13 Mar 1909 at Mission, SD. Parents: Willis Moore & Jessie Taylor. Grew up in Antelope County, NE. 20 Sep 1929: Married Thelma McVay. They ranched in Wheeler Co., NE (except 4 years in Washington). He also worked as a welder. 1979: moved to Grand Island, NE. 1997: Moved to Community Care Center. Died Fri., 18 Jun 1999 at Central City, NE. Service: Mon., Livingston-Sondermann Funeral Home (Grand Island?). Burial: Bartlett Cemetery. Survivors: 2 sons, a daughter, 13 gch., 23 g-gch. Predeceased by his wife (10 Nov 1985); 2 brothers - Jim and George; 2 sisters, Nettie Taylor and Et Ring.

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 23 Jun 1999

**Edward James "Jamie" EOFF, 85**

Born 24 Apr 1914, Central City, NE. Parents: George Eoff & Mabel Berryman. 1932 grad. of CCHS. Served in US Army. 16 Jun 1941: Married Dorothy Mabel King at Gering, NE. Worked in family's grocery business, sign painter. Died Tues. 22 Jun 1999 at Papillion, NE. Service: Fri., Solt Funeral Home, Central City. Burial: Central City Cemetery. Survivors: His wife, 2 sons, 2 daughters, 6 gch., 2 g-gch.; a brother in CO.

Predeceased by a grandson; a brother - Dale; sister - Evelyn Grass; 2 step-brothers - Lee and George Eoff. Note: See Who's Who in Nebraska Merrick p815 (w/p); 1920 Fed. Census NE ED158 p15A H2214 D17 F17 (w/p) and 1930 Fed. Census NE ED61-1 p25a H2204 D433 F480 (both at Central City, NE). Lee & George Eoff were his half-brothers. Wife died 13 Feb 2002.

Grand Island independent - Fri. 25 Jun 1999

**Harold P. GRAVENGAARD, 77**

Born 25 Oct 1921, Hamilton Co., NE. Grad. of Marquette HS. Lived in CA. WW II: US Navy. 1948: returned to farm. 28 Dec 1957: Married Dorothy. They moved to Central City, NE; 1973: Moved to Grand Island, NE. Died Mon., 21 Jun 1999 at Central City. Service: Fri., Kleine Funeral Home. Burial: St. John's Lutheran Cemetery, Kronberg, NE. Survivors: His wife, a son, a daughter, 2 gch., a sister in CA. Note: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I page 292 (Munn)

Grand Island independent - Sat. 26 Jun 1999

**Frank J. GONSIOR, 71**

Born 5 Mar 1928, Genoa, NE. Parents: Charles Gonsior Sr. & Cecelia Jarecky. Grew up in Nance County. 15 Jun 1946: Married Stella Carolyn in Clarks, NE. They farmed in Nance, Polk & Merrick Counties. Died Thurs., 24 Jun 1999 at Central City, NE. Visitation: Sun., Solt Funeral Home, Central City. Service: Mon., St. Michael's Catholic Church. Burial: Clarks Cem. Survivors: wife, a son, a daughter; 5 gch., 5 g-gch. Predeceased by son James; 5 brothers & 3 sisters.

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Grand Island Independent - Tues. 6 Jul 1999

**Norah E. DAVISON, 77**

Born 14 Jan 1922, Reading, England. Parents: Harold & Enid (Ward) Dicker. Lived in England & Wales. 7 Jun 1944: Married Glenn A. Davison at Minchinhampton, England. Moved to USA in 1946. Worked in Grand Island, NE; Denver, CO; Chicago area. 1991: Moved to Central City, NE where she died Sun., 4 Jul 1999. Visitation: Tues., Solt Funeral Home, Central City. Graveside service: Wed. at Rose Hill Cemetery, Palmer, NE. Survivors: a son, 3 gch.; a sister. Predeceased by her parents; a brother - Robert Dicker.

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 8 Jul 1999

**John H. SINSEL, 52**

Born 17 Dec 1946, Central City, NE. Parents: Harry E. Sinsel & Lydia L. Nickel. 1965 grad. of Archer HS. Lived at Archer & Fullerton, NE, then moved to Bowling Green, KY. Died there Sun., 4 Jul 1999. Visitation: Thurs., Palmer Funeral Home, Fullerton, NE. Service: Fri., United Methodist Church, Fullerton. Burial: Prairie Creek Baptist Cemetery, Archer, NE. Survivors: 1 brother & 6 sisters.

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 10 Jul 1999

**Dave DRAKE, 51**

Born 2 Aug 1947, Central City, NE. Parents: Robert E. & Berneita Drake. Attended York HS. Died Wed., 7 Jul 1999 at Kansas City, MO. Service: Mon., Metz Chapel, York, NE. Burial: Greenwood Cemetery, York. Survivors: 2 sons, 4 gch.; his parents; 2 brothers & a sister.

Grand Island Independent (death notice) - Tues. 13 Jul 1999

**Leonard Jacob McLEAN, 80**

Died 16 May 1999 at Mesa, AZ. His wife Mary Louise (Clement) McLean died 8 Aug 1996. Joint memorial service will be Mon. at Piere Chapel near Clarks, NE. (Burial at Bureau Cemetery). They lived in Merrick County; retired to Mesa, AZ.

Note: For husband see History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I p298 (J McLean); 1920 Fed. Census NE ED156 p15B D193 F200: Clarksville Twp, Merrick, NE (w/p); 1930 Fed. Census NE ED61-6 p9b D206 F206: Clarksville Twp, Merrick, NE(w/p).

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 20 Jul 1999

**Reuben Ellsworth HANQUIST, 99**

Born 25 Sep 1899 near Central City, NE. Parents: Pher Hanquest & Matilda Johnson. Attended school near Polk, NE. 16 Sep 1924: Married LaVina Mae Rodine at Polk, NE. They farmed near Polk. 1988: Moved to Aurora, NE. Mrs. Hanquist died 18 Sep 1992. Mr. Hanquist died Sun., 18 Jul 1999 at Aurora. Visitation: Wed., Higby Mortuary, Aurora. Service: Thurs., Pleasant View Bible Church, Aurora. Burial: Lindell Cemetery near Hordville. Survivors: 4 sons, a daughter, 24 gch., 21 g-gch. Predeceased by his wife; a granddaughter.

Note: See 1900 Fed. Census NE ED135 p1a D9 F9: Lone Tree Twp, Merrick, NE

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 27 Jul 1999

**John C. HOLLOWELL, 77**

Born 6 Oct 1921, Honey Grove, TX. Parents: William Hollowell & Ada Smothers. Served in US Army Air Corps. 26 Nov 1943: Married Dorothy at Worms, NE. Insurance man. Died Sun. 25 Jul 1999, Grand Island, NE. Visitation: Tues., Livingston-Sonderman Funeral Home. Service: Wed., Trinity Lutheran Church, Grand Island. Burial: Wiegert Cemetery, Hall County, NE. Survivors: His wife, 3 daughters, 1 son, 9 gch., etc. Predeceased by 8 brothers & 3 sisters.

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 31 Jul 1999

**Floyd K. FRIZZELL, 85**

Born 17 Apr 1914, Silver Creek, NE. Parents: Roy Frizzell and Clara Cremeen. 1931 grad. of Silver Creek HS. 3 Jun 1936: married Delpha Pickett. Farmer, firefighter. Delpha died 9 Aug 1954. 31 Dec 1955: Married a second time, at Silver Creek, NE. Mr. Frizzell died Thurs., 29 Jul 1999 at Columbus, NE. Visitation: Sun., McKowns Funeral Home, Silver Creek, NE. Service: Mon., United Methodist Church, Silver Creek. Burial at Silver Creek Cemetery. Survivors: his second wife, 2 sons, 2 step-sons, 3 gch., etc. Predeceased by his first wife; a sister - Zola Finecy; a brother - Dale Frizzell.

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Grand Island Independent - Wed. 4 Aug 1999

**Joseph "Cecil" WILLHOFT, 89**

Former resident of Central City, NE. Died 7 Jul 1999 at Coos Bay, OR. Graveside service Thurs., Central City Cemetery. (Cremated). Arrangements: Solt Funeral Home, Central City, NE.

Note: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I pp 406 (IP WillHoft), 407 (Willhoft-Phelps, & JD Willhoft Children); 1920 Fed. Census Central City Ward 2, Merrick, NE ED158 p12B H1503 D103 F104 (w/p); 1930 Fed. Census Central City, Merrick, NE ED61-1 p10a H1103 D3 F3 (w/p)

Grand Island Independent - Fri. 6 Aug 1999

**Donald Arthur FRAZIER, 87**

Born 13 Aug 1911 near Archer, NE. Parents: Arthur L. Frazier & Cora Ellen Shepherd. Farmed near Archer. 26 Aug 1946: Married Wauneta F. Bonness at Archer, NE. 1980: They retired and moved to Grand Island, NE. Died Wed. 4 Aug 1999 at Grand Island, NE. Service: Fri., Faith United Methodist Church. Burial: Archer Cemetery. Arrangements: Solt Funeral Home. Survivors: a son, and a sister. Predeceased by his wife (23 Oct 1996); 2 sisters: Marie Mess and Mabel Hansen; 2 brothers: Raymond and Leonard Frazier.

Grand Island Independent - Fri. 6 Aug 1999

**Velma Grace LAND, 61**

Born 8 Aug 1937, Nance County, NE. Parents: Andrew C. Rasmussen & Ruth May Miller. 1955 grad. of Fullerton HS. 22 May 1955: Married Jerry William Land. They farmed in Nance & Merrick Counties. Jerry died 6 Feb 1996, and Velma moved to St. Paul, NE. Dec 1998: Moved to Arizona. Died Mon., 2 Aug 1999 at Queen Creek, AZ. Service: Sat., Solt Funeral Home, Central City, NE. Burial: Rose Hill Cemetery, Palmer, NE. Survivors: a son & 2 daughters, 5 gch. Predeceased by her husband and a grandson.

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 7 Aug 1999

**Harvey H. "Happy" MILLER, 84**

Born 8 Oct 1914, Palmer, NE. Parents: Julius & Emma (Brunk) Miller. WW II: P US Army, 67th Medical Attachment. Worked at Portland, OR (shipyards); Scotia, NE; and Hastings, NE. Methodist. 1951: Married Greetha Lee at Scotia, NE. Employed in Grand Island as groundskeeper for VA. Retired to Farwell, NE. "Mrs. Miller died on Feb. 16, 1979." 1980: Harvey married a second time - to Gladys Lich at St. Paul, NE. Gladys died in Dec 1992. Mr. Miller died Wed., 4 Aug 1999 at GI Veterans Home. Service: Mon., Apfel-Butler-Geddes Funeral Home. Burial: Fort McPherson National Cemetery, Maxwell, NE. Survivors: 4 step-sons, 3 step-daughters, ... Predeceased by a step-son Larry Lich; 3 brothers. Note: See 1920 Fed. Census Prairie Creek Twp, Merrick, NE ED226 p1B D12 F12 (w/mother); and 1930 Fed. Census Prairie Creek Twp, Merrick, NE ED61-12 p5b D114 F108 (w/gm-Brunk)

Grand Island Independent - Mon. 9 Aug 1999

**Frank Dee SPIRES, 62**

Born 10 Mar 1937, Clarks, NE. Parents: Robert & Nettie (Ernst) Spires. 1955 grad. of Clarks HS. 26 Jun 1960: Married at Hordville, NE. Worked in Stromsburg & Wood River, NE. 1969: Moved to Stromsburg; currently a resident of Hordville, NE. Died Sat., 7 Aug 1999 at Grand Island, NE. Service: Wed., Solt Funeral Home, Central City, NE. Burial: Clarks Cemetery. Survivors: His wife, 2 sons; 3 sisters, 4 brothers. Predeceased by his parents.

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 11 Aug 1999

**Walter L. HOLTZ, 87**

Born 4 Nov 1911 near Archer, NE. Parents: Herman & Frieda (Beulh) Holtz. 1929 grad. of Archer HS. Attended GI Business College. 19 Apr 1933: Married Ruth Lohn at Fullerton, NE. They farmed in Nebraska & Indiana. He worked as heavy equipment operator in Indiana. Moved to St. Paul, NE 10 years ago. Died Mon., 9 Aug 1999 at St. Paul. Service: Thurs., Jacobsen Funeral Home, St. Paul. Burial: Burke Cemetery near Central City, NE. Survivors: His wife, 3 sons, 2 daughters, 15 gch., 13 g-gh. Also living - a brother & 3 sisters. Predeceased by 2 brothers - Lawrence & James. Note: See 1920 Fed. Census Midland Twp, Merrick, NE ED161 p4B F40 (w/p); 1930 Fed. Census Midland Twp, Merrick, NE ED61-11 p4b D85 F85 (w/Carl A. Hansen);

Grand Island Independent - Fri. 13 Aug 1999

**Margaret E. JOHNSON, 79**

Born 25 Sep 1919, Silver Creek, NE. Parents: James & Edith (Palfrey) Kershaw. 18 Jul 1942: Married Leslie J. Johnson at Silver Creek. Teacher; employee of Dale Electronics. Died Thurs., 12 Aug 1999, Stromsburg, NE. Visitation: Sun., McKown Funeral Home, Silver Creek. Service: Mon., United Methodist Church, Silver Creek. Survivors: a daughter, a son, 5 gch. Also living - 2 sisters and 2 brothers. Predeceased by her husband and her parents. Note: See 1920 Fed. Census Silver Creek Twp, Merrick, NE ED162 p10A D9 F9 (w/p); 1930 Fed. Census Silver Creek Twp, Merrick, NE ED61-15 p3a D47 F47. (In both she is Edith M. Kershaw.)

Grand Island Independent - Fri. 13 Aug 1999

**Louis M. SOCK, 76**

Born 22 Sep 1922, Silver Creek, NE. Parents: Adam & Mary (Koziol) Sock. 1941 grad. of Silver Creek HS. Insurance agent. Died Wed., 11 Aug 1999 at Osceola, NE. Service: Mon., St. Lawrence Catholic Church, Silver Creek, NE. Burial at church cemetery. Arrangements: McKown Funeral Home of Silver Creek, NE. Survivors: 3 sisters & 1 brother. Predeceased "by a brother, Alphonsa Sock."

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 18 Aug 1999

**Harriette E. GATES, 91**

Born 13 Jun 1908 near Clarks, NE. Parents: Horatio & Addie (Seerley) Bush. 25 Jun 1932: Married Amos M. Gates at Butte, NE. They lived at Clarks. Bank clerk. They moved to Lincoln in 1993. Mr. Gates died Mrs. Gates died 11 Sep 1994. Mon. 16 Aug 1999 at Lincoln, NE. Service: Fri., Solt Funeral Home, Central City, NE. Burial: Clarks Cemetery. Survivors: 3 grandchildren, 2 g-gch; a sister in WY. Predeceased by daughter



Ramona Strickland; 3 sisters - Charlotte Wright, Hazel Smith & Mabel Smith; 4 brothers - Dewey, Van, Horatio & Gordon.

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 19 Aug 1999

**Paul D. GAVER, 90**

Born 20 Feb 1909 Tarnov, NE (Platte County). Parents: Joseph & Agatha (Zoucha) Gaver. Attended school at Tarnov & Clarks, NE. Resident of Clarks, NE. Farmer, carpenter. Died Tues., 17 Aug 1999 at hospital in Omaha, NE. Visitation: Thurs., McKown Funeral Home, Silver Creek. Service: Fri., St. Peter Catholic Church, Clarks, NE. Burial: church cemetery. Survivors: a sister. Predeceased by 3 sisters - Kathryn Danielski, Barbara Hybner & Josephine Silva; 3 brothers, Carl, Henry & Peter Gaver.

Note: For his family, see 1920 Fed. Census Clarksville, Merrick, NE ED156 p14a D161 F168 (w/p); and 1930 Fed. Census Clarksville, Merrick, NE ED61-6 p1b D18 F18 (w/mother)

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 26 Aug 1999

**Hilda Christina WERT, 96**

Born 18 Apr 1903, Hamilton Co., NE. Parents: John & Anna Marie (Christiansen) Jorgensen. 29 Jul 1922: Married Raymond Andrew Wert at Lincoln, NE. They farmed near Hampton, then moved into town. Mr. Wert died 1 Mar 1985. In 1991, Mrs. Wert moved to live with her daughter at Hordville, NE. Six weeks ago she moved to Litzenberg Long-Term Care in Central City; died there Tues., 24 Aug 1999. Service: Sat., United Lutheran Church, Hampton, NE. Burial at church cemetery. Survivors: 3 daughters, 1 son, 50 gch., 52 g-gch., 17 gg-gch. Predeceased by her husband; daughter, Twila Wohlgemuth; son, Dwayne "Rusty" Wert; a sister - Matilda Larsen; 3 brothers - Emmanuel, Hans & Robert Jorgensen.

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Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 2 Sep 1999

**Rosemary Louise FERGUSON, 75**

Born 13 Jul 1924, Osceola (Polk Co.), NE. Parents: Ralph Kahler & Marie Nelson. Grad. of High Prairie HS. 14 Jan 1945: Married Glen Albert Ferguson in Polk County. They farmed near Pierce Chapel, Havens and Clarks (all in Merrick Co.), NE. She died Tues., 31 Aug 1999 at hospital in Omaha, NE. Visitation: Thurs., Solt Funeral Home, Central City, NE. Service: Fri., United Methodist Church, Clarks. Burial: Pierce Chapel Cemetery near Clarks. Survivors: Her husband, 2 sons, a daughter, 5 gch., 1 g-gch; a brother.

Grand Island Independent - Mon. 6 Sep 1999

**Marion W. RYAN, 89**

Born 16 Aug 1910, Palisade, NE. Parents: Samuel Ryan & Fanny Huering. 1929 grad. of CCHS. 13 Jun 1939: Married at Central City, NE. WW II: US Navy. 1947: Moved to "... Willeman family farm northwest of Central City ..." Died Sun. 5 Sep 1999 at Central City, NE. Visitation: Solt Funeral Home, Central City. Service: Wed., Fairview United Methodist Church near town. Burial at city cemetery. Survivors: His wife, a son, 2 daughters, 7 gch., 2 g-gch.; a brother. Predeceased by daughter, Patricia Louise (infancy); 2 brothers - Ray & Walter; 3 sisters - Daisy Cohagan, Hazel McDermott & Stella Zigler.

Note: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I pages 345 (Ryan), 406 (Willeman); 1930 Fed. Census NE ED61-1 p23a H2210 D380 F405 (w/p)

Grand Island Independent - Mon. 6 Sep 1999

**Margaret V. SCHLONDORF, 90**

Born 4 Jun 1909 at York, NE. Parents: George Schleiger & Christine Gablehouse. Telephone operator. 30 Feb 1930: Married Henry Schlondorf at York. They farmed near Stromsburg, & then near Clarks, NE. She died Sun., 5 Sep 1999 at Central City, NE. Service: Tues., Solt Funeral Home, Central City. Burial: Greenwood Cemetery, York, NE. Survivors: One son, 6 gch., 11 g-gch. Predeceased by her husband (13 Nov 1997); a son Don; grandson Jon; 3 brothers - George, Harold and Alvin Schleiger; one sister, Helen Schleiger.

Note: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I pp 351-2.

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 9 Sep 1999

**Kimberly A. BOOKER, 39**

Born 10 Oct 1939, Sidney, NE. Parents: LaMoine Oberschulte & Alberta Dickman. 1977 grad. of Grand Island Northwest HS. 24 Jun 1977: Married Gregory Booker at Grand Island. They lived in Hastings and Chapman; then moved to Fullerton, NE in 1988. Died Mon., 6 Sep 1999 at Fullerton, NE. Service: Fri., Mount Calvary Lutheran Church, Fullerton. Burial: Chapman Cemetery. Arrangements: Palmer Funeral Home, Fullerton. Survivors: Her husband, 2 sons; her mother & 2 brothers. Predeceased by her father, & her grandparents - August & Ella Oberschulte; and Leonard Dickman.

Note: See gravestone extracts for Chapman Cemetery.

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 9 Sep 1999

**Donald L. STUMPPFF, 82**

Born 27 May 1917, Clarks, NE. Parents: Edwin L. & Effie (Delancey) Stumpff. College degrees from NE Central College, UN and Omaha University. Teacher. USAF. 4 Sep 1943: Married in KS. 1959: Moved to Kearney, NE. Died 28 Aug 1999 at hospital in Kearney. Body to be donated to Creighton Univ. Medical Center. Survivors: His wife, a son, 2 daughters, 3 gch. Predeceased by a son & 2 brothers.

Grand Island Independent - Fri. 10 Sep 1999

**Helen A. SELLERS, 93**

Born 9 Apr 1906, near Genoa, NE. Parents: Thomas Tomasiewicz & Julia Iwan. Family lived in Nance & Merrick Counties. 30 Jun 1936: Married James Sellers at Omaha, NE. They lived primarily in Texas. She died Wed., 8 Sep 1999 at Houston, TX. Service: Tues., St. Lawrence Catholic Church, Silver Creek, NE. Burial at church cemetery. Survivors: A sister & a brother. Predeceased by her husband (1966); 2 sisters & 3 brothers.

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 11 Sep 1999

**Edgar WINDFIELD, 97**

Born 15 Apr 1902 on farm near Worms, NE. Parents: Thomas & Lydia Windfield. Did not marry, remained on family farm until 1989. Died Fri. 10 Sep 1999 at Grand Island, NE. Service: Wed., Apfel-Butler-Geddes Funeral Home. Burial: Grand Island City Cemetery. Survivors: One brother living in Grand Island. Predeceased by his parents, 3 sisters & a brother. Memorials: Zion Lutheran Church at Worms, NE. Note: Obit of brother Clarence appeared 4 Jul 1998 in GI Independent.

Grand Island Independent death notice - Tues. 14 Sep 1999

**Dale Dan CRAWFORD, 81**

Resident of Central City, NE. Died Sun. 12 Sep 1999 at Central City. Service: Fri., Sun Also Rises Chapel in Ventura, CA. Burial: Ventura Memorial Cemetery.

Grand Island Independent - Fri. 17 Sep 1999

**Wesley E. "Wes" GARRETT, 72**

Born 9 Mar 1927, Central City, NE. Parents: Walter Garrett & Frankie Good. WW II: US Army, 82nd Airborne. 3 Jun 1951: Married Doris at Kronborg, NE. They farmed. 1974: Moved to Kansas; returned to Central City. 1982: Founded Centaur Enterprises. Died Wed., 15 Sep 1999 at Central City, NE. Visitation: Fri., Solt Funeral Home. Service: Sat., Community Bible Church. Burial: Central City Cemetery. Survivors: His wife, 3 sons, 4 daughters, 15 gch.; 3 brothers, 4 sisters. Memorials: Nebraska Christian School or the church. Note: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I page 203 (w/p); 1930 Fed. Census Lone Tree Twp, Merrick, NE ED61-7 p6a D119 F121

Grand Island Independent - Sun. 19 Sep 1999

**Chesley David "Chet" DEICHMANN, 17**

Born 28 Sep 1981, Grand Island, NE. Parents: David & Becky Jo Deichmann. "...senior at Nebraska Christian High School in Central City." Died Sat. 18 Sep 1999 in accident west of Central City, NE. Visitation: Sun., Solt Funeral Home, Central City. Service: Mon., Community Bible Church. Burial at Central City Cemetery. Survivors: His parents, a brother, 2 sisters; his grandparents.

Grand Island Independent - Mon. 20 Sep 1999

**Margaret HOPKINS, 85**

Born 25 Jun 1914, Chatsworth, GA. Parents: John Long & Artie Winkler. Lived in Florida. RN. 19 Feb 1971: Married Kemp C. Hopkins at Elko, NV. 1975: They moved to Palmer, NE. Died Sat., 18 Sep 1999 at Palmer. Service: Sat., Jesse Jones Funeral Home, Chatsworth, GA. Burial: Cool Springs Cemetery near Chatsworth. Survivors: her husband, 5 daughters, a son (surname: Ellich); 15 gch., 10 g-gch. Predeceased by 3 brothers; 2 gch.

Grand Island Independent - Mon. 20 Sep 1999

**Marx SCHUTT, 47**

Born 10 Jun 1952 Grand Island, NE. Parents: Emil & Elsie (Frauen) Schut. Grew up in Central City, NE. 1970 grad. of GI Northwest HS. 7 Dec 1974: Married at Grand Island, NE. Farmer. Died Sat. 18 Sep 1999 at Grand Island. Visitation: Mon. Apfel-Butler-Geddes Funeral Home. Service: Tues., St. Pauls Lutheran Church, Grand Island, NE. Burial: Central City Cemetery. Survivors: His wife, a son, a daughter; 3 sisters. Predeceased by his parents.

Note: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I pp 355-6.

Grand Island Independent - Sun. 26 Sep 1999

**Frank KUREK, 77**

Born 23 Aug 1922, Fullerton, NE. Parents: Andrew Kurek & Anna Konwinski. Attended school in Nance County. WW II: US Army MP. 6 May 1950: Married Elaine Zywiec at Chicago, IL. They later lived in Omaha, Columbus and Silver Creek, NE. Died Fri., 24 Sep 1999 at Silver Creek, NE. Service: Tues., St. Lawrence Catholic Church in Silver Creek. Burial: St. John's Cemetery, Omaha, NE. Survivors: 2 sisters. Predeceased by his wife; 4 sisters - Lucille Govern, Victoria Gunchick, Dora Para and Leona Shotkoski; 2 brothers - Edward & Lawrence Kurek.

Note: see 1930 Fed. Census NE ED63-5 p1a D9 F9: East Newman Twp, Nance, NE

Grand Island Independent - Sun. 26 Sep 1999

**Elsie E. RODEKOH, 88**

Born 24 Oct 1910, Blue Rapids, KS. Parents: Phillip VanHoutan & Alice Reedy. About 1916, her family moved to Madison, SD. She returned to KS when 20 yrs old. 24 Nov 1934: Married Charles H. Joseph (He died 21 Nov 1947). 5 Apr 1958: Married Edward W. Rodekohl at Central City, NE. She cooked at a cafe in Chapman, NE. Mr. Rodekohl died 12 Mar 1983. She moved to Grand Island; and then to the Veterans Home, Grand Island. Died Thurs., 23 Sep 1999, Grand Island, NE. Visitation: Sun., Apfel-Butler-Geddes Funeral Home. Service: Mon., First Christian Church. Burial: Chapman Cemetery. Survivors: 3 daughters, a son, 12 gch., 21 g-gch.; 3 brothers. Predeceased by both husbands; a grandson; 3 sisters & 4 brothers.

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Grand Island Independent - Fri. 1 Oct 1999

**Leila J. HANSEN, 74**

Born 28 Aug 1925, Palmer, NE. Parents: William H. Starkey & Clara Samuelson. 1943 grad. of St. Paul HS. 6 Feb 1944: Married Jimmie Hansen at St. Paul. Mr. Hansen died 18 Apr 1973. Mrs. Hansen died Wed., 29 Sep 1999 at St. Paul, NE. Service: Sat., Jacobsen Funeral Home. Burial: Elmwood Cemetery, St. Paul. Survivors: 2 sons, 2 daughters, 8 gch., 4 step-gch.; 5 sisters. Predeceased by her husband; an infant son Jimmie, a gdau.; and her brother Laverne Starkey.

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 5 Oct 1999

**Raymond B. CYBORON, 80**

Born 7 Jun 1919 near Silver Creek, NE. Parents: John Cyboron & Leona Czapala. 1921: Family moved near Boelus, NE. Grad. of Boelus HS. 5 Nov 1946: Married Henrietta at Farwell, NE. They farmed in Boelus area, then moved into town. Mr. Cyboron died Sun. 3 Oct 1999 at Grand Island, NE. Service: Wed., St. Mary's

Catholic Church, Rockville, NE. Burial: Church cemetery. Survivors: His wife, 3 sons, 4 daughters, 10 gch.; 3 sisters, and 6 brothers. Predeceased by a brother, Adolph; and an infant sister.

Grand Island Independent - Fri. 8 Oct 1999

**Roy E. STACK, 47**

Born 9 Mar 1952, Central City, NE. Parents: Orie Stack & Augusta Hanson. Attended school in Chapman area. Died Wed. 6 Oct 1999 at Chapman, NE. Visitation: Fri., Kleine Funeral Home. Graveside service: Sat., Chapman Cemetery. Survivors: A son, a daughter; 2 brothers & 2 sisters. His parents are deceased.

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 9 Oct 1999

**Marie E. MAIN, 100**

Born 30 Sep 1899 at Arnold, NE. Parents: James Wilcher & Sarah Roberson. Attended Arnold HS. 2 Mar 1921: Married Jess A. Main at Kearney, NE. They lived in SD., and then Council Bluffs, IA. 1942: Moved to Fullerton, NE. 1966: She moved to Litzenberg Long Term Care in Central City. Died there, Wed., 6 Oct 1999. Graveside service: Tues., at Cedar Lawn Cemetery, Council Bluffs, IA. Arrangements: Palmer Funeral Home, Fullerton. Survivors: a daughter in Arizona. Predeceased by her husband and a son James.

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 9 Oct 1999

**Jennie Theresa PETERSON, 103**

Born 20 Oct 1895, on farm northeast of Marquette, NE. Parents: Nels S. Peterson & Jennie Ida Nicholson. Started school in Hamilton Co., NE. 1914 grad. of CCHS. 1924 grad. of NE State Teacher's College, at Kearney. Teacher in Hamilton & Merrick Co., NE. Also taught at Sargent, NE. Lived with her parents and cared for them. Died Fri., 8 Oct 1999 at Central City, NE. Visitation: Sun., Solt Funeral Home, Central City, NE. Graveside service: Mon, Mamre Evangelical Free Church Cemetery. Survivors: 3 nieces and a nephew. Predeceased by 2 brothers - John O. and Carl; 3 sisters - Esther Jorgensen, Edith Abel and an infant Florence.

Note: See 1920 Fed. Census NE ED157 p6A D122 F122: Lone Tree Twp, Merrick, NE.

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 12 Oct 1999

**Rex F. WAGNER, 91**

Born 22 May 1908 at Archer, NE. Parents: Frank F. Wagner & Grace V. Willoughby. About 1912, family moved near Burwell, NE. They returned to Archer, and then moved to Burwell again. 1926 grad. of Burwell HS. Attended UN; newspaperman. WW II: US Army. After war worked in Arizona, California and Alaska. 1958: Returned to Burwell when father was ill. Remained as bookkeeper for family business. Died Mon., 11 Oct 1999 at Ord, NE. Service: Thurs., St. John's Lutheran Church, Burwell. Burial: Cottonwood Cemetery, Burwell. Survivors: a sister in Arizona. Predeceased by his parents, 2 brothers - Bernard & Mark; a sister - Helen Wagner.

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 12 Oct 1999

**Joseph Jay GEREN, 56**

Born 3 Feb 1943, Hastings, NE. Parents: Rubin Geren & Della McGowen. 1961 grad. of CCHS. "He worked for Central Bank in Central City for 18 years, starting as a teller and ending as a vice president." Served in NE National Guard. 1978: Married Judy. They moved to Nebraska City, NE. He also worked in Julesburg, CO and Fullerton, NE; before moving in 1993 to Anita, Iowa. Died Sat. 9 Oct 1999 at Omaha, NE. Service: Tues., St. Mary's Catholic Church, Anita, IA. Burial: St. Michael's Catholic Cemetery, Central City, NE. Survivors: His wife, 5 sons, 2 daughters, 4 gch.; 2 brothers, 2 sisters. Predeceased by his parents.

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 13 Oct 1999

**Colleen M. SMITH, 74**

Born 26 Jan 1925, Palmer, NE. Parents: George Deertz & Mary Glause. 1943 grad. of Palmer HS. 1943: Married Boyd Snodgrass. They lived near Grand Island; in 1955 moved to California. 1962: Married Charles Smith. They lived at Grand Island, NE. 1968: Moved to Paxton area. 1978: She moved back to Grand Island, NE. Mrs. Smith died Thurs. 7 Oct 1999 at Fort Collins, CO. Service: Thurs., Palmer Funeral Home, Palmer,

NE. Burial: Rose Hill Cemetery near Palmer. Survivors: 3 daughters, 10 gch., 15 g-gch., 1 gg-gch.; 2 brothers, 1 sister.

Columbus Telegram - Oct 1999

**LUND, Beulah Bell, 88**

Born 13 Nov 1901, Silver Creek, NE. Parents: Bryson Ackerman & Mabel Robinson. Married Carl V. Lund.

Died 13 Oct 1999 at King City, OR. Survivors: a son and a daughter.

Note: See Hist. of Platte Co. by Margaret Curry, page 799 (Lund)

Grand Island Independent - Fri. 1 Oct 1999

**Sophie C. BLASE, 102**

Born 1 Sep 1897, York, NE. Parents: George & Charlotte Reeb. 6 Dec 1916: Married Louis Blase. He died in May 1973. She moved to Olathe, KS later that year. She died Wed. 29 Sep 1999 at a nursing home in Lenexa, KS. Service: Mon. Solt Funeral Home, Central City, NE. Burial: Central City Cemetery. Survivors: Her daughter, 6 gch., 11 g-gch. 2 gg-gch. Predeceased by her husband, 2 sons - Virgil & an infant; 2 brothers - Henry & Harold Reeb; 3 sisters - Emma Carlson, Helen Kerker & Lillie Garling.

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 14 Oct 1999

**Howard George HANSEN, 90**

Born 16 Aug 1909, Omaha, NE. Parents: George J. Hansen & Anna Katherine Anderson. Grad. of Clarks HS. 17 Mar 1937: Married Mabel Frazier at Gibbon, NE. They farmed near Clarks, and then near Archer, NE.

1980: Moved to Grand Island, NE. Mabel died 18 May 1981. Mr. Hansen married second to Edna Poole. He moved to Wood River in 1998; died there Tues., 12 Oct 1999. Service: Fri., Solt Funeral Home, Central City, NE. Burial: Central City Cemetery. Survivors: His second wife, 3 daughters, 7 gch., 12 g-gch.; a brother.

Predeceased by his first wife; a grandson; a brother Thorwald Hansen and 2 sisters - Elva Cosner and Irene Hansen.

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 16 Oct 1999

**Joel Michael HOLBROOK, 33**

Born 24 Jan 1966, Mullen, NE. Parents: Harvey & Sonia Hollbrook. 1975: Family moved to Central City. 1984 grad. of CCHS. Joined the US Marine Corps; member of "... 2nd Division Marine Band at Camp LeJeune, N.C. for three years". Currently, a corrections officer in Kansas City, MO. Found dead at home on Tues., 12 Oct 1999, Kansas City, MO. Service: Mon., United Methodist Church, Central City, NE. Burial: Orchard Hill Cemetery, Orchard, NE. Arrangements: Solt Funeral Home. Survivors: his parents, 2 sisters, a grandmother. Predeceased by grandparents Raymond Stevens; Harvey and Burnetta Holbrook.

Note: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I p237

Grand Island Independent - Sun. 17 Oct 1999

**Elaine M. HANSEN, 71**

Born 29 Jan 1928, Merrick Co., NE. Parents: Werner Ueckert & Minnie Kurz. Attended school near Worms, NE. 13 Apr 1958: Married Donal Hansen at Grand Island, NE. 1964: Moved to Grand Island, NE. Resident of Tekamah, NE. Died Wed., 13 Oct 1999 at Blair Hospital. Service: Monday, Apfel-Butler-Geddes Funeral Home, Grand Island. Burial: Westlawn Memorial Park Cemetery, Grand Island. Survivors: Her husband; a daughter & a granddaughter; her brother. Predeceased by her parents.

Note: See 1930 Fed. Census NE ED61-12 p6a D124 F118: Prairie Creek Twp, Merrick, NE; and 20 Nov 2003: Grand Island Independent obit of husband.

Grand Island Independent - Sun. 17 Oct 1999

**Verna M. HULME, 80**

Born 22 Feb 1919 Prosser (Adams Co.), NE. Parents: Joseph & Maggie (Oliver) Daily. 18 Nov 1940: Married Frank E. Hulme at Kearney, NE. They lived near Hastings, NE. Methodist. 1992: Moved to Central City, NE.

Mrs. Hulme died Fri. 15 Oct 1999 at Community Care, Central City. Graveside service will be Tues. at Kenesaw Cemetery. Survivors: 2 daughters; a brother. She was predeceased by her husband (25 Aug 1993);

3 brothers, 2 sisters, a g-gch.

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 19 Oct 1999

**Donald John LOCK, 84**

Born 23 Jan 1915, Central City, NE. Parents: Elmer F. Lock & Minnie Tunell. 1933 grad of CCHS. Served during WW II. 2 Jun 1946: Married Eleanor Edith McElwain. They farmed south of Central City, NE. Presbyterian. 1983: Retired to live in Central City. Mrs. Lock died 12 Dec 1994. Mr. Lock died Sun., 17 Oct 1999 at a medical center in Lincoln, NE. Service: Wed., Solt Funeral Home. Burial: Central City Cemetery. Survivors: 3 sons, 2 gch.; 2 sisters.

Grand Island Independent - 23 Oct 1999

**Frank Adelbert McCONNELL, 96**

Born 5 Jul 1903, Grand Island, NE. Parents: G.A. McConnell and Mary Efie Graham. Family moved to farm near Clarks, NE the next year. 1921: Family moved to Central City, NE. 22 Jul 1922: Married Kate Smith. Followed a number of occupations. Owned/operated Kate's Rootbeer Stand. "... known for his sense of humor and practical jokes". Died Thurs., 21 Oct 1999 at Central City, NE. Service: Sat., Solt Funeral Home, Central City. Burial: Pierce Chapel Cemetery. Survivors: a daughter, 3 grandsons, 6 g-gch., 2 gg-gch. Predeceased by his wife, 2 infant sons; a brother & a sister.

Grand Island Independent - Sun. 24 Oct 1999

**Elizabeth HOOD, 92**

Born 3 Jul 1907 in Gage Valley area east of St. Paul, NE. Parents: Burton & Emma (Scott) Starkey. Did house work and child care there; moved to St. Paul, NE. Methodist. Died Sat. 23 Oct 1999 at St. Paul. Service: Wed., Jacobsen Funeral Home, St. Paul. Burial: Rose Hill Cemetery, Palmer, NE. Survivors: A son & 2 gch. Predeceased by her brother, Carl Starkey.

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 26 Oct 1999

**Marjorie Jean BOLEN, 76**

Born 4 Jul 1923, Clarks, NE. Died Mon. 25 Oct 1999 at Omaha, NE. Visitation: Tues., Roeder Mortuaries, Omaha. Service: Wed., St. Richards Catholic Church, Omaha. Burial: Clarks Cemetery. Survivors: 7 children, 30 gch., 36 g-gch.; 2 brothers and a sister. Predeceased by husband Gilber Bolen; 2 brothers, Don and Jim Douglas.

Note: See Grand Island Independent obit of brother Dewayne, 16 Apr 2006.

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 26 Oct 1999

**Donald R. TSCHUDY, 77**

Born 17 Aug 1922, Palmer, NE. Parents: John Tschudy & Martha Eckert. 1 Jan 1950: Married at St. Paul, NE. Died Mon., 25 Oct 1999, Grand Island, NE. Visitation: Wed., Jacobsen Funeral Home, St. Paul, NE. Service: Thurs., United Methodist Church, St. Paul. Burial: Elmwood Cemetery. Survivors: His wife, 3 daughters, 5 gch. Predeceased by a son, Robert.

Grand Island Independent - Thurs., 28 Oct 1999

**Phillip Leslie BECK, 67**

Born 14 Dec 1931, near Clarks, NE. Parents: Raymond W. Beck & Ruth A. Wolfe. Attended schools at Clarks and Central City, NE. 1952-54: US Army. 11 Nov 1954: Married at Clarks, NE. They farmed in that area for several years. Later lived in Hastings, NE. Mr. Beck died Tues., 26 Oct 1999 at Central City, NE. Service: Fri., Solt Funeral Home, Central City. Burial: Bureau Cemetery at Pierce Chapel, near Clarks. Survivors: his former wife, 6 daughters, 2 sons; 11 gch.; 4 brothers. Predeceased by 2 infant children; brother Wes Beck and sister, Doris Neel.

**Grand Island Independent - Sat. 30 Oct 1999**

## **Rolland L. Freeland, 68**

Born 20 Jul 1931, Nance County, NE. Parents: Louie and Gladys (Verplank) Freeland.

"... grew up in Nance and Merrick counties and attended country schools. ... farmed with his father."

1952-54: U.S. Army. Carpenter, lawn mowing service. Resided: Central City, NE.

Died Thurs., 28 Oct 1999, Omaha, NE - Veterans Affairs Medical Center

Visitation: Sun. at Palmer's Funeral Home in Palmer, NE. Services: Mon. Burial: Rose Hill Cemetery, Palmer, NE

Survivors: 8 sisters, Euveda Wilson of St. Paul, Zella Faye Lubken of Central City, Mabel (Mrs. Ernest) Burkhardt of Palmer, Betty (Mrs. Ron) Beck of Grand Island, Minnie (Mrs. Edwin) Rasmussen of Omaha, Wanda (Mrs. Fred) Rother of Wolbach, Ruby (Mrs. Richard) Henderson of Hastings and Lois (Mrs. Norman) Petersen of Grand Island; and a brother, Harold Freeland of St. Paul. Preceded in death by 2 sisters, Shirley Abbott and Opal Oswald.

Obit from [Dona Hawk](mailto:fcdfhawk@cccusa.net) <fcdfhawk@cccusa.net> 5 Apr 2005.)

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Grand Island Independent - Tues. 2 Nov 1999

### **Lucille BECK, 73**

Born 10 Mar 1926 at Chapman, NE. Parents: Louie & Anna (Rauert) Siemers. Attended school in Hall County. Beautician. 14 Aug 1943: Married Neal Beck of Bertrand. 1945: Moved to California. She died Fri. 29 Oct 1999 at Sunnyvale, CA. Service was held at San Jose, CA. Survivors: a daughter, 2 sons, 9 gch., 2 g-gch. Also living - 2 sisters & a brother. Predeceased by her husband & a son.

Grand Island Independent - Fri. 5 Nov 1999

### **Mary Margaret Brogan, 73**

Born 18 May 1926, Central City, NE. Parents: Anton Nabity & Mayme Polansky. Lived in Grand Island. 1958: Moved to Phoenix, AZ. 1992: Moved to Prescott, AZ. Office supervisor for Arizona Highways magazine. Jun 1970: Married Edward Brogan. Died Thurs. 28 Oct 1999 at Phoenix, AZ. Service: 2 Nov at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Prescott. Burial: Reshaven Park Cemetery, Glendale, AZ. Arrangements: Arizona Ruffner Wakelin Funeral Home. Survivors: Her husband, 2 sons (surnamed Simpson), 3 daughters, a stepson; 5 brothers and one sister. Predeceased by 2 brothers: Rev. Anthony Nabity & Rev. Walter Nabity.

Grand Island Independent - Fri. 5 Nov 1999

### **Kay Rochelle Mesner, 63**

Born 10 May 1936, Council Bluffs, IA. Parents: Ross L Roberts & Hazel M. Ferguson. 1954 grad. of Thomas Jefferson HS. 29 Jun 1958: Married Neil Mesner at Council Bluffs, IA. They lived at Central City. Teacher, writer, trainer. Volunteer in many organizations. Died Wed. 3 Nov 1999 at Grand Island, NE. Visitation: Fri. at Solt Funeral Home, Central City. Service: Sat. at Friends Meeting House, Central City. Burial at CC City Cemetery. Survivors: husband, 2 daughters, 1 son, a brother. Predeceased by her parents, stepmother. etc. Note: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I pp 187 (Ferguson), 286 (Mesner). Her parents: Merrick Co. Marriage Records Book I p327 #1-327

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 11 Nov 1999

### **Evangeline Josephine "Vannie" Ericksen**

Born 16 Jan 1909, Central City, NE. Parents: Lewis Jones & Josephine Benson. Grad of Hordville HS. 2 Sep 1930: Married John Ericksen at Nashua, IA. They lived at Hampton, NE. Mrs. Ericksen died Tues. 9 Nov 1999 at Aurora, NE. Visitation: Thurs. at Higby Mortuary, Aurora, NE. Service: Fri. at United Lutheran Church, Hampton. Burial at church cemetery. Survivors: A son, 3 daughters, 10 gch., 22 g-gch. Predeceased by her husband (30 Oct 1973), six brothers & 3 sisters.

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 16 Nov 1999

### **Marjorey L. BUETTNER, 77**

Born 17 Aug 1922 Glenwood Springs, CO. Parents: Lowell & Margaret (Daniel) Clarr. Grad. of Albion HS. Married Leo F. Buettner. They lived in Grand Island, NE. 1976: Moved to Central City, NE. Mr. Buettner died 26 Aug 1986. Mrs. Buettner died Sat. 13 Nov 1999 at Central City. Service: Thurs. Solt Funeral Home. Burial: Central City Cemetery. Survivors: 5 sons & 2 daughters, 18 gch, 4 g-gch; a brother. Predeceased by her husband and a sister.

Note: Dates in this obit do NOT agree with cemetery extracts.

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 16 Nov 1999

**Charles M. SCOTT, 89**

Born 7 Sep 1910, Geary, OK Parents: Rolla M. & Josephine A. (Lindahl) Scott. 1929: Moved to Hordville, NE. 16 Jul 1937: Married Violet J. Edlund. 1940: They moved to Central City, NE. He dealt in livestock, horses & tack. He died Sun. 14 Nov 1999 at Central City. Service: Wed. Solt Funeral Home. Burial: Central City Cemetery. Survivors: A daughter, 2 gch.; 5 g-gch.; 3 brothers; 2 sisters. He was predeceased by his wife (15 Feb 1997); 2 brothers - Forrest & William; 2 sisters - Opal Berck & Gerturde Russell.

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 20 Nov 1999

**Hazel B. "Sis" SHRINER, 87**

Born 24 Feb 1912 Palmer, NE. Parents: Thomas & Lydia (Walters) Snyder. Grad. of Palmer HS. 23 Sep 1933: Married David Shriner. They farmed near Alda, NE. Mr. Shriner died 23 Feb 1966. Mrs. Shriner died Thurs. 18 Nov 1999 at Wood River, NE. Visitation Mon at Apfel-Butler-Geddes Funeral Home. Graveside service: Mon., Westlawn Memorial Park Cemetery Grand Island, NE. Survivors: a son, a gch., 2 g-gch. Predeceased by her husband; 5 brothers - Albert, Carl Bill Norton, and Thomas Jr.; 5 sisters - Eunice Helzer, Ruth Walters, Pat Fleshman, Alice Wegner & Amy Hughes.

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 24 Nov 1999

**Frank Wm. RUBAHA, 78**

Born 26 Aug 1921, Perth Amboy, NJ. Parents: Charles & Mary (Bassista) Rubaha. WW II: US Marines. 24 May 1941: Married at Perth Amboy, NJ. Worked as mechanic. Retired in 1980 to live at Central City, NE. Died Mon., 22 Nov 1999 at home. Service: Fri., Solt Funeral Home, Central City. Burial: Elmwood Cemetery, St. Paul, NE. Survivors: His wife and a son. Predeceased by a sister & a brother.

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 27 Nov 1999

**Arta L ARP, 84**

Born 10 Jun 1915, Chapman, NE. Parents: Arthur & Luella (Parkins) Hartman. 1933 grad. of Chapman HS. 30 Sep 1937: Married Alvin W. Arp at Grand Island, NE. She died Thurs. 25 Nov 1999 at home in Grand Island, NE. Service: Mon., St. Pauls Lutheran Church. Burial of cremains Mon. at Grand Island City Cemetery. Survivors: a daughter, 2 gch., 2 g-gch; a brother and a sister. Predeceased by her husband (1988); a daughter Janice Kay Arp; 2 infant sisters & 3 brothers - Lance Hartman & two infants.

Note: For her family see 1920 Fed. Census NE ED155 p1A D10 F11: Chapman Village, Merrick, NE; and 1930 Fed. Census NE ED61-3 p3b D60 F63: Chapman Village, Merrick, NE.

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 27 Nov 1999

**Margaret Helen VALAIKA, 88**

Born 8 Jan 1911, Crawford, NE. Parents: Herman & Regina (Miller) Basse. Family ranched near Harrison, NE. 1932-36: Served in US Army. 3 Nov 1946: Married Anthony "Tony" Valaika at Long Island, NY. They lived at Bassett & Gordon, NE; moved to Central City and operated Central Cafe. Following Tony's death 4 Nov 1985, she moved to the Veterans Home in Grand Island, NE. Margaret died Fri. 26 Nov 1999 at Grand Island. Service: Tues., Solt Funeral Home. Burial: Central City Cemetery. Survived by 5 nephews. Predeceased by her husband, & 5 brothers - August, Herman, Reinhard, Frank & George Basse.

Grand Island Independent - Mon. 29 Nov 1999

**Irene E. CULBERT, 80**

Born 27 Jun 1919, Chapman, NE. Parents: Rufas & Eda (Hedlund) Ewing. Raised in Chapman & Central City,



NE, also in Iowa. Family moved to Big Sandy, MN and operated a resort. 19 Apr 1939: She married Rex Moore in Fairbo, MN. They lived in Iowa; moved to Central City in 1950. 14 Jan 1963: She married Clifford W. Culbert. Irene died Sat. 27 Nov 1999 at Central City, NE. Visitation: Tues. Solt Funeral Home, Central City. Service: Wed., Grace Lutheran Church, Central City. Burial: Chapman Cemetery. Survivors: 2 daughters, 3 sons, a step-son, 12 g-ch., 16 g-gch., 1 gg-gch. Predeceased by husband Clifford Culbert (15 Oct 1995); a sister Mabel Anderson & a brother Roy Ewing.

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 30 Nov 1999

**Hazel Ditloff BANDEEN, 92**

Born 14 Aug 1907, York, NE. Parents: Charles & Cleme (Eaton) Ditloff. Grad. of Bradshaw HS. Attended Peru State Teachers College. Teacher for over 40 years. Died Fri.; 26 Nov 1999 in Central City, NE. Service: Thurs., Metz Mortuary. Burial: Greenwood Cemetery in York, NE. Survivors: Her husband and a sister-in-law. Predeceased by brother George.

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 30 Nov 1999

**Marjorie Gladys RIGGS, 81**

Born 1 Aug 1918 near Murray, IA. Parents: John W. & Gladys (Carder) Riggs. Attended school in Central City, NE. Grad. of HS in Lorimor, IA. Attended American Institute of Business & Des Moines College of Law. Served as a state senator in Iowa. Worked in Washington, DC. Moved to Central City, NE and was deputy county assessor. 1953: Went into business in Arkansas. Returned to Central City, NE. Member of the Christian Church. Died Sun. 28 Nov 1999 at home. Graveside service: Wed. at Union Cemetery, Murray, IA. Survivors: 3 cousins.

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Grand Island Independent - Wed. 1 Dec 1999

**Paul W. GLYNN, 66**

Born 30 Jul 1933, Palmer, NE. Parents: Osvil & Grace (Weber) Glynn. 1951 grad. of Palmer HS. 1953-55: US Army. Farmer. 25 Jun 1961: Married; they farmed northeast of Palmer. Paul died Sun. 28 Nov 1999 in Palmer. Visitation: Wed., Palmer Funeral Home, Palmer. Service: Thurs., St. John's Lutheran Church. Burial: Rose Hill Cemetery, Palmer. Survivors: His wife; 3 sons, 8 gch.; his mother, 3 brothers, 3 sisters. Predeceased by his father & an infant sister.

Note: His mother's obit published 7 Jan 2001 in GI Independent.

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 8 Dec 1999

**Hulda Selma SUCK, 85**

Born 12 Mar 1914, near Chapman, NE. Parents: Wilhelm & Johanna (Seim) Bruns. Attended school at Worms, NE. Midwife. 30 Mar 1938: Married Elmer William Suck near Palmer, NE. They farmed near Archer, NE. 1993: Moved to Central City, NE. She died Mon. 6 Dec 1999 at Central City. Visitation: Thurs., Solt Funeral Home. Service: Fri., Zion United Methodist Church near Archer. Burial: Archer Evangelical Community Cemetery. Survivors: Two daughters, 6 gch., 8 g-gch.; 2 brothers & 2 sisters. Predeceased by her husband (Apr 1994); 3 brothers - William Jr., Albert & Edward Bruns; a sister, Helen Bader.

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 8 Dec 1999

**Glenn L. WIESEMAN, 83**

Born 9 Jun 1916, Osceola, NE. Parents: Leonard J. & Pearl (Kearns) Wieseman. 25 May 1939: Married Doris Bush at Central City, NE. They lived in Illinois until 1943; moved to Merrick Co., NE. Farmer. 1983: Moved to Clarks, NE. His wife died 27 Apr 1998. Glenn died Tues., 7 Dec 1999 at Grand Island, NE. Service: Fri., Kepner-Roberts Funeral Home, Osceola, NE. Burial in city cemetery. Survivors: One son, one daughter, 6 gch., 2 g-gch.; a brother. Predeceased by his wife & a sister, Maxine.

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 9 Dec 1999

**Martha DeLAY, 95**

Born 30 Apr 1904 on farm near Clarks, NE. Parents: Should & Adelioa (Fjell) Samuelson. 1914: Family moved to farm northeast of Palmer, NE. Grad. of Palmer HS. 13 May 1930: Married Eldon DeLay of Chapman, NE. Resident of Modesto, CA where she died 18 Nov 1999. Graveside service: 20 Nov, Lakewood Memorial Park, Hughson, CA. Survivors: a son, a daughter, 4 gch., 5 g-gch. Predeceased by her husband; 4 brothers - Bernard, Carl, Donald & Ossian Samuelson; 4 sisters - Lily Bartholomew, Helen Starkey, Mildred Doncheske & Augusta Petersen.

Note: See 1920 Fed. Census NE ED159 p11A D97 F100: Loup Twp, Merrick, NE (w/p); 1930 Fed. Census NE ED61-9 p2a D25 F27: Loup Twp, Merrick, NE.

Grand Island Independent - Sun. 19 Dec 1999

**James LeRoy MOORE, 57**

Born 19 Jan 1942, Coquille, OR. Parents: William & Francis (Gabrieal) Moore. Married in 1968. Resident of Marquette, NE. Employee of York Co. Road Dept. Died Thurs., 16 Dec 1999 at York. Visitation: Mon, Higby Mortuary in Aurora. Service: Tues., United Methodist Church, Aurora, NE. Burial: Burke Cemetery north of Central City, NE. Survivors: His wife and 3 children; 3 brother, 3 sisters. Predeceased by his parents.

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 23 Dec 1999

**Richard "Dick" PLACE, 64**

Born 27 Dec 1934, Palmer, NE. Parents: John & Olive (Stone) Place. 1951-54: US Navy. Barber. 10 Nov 1956: Married. They lived in Grand Island, and then in St. Libory, NE. He died Wed., 22 Dec 1999 at Grand Island. Visitation: Sun., Kleine Funeral Home. Service: Mon., Trinity United Methodist Church. Burial: Cotesfield Cemetery (Howard County). Survivors: His wife, 3 sons, one daughter, 5 gch.; a sister. Predeceased by his parents & 2 brothers - Wayne and Dale Place.

Grand Island Independent - Sun. 26 Dec 1999

**Vernie Louise LOCK, 88**

Born 20 Jul 1911 near Marquette, NE. Parents: Harold Lee & Alta (Perrel) Lock. Attended Hamilton Co. schools. Cared for her Mother & her sister. Owned beauty salon for 28 years. Died Thurs., 23 Dec 1999 at Central City, NE. Service: Tues., Solt Funeral Home, Central City. Burial: Central City Cemetery. Predeceased by sister Edna (168) and brother Edwin (1988).

Grand Island Independent - Sun. 26 Dec 1999

**Truman "John" PETERS, 72**

Born 27 Nov 1927, Palmer, NE. Parents: Fred & Margaret (Muhlberger) Peters. 1945 grad. of Palmer HS. 12 Jun 1945: Married Donna at Grand Island, NE. They farmed until 1962; moved to Grand Island, NE. Lutheran. He died Sat. 23 Dec 1999 at hospital in Grand Island, NE. Service: Tues., chapel of Livingston-Sondermann Funeral Home. Burial: Westlawn Memorial Park Cemetery, Grand Island. Survivors: His wife, a son, 2 daughters, 8 gch. Predeceased by his brother Norman.

Note: See 1930 Fed. Census NE ED61-9 p2b D47 F51: Loup Twp, Merrick, NE (w/p)

Grand Island Independent - Sun. 26 Dec 1999

**Marjorie Joan SCHWARTZ, 73**

Born 1 May 1926, Nice, France. Parents: Walker W. & Elizabeth (Howe) Tackett. Family moved to Michigan, and then to other places in USA. Grad. of HS in North Hollywood, CA. 12 Feb 1956: Married Nathan Schwartz in Dearfield, IL. They lived in IL, CA; and then Aurora, NE before moved to Central City in 1996. She died Thurs., 23 Dec 1999 at Central City, NE. Service: Mon. at Central City Cemetery. Survivors: A daughter; 3 brothers. Predeceased by her parents.

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 28 Dec 1999

**Wilma M. COOMER, 86**

Resident of Palmer, NE. Died Sun. 26 Dec 1999 at hospital in St. Paul, NE. Arrangements pending with Palmer Funeral Home.

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 28 Dec 1999

**Theodore EHLERS Jr, 86**

Born 4 Dec 1913, Merrick Co., NE. Parents: Theodore Ehlers Sr. & Lena Beberniss. Attended school at Chapman, NE. 1928: Family moved to Loup County, NE. 16 Dec 1933: Married Edith L. Shelton at Taylor, NE. They farmed in Valley View area of Loup County; 1948: Garfield County; 1959: north of Burwell, NE. 1989: Retired to Burwell, NE. Mr. Ehlers died Sun. 26 Dec 1999 at Burwell, NE. Visitation: Wed. at Eberle-Hitchcock Funeral Home, Burwell. Service Thurs. at First Congregational United Church of Christ. Burial: Cottonwood Cemetery, Burwell. Survivors: His wife, a daughter, 2 grandsons; a sister. Predeceased by a son Thomas Theodore Ehlers; 2 sisters: Etteline Schroeder & Irene Schroeder; a half brother Henry Ehlers; 2 half sisters: Ella Soeth & Amelia Libner. Memorials: Community Health Center or the Burwell Ambulance Supply Fund.

Note: Wife died 8 Jun 2002.

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 28 Dec 1999

**Harold M. KANTER, 82**

Born 17 Apr 1917, Merrick Co, NE. 1934 grad. of Palmer HS. 1941-45: US Army. 3 May 1946: Married Florence Dankert. They farmed south of Palmer, NE. She died in 1978. He married second to Dorothy and moved to St. Paul, NE. Harold died Mon. 27 Dec 1999. Visitation: Tues. Palmer Funeral Home. Service: Wed., St. John's Lutheran Church, Palmer, NE. Burial: Rose Hill Cemetery. Survivors: A son, 3 daughters, a step daughter and 3 step sons; a brother & a sister. Predeceased by his first wife; 2 sons - Rodney and David.

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 28 Dec 1999

**Kenneth D. SANDERSON, 86**

Born 8 Apr 1913 near Marquette, NE. Parents: Alfred & Amanda (Anderson) Sanderson. Worked as ship fitter on West Coast. 1944-46: US Navy. 1949: Returned to Central NE and worked with Sanderson Brothers Construction in Central City, NE. He died Sat. 25 Dec 1999 at hospital. Service: Wed., Solt Funeral Home. Burial: Mamre Evangelical Cemetery near Marquette, NE. Survivors: A brother; 4 sisters. Predeceased by 5 brothers - Carl, Albert, Harold, Rueben, Leonard; 2 sisters - Christine Bunch & Carrie Lindblom; two foster siblings.

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 30 Dec 1999

**Violet Ann SOWL, 55**

Born 11 Nov 1944, Archer, NE. Parents: Orie & August (Hansen) Stack. Grad. of CCHS. 22 Aug 1963: Married Wesley Sowl. They lived in Beatrice, NE. She died Fri., 24 Dec 1999 at Beatrice. Service: Thurs., Griffiths-Hovendick Chapel, Beatrice. Burial Tues., Chapman Cemetery (cremated). Survivors: Her husband, 2 daughters; 2 brothers and a sister. Predeceased by her parents; 3 brothers - Raymond, Roy and Danny Stack.

Note: See extracts for Chapman Cemetery.

Grand Island Independent - Fri. 31 Dec 1999

**Delores A. STEELE, 75**

Born 21 Sep 1924, Archer, NE. Parents: Henry & Sena (Mickelson) Schmidt. Grad. of Grand Island HS. 31 Jan 1943: Married Earl Steele at Colorado Springs, CO. They lived in Grand Island, NE. Receptionist/secretary. She died Wed., 29 Dec 1999 at Grand Island. Service: Mon, Apfel-Butler-Geddes Funeral Home. Burial: Westlawn Memorial Park Cemetery. Survivors: 2 daughters, 7 gch., 5 g-gch.; a sister. Predeceased by her husband, a son Danny; 2 brothers - Earl "Smitty" and Arthur (infant).

Note: Obit of brother Earl published 6 Feb 1999 in GI Independent.

## Obits 2000

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 1 Jan 2000

Louise STAROSKA, 71

Born 2 Sep 1928, Columbus, NE. Parents: Peter & Sophie (Bugus) Teterus Sr. 10 Sep 1946: Married Clarence "Shorty" Staroska at Tarnov, NE. They lived in Wisconsin; then Palmer, NE; moved to Clarks, NE. She died Wed., 29 Dec 1999 at Grand Island, NE. Service: Mon., St. Peter's Catholic Church, Clarks. Burial: Clarks Cemetery. Arrangement: McKown Funeral Home. Survivors: Her husband, a daughter & 2 sons, 8 gch., 2 g-gch; 2 sisters. Predeceased by 7 brothers, 5 sisters; a gch.

Note: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I p375 (Starostka)

Grand Island Independent - Sun. 2 Jan 2000

Robert L. "Bob" MAY, 61

Born 15 Jan 1938, Aurora, NE. Parents: John & Vivian (Thompson) May. Grad. of Chapman HS. Plumber. Resident of Chapman, NE. Died 14 Dec 1999, Grand Island, NE. Memorial service: Tues., Friendship Masonic Lodge 239, Chapman, NE. Survivors: A son, a gch.; his father, a sister. Predeceased by his mother.

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 4 Jan 2000

**L. Maxine BROWN, 84**

Born 8 Oct 1917, Palmer, NE. Parents: Clifford Lamberson & Justa Forbes. Attended schools in Merrick & Nance Counties. 1933 grad. Fullerton HS. 1 Oct 1939: Married Jack Brown at Fullerton, NE. They farmed in Glenwood area near Palmer. 1973: Moved to Palmer, NE. Mrs. Brown died Mon. 3 Jan 2000 at Palmer, NE. Visitation: Tues at Palmer Funeral Home. Service Wed. at United Methodist Church, Palmer. Burial: Rose Hill Cemetery. Survivors: 1 son, 2 daughters, 7 gch., 8 g-gch.; one brother. Predeceased by her husband; sister Lois Hadley & 2 brothers: Otis & Guy Lamberson.

Note: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I p 268 (Lamberson); Fullerton's First 100 Years 1879-1979 pp 120 (Hamilton-Forbes) & 174 (Brown); Nance County NE Marriage Record Bk 2 p 574.

Grand Island Independent - Fri. 7 Jan 2000

Dominic John "Dick" KIELIAN, 63

Born 24 Feb 1936 near Silver Creek, NE. Parents: Joseph & Valeria (Prososki) Kielian. 1954 grad. of Silver Creek HS. US Marine Corps. 3 Dec 1960: Married in Chicago, IL. They lived there until 1967. Moved to Silver Creek; farmed & owned salvage yard. Died Tues. 4 Jan 2000 at hospital in Central City, NE. Service: Sat., St. Lawrence Catholic Church, Silver Creek. Burial at church cemetery. Arrangements: McKown Funeral Home. Survivors: His wife, 5 sons, 3 daughters, 10 gch. Also surviving - 5 sisters & 5 brothers. Predeceased by his parents; 2 brothers - Anthony & Stanley; a sister, Rose Kresha.

Grand Island Independent - Sun. 9 Jan 2000

Walter L. LARSON, 60

Born 30 Jan 1939, Clarks, NE. Parents: J.E. Walter & Blanche (Sweenie) Larson. Grad. of Stromsburg HS. 1957-61: US Navy. Died Thurs., 6 Jan 2000 at VA Medical Center, Omaha, NE. Visitation: Sun., Kepner-Roberts Funeral Home, Osceola. Service: Mon., Calvary Methodist Church, Swede Home (Polk Co.), NE. Burial: Stromsburg Cemetery. Survivors: A daughter, 2 gch.; 3 brothers, a sister.

Grand Island Independent - Sun. 9 Jan 2000

Alice ZIMBELMAN, 74

Born 7 Feb 1925, Grand Island, Hall, NE. Parents: Herman & Elsie Killinger Kurg. Attended country schools. 7 Feb 1948: Married John Zimbelman at Palmer, NE. They farmed west of town. Died Fri. 7 Jan 2000 at hospital in Kearney, NE. Visitation: Sun., Palmer Funeral Home. Service: Tues., St. John's Lutheran Church. Burial: Rose Hill Cemetery, Palmer. Survivors: Her husband, a son & a daughter, 5 gch., 6 g-gch.

Note: Husband's obit (8 Jul 2004 in Grand Island Independent) gives her maiden name as KURZ. See extracts for Rose Hill Cemetery.

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 15 Jan 2000

**Corrinne G. DEUTSCH, 95**

Born 10 Jan 1904, Clarks, NE. Parents: Fred & Myrtle (Wilson) Gilliard. 1921 grad of Clarks HS. Taught in country schools. Later lived in Chicago, IL & Los Angeles, CA. Married Alfred Deutsch. They moved to Wickenburg AZ in the mid 1960's & remained there until 1989. She died 6 Jan 2000 at Sun City, AZ. Graveside service: Thurs., Clarks Cemetery, Clarks, NE. Survivor: A brother. Predeceased by siblings - Frieda Mae (infant) & Clifford Gilliard.

Grand Island Independent - Sun. 16 Jan 2000

**Clareta E. ITA, 91**

Born 31 May 1908, Palmer, NE. Parents: Darwin B. & Sarah E. (McMurrin) Peck. 22 Feb 1928: Married Harry Ita at Palmer. They farmed in Greeley County, NE; moved to Grand Island, NE. Mr. Ita died in 1978 and Mrs. Ita moved to Columbus, NE. She died Thurs., 13 Jan 2000 at Schuyler, NE. Visitation: Sun., Gass Haney Funeral Home, Columbus, NE. Service: Mon., Hightland Park Evangelical Free Church. Burial: Mt. Hope Cemetery, Scotia, NE. Survivors: A son, a daughter, 4 gch., 9 g-gch.; 3 sisters, 3 brothers. Predeceased by her husband; daughter, Melinda Mae Ita.

Note: See 1920 Fed. Census NE ED159 p9B D63 F65: Loup Twp, Merrick, NE (w/p); Merrick Co. NE Marriage Records Book I p311 #I-311; 1930 Fed. Census NE ED61-10 p5a D101 F102: Mead Twp, Merrick, NE (w/sp)

Grand Island Independent - Mon. 17 Jan 2000

**Verleen CAULKINS, 88**

Born 29 Jul 1911, Clay County, NE. Parents: George & Clara (Korgan) Whitlake. 1930 grad. of Harvard HS. Teacher, bookkeeper. 17 Jun 1933: Married Robert Caulkins at Aurora, NE. They lived at Giltner, NE. ~1938: Moved to Chapman, NE. 1958: Moved to Grand Island, NE. Mrs. Caulkins died Sun. 16 Jan 2000 at Grand Island. Service: Wed., Apfel-Butler-Geddes Funeral Home Chapel. Burial: Westlawn Memorial Park Cemetery, Grand Island. Survivors: Her husband, a son, 2 daughters, 9 gch., 12 g-gch. Predeceased by 2 brothers.

Grand Island Independent - Mon. 17 Jan 2000

**Gloria McHARGUE, 72**

Born 2 Feb 1927, Omaha, NE. Parents: Method J. & Albina (Novak) Hruban. Attended school in Omaha and Schuyler, NE; 1945 grad of HS in Los Angeles, CA. 14 Sep 1952: Married Thomas McHargue at Central City, NE. They lived primarily in Central City, NE. She died Sun. 16 Jan 2000 at Central City. Service: Wed., Christ Episcopal Church. Burial: Central City Cemetery. Arrangements: Solt Funeral Home. Survivors: Her husband, a son, 3 daughters, 9 gch. Also living - her twin sister, and a brother. Predeceased by a sister, Gustie Bildo.

Grand Island Independent - Wed 19 Jan 2000

**Frances M. MAGLECIC, 82**

Born 1 Jul 1917, Worms, NE. 1939: Moved to Nampa, ID. 14 Jun 1941: Married Ladislav "Lot" Maglecic at Nampa. They homesteaded in Deer Flat area. Died 29 Dec 1999 at Nampa, ID. Service was 3 Jan at Zion Lutheran Church, Nampa. Burial: Hillcrest Memorial Gardens, Caldwell, ID. Arrangements: Alsit Funeral Chapel of Nampa. Survivors: her husband, a daughter, 3 sons, 5 gch., 9 g-gch., 3 gg-gch.; 2 sisters and 1 brother. Predeceased by 3 brothers - Glenn, Calvin and Quintin; two sisters - Aldean and an infant. Note: Maiden name WELLER?

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 20 Jan 2000

**Robert F. FAIRBAIRN, 76**

Born 28 Oct 1923, on farm west of St. Paul, NE. Parents: Andrew Fairbairn & Sadie Bunchfinck. 1940 grad. of St. Paul. 25 Feb 1944: Married Ethel McClelland at St. Paul, NE. They farmed near St. Paul, in Archer/Central city area, and near Fullerton, NE. 1967: Moved to Grand Island, NE. He died Wed. 19 Jan 2000 at Grand

Island. Service: Sat. at Jacobsen Funeral Home, St. Paul. Burial: Rose Hill Cemetery, Palmer, NE. Survivors: His wife, 2 sons, 2 daughters, 11 gch., 4 g-gch.; a sister & 2 brothers. Predeceased by daughter Bonnie Kohl, son Herbert, and brother Virgil.

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 22 Jan 2000

**Mildred I. DITTMER, 83**

Born 22 Jun 1916. Parents: ? LaVern & Maude Mae (Hulit) McLean. 1933 grad. of Clarks HS. 24 Dec 1935: Married Raymond F. Dittmer at Council Bluffs, IA. Homemaker, postal clerk, librarian. Died Fri. 21 Jan 2000 at Columbus, NE. Visitation: Sun., Solt Funeral Home, Central City, NE. Service: Mon., Congregational Church, Clarks, NE. Burial: Clarks Cemetery. Survivors: 2 sons, a daughter, 13 gch., 13 g-gch.; one brother, two sisters. Predeceased by her husband (Aug 1985); son Dick; & an infant grandson.

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 25 Jan 2000

**Freda E. BADER, 92**

Born 17 Oct 1907, St. Libory, NE. Parents: Friedrich Nicholas & Emma Maria Katherina (Luebbe) Peters. 2 Dec 1928: Married Arnold Bader at Worms, NE. They farmed in Iowa. Mr. Bader died in May 1966. Mrs. Bader died Sat., 22 Jan 2000 at Marion, IA. Service: Wed., St. Stephen's Lutheran Church, Atkins, IA. Burial: Church cemetery. Arrangements: Phillips Funeral Home of Vinton, Iowa. Survivors: A son, 2 daughters, 15 gch., 15 g-gch.; 2 sisters. Predeceased by two sons - Robert & Arnold; 5 brothers - Edward, Herman, Henry, William & Walter; 2 sisters - Meta Schmidt & Mamie Scheer.

Note: See Marriage Records Book I p369 #I-369: Central City, Merrick, NE; and 1930 Fed. Census NE ED61-16 p1B D13 F13: Vieregg Twp, Merrick, NE.

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 25 Jan 2000

**Joan F. FORBES, 68**

Born 11 Aug 1931, Palmer, NE. Parents: Benjamin Davis & Anna Novotny. 1949 grad. of Palmer HS. 3 Aug 1949: Married E. Don Forbes at Palmer. They farmed in area. 1958: Moved to Whittier, CA; 10 yrs later - to Tulsa, OK. 1988: Moved back to Palmer, NE. Mrs. Forbes died Sun. 23 Jan 2000, Grand Island, NE. Visitation: Tues. at Palmer Funeral Home, Palmer, NE. Service: Wed. at Palmer United Methodist Church. Burial: Rose Hill Cemetery. Survivors: Her husband, 2 sons, 14 gch., 2 g-ggch.; 3 brothers & 2 sisters. Predeceased by son Ronald; 3 brothers - Frank, Harry & James; 2 sisters: Elizabeth Dunder & Dorothy Rankin.

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 25 Jan 2000

**Charles August KAMPER, 78**

Born 26 Aug 1921, Archer, NE. Parents: Albert & Emma Florence (Scheibe) Kamper. 1942: Moved to Central City, NE. 1983: Moved to Integrated Health Services. Died Sun., 23 Jan 2000 at Central City. Visitation: Wed., Solt Funeral Home, Central City. Service: Wed. at Central City Cemetery. Survivors: 3 brothers & 5 sisters. Predeceased by sister Dorothy Morrow; & 2 brothers - Roger & Verle Kamper.

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 27 Jan 2000

**Helen S. OBERSCHULTE, 93**

Born 26 Feb 1906, Atlantic, Iowa. Parents: Hinrich & Katherine (Wilshusen) Aldag. 4 Dec 1928: Married Fredrick Oberschulte at Atlantic, IA. 1929: They moved to Worms, NE. Her husband died 16 Mar 1954. Mrs. Oberschulte moved to Grand Island, NE; worked in a drug store. 1980's: Moved to Merrick Manor. Died Tues., 25 Jan 2000, Central City, NE. Visitation: Thurs., Kleine Funeral Home. Service: Fri., Grace Lutheran Church, Grand Island, NE. Burial: Zion Lutheran Church Cemetery, Worms, NE. Survivors: A son, 2 daughters, 8 gch., 18 g-gch. Predeceased by her husband, a daughter, Evelyn, a gch.; 2 brothers - Otto & Ernest; her step-father Fred.

Note: See 1930 Fed. Census Prairie Creek Twp, Merrick, NE ED61-12 p3a D60 F58

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 29 Jan 2000

**Fred H. MEYER, 89**

Born 5 Sep 1910, Silver Creek, NE. Parents: Andrew & Marie (Hug) Meyer. 1927 grad. of Silver Creek HS.

22 Aug 1938: Married Loretta Campain at Fullerton, NE. They farmed. Died Thurs., 27 Jan 2000 at Genoa, NE. Visitation: Mon., McKown Funeral Home, Silver Creek. Service: Tues., United Methodist Church, Silver Creek. Burial at Silver Creek Cemetery. Survivors: A son, 2 daughters, 8 gch., 8 g-gch.; a sister. Predeceased by his wife; 3 sisters - Alice Burruss, Lena Hansen & Clara Karges; a brother, John Meyer; 3 grandsons. Note: See 1930 Fed. Census NE ED63-11 p2a F26: Prairie Creek Twp, Nance, NE (w/p). Obit of wife published in GI Independent 20 Mar 1998.

Grand Island Independent - Mon. 31 Jan 2000

**Warren B. GARRETT, 79**

Born 5 Dec 1920, Palmer, NE. Parents: Walter & Frankie (Good) Garrett. 1939 grad. of CCHS. WW II: US Army (paratrooper). 7 Apr 1947: Married Theresa at Grand Island, NE. They lived in Lander, WY until 1959; moved back to Grand Island, NE. 1965: Founded Garrett Enterprises Inc; later started other enterprises. Died Sat. 29 Jan 2000 at Grand Island, NE. Service: Wed., St. Leo's Catholic Church, Grand Island. Burial: Westlawn Memorial Park Cemetery. Survivors: His wife; 2 sons, 1 daughter; 4 gch., 3 g-gch. Also living - 2 brothers & 4 sisters. Predeceased by brother Wesley Garrett.

Note: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I p 203; 1930 Fed. Census NE ED61-7 p6a D119 F121: Lone Tree Twp, Merrick, NE.

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Grand Island Independent - Tues. 1 Feb 2000

**Pearl WILLIS, 101**

Born 2 Nov 1898, Newark, NE. Parents: Charles H. & Florence I. (Herring) Woodward. 1902: Family moved to Archer, NE. 1916 grad. of CCHS. Attended UN, & Teacher's College at Greeley, CO. Teacher. 23 Sep 1923: Married Arthur L. Willis. They lived in Central City, NE. She worked at the CC Library. Mr. Willis died 21 May 1963. Mrs. Willis died Sun. 30 Jan 2000 at Central City. Service: Fri., Solt Funeral Home, Central City. Burial: Central City Cemetery. Survivors: A son, 4 gch., 3 g-gch.; 2 sisters. Predeceased by her husband; 2 brothers & 3 sisters.

Note: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I pp 407-8 (Willis), 411 (Woodward); 1920 Fed. Census NE ED161 p2A F32: Archer, Midland Twp, Merrick, NE; 1930 Fed. Census Central City, Merrick, NE ED61-1 p14a D121 F122.

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 2 Feb 2000

**Alice Marie Tooley CRITES, 98**

Born 22 Sep 1901, Central City, NE. Parents: Roller & Anna Jane (Smith) Tooley. Grad. of CCHS. 10 Apr 1926: Married Everett C. Crites. They lived in North Platte, NE; Washington, DC; Park Ridge, IL.; Troy, MI; & Lake Oswego, OR. She taught school in McCook & Central City, NE; Silver Spring, MD; & Glenview, IL. Mr. Crites died in 1970. Mrs. Crites died Tues., 1 Feb 2000 at Lake Oswego, OR. Graveside service: Thurs., Central City Cemetery, NE. Arrangements: Solt Funeral Home, Central City, NE. Survivors: A son, 3 gch., 3 g-gch. Predeceased by her husband; 2 brothers - Cecil & Roller Tooley; a sister - Marion Ross.

Note: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I pp 384-5 (R Tooley); 1920 Fed. Census NE ED158 p15B H2222 D20 F20: Central City Ward 3, Merrick, NE.

Grand Island Independent - Sun. 6 Feb 2000

**Bernice L. HELLWEGE, 75**

Born 4 May 1924, Worms, NE. Parents: John & Erna (Niemoth) Helzer. 1943 grad. of Grand Island HS. 21 Dec 1947: Married Dale Helwege at Worms. They farmed near St. Libory, NE. Mr. Helwege died 10 May 1972. Mrs. Hellwege moved to St. Paul. She died Fri., 4 Feb 2000 at St. Paul. Service: Tues., Zion Lutheran Church cemetery, Worms, NE. Arrangements: Jacobson Funeral Home. Survivors: 3 sons, a daughter, 8 gch.; 2 sisters. Memorials: Christ Lutheran Church annex fund or to St. Francis hospice.

Note: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I p232 (Helzer); 1930 Fed. Census NE ED61-12 p2a D30 F30: Prairie Creek Twp, Merrick, NE.

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 9 Feb 2000

**William H. BOSWORTH, 97**

Born 2 Oct 1902, Central City, NE. Parents: William Thomas & Pearl Jane (Hammock) Bosworth. Family moved to Oregon. 1918: Family moved to Burwell, NE. 28 Apr 1923: He married Fannie De Mary at O'Neill, NE. 1926: They moved to Grand Island. He died Sat. 5 Feb 2000 at Grand Island. Service: Thurs., Apfel-Butler-Geddes Funeral Home, Grand Island. Burial: Grand Island City Cemetery. Survivors: 3 nieces, 2 nephews, a brother. Predeceased by his wife, 3 sisters (Mary Snavley & 2 others), a brother.

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 9 Feb 2000

**Dean L. SHOUP, 76**

Born 6 Mar 1923, Pawnee City, NE. Parents: Vernon & Hannah Shoup. Grew up at Central City, NE. 16 Jan 1943: Married Jimmie Leona Harrell at Long Beach, CA. Worked for Douglas Aircraft. 1943-46: 8th US Air Force. Moved to Merced, CA. Returned to Central City & farmed for about 7 years, then moved to California. Lived in various places including Los Angeles, Stockton, & Visalia, CA; Portland, OR; Lincoln and Newton, KS; Tracy, CA. 26 June 1990: Moved to Sutherlin, OR. Died 2 Feb 2000 at Roseburg, OR. Private memorial service at Chapel of the Firs, Sutherlin, OR. Inurnment: San Joaquin National Cemetery, Santa Nella, CA. Survivors: His wife, 3 sons, 6 gch., 7 g-gch.; a brother living in Clarks, NE. Predeceased by his wife; sister, Louella; 2 brothers - Don (his twin) & Norman.

Note: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I p363 (EL Shoup).

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 10 Feb 2000

**Dorothy H. DAVIS, 78**

Born 23 Dec 1921, Palmer, NE. Parents: Ivan & Aleda (Anderson) Swadley. Married Otis Davis and moved to Grand Island, NE. Worked at CAAP; & at the Lutheran Hospital. Died Sun., 6 Feb 2000 at Grand Island. Visitation: Thurs., Kleine Funeral Home. Service: Fri., Third City Christian Church. Burial: Grand Island City Cemetery. Survivors: Her husband, 5 daughters, a foster-daughter, 26 gch., 41 g-gch., 1 gg-gch.; a brother. Predeceased by a son Melvin & a daughter Patricia Stenka; a g-gch.

Grand Island Independent - Fri. 11 Feb 2000

**Marie CHURCH, 99**

Born 14 Aug 1900, Hall County, NE. Parents: Gehrt A. & Elizabeth (Dorr) Dickman. Was raised by a sister in Merrick County from age of 7 years. 16 Nov 1919: Married Walter T. Church. They farmed in Polk County, NE, then moved to Clarks, NE. Mr. Church died in 1962. 1965: Mrs. Church moved into town. 1997, she moved to Central City, NE. Mrs. Church died Wed., 9 Feb 2000 at Central City, NE. Service: Sat., 12 Feb. at Solt Funeral Home Chapel, Central City. Burial: Pierce Chapel near Clarks, NE. Survivors: 4 sons, 8 daughters, 38 gch., 61 g-gch. 11 gg-gch. Predeceased by her husband, 3 sons - Arnold, Jack & Milford Church; a daughter, Betty Gulbrandson; six step-siblings; 3 brothers; 6 gch.

Note: see History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I pp 157-8; Merrick Co. Marriage Record Book G p615 #3150; 1920 Fed. Census NE ED156 p9B D71 F72: Clarksville Twp, Merrick, NE; 1930 Fed. Census NE ED61-6 p7a D155 F155: Clarksville Twp, Merrick, NE.

Grand Island Independent - Fri. 11 Feb 2000

**Donna Jean ELLIOTT, 64**

Born 19 Sep 1935, Palmer, NE. Parents: George E. Spilger & Helen M. Obermiller. 1953 grad. Palmer HS. 1956 grad. Lincoln General Hospital School of Nursing. Worked in Lincoln & in Knoxville, TN. Then returned to Nebraska. Later lived at Phoenix, AZ; Lincoln, NE; and in 1997 moved to Tilden, NE. Died Wed. 9 Feb 2000 at Norfolk, NE. Visitation: Fri. at Palmer Funeral Home. Service: Sat. at Palmer United Methodist Church. Burial: Rose Hill Cemetery. Survivors: 2 sisters.

Grand Island Independent - Fri. 11 Feb 2000

**Helen P. MUNN, 93**

Born 9 Mar 1906 near Grand Island, NE. Parents: Jacob & Cecelia (Ott) Pahl. 27 Dec 1931: Married Kenneth Jennings "Jack" Munn at Omaha, NE. Apr 1948: Moved to New Cambria, MO where they operated New



Cambria Sales Barn until 1974. She also ran a restaurant. Died Wed. 9 Feb 2000 at Macon, MO. Visitation: Sat., Gilleland and McElwain Funeral Home in New Cambria. Burial at later date. Survivors: A daughter, 2 gch., 4 g-gch. Predeceased by her husband (died 16 Jun 1989); eleven siblings.

Note: See 1920 Fed. Census NE ED163 p3B D66 F66: Vieregg Twp, Merrick, NE. Parents - see Merrick Co. NE Marriage Record Book B p163 #610

Grand Island Independent - Mon. 14 Feb 2000

**Harry F. PROCHASKA, 88**

Born 21 Apr 1911, on farm in Gage Valley, NE. 1929 grad. of Palmer HS. 5 Sep 1937: Married Edith Stone. They farmed in Gage Valley. Edith died in 1968. 18 Aug 1974: He married Ellen Greenough at Palmer, NE. Harry worked as a securities broker. They lived in Palmer. Harry died Fri., 11 Feb 2000 at Grand Island, NE. Visitation: Mon., Palmer Funeral Home, Palmer, NE. Service: Tues., First Church of Christ, Palmer. Burial: Rose Hill Cemetery, Palmer. Survivors: his second wife; a daughter, a sister; 2 step-daughters, 2 step-sons. Predeceased by his first wife; his brother William Prochaska, & a sister Wilma Coomer.

Note: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I p378 (Stone); Rose Hill Cemetery extracts.

Grand Island Independent - Fri. 25 Feb 2000

**Nancy S. BUTLER, 92**

Born 1 Oct 1907, Keya Paha County, NE. Parents: Joseph Shirey & Rosella Clark. Family to Palmer area when she was infant. 1926 grad. of Palmer HS. 8 Apr 1930: Married John Burch. They lived at Palmer & Central City. Mr. Burch died in 1957. 4 Mar 1960: She married Roy Butler at Palmer, NE; he died in 1971. Mrs. Butler died Thurs. 24 Feb 2000 at Palmer, NE. Service: Sat. at Jacobsen Funeral Home, St. Paul. Burial: Rose Hill Cemetery. Survivors: One daughter, 2 gch., 6 g-gch.; 3 sisters. Predeceased by two spouses, 2 gch., 2 sisters and 4 brothers.

Grand Island Independent - Sun. 20 Feb 2000

**Edith B. McCONNELL, 85**

Born 17 Dec 1914 Marquette, NE. Parents: Stephen & Anna (Anderson) Andersen. Teacher. 11 Sep 1937: Married Clarence McConnell at Grand Island, NE. They lived at Central City until 1952; moved to Grand Island, NE. She died Sat., 19 Feb 2000 at Grand Island. Visitation: Mon., Apfel-Butler-Geddes Funeral Home. Service: Tues., Faith United Methodist Church. Burial: Westlawn Memorial Park Cemetery, Grand Island, NE. Survivors: 2 sons, a daughter, 4 gch., 6 g-gch.; 2 sisters. Predeceased by her husband; a granddaughter; 3 sisters - Esther Person, Erma Travis & Lillian May. Memorials: Osteoporosis Foundation.

Grand Island Independent - Fri. 25 Feb 2000

**John H. SCHNASE, 69**

Born 20 Apr 1930, Gering, NE. Parents: William Schnase & Myrtle Rogers. Attended school at Loup City, NE. 19 Jun 1954: Married at Ord, NE. They farmed near Loup City & Weissert, NE. 1976: Moved to Central City, NE where he owned a saw mill. 1989: Moved to Kearney, NE. He died Wed., 23 Feb 2000 at Kearney. Visitation: Fri., Peters Funeral Home, Loup City, NE. Service: Sat., United Methodist Church, Loup City. Burial: Evergreen Cemetery, Loup City, NE. Survivors: A son, 2 daughters, 9 gch.; 6 sisters, 3 brothers. Predeceased by a daughter, Sandra Schnase; & a son, Farron Schnase.

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 26 Feb 2000

**Dennis L. KILLHAM, 45**

Born 22 Feb 1955, Central City, NE. Parents: George & Margaret Killham. Resident of Warrenville, IL. Died Thurs., 24 Feb 2000. Prayer service: Mon., Williams-Knapp Funeral Home, Wheaton, IL. Service: Mon., St. Irene Church, Warrenville, IL. Burial: Assumption Cemetery. Survivors: His wife, a daughter; his mother, 2 brothers, a sister. Predeceased by his father.

Note: 24 Nov 1998 - obit of father appeared in Grand Island Independent.

Grand Island Independent - Sun. 27 Feb 2000

**Arthur H. BONNESS, 94**

Born 1 Mar 1905, Archer, NE. Parents: Paul Bonness & Lydia Retzlaff. Attended Central College in Central City, NE. 21 Nov 1931: Married Vera Hicks at Smith Center, KS. They lived at Archer where he was co-owner of store with brother. 1942: went to work for UPRR. Lived in Grand Island, NE; later moved to Lincoln, NE. Died Thurs. 24 Feb 2000 at Lincoln. Visitation: Mon., Apfel-Butler-Geddes Funeral Home. Service: Tues., Faith United Methodist Church, Grand Island, NE. Burial: Westlawn Memorial Park Cemetery, Grand Island. Survivors: A son, 2 gch., 3 g-gch; a brother & 2 sisters. Predeceased by his wife; 3 brothers - Harvey, Orville & Quentin; sister, Wauneta Frazier.

Note: See 1920 Fed. Census, Archer, Midland Twp, Merrick NE ED161 p2A F25 (w/p); 1930 Fed. Census, Archer, Midland Twp, Merrick NE ED61-11 p6b D151 F151 (w/p). See also - 23 Feb 1998: Grand Island Independent obit of wife; 19 May 2004: Grand Island Independent obit of sister Evelyn; 13 Sep 2004: Grand Island Independent obit of sister Eleanor; 23 Oct 2004: Grand Island Independent obit of brother Elmer "Ty".

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 29 Feb 2000

**Llewella O. DJERNES, 99**

Born 10 Mar 1900 at Butka (Rock Co.), NE. Parents: Henry Ehram & Armenta Good. Teacher, care giver. 26 Aug 1933: Married Lucas Djernes at Kearney, NE. They farmed near Marquette & Central City, NE. Mr. Djernes died 27 Sep 1970. Mrs. Djernes died Sat. 26 Feb 2000 at Central City, NE. Service: Thurs., Solt Funeral Home. Burial: Central City Cemetery. Survivors: 2 sons, 1 daughter, 11 gch., 20 g-gch., 5 gg-gch. Predeceased by her husband, a sister & 2 brothers. Memorials: United Methodist Church, Central City, NE.

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 29 Feb 2000

**Gary Eugene SAWYERS, 56**

Born 6 Jan 1944, Central City, NE. Parents: Orville Sawyers & Jean M. Swanson. 1962 grad. of CCHS. Military service: US Navy. Drywall. Moved to Denver, CO. Died Sat. 26 Feb 2000, at Denver. Memorial service: Wed., Solt Funeral Home, Central City, NE. Burial (later date): at Veteran's Cemetery, Denver, CO. Survivors: his father & step-mother; a son & 3 daughters, 7 gch; a sister and a brother. Predeceased by his mother, and a brother Gordon Sawyers.

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 29 Feb 2000

**Peter R. SHIPMAN, 95**

Born 13 Aug 1904, Hall County, NE. Parents: William Shipman & Minnie Hargens. 1942-43: US Army. Farmer. Early 1950's, he moved to Veteran's Home in Grand Island. Died Sun., 27 Feb 2007 at Central City, NE. Visitation: Tues., Livingston-Sondermann Funeral Home. Service: Wed., Messiah Lutheran Church. Burial: Grand Island City Cemetery. Survivors: 2 brothers & 3 sisters. Predeceased by 4 brothers - Albert, Herbert, Harry & Ervin Shipman; 1 sister - Alvina Shipman.

Note: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I p361 (w/p); 1930 Fed. Census, Vierregg Twp, Merrick, NE ED61-16 p2a D31 F31 (w/p); 14 Mar 2006: Grand Island Independent obit of brother John

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Grand Island Independent - Wed. 1 March 2000

**Ethel SCHOW, 95**

Born 7 Jan 1895 on farm near Clarks, NE. Parents: Elmer & Anna (Bending) Cowell. Attended CCHS. 19 Sep 1939: Married Andrew Schow at Central City. They farmed "in the Fairdale area north of St. Paul for 33 years." Mr. Schow died 2 Nov 1972. Mrs. Schow moved to Central City in 1979, and in 1998 to the O'Neill Nursing Center. She died there on Tues., Feb 29, 2000. Visitation: Fri., Jacobsen Funeral Home, St. Paul. Service: Sat. United Methodist Church, St. Paul, NE. Burial: Fairdale Sunrise Cemetery north of St. Paul. She is survived by a sister. Predeceased by her husband; 3 brothers - Frank, Roy & Marvin Cowell; 5 sisters - Ruby Schow, Alice James, Minnie Overland, Pearl Brings & Margaret. Memorials: To the church.

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 2 March 2000

**Glenn E. HAUBOLD, 72**

Born 28 Nov 1927, Palmer, NE. Parents: Charles & Edna (Berry) Haubold. 1945 grad. of Palmer, HS. 18 Apr 1946: Married at Smith Center, KS. Truck driver. He died Wed., 1 Mar 2000 at Grand Island, NE. Service: Fri.,

Livingston-Sondermann Funeral Home. Burial: Elmwood Cemetery, St. Paul, NE. Survivors: His wife, 4 sons, 4 daughters, 19 gch., 11 g-gch.; a sister. Predeceased by his daughter Ann Marie; a sister Ella.

Grand Island Independent - Fri. 3 March 2000

**Helen MAURER, 86**

Born 20 Jun 1913 near Chapman, NE. Parents: John Samuel & Anna M. Magnuson. Grad. of Chapman HS. Attended GI Business School. Secretary. Worked in Lincoln, Washington, DC & California. 1941: Married George Holman. They owned a business. He died in 1959. Later married Floyd Maurer who died in 1989. Mrs. Maurer died Sat. 26 Feb 2000 at home in Oakland, CA. Survivors: 3 sisters. Predeceased by both husbands, 3 sisters - Violet Dickerson, Bonnie Rice & Lorraine Hanway; a brother Paul Magnuson.

Grand Island Independent obit - Sat. 4 March 2000

**Bertha PALU, 89**

Born 24 Mar 1910, Sherman Co., NE. Parents: John & Mary (Lewandowski) Kosmicki. 10 May 1927: Married Edward Palu at Loup City, NE. They lived at Loup City. 1972: Moved to Osmond, NE. 1975: Moved to Central City, NE. Mr. Palu died 4 Nov 1982. Mrs. Palu died Fri. 3 Mar 2000 at Central City. Service: Mon. St. Michael's Catholic Church, Central City. Burial: City cemetery. Arrangements: Solt Funeral Home. Survivors: 4 sons, 1 daughter, 23 gch., 45 g-gch. 14 gg-gch.; 2 sisters. Predeceased by her husband, a sister & 2 infant gch.

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 4 Mar 2000

**Pearl Evangeline SMALL, 91**

Born 13 Jun 1908 at Hordville, NE. Parents: John & Amanda (Carlson) Larson. 4 Feb 1934: Married Harold Benton Small in Merrick Co., They farmed on Prairie Island. 1960: Moved to Central City, NE where she worked at Dairy Queen. 1996: Moved to Merrick Manor. Mr. Small died 13 Sep 1996. Mrs. Small died Fri., 3 Mar 2000 at Central City. Service: Tues., Solt Funeral Home, Central City. Burial at city cemetery. Survivor: A brother in Greeley, Colorado. Predeceased by sister Ruby Larson; 3 brothers - Leonard, Elmer & Harold.

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 11 March 2000

**Iola M. RICE, 86**

Born 25 Jun 1913, near Chapman, NE. Parents: William & Hester (Lutes) Corcilius. 1930 grad. of Chapman HS. Teacher. Jun 1935: Married Jasper Rice. They lived in Grand Island, NE. 1945: They moved to Corcilius farm near Chapman. She died Thurs., 9 Mar 2000 at Grand Island, NE. Visitation: Sun. at Kleine Funeral Home. Service: Mon., First Baptist Church, Chapman, NE. Survivors: A son, one daughter, 5 gch., 4 g-gch., 1 gg-gch; a sister.. Predeceased by her husband and an infant sister Wilma Corcilius.

Note: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I p336 (J&I Rice). Also 1920 Fed. Census NE ED155 p6A D50 F50: Chapman Twp, Merrick, NE, and 1930 Fed. Census NE ED61-4 p5a D100 F101: Chapman Twp, Merrick, NE (w/p); extracts of Chapman Cemetery.

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 14 March 2000

**Joan L. EWERS, 72**

Born 22 Mar 1927, Palmer, NE. Parents: Mervin Stone & Gertrude Mulligan. 1944 grad. St. Paul HS. 22 Jul 1946: Married Don Ewers at St. Paul; they farmed south of town. Died Mon. 13 Mar 2000 at St. Paul. Service: Thurs., Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church. Graveside service: Thurs., Westlawn Memorial Park Cemetery, Grand Island, NE. Arrangements: Peters Funeral Home, St. Paul. Survivors: Her husband, 3 sons, 2 daughters, 15 gch. Predeceased by daughter Carol Johnson; brother Robert Stone, & 2 sisters - Helen Courtney and Georgina Weber. Memorials: St. Francis Hospice.

Grand Island Independent - Fri. 17 March 2000

**Martin L. KNAPP, 92**

Born 22 May 1907, Palmer, NE. Parents: John & Laura (Goodrich) Knapp. 1925 grad of Palmer HS. 1954: Married Gladys Timmerman. They lived in Omaha where he worked for UPRR. Martin died 11 Mar 2000 at

Omaha, NE. Services were Tues. at Roeder Mortuary, Omaha. Burial was at Forest Lawn Cemetery, Omaha, NE. Predeceased by his wife in 1995; 5 sisters & 2 brothers.

Note: See 1920 Fed. Census NE ED159 p11B D102 F105: Loup Twp, Merrick, NE (w/p)

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 21 Mar 2000:

**John Burton MARTINDALE, 78**

Born 3 Jul 1921, Norton, KS. Parents: Roy & Hazel (Jones) Martindale. 1939 grad of HS in Alma, NE.

1941-45: US Army AF. 2 Feb 1943: Married at Phillipsburg, KS. They lived in Mississippi; then in Columbus, Kearney and Alma, NE. Moved to Central City, NE. He worked for telephone companies. John died Sun. 19 Mar 2009 at Central City. Visitation: Wed., Solt Funeral Home, Service: Thurs., United Presbyterian Church, Central City. Burial at city cemetery. Survivors: His wife, 2 daughter, 9 gch., 14 g-gch. Predeceased by a daughter Jeanne Wandfluh; 2 brothers - Bob & Dick Martindale.

Grand Island Independent - Fri. 24 Mar 2000

**Bernard "Beanie" BECK, 74**

Born 20 Aug 1925, Clarks, NE. Parents: Metro Beck & Mary Derbala. 1943 grad. Clarks HS. 1950-52: US Army (Korea). 16 Oct 1952: Married Alyce M. Taaczek at Genoa, NE. Farmed near Clarks. Died Wed. 22 Mar 2000, Columbus, NE. Service: Sat. at St. Peter's Catholic Church, Clarks, NE. Burial: Clarks Cemetery. Survivors: 2 daughters, 2 sons, 10 gch.; 2 brothers, 7 sisters. Predeceased by his wife and 2 brothers, Edward & Walter Beck.

Note: See 1930 Fed. Census NE ED61-6 p6b D141 F141: Clarksville Twp, Merrick, NE (w/p).

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 25 Mar 2000

**Dr. Martin Evald CARLSON, 94**

Born 5 Nov 1905, Saronville (Clay Co.), NE. Parents: Carl Anton Carlson & Clara Monson. Grad. of Sutton HS. 1942-45: USAF. 1963: PhD from UNL. Teacher, principal. 13 Sep 1949: Married Blanche Johnson at Marysville, KS. 1955-62: Luther College. 1942-77: Kearney State College... Died Thurs. 23 Mar 2000, Grand Island, NE. Visitation: Sun. at All Faiths Funeral Home, Grand Island. Service: Mon. at Messiah Lutheran Church. Burial at Palmer Cemetery. Survivors: His wife, a son, a stepson, 2 gch. Predeceased by 2 brothers and a sister.

Grand Island Independent - Sun. 26 Mar 2000

**Dale Neil McMILLAN, 82**

Born 16 Apr 1917, Central City, NE. Parents: Hubert Neil & Mary L. (Reeves) McMillan. 1935 grad. of CCHS. 5 Apr 1942: Married at Chapman, NE. They lived in Columbus, NE. WW II: USAF. 1948: Farmed southwest of Central City. 1980: Moved to Grand Island, NE. Farmer, electrician, real estate. Died Sat. 24 Mar 2000 at VA Medical Center, Grand Island. Service: Tues., All Faiths Funeral Home. Burial: Chapman Cemetery. Memorials: United Methodist Church or Chapman Fire & Rescue. Survivors: His wife, 2 daughters, one son, 5 gch.; a sister. Predeceased by sister Helen Eriksen.

Note: See 1920 Fed. Census NE ED155 p6B D61 F61: Chapman Twp, Merrick, NE (w/p); 1930 Fed. Census NE ED61-4 p3b D67 F67: Chapman Twp, Merrick, NE (w/p)

Grand Island Independent - Sun. 26 Mar 2000

**Walter H. WAGNER, 77**

Born 5 Oct 1922 Merrick Co., NE. Parents: Henry & Pauline (Schwartz) Wagner. Attended Zion Lutheran School. WW II: US Army. Farmer. Resident of St. Libory, NE. Died Fri., 24 Mar 2000 in Grand Island, NE. Service: Tues., Zion Lutheran Church, Worms, NE. Burial: Church cemetery. Survivors: A sister. Predeceased by 2 sisters & 3 brothers.

Grand Island Independent - Mon. 27 Mar 2000

**Lorrel Ardell BRANTING, 86**

Born 27 Dec 1913, Clarks, NE. Parents: Clifford & Iva (Beck) Branting. 1932 grad. of Polk HS. 4 Sep 1938: Married Virginia Stuart. They lived at Clarks, NE. Section man for UPRR. Died Sat. 25 Mar 2000, Grand

Island, NE. Service at later date, cremated. Arrangements: Solt Funeral Home. Survivors: 3 sons, 10 daughters, 34 gch., 24 g-gch.; 3 sisters, 2 brothers. Predeceased by his wife (1997); a son Richard and a daughter Lorrie; 3 gch., 3 brothers - Willard, Maurice & Melvin "Silver" Branting.

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Grand Island Independent - Mon. 3 Apr 2000

**Samuel F. BOWERS, 80**

Born 17 Feb 1920 on farm in Merrick Co., NE. Parents: Lawrence & Mary (Steinbeck) Bowers. Family moved to Grand Island. 1939 grad. of GISH. 1941-45: US Army (Europe). 1948: Married at Hastings, NE. Power plant operator. He died Sat. 1 Apr 2000 at hospital in Grand Island, NE. Visitation: Tues., Livingston-Sondermann Funeral Home. Service: Wed., Messiah Lutheran Church, Grand Island. Burial: Westlawn Memorial Park Cemetery. Survivors: His wife, 2 sons, one daughter, 2 gch., 2 g-gch.; a brother. Predeceased by 3 brothers - Roy, Lawrence, & Elmer; 2 sisters- Clara Montoya & an infant.

Grand Island Independent - Fri. 21 Apr 2000

**Ruth Mildred SCHULDT, 95**

Born 6 Oct 1904, Fargo, ND. Parents: Andrews Sherman & Rebecca E. (Davis) Baker. Grew up near Palmer, NE; attending Nance Co. schools. 1922 grad. of HS in Kearney NE. Attended college. Teacher. 28 Dec 1926: Married Frank W. Schuldt at Columbus, NE. They lived at Silver Creek & then moved to Clarks. Business owners. Frank died 1 Nov 1987. 1997: She moved to Central City, NE. Died Thurs., 20 Apr 2000 at Central City. Visitation: Fri., Solt Funerral Home, Central City. Service: Sat., Congregational Church, Clarks, NE. Burial: Silver Creek Cemetery. Survivors: A half-sister & a niece. Predeceased by her husband; 4 brothers - Vern, Robert, Othal & Harold Baker; 4 sisters, - Anna Holmes, Enola McCray, Myrtle White & Ione Pickerel.

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 22 Apr 2000

Dylan Dwaine Van PELT, 11 months

Born 4 May 1999 Grand Island, NE. Parents: Daniel & Tonya Van Pelt. Died Thurs., 20 Apr 2000 at Grand Island, NE. Service: Mon., First Presbyterian Church, Grand Island, NE. Burial: Central City Cemetery.

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 27 Apr 2000

**Marvin D. KUCERA, 59**

Born 27 Jul 1940, Merrick Co., NE. Parents: Frank & Eunice (Bussart) Kucera. 1959 grad. of Chapman HS. Owned a hotel in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico. He died 17 Apr 2000 at Ciudad Obregon, Mexico. Service: Sat., Livingston-Sondermann Funeral Home in Grand Island, NE. Survivors: Four daughters and an adopted son.; 10 gch.; two brother and a sister. Predeceased by his parents.

Grand Island Independent - Fri. 28 Apr 2000

**Patricia A. GRIESS, 48**

Born 3 Apr 1952, Palmer, NE. Parents: Ernest F. & Bernadene Bane. 1970 grad of Wolbach HS. 1971 grad. of GI School of Business. Interior designer. 1971: Moved to Hastings, NE. 30 Jun 1995: Married Bryan D. Griess. She died Wed., 26 Apr 2000 in Hall County, NE. Service: Mon. morning, Butler-Volland Chapel, Hastings. Second service: Mon. afternoon at United Methodist Church, Wolbach, NE. Burial: Hillside Cemetery, Wolbach. Survivors: Her husband; 2 daughters & a son (surname Engel); 4 step-children; 2 sisters & a brother. Predeceased by her father & a sister Carolyn Bane Caudill.

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 29 Apr 2000

**Lola WIDMAN, 92**

Born 4 Mar 1908, Archer, NE. Parents: Charles H. & Florence I. (Herring) Woodward. 1926 grad. of Archer HS. 12 FEB 1930: Married Charles F. Widman at Archer. They farmed in Merrick County. 1946: Moved to farm in Hamilton County. 1974: Moved to Central City, NE. She died Thurs., 27 Apr 2000 at Lincoln, NE. Service: Mon., Solt Funeral Home, Central City, NE. Burial: Westlawn Memorial Park Cemetery, Grand Island, NE. Survivors: A daughter, 4 gch., 10 g-gch.; a sister. Predeceased by her husband; a daughter Rachel M. Cover;

2 brother - Clarence & Cort Woodward; 4 sisters - Daisy Woodward, Mae Swan, Opal Campbell and Pearl Willis.

Grand Island Independent - Sun 30 Apr 2000

**William Robert DOUGLAS - 74**

Born 9 Feb 1926, Clarks, NE. Parents: Micahel B. & Maude A. (Byrd) Douglas. 1944 grad. of Clarks HS. WW II: US Marine Corps. 11 Aug 1949: Married at Clarks. They owned a grocery store. 1982: Moved to Ravenna, NE. 1987: Retired and divided time between NE & AZ. He died Fri., 28 Apr 2000 at hospital in Sun City West, AZ. Service: Tues., St. Peter's Catholic Church, Clarks, NE. Burial at city cemetery. Arrangements: Solt Funeral Home, Central City, NE. Survivors: His wife, 3 sons, 3 daughters, 16 gch., 3 g-gch.; a sister, a brother. Predeceased by 2 brothers - Don & Jim; sister, Jean Bolen.

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Grand Island Independent - Mon. 1 May 2000

**James BANDEEN, 89**

Born 9 Nov 1910, Inez, TX. Parents: Howard & Maude (Convill) Bandeen. Served in the US Army. Postal worker in Portland, OR. Retired to be a NE farmer. Died Sat. 29 Apr 2000 at Central City, NE. Service: Tues., Greenwood Cemetery, York, NE. Survivors: 2 brothers & 4 sisters. Predeceased by his wife Hazel Ditloff (had been married over 60 years); & a sister Fern Haire.

Note: Wife's obit appeared 30 Nov 1999 in GI Independent.

Grand Island Independent - Mon. 1 May 2000

**Leonard M. JISA, 75**

Born 24 Feb 1925, Loma, NE. Parents: Charles & Agnes (Ruzicka) Jisa. 1945 grad. of Polk HS. WW II: US Army. 8 Sep 1948: Married at Central City, NE. They farmed near Polk, Clarks and Central City, NE. 1964: Moved to Hastings, NE. He died there Sat., 29 Apr 2000. Visitation: Mon., Butler-Volland Funeral Home Chapel. Service: Tues., St. Michael's Catholic Church. Graveside service: on same date at Central City Cemetery. Survivors: His wife, 3 daughters, a son; 14 gch., 1 g-gch; 4 sisters, & one brother. Predeceased by 3 sons - James, Joseph & Michael; a brother Eugene.

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 3 May 2000

**Raymond E. SHULL, 81**

Born 23 Apr 1919 on farm near Archer, NE. Parents: Ray & Ina (Anderson) Shull. 1938 grad. of Archer HS. Moved to California. Traffic manager. 1946: Married in California. Resident of Downey, CA. He died Sun. 20 Apr 2000 at local hospital. Cremated. Graveside service at later date. Survivors: His wife, a son, a gch; 2 brothers. Predeceased by 2 brothers - Kenneth & Gerald Shull.

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 3 May 2000

**Edna Viola STRANBERG, 84**

Born 14 Apr 1916, Fairfax, SD. Parents: Eddie & Elma (Mostrom) Dahlberg. She moved to Omaha, NE. 29 Sep 1938, married there to Arvid Stranberg. He was in military during WW II and they went to VA. They later moved to Central City where she worked in school cafeteria. She died Mon., 1 May 2000 at Central City, NE. Visitation: Wed., Solt Funeral Home. Service: Thurs., Evangelical Free Church, Central City. Burial: Mamre Evangelical Church Cemetery near Marquette, NE. Survivors: Her husband, 2 sons, 4 gch. Predeceased by 5 sisters - Judy Slama, Alice Kause, Edlan Olson, Gladys Swanson, Bernie Bower.

Note: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I p378. Husband's obit published 5 Jun 2007 in Columbus Telegram.

Grand Island Independent - Fri. 5 May 2000

**Isabel BROWN, 93**

Born 2 Aug 1906, Clarks, NE. Parents: Fred & Maud (McLean) Brown. Grad. of Clarks HS. Resident of Clarks. She died Tues., 2 May 2000 at St. Francis Medical Center in Grand Island, NE. Service: Sat., Congregational Church, Clarks. Burial: Clarks Cemetery. Arrangements: Solt Funeral Home. Survivors: Cousins.

Predeceased by 3 brothers - Wallace, Edwin & Jean Brown; one sister - Betty Brown.

Note: See 1920 Fed. Census NE ED156 p5B D138 F143: Clarks Village, Clarksville Twp, Merrick, NE (w/p) and 1930 Fed. Census NE ED61-5 p1b D30 F30: Clarks Village, Merrick, NE (w/p).

Grand Island Independent - Fri. 5 May 2000

**Deborah Lynn CHASE-DOUGHIT, 48**

Born 20 Apr 1952, Grand Island, NE. Parents: Lonnie & Melva (Pollock) Chase. 1970 grad. of Northwest HS. 2 Aug 1971: Married James S. Doughit at Grand Island. She has lived in Colorado since 1987. Died Wed., 3 May 2000 at Fort Collins, CO. Visitation: Sun., All Faiths Funeral Home, 2929 S. Locust. Service: Monday, Abundant Life Christian Center, Grand Island, NE. Burial: Chapman Cemetery. Survivors: a son, a daughter, 3 gch.; her father & step-mother. a sister, a brother, a grandmother. Predeceased by son Joshua Oak Doughit; her mother, & her grandfather Lawrence Chase.

Grand Island Independent - Fri. 12 May 2000

**Farnum T. SCHRADER, 83**

Born 18 Mar 1917, Bradshaw, NE. Parents: Pete & Annie (Shockey) Schrader. Grad. of Polk HS. Worked in SD in 1936. WW II: US Army (Europe). Farmed with his father afterwards. 31 Jan 1948: Married at Hastings, NE. They farmed near Bradshaw and then near Sutton, NE. 1956: Moved to farm near Wolbach, NE. 1975: Moved near Palmer, NE. He died Wed., 10 May 2000 at Lincoln, NE. Service: Mon., Jacobsen Funeral Home, St. Paul, NE. Burial: Rose Hill Cemetery, Palmer, NE. Survivors: His wife, 3 sons, 2 daughter, 10 gch., 11 g-gch.; a brother. Predeceased by brother, Glenn; 2 sisters- Rae Cramer & Cappy Lorenson.

Grand Island Independent - Sun. 21 May 2000

**Bonnie Carol GELLING, 76**

Born 13 Nov 1923, near Chapman, NE. Parents: Ernest & Blanche (Raser) Hudnall. 1941 grad. of Chapman HS. Worked in Chapman, then in California. 13 May 1945: Married Charles Gelling in CA. They moved to Chapman, NE. Teacher. Resident of Central City, NE. She died Thurs., 18 May 2000 at Lincoln, NE. Visitation: Sun., Kleine Funeral Home chapel. Service: Mon., First Baptist Church, Chapman, NE. Burial: Chapman Cemetery. Survivors: A daughter, 2 gch.; a brother & 2 sisters.

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 24 May 2000

**Harold R. HILDER, 86**

Born in Wymore, NE. Parents: George C. & Winifred B. (Roberts) Hilder. 1938 grad. of Wymore HS. Worked for implement dealers in Lincoln, NE; then at the Oliver plant in Charles City, IA. 1 Jan 1939: Married Alice L. Bruckner. 1950: Moved to Central City, NE. He died Sun., 21 May 2000 at Central City, NE. Service: Wed., Solt Funeral Home, Central City. Burial in the city cemetery. Survivors: His wife, a son, a daughter, 7 gch., 9 g0gch., a brother and a sister. Predeceased by son Kenneth G. Hilder (1984), 2 daughters - Betty Ann Rutherford (1977) & Patty J. Steele (1996); a gch & a g-gch.

Note: His wife died 26 May 2001, obit in Grand Island Independent.

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 27 May 2000

**Marcelline A. "Marcy" JANOVEC, 76**

Born 27 Apr 1924, Clarks, NE. Parents: Jacob J. Zoucha & Josephine Lassek. 1941 grad. of Clarks HS. Attended NE Central College. Teacher. 26 Aug 1947: Married Joseph V. Janovec at Clarks. They farmed NW of Chapman. Died Wed., 24 May 2000 at hospital in Grand Island, NE. Service: Sat., St. Michael's Catholic Church, Central City, NE. Burial: Central City Cemetery. Arrangements: Solt Funeral Home. Survivors: 2 sons, a daughter, 5 gch., 1 g-gch; a sister & a brother. Predeceased by her husband (13 Jan 1994); 3 brothers - Ben, Adrian & an infant; an infant sister.

Note: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I pp 245 (Janovec), 416 (Zoucha); 1930 Fed. Census NE ED61-6 p1b D12 F12 (w/p)

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 27 May 2000

**Edna M. JONES, 87**

Born 3 Nov 1912, Central City, NE. Parents: Benjamin F. Beetem & Lucy G. Jerome. 1930 grad. of CCHS. 20 Jul 1933: Married Vern Jones. They managed Farmers Produce at Polk, NE (10 yrs). Later clerked at IGA store in Polk. Died Fri. 26 May 2000 at Stromsburg, NE. Visitation: Mon., Solt Funeral Home, Polk, NE. Service: Tues., First Baptist Church, Hordville, NE. Burial: Lindale Cemetery, Hordville. Survivors: her husband, 3 daughters, 17 gch., 40 g-gch. Predeceased by her son Larry; 2 gch., 1 g-gch.; her brother James & an infant sister.

Note: See 1920 Fed. Census NE ED158 p20B D144 F151: Central City Ward 3, Merrick, NE; and 1920 Fed. Census NE ED157 p1B D14 F14: Lone Tree Twp, Merrick, NE (Beetem family enumerated twice). See also - 1930 Fed. Census NE ED61-1 p6a H215 D164 F164: Central City, Merrick, NE

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 27 May 2000

**Dwayne O. VOLKMAN, 83**

Born 28 Apr 1916, Chapman, NE; grew up there. Grad. of Grand Island Business College. 8 Jun 1940: Married Inez at Central City, NE. Employee of federal agencies; lived NE, SD, Washington DC and Denver CO. Catholic. Died 13 Mar 2000, Denver, CO. Burial: Mount Olivet Cemetery. Survivors: wife, 2 daughters, 3 sons, 9 gch., 1 g-gch; a sister. Predeceased by 4 sisters & 2 brothers.

Note: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I pp 279 & 393: Merrick Co., NE; 1920 Fed. Census NE ED155 p2A D31 F32: Chapman Village, Merrick, NE; 1930 Fed. Census Chapman Village, Merrick, NE ED61-3 p3a D53 F54.

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 31 May 2000

**Edward J. BIALUS, 89**

Born 26 Jan 1911, Nance Co., NE. Parents: Charles Bialas & Mary Sturek. WW II: US Army. 9 Sep 1946: Married Helen, at Fullerton, NE. Farmer. Resident of Silver Creek, NE. Died Sun. 28 May 2000 at hospital in Columbus, NE. Service: Fri., St. Lawrence Catholic Church, Silver Creek, NE. Burial: church cemetery. Arrangements: McKown Funeral Home, Silver Creek. Survivors: His wife, a daughter, 5 gch.; 5 brother & 4 sister. Predeceased by 2 brothers Lloyd & Louies; 2 infant sisters.

Note: See 1920 Fed. Census Newman Twp, Nance, NE ED170 p5A D90 F91 (w/p); {1257} 1930 Fed. Census East Newman Twp, Nance, NE ED63-5 p3b D54 F54 (w/p)

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 31 May 2000

**Jacob Dean GLOVER, stillborn**

Born/died Fri. 26 May 2000, Phoenix, AZ. Parents: Larry & Diane Glover. Memorial services: last Sunday in Phoenix; Wed., United Methodist Church, Central City, NE. Burial: Central City Cemetery. Survivors: His parents, and grandparents, 2 siblings. Predeceased by a sister Taylor; great-grandmother, Nina Martin; great-grandfathers - Leslie Martin, John Baum and Alfonse Reicks. Memorials: St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

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Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 1 Jun 2000

**Leonard H. ECKSTROM, 86**

Born 16 Oct 1913, near Palmer, NE. Parents: George J. Eckstrom & Mary T. Deertz. 26 Dec 1940: Married near Palmer, NE. Farmed in area. 1982: Retired into town. Died Tues. 30 May 2000 at Grand Island, NE. Visitation: Thurs. at Palmer Funeral Home. Service: Fri. at St. John's Lutheran Church, Palmer. Burial: Rose Hill Cemetery. Survivors: His wife, 2 sons, 1 daughter, 6 gch, ...; 3 brothers. Predeceased by brother Walter. Note: See 1920 Fed. Census NE ED159 p11A D96 F99: Loup Twp, Merrick, NE (w/p); 1930 Fed. Census NE ED61-9 p2a D24 F26: Loup Twp, Merrick, NE (w/p)

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 1 Jun 2000

**Anna L. OLIVER, 95**

Born 25 Oct 1904, near Chapman, NE. Parents: William & Mary Elsie (Sundermeier) Stoppkotte. 5 Jan 1927:



Married George E. Oliver at Belleville, KS. They lived in Grand Island, NE. Mr. Oliver died in 1950. Mrs. Oliver died Tues., 30 May 2000 at Grand Island. Visitation: Thurs., Apfel-Butler-Geddes Funeral Home. Service Fri., Messiah Lutheran Church. Burial: Grand Island City Cemetery. Survivors: 2 sons, 4 gch., 1 g-gch. Predeceased by her husband; a gch.; 7 brothers & 2 sisters.  
Note: See 920 Fed. Census NE ED163 p4B D82 F82: Vieregg Twp, Merrick, NE (w/mother).

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 3 Jun 2000

**Archie William JOHNSTON, 87**

Born 28 Aug 1912, Merrick Co., NE. Parents: George G. & Mabel L. (Solt) Johnston. Family moved to farm near Primrose, NE. 18 Mar 1936: Married Viola at his family home. They farmed near Primrose, then moved to Fairview community near Central City, NE. 1948: Moved to farm near Chapman, NE. He died Wed., 31 May 2000 at Chapman. Service: Mon., Solt Funeral Home, Central City, NE. Burial: Westlawn Memorial Park Cemetery, Grand Island, NE. Survivors: His wife, a son, 3 gch., 2 g-gch.; 3 brothers. Predeceased by son Donald; an infant gch; a brother George; 2 infant brothers; a sister Beulah Watts.

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 7 Jun 2000

**Imogene M. "Jean" ABBOTT, 74**

Born 3 Nov 1923, Clarks, NE. Parents: Robert & Nannette (Ernst) Spires. Grad. of Clarks HS. Married Rolland R. "Red" Abbott. They lived in Lincoln, NE. Accountant. She died Mon. 5 Jun 2000 at Lincoln. Visitation: Thurs., Lincoln Memorial Funeral Home. Service: Fri., St. Mark's United Methodist Church, Lincoln. Burial: Lincoln Memorial Park Cemetery. Survivors: A son, a daughter, 4 gch.; 4 brothers & 2 sisters. Predeceased by her husband, and a brother, Franklin Spires.

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 8 Jun 2000

**Berhard Edward "Garrett" Bruns, 87**

Born 16 Sep 1912 on farm north of Chapman, NE. Parents: William H. & Johanna E. (Seim) Bruns. 12 Jun 1940: Married Evelyn Mae Scharvin at Archer, NE. They farmed near Archer. Evelyn died 4 Sep 1981. In 1998 he moved to Central City, NE. Garrett died Tues., 6 Jun 2000 at Central City. Visitation: Thurs., Solt Funeral Home, Central City. Service: Fri., Zion United Methodist Church near Archer. Burial at Central City Cemetery. Survivors: A brother & 2 sisters. Predeceased by his wife; 3 brothers - Albert, Edward "Armin," & William Jr. (infant); 2 sisters - Helen Bader & Hulda Suck.

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 13 Jun 2000

**Amelia HUENEKE, 97**

Born 10 Oct 1902, Doniphan, NE. Parents: Edward C. & Minnie (Neubert) Boltz. 17 Sep 1924: Married Louis C. "Pete" Hueneke at Grand Island, NE. They lived at Chapman & Grand Island, NE. Mr. Hueneke died in 1984. Amelia died Sun. 11 Jun 2000 at Grand Island, NE. Graveside service at later date. Arrangements: Apfel-Butler-Geddes Funeral Home. Survivors: 2 sons, a daughter, 5 gch., 7 g-gch. Predeceased by her husband; 3 brothers & 4 sisters.

Note: See 1930 Fed. Census Chapman Twp., Merrick, NE ED61-4 p4a D76 F77.

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 14 Jun 2000

**Mary A. HOUDEK, 96**

Born 2 Dec 1903, Loma, NE. Parents: Alois R. & MaryAnn (Coufal) Ruzicka. 27 Feb 1922: Married Charles J. Houdek at Loma, NE. They farmed in Dwight/Valpariso area until 1963; moved near Central City, NE. She died Mon., 12 Jun 2000 at Central City, NE. Service: Thurs., St. Michael's Catholic Church, Central City. Burial at city cemetery. Arrangements: Solt Funeral Home. Survivors: 2 daughters, 4 sons, 31 gch., 70 g-gch.; 2 brothers & 1 sister. Predeceased by her husband (9 Jan 1999); 3 sons - Joseph, Jerome & Charles; 2 daughters - Charlotte Houdek & Margaret Hotovy; 2 brothers - Jerold & Louis Ruzicka; a sister Agnes Jisa; a gch.

Grand Island Independent obit - Sat. 17 Jun 2000

**Emma POEHLER, 97**

Born 13 Nov 1902, St. Libory, NE. Parents: Herman & Bertha (Tuenge) Kruse. Attended Zion Lutheran School at Worms, NE. 15 Apr 1928: Married Fred Poehler at Worms. They farmed near Cairo, NE. Mr. Poehler died 17 Mar 1945. 1964: Emma moved into town. She died Thurs., 15 Jun 2000 at Cairo. Service: Mon., Christ Lutheran Church, Cairo. Burial: Mount Pleasant Cemetery, Cairo. Arrangements: Apfel Funeral Home. Survivors: A daughter, a son, 12 gch., 8 g-gch.; 3 brothers and a sister. Predeceased by her husband; a son John, a daughter Dorothy; 2 brothers & 7 sisters.  
Note: See Merrick Co NE Marriage Records Book I p325 #I-325.

Grand Island Independent - Sun. 18 Jun 2000

**Donna Jane STAAL, 71**

Born 16 Jan 1929, Central City, NE. Parents: Guy & Abbigale (Myers) Gilson. Family lived at Fullerton & Wolbach, NE. 15 May 1949: Married Lafayette Staal. They lived in Archer & Grand Island, NE. She worked for Archer schools. 1987: Donna moved to Texas; later moved to Key West, FL where she died Thurs., 15 Jun 2000. Service: Mon., at Westlawn MEmorial Park Cemetery in Grand Island. Arrangements: Apfel-Butler-Geddes Funeral Home. Survivors: 2 daughters, 9 gch., 2 g-gch.; a brother and a sister. Predeceased by her husband; & an infant son Kenneth.  
Note: See 1930 Fed. Census NE ED61-7 p4b D92 F94: Lone Tree Twp, Merrick, NE.

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 20 Jun 2000

**Robert A. AURAND, 90**

Born 5 Oct 1909, Central City, NE. Parents: Lora H. & Nell (Adair) Aurand. 1928 grad. of Chapman HS. Engr. degree from Univ. of CO. Worked in San Diego; was sent to Scotland by company. Married in Symington, Scotland. After war moved to Colorado. Restaurateur. Resident of Louisville, CO. Died 12 Jun 2000, Boulder, CO. Memorial service: Thurs., at Presbyterian Church, Boulder, CO. Survivors: His wife, 4 sons, 2 daughters; 2 sisters (one is his twin); and a brother. Predeceased by brother Paul.

Grand Island Independent - Sun. 25 Jun 2000

**Carl R. DAVISON Jr., 76**

Born 11 Jun 1924. Parents: Carl R. Sr. & Lois A. (Ivey) Davison. Grad. of Palmer HS. WW II: US Navy (Pacific). 16 Sep 1947: Married. They lived mainly at Palmer, NE. Truck driver. He died Fri., 23 Jun 2000 at hospital in Lincoln, NE. Service: Mon., First Church of Christ, Palmer. Burial: Rose Hill Cemetery, Palmer. Arrangements: Palmer Funeral Home. Survivors: His wife, 4 daughters, 2 sons, a foster daughter, 17 gch., 10 g-gch. Predeceased by a brother Glenn; a sister Frances Rieken; a stepsister Barbara Kontos.

Grand Island Independent - Sun. 25 Jun 2000

**Arnold Eugene ZLOMKE, 89**

Born 4 Mar 1911, Central City, NE. Parents: Otto Ferdinand & Anna Helena (Baumiester) Zlomke. 1930 grad. of GISH. Married in 1942; they lived in Grand Island. He died Thurs., 22 Jun 2000 at Grand Island. Visitation: Sun., All Faiths Funeral Home on Locust. Service: Mon., Gollaher Chapel of Tinity United Methodist Church. Burial: Westlawn Memorial Park Cemetery, Grand Island. Survivors: His wife, 2 sons, a daughter, 7 gch., 3 g-gch. Predeceased by 5 brothers & 5 sisters.

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 27 Jun 2000

**Irvin P. MEVES, 95**

Born 6 Mar 1905, Worms, NE. Parents: Peter N. & Margaretha (Hein) Mewes. Grad. of GISH. 21 May 1932: Married Ruby Mae Terry. They lived in Grand Island, NE. Business owner. He died Sat., 24 Jun 2000 at Grand Island. Service: Thurs., Trinity Lutheran Church. Burial: Grand Island City Cemetery. Survivors: 5 daughters, 8 gch., 9 g-gch., 2 gg-gch. Predeceased by his wife (27 Aug 1989); a brother Herman; 6 sisters - Minna Dankert, Anna Launer, Emma Schwyn, Laura Mewes, Alma Schmidt & Ella Roeser. Memorials: Trinity Lutheran Church Ladies Aid or the Alzheimer's Association for Research.

Note: His name given as MEVES while his parents are named MEWES in the obit. See 1920 Fed. Census - Prairie Creek Twp, Merrick, NE ED226 p5A D89 F89 (w/sib: Herman).

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Grand Island Independent - Tues. 4 Jul 2000

**Irvin R. FRIEDRISHSEN, 71**

Born 4 Jul 1928, Chapman, NE. Parents: Henry & Margaret (Wiecks) Friedrichsen. 2 Jun 1954: Married Marilyn Seeber at Grand Island, NE. They lived in Lincoln, NE. Construction worker. Resident of Grand Island, NE. He died Sat. 1 Jul 2000 at Grand Island, NE. Visitation: Wed., Apfel-Butler-Geddes Funeral Home. Service: Wed., Rosehill Cemetery, Palmer, NE. Survivors: 2 sons, 3 daughters, 3 gch., 2 g-gch.; 2 brothers and a sister. Predeceased by an infant brother.

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 6 Jul 2000

**Lucille Eunice TYLER, 78**

Born 19 Jun 1922, Merrick Co., NE. Parents: Percy & Marie (McReynolds) McElwain. 1928: Family moved to Broomfield, CO. She attended Colorado Teachers College, Greeley, CO for 2 yrs. 3 Jul 1942: Married Donald Wayne Tyler. (He was in military until 1946.) 1947 & later: They farmed at Prairie Island, Hordville, Polk and Central City, NE. Teacher. She died Tues., 4 Jul 2000 at Central City, NE. Service: Sat., Solt Funeral Home, Central City. Burial at city cemetery. Survivors: A daughter, 2 sons, 10 gch.; 3 sisters in Colorado. Predeceased by her husband (1998) and an infant daughter Joyce Elaine.

Grand Island Independent - Fri. 7 Jul 2000

**Dr. Earl A. ROGERS, 90**

Born 30 Sep 1909, NE. Parents: James E. & Myrtle H. (Jerome) Rogers. 3 Jul 1931: Married. WW II: US Army. NE Director of Health. Resident of Fairfield Bay, Arkansas. Died Tues., 4 Jul 2000 at Clinton, Arkansas. Memorial service: Sat. at Kirk of the Hills Church, Fairfield Bay, Ark. Survivors: His wife, 2 daughters, a foster daughter; 11 gch., several g-gch.; 2 sisters. Predeceased by his son Dr. James Rogers. Note: See 1920 Fed. Census NE ED158 p20A D136 F143: Central City Ward 3, Merrick, NE (w/p); 1930 Fed. Census NE ED61-1 p24a D400 F425: Central City, Lone Tree, Merrick, NE (w/p)

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 11 Jul 2000

**Myrtle CLARKE, 88**

Born 8 Feb 1912 near Hordville, NE. Parents: Gustaff & Millie (Johnson) Randahl. Her mother died in childbirth. Raised by father & step-mother Julia Bankson Randahl. 1930 grad. of CCHS. Teacher. 17 May 1941: Married James F. Clarke at Hordville. Mr. Clarke died 25 Jan 1998. Mrs. Clarke died Sun., 9 Jul 2000 at Central City, NE. Service: Wed., Grace Lutheran Church, Central City. Burial at the city cemetery. Arrangements: Solt Funeral Home. Survivors: A daughters, 4 sons, 15 gch., 8 g-gch. Predeceased by her husband; and her twin sister, Mildred Holtorf.

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 15 Jul 2000

**James A. "Jim" WOOD, 65**

Born 14 Jan 1935, Merrick Co., NE. Parents: Walter & Argyll (Schultz) Wood. Served in National Guard (2 yrs) & US Army (1955-61). 13 Jul 1957: Married at Wood River, NE. They lived in Grand Island, NE. Owner of Jim Wood & Son Trucking. Died Thurs., 13 Jul 2000, Grand Island, NE. Service: Mon., Apfel-Butler-Geddes Funeral Home. Burial: Westlawn Memorial Park Cemetery, Grand Island. Survivors: His wife, 3 daughters, a son, 9 gch.; 5 brothers & 3 sisters. Predeceased by his parents.

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 19 Jul 2000

**Grace L. KUNZE, 90**

Born 16 Jun 1910, Howard Co., NE. Parents: Lauritz & Flora (Nielsen) Feddersen. Grad. of Dannebrog High School & Kearney State College. 13 Oct 1934: Married Theodore Kunze in Howard Co. They farmed. She taught in Howard & Merrick Counties. 1985: Grace moved to Central City, NE. She died Mon., 17 Jul 2000 at Central City. Visitation: Wed., Palmer Funeral Home, Palmer, NE. Service: Thurs., St. John's Lutheran Church, Palmer, NE. Burial: Rose Hill Cemetery, Palmer. Survivors: 2 sons, 4 daughters, 20 gch., 37 g-gch., 8 gg-gch.; 2 sisters. Predeceased by her husband; a son Daryl; 5 brothers - Sigurd, Christian, Ernest, Vernon & Howard; 2 sisters - Astrid Christensen & Thyra Toof.

Grand Island Independent - Sun. 23 Jul 2000

**Ruth HETRICK, 77**

Born 30 Oct 1922, Lake Manawa, IA. Parents: Earnest & Stella (Steuben) Kiesel. Raised in Central City/Chapman, NE. 19 Oct 1941: Married Merwin P. Hetrick at Grand Island, NE. They lived in Grand Island where she worked at hospital. She died Fri. 21 Jul 2000 at Grand Island. Service: Tues., Apfel-Butler-Geddes Funeral Home, Grand Island. Burial: Westlawn Memorial Park Cemetery. Survivors: Her husband, 2 sons, a daughter, 5 gch., 2 step gch.; 2 step-brothers, and a step-sister. Predeceased by sister Helen Battles and 2 step-brothers - Elwin and Kenneth Orendorff; a gch.

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 26 Jul 2000

**Opal Dell SCHERER, 92**

Born 31 Oct 1907, Rennals, IA. Parents: Fred & Abigail (Tidball) Walker. Raised in Geddes, SD. 31 Aug 1925: Married Carl Floyd Scherer in Geddes, SD. They farmed in South Dakota. 1972: They retired to live at Chapman, NE. Mr. Scherer died 30 Sep 1993. Mrs. Scherer lived in Central City, Grand Island and Wood River, NE. She died Mon. 24 Jul 2000 at Wood River. Graveside service Thurs., at Chapman Cemetery. Arrangements: Solt Funeral Home. Survivors: 3 sons, 12 gch., 20 g-gch, 8 step g-gch., 15 gg-gch. Predeceased by her husband, a son Lawrence Arthur, a gch; 3 brothers - Forrest, Lawrence & Lee Walker.

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 26 Jul 2000

**Edna M. SEMM, 79**

Born 30 Oct 1920, Grand Island, NE. Parents: Paul & Tony (Rohweder) Lockenvitz. 1939: Grad. of Chapman HS. 17 Oct 1940: Married Gene Semm at Hastings, NE. They lived in Grand Island, NE. She died Sun., 23 Jul 2000 at Aurora, NE. Visitation: Wed., All Faiths Funeral Home, Grand Island. Service: Thurs., St. Pauls Lutheran Church. Burial: Westlawn Memorial Park Cemetery. Survivors: 2 sons, a daughter, gch & g-gch.; a sister. Predeceased by her husband (1998); brother Harold Lockenvitz.

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 27 Jul 2000

**Mae L. SCRANTON, 93**

Born 25 May 1907, Lindsay, NE. Parents: Andrew & Winnie (Swanson) Nelson. Grad. of St. Edward HS. Teacher. 31 Dec 1932: Married Ray Scanton at Miller, NE. They lived at Miller until 1941; moved to Potter, NE, and later to Sidney, NE. Ray died in 1963. 1965: Mae moved to Fullerton, NE and continued to teach. She later lived at St. Paul, Palmer & Central City, NE. Mrs. Scanton died Tues., 25 Jul 2000 at Central City, NE. Memorial service: Sat., Jacobsen-Greenway Funeral Home in St. Paul, NE. Graveside service: Sat., Potter Cemetery, Potter, NE. Survivors: 2 grandchildren, a g-gch.; a sister. Predeceased by her husband; her daughter Peggy Jane Moon; a brother Glenn Nelson; 4 sisters - Hazel McCalsin, Margaret Williams, Violet Peterson and Lorraine Moench.

Grand Island Independent - Fri. 28 Jul 2000

**Gladys KANTER, 84**

Born 20 Dec 1915, Waco, NE. Parents: Rolla & Evylin (Robson) Mace. Abt. 1917, Family moved to Sidney, NE - later returned to central NE. She worked in Omaha, NE. 15 Sep 1940: Married Glenn Kanter at St. Paul, NE. They farmed west of Palmer, and then south of Worms, NE. Mr. Kanter died 11 Nov 1986. Mrs. Kanter moved to St. Paul the following year. She died Wed. 26 Jul 2000 at Ravenna, NE. Visitation: Sun., Jacobsen-Greenway Funeral Home, St. Paul. Service: Mon., St. John's Lutheran Church, Palmer, NE. Burial: Rose Hill Cemetery, Palmer. Survivors: A son, 2 daughters, 6 gch., 3 g-gch.; 2 brothers. Note: See 1930 Fed. Census Timber Creek Twp., Nance, NE ED63-14 p4a D71 F71 (w/p)

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 29 Jul 2000

**Robert James PAXTON, 46**

Born 7 Dec 1953, O'Neill, NE. Parents: Norman & Joyce Paxton. Lived at Chambers, NE; Sedalia, MO; Omaha Home for Boys. 1971-73: US Army. 23 Jun 1973: Married. Lived at Palmer, NE. Truck driver, mechanic. He died 27 Jul 2000 in auto accident near Chapman, NE. Service: Mon., Wesleyan Church, Palmer. Burial: Rose Hill Cemetery, Palmer, NE. Survivors: His wife; 4 sons, a gch.; a sister. Predeceased by

his parents, 2 brothers - Cecil & an infant; a son Jeffrey Lee; a daughter Robbie Jean.

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Grand Island Independent - Tues. 1 Aug 2000

**Christian August CAMPA, infant**

Born/died 27 Jul 2000. Parents: Tony F. & Sarah S. Campa. Private graveside service yesterday at Chapman Cemetery. Arrangements: Solt Funeral Home, Central City, NE. Survivors: His parents, a sister, grandparents & a great-grandmother. Predeceased by a great-grandmother: Dicey Lovejoy; 2 g-grandfathers - William Knight & James C. Campa; g-grandparents - Bryce and Helen Groetzinger.

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 2 Aug 2000

**Walter Joseph FOSBURY, 83**

Born at Clarks, NE. Parents: William & Mamie Fosbury. Grad. of Clarks HS. Married twice. Had lived in El Paso, TX. Presbyterian. Died 24 Jul 2000 at Austin, TX. Graveside service was held Fri. at Clarks Cemetery, Merrick Co., NE. Arrangements: Solt Funeral Home. Predeceased by his first wife, Anne. Survived by his second wife; a son & a daughter, 5 gch., 1 g-gch.

Note: See Who's Who in Nebraska Merrick p815 w/p); 1920 Fed. Census NE ED156 p2A D44 F46: Clarks Village, Clarksville Twp, Merrick, NE (w/p) and 1930 Fed. Census NE ED61-5 p6a D149 F153: Clarks Village, Merrick, NE(w/p)

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 8 Aug 2000

**Vera Irene WEBSTER, 99**

Born 5 Apr 1901, Otoe Co., NE. Parents: James E. & Louisa M. (Beetem) White. Grew up in Merrick Co, NE. 30 Apr 1947: Married Rev. Jack MacGregor Webster at Everett, WA. They worked for the Salvation Army in WA, OR, Alaska & other parts of the USA. Returned to live at Chapman, NE. Mr. Webster died 21 Mar 1977. Mrs. Webster moved to Merrick Manor in Central City. She died Sat. 5 Aug 2000 at Central City Care Center. Visitation: Tues., Solt Funeral Home. Graveside service: Wed. at the city cemetery. Survivors: 3 step-daughters; a cousin; Predeceased by her husband; 4 sisters - Fanda Connor, Hester Scofield, Gertrude Laurence & Frances Behrens; 2 brothers - George & Scott White.

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 10 Aug 2000

**Daniel C. SAMUELSON, 56**

Born 31 Dec 1943, Palmer, NE. Parents: Carl & Naomi (Pratt) Samuelson. 1962 grad. of Palmer HS. Farmer. 1965-67: US Army, Vietnam. Attended UNL. 26 Oct 1968: Married at St. Paul, NE. They lived in Lincoln until finished school; moved back to Palmer to farm & drive truck. He died Tues., 8 Aug 2000 at hospital in Rochester, MN. Service: Sat., United Methodist Church, Palmer. Burial: Rose Hill Cemetery. Arrangements: Peters Funeral Home, St. Paul, NE. Survivors: His wife, 2 sons, a gch.; his mother; a sister. Predeceased by his father.

Note: His mother died 19 Mar 2009.

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 10 Aug 2000

**Ada Mae SKOW, 93**

Born 21 Dec 1906 on farm near Hordville (Hamilton Co.), NE. Parents: Charles Campbell & Ruth Rallens. About 1916, her family moved to farm on Prairie Island (Merrick Co.), NE. 1925 grad. CCHS. 26 Mar 1929: Married Gilbert M. Skow at Aurora, NE. They farmed on Prairie Island, then moved to Gibbon, NE. Mrs. Skow died Tues. 8 Aug 2000 at Kearney, NE. Visitation Thurs. at Godberson Mortuary, Gibbon. Service: Fri., Faith United Church. Burial: Riverside Cemetery, Gibbon. Survivors: A son, a daughter, 5 gch. 4 g-gch.; a sister in Idaho. Predeceased by husband (died 6 Mar 1998), 3 brothers and a sister.

Note: see 1920 Fed. Census NE Merrick County, Prairie Island Twp., ED154 p1A D1 F1 (w/parents)

Grand Island Independent - Fri. 18 Aug 2000

**John W. WICHMANN, 63**

Born 30 Aug 1936 on farm south of Palmer, NE. Parents: William Wichmann & Edna Bader. Attended District 45 School. 14 Feb 1956: Married at St. Libory, NE. Farmer. Died Thurs. 17 Aug 2000 at Lincoln, NE. Service: Sat. at St. Libory Catholic Church. Burial: Rose Hill Cemetery, Palmer. Arrangements: Peters Funeral Home, St. Paul. Survivors: His wife, a son, 2 daughters, 3 gch.; 2 sisters. Predeceased by daughter Monica, a grandson and his parents.

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 24 Aug 2000

**Gary Lee BOERSEN, 40**

Born 14 Feb 1960, Grand Island, NE. Parents: Fritz H. Boersen Sr. & Pearl Castor. Attended school in Central City, NE. Worked in Chapman, NE. Died Wed., 23 Aug 2000 at Grand Island, NE. Service: Sat., All Faiths Funeral Home. Burial at city cemetery. Survivors: His wife; 5 brothers & a sister. Predeceased by brother Donald.

Grand Island Independent - Fri. 25 Aug 2000

**Mae Edna BAKER, 89**

Born 14 Oct 1910, near Chapman, Merrick Co., NE. Parents: Edward William & "Jetta Ravenelle (Jessie Berman) Kruse." 1928 grad. of GISH. Simplex operator (telegrams); teletype operator. Secretary/bookkeeper. 12 Jun 1943: Married Robert L. Baker. Member of First Christian Church. March 1999: Moved to David City, NE. She died Thurs., 24 Aug 2000 at David City, NE. Service: Sat., Livingston-Sondermann Funeral Home, Grand Island, NE. Burial: Westlawn Memorial Park Cemetery. Survivors: 4 daughters, 6 gch.; a sister in Arizona. Predeceased by her husband in 1993.

Note: See 1920 Fed. Census NE ED163 p3B D63 F63: Vieregg Twp, Merrick, NE (w/p)

Grand Island Independent - Sun. 27 Aug 2000

**Louise Emma FRIEDRICHSEN, 89**

Born 19 Aug 1911, Elizabethville, PA. Parents: Otto Kuppinger & Clara Bruanlich. Family moved to Palmer, NE. 4 Sep 1926: Married William Friedrichsen at Council Bluffs, IA. He died in 1961. She moved to CA. 1995: Moved to Clarks, NE. Died Fri. 25 Aug 2000 at Aurora, NE. Memorial service at later date. Arrangements: Solt Funeral Home. Survivors: 3 daughters, & a son, 14 gch., 33 g-gch. 4 gg-gch. Predeceased by daughter Arlene, brother John, 2 gch.

Grand Island Independent - Sun 27 Aug 2000

**Emmett L. SHOUP, 80**

Born 13 Nov 1919, Cortland, NE. Parents: Vernon & Hannah (Rinne) Shoup. Lived in Pawnee County, NE. 1938 grad. of Barston HS. Family moved to Central City that same year. WW II: USAF (stationed at Washington DC and Alaska). Welder. 1 Jun 1947: Married at Central City. Farmed on Prairie Island with wife's family. Served in many capacities for the church & the community, fraternal organizations. He died Fri., 25 Aug 2000 at Grand Island, NE. Visitation: Mon., Solt Funeral Home, Central City, NE. Service: Tues., First Methodist Church, Central City. Burial: Hordville Cemetery. Survivors: His wife, 2 daughters, a son, 7 gch. Predeceased by 3 brothers - Norman; twins Don & Dean; 2 sisters - Luella, Betty (infancy).

Note: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I pp 151 (Carlson), 363-4 (Shoup): Merrick Co., NE

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 31 Aug 2000

**Viola Fern FRIEDRICHSEN, 90**

Born 25 Aug 1910, Merrick Co., NE. Parents: Henry R. & Rose K. (Wagner) Nedrig. 21 Jan 1929: Married John Martin Friedrichsen at Palmer, NE. They farmed southeast of Palmer. Viola died Wed., 30 Aug 2000 at St. Paul, NE. Service: Sat. Solt Funeral Home, Central City, NE. Burial: Rose Hill Cemetery, Palmer, NE. Survivors: Her husband, a son, 4 gch., 11 g-gch.; a sister & a brother. Predeceased by a g-gch.; 2 brothers - Robert & Virgil Nedrig.

Note: See 1920 Fed. Census NE ED161 p4A F30: Midland Twp, Merrick, NE (w/p) and 1930 Fed. Census NE ED61-11 p5a D96 F96: Midland Twp, Merrick, NE (w/p)

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Grand Island Independent - Fri. 1 Sep 2000

**Victor BOSSELMAN, 94**

Born 15 Apr 1906 at Worms, NE. Parents: Henry & Ollie (Konrad) Bosselman. 10 Jun 1928: Married Irma Rauert at Grand Island. They farmed in Hall County. He died Wed., 30 Aug 2000 at hospital in Lincoln, NE. Visitation: Fri., Apfel-Butler-Geddes Funeral Home. Service: Sat., Trinity Lutheran Church. Burial: Westlawn Memorial Park Cemetery. Survivors: His wife, 5 daughters, 24 gch., 40 g-gch., 4 gg-gch.; a brother. Predeceased by 2 brothers - Elmer & Arnold; 2 gch.

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 7 Sep 2000

**Gladys Henrietta JOHN, 92**

Born 21 Sep 1907 at Arcadia (Valley Co.), NE. Parents: Henry & Nellie (Nygren) Cremeen. Grad. of Arcadia HS. Teacher. 27 Jun 1927: Married Owen J. John at St. Edward, NE. They lived in Valley Co. 1934: Moved to Merrick County, NE - lived in Central City & Silver Creek, NE. 1963: Moved to California. Mr. John died in 1978. Mrs. John was currently living at San Dimas, CA. She died at hospital in Covina, Ca. Service: Mon., Solt Funeral Home, Central City. Burial: Silver Creek Cemetery. Survivors: 2 sons, 3 daughters, 12 gch., 22 g-gch., 5 gg-gch.; a sister. Predeceased by her husband; son Darwin; a gch.; a brother Virgil Cremeen. Note: Death date does NOT appear.

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 9 Sep 2000

**Jack C. RODYSILL, 63**

Born 24 Dec 1936, Central City, NE. Parents: Clarence & Verna (Held) Rodysill. After finished school at Cenral City, he attended Lincoln School of Commerce. 1960-62: US Army. 1962: Married at Grand Island, NE. They lived in Grand Island. He died Fri., 8 Sep 2000 at Grand Island. Visitation: Sun., Apfel-Butler-Geddes Funeral Home. Service: Mon., First Presbyterian Church. Burial: Westlawn Memorial Park Cemetery. Survivors: His wife; a son, a daughter; a brother. Predeceased by his parents; infant son Jay; sister Dorla Nickel.

Note: His parents - see Merrick Co. Marriage Records Book I p342 #1-342; and 1930 Fed. Census NE ED61-11 p2a D36 F36: Midland Twp, Merrick, NE; Directory for Central City Cemetery.

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 19 Sep 2000

**Frances Cecelia CHADER, 89**

Born 13 Aug 1911 near Chapman, NE. Parents: Frank E. & Rose H. (Corcilus) Widman. 1930 grad. of CCHS. 20 Oct 1945: Married Evvard Turno Chader at Central City, NE. They farmed east of Hordville, NE. 1949: Bought a farm near Central City, NE. Later retired to live in town. She died Mon. 17 Sep 2000 at Central City, NE. Service: Wed., Solt Funeral Home. Burial: Mamre Evangelical Free Cemetery near Marquette, NE. Survivors: Her husband, a son. Predeceased by 3 sisters - Edna Widman, Alice Hammons & Perna Hammons; 6 brothers - Embree, Charles, Earl, Frank, Walter & David Widman.

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 20 Sep 2000

**Lena Gladys SULLIVAN, 99**

Born 21 Feb 1901, Grand Junction, MO. Parents: Robert L. & Euphemia (Manifold) Rankin. 1909: Family moved to Archer, NE. 15 Sep 1924: Married Edward T. Sullilvan. They lived near Archer, NE. 1942: Moved to Denver, CO. 1969: Returned to Archer, NE. 1993: She moved to Central City, NE. Died Tues., 19 Sep 2000 at Central City. Service: Sat., Fairview United Methodist Church near Central City. Burial at the city cemetery. Survivors: A daughter, 4 gch., 3 g-gch.; a sister in Californai> Predeceased by her husband (12 Oct 1985); sister Margaret Johnston; 2 brothers - Kenneth & Mike Rankin.

Note: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I pp327 Rankin), 381 (Sullivan). 1920 & 1930 census for Midland Twp, Merrick, NE. See also 24 Jun 1999: Grand Island independent "Lena Sullivan reflects on life in early 1900s Archer to today's closer world" by Barrett Stinson.

Columbus Telegram & Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 21 Sept. 2000

**Marie CLAYTON, 85**

Born 28 Feb 1915, Hordville, NE. Parents: John Emil Veburg & Emily C. Bengtson. 1933 grad. of Hordville HS. Teacher, historian, news writer. 2 Apr 1944: Married Kenneth Robert Clayton. Died Wed. 20 Sep 2000 at Central City, NE. Visitation: Fri. at Solt Funeral Home, Central City. Service: Sat. at Fridhem Lutheran Church, Hordville, NE. Burial at Hordville Cemetery. Survivors: 3 sons, 2 brothers, 1 sister. Predeceased by her husband (21 Aug 1969); and a brother Richard Veburg.

Grand Island Independent - Fri. 22 Sep 2000

**Martha E. DANKERT, 91**

Born 17 Apr 1909, Irvington, NE. Parents: Gustav & Lizzie (Wilke) Heitzmann. Employee of Concordia Teachers College at Seward, NE for 27 yrs. Died Wed., 20 Sep 2000 at Council Bluffs, IA. Service: Sat., St. John Lutheran Church, Seward, NE. Burial: Central City Cemetery. Survivors: 3 sons, a daughter, 2 gch., 2 step gch.

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 28 Sep 2000

**Charles Alvin WALL, 14**

Born 23 Nov 1985 at Omaha, NE. Parents: Michael & Lucinda Wall. 1997: Moved to Central City, NE. Freshman at CCHS. Died Mon. 25 Sep 2000 at Central City. Visitation: Thurs., Solt Funeral Home. Service: Fri., Community Bible Church, Central City. Burial: Forest Lawn Cemetery, Omaha, NE. Survivors: His parents, 2 brothers.

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Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 5 Oct 2000

**Pearl V. SCHLITT, 84**

Born 17 Apr 1916, Central City, NE. Parents: Leonard & Nellie Kuhn. 11 Dec 1940: Married Merwin D. Schlitt at Lincoln, NE. They moved to Laramie, WY. She later moved to Aurora, CO where she died Mon., 2 Oct 2000. Visitation: Fri. Montgomery/Stryker Mortuary in Laramie, WY. Service: Fri. at Green Hill Cemetery, Laramie, WY. Survivors: A daughter; 5 gch., 4 g-gch.; a brother, a sister. Predeceased by her husband; 2 brothers - Leon & Archie Kuhn; 2 sisters - Eva Ilene Hanner & Luella Mae Lunsford. Memorials: Rocky Mountain Cancer Center.

Grand Island Independent - Fri. 6 Oct 2000

**Anola Elaine SCHENK, 77**

Born 26 Feb 1923, Ainsworth, NE. Parents: Guy & Edna (Decker) Kenyon. 1941 grad. of Ainsworth HS. 1 Jul 1945: Married Frederick G. Schenk at Ainsworth. They moved to Central City, NE. Worked for husband's mother. Mr. Schenk died 11 Oct 1979. Mrs. Schenk died Thurs., 5 Oct 2000 at Central City. Service: Sat. 7 Oct at Community Bible Church, Central City. Burial at the city cemetery. Arrangements: Solt Funeral Home. Survivors: 2 sons, 2 daughters, 4 gch., 3 g-gch.; 2 brothers & 1 sister. Predeceased by her husband; brother Douglas Kenyon and a g-gch.

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 7 Oct 2000

**Sharon Leigh BRANDENBURG, 70**

Born 11 May 1930, Merrick Co., NE. Parents: Harold W. & Myrtle (Everett) Harlow. Attended school at Clarks & Central City, NE. 8 Jun 1946: Married Leo Brandenburg at Kansas. They lived in Central City area. Housekeeper. she died Fri., 6 Oct 2000 at Grand Island, NE. Service: Tues., Solt Funeral Home, Central City. Burial will be at Burke Cemetery at later date. Survivors: Her husband, 3 sons, a daughter, 10 gch., 12 g-gch.; 2 brothers & a sister. Also living, 2 step-siblings. Predeceased by son Steven; a gch. and a g-gch.

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 7 Oct 2000

**Sophie KINSEY, 90**

Born 16 Apr 1910, Hanover, Germany. Parents: Herman & Anna (Bormann) Meyer. Immigrated when young; family lived at Burwell and Palmer, NE. She moved to Texas. Married Joe Carr. Married second to Luther Kinsey. They lived at Mineral Wells, TX. She died 23 Sep 2000 at Mineral Wells. Service: 26 Sep 2000 at Baum-Carlock-Bumgardner Funeral Chapel. Survivors: Her second husband; 4 sons, a daughter, 8 gch., 11



g-gch.; 3 step-daughters; 2 brothers and 2 sisters. Predeceased by son Jesse Carr; 3 brothers - Fred, Henry & Alfred Meyer; 2 sisters - Dora Frey & Martha Farnsworth.

Note: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I p287.

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 12 Oct 2000

**Yvonna Mary REYNOLDS, 63**

Born 23 Dec 1936, Silver Creek, NE. Parents: Lloyd & Flossie (Van Owen) Kelley. 1960: Married Ronald Reynolds at Omaha, NE. Bookkeeper. She died Sun., 8 Oct 2000 at home in Thornton, CO. Service: Thurs., Rice Chapel, Brighton, CO. Survivors: Her husband, 2 daughters, 1 son, 2 gch. Memorials: American Cancer Society

Grand Island Independent - Fri. 13 Oct 2000

**George Nathan STORK, 92**

Born 25 Feb 1908, Hayward, WI. Parents: George & Margaret (Rinehardt) Stork. Served during WW II. 27 Oct 1952: Married Kathryn K. Olson at Hayward, WI. 1970: Moved to Central City, NE. Mrs. Stork died 6 May 1989. Mr. Stork died Thurs., 12 Oct 2000 at Aurora, NE. Service: Sat., Solt Funeral Home, Central City, NE. Burial at the city cemetery. Survivors: A step-daughter, a step-son. 13 gch., 16 g-gch. Predeceased by a sister E. Margaret Dunn (1999) and 3 stepsons - Alvin B., Maynard & Marvin J. Olson.

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 17 Oct 2000

**Fern E. Campbell WIDMAN, 83**

Born 2 Feb 1917 near Hordville, NE. Parents: William Tecumseh & Lucinda "Lucy" (Phelps) Campbell. 1933 grad. of Hordville HS. 9 Apr 1938: Married Frank E. Widman at Central City, NE. They farmed near Central City. in Hamilton County and then near Chapman after 1949. Moved into Central City in 1970. Member of Christian Church. Frank died 22 Jul 1996. Fern died Sun., 15 Oct 2000 at Central City. Service: Wed., Solt Funeral Home, Central City. Burial: Chapman Cemetery. Survivors: A son, 6 gch, 7 g-gch.; a brother in Iowa. Predeceased by her husband; daughter Geraldine Peterson; an infant son Norman Ray; 10 siblings.

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 18 Oct 2000

**Maysel JORGENSEN, 90**

Born 11 Jan 1910 in Hamilton Co., NE. Parents: Fred & Pearle L. (McDougal) Fowler. 28 Feb 1929: Married Emanuel Jorgensen. They farmed near Hampton, NE. Retired in 1971 to live in town. Mr. Jorgensen died in 1986. Maysel later lived in Aurora, and then in 1996 moved to Central City, NE. She died there Mon., 16 Oct 2000. Service: Thurs., United Lutheran Church, Hampton. Burial at the church cemetery. Arrangements: Solt Funeral Home. Survivors: a brother; nieces & nephews. Predeceased by 2 sisters, Maxine & Viola.

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 17 Oct 2000

**Kenneth MARKWORTH, 66**

Born 4 Jul 1934, Grand Island, NE. Parents: Henry and Elsie (Albers) Markworth. Grew up at Chapman, NE. 1956-57: US Army. Farmer. 3 Aug 1974: Married at Grand Island, NE. They lived at Palmer, NE. Ken died Sat. 14 Oct 2000 at Grand Island, NE. Service: Wed., Wesleyan Church, Palmer, NE. Burial at Westlawn Memorial Park Cemetery, Grand Island at later date. Survivors: His wife, a son & a daughter, 2 gch., 2 step-gch. ...; a brother & 4 sisters. Predeceased by brothers Melvin and James; sisters Gloria Jean Markworth & Betty Marquis.

Note: Grand Island Independent on Thurs. 19 Oct 2000 gave day of burial as Friday. Arrangements: Palmer Funeral Home, Palmer, NE.

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 18 Oct 2000

**Julia SAMPLE, 88**

Born 2 Mar 1912, Elba, NE. Parents: Martin & Julia (Sonnenfeld) Vincent. 20 Jul 1931: Married Clifford Lyman Sample at Ord (Valley Co.), NE. They farmed south of Ord, NE and in Sherman Co., NE. Moved to Loup City, and then to Central City, NE in 1951. Mr. Sample died 16 Aug 1985. Mrs. Sample moved to Long Term Care in Aurora in 1994. She died there Mon., 16 Oct 2000. Service: Thurs., St. Michael's Catholic Church, Central

City. Burial at the city cemetery. Arrangements: Solt Funeral Home. Survivors: A son, 2 daughter, 28 gch., 41 g-gch., 7 gg-gch. Predeceased by her husband; daughter Esther Trompke; sisters Margaret Sample and infant Emma Vincent; brother Martin Vincent; 4 gch.

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 19 Oct 2000

**Richard LUEBBE, 61**

Born 4 Jun 1939, Archer, NE. Parents: Lawrence & Irene (Gillham) Luebbe. Was member of last graduating class at Archer HS. Served in US Navy. 18 Oct 1963: Married at Hastings, NE. Farmed near Archer, then moved to Grand Island, NE. Died Tues., 17 Oct 2000 at Aurora, NE. Cremated; no services. Survivors: His wife, 2 brothers & a sister. Predeceased by brother William.

Grand Island Independent - Sun. 22 Oct 2000

**Edward LeRoy HOLTORF, 54**

Born 29 Dec 1945, Central City, NE. Parents: August & Betty Jane (Nitzel) Holtorf. 1964 grad. of CCHS. Served in US Army. Truck driver. Married at Grand Island, NE; had 2 daughters. Married a second time in 1984. Methodist. Edward died Fri. 20 Oct 2000 in Grand Island, NE. Service: Tues., Solt Funeral Home Chapel, Central City. Burial at the city cemetery. Survivors: 2 daughters, 3 brothers, 2 gch. Predeceased by his parents, & a sister Sherry (1971).

Grand Island Independent - Mon. 23 Oct 2000

**Janet SPILGER, 58**

Born 26 Jun 1942, Palmer, NE. Parents: Fred & Sylvia (De Mary) Spilger. 1947: Family moved to farm near Clarks, NE. 1961 grad. of Fullerton HS (Nance County). 1994: She moved to Central City, NE. Janet died Sat, 21 Oct 2000 at medical center in Grand Island, NE. Visitation: Tues., Palmer Funeral Home, Palmer, NE. Service: Wed., Pierce Chapel near Clarks, NE. Burial: Rose Hill Cemetery, Palmer, NE. Survivors: a sister, cousins. Predeceased by her parents.

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 25 Oct 2000

**Robert "Bob" GOERL, 53**

Born 19 Sep 1947, Grand Island, NE. Parents: Joseph C. & Leila Viola (Wegner) Goerl. Family lived at Palmer, NE. 1965: grad. of Palmer HS. 1968-1995: US Coast Guard. 13 Jul 1974: Married. 1995: Moved to Central City, NE. He died Mon., 23 Oct 2000 at medical facility in Omaha, NE. Visitation: Wed., Solt Funeral Home. Service: Thurs., St. Michael's Catholic Church, Central City. Burial at the city cemetery. Survivors: His wife, a son, a daughter, a gch.; his mother. Predeceased by his father; sister Betty Tash.

Note: His mother died 1 Jul 2009 at Central City, NE.

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 28 Oct 2000

**Rosemary A. HAMIK, 87**

Born 9 Mar 1913, Julesburg, CO. Parents Ray & Ola (Coolidge) Kombrink. Family moved to Central City, NE. 1931 grad. of CCHS. Worked in Omaha, NE. 5 Oct 1940: Married Albert H. Hamik at Omaha, NE. 1948: They moved to Grand Island, NE. Albert died in Apr 1979. Rosemary moved to McCook, NE; returned to Grand Island to live at the Veteran's Home. She died there Thurs., 26 Oct 2000. Visitation: Sun.

Livingston-Sondermann Funeral Home. Service: Mon., Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church. Burial at Grand Island City Cemetery. Survivors: A son, a daughter, 13 gch., 6 g-gch. Predeceased by her husband; and a brother Rudolph Kombrink.

Note: See 1920 Fed. Census NE ED157 p9A D184 F186: Lone Tree Twp, Merrick, NE; 1930 Fed. Census NE ED61-1 p3b H313 D86 F86: Central City, Merrick, NE

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 31 Oct 2000

**Marvin "Doc" KLUCK, 82**

Born 10 Sep 1918 at Clarks, NE. Parents: Herman & Dora (Kerkmann) Kluck. 1942-45: US Army. 11 Dec 1945: Married Gladys Beckstrom at Central City, NE. They farmed near Clarks. 1956: Moved to Cupertino, CA where he worked for Kaiser Aluminum. 1984: Returned to live at Clarks, NE. He died 24 Oct 2000 at Seward,

NE. Service: Fri., Congregational Church, Clarks, NE. Burial: Clarks Cemetery. Arrangements: Palmer Funeral Home of Stromsburg, NE. Survivors: A daughter, 2 sons; a sister. Predeceased by his wife and his brother Walter.

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Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 2 Nov 2000

**Wilma BAKER, 71**

Born 1 Oct 1929 Ansbach, near Nuremberg, Germany. Parents: Johann Friedrich Stark & Katharine Karoline Kirschbaum. 9 Oct 1959: Married Thomas "Buster" Baker in Germany. They lived in Grand Island, NE. She moved to Bader Villa in Central City, NE. Died Tues. 31 Oct 2000 at hospital in Lincoln, NE. Service: Fri., Solt Funeral Home, Central City. Survivors: 3 sons, a daughter, a step-son, 8 gch., 2 g-gch. Predeceased by her husband (1996), 2 sisters & 3 brothers.

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 4 Nov 2000

**Blanche S. CARLSON, 89**

Born 28 Jul 1911, Loup City (Sherman Co.), NE. Parents: Hans Johnson & Mary Bloomquist. Attended Palmer HS. 13 Sep 1949: Married Dr. Martin E. Carlson (see above - Mar 2000). They lived in Wahoo and Kearney, NE. 1978: Retired to Grand Island, NE. Died Thurs. 2 Nov 2000 at Grand Island. Service: Sun. at All Faiths Funeral Home. Burial: Palmer Cemetery. Survivors: 2 sons, 2 gch., 4 g-gch.; a sister. Predeceased by husband; 5 brothers: Martin, Harry, Elmer, James & Carl; 6 sisters: Minnie, Gladys, Alice, Florence, Lillian & Clara.

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 16 Nov 2000

**Florine L. HOFFER, 80**

Born 2 May 1920, Clarks, NE. Parents: Herman Church & Florence Branting. Married Billie B. Hoffer at Clarks, NE. They farmed, and husband worked for RR. 1955-1970: Lived in Denver, CO. Returned to Clarks until 1979 when moved to Ogallala. 1981-1999: Englewood, CO. Returned to Ogallala. Mrs. Hoffer died Thurs. 9 Nov, 2000, Ogallala, NE. Creains to Pierce Chapel Cemetery (Bureau Cem) near Clarks, NE. Survivors: Her husband, a daughter, 6 gch., 11 g-gch.; 3 sisters.

Grand Island Independent - Sun. 19 Nov 2000

**Susan "Catherine" DEMEL, 87**

Born 21 Jun 1913, Central City, NE. Parents: George Reeves & Elnor Price. Grad of CCHS. 1 Sep 1956: Married Hubert M. Demel at Central City. "They owned and operated Demel and Company Insurance and Abstracting." She died Sat. 18 Nov 2000, Central City, NE. Service: Mon., Solt Funeral Home. Private burial at Westlawn Memorial Park Cemetery, Grand Island, NE. Survivors: A son & 2 gch. Predeceased by her husband (25 Jul 1996); brother George E. "Red" Reeves & sister Elfie Stines.

Grand Island Independent - Fri. 24 Nov 2000

**Grace B. PROWETT, 97**

Born 2 May 1903, Atlantic, IA. Parents: Joseph Shirey & Rosella Clark. 1907: Family moved near Palmer, NE. 31 May 1924: Married Harold Prowett at Grand Island, NE. 1936-1963: They managed the Merrick County Poor Farm. She was later an aide at the Soldier & Sailors Home. Member: First Church of Christ, Palmer, NE. Lived at Palmer until 1991 when moved to Central City. Died Wed. 22 Nov 2000, Central City, NE. Service: Sat. at Palmer Funeral Home, Palmer. Burial: Rose Hill Cemetery, Palmer. Survivors: 2 sisters, a grandson and a great-grandson. Predeceased by her husband (1972), daughter Pauline Maciejewski; 4 sisters: Nancy Butler, Ethel Shirey, Inez Ward & Mildred Reils; 4 brothers - Earl, Oral, Kenneth & LeRoy Shirey; an infant granddaughter.

Note: See cemetery extracts posted on-line. Send for copy of History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I pp 361-2 (w/her parents)

Grand Island Independent - Sun. 26 Nov 2000

**Barbara A. GORGEN, 78**

Born 6 Jan 1922, Sioux City, IA. Parents: Wendell J. M. "Bill" Glotfelty & Fern F. Peck. Family moved to Omaha, NE. 1940-48: Secretary at Spokane, WA. 7 Oct 1948: Married Floyd M. Gorgen at Spokane. They farmed near Central City, NE until 1969; moved into town. Died Sat. 25 Nov 2000, Central City. Service: Wed., Solt Funeral Home chapel, Central City. Burial: Central City Cemetery. Survivors: Her husband, 2 sons, 4 gch.

Grand Island Independent - Sun. 26 Nov 2000

**Fonda Rae JONES, 28**

Born 11 Feb 1972, Mt. Holly, NJ. Parents: Charles Jones & Joyce Rogers. Resident of Chapman, NE since 1993. Died Fri. 24 Nov 2000, auto accident near Central City, NE. Service: Wed. at United Methodist Church, Chapman. Arrangements: Solt Funeral Home. Survivors: Her parents, 4 children, 2 brothers and a sister.

Grand Island Independent - Sun. 26 Nov 2000

**Vern H. VonOHLEN, 71**

Born 6 Apr 1929, Merrick County, NE. Parents: Emil VonOhlen & Roseanne Ueckert. Served in US Army. 4 Oct 1968: Married Shirley Mae Swanson Broshears at Grand Island, NE. Farmed northwest of Chapman, NE. Died Tues. 21 Nov 2000, Central City, NE. Visitation: Mon., Solt Funeral Home. Service: Tues., Solt Funeral Home. Burial: Central City Cemetery. Survivors: 2 daughters, one son, 10 gch.; a sister & 2 brothers. Predeceased by his wife (1996), & a sister Dorothy McGuiness.

See: History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I page 393 (E&R Von Ohlen, & F&J Von Ohlen)

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 29 Nov 2000

**Bernice E. EATON, 63**

Born 11 Nov 1937, Seward, NE. Parents: Paul Bender & Marie Brauer. 1946: Family moved near Clarks, NE. 1956 grad. of Clarks HS. 4 May 1958: Married Duane L. Eaton. The next year they moved to Central City, NE. Business owners, truckers. Mrs. Eaton died Mon. 27 Nov 2000, Grand Island, NE. Visitation: Wed., Solt Funeral Home, Central City. Service: Thurs., St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Central City. Burial: Central City Cemetery. Survivors: Her husband, a son, a daughter, a brother & a sister.

Columbus Telegram - Wed. 29 Nov 2000

**Gene PEARSON, 57**

"...died Sunday, Nov. 26, 2000, at St. Francis Hospital in Tulsa. Graveside services are 1 p.m. Thursday at Silver Creek Cemetery. There will be no visitation. McKown Funeral Home in Columbus ..."

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 30 Nov 2000

**Naoma MARTSON, 83**

Born 22 Nov 1917, Central City, NE. Parents: Clifford B. Foster & Dorothy Augusta Wilson. 1935 grad. of CCHS. 29 Dec 1940: Married Ivan O. Martson, at her parents home. They lived in Los Angeles, CA; Omaha, Silver Creek and Central City, NE. She died Tues. 28 Nov 2000, Grand Island, NE. Service: Fri., United Presbyterian Church, Central City. Burial: Central City Cemetery. Arrangements: Solt Funeral Home. Survivors: Her husband, 2 daughters, 2 gch.; a brother & a sister. Memorials to the church.

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Grand Island Independent - Sat. 2 Dec 2000

**Buena M. CRANDELL, 96**

Born 31 Jan 1904 Sidney, IA. Parents: Clayborn & Jessie (Fox) Jackson. Grad. of Nebraska City HS. 2 Jul 19125: Married Mark L. Crandell at Nebraska City. Lived in Franklin, Fullerton, Columbus & Edgar, NE. 1936: Moved to Central City, NE. Business owner. She died Fri. 1 Dec 2000 at Central City. Visitation: Sun., Solt Funeral Home. Service: Mon., United Presbyterian Church, Central City. Burial at city cemetery. Survivors: 2 daughter, 1 son, 2 gch. Predeceased by her husband, 8 siblings.

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 2 Dec 2000

**Lloyd D. FRIEDRICKSEN, 50**

Born 4 Nov 1950 Palmer, NE. Parents: Virgil & Betty (McClurkin) Friedrichsen. Attended school at Giltner, NE. USAF. 1973: Married in South Dakota. 20 Feb 1988: Married a second time in Grand Island, NE. He died Fri. 1 Dec 2000 at Grand Island, NE. Service: Mon., Apfel-Butler-Geddes Funeral Home Chapel, Grand Island. Burial at Cameron Cemetery in Hall County, NE. Survivors: His second wife, 2 sons, 4 daughters, 4 gch.; 7 sisters, 2 brothers. Predeceased by his parents; a sister Peggy Wieck and brother Thomas Friedrichsen.

Grand Island Independent - Mon. 4 Dec 2000

**John H. BOWERS, 86**

Born 18 Oct 1914 Merrick Co., NE. Parents: Lawrence & Mary (Steinbeck) Bowers. 1922: Family moved to Grand Island, NE. WW II: US Navy (South Pacific). Creamery engineer, business owner. 16 Feb 1957: Married at Grand Island, NE. Died 1 Dec 2000 at Grand Island. Service: Tues., St. Pauls Lutheran Church. Burial: Grand Island City Cemetery. Arrangements: Kleine Funeral Home. Survivors: His wife, 3 sons, a daughter, 14 gch. Predeceased by an infant daughter, a gch.; 4 brothers - Roy, Elmer, Lawrence & Sam (Apr 2000); a sister Clara.

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 6 Dec 2000

**William L. "Bill" KELSEY, 71**

Born 6 Jul 1929 Columbus, NE. Parents: Lester & Alene (Miller) Kelsey. 1948-52: USAF. 30 Nov 1952: Married in Columbus, NE. They later divorced. Mr. Kelsey died 28 Nov 2000 at Omaha Veterans Affairs Medical Center. Service: Thurs., Central City Cemetery. Arrangements: Solt Funeral Home. Survivors: 2 sons, his ex-wife; 5 sisters. Predeceased by son William & brother Leroy (both in 1999).

Grand Island Independent obit - Fri. 8 Dec 2000

**John WETZEL, 50**

Born 20 Apr 1950 Grand Island, NE. Parents: Vernon E. & Evelyn (Fleishman) Wetzel. Farmer, construction worker. Lived at Central City & St. Libory, NE. Died 27 Nov at Las Vegas, NV. Graveside service: Mon., Westlawn Memorial Park Cemetery, Grand Island, NE. Arrangements: Apfel-Butler-Geddes Funeral Home. Survivors: 2 sons, 1 daughter, 2 gch.; a brother & a sister. Predeceased by his parents & 2 sisters - Helen Bruss and Betty Wetzel.

Grand Island Independent - Mon. 11 Dec 2000

**Ruth J. SPROUSE, 85**

Born 15 Apr 1915, Thedford, NE. Parents: Thomas M. & Emma (Wetterer) Lucas. 1932 grad. of Central City HS. Teacher. Grad. of Grand Island Business College. 1938: Moved to Arlington, VA. Married in mid 1950s to Lee Sprouse who died about 20 years later. She died Sat. 9 Dec 2000 at Grand Island, NE. Service: Wed., Apfel-Butler-Geddes Funeral Home Chapel, Grand Island, NE. Burial: Thurs., Central City Cemetery. Survivors: 2 brothers & a sister. Predeceased by her husband; brother William Lucas; sister Mary Lou Lucas.

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 13 Dec 2000

**Chris W. HANSEN, 104**

Born 20 Sep 1896 near Loup City, NE. Parents: Nicholas & Pauline (Jung) Hansen. Attended Kearney Normal School. Teacher. WW I: US Army; WW II: US Navy. 30 Aug 1925: Married Mildred E. Benson at Silver Creek, NE. They lived at Kearney, NE. He worked for US Postal Service. Chris died Mon. 11 Dec 2000 at Kearney, NE. Visitation: Wed., Horner-Lieske-Horner Mortuary. Service: Sat., St. Luke's Episcopal Church. Graveside service at Silver Creek Cemetery. Survivors: Nieces & nephews. Predeceased by his wife, 5 brothers & 4 sisters. Memorials: To the church or the University of Nebraska at Kearney Foundation - Mildred (Benson) Hansen Scholarship Fund.

Note: See Merrick Co. NE Marriage Records Book I p123 #3676.

Grand Island Independent - Sun. 17 Dec 2000

**Lula I. HLADKY, 83**

Born 26 Sep 1917 Allendale, MO. Parents: Robert Luther & Bearl (Moore) Spencer. Family moved to Mount

Ayr, IA about 1921; and to Central City, NE in 1937. Lula was a teacher. 25 Jun 1941: Married Ernest F. Hladky at Fremont, NE. They lived north of Archer, NE. 1947: Moved to Central City, NE. Mr. Hladky died 1 Dec 1998. Mrs. Hladky lived at the Veteran's Home the last 2 years. Died Fri. 15 Dec 2000 at hospital in Grand Island, NE. Service: Wed., Wagner Funeral Home, Central City; burial at the city cemetery. Survivors: A brother & 4 sisters. Predeceased by her husband, 2 brothers - Loyde Spencer & Albert Spencer (infant).

Grand Island Independent - Mon. 18 Dec 2000

**Clinton Albert KAMPER, 69**

Born 21 Dec 1930 Archer, NE. Parents: Albert & Emma F. (Scheibe) Kamper. 1952-53: US Marine Corps. He died Sat. 16 Dec 2000 at Central City, NE. Visitation: Tues., Solt Funeral Home, Central City, NE. Graveside service: Wed., Central City Cemetery. Survivors: 2 brothers & 5 sisters. Predeceased by 3 brothers - Verle, Charles & Roger (infant); a sister Dorothy Morrow.

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 19 Dec 2000

**Robert Joseph JONES, 84**

Born 17 Feb 1916, Ord, NE. Parents: Benjamin Joseph & Mary Sena (McCarty) Jones. 1931 grad. of Ord HS. Worked east on Central City, NE on uncle's farm. 29 Jun 1949: Married at Grand Island, NE. 1946: Purchased farm west of Central City, NE. Robert died Sun. 17 Dec 2000 at Central City, NE. Service: Wed., Solt Funeral Home, Central City. Burial at Grand Island City Cemetery. Survivors: His wife, a son, a daughter, a gch., a g-gch.; 3 sisters. Predeceased by 2 brothers - Charles & John (infant); a sister - Maxine Lammermann.

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 23 Dec 2000

**Arthur H. LUEBBE, 83**

Born 18 Sep 1917 at Worms, NE. Parents: Charles & Anna (Horstmann) Luebbe. Grad. of Palmer HS. 2 Feb 1947: Married Ruby Thesenvitz at Worms. They farmed at Worms. He died Thurs., 21 Dec 2000 at hospital in St. Paul, NE. Visitation: Tues, Apfel-Butler-Geddes Funeral Home. Service: Tues., Zion Lutheran Church, Worms, NE. Burial at Grand Island City Cemetery. Survivors: A son, a daughter, 4 gch., 6 g-gch.; 3 sisters. Predeceased by his wife; brother Fred Luebbe; 2 sisters - Edna & Evelyn Luebbe.

Note: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I pp 277 (F&A Luebbe), 410 (Witt-Luebbe); 1920 Fed. Census NE ED226 p7B D129 F129: Prairie Creek Twp, Merrick, NE (w/p); 1930 Fed. Census NE ED61-12 p1a D13 F13: Prairie Creek Twp, Merrick, NE (w/p).

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 27 Dec 2000

**Maxine V. CARLSON, 83**

Born 5 Sep 1917, Greeley Co., NE. Parents: Clifford Peterson & Edith Raney. Educated at Fullerton, NE. 10 Jan 1934: Married Wayne Carlson at Osceola (Polk Co.), NE. Lived on farm north of Palmer, NE. Mr. Carlson died in 1979. She moved to Grand Island in 1981; died there Sun. 24 Dec 2000. Service: Thurs. at Apfel-Butler-Geddes Funeral Home. Burial: Private, at later date. Survivors: A son, 2 daughters, 12 gch., 19 g-gch., 2 gg-gch.; a brother in Idaho & a sister in Oregon. Predeceased by husband, & a daughter Patricia Williams.

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 27 Dec 2000

**Lawrence M. CLARK, 80**

Born 14 Jul 1920, Tilden, NE. Parents: Lyman M. & Emma (Dahms) Clark. Abt 1932, family moved to Central City, NE. 16 Jul 1945: Married in Grand Island, NE. Took over Clark's Bakery after death of father. He died Tues. 26 Dec 2000 at Central City, NE. Service: Thurs., Wagner Funeral Home. Burial at the city cemetery. Survivor: His wife. Predeceased by an infant brother and a half sister Mildred Abrahamson. Memorials: St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Central City & Litzenberg Long-term Care, Central City.

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 28 Dec 2000

**Clinton Howard LYONS, 71**

Born 18 May 1929, Taylor, NE. Parents: Howard & Elsie (Bishop) Lyons. 1947-52: US Army. Moved to Central City. 20 Aug 1954: Married at Central City. Superintendent of City Water Dept. Clint died Tues., 26 Dec 2000

at Central City, NE. Service: Fri., Solt Funeral Home. Burial at the city cemetery. Survivors: His wife, a son, 2 daughters, 6 gch.; 2 brothers & a sister. Predeceased by son Jeffery (1967).

## Obits 2001

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 2 Jan 2001

Edward Oscar Brown "Eddie" CARLSON, 87

Born 24 Sep 1913, Central City, NE. Parents: Oscar & Esther E. (Johnson) Carlson. 1935 grad. of CCHS. Moved to California. 1939: Married in CA. 1944-45: US Navy (South Pacific). Returned to living in CA. 1992: He moved back to NE with his wife. He died Sun., 31 Dec 2000 at Grand Island, NE. Service: Wed., Solt Funeral Home, Central City. Burial at the city cemetery. Survivors: His wife, and a niece. Predeceased by his parents, & his sister Lillian Humpal.

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 3 Jan 2001

**Phyllis M. TIBBETTS, 69**

Born 28 Mar 1931, St. Libory, NE. Parents: Floyd Stratman & Clara Prince. 1948 grad. of Palmer HS. 1948: Married Kenneth Tibbetts at Palmer, NE. 1979: Married Charles Tibbetts at Palmer, NE. Died Sun. 31 Dec 2000 in Lincoln, NE. Visitation: Wed., Palmer Funeral Home, Palmer. Service: Thurs., Methodist Church, Palmer. Burial: Glenwood Cemetery (Nance Co.). Survivors: 2 sons, 1 daughter, 6 gch., 4 g-gch. Predeceased by 2 brothers - Gerald & Floyd.

Grand Island Independent - Sun. 7 Jan 2001

Grace GLYNN, 94

Born 23 Nov 1906, Palmer, NE. Parents: William & Mary (Geherty) Weber. Family moved to ID, later returned to NE. Teacher. 23 Aug 1930: Married Osvil Glynn at Palmer, NE. They lived on farm at Loup Valley. Mr. Glynn died 16 Nov 1993. Mrs. Glynn died Fri., 5 Jan 2001 at home near Palmer, NE. Visitation: Sun., Palmer Funeral Home. Service: Mon., First Church of Christ, Palmer. Burial: Rose Hill Cemetery, Palmer. Survivors: 3 sons, 3 daughters, 12 gch., 22 g-gch.; a brother & a sister. Predeceased by her husband; son Paul, 2 gch.; 2 brothers - Donald & Lynn Weber; sister Elma Campbell.

Columbus Telegram - Thurs. 11 Jan 2001; Grand Island Independent - Fri. 12 Jan 2001

Ruth A. METZER, 104

Born 8 Mar 1896, West Valia, KS. Parents: Elin & Mary Louise (Johnson) Hinkle. Moved to NE in 1917. 2 Jun 1920: Married Malin Metzer at Denver. They lived in WY; worked for UPRR. 1955: Moved to Silver Creek, NE; farmed. She died Wed., 10 Jan 2001 at Columbus, NE. Visitation: Fri., McKown Funeral Home, Silver Creek. Service Sat., United Methodist Church, Silver Creek, NE. Burial at Silver Creek Cemetery. Survivors: A sister-in-law. Predeceased by her husband; her parents, 5 brothers & 2 sisters.

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 13 Jan 2001

**Virginia A. RUMERY, 70**

Born 27 Jun 1930, Polk, NE. Parents: Clyde & Ruth (Tinker) Green. 1946 grad. of Polk HS. 20 Jul 1947: Married Walter E. Glatter at Stromsburg, NE. She was mgr. at Hested's store in Central City. Walter died 6 Jul 1972. 16 Jul 1975: She married Lester R. Rumery at Las Vegas. They lived in Mankato, KS, and then moved to Grand Island, NE. Lester died in 1990. Virginia died Thurs., 11 Jan 2001 at Grand Island, NE. Service: Mon., Wagner Funeral Home, Central City. Burial at the city cemetery. Survivors: A son, 2 daughters, 5 gch., 3 g-gch.; 3 sisters. Predeceased by both husbands; a brother - Homer Green.

Grand Island Independent - Sun. 14 Jan 2001; Columbus Telegram - Mon. 15 Jan 2001

Daphne P. KUFELDT, 69

Born 17 Aug 1931, Maxwell, NE. Parents: Charley I. and Nellie P. (Bullis) Peck. Attended school in NE & Illinois. 9 Jun 1948: Married Philip Kufeldt at Lexington, NE. They lived at Climax, CO. 1964: Moved to farm in NE - lived at Gothenburg, Genoa and Clarks, NE. Teacher's aide. She died Fri., 12 Jan 2001 at Central City, NE. Visitation: Today, Wagner Funeral Home. Service: Tues., United Methodist Church, Central City. Burial at city cemetery. Survivors: Two sons, a daughter, 6 gch., 2 g-gch., 4 step-ggch; a brother & 5 sisters. Predeceased by her husband; her parents; brother Charles Allen; sisters Izola Mae & Sharon Rose. Memorials: Hamilton/Merrick County Special Olympics, Litzenburg Memorial County Hospital Foundation or the Timberlake Ranch Camp.

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 16 Jan 2001

Esther Myrtle LEWIS, 89

Born 29 Dec 1911, Eddyville, NE. Parents: Henry and Minnie (Kramer) Luft. Family lived at York, Wolbach and St. Paul, NE. 27 Aug 1933: Married Fred William Lewis. They farmed near Ord; then moved to Merrick County NE. Mr. Lewis died 28 Jan 1994. Mrs. Lewis died Sun., 14 Jan 2001 at Central City, NE. No service (body donated to medical science). Survivors: A son, 2 daughters, 3 gch., 5 g-gch.; a brother. Predeceased by her husband, and an infant brother.

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 17 Jan 2001

Arthur J. "Art" WEBB, 85

Born 3 Jan 1916, West Point, NE. Parents: Edward & Carolina (Jurgensen) Webb. 1921: Family moved to farm in Nance Co., NE. 6 Aug 1936: Married at Columbus, NE. They farmed north of Palmer, NE. Art died Mon., 15 Jan 2001 at St. Paul, NE. Service: Thurs., Trinity Lutheran Church, Wolbach, NE. Burial at Rose Hill Cemetery, Palmer, NE. Survivors: His wife, a son, 3 daughters, 11 gch., 9 g-gch.; 2 sisters. Predeceased by sister Thelma; 3 brothers - Alva, Edward & Elwood.

Note: See 1930 Fed. Census NE ED63-3 p2a D23 F24: Cottonwood Twp, Nance, NE (w/p).

Grand Island Independent - Fri. 19 Jan 2001

**Roger Elmer "Lewey" LEWIS, 39**

Born 25 Sep 1961, San Diego, CA. Parents: Dale Lewis & Bonnie Phelps. 1979 grad. Central City HS. 1979-83: US Navy. 1987: Returned to active status in US Navy. Married three times. Resident: Troy, TN. Died 17 Jan 2001 from auto accident. Memorial service: Fri. at Wagner Funeral Home, Central City, NE. Survived by his wife, parents, a brother, 2 sisters & 3 step-children.

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 20 Jan 2001

**Francis L. "Copey" COHAGEN, 74**

Born 15 Jan 1927, Central City, NE. Parents: Paul Cohagan & Daisy Ryan. Grad. of CCHS. 1945-47: US Army. 16 Mar 1949: Married in Lancaster Co., NE. 1951 grad. of Iowa State University. Methodist. Resident of Spring, TX. Died Tues. 16 Jan 2001 at Houston, TX. Graveside service: 27 Jan at Central City Cemetery. Arrangements: Solt Funeral Home. Survivors: His wife, a daughter, twin sons, 7 gch; 2 brothers.

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 20 Jan 2001

**Dorothy Elaine EMGARTEN, 85**

Born 15 Jun 1915, Central City, NE. Parents: Robert E. Everett & Mary Victoria Yarno. 25 May 1932: Married Albert Emgarten at Central City, NE. They farmed. She died Thurs., 18 Jan 2001 at Central City, NE. Service: Mon., Solt Funeral Home. Burial: Central City Cemetery. Survivors: Her husband and a sister. Predeceased by 3 brothers: Wilbur, Roy & Ernest Everett; 3 sisters: Jessie Gleason, Nettie Stuart, Helen Weaver. Notes: See Merrick County Marriage Records Book I p617 #1-617. Husband died Nov. 2001 (below). Her parents and older siblings - see 1900 Fed. Census NE ED136 p10a D199 F202: Central City Ward 2, Merrick, NE.



Columbus Telegram & Grand Island Independent - Sat. 20 Jan 2001

**Frieda REEVES, 90**

Born 31 May 1910 near Clarks, NE. Parents: Henry Sims & Rose Key. 4 Dec 1929: Married George Elwyn "Red" Reeves at Fremont, NE. Farmed, had dairy herd. Retired to Central City, NE. Mr. Reeves died 7 Jun 1985. Mrs. Reeves died Fri. 19 Jan 2001 at Central City, NE. Service: Mon at United Presbyterian Church. Burial: Central City Cemetery. Arrangements: Solt Funeral Home. Survivors: A son, a daughter, 6 gch., 15 g-gch., 4 gg-gch.; 1 brother. Predeceased by 3 brothers - Gerald, Kenneth & Marvin Sims; 4 sisters - Eva Grubbs, Pearl Pannier, Myrtle Michalek and an infant Wilma Sims. Memorials to the Merrick Foundation or the church piano fund.

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Grand Island Independent - Sun. 4 Feb 2001

**Victor D. RASER, 68**

Born 11 Feb 1932, Chapman, NE. Parents: Jesse Jay & Gladys (Reeder) Raser. 1950 grad. of Chapman HS. Korean War: US Army. 1957 grad. of Hastings College. Moved to Denver, CO where he married in 1959. 1969: Moved to Grand Junction, CO. Business owner. Presbyterian. Died Thurs., 25 Jan 2001 at home. Service was held Mon. at Callahan-Edfast Mortuary Chapel. Cremation. Survivors: His wife, 3 sons, 6 gch.; a brother & 2 sisters.

Grand Island Independent - Mon. 5 Feb 2001

**Elmer Earl BLAUHORN, 84**

Born 2 Sep 1916, near Palmer, NE. Parents: William & Anna (Otto) Blauhorn. 27 Apr 1952: Married at Archer, NE. They farmed. He purchased a farm east of Palmer that was homestead of his grandparents. 1980: They moved to Central City, NE where he died Sat. 3 Feb 2001. Visitation: Tues., Solt Funeral Home, Central City. Service: Wed., Zion United Methodist Church near Archer, NE. Burial in Evangelical Community Cemetery. Survivors: His wife, a son, 2 daughters, 8 gch., 1 g-gch.; 2 brothers & 4 sisters. Predeceased by 2 infant sisters.

Note: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I p330 (JK Ray); 1920 Fed. Census NE ED159 p1B D23 F24: Loup Twp, Merrick, NE (w/p); 1930 Fed. Census NE ED61-9 p6a: Loup Twp, Merrick, NE (w/p).

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 6 Feb 2001

**Roberta A. O'HERN, 95**

Born 27 Oct 1905, St. Paul, NE. Parents: Thomas & Alice (Mulloy) Stout. 1924 grad. of St. Paul HS. Telephone operator. 17 Sep 1928: Married Bernard M. O'Hern at St. Paul. They farmed north of Palmer, NE. Mr. O'Hern died in 1952. Mrs. O'Hern died Sat., 3 Feb 2001 at Palmer, NE. Visitation Tues., Palmer Funeral Home, Palmer. Service: Wed., Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church, St. Paul, NE. Burial in Rose Hill Cemetery at Palmer, NE. Survivors: 2 sons, a daughter, 17 gch. 29 g-gch.; a sister. Predeceased by her husband; 2 daughters - (Mrs.) Carroll Rubesh and Mary Alice (infant); a gch.; a brother Leonard Stout; 3 sisters - Josephine Mercer, Guinevere Stout, Alice Kittridge.

Note: See 1930 Fed. Census NE ED61-9 p1b D14 F15: Loup Twp, Merrick, NE.

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 6 Feb 2001

**Helen Gladys SANDERSON, 93**

Born 22 Aug 1907 near Marquette, NE. Parents: Harvey O. & Lily M. (Ellis) King. 1925 grad. of Marquette HS. Teacher. Moved to Hastings, NE. 22 Nov 1928: Married Albert P. Sanderson at Hastings. They farmed in Hamilton Co. NE. 1976: Retired to Central City, NE. Albert died 13 Sep 1996. Helen died Sun. 4 Feb 2001 at Central City. Visitation: Wed., Solt Funeral Home, Central City. Service: Thurs., United Methodist Church, Central City. Burial in Aurora Cemetery. Survivors: 2 daughters, a son, 11 gch., 21 g-gch. 4 gg-gch.; a sister. Predeceased by her husband; 2 brothers - Harold & Roy King.

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 22 Feb 2001

**Maurine Dughman FRENCH, 99**

Born 15 Sep 1901. Parents: Elwood & Sarah (Beeetem) Cughman. Married Crawford H. French. They lived in

Central City, NE. She has lived in San Mateo, CA for 22 years. Maurine died Tues., 13 Feb 2001 at Salida, CA. Private service at later date. Arrangements: "The Neptune Society Mission Chapel of Belmont, Calif." Survivors: A son, 2 daughters, 8 gch., 112 g-gch., 7 gg-gch. Predeceased by her husband. Memorials to Community Hospice or Shriner's Hospitals for Children.  
Note: See Merrick Co. Marriage Records Book H p12 #3182; 1930 Fed. Census NE ED61-1 p2b H515 D59 F59: Central City, Merrick, NE

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 24 Feb 2001

**Viola G. "Vi" JOHNSTON, 86**

Born 13 Dec 1914 near Primrose, NE. Parents: Lars & Nettie (Farlee) Hemmingsen. 18 Mar 1936: Married Archie W. Johnston at her parent's home. They farmed near Central City, NE; & at Elba, NE. 1948: Moved to farm at Chapman, NE. Archie died 31 May 2000. Vi died Thurs. 22 Feb 2001. Visitation: Mon., Solt Funeral Home, Central City. Service: Tues., Abundant Life Christian Center in Grand Island. Burial in Westlawn Memorial Park Cemetery, Grand Island. Survivors: A son, 3 gch, 2 g-gch.; 2 brothers & a sister. Predeceased by her husband; son Donald, a gch.; 3 brothers - Gene & Alvin Hemmingsen, Everett Farlee; an infant sister Irene.

Note: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I pp249-50 (w/sp), 251 (L Johnston).

Columbus Telegram - Tues. 27 Feb 2001

**Richard A. WYMAN, Sr. 78**

Born 28 Feb 1922, Silver Creek, NE. Parents: John W. & Martha (Schipporeit) Wyman. Attended Silver Creek HS. WW II: US Coast Guard. 7 Aug 1949: Married at Silver Creek, NE. They farmed near Osceola, NE; retired into town. He died Mon. 26 Feb 2001 at Osceola. Visitation: Wed., Kepner-Roberts Funeral Home, Osceola. Service: Thurs., United Methodist Church, Osceola. Burial in the city cemetery. Survivors: His wife, a son, 2 daughters, 10 gch.; a sister.

Columbus Telegram - Wed. 28 Feb 2001

**Alice SAN FILIPPO, 74**

Born 11 Apr 1926. Grad. of Silver Creek HS. Resident of Seal Beach, CA. Alice died Sun. 11 Feb 2001 at Long Beach,, CA. Service was Feb. 17, Brothers Mortuary, Long Beach. Buried at Riverside National Cemetery. Survivors: A daughter; a sister; 2 brothers. Predeceased by husband Carl Filippo, and brother Melvin Cremeen.

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Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 8 Mar 2001

**Anna KNIGHT, 91**

Born 26 Mar 1909, Grand Island, NE. Parents: Cornelius & Sarah (Bice) Ford. Family moved to Worms, and then to Chapman, NE. 1926 grad. of Chapman HS. Attended NE Central College in Central City, NE. Teachers. 16 Jun 1936: Married Andrew Knight at Chapman. They farmed near town. She retired in 1965 & moved to Central City, NE. Anna died there Sat., 3 Mar 2001. Visitation Wed., Solt Funeral Home. Service: Thurs., United Methodist Church. Burial in the city cemetery at Grand Island, NE. Survivors: a daughter, a gch. Predeceased by 2 sisters - Lola Beetem & Dorothy Anderson.

Note: See 1920 Fed. Census NE ED226 p6A D101 F101: Prairie Creek Twp, Merrick, NE (w/p); 1930 Fed. Census NE ED61-3 p1b D23 F24: Chapman Village, Merrick, NE (w/p).

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 10 Mar 2001

**Deva M. ELLISON, 86**

Born 31 Oct 1914, Archer, NE. Parents: George Lindgreen & Jennette Sporer. Grad. of CCHS. 5 Apr 1935: Married Leo D. Ellison at Smith County, KS. They lived in Central City, NE. Mrs. Ellison died Sun., 4 Mar 2001 in Sun Valley, CA. Service: Sat., Wagner Funeral Home, Central City, NE. Burial: Central City Cemetery.

Survivors: A son, a daughter, 4 gch., 5 g-gch.; 3 sisters, 2 step-sisters. Predeceased by her husband (2 Feb 1990), an infant daughter Shirley Jean Ellison; a brother Charles Lindgreen; 3 step brothers - Benton, Eric and Bob Reeves.

Note: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I p 274 (w/p); 1920 Fed. Census Midland Twp, Merrick, NE ED161 p6B F83 (w/p); 1930 Fed. Census Midland Twp, Merrick, NE ED61-11 p2a D37 F37 (w/mother)

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 10 Mar 2001

**Elmer E. GALUSHA, 89**

Born 4 Aug 1911, Central City, NE. Parents: David E. Galusha & Grace Stull. 1931 grad. CCHS. Auctioneer. 1931: Opened Community Sale Barn. 3 Feb 1932: Married Violet C. Sawyers at Central City, NE. He died Fri. 9 Mar 2001 at Central City, NE. Service: Tues., Solt Funeral Home, Central City. Burial: Central City Cemetery.

Survivors: His wife, daughter, 2 sons, 7 gch., 14 g-gch. Predeceased by a brother Milton, and 2 g-gch.

Note: see History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I p 201; 1920 Fed. Census Lone Tree Twp, Merrick, NE ED157 p8A D155 F155 (w/p); 1930 Fed. Census Lone Tree Twp, Merrick, NE ED61-7 p6a D126 F128 (w/p); Merrick Co. NE Marriage Records Book I p598 #I-598. Wife died 1 Mar 2007.

Grand Island Independent - Mon. 12 Mar 2001

**Ella Marie MOORE, 89**

Born 5 Feb 1912, Chapman, NE. Parents: Fred Sr. & Marie (Schroeder) Harrie. 20 Dec 1945: Married Archie "Pete" Moore at North Platte, NE. Medical ass't. & receptionist. Lutheran. Died Sat. 10 Mar 2001 at NE Veteran's Home, Grand Island, NE. Service: Tues., Livingston-Sondermann Funeral Home. Burial in Grand Island City Cemetery. Survived by a sister. Predeceased by her husband; 6 brothers - Henry, Fred, Irvin, Walter, Myron & Alvin Harrie; 3 sisters - Leona Harrie, Elvira Dietz & Lorraine Harrie.

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 13 Mar 2001

**Wallace "Brownie" DAVIS, 76**

Born 19 Nov 1924, Shelby (Polk Co.), NE. Parents: Austin Davis & Susan McMillan. Attended schools at Spalding & Belgrade, NE. 1944-46: US Army. Worked in Oregon & California. Returned to Palmer, NE. 21 Jun 1953: Married at Palmer, NE. Had heavy equipment business. Died Fri. 9 Mar 2001 at St. Paul, NE. Visitation: Tues. at Palmer Funeral Home. Service: Wed. at St. John's Lutheran Church, Palmer. Burial: Rose Hill Cemetery, Palmer. Survivors: His wife, 3 sons, 2 daughters, 11 gch.; 4 brother & 3 sisters. Predeceased by brother Austin & sister Lola Rieken.

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 14 Mar 2001

**Geraldine E. SCARBOROUGH, 72**

Born 22 Feb 1929, Palmer, NE. Parents: Phillip Glover & Gladys McClure. Lived with grandparents following father's death in 1935. 1944: Moved to Grand Island, NE. 28 May 1952: Married Wayne Scarborough. Died Tues. 13 Mar 2001, Omaha, NE. Service: Fri. at Livingston-Sondermann Funeral Home. Burial: Rosehill Cemetery, Palmer, NE. Survivors: Her husband, 2 sons, one daughter, 2 gch. Predeceased by sister Florence Hardy.

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 14 Mar 2001

**Dorothy M. WAGNER-WELLS, 95**

Born 15 Jan 1906, Wolbach, NE. Parents: Gus Wagner & Inez Lee. Raised on farm near Chapman, NE. Grad. of Chapman HS. 22 Jun 1931: Married Robert F. Wells at Lincoln, NE. Lived at Palmer, NE until after WW II, when moved to Grand Island, NE. Dental assistant. 1952: Moved to Kuesters Lake. Died Thurs. 22 Mar 2001, Lakeview Nursing Center. Graveside service: Mon. at Grand Island City Cemetery. Arrangements: Apfel-Butler-Geddes Funeral Home. Survivors: 2 sisters. Predeceased by husband (1984); brother Herbert Wagner; 4 sisters - Margaret Buersch, Augusta Tyler, Esther Taylor, Maude Effie (infant).

Note: See extracts of siblings obits - 11 Feb 1998: Grand Island Independent obit of sister Augusta; 30 Jul 2005: Grand Island Independent obit of sister Emma; 12 Jun 2006: Grand Island Independent obit of sister Hazel.

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 17 Mar 2001

**Hubert "Fred" BOELTS Jr., 56**

Born 3 Oct 1944, Palmer, NE. Parents: Hubert "Hube" & Esther (Nagel) Boelts. 1962 grad of CCHS. 1964 grad of UNL. 4 Sep 1965: Married Rebecca Trendle at Fullerton, NE. They farmed near Central City, NE. They moved to Corning, IA; returned in 1972 to farm near Archer, NE. 1986: Moved to Yuma, AZ. Becky died 30 Aug 1998. Fred died 13 Feb 2001 at hospital in Mesa, AZ. Service was 19 Feb at Community Christian Church in Yuma with burial in Desert Lawn Memorial Park Cemetery, Yuma. Survivors: 2 sons, a daughter, 6 gch.; a brother & a sister. Predeceased by his wife, his parents, a sister Catherine.

Note: See History of Merrick Co., NE Vol II pp 135-6.

Columbus Telegram – Mon. 19 Mar 2001; Grand Island Independent - Tues. 20 Mar 2001

**Harvey R. LEITH, 83**

Born 21 Feb 1918. Parents: William Leith & Ever Dickson. Attended school in Silver Creek, NE. CCC, RR worker, farmhand. Died Sat. 17 Mar 2001, Columbus, NE. Visitation: Tues. McKown Funeral Home, Silver Creek. Service: Wed., United Methodist Church, Silver Creek. Burial in Silver Creek Cemetery. Survivors: 3 sisters. Predeceased by his parents, and 2 brothers - Lester (infant) & Martin George Leith.

Note: Name originally VonderLeith or Von DerLeith. (Grandparents in Platte County, NE)

Columbus Telegram & Grand Island Independent - Sat. 24 Mar 2001

**Dorothy PROSOSKI, 81**

Born 6 Feb 1920, Clarks, NE. Parents: Joseph Kiolbasa & Valeria Podraza. 1937 grad. of Clarks HS. 12 Aug 1942: Married Leo J. Prososki at Clarks. They lived near Clarks. 1982: They moved to Carlsbad, NM. 1993: Moved to Central City, NE. She died Fri. 23 Mar 2001, Grand Island, NE. Visitation: Sun., Wagner Funeral Home, Central City, NE. Service: Mon., St. Michael's Catholic Church, Central City. Burial in Calvary Cemetery, Clarks, NE. Survivors: Her husband, a son, 4 daughters, 13 gch., 5 g-gch.; 3 sisters. Predeceased by an infant brother Alexander Kiolbasa; 3 sisters - Francis Kiolbasa, Clara Ksiazek & Monica Dixon.

Note: See 1930 Fed. Census NE ED61-6 p7a D145 F145: Clarksville Twp, Merrick, NE (w/p). Obit of husband published 5 Feb 2003 in GI Independent.

Grand Island Independent - Mon. 26 Mar 2001

**Alvin Earl DEERTZ, 89**

Born 26 Jun 1911, on a Gage Valley farm, Howard Co., NE. Parents: Carl Deertz & Emma Glause. 1929 grad. of Palmer HS. Farmer, blacksmith. 3 Nov 1947: Married Evelyn Drawbaugh at Seward, NE. He died Sat. 24 Mar 2001, at St. Paul, NE. Visitation: Mon. Palmer Funeral Home, Palmer, NE. Service: Tues. at First Church of Christ, Palmer. Burial: Rose Hill Cemetery. Survivors: His wife, 1 son, 3 gch.; one sister, Irene of Palmer.

Note: Wife's obit, Oct. 2005. Sister Irene's obit, Jan 2005.

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 28 Mar 2001

**Vera E. BRANNAN, 92**

Born 5 Jul 1908, Schuyler, NE. Parents: Eli & Emma (Brummer) Wiles. 1926 grad. of Clarks HS. Attended NE Central College. 22 Feb 1936: Married Francis Brannan at Central City, NE. Teacher. Mr. Brannan died 22 Oct 1991. Mrs. Brannan died Tues., 27 Mar 2001 at Central City. Visitation: Fri., Wagner Funeral Home. Service: Sat., United Methodist Church, Central City. Burial in the city cemetery. Survivors: 3 daughters, 6 gch., 8 g-gch.; a sister. Predeceased by her husband.

Note: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I pp 273 (Lindgreen Family), 405 (w/p); 1920 Fed. Census NE ED156 p11a D102 F107: Clarksville Twp, Merrick, NE (w/p); 1930 Fed. Census NE ED61-6 p5b D115 F115: Clarksville Twp, Merrick, NE (w/p).

Columbus Telegram & Grand Island Independent – Fri. 30 Mar 2001

**Mary A. KOHL, 84**

Born 26 May 1916, Clarks, NE. Parents: Ferdinand Didier & Liddie Cerny. 1933 grad. of Clarks HS. Teacher. 2 Dec 1939: Married Charles J. Kohl at Hastings, NE. They farmed near Clarks. Mrs. Kohl died Wed. 28 Mar 2001, Central City, NE. Service: Sat. at Palmer Funeral Home, Fullerton. Burial in Clarks Cemetery.

Survivors: 2 sons, a daughter, 11 gch., 19 g-gch.; 2 brothers & a sister. Predeceased by her husband (13 Jun 1991), a son Jerry Kohl; 2 brothers - Bernard & George Didier.

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Grand Island Independent - Fri. 6 Apr 2001

**Marvin W. JACOBI, 84**

Born 18 Nov 1916, Spalding, NE. Parents: Albert & Hazel (White) Jacobi. Grew up in Nance & Merrick Counties. WW II: US Army, Co D, 119 Infantry, 30th Div. Farmed with his brother Raymond in Merrick County. Retired to live in Clarks, NE. He died Tues., 3 Apr 2001 at hospital in Central City, NE. Service: Mon., Solt Funeral Home. Burial in Clarks Cemetery. Survivors: 2 brothers & a sister. Predeceased by sister Jeanette Salyers, 2 brothers - Raymond & Merle.

Note: See 1920 Fed. Census ED156 p12a D143 F150: Clarksville Twp, Merrick, NE (w/p); 1930 Fed. Census NE ED61-6 p3b D58 F58: Clarksville Twp, Merrick, NE (w/p).

Columbus Telegram & Grand Island Independent - Fri. 13 Apr 2001

**Russell Eugene BECK, 67**

Born 18 Feb 1924 at Clarks, NE. Parents: Walter L. Beck and Mabel L. Trullinger. Attended Pleasant Hill School. Late 1960's, moved to Bethesda Care Center, Central City. Later lived at Aurora & Campbell, NE. Died Thurs. 12 Apr 2001 at Franklin Co. Memorial Hospital. Service: Sat. at Solt Funeral Home, Central City, NE. Burial: Bureau Cemetery at Pierce Chapel near Clarks, NE. Survivors: 2 brothers & 3 sisters. His father died in 1974 and his mother in 1996. Memorials to Pierce Chapel Cemetery, please.

Columbus Telegram - Wed. 18 Apr 2001

**Rev. Flavius CZUBA, O.F.M., 79**

Born Allen Czuba, 8 Nov 1921, Clarks, NE. Parents: Steve Czuba & Kathryn Kush. 1922: Moved to Fullerton, NE. 1926: Moved to Columbus, NE. 19 Dec 1947: Ordained at St. Francis Church, Teutopolis. 21 Dec 1947: Celebrated first mass at St. Anthony Church, Columbus, NE. (See obit for outline of assignments.) Was residing at Indian River, MI when he died Sun. 15 Apr 2001 at a hospital in Orlando, FL. Service: Thurs. at St. Anthony Catholic Church, Columbus, NE. Burial at St. Bonaventure Catholic Cemetery, Columbus, NE. Survivors: 2 uncles & 1 aunt. Predeceased by his parents & six infant sisters. Memorials: Cross of the Woods Endowment Fund (Indian River, MI), or to the Franciscan Vocation Office.

Grand Island Independent - Fri. 20 Apr 2001

**Annabell Emily BAILEY, 82**

Born 30 Oct 1918, Remsen, IA. Parents: William & Emma (Smith) Fiegen. ~1936: Worked in Del Rapids, SD where she married 27 Jan 1942 to Max Bailey. After WW II they farmed near Wolbach, NE. Later lived in Grand Island, Lincoln, Chapman & Central City, NE. She died Thurs., 19 Apr 2001 at Clearwater, Kansas. Service: Sat., Solt Funeral Home, Central City, NE. Burial in the city cemetery. Survivors: A daughter, a son, 2 gch. Predeceased by her husband; 2 brothers - Joe & Hilary Fiegen; a sister, Mary Leffler.

Columbus Telegram - Sat. 21 Apr 2001; Grand Island Independent - Mon. 23 Apr 2001

**Betty VanWINKLE, 59**

Born 13 Jan 1942, Silver Creek, NE. Parents: Clinton Colby & Opal Shepard. 1960 grad. of Silver Creek HS. 1 Jun 1963: Married Dennis VanWinkle at Silver Creek, NE. Residences: Hordville, & Chappell, NE. 1988: Moved to Kearney, NE. Betty died Fri. 20 Apr 2001, Kearney, NE. Visitation: Today at O'Brien-Straatmann-Apfel Funeral Home, Kearney. Service: Mon. at Faith United Methodist Church, Kearney. Burial: Mon. at Silver Creek Cemetery. Survivors: Her husband, 3 sons, 5 gch.; one sister. Memorials: Lied Transplant Center.

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 25 Apr 2001

**Evelyn V. BOON, 96**

Born 15 Aug 1904, Clarks, NE. Parents: Otto & Kittie (Dunham) Reger. 7 Jun 1930: Married Robert W. Boon at Avoca. They lived in Grand Island NE. 1987: Moved to Boulder, CO. She died there, Sat. 21 Apr 2001.

Service Wed., South Broadway Church of the Nazarene, Boulder, CO. Burial in Westlawn Cemetery, Grand Island. Survivors: 3 daughters, a son, 9 gch., 15 g-gch; a sister. Predeceased by her husband, & a brother Harold Reger.

Grand Island Independent - Fri. 27 Apr 2001

**Edie P. DECKER, 84**

Born 31 Jul 1916, Waukegan, IL. Parents: Casimir "Charles" & Anatalie "Anna" Mazrimas. 23 Aug 1936: Married Glen W. Decker in Waukegan, IL. 1978: Moved to Nebraska. Mr. Decker died 6 Apr 1983. Mrs. Decker died Thurs., 26 Apr 2001 at home of daughter in Central City, NE. Visitation: Sun., Solt Funeral Home. Service: Mon., Community Bible Church, Central City. Burial in city cemetery. Survivors: 2 sons, 2 daughters, 12 gch., 20 g-gch.; a brother. Predeceased by her husband; 2 sisters - Charlotte & Helen; a brother John.

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 28 Apr 2001

**Dorothy M. LARSON, 75**

Born 24 Aug 1925 near Battle Creek, NE. Parents: Arthur Rodekohr & Helen Brase. 1943 grad. of Battle Creek HS. Grad. of Wayne State College. Teacher. 6 Jul 1952: Married Donald C. Larson at Battle Creek, NE. They farmed north of Meadow Grove until 1958, then moved to Loup City. 1963: Moved to Central City, NE. Mrs. Larson died Thurs. 26 Apr 2001 at Central City. Visitation: Sun. at Wagner Funeral Home, Central City. Service: Mon at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Central City. Burial: Stromsburg Cemetery. Survivors: Her husband, 3 sons, 2 daughters, 14 gch.; one brother & 6 sisters.

Columbus Telegram & Grand Island Independent - Sat. 28 Apr 2001

**Alfred A. STAROSTKA, 85**

Born 28 Nov 1915, Silver Creek, NE. Parents: John Starostka & Mary Czarnick. Welder. 4 May 1963: Married at Madison, NE. Died Thurs. 26 Apr 2001 Columbus, NE. Service: Mon. at McKown Funeral Home. Burial: Roselawn Cemetery, Columbus, NE. Survivors: His wife, 1 brother, 2 sisters; 1 stepson & 1 stepdaughter. Predeceased by son Alfred Jr., and a brother, Joseph.

Note: See 1920 Fed. Census NE ED162 p10B D15 F15: Silver Creek Twp, Merrick, NE (w/p); 1930 Fed. Census NE ED61-15 p2a D27 F27: Silver Creek Twp, Merrick, NE (w/p).

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 28 Apr 2001

**Elsie WAGNER, 89**

Born 6 Feb 1912 on farm west of Chapman, NE. Parents: Louis & Marie (Wiesener) Klingenberg. 1930 grad. of Chapman HS. Moved to Cheyenne, WY. After WW II she moved to Grand Island, NE. 20 Sep 1947: Married Robert E. Wagner at Grand Island. 1966: Husband retired from military & they moved to Chapman, NE. 1980: Moved to farm near St. Paul, NE. She died Thurs., 26 Apr 2001 at St. Paul. Service: Mon., Christ Lutheran Church, St. Paul. Inurnment later, at Chapman Cemetery. Survivors: Her husband; 2 gch. Predeceased by son David; 2 sisters - Florence Tyler & an infant; 4 brothers - Edward, Robert, Roscoe & Hans Klingenberg.

Note: See 1920 Fed. Census NE ED163 p2A D24 F24: Vieregg Twp, Merrick, NE (w/p); 1930 Fed. Census NE ED61-16 p1B D23 F23: Vieregg Twp, Merrick, NE (w/p).

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Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 3 May 2001

**William B. PICKREL, 74**

Born 16 Feb 1927, Fullerton, NE. Parents: Henry & Bertha (Harrison) Pickrel. 1944 grad. of school at Clarks, NE. Driver for Booth Transfer at Clarks, & other companies. 10 Jun 1945: Married. He died Tues., 1 May 2001 at hospital in Central City, NE. Service: Fri., Wagner Funeral Home, Central City. Burial in the city cemetery. Survivors: His wife, 5 sons, 3 daughters, 23 gch., 3 g-gch.; a brother & 4 sisters. Predeceased by 2 brothers - Jim & Paul; 2 sisters - Kate Brown & Edith Maxson.

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 8 May 2001

Ella M. HUTCHINSON, 85

Born 1 Aug 1915, Palmer, NE. Parents: Andrew & Anna (Lundberg) Moberg. Married Ray Hutchison. 1972-93: Lived in Central City, NE. She died Thurs., 3 May 2001 at Downers Grove, IL. Service was Sun., Hallowell & James Funeral Home, Downers Grove, IL. Burial will be Wed. in Rose Hill Cemetery, Palmer, NE. Arrangements: Palmer Funeral Home. Survivors: 2 daughters, one gch. Predeceased by her husband.

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 8 May 2001

**Donald J. POWERS, 72**

Born 15 Mar 1929, Chapman, NE. Parents: Edward & Juanita (Abott) Powers. 1932: Family moved to farm near Cairo, NE. Creamery worker, school janitor. Donald moved to Grand Island about 2000; died there Sat. 5 May 2001. Catholic. Service: Thurs., Apfel Funeral Home, Cairo, NE. Burial in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery. Survived by a brother in California Predeceased by 3 brothers - Vaughn, Laurence & an infant.

Columbus Telegram – Thur. 10 May 2001

**Elaine Lillian TONDU, 70**

Born 15 Dec 1930, Platte Co., NE. Parents: Leo & Mary Chohon. Attended school at Silver Creek, NE. LPN. 1952: Married Jack Tondou at Frankfort, MI. Resident of Traverse City, MI. She died Tues., 8 May 2001 at hospital in Northport, MI. Service today. Survivors: 2 daughters, 2 gch.; her parents, 2 brothers. Jack Tondou died in 1958.

Grand Island Independent - Fri. 18 May 2001

**Helen B. WIK, 88**

Born 17 Feb 1913 near Cairo, NE. Parents: Orin & Lilly Bryan. Family moved to Central City, NE. Attended Sioux Falls College, music major. Taught in Little Rock, IA. 1942: Married Reyold M. Wik. Attended Univ. of MN - Librarian. They moved to Oakland, CA in 1951. Helen died Sun. 13 May 2001 at Oakland, CA. Service: Sat., Apfel Funeral Home, Cairo, NE. Burial in Mount Pleasant Cemetery. Survivors: Her husband, a son, 2 gch.

Note: See 1930 Fed. Census NE ED61-7 p5b D118 F120: Lone Tree Twp, Merrick, NE (w/p).

Grand Island Independent - Sun. 20 May 2001

**Glen L. McLEAN, 87**

Born 30 Jul 1913, Clarks, NE. Parents: Len & Iva (Inbody) McLean. 1931 grad. of Clarks HS. Twice married. Lived in Omaha, NE. Employee of Martin Bomber Plant & UPRR. 1969: Moved to Central City with his second wife. 1999: They moved to Grand Island, NE. He died Fri. 18 May 2001 at Grand Island, NE. Service: Wed., Wagner Funeral Home, Central City. Burial in Pierce Chapel Cemetery near Clarks, NE. (Bureau Cemetery). Survivors: His wife Lola; a son, a daughter, a step-son & 2 step-daughters; 5 gch., 13 step-gch. Predeceased by his brother Leonard McLean.

Note: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I p298 (J McLean); 1920 Fed. Census NE ED156 p15B D193 F200: Clarksville Twp, Merrick, NE; 1930 Fed. Census NE ED61-6 p9b D206 F206: Clarksville Twp, Merrick, NE.

Columbus Telegram - Tues. 22 May 2001; Grand Island Independent - Fri. 25 May 2001

**Patricia A. SMOLENSKI, 70**

Born 22 Jan 1931, Clarks, NE. Parents: Albert J. & Mary Josephine (Douglas) Morris. 1949 grad. of Clarks HS. For 33 years was employed by a bank in Silver Creek, NE. 17 Sep 1976: Married Henry Smolenski at Pilsno, NE. They lived in Polk Co., NE. She died Mon., 21 May 2001 at Osceola, NE. Visitation: Today, McKown Funeral Home, Columbus, NE. Service: Wed., St. Mary's Catholic Church, Pilsno. Burial in the church cemetery. Survivors: Her husband, 2 daughters, a foster daughter, 3 gch. Predeceased by her parents; sister Mary Jane Jackson, & brother Bill Morris.

Note: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I p290 (w/p).

Grand Island Independent - Thurs., 24 May 2001

**Dorothy E. MILLS, 92**

Born 22 Dec 1908, Central City, NE. Parents: David & Annie (Mills) Baird. Teacher (worked in Omaha, NE). Died Tues., 22 May 2001 in Omaha, NE. No visitation. Service: Fri., First Presbyterian Church, Central City, NE. Burial in the city cemetery. Survivors: a daughter, 2 sons, 11 gch., 6 g-gch.; a sister - Prudence Pullen; a sister-in-law.

Note: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I pp 113 (R&A Baird), 340-1 (Roumpf); History of Merrick Co., NE Vol II pp 204 (DR Mills), 205 (R&E Mills). Found with parents - 1910 Fed. Census NE ED 150 p2a D27 F28: Mead Twp, Merrick, NE; 1920 Fed. Census NE ED160 p6A F105: Mead Twp, Merrick, NE; 1930 Fed. Census NE ED61-10 p4b D85 F86: Mead Twp, Merrick, NE.

Grand Island Independent - Fri. 25 May 2001

**Florence DIBBERN, 83**

Born 21 Dec 1917, Hall Co., NE. Parents: Emil & Amanda (Beberriss) Hann. 3 Sep 1938: Married Harold Dibbern at Grand Island, NE. They lived in Grand Island until he was in the military; moved to San Diego CA. After WW II, they farmed in Merrick Co., NE. 1985: Retired to Central City, NE. Florence died Wed., 23 May 2001 at Central City, NE. Service: Sat., Solt Funeral Home. Burial in Westlawn Memorial Park Cemetery, Grand Island, NE. Survivors: Her husband; a son, a daughter, 7 gch., 5 g-gch.; 2 brothers. Predeceased by a brother Elmer Hann, & a sister Lorraine Dibbern.

Note: Husband's obit published 24 Nov 2006 in Grand Island Independent.

Grand Island Independent - Mon. 28 May 2001

**Alice Lorraine HILDER, 80**

Born 30 Jan 1921, Oketo, KS. Parents: John & Sue Brucker. 28 Jan 1939: Married Harold Hilder at Clarksville, Iowa. They lived in Lincoln, NE and Charles City, IA. 1950: Moved to Central City, NE. Harold died 21 May 2000. Mrs. Hilder died Sat., 26 May 2001 at Central City, NE. Service: Wed., Solt Funeral Home, Central City. Burial in the city cemetery. Survivors: A son, a daughter, a daughter-in-law, 7 gch, 9 g-gch. Also living is her twin brother, & a sister. Predeceased by her husband; son Kenneth G Hilder (1984); daughters - Betty Ann Rutherford (1977) and Patty J. Steele (1996); a gch & a g-gch.; several siblings.

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Grand Island Independent - Fri. 1 June 2001

**Bernice L. WILLIAMSON, 88**

Born 20 Sep 1912, Palmer, NE. Parents: Charles & Elsie (Davis) Linderman. 1930 grad. of Grand Island HS. Grad. of Stephens College & Univ. of Missouri - Columbia. Administrator at Stephens College. 30 Jun 1938: Married Charles T. Williamson at Grand Island, NE. Resident of Columbia MO. Presbyterian. Her husband died 13 Feb 2001. Mrs. Williamson died Wed. 30 May 2001. Service: Sat., Parker Funeral Service, Columbia, MO. Burial in the city cemetery. Survivors: 3 sisters. Predeceased by her husband; a brother Lowell Linderman & a sister Margaret Doty.

Grand Island Independent - Mon. 4 June 2001

**Dustin R. "Dusty" MARKER, 20**

Born 28 Jul 1980. Parents: Lloyd & Rhonda (Marker) Brittain. Resident of Kearney, NE. He died in traffic accident near Hordville, NE Sat., 2 Jun 2001. Visitation: Mon., Wagner Funeral Home, Central City. Service: Tues., Community Bible Church, Central City, NE. Burial in the city cemetery. Survivors: His parents (both remarried); a brother & 2 sisters; 2 grandmothers. Predeceased by both grandfathers - Emmett Marker and Merle Brittain.

Columbus Telegram - Tues. 12 Jun 2001; Grand Island Independent - Wed. 13 Jun 2001

**Richard Paul KELLY, 81**

Born 22 May 1920, Johnstown, PA. Parents: Harry & Margaret (Harris) Kelly. 1942-44: US Army. 20 Dec 1943: Married in Colorado. Lived in CA. 1958: Moved to Columbus, NE. Sales representative. 1991: Moved to Central City, NE. He died Sun. 10 Jun 2001 at Grand Island Veterans Home. Service: Sat. at Kingdom Hall of



Jehovah's Witnesses in Central City. Burial at city cemetery. Arrangements: Solt Funeral Home, Central City. Survivors: His wife, 2 sons, a daughter, 6 gch., 4 g-gch. Predeceased by his parents, & a daughter Marilyn Carlson.

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 19 Jun 2001

**Beulah J. STARMER, 87**

Born 28 Apr 1914, Schuyler, NE. Parents: Chauncey & Jessie (Moore) Hare. Attended Schuyler HS. 25 Mar 1935: Married Floyd W. Starmer in Schuyler, NE. They lived in Schuyler & North Bend, NE. Moved to WA; then moved to North Platte, NE. 1950: Moved to Fremont, NE. Cook. Later lived in Grand Island & North Platte, NE. 1996: Her husband moved to nursing home in Central City where he died 9 Sep 1997. Beulah had moved to Clarks, NE; in 2000 she moved to Litzenberg Long Term Care ... where she died Sun. 17 Jun 2001. Service: Wed., Wagner Funeral Home, Central City. Burial in the city cemetery. Survivors: A daughter & her spouse, 3 gch., g-gch; Predeceased by her husband; a son Donald; 2 sisters - Wylma Cantral & Thelma Harris. Memorials to Clarks Methodist Church or the Long Term Care Activities.

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 20 Jun 2001

**Viva A. LINDQUIST, 82**

Born 30 Jan 1919 near Goehner, NE. Parents: Charles & Myrtle (Frank) Luce. Married Morris Lindquist. They lived in Central City, NE. Moved to Seward, NE. Mrs. Lindquist died Mon, 18 Jun 2001 at Seward, NE. Service: Fri., Wood-Zabka Funeral Home, Seward, NE. Burial in Hordville Cemetery. Survivors: Her husband; a son, 2 daughters, 8 gch., 16 g-gch., 1 gg-gch. Also living are 2 brothers, a sister & a sister-in-law. Predeceased by 2 brothers, a sister. & 1 gch

Note: See 1930 Fed. Census NE ED61-1 p13b D114 F115: Central City, Lone Tree, Merrick, NE (w/p).

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 21 Jun 2001

**Donald E. BAILEY, 80**

Born 8 Apr 1921. Parents: Delbert "Lee" & Gladys (Chesley) Bailey. Grad. of Fullerton HS. Served in military during WW II. Met Helen M. Natwick in WI. They married 19 Jan 1946 at Mt. Sterling, WI. They lived in LaCrosse, WI. Cabinet maker. 1950: They moved to Central City, NE. He worked at the Conoco Station. Helen died 8 Oct 1978. Donald died Tues., 19 Jun 2001 at Central City, NE. Visitation: Thurs. Solt Funral Home. Service: Fri., Grace Lutheran Church, Central City, NE. Burial in the city cemetery. Survivors: A brother & his wife.

Note: For his parents, see History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I p298 (J McLean); 1920 Fed. Census NE ED166 p1A D1 F2: Cottonwood Twp, Nance, NE; Nance Co. Marriage Record Bk 5 p37.

Columbus Telegram - Fri. 22 Jun 2001

**Myrtle Juanita CARLSON, 90**

Born 7 Nov 1910 near Stromsburg, NE. Parents: John W. & Emma C. Peterson. Grad. of Stromsburg HS. 14 Mar 1932: Married C.R. "Rags" Carlson. They lived south of Havens, NE. 1969: Moved to Silver Creek, NE. Feb 1998: Moved to Midwest Covenant Home, Stromsburg. Myrtle died Wed., 21 Jun 2001 at Stromsburg. Visitation: Today, Kepner-Roberts Funeral Home, Osceola. Service: Sat., Silver Creek United Methodist Church. Burial: Stromsburg Cemetery. Survivors: A son, 4 daughters, 25 gch., 54 g-gch., 2 gg-gch.. Predeceased by her husband, her parents, brother Martin M. Peterson, son-in-law Maurice Watts Jr., a gch. Note: See Our Polk Co. Heritage, p49. Husband died 10 Sep 1999.

Grand Island Independent - Fri. 22 Jun 2001

**Eleanor I. L. DANKERT, 78**

Born 30 Apr 1923, Ludell, KS. Parents: Mathias & Martha (Holle) Fleischacker. 2 Jun 1946: Married Alfred H. Dankert at Ludell, KS. They farmed near Worms, Chapman & Archer, NE. 1967: Moved to Central City, NE. Alfred died 16 Aug 1989. Mrs. Dankert died Thurs. 21 Jun 2001 at Central City, NE. Visitation: Fri., Solt Funeral Home. Service: Sat., St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Central City. Burial in the city cemetery. Survivors: 2 sons, 3 daughters, 12 gch., 9 g-gch.; a sister in KS. Predeceased by her husband; a brother Math Fleischacker; a g-gch.

Grand Island Independent - Sun. 24 Jun 2001

**Marion BOYNTON, 80**

Born 4 Sep 1920 near Chapman, NE. Parents: Frank & Olga (Muhs) Seim. 1937 grad. of GISH. Grad. of Lutheran School of Nursing, St. Louis, MO. WW II: US Army nurse. 20 Oct 1944: Married Robert Boynton at Portland Army Air Base chapel. They lived on farm near Moro, OR. Husband died 30 Jul 1996. Mrs. Boynton died Sun., 5 Jun 2001 at The Dalles, OR. Memorial service was 9 Jun at Faith Lutheran Church, The Dalles, OR. Burial in Moro Community Cemetery. Survivors: A son, 2 daughters, 6 gch. Predeceased by her husband, a sister - Helen; a brother - Wayne; an infant daughter.

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Grand Island Independent - Fri. 6 Jul 2001

**Benedict Conrad "Ben" ZOUCHA, 48**

Born 19 Jun 1953, Grand Island, NE. Parents: Benedict & Monica Zoucha. 1971 grad. of Clarks HS. 29 Apr 1978: Married Rita at Krakow (near Genoa), NE. Construction foreman. Died Wed. 4 Jul 2001 at Clarks, NE. Service Sat. at St. Peters Catholic Church, Clarks, NE. Burial: Clarks Cemetery. Arrangements: Solt Funeral Home, Central City, NE. Survivors: His wife, 1 daughter, 3 sons; his mother and 2 sisters. His father died in 1995.

Grand Island Independent - Mon. 9 Jul 2001

**Roger J. KUNZE, 32**

Born 19 Feb 1969, St. Paul, NE. Parents: Jim Kunze & Carolyn Beed. 1987 grad. of St. Paul HS. Served in USAF. Lived at Albion & Humphrey, NE. Died 6 Jul 2001 near Norton, KS (accident). Visitation: Mon. at Jacobsen-Greenway Funeral Home, St. Paul, NE. Service: Tues. at Christ Lutheran Church, St. Paul. Burial: Rose Hill Cemetery, Palmer. Survivors: His parents, a son, a grandmother, a fiancée; 2 brothers & 2 sisters.

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 10 Jul 2001

**James "Jim" STANISLAV, 73**

Born 24 Nov 1927 near Linwood, NE. Parents: Joe Stanislav & Emma Johannes. 1939: Family moved to Central City, NE. 1947-48: US Army. Farmer, musician. 26 Mar 1950: Married at Central City, NE. Died Mon., 9 Jul 2001 at Grand Island, NE. Service: Wed., at chapel of Solt Funeral Home. Burial: Central City Cemetery. Survivors: His wife, a son, 2 daughters, 9 gch., 14 g-gch. Also surviving: his mother, 2 brothers & a sister.

Grand Island Independent - Fri. 13 Jul 2001

**Francis J. JINDRA, 67**

Born 2 Sep 1933, Dwight, NE. Parents: Frank M. Jindra & Mary T. Crha. Family lived at Dwight & Rogers, NE; moved to Central City, NE in 1944. 1951 grad. of CCHS. Served in military during Korean War. Farmed at Belgrade, NE and then with family members near Central City. Died Thurs. 12 Jul 2001 at Central City, NE. Service: Mon., St. Michael's Catholic Church, Central City. Burial: Central City Cemetery. Arrangements: Solt Funeral Home. Survivors: 2 brothers & a sister.

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 17 Jul 2001

**Roma VOTAW, 78**

Born 17 May 1923, Prague, NE. Parents: Verne & Esther Karlson. Adopted by Harry & Lillian Stoll of Valley, NE. 7 Sep 1945: Married Robert Ury at El Paso, TX. After the war they lived in Chapman, NE. Later moved to Valley NE and then to North Platte, NE. Robert died in 1977. In 1979, Roma married William Votaw. They moved to Las Vegas, NV in 1986. She died Sat., 14 Jul 2001 at Las Vegas. Service: Thurs., First Baptist Church, Chapman, NE. Survivors: Her second husband; 2 sons, 1 daughter, 5 gch. Memorials: American Liver Foundation in New York.

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 26 Jul 2001; Columbus Telegram - Wed. 25 Jul to Sat. 28 Jul 2001  
Geneva Naomi CARTER, 97

Born 30 Dec 1903, Merrick Co., NE. Parents: Eugene & Dolly (Hartman) Finecy. 20 Dec 1926: Married George L. Carter "...on a bridge between Polk County and Merrick County." They farmed near Silver Creek, NE. Geneva died on 23 Jul 2001 at Genoa, NE. Service will be at later date with burial at Silver Creek Cemetery. Arrangements: Solt Funeral Home, Central City. Survivors: A brother, a daughter-in-law, 4 gch., 2 g-gch. Predeceased by her husband (1977); 2 sons - Gail & Lenis; a gch., several siblings.

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 26 Jul 2001

**Viola M. HETTLER, 82**

Born 12 Jul 1919, Worms, NE. Parents: Charles Meinecke & Anna Rehder. Educated in Greeley County, Palmer and Grand Island, NE. 19 Jan 1946: Married Milton T. Hettler at Leighton, PA. They lived in Grand Island, NE. Sep 2000: She moved to Good Samaritan Center, Wood River. Lutheran. Died Sat. 21 Jul 2001 at Wood River, NE. Service: Thurs. at Apfel-Butler-Geddes Funeral Home Chapel, Grand Island. Burial: Grand Island Cemetery. Survivors: Her son, 2 gch., 1 g-gch. Predeceased by her husband; 2 brothers - Raymond & Bob Meinecke.

Grand Island Independent - Mon. 30 Jul 2001

**Ethel M. FAIRBAIRN, 76**

Born 12 Dec 1924, Palmer, NE. Parents: Earl McClellan & Mary Hunt. 1941 grad. of Palmer HS. Worked in Howard Co. assessor's office. 25 Feb 1944: Married Robert Fairbairn at St. Paul, NE. They farmed. 1967: Moved to Grand Island, NE. She died Sun. 29 Jul 2001 at Grand Island, NE. Service: Wed. at Jacobsen-Greenway Funeral Home, St. Paul. Burial: Rose Hill Cemetery, Palmer, NE. Survivors: 2 sons, 2 daughters, 11 gch., 5 g-gch. 7 step g-gch. Also living: 3 brothers, 1 sister and a brother-in-law (should be son-in-law?). Predeceased by her husband, son Herbert, and daughter Bonnie Kohl.  
Note: Father's given name was Carl.

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Grand Island Independent - Fri. 10 Aug 2001

**Marie L. BAKER, 103**

Born 28 Nov 1897 near Chapman, NE. Parents: John Wesley & Elizabeth (Laub) Beman. Grad. of GISH. Attended Kearney State Normal School & UN. Teacher. 2 Sep 1924: Married Vernon J. Baker at Central City, NE. They lived in Central City. Vernon died in 1978. Mrs. Baker died Tues., 7 Aug 2001 at NE Veterans Home, Grand Island, NE. Service: Mon., Solt Funeral Home, Central City, NE. Burial in the city cemetery. Survivors: A daughter & her husband, 2 gch., 2 g-gch. Predeceased by 2 sisters - Helen & Alice Beman; 4 brothers - Leonard, John, Ralph & Percy Beman.  
Note: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I pp 113-14 (Baker-Beman); 1920 Fed. Census NE ED155 p8A D92 F93: Chapman Twp, Merrick, NE (w/p); Central City Cemetery Directory.

Grand Island Independent - Fri. 10 Aug 2001

**Roy A. LARSON, 90**

Born 10 Aug 1910 at Marquette, NE. Parents: Charles O. & Martha C. (Stranberg) Larson. 1928 grad. of CCHS. 10 Aug 1931: Married at Clay Center, NE. Mechanic, business owner. Presbyterian. He died Wed., 8 Aug 2001 at Central City, NE. Service: Mon., Solt Funeral Home, Central City. Burial in the city cemetery. Survivors: His wife, 2 sons, a daughter, 9 gch., 17 g-gch., 3 gg-gch. Predeceased by an infant son; 5 brothers - Albin, Reuben, Irl, Paul & Clarenc Larson.

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 15 Aug 2001

**Roberta "Billie" WILLHOFT, 90**

Born 1910. Married Loren Willhoft at Central City, NE. Moved to St. Louis in 1940's. Loren died in 1996. Mrs. Willhoft died 28 Feb 2001. Memorial service: Sat., 18 Aug 2001 at Christ Episcopal Church, Central City NE. Burial in the city cemetery. Survivors: 2 sons, 5 gch., 1 g-gch.; a brother-in-law; 4 sisters-in-law. Memorials to Central City Library.

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 21 Aug 2001

**Melvin R. FRIEDRICHSEN, 80**

Born 18 Jun 1921, Palmer, NE. Parents: Henry P. & Margaret A. (Wiecks) Fridrichsen. Grew up near St. Paul, NE. 31 Aug 1945: Married Mary E. Miller at Grand Island, NE. They lived in Grand Island. Wife died 4 Dec 1995. Husband was living at Cozad, NE. Melvin died Sun., 19 Aug 2001 at hospital in Kearney, NE. Service: Thurs., Apfl-Butler-Geddes Funeral Home, Grand Island, NE. Burial in Cameron Cemetery, Hall Co, NE. Survivors: 4 sons, 3 daughters, 10 gch.; a brother, a sister. Predeceased by his wife; daughter - Barbara Jean; 2 brothers - Irvin & Harry.

Note: See 1930 Fed. Census NE ED61-4 p5a D98 F99: Chapman Twp, Merrick, NE (w/p).

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 21 Aug 2001

**Leonard D. Van PELT, 94**

Born 31 Mar 1907, Archer, NE. Parents: Mayo & Nora (Eckles) Van Pelt. Was grad. of first class at Archer HS. 29 Oct 1925: Married Vera A. Woodward at Archer, NE. They farmed in that area. Leonard died Sun., 19 Aug 2001 at Archer. Visitation: Wed. Wagner Funeral Home, Central City, NE. Service: Thurs., Fairview United Methodist Church near Central City. Burial in the city cemetery. Survivors: His wife, 4 sons, 5 daughters, 39 gch., 79 g-gch., 7 gg-gch. Predeceased by a brother, 3 sisters, 4 gch., 1 g-gch.

Note: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I p411 (CH Woodward); 1920 Fed. Census NE ED161 p3B F20: Midland Twp, Merrick, NE (w/p); 1930 Fed. Census Midland Twp., Merrick, NE ED61-11 p3b D68 F68; 25 Mar 2004: Grand Island Independent obit of wife; Directory for Central City Cemetery.

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Grand Island Independent - Sat. 8 Sep 2001

**Bridget M. POHL, 89**

Born 14 May 1912 at Abie, NE. Parents: Joseph & Pauline (Rurcha) Hinesh. Family moved to Doniphan, NE where she grad. from HS in 1930. 13 Jun 1933: Married Edward T. Pohl at Central City, NE. They farmed near Chapman. Mr. Pohl died in 1971; wife moved to Grand Island, NE. She died Wed. 5 Sep 2001 at Grand Island. Service: Sat., St. Mary's Catholic Cathedral. Burial in Westlawn Memorial Park Cemetery. Survivors: 2 son, 5 gch., 7 g-gch.; 2 sisters. Predeceased by her husband; 2 brothers - Ernest & Edwin Hinesh; a sister-in-law - Kathryn Pohl.

Note: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I pp 320-1.

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 11 Sep 2001

**Robert V. STEUBEN, 65**

Born 10 Feb 1931, Worms, NE Parents: George W. & Pearl E. Steuben. Grew up in Central City, NE. Joined US Navy and served 20 years. 25 Oct 1950: Married at Bremerton, WA. They lived at San Diego, CA; Corpus Christi, TX; Washington, DC. 1987: Moved near Warsaw, MO. He died Wed., 5 Sep 2001 at Portland OR. Service: Wed., Reser Funeral Home, Warsaw, MO. Ashes will be taken to cemetery in Grand Island, NE. Survivors: His wife, 2 sons, 2 daughters, 8 gch., 3 g-gch.; 2 brothers & 2 sisters.

Columbus Telegram & Grand Island Independent - Wed. 12 Sep 2001

**Minnie Blanche BUTT, 100**

Born 4 Jun 1901, Beaconsfield, IA. Parents: Charles Edward & Clara Elizabeth (Morgan) Clauff. 1903: Family moved by wagon near Osceola, NE. 1904: They moved near Clarks, NE. 1920 grad. of Clarks HS. Teacher. 23 May 1923: Married Rynold F. Butt at Fullerton, NE. They farmed near Clarks. Retired from teaching in 1962, became librarian at Hards Memorial Library, Central City, NE. She died Tues., 11 Sep 2001 at Central City, NE. Service: Fri., St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Central City. Burial at the city cemetery. Survivors: A daughter, a daughter-in-law, a son-in-law, 9 gch., 13 g-gch., 4 gg-gch. Also living are a sister & a sister-in-law. Predeceased by her husband (21 Jun 1957); daughter Laree Gee; son Louis Butt; 2 gch.; sister Mildred Adamson-Davis-Moore Jemison; brother C Marvin Clauff. and a gg-gch.

Notes: See 1920 Fed. Census NE ED156 p9A D53 F54: Clarksville Twp, Merrick, NE (w/p); 1930 Fed. Census NE ED63-7 p2b D31 F31: Fullerton Twp, Nance, NE (w/p); Nance County NE Marriage Record Bk 5 p279. Another source - 26 Aug 1999 (Thurs): Grand Island Independent article "Minnie Butt / Former librarian,

teacher has rich memories"

Columbus Telegram – Sat. 15 Sep 2001; Grand Island Independent - Sun. 16 Sep 2001

**Doug GILSON, 48**

Born 2 Apr 1953, Fullerton, NE. Parents: Dale & Lois (Davis) Gilson. 1971 grad. of Fullerton Public School. 1975 grad. of Wayne State. Teacher/coach ... principal/athletic director. 19 Jun 1982: Married at St. Libory, NE. They lived in Central City, NE. He died from auto accident near Kearney, NE on Thurs., 13 Sep 2001. Service: Mon., St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Central City, NE. Burial at the city cemetery. Arrangements: Palmer Funeral Home, Fullerton, NE. Survivors: His wife, 2 sons; 2 brothers. Predeceased by his parents.

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 18 Sep 2001

**Agnes MEYER, 98**

Born 8 Jul 1903, Prosser (Adams Co.), NE. Parents: Henry W. & Emma L. (Kruse) Meyer. 1909: Family moved to IL. 1927: Grad. of Aurora HS, NE. Teacher. 1927: Moved to Chicago, IL for nurse's training. 1989: Retired to St. Paul, NE. She died Sat. 15 Sep 2001 at St. Paul, NE. Visitation: Tues., Jacobesen-Greenway Funeral Home, St. Paul. Service: Wed., Christ Lutheran Church, St. Paul. Burial in Zion Lutheran Cemetery, Worms, NE. Survivors: 5 sisters, 1 brother. Predeceased by 2 sisters - Esther & Emma; 5 brothers - Oscar, Theodore, Ervin, Arnold & Paul.

Note: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I p288 (Rev. HW Meyer).

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 20 Sep 2001

**Wilbur H. "Casey" JONES, 79**

Born 23 May 1922, Marquette, NE. Parents: Arthur & Elizabeth (Nelson) Jones. 1942 grad. of Marquette HS. WW II: US Coast Guard (South Pacific). 19 Jun 1949: Married at Central City, NE. They moved to Grand Island in 1971; owned a business. He died Tues., 18 Sep 2001 at hospital in Lincoln, NE. Service: Sat., Solt Funeral Home, Central City. Burial in the city cemetery. Survivors: His wife, 2 sons, 2 daughters, 9 gch.; a sister. Predeceased by 2 sisters - Lucille (infant) & Jewell Gregg; 2 gch.

Note: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I p300 (E McMahon).

Grand Island Independent - Fri. 21 Sep 2001

**Hugo DABERKOW, 96**

Born 7 Sep 1905, West Point, NE. Parents: August & Paulina (Heiler) Daberkow. Section hand, member of road gang, truck driver, mechanic. Worked as carpenter in Omaha, NE. Assembled bombers in Cheyenne, WY during WW II. 1935: Married Eleanor Schulz of Beemer, NE. 1946: Married Helen Nelson Traey in Omaha, NE. 1970: Moved to Chapman, NE. Member of Jehovah's Witnesses in Central City, NE. 1995: Moved to Curtis, Ne where he died Thurs., 19 Sep 2001. Visitation: Sat., Blase Wetzel Funeral Home, Curtis. Service: Sun. at Chapman Cemetery. Survivors: 2 daughters, 6 gch., 6 g-gch. Predeceased by 3 brothers - Edward, William H Herman; a sister - Dorothea.

Note: See files of Chapman Cemetery.

Columbus Telegram – Mon. 24 Sep 2001

**Joseph Bradley FRITZ, 29**

Born 3 Apr 1972, York, NE. Parents: Hubert & Mary Fritz. Attended special education in Columbus, NE. Resident of Clarks, NE. Died Sun. 23 Sep 2001 in Central City, NE. Visitation: Today, Solt Funeral Home, Central City. Service: Tues., St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Central City. Burial: Pierce Chapel Cemetery (Bureau), near Clarks. Survivors: His parents, 3 sisters, 2 brothers. a grandmother. Predeceased by a sister Nancy Kay Fritz; grandfather Walter Fritz; grandparents Frankie & Walter Garrett; step-grandfather, Wilbur Hernbloom.

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 25 Sep 2001

**Ervin M. ECKSTROM, 85**

Born 14 Feb 1916 near Palmer, NE. Parents: George J. Eckstrom & Mary T. Deertz. Attended District 36 School. 1942-45: US Army. 3 Jul 1945: Married at Palmer, NE. Farmer, later worked in Grand Island, NE.

Died Sun. 23 Sep 2001 at Palmer, NE. Service: Wed. at Wesleyan Church, Palmer. Burial: Rose Hill Cemetery. Survivors: wife, 2 sons, a daughter, 11 gch., 3 step-gch.; 2 brothers. Predeceased by daughter Gaylene Pulscher; 2 brothers - Walter & Leonard.

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 25 Sep 2001

**Arlyce J. SMELTZER, 74**

Born 25 Nov 1926, Polk, NE. Parents: Herbert & Josephine (Lindburg) Wurtz. 1933: Family moved near Havens, NE. 1944 grad. of Clarks HS. Teacher. 1945: Moved to California. 23 Jun 1950: Married Francis R. Smeltzer at Glendale, CA. They lived at Montrose, CA until retired to Templeton, CA in 1997. She died Thurs., 6 Sep 2001 at nursing home in Morro Bay, CA. Memorial service was held 8 Sep at First Presbyterian Church, Templeton, CA. Ashes will be buried at Clarks Cemetery at later date. Survivors: Her husband, a son, a daughter, 4 gch., a brother & 2 sisters.

Note: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I p411.

Columbus Telegram & Grand Island Independent – Wed. 26 Sep 2001

**Alonzo August KSIAZEK, 92**

Born 3 Aug 1909, Nance Co., NE. Parents: Peter & Anna (Liss) Ksiazek. 1921: Family moved to Merrick Co., NE. 6 Nov 1933: Married Barbara Starostka at Clarks, NE. They farmed near Clarks. 12 Jan 1972: Married a second time at Alhambra, CA. They farmed west of Clarks, NE. Oct 2000: They moved to Central City, NE. He died Mon., 24 Sep 2001 at Central City. Service: Sat., St. Peter's Catholic Church, Clarks. Burial: Calvary Cemetery, Clarks. Arrangements: Solt Funeral Home. Survivors: His second wife, 3 sons, 3 daughters, 3 step-children, 20 gch., 10 step-gch., 30 g-gch., 3 step-g-gch. Also living are 3 sisters. Predeceased by his first wife; his parents; 6 brothers - Ted, Stanley, Ed, Sylvester, John & Leo Ksiazek; 2 sisters - Mary Swantek & Helen Ksiazek. Memorials to the church.

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 26 Sep 2001

**Sheilda "Anne" WALLINGSFORD, 45**

Born 28 Aug 1956, Plainview, TX. Parents: Jerome & Elsie Wallingford. 16 Dec 1976: Married Dan Lawson at Clovis, NM. They lived in NM & TX. 1985 grad. of Central Community College, Grand Island, NE. She married Duane Barrett & they lived at Chapman, NE. Anne died Mon., 24 Sep 2001 at hospital in Grand Island, NE. Graveside service: Fri., Prairie Creek Cemetery near Archer, NE. Survivors: Her husband; a son, 3 daughters; a stepson, a stepdaughter; 9 gch. Also living are her father & step-mother; her mother; 4 brothers & 2 sisters.

Grand Island Independent - Sun. 30 Sep 2001

**Roger William HOHNROTH, 62**

Born 10 Oct 1938, Nebraska City, NE. Parents: Lester H & Floy E. Hohnroth. 1956 grad. of NE City HS. 30 May 1959: Married at Nebraska City; they lived in Lincoln. 1963: Moved to Central City, NE. Employee of John Deere dealership. He died Sat., 29 Sep 2001 at Central City, NE. Visitation: Mon., Solt Funeral Home. Service: Tues., Grace Lutheran Church, Central City. Burial in the city cemetery. Survivors: His wife, a daughter, 3 gch.; his mother & a brother in CA. Predeceased by his father (Feb 2001).

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Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 4 Oct 2001

**Edith M. PHELPS, 79**

Born 10 Jan 1922, Central City, NE. Parents: George W. & Bertha M. (Leeson) Kuhn. Grad. of CCHS. Married Harold Phelps. They lived at Whidbey Island, WA. She died Wed. 19 Sep 2001 at hospital in Grand Island, NE (was visiting in NE). Service was 29 Sep at Visser Funeral Home, Langley, WA. Burial in Bayview Cemetery. Survivors: A daughter, 2 sons, 5 gch., 12 g-gch.; 2 sisters. Predeceased by her husband; 2 brothers - Harvey & Gerald; 2 sisters - Ila & Verna. Memorials: South Whidbey Senior Center.

Notes: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I p 264 (w/p, & HW Kuhn); 1930 Fed. Census Mead Twp, Merrick, NE ED61-10 p2b D40 F40 (w/p); Nance Co. NE Marriage Record Bk 6 p359

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 6 Oct 2001

**Paul D. POWERS, 81**

Born 30 Oct 1919, Central City, NE. Parents: Edward & Juanita (Abbott) Powers. 1932: Family moved to Cairo, NE. WW II: B-17 tail-gunner. 1943: Married Camilla Ciemnoczowski. They farmed near Grand Island, NE until 1954, moved to Cedar Rapids, IA. 1988: Moved to Moreno Valley, CA. Camilla died in 1994. May 2000: Married Rose DeFelicis. They lived in Anaheim, Ca. Rose died in 2001. Paul died 24 Sep 2001, traffic accident. Service was 6 Oct at St. Philip Benizi Catholic Church, Fullerton, CA. Burial will be 3 Nov in Westlawn Memorial Park Cemetery, Grand Island, NE. Survivors: 2 daughters; a step-daughter & a step-son; 5 gch., 15 g-gch. Predeceased by 3 brothers - Vaughn, Lawrence and Donald Powers.

Notes: An abbreviated & modified version of obit was published 14 Oct 2001. See 1920 Fed. Census NE ED155 p8A D86 F87: Chapman Twp, Merrick, NE (w/p); 1930 Fed. Census NE ED61-16 p2a D24 F24: Vieregg Twp, Merrick, NE (w/p).

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 6 Oct 2001

**Dorothy M. TAYLOR, 80**

Born 26 Sep 1921, Chapman, NE. Parents: Edward S. & Emma C. (Seier) Zlomke. 1940 grad. of Chapman HS. 20 Sep 1947: Married Ferrol P. Taylor at Long Pine, NE. They lived in Grand Island until 1956, moved to Colorado Springs, CO. She died Tues. 2 Oct 2001 at Colorado Springs. Service: Tues., Apfel-Butler-Geddes Funeral Home Chapel, Grand Island, NE. Burial in Westlawn Memorial Park Cemetery. Survivors: Her husband, a daughter, twin gch. Predeceased by brother Harold A. Zlomke.

Note: See 1930 Fed. Census Chapman Village, Merrick, NE ED61-3 p3a D54 F55 (w/p).

Grand Island Independent - Mon. 8 Oct 2001

**Audra M. HURSH, 94**

Born 4 Apr 1907, Chapman, NE. Parents: John & Ida Mae (Van Cleave) Fishburn. 1925 grad. of Lincoln HS; 1956 grad. of UN. Teacher. 1939: Married Floyd Hursh at Grand Island, NE. 1943: They lived in Wyoming; 1946, returned to live at Grand Island, NE. She died Sun. 7 Oct 2001 at Grand Island. Service: Tues., Westlawn Memorial Park Cemetery, Grand Island. Arrangements: Apfel-Butler-Geddes Funeral Home. Survivors: Her husband; a brother. Predeceased by sister Leona.

Note: See 1930 Fed. Census NE ED61-4 p3a D56 F56: Chapman Twp, Merrick, NE (w/p). Husband's obit 7 May 2002 in GI Independent.

Columbus Telegram & Grand Island Independent - Thur. 11 Oct 2001

**Alfred G. SWEET, 83**

Born 31 Aug 1918, Clarks, NE. Parents: Alfred & Sarah (Sharman) Sweet. 1936 grad. of Clarks HS. WW II: US Army. 26 Oct 1944: Married in Grand Island, NE. They lived on farm near Clarks, NE. He died Tues., 9 Oct 2001 at home. Visitation: Fri., Wagner Funeral Home. Service: Sat., St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Central City. Burial at Clarks Cemetery. Survivors: His wife 2 sons, 2 daughters, 11 gch., 2 g-gch.; 2 sisters. Predeceased by 4 brothers - George, Frank, Joe & Eddie Sweet; 3 sisters - Ellen Sloan, Florence Morgen & Lucy Fern Sweet; daughter-in-law Sue Sweet. Memorials to the church.

Grand Island Independent - Fri. 12 Oct 2001

**Richard E. BUTT, 66**

Born 4 Aug 1935, Central City, NE. Parents: Fritz & Pauline (Donchesky) Butt. 7 Jun 1953: Married at Archer, NE. Farmer, truck driver. He died Wed. 10 Oct 2001 at Central City, NE. Service: Sat., Wagner Funeral Home, Central City. Burial in the city cemetery. Survivors: His wife; 3 sons, 5 daughters, 18 gch, 2 gg-gch.; 2 sisters & 1 brother. Predeceased by a sister - Ernestine Grigsby.

Columbus Telegram & Grand Island Independent - Fri. 19 Oct 2001

**Edward KAVA, 76**

Born 11 Nov 1924, Genoa, NE. Parents: John & Tillie (Liss) Kava. 17 Jun 1952: Married at Columbus, NE. They farmed near Genoa and Silver Creek, NE. Employee of Behlen. Played violin & button accordion. with Kava Orchestra. He died Wed., 17 Oct 2001 at hospital in Columbus, NE. Service: Sat., St. Lawrence

Catholic Church, Silver Creek, NE. Burial at church cemetery. Arrangements: McKown Funeral Hme.  
Survivors: His wife, 2 sons, 2 daughters, 8 gch., 2 g-gch.; a sister and 2 brothers. Predeceased by 3 sisters - Agnes Jarecki, Barbara Triba & an infant; brother Karl Kava.

Grand Island Independent - Sun. 21 Oct 2001

**Lucille F. GARBERS, 59**

Born 31 Oct 1941 near Worms, NE. Parents: Clarence Wichmann & Frieda Pape. Grad. of Palmer HS. 15 Apr 1961: Married Norman Garbers at Grand Island, NE. They farmed west of Chapman, NE. 1989: Moved to Grand Island. Mrs. Garbers died Fri. 19 Oct 2001 at Grand Island, NE. Visitation: Mon., Apfel-Butler-Geddes Funeral Home. Service Tues. at Trinity Lutheran Church, Grand Island. Burial: Grand Island City Cemetery. Survivors: Her husband, 3 sons, 5 gch.; a brother. Predeceased by her parents, infant brother Harry Wichmann, sister Mary Ann Kreoger.

Grand Island Independent - Sun. 21 Oct 2001

**Paul Loren SPILGER, 81**

Born 6 Nov 1919, Palmer, NE. Parents: John Spilger & Ruth Earl. Attended Gage Valley School. 22 Nov 1943: Married at Palmer. 1941-45: US Army. Served 2 years as missionary to Indians in Buffalo, NY. Farmer near Palmer, NE. Moved to Grand Island in 1965. Mr. Spilger died Fri. 29 Oct 2001 at Grand Island, NE. Service: Tues. at Harvest Time Baptist Church, GI. Burial at Rose Hill Cemetery, Palmer, NE. Arrangements: Palmer Funeral Home. Survivors: His wife, a son, a daughter, 2 gch., 4 step-gch. Predeceased by 3 brothers - Lyle & 2 infants.

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 24 Oct 2001

**Anthony "Tony" KOENIG, 45**

Born 24 Apr 1956, Abilene, TX. Parents: John & June (Kirby) Koenig. 1974: Grad. of HS in Gillette, WY. Attended UNO. 22 Dec 1979: Married at Omaha, NE. They lived in Green River, WY; moved to Englewood, CO. He died Sat., 20 Oct 2001 at Walden, CO. Service: Sat., Presbyterian Church of the Covenant, Englewood CO. Burial: Thurs., 1 Nov 2001 in Central City Cemetery, NE. Survivors: His wife, 3 children, his parents; his in-laws; a sister & her husband.

Columbus Telegram – Mon. 29 Oct 2001

**Alvina Vera LASKA, 81**

Born 17 May 1920, Silver Creek, NE. Parents: Charles & Cathrine Laska. WW II: US Army Air Corps. Employee of Mutual of Omaha. Died Sat., 27 Oct 2001 at Omaha, NE. Wake service: Tues., St. Cecilia Cathedral Omaha, NE. Service: Wed., St. Stanislaus Catholic Church, Duncan, NE. Burial at church cemetery. Survivors: 2 brothers & 3 sisters.

Grand Island Independent - Mon. 29 Oct 2001

**D. L. PARKS, 76**

Born 11 Feb 1925, Jaton, TX. Parents: Pippens Parks & Jewel Winter. Grad. of Durango HS, Colorado. 1943-46: US Navy. Lived in Colorado & California. 3 Sep 1983: Married in Tonopha, NV. 1992: Moved to Palmer, NE. Died Fri. 26 Oct 2001 at Lincoln, NE. Service: Tues. at Palmer Funeral Home, Palmer. Burial: Rose Hill Cemetery. Survivors: His wife, a son & a daughter, 10 gch.; one sister in CO. Predeceased by a brother & a sister.

Note: Given name appears as David Leroy on gravestone.

Columbus Telegram & Grand Island Independent – Tues. 30 Oct 2001

**David H. BULLER, 77**

Born 7 Jan 1924, Langham, Saskatchewan, Canada. Parents: Henry P. & Maria (Janzen) Buller. 20 Feb 1949: Married Elsie Esther Zimmerman at York, NE. They farmed near York, Silver Creek and then Central City, NE. 1973: Purchased farm north of Clarks, NE. He died Fri., 26 Oct 2001 at Clarks. Service: Today, Wagner Funeral Home, Central City, NE. Burial at later date. Survivors: His wife, 3 children, 5 gch.; 3 sisters. Predeceased by 3 brothers - Henry H, John H. and Jacob Buller.



Note: His wife died 23 Feb 2006.

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 30 Oct 2001

**Agatha M. LUEBBE, 86**

Born 25 May 1915, Merrick Co., NE. Parents: Alfred & Katrina (Hinrichs) Dammann. Grad of Palmer HS. 6 Oct 1933: Married Fred Luebbe at Worms, NE. They farmed, then ran the Co-op grocery at Worms. Also owned the tavern. She was living in St. Libory, NE. Died Sun. 28 Oct 2001 at hospital in Grand Island, NE. Visitation: Wed., Livingston-Sondermann Funeral Home. Service: Thurs., Zion Lutheran Church, Worms, NE. Burial in the church cemetery. Survivors: 3 daughters, 6 gch., 5 g-gch., 2 sisters & 1 brother. Predeceased by her husband. Memorials to the church.

Note: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I pp 168 (w/p), 277 (F&A Luebbe); 1920 Fed. Census NE ED226 p6B D110 F110: Prairie Creek Twp, Merrick, NE (w/p); & 1930 Fed. Census NE ED61-12 p1a D21 F21: Prairie Creek Twp, Merrick, NE (w/p)/

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 31 Oct 2001

**Leonard L. "Mac" McIntire, 77**

Born 10 Nov 1923, Chapman, NE. Parents: Amos & Bessie (Zehr) McIntire. Grad. of Central City HS. WW II: US Army Air Force - tailgunner, flew 33 missions in European Theatre. 23 Dec 1946: Married in Kansas. They lived in Central City, NE briefly; moved to Grand Island. He worked for plumbing/heating business. 1961: They moved to Hastings, NE; later moved to Kearney, NE. He died Mon., 29 Oct 2001 at Kearney. Service: Fri., Solt Funeral Home, Central City. Burial: Pierce Chapel Cemetery near Clarks, NE. Survivors: His wife, a son, a gch.; a brother. Predeceased by a son Judson L McIntire (1973); a sister Jo Baumeister (1964).

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Grand Island Independent - Fri. 2 Nov 2001

**Kenneth E. LARSON, 77**

Born 1 Sep 1924, Central City, NE. Parents: Irl & Mildred (Benson) Larson. Grad. of CCHS. WW II: US Naval Air Corps. 10 Jun 1945: Married Lorraine Snyder. Office manager, business owner. Lorraine died in 1980. He married a second time in 1984, moved to Omaha, NE & entered real estate business. They later returned to Central City, NE. Member of Christ Episcopal Church in Central City. Kenneth died Tues., 30 Oct 2001 at hospital in Lincoln, NE. Service: Fri., Wagner Funeral Home, Central City. Burial in the city cemetery. Survivors: His second wife; 2 daughters, 2 step-sons; 3 step-daughters, 8 gch., 2 g-gch.

Grand Island Independent - Sun. 4 Nov 2001

**Charles L. Van OSTRAND, 50**

Born 25 Sep 1951, Stromsburg, NE. Parents: Clarence & Theresia Van Ostrand. In 1956 the family moved to Clarks, NE; and in 1960 to Polk, NE. 1969 grad. of Polk HS. 1974 grad. of UNL. 24 May 1980: Married Darlene Zehr at Central City, NE. They lived in Grand Island, NE. Charles died Fri., 2 Nov 2001 at home. Visitation: Mon., Livingston-Sondermann Funeral Home. Service: Tues., Third City Christian Church. Burial in Grand Island City Cemetery. Survivors: His wife; a son, a daughter; his mother; a sister. Predeceased by his father.

Note: Wife's obit appeared 17 Sep 2003 in GI Independent.

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 10 Nov 2001

**Mildred L. HUGGARD, 83**

Born 26 Aug 1918, Foster, NE. Parents: Edward & Laura (Bowling) Vipperman. 1936 grad. of Chapman HS (valedictorian). Attended Grand Island Business School, then worked in Chapman. Later moved to Denver, CO; followed by residence in Los Angeles, CA. 11 Aug 1943: Married Douglas J. Huggard at San Francisco, CA (he was in military at the time). She returned to NE to work in Grand Island. Mildred died Thurs., 8 Nov 2001 at Grand Island, NE. Service: Sat., Livingston-Sondermann Funeral Home. Survivors: 2 daughters, a son, 3 gch.; 3 sisters. Predeceased by her husband; her stepfather Lloyd Daniels; sister Merle Mendenhall; 2 brothers - Fred & Edward Vipperman.

Note: See 1930 Fed. Census Chapman Village, Merrick, NE ED61-3 p2a D32 F33 (w/mother & stepfather - who are buried at Chapman) ; History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I pp 377 (R Stoltenberg), 392 (F&J Vipperman)

Grand Island Independent - Sun 11 Nov 2001

**Albert EMGARTEN, 91**

Born 12 Dec 1909, Ceresco, NE. Parents: William N. Emgarten & Elizabeth Gilster. 1919: Moved to Central City, NE. Attended District 37 School. 25 May 1932: Married Dorothy Everett at Central City. WW II: US Army. Wife died 18 Jan 2001. Mr. Emgarten died Fri. 9 Nov 2001 at Central City, NE. Service Tues. at Solt Funeral Home Chapel. Burial: Central City Cemetery. Predeceased by 4 brothers & 7 sisters.

Columbus Telegram & Grand Island Independent - Sun. 11 Nov 2001

**Orpha A. HAWTHORNE, 84**

Born 23 May 1917, near Palmer, NE. Parents: Henry & Bessie (Giles) Good. 9 Oct 1939: Married Cecil LeRoy Hawthorne at Madison, NE. They lived in Fullerton where she was dispatcher for the sheriff. Cecil died 5 Jun 1984. In 1997 she moved to Pine View Good Samaritan Center, Valentine, NE. Died there Thurs., 8 Nov 2001. Visitation: Sun., Palmer Funeral Home, Fullerton, NE. Service: Mon., United Methodist Church in Fullerton, NE. Burial: Pierce Chapel Cemetery (Bureau Cemetery) near Clarks, NE. Survivors: A son, a daughter, 7 gch.; a brother & 2 sisters. Predeceased by her husband; 2 daughters - Margaret Ann & Barbara Louise; 2 brothers - Merle & Lane Good; 6 sisters - Frankie Garrett, Sadie Charron, Enid Hagar, Eunice Hawthorne, Ivilla Hawthorne & Constance Good.

Grand Island Independent - Sun. 11 Nov 2001

**Dale Eugene KING, 71**

Born 2 Jul 1930, Merrick County, NE. 1949 grad. of CCHS. 1952-53: US Military. 10 Feb 1952: Married at Central City. Farmed near Archer until 1991 when moved to Central City. Died Fri. 9 Nov 2001 at Lincoln, NE. Service: Wed. at Solt Funeral Home Chapel. Burial: Central City Cemetery. Survivors: His wife, 2 sons, 3 daughters, his mother, 12 gch.; a sister & brother-in-law. Predeceased by his father, a daughter Jocelyn, and a brother Donald.

Columbus Telegram & Grand Island Independent - Mon. 12 Nov 2001

**Fredrick H. EWOLDT, 71**

Born 14 Sep 1930, Grand Island, NE. Parents: Frank E. & Alvina H. (Niedfelt) Ewoldt. Grew up on farm near Grand Island. 12 Dec 1954: Married Lillian M. Eisenman at Grand Island, NE. They lived in Grand Island & in Lincoln, NE. 1970: Moved to Lexington, NE. 1990: Moved to Columbus, NE; and the next year to Silver Creek, NE. He died Sat., 10 Nov 2001 at Silver Creek. Graveside service: Tues., Westlawn Memorial Park Cemetery, Grand Island. Arrangements: Wagner Funeral Home, Central City, NE. Survivors: A son, a daughter, 4 gch. Predeceased by his wife; son Daniel; sister Virginia Anderson; 2 brothers - Kenneth & Harold Ewoldt.

Columbus Telegram & Grand Island Independent - Tues. 13 Nov 2001

**Dale E. SULLIMAN, 71**

Born 21 Jun 1930: Merrick Co., NE; Parents: H. Wyndham & Mildred (Morrison) Sullivan. 1947 grad. of GISH. 1950-54: USAF. Returned to farm in Merrick & Nance Counties, NE. 1956: Married at Fullerton, NE. He died Sun. 11 Nov 2001 at Central City, NE. Service: Wed., Palmer Funeral Home, Fullerton, NE. Burial in Fullerton Cemetery. Survivors: 2 sons, 2 daughters, 7 gch., 2 g-gch; 2 brothers. Predeceased by a gch.

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 13 Dec 2001

**Nicole M. TATLOW, 22**

Born 16 Dec 1978, Central City, NE. Parents: Cortland & Deloris Tatlow. 1981: Family moved to Wasco, CA. She died 8 Dec 2001 at home (Ewing's Sarcoma). Service was Wed., St. John's Catholic Church, Wasco, CA. Burial in Wasco Memorial Park. Survivors: Her parents, 2 brothers, a sister; 2 grandparents in CA; one grandparent in Howard County, NE.

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 14 Nov 2001

**Earl BOSSELMAN, 83**

Born 23 Nov 1917, Worms, NE. Parents: Carl & Lena (Taylor) Bosselman. Farmed at Aurora, NE. 1995: Moved to Blue Hill, NE. Died Mon. 12 Nov 2001 at Blue Hill. Graveside service: Thurs., Wiegert Cemetery near Worms, NE. Arrangements: Higb y Mortuary, Aurora, NE. Survived by a brother.

Note: See 1920 Fed. Census Prairie Creek Twp, Merrick, NE ED226 p4A D68 F68 (w/p).

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 14 Nov 2001

**Robert H. SCARBOROUGH, 61**

Born 23 May 1940, St. Paul, NE. Resident of Omaha, NE. Died Mon., 12 Nov 2001 at McCook, NE.

Service: Thurs. at Crosby Burket Swanson Golden Colonial Chapel, Omaha, NE. Burial in Rose Hill Cemetery, Palmer, NE. Survivors: His wife, 2 daughters, 2 step-sons 13 gch., 2 g-gch.; his step-mother.

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 21 Nov 2001

**Isabelle "Toots" CHADD, 86**

Born 26 May 1915, Clarks, NE. Parents: Joseph & Amelia (Dickman) Brohman. 11 Apr 1936: Married Dorlan O. Chadd at North Platte, NE. They lived in Oregon (1 & 1/2 yrs); then moved to farm near Callaway, NE. After husband's death (abt 1988), she moved to Broken Bow, NE where she died Mon. 19 Nov 2001. Visitation: Thurs., Govier Bros. Mortuary, Broken Bow. Service: Fri., United Methodist Church, Broken Bow, NE. Burial in Rose Hill Cemetery at Callaway, NE. Survivors: A daughter, 3 gch., 7 g-gch.; 2 brothers; a daughter-in-law. Predeceased by her husband; 2 sons - Archie & Darrell (infant); a sister Helen Street.

Note: See 1920 Fed. Census Clarksville Twp., Merrick, NE ED156 p15B D192 F199 (w/p.)

Columbus Telegram – Wed. 21 Nov 2001. Grand Island Independent - Fri. 23 Nov 2001

**Hazel H. DITTMER, 99**

Born 1 Jun 1902, Fairfield, IA. Parents: Frank L. & Jennie (Dana) West. Family moved near Clarks, NE. 1921 grad. of Clarks HS. Attended Kearney Normal Training. Teacher. 1 Mar 1923: Married Fritz Dittmer in Central City, NE. They lived in Clarks area, farmed. Moved into town. Fritz died 9 Sep 1978. Mrs. Dittmer died Wed. 21 Nov 2001 at Central City, NE. Service: Mon., Solt Funeral Home, Central City. Burial at Clarks Cemetery. Survivors: A son, a daughter, 7 gch., 22 g-gch., 10 gg-gch.; a sister. Predeceased by her husband and a gch.

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 21 Nov 2001

**Frank L. TAGGE, 65**

Born 16 Apr 1936, Grand Island, NE. Parents: Rudolph & Helen (Cain) Tagge. 1954 grad. of GISH. 1956-59: US Army. 1958: Married at Grand Island, NE. Business owner. He died Mon. 19 Nov 2001 at Central City, NE. Service: Fri., Solt Funeral Home, Central City. Burial in Westlawn Memorial Park Cemetery, Grand Island, NE. Survivors: His wife, 2 sons, a daughter, 3 gch.; 3 brothers. Predeceased by brother Donald Tagge.

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 24 Nov 2001

**Ralph D. "Buzz" WISE, 72**

Born 10 Jul 1929, Central City, NE. Parents: Ralph D. & Gertrude (Whitney) Wise, Sr. 1941: Family moved to Kearney, NE. 1947 grad. of Kearney HS. 1947-49: US Army. 28 Jun 1949: Married at Beaver City, NE. They lived at Kearney where he was a business owner. Mr. Wise died Wed., 21 Nov 2001 at hospital in Kearney. Visitation: Sun/Mon., Horner-Lieske-Horner Mortuary. Service: Mon., Faith United Methodist Church. Burial in Kearney Cemetery. Survivors: His wife, a son, 3 daughters, 5 gch., 4 g-gch.; a brother & 2 sisters. Predeceased by 4 gch.; 3 sisters & an infant brother.

Columbus Telegram – Fri. 30 Nov 2001

**Barbara PHELPS, 85**

Born 14 Nov 1916, Clarks, NE. Parents: Gustave & Catherine (Gorgen) Schultz. 1935 grad. of Clarks HS. 5 Jun 1938: Married Harvey Phelps in Merrick Co., NE. They farmed in Merrick County. Mr. Phelps died 29 Oct 1972. In May 2001: She moved to North Platte, NE to live with daughter. Mrs. Phelps died there Wed., 28 Nov

2001. Service: Sat., Pierce Chapel United Methodist Church near Clarks. Burial at Bureau Cemetery. Arrangements: Palmer Funeral Home, Fullerton, NE. Survivors: A son, a daughter, 6 gch., 9 g-gch.; a brother, a sister, a sister-in-law. Predeceased by her husband; 3 brothers - Leroy, Frank Henry Schultz; 2 sisters - Caroline Craig & Clara Graves.

Grand Island Independent - Fri. 30 Nov 2001

**Donna Mae SPIRES, 71**

Born 29 Oct 1930, Merrick Co., NE. Parents: McKinley E. & Faye (Campbell) Land. 18 Oct 1947: Married Robert Spires Jr. at Central City, NE. Lived at Exeter, NE. Teacher's aide. She died Wed., 28 Nov 2001 at York, NE. Visitation: Fri., Metz Mortuary, York. Service: Sat., First United Methodist Church, York. Burial in Greenwood Cemetery at York. Survivors: Her husband, a son, 4 daughters, 9 gch., 7 g-gch.; a brother; 5 sisters. Predeceased by 2 infant gch.; 3 brothers, 3 sisters.

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Grand Island Independent - Sun. 2 Dec 2001

**Clarice L. LUBY, 71**

Born 18 May 1930, Merrick Co., NE. Parents: Carl & Bertha (Bergholtz) Stoppkotte. 1947: Married Loyal O. Ruhl. They lived in Grand Island area. She died Wed., 28 Nov 2001 at Grand Island. Service: Mon., Kleine Funeral Home. Burial in Cameron Cemetery near Cairo, NE. Survivors: 1 son, 4 daughters, 22 gch., 17 g-gch.; 3 sisters, 3 brothers. Predeceased by her parents; 2 brothers - Virgil & Leonard; a sister - Virginia. Note: Second husband is not identified.

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 6 Dec 2001

**Vera R. BRAND, 72**

Born 25 Apr 1929 Gage Co., NE. Parents: John & Mabel (Van Winkle) Andrews. 30 Jun 1947: Married Charles Brand at Marysville, KS. They lived at Silver Creek, NE. Died Wed. 5 Dec 2001 at hospital in Lincoln, NE. Visitation: Thurs., McKown Funeral Home, Silver Creek, NE. Service: Fri., United Methodist Church, Silver Creek. Burial in the city cemetery. Survivors: 4 sons, 2 daughters, 17 gch., 11 g-gch.; 9 siblings. Predeceased by her husband & her parents.

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 6 Dec 2001

**Betty A. GLAUSE, 71**

Born 18 Dec 1929 Palmer, NE. Parents: Albert G. & Minnie M. (Garrett) Blauhorn. 1947 grad. of CCHS. Worked in Grand Island, NE. 4 Jun 1950: Married John H. Glause at Archer, NE. They lived at Worms, NE; moved to farm near Chapman, NE. She died Wed., 5 Dec 2001 at home. Visitation: Fri., Solt Funeral Home, Central City, NE. Service: Sat., Zion United Methodist Church near Archer. Burial in Archer Evangelical Community Cemetery. Survivors: Her husband, a daughter, 2 sons, 8 gch., 5 g-gch.; 2 sisters & their spouses. Note: See 1930 Fed. Census Loup Twp., Merrick, NE ED61-9 p5a (w/p).

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 8 Dec 2001

**Anna M. DICKMAN, 93**

Born 16 Apr 1908, Merrick Co., NE. Parents: William & Minnie (Hargens) Shipman. 4 Sep 1927: Married Leonard G. Dickman at Works, NE. They farmed near Worms; moved to California. Later moved to Grand Island, NE and then to Chapman, NE. Mr. Dickman died 10 Apr 1979. Mrs. Dickman died Thurs., 6 Dec 2001 at Grand Island. Visitation: Sun., Livingston-Sondermann Funeral Home. Service: Mon., Messiah Lutheran Church, Worms, N. Burial in Westlawn Memorial Park Cemetery, Grand Island, NE. Survivors: 3 daughters, 10 gch., 17 g-gch.; 2 brothers, 2 sisters; Predeceased by her husband, a gch.; 6 brothers - Albert, Peter, Herbert, Harry, Ervin & Alfred; a sister - Alvina.

Note: See 1930 Fed. Census Prairie Creek Twp, Merrick, NE ED61-12 p2a D34 F34.

Los Angeles Times (CA), p B11 - Wed. 12 Dec 2001

**Elaine M. WHEELER, 83**

Born 19 Dec 191, Central City, Merrick, NE. Died 6 Dec 2001, Westlake Village, CA

Husband: Howard L. Wheeler (dec. 16 Jul 2000), married c1940.

Worked as exec. secretary; lived in Sherman Oaks, CA until about 1975. Gourmet cook, enjoyed knitting.

Survived by 2 sons, 2 grandsons, 2 nieces & 1 nephew.

Service: 15 Dec 2001 at Pierce Brothers Valley Oaks chapel, Westlake Village.

Note: Maiden name not given; parents not named.

Columbus Telegram obit – Sat. 15 Dec 2001

**Lorene I. JOHNSON, 70**

Born 26 May 1931, Oswatomie, KS. Parents: William Ottis & Edna Mae (Arnold) Hill. Her mother died when she was 7 years old; she was adopted by Herman & Elsie Peters of Harrington, NE. Telephone operator. 1953: Transferred to Grand Island, NE. 19 Sep 1954: Married Richard L. Johnson at Central City, NE. They lived north of Clarks, NE. She died Thurs., 13 Dec 2001 at hospital in Lincoln, NE. Service: Mon., United Methodist Church, Clarks. Burial: Pierce Chapel Cemetery near Clarks. Survivors: Her husband, a son, 2 daughters, 7 gch.; a sister. Predeceased by son Glen "Charlie" Johnson; 2 brothers - Fred Scheele & Bill Hill.

Grand Island Independent - Sun. 16 Dec 2001

**Gladys M. GLANTZ, 88**

Born 22 Jul 1913, Central City, NE. Parents: Everett & Lucy (Stephens) Myers. Grad. of CCHS. Attended NE Central College. Teacher. Birth Right Quaker. 8 Apr 1932: Married Leonard Glantz at Lincoln, NE. They lived in Central City, NE (farm implement dealership). Leonard died 3 Sep 1972. 1991: Gladys moved to Grand Island, NE; and in 1998 to California. She died Thurs., 13 Dec 2001 at Costa Mesa, CA. Service: Wed., Central City Cemetery. Arrangements: Solt Funeral Home. Survivors: 2 daughters, 2 sons, 8 gch., 9 g-gch.; a sister. Predeceased by her husband; 2 brothers - Dean & William Myers; 2 sisters - Margaret Blum & Esther Newsome. Memorials to The Friends Meeting House or American Legion.

Note: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I p293 (w/p); 1920 Fed. Census Lone Tree Twp, Merrick, NE ED157 p9B D192 F202 (w/p); 1930 Fed. Census Lone Tree Twp, Merrick, NE ED61-7 p11b D242 F245 (w/p).

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 20 Dec 2001

**Leo G. HAITH, 81**

Born 2 Mar 1920, Auburn, NE. Parents: Geroge T. & Della Mae (Miller) Haith. 1939 grad. of Auburn HS. 20 Jan 1939: Married at Auburn, NE. WW II: US Navy. 1946: Moved to Central City, NE. Business owner. Nov 1962: Married Norma Lee Gillan. She died 10 Jan 1997. 23 Oct 1997: Leo married a third time. Mr. Haith died Tues., 18 Dec 2001 at hospital in Grand Island, NE. Visitation: Fri., Solt Funeral Home, Central City. Service: Sat., United Methodist Church, Central City. Burial in the city cemetery. Survivors: His third wife; nine children, step-children, ... 11 gch., 13 step-gch. ...; a brother & 2 sisters. Predeceased by his 2nd wife Norma; 2 gch.; 2 sisters.

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 27 Dec 2001

**Hulda M. PENNINGTON, 91**

Born 5 Jan 1910, Chapman, NE. Parents John Siemers & (Louise) Mueller. 1931: Married Ralph Blevins who died in 1944. She moved to Grand Island & worked as telephone operator. Married Stan Pennington. They lived at Grand Island & Ainsworth, NE. Went to Salt Lake City, UT for 9 years, then returned to Ainsworth, NE. Mrs. Pennington died Tues. 25 Dec 2002 at Lincoln, NE. Service: Tues. at Butherus, Maser & Love Funeral Home, Lincoln, NE. Burial: Westlawn Cemetery, Grand Island, NE. Survivors: A son, 2 step-sons, her brother. Predeceased by her second husband 7 Sep 1990 (at Lincoln, NE), 2 brothers - Louis & Harry, a sister Anne. Note: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I pp 364-5. First husband is buried at Chapman Cemetery.

Grand Island Independent - Fri. 28 Dec 2001

**Ervin W. BLAUHORN, 88**

Born 11 Aug 1913, on farm SE of Palmer, NE. Parents: William C. Blauhorn & Anna M. Otto. WW II: US Army (Europe). 22 Jun 1947: Married Bonnie M. Scharvin near Archer, NE. (Double wedding - his sister Dorothy

married Bonnie's brother). Farmed near Archer until Jan 2001. Died Wed. 26 Dec 2001 at Central City, NE. Visitation: Fri. at Wagner Funeral Home, Central City. Service: Sat. at Archer Zion United Methodist Church. Burial: Central City Cemetery. Survivors: A son; 4 sisters, a sister-in-law. Predeceased by his wife, brother Elmer, 2 infant sisters.

Note: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I page 348 and Merrick Co. NE Marriage Records Book F p220 #2509

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 29 Dec 2001; Columbus Telegram – Mon. 31 Dec 2001

**Betty Jane FINLEY, 81**

Born 25 Oct 1920, St. Edward, NE. Parents: E.W. "Jerry" & Olga (Dietz) Verhaege. 1939 grad. of St. Edward HS. She moved to California (worked in the Bay area). 13 Jan 1943: Married George F. Finley at St. Edward, NE. "They lived in many communities including Willow Island, Richland, Gothenburg, Genoa, Albion and in 1975 they moved to Clarks." Mrs. Finley died Fri., 28 Dec 2001 at hospital in Central City, NE. Service: Today, Solt Funeral Home, Central City. Burial: Clarks Cemetery. Survivors: Her husband; 6 sons, 2 daughters, 16 gch., 7 g-gch.; 2 sisters. Predeceased by her brother Deane Verhaege.

Notes: Son Richard "Jim" Finley died 1 Jul 2005 in Iowa. Sister Leone Tyler died 26 Apr 2008 in Portland, OR.

## Obits - 2002

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 3 Jan 2002

**Ruth C. NEUBERT, 83**

Born 30 Oct 1918, Merrick Co., NE. Parents: Charles (Karl) & Anna (Horstman) Luebbe. 6 Oct 1932: Married Leo Neubert at Scottsbluff, NE. They lived in Grand Island, NE. Later had a cafe in Chapman, NE. Leo died 25 Aug 1977. Mrs. Neubert died Tues. 1 Jan 2002 at Grand Island, NE. Service: Sat., Apfel-Butler-Geddes Funeral Home, Grand Island. Burial at the city cemetery. Survivors: A daughter, a son, 6 gch., 5 g-gch.; 2 sisters. Predeceased by her husband; 2 brothers - Fred & Art; 2 sisters - Edna & Evelyn.

Notes: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I pp277 (F&A Luebbe), 410 (Witt-Luebbe); 1920 Fed. Census NE ED226 p7B D129 F129: Prairie Creek Twp, Merrick, NE (w/p); 1930 Fed. Census NE ED61-12 p1a D13 F13: Prairie Creek Twp, Merrick, NE (w/p).

Grand Island Independent - Fri. 4 Jan 2002

**Nicole Anne "Niki" MESNER, 20**

Born 23 Nov 1981, Grand Island, NE. Parents: Michael & Donna Mesner. Grad. of CCHS. Died Wed. 2 Jan 2002 at University Hospital, Omaha, NE (cancer). Service: Sat., Solt Funeral Home, Central City, NE. Burial at city cemetery. Survivors: Her mother; her father & stepmother; 2 sisters; step-siblings; some grandparents & step-grandparents. Predeceased by grandfather Warren Mesner; step-grandfather Randall King.

Grand Island Independent = Tues. 8 Jan 2002

**June BESSEY, 97**

Born 10 Jun 1904, Central City, NE. Parents: Joseph R. & Nellie A. (Bollinger) Comstock. 11 Jun 1933: Married Orville Bessey. Bookkeeper. Methodist. Orville died 3 Dec 1970. June moved to Oregon in September to be near relatives. Mrs. Bessey died Thurs. 3 Jan 2002 in Salem, OR. Visitation: Fri., Solt Funeral Home, Central City, NE. Service: Sat. at Central City Cemetery. Survivors: 2 nieces & 2 nephews. Predeceased by her husband; 2 brothers - Karl "Pete" & Lucius "Bud" Comstock; 2 sisters, Lucille Harry & Eleda J. Gagle.

Note: See 1900 Fed. Census NE ED135 p9b D168 F168: Lone Tree Twp, Merrick, NE (w/p); 1930 Fed. Census NE ED61-7 p10a D223 F226: Lone Tree Twp, Merrick, NE (w/mother).

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 10 Jan 2002

**Kim R. Christensen BEIRIGER, 42**

Born 12 Feb 1959, Central City, NE. Parents: Dean & Mona Christensen. 1977 grad. of CCHS. Grad. of cosmetology school in Omaha, NE. Worked in Grand Island, NE; Vail & Fort Collins, CO. 1985: Married Greg Beiriger at Grand Island, NE. They lived at Hastings, NE. She moved to Inland, NE. She died Sun., 6 Jan 2002 in auto accident, Hamilton Co., NE. Service: Thurs., Fairview Methodist Church near Central City, NE. Burial: Burke Cemetery near Central City. Survivors: Her parents, a grandmother; 2 step-daughters, 3 step-gch.; 2 brothers; a step-brother; a foster brother; 2 sisters; a step-sister. Predeceased by 3 grandparents.

Columbus Telegram & Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 10 Jan 2002

**Leo James CHOHON, 98**

Born 7 Feb 1903, Columbus, NE. Parents: John Chohon & Mary Jaworski. 21 Jan 1930: Married Mary Zegar at Krakow, NE. 1935: Moved to farm at Silver Creek, NE. Died Tues. 8 Jan 2002 at Genoa, NE. Service: Fri. at St. Lawrence Catholic Church, Silver Creek, NE. Burial: parish cemetery. Arrangements: McKown Funeral Home. Survivors: his wife, 2 sons, 11 gch., 23 g-gch., 2 gg-gch.; a sister, two brothers. Predeceased by his parents; daughter Elaine Tond; 3 brothers - Elmer, Ed and Steve Chohon; a sister, Barbara Heckman. Memorials to the church.  
Note: His wife died 20 Nov. 2002

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 10 Jan 2002

**Marion WINCHELL, 78**

Born 10 Jan 1923, Archer, NE. Parents: Harry & Frieda (Eckert) Winchell. 1942 grad. of Palmer HS. WW II: US Army infantry (France). Trucker, farmer around St. Paul, NE. His mother died in 1977. He moved to Parnell, MO following father's death in 1979. Marion died Mon. 7 Jan 2002 at Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Grand Island, NE. Survivor: A sister living in Simi Valley, CA.

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 16 Jan 2002

**Bernice LOCK, 86**

Born 4 Apr 1915, Chapman, NE. Parents: George & Amanda (Paustian) Ehlers. 1 Apr 1950: Married Edwin J. Lock at Hastings, NE. They farmed south of Central City, NE. Edwin died in 1988. Bernice later moved to Merrick Manor. She died Tues., 15 Jan 2002 at Central City. Service: Fri. Wagner Funeral Home. Burial at the city cemetery. Memorials: Merrick Foundation. Predeceased by her husband; 3 sisters - Alma, Laura & Edna; 5 brothers - Willie, Hugo, Ralph, Earl & Floyd.  
Note: See 1920 Fed. Census NE ED155 p7B D84 F85: Chapman Twp, Merrick, NE (w/p); 1930 Fed. Census NE ED61-4 p4a D79 F80: Chapman Twp, Merrick, NE (w/p).

Columbus Telegram & Grand Island Independent - Sun. 20 Jan 2002

**Dorothy E. DUSH, 90**

Born 18 Nov 1911, Osceola, NE. Parents: George Sutko & Ann Gembica. Grad. of Kramer HS, Columbus, NE. 19 Oct 1938: Married Andrew Dush at Silver Creek, NE. 1943: They moved to farm near Clarks, NE. Died Fri. 18 Jan 2002, Central City, NE. Service: Mon., St. Lawrence Catholic Church, Silver Creek, NE. Burial at parish cemetery. Arrangements: McKown Funeral Home, Columbus. Survivors: 2 sons, 2 daughters, 25 gch, 38 g-gch.; a sister. Predeceased by her husband (15 Mar 1995), her parents; 2 sisters, Alice Kolanski & Laura Sutko; 2 brothers: Adolph & Louis Sutko.  
Note: See 930 Fed. Census NE ED61-6 p3a D46 F46: Clarksville Twp, Merrick, NE (w/p).

Grand Island Independent - Sun. 20 Jan 2002

**David L. FRAZIER, 57**

Born 24 Aug 1944, Grand Island, NE. Parents: Donald & Wauneta (Bonness) Frazier. Educated at Archer and Cozad; special education school in Grand Island, NE. Lived in Grand Island & Omaha, NE. Died Fri. 18 Jan 2002 at Omaha. Service: Tues. Apfel-Butler-Geddes Funeral Home Chapel, Archer, NE. Burial: Zion United Methodist Cemetery near Archer. Survived by many cousins. Predeceased by his parents & grandparents.

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 22 Jan 2002

**Victoria KUSEK, 95**

Born 25 Jun 1906, Silver Creek, NE. Parents: John & Stella (Dubas) Swertzic. 9 May 1933: Married Sylvester G. Kusek at Krakow, NE. They lived on farm near Loup City, NE; moved into town. Her husband died 6 May 1984. She moved to Ravenna, NE. Victoria died Sun., 20 Jan 2002 at Ravenna, NE. Service: Thurs., St. Josaphat's Catholic Church, Loup City, NE. Burial at Evergreen Cemetery. Survivors: 2 daughters. 10 gch., 26 g-gch; a brother & 2 sisters. Predeceased by her husband; 2 gch.; 5 brothers - Dominic, Adolph, Charles, John & Ben Swertzic; an infant sister Barbara.

Note: See 1920 Fed. Census NE ED162 p11B D10 F10: Silver Creek Twp, Merrick, NE (w/p; 1930 Fed. Census NE ED63-5 p3a D46 F46: East Newman Twp, Nance, NE (w/p)

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 22 Jan 2002

**Nellie M. SCHROEDER, 83**

Born 18 Jun 1918, Central City, NE. Parents: Frank & Anna (Franssen) Weeks. 12 Jan 1948: Married Harold C. Schroeder at Central City. Harold died 13 May 1974. Nellie died Sun. 20 Jan 2002 at Central City. Service: Wed., Solt Funeral Home. Burial at the city cemetery. Survivors: 2 step-sons & a step-daughter; a sister. Predeceased by her husband; 4 brothers - William, Harold & Howard Weeks, Leo Maaik; a sister Frances Weeks. Memorials to Long Term Care, Central City, NE.

Note: See 1920 Fed. Census NE ED158 p12A D87 F88: Central City Ward 2, Merrick, NE (w/p); 1930 Fed. Census NE ED61-7 p3b D70 F72: Lone Tree Twp, Merrick, NE (w/p).

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 22 Jan 2002

**Bernice M. STEELE 94**

Born 27 Oct 1907, Clay Co., NE. Parents: Adam & Dorothea (Wahl) Burbach. 1925 grad. of Sutton HS. 1 Feb 1938: Married Francis Steele at Los Angeles, CA. 1979: They retired to Yucaipa, CA. Francis died 22 Jun 1991. 1994: She moved to Bader Villa, Central City, NE. Bernice died Mon. 21 Jan 2002 at Central City, NE. Service: Wed., Wagner Funeral Home, Central City. Burial at later date. Survivors: 2 daughters & their husbands; 3 gch. Predeceased by her husband; 2 brothers - Rueben & Paul Burbach.

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 22 Jan 2002

**Forrest Lee WAGNER, 79**

Born 22 Nov 1922, Beatrice, NE. Parents: John Howard & Esther (Wolken) Wagner. Grad. of Central City HS. Bachelor's degree from NE Central College. WW II: US Army. Degree in business administration from UN. Credit mgr., salesman for Baker Manufacturing. Methodist. Died 19 Jan 2002 at Veterans Hospital in Phoenix, AZ. Service: 30 Jan 2002, Griffiths-Hovendick Chapel Inc., Beatrice, NE. Burial at Evergreen Cemetery, Beatrice. Survivors: A sister & a brother.

Note: Author of family article - see History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I p395

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 23 Jan 2002

**Esther M. RASMUSSEN, 73**

Born 24 Aug 1928 near St. Paul, NE. Parents: Robert & Esther Birt. Her mother died & she was raised at Palmer, NE by Jesse & Etha Wimp. 1947 grad. of Palmer HS. Worked for the telephone company at Palmer. 7 Oct 1949: Married Glenn Rasmussen at Grand Island, NE. They farmed near St. Paul, NE. She died Mon., 21 Jan 2002 at home. Visitation: Thurs., Jacobsen-Greenway Funeral Home, St. Paul. Service: Fri., First Presbyterian Church, St. Paul. Burial: South Logan Cemetery north of St. Paul. Survivors: Her husband, 3 sons, 3 daughters, 10 gch., 10 g-gch. Predeceased by her parents & her foster parents; brother LeRoy & an infant sister. Memorials to the church or St. Paul EMT Unit.

Note: See 1930 Fed. Census NE ED61-8 p4b D71 F71: Palmer Village, Merrick, NE (father).

Columbus Telegram - Wed. 23 Jan 2002; Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 24 Jan 2002

**Jaqueline M. "Jackie" SCHMID, 68**

Born 30 Aug 1933, Clarks, NE. Parents: Clyde & Mildred (Britten) Mustard. 1951 grad. of Clarks HS. 1954 grad. of St. Catherine's School of Nursing, Omaha, NE. 13 Apr 1955: Married Paul Schmid at Clarks. Worked



in hospitals, and as traveling school nurse. Resident of Monroe, NE. Died Tues., 22 Jan 2002 at hospital in Columbus, NE. Visitation: Thurs., Gass-Haney Funeral Home, Columbus. Service: Fri., Monroe United Methodist Church. Burial: Roselawn Memorial Cemetery, Columbus. Survivors: Her husband, 2 daughters, 2 sons. 4 gch., 1 g-gch.; a brother & a sister; a brother-in-law, 3 sisters-in-law. Predeceased by her parents; 3 brothers - Donald, Neil & Clyde Mustard Jr.; a sister, Wilma (Mustard) Campian; one brother-in-law, Albert Rice; her in-laws, George N. & Delora Schmid.

Note: Number of deceased brothers changed from one to three in obits.

Grand Island Independent - Fri. 25 Jan 2002

**Harriet R. PIEPER, 86**

Born 11 Aug 1915, Loup City, NE. Parents: Harry A. & Reina C. (True) Wagner. Family lived in Arcadia, Grand Island, Minden & Central City, NE. 1932 grad. of CCHS. 1933: Married Herman C. Pieper. They lived in Grand Island, Omaha, Central City, Elwood & Hodrege, NE. Owned a grocery store in Harvard, NE for more that 20 years. Returned to Central City in mid-1980's. Herman died 21 Aug 1997. Harriet moved to Grand Island in 2001. She died there Thurs., 24 Jan 2002. Visitation: Sun., Solt Funeral Home. Service: Mon., United Congregational Church. Burial at the city cemetery. Survivors: A daughter & her husband; 7 gch., 5 g-gch. Predeceased by her husband; 2 sisters - Patsy White & Alberta Wagner; 3 gch.

Columbus Telegram - Mon. 28 Jan 2002

**Rita M. BELLER, 59**

Born 4 Oct 1942, Central City, NE. Parents: Charles & Cecilia (Sliva) Vetick. Attended Fullerton HS. 11 May 1963: Married Larry S. Beller at Fullerton, NE. They lived on farm near Lindsay, NE. Rita died Fri., 25 Jan 2002 Albuquerque, NM as result of auto accident. Service: Thurs., Holy Family Catholic Church, Lindsay. Burial, church cemetery. Survivors: 6 sons, 15 gch.; a brother/ Predeceased by her husband: her parents; her grandparents; 2 brothers - Leonard & Clifford Vetick.

NOTE: Her husband also died in the accident. His obit was published separately, on same date in Columbus Telegram. A joint obituary appeared 30 Jan 2002 in Grand Island Independent. Killed in same accident were Ed & Alice Ramaekers.

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 29 Jan 2002

**Kenneth Wendall HOLMES, 93**

Born 31 Dec 1908, Grant, NE. Parents: Anson K. & Eva (Laub) Holmes. Attended school at Grant, NE; Aiken MN; Taylor, Sumner & Kearney, NE. 1928 grad. of Kearney Teachers College Normal Training. Went to St. Louis & studied to be a pilot. Barnstormed in KS, NE & IA. Then became a flight instructor. 31 Dec 1939: Married at Stockton, KS. After WW II, worked for United Airlines in Cheyenne, WY. Family then moved to farm at Odessa for 7 years. 1953: Moved to Kearney, NE. 1959: Moved to farm homesteaded by his grandparents near Chapman, NE. 1997: Moved to Central City, NE. He died Mon., 28 Jan 2002 at Central City, NE. Service: Wed., Solt Funeral Home. Burial: Chapman Cemetery. Survivor: His wife. Predeceased by his daughter, Patricia "Pat" Killham; his sister, Hazel Swanson.

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 29 Jan 2002

**Gladys F. LAMPHEAR, 86**

Born 14 Apr 1915, Merrick Co., NE. Parents: Henry & Laura (Beborniss) Vogt. Educated in Merrick & Hamilton Counties. 12 Mar 1937: Married Floyd Lamphear at Rawlins, WY. They lived there until the middle of WW II. Moved to Alda, NE. She was postal clerk. Gladys died Fri., 25 Jan 2002 at Wood River, NE. Service: Tues., Apfel-Butler-Geddes Funeral Home, Grand Island, NE. Burial at Westlawn Memorial Park Cemetery, Grand Island. Memorials: Alda United Methodist Church. Survivors: A daughter & her husband. Predeceased by her husband; 2 brothers & 2 sisters.

Note: See 20 Nov 2005, Grand Island Independent for obit of her brother George.

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 12 Feb 2002

**Margaret Louise "Peg" CREECH, 78**

Born 15 Aug 1923, Osceola, NE. Parents: Samuel & Marie (Gustafson) Nielsen. 1941 grad. of Marquette HS. 27 Jul 1945: Married Wayne R. Creech at Marysville, KS. Husband's military career meant many moves. 1985: Settled at Chapman, NE. Peg died Mon. 11 Feb 2002 at hospital in Grand Island, NE. Service at later date. Arrangements: Solt Funeral Home, Central City NE. Survivors: Her husband; 2 brothers, 3 sisters. Predeceased by 2 brothers, a sister; an infant daughter (died 1947).

Note: Similar obit was published 11 Mar 2002 in GI Independent. States husband was in USAF 20 years. Identifies deceased daughter as Kathleen I. Creech; deceased siblings as Samuel Nielsen Jr., William G. Nielsen (infant), Alice Andresen.

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 12 Feb 2002

**Russell "Jim" Jacobi, 75**

Born 27 Apr 1926, Nance Co., NE. Parents: Albert G. & Hazel L. (White) Jacobi. Attended school in Nance & Merrick Counties, NE. Farmer. 1945: Joined Merchant Marines. 1950-52: US Army. 23 Nov 1953: Married at Salt Lake City, UT. They farmed near Clarks. Moved to Omaha where he went to barber school. Returned to Clarks, NE. Became a hog buyer. Member of LDS. He died Fri., 8 Feb 2002 at hospital in Corpus Christi, TX. Service: Thurs., Solt Funeral Home, Central City, NE. Burial at Clarks Cemetery. Survivors: His wife, a daughter, a son, 2 gch.; a sister & a brother. Predeceased by sister, Jeanette Salyers; 3 brothers - Raymond, Marvin, & Merle Jacobi

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**Raymond L. PACZOSA, 78**

Born 17 Oct 1923, Duncan, NE. Parents: Louis & Kathryn (Tragarz) Paczosa. 1941 grad. of Duncan HS. WW II: US Army 36th Combat Engineers (Africa & Europe). 1 Jun 1949: Married at Silver Creek, NE. They farmed in the Silver Creek area. He died Sun. 10 Feb 2002 at Silver Creek. Service: Thurs. St. Lawrence Catholic Church. Burial at the church cemetery. Arrangements: McKown Funeral Home. Survivors: His wife; 2 sons, 6 daughters, 16 gch., 12 g-gch.; 2 sister & 2 brothers. Predeceased by his parents; 2 brothers - Frank & Joseph Paczosa; 2 sisters - Estelle Peters & Sophie Steele.

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 13 Feb 2002

**Mina Christa SACHO, 90**

Born 25 Jan 1912, Prairie Creek, NE (Merrick Co.?) Parents: Ernst & Anna (Bruns) Kamper. Member of Unity Church in Bremerton, WA. Died there Mon. 11 Feb 2002. Service: Thurs., Lewis Funeral Chapel, Bremerton, WA. Memorials: American Heart Assoc., Seattle, WA. Survivors: A son, 2 daughters, 10 gch., 16 g-gch. Predeceased by one son, William Mick; 3 husbands - Roy Mick, Albert Case and Leon Sacho. Note: See 1920 Fed. Census NE ED159 p11A D94 F97: Loup Twp, Merrick, NE (w/p).

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 14 Feb 2002

**Dorothy M. EOFF, 89**

Born 31 Aug 1912, Hamilton Co., NE. Parents: Otis King & Lily Ellis. 1929 grad. of Hastings HS. 16 Jun 1941: Married E. J. "Jamie" Eoff at Gering, NE. Secretary for law firm. They lived in Central City until 1998, when moved to Papillion, NE. Died Wed., 13 Feb 2002 at Papillion, NE. Service: Sat., Wagner Funeral Home, Central City. Burial: Central City Cemetery. Survivors: 2 daughters, 2 sons, 6 gch., 4 g-gch. Predeceased by a grandson, 2 brothers - Roy & Harold King, a sister - Helen Sanderson.

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 14 Feb 2002

**Clover JONES, 81**

Born 1 Apr 1920, Marquette, NE. Parents: J. Glenn & Margaret (Wilson) Fowler. Grad. of Marquette HE. 18 Feb 1939: Married Wilbur "Bill" Jones at Marquette. They farmed near Hordville, NE. Teacher. 1954: Moved to Central City, NE. Mrs. Jones died Wed. 13 Feb 2002 at Central City. Visitation: Fri., Wagner Funeral Home, Central City. Service: Sat., First Baptist Church, Hordville, NE. Burial: Lindale Cemetery. Survivors: One daughter, 2 sons, 7 gch., 6 g-gch., 2 step-g-gch.; a brother. Predeceased by her husband; 2 brothers - Melvin

& Milburn "Gene" Fowler.

Grand Island Independent - Fri. 15 Feb 2002

John L. "Jack" KAMPER, 74

Born 20 Dec 1927, Palmer, NE. Parents: John A. & Matilda "Millie" (Kunze) Kamper. Graduated from HS in Grand Island, NE. 1946-47: US Navy. Machinist, land surveyor. 1950: Married at Hastings, NE. 1966: Moved from Wahoo, NE to Highland, IL. He died there Wed., 13 Feb 2002. Service: Mon., St. Paul Catholic Church in Highland. Burial: St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery, Highland, IL. Survivors: His wife, a son, 3 daughters, 7 gch., 2 g-gch. Predeceased by a son David John Kamper; a brother William Kamper; a gch. Memorials to Friends Van at St. Joseph, St. Joseph Home Health or the Kristi Ann Seger Memorial Scholarship.

Grand Island Independent - Sun. 17 Feb 2002

Evelyn A. PEETZ, 64

Born 22 Mar 1937, Palmer, NE. Parents: Arthur & Elsie (Zlomke) Burkhardt. 1955: Grad of Palmer HS. 9 Dec 1961: Married Arlen Peetz at Wolbach, NE. They lived in Palmer. Mr. Peetz died 16 May 1978. Mrs. Peetz operated a cafe. She died Thurs. 14 Feb 2002, Palmer, NE. Visitation: Mon. Palmer Funeral Home, Palmer, NE. Service: Tues., St. John's Lutheran Church, Palmer. Burial: Rose Hill Cemetery, Palmer, NE. Survivors: A son, 3 daughters, 5 gch.; 4 brothers & 3 sisters. Predeceased by her husband; her parents; a brother Dale.

Grand Island Independent - Sun. 24 Feb 2002

**Gerald Edward MATTSON, 89**

Born 8 Jul 1912, Merrick Co., NE. Parents: Edward & Anna C. (Nelson) Mattson. Grad. of CCHS. 8 Jun 1941: Married Eleanor Mae Bonness at Archer Zion Evangelical United Brethren Church. They lived on his family's homestead. Gerald died Sat., 23 Feb 2002 at hospital in Kearney, NE. Service: Tues., Solt Funeral Home, Central City, NE. Burial at the city cemetery. Memorials: Jehovah's Witnesses. Survivors: 3 daughters, 11 gch., 4 g-gch.; a brother in NY City. Predeceased by 2 brothers, Harry & Joseph Mattson.

Note: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I p285 (w/p); Who's Who in Nebraska Merrick p817 (w/p); 1930 Fed. Census Lone Tree Twp, Merrick, NE ED61-7 p1b D19 F21 (w/p).

Grand Island Independent - Sun. 24 Feb 2002; Columbus Telegram - Mon. 25 Feb 2002

Charlotte Eliza COLBERT, 94

Born 13 Sep 1907, Pierce Chapel neighborhood, near Clarks, NE. Parents: Arthur F. & Jennie A. (Campaign) Pierce. 1925 grad. of Clarks HS. 2 Jun 1939: Married Earl Howard Colbert, Greeley, CO. They lived in Clarks. Earl died 21 Feb 1963. Charlotte died Fri., 22 Feb 2002 at Central City, NE. Graveside service: Tues., Clarks Cemetery. Survivors: 2 sons, one daughter, 8 gch., 11 g-gch 4 gg-gch. Predeceased by her husband; 5 brothers - Leonard, Edwin, Donald, Raymond & Fred Pierce; 2 sisters - Goldie & an infant.

Grand Island Independent - Mon. 25 Feb 2002

Jean A. QUANDT, 68

Born 13 Jan 1934, Archer, NE. Parents: Henry & Helen (Wegner) Barnholdt. Attended school at Archer, NE; Cheyenne, WY; Brigham City, UT; Lincoln & Central City, NE. 1952 grad. of Palmer HS. She worked from Skagway & at greenhouses. 7 Dec 1952: Married Ralph C. Quandt at Palmer, NE. She died Fri., 22 Feb 2002, rural Grand Island, NE. Visitation: Mon., Livingston-Sondermann Funeral Home. Service: Tues., Third City Christian Church, Grand Island. Burial: Wiegert Cemetery NE of Grand Island. Survivors: Her husband, a son, 2 daughters, a son-in-law; 7 gch., 4 step-gch.; a g-gch.; 7 step-g-gch.; 2 sisters. Predeceased by daughter Nancy J. Hupp.

Columbus Telegram - Tues. 26 Feb 2002; Grand Island Independent - Wed. 27 Feb 2002

Gary FERRIS, 57

Born 11 Jun 1944, Littleton, CO. Parents: Bernie & Lillian (Nightingale) Ferris. 1962 grad. of Central HS, Pueblo, CO. Worked in CA & WY. 1966-69: US Army (Germany & Vietnam). 5 Sep 1970: Married at Krakow (Nance Co.), NE. Banker, insurance man in Silver Creek, NE. He died Fri. 22 Feb 2002, Grand Island, NE. Visitation: Wed., McKown Funeral Home, Columbus NE. Service: Thurs., St. Lawrence Church, Silver Creek.

Burial at the city cemetery. Survivors: His wife, a daughter, 2 sons, 4 gch.; 2 brothers, 2 sisters. Predeceased by his parents; & a brother Ron Ferris.

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 28 Feb 2002

**Charles F. ECKSTROM, 91**

Born 13 May 1910 near Palmer, NE. Parents: George Eckstrom & Mary Deertz. Married Clara H. Burkhardt at Palmer, NE. They lived on farm near Palmer. Mrs. Eckstrom died 6 Sep 1983. 1995: Charles moved to Merrick Manor in Central City, NE. Died Mon. 25 Feb 2002, Central City, NE. Visitation: Fri., Palmer Funeral Home, Palmer. Service: Sat., First Church of Christ, Palmer, NE. Burial: Rose Hill Cemetery, Palmer. Survivors: A son, a daughter, 13 gch., 15 g-gch.; a brother. Predeceased by his wife, daughter Clarice Addison; 3 brothers - Walter, Irvin & Leonard Eckstrom.

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Columbus Telegram & Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 14 Mar 2002

**Irene M. CHINN-FRIZELL, 84**

Born 9 Oct 1917, Silver Creek, NE. Parents: Carl Thurstenson & Anna Peterson. 1936 grad. of Silver Creek HS. Worked at lumber yards in Silver Creek & Kearney, NE, and then at AFB in Idaho. 12 Mar 1946: Married Leonard Chinn at Idaho Falls. They lived at Idaho Falls; Salt Lake City, UT; and Fort Lewis, WA. She returned to Silver Creek while her husband served in Korea. Leonard died in Korea. Mrs. Chinn worked at a bank in Silver Creek. 31 Dec 1965: She married Floyd Frizell at Silver Creek. She worked at AgroService. Mrs. Frizell died Wed., 13 Mar 2002 at hospital in Columbus, NE. Visitation: Fri., McKown Funeral Home, Silver Creek, NE. Service: Sat., United Methodist Church, Silver Creek. Burial: Silver Creek Cemetery. Survivors: 2 sons; 2 sisters, a brother; 2 step-sons, 7 gch., 3 g-gch. Predeceased by both husbands; her parents, a sister Mildred Cannon. Memorials: United Methodist Church in Silver Creek.

Note: See 1920 Fed. Census Silver Creek Twp, Merrick, NE ED162 p9B D18 F18 (w/p); 1930 Fed. Census Silver Creek Twp, Merrick, NE ED61-15 p3a D57 F57 (w/p). Brother Eugene's obit - 30 Jul 2007: The Oregonian (Portland, OR).

Grand Island Independent - Fri. 15 Mar 2002

**Hildur E. WILLHOFT, 91**

Born 9 Dec 1910, Ockelbo, Sweden. Parents: Lars & Britz (Rubenius) Larson. Grew up in Stromsburg, NE. 2 Oct 1930: Married Arnold J. Willhoft in Clarinda, IA. They farmed at Central City, NE. She worked as nurse's aide & as housekeeper. Hildur died Wed., 13 Mar 2002, Central City, NE. Service: Sat., United Methodist Church, Central City. Burial in the city cemetery. Survivors: A son & his wife, 8 gch., 12 g-gch; a niece raised in her home; a sister. Predeceased by her husband; a gch.; 4 brothers & 5 sisters.

Note: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I p407 (JD Willhoft Children); History of Merrick Co., NE Vol II pp 264 (w/ch: Jerry), 265-6 (w/sp); and Central City Cemetery Directory

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 19 Mar 2002

**Vaughn E. WRIGHT, 73**

Born 8 Dec 1928, Central City, NE. Parents: Edgar M. & Armelia A. (Reed) Wright. 28 Sep 1946: Married at Phillipsburg, KS. Korean War: US Army. Worked in newspaper business; later became a drug/alcohol abuse counselor. 1972: Took job in Marquette, MI. 21 Apr 1974: Married a second time. He died 16 Mar 2002 at Marquette, MI. Service: Thurs., Canale-Tonella Funeral Home. Survivors: a daughter, a son, 5 gch., 1 g-gch.; a brother in CA. Predeceased by sister Juva Satterly.

Note: See 1930 Fed. Census Central City, Lone Tree Twp., Merrick Co. NE ED61-1 p15a H1917 D146 F147 (w/p).

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 20 Mar 2002

**Elinore G. NIENHUESER, 94**

Born 7 Aug 1907 near St. Libory, NE. Parents: Albert & Esther (Miller) Peters. 1927 grad. of Palmer HS. 1930 grad. of York General Hospital nursing program, RN. 26 Oct 1931: Married Ernst F. Nienhueser at Grand

Island, NE. She died Mon., 18 Mar 2002, Aurora, NE. Service: Thurs., Emmanuel Lutheran Church, York, NE. Burial, Greenwood Cemetery, York. Survivors: 2 sons, 2 daughters, 15 gch., 20 g-gch.; a sister in CO. Predeceased by her husband; son LaVern, daughter Lois; 3 brothers & 2 sisters.  
Note: Info about her parents - see Compendium of History Reminiscence & Bio. of NE p603; Merrick Co NE Marriage Records Book D p89 #1443; 1900 Fed. Census NE ED139 p2b D39 F39: Prairie Creek, Merrick, NE.

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 23 Mar 2002

**Charles W. "Bud" Willoughby, 78**

Born 8 Feb 1923, Mason City, NE. Parents: Charles & Inez Willoughby. Cattle rancher. 1969: Married. Died Thurs., 21 Mar 2002 at Lincoln, NE. Service: Sun., Roper & Sons Chapel, Lincoln. Survivors: His wife; 3 sons, 5 gch.; a brother, a sister.

Note: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I p 362 (WB Shoemaker); register for Central City Cemetery.

Grand Island Independent - Fri. 29 Mar 2002

**Etta J. WARD, 76**

Born 1 Jan 1926, Central City, NE. Parents: Lloyd & Winifred (Farnum) Willeman. Grad. of CCHS. Worked for Army Corps of Engr. in Omaha, NE. 19 Sep 1947: Married John "Jack" Ward at Topeka, KS. They lived in Central City until 1953 when moved to Grand Island, NE. Dietary Supervisor at VA Medical Center. Member of Trinity United Methodist Church. Currently a resident of Topeka, KS. Died there Wed., 27 Mar 2002. Service: Fri., Livingston-Sondermann Funeral Home. Burial: Westlawn Memorial Park Cemetery. Survivors: 4 daughters, a son, 11 gch., 13 g-gch.; 2 sisters. Predeceased by her husband; 4 sisters - Vera Daniels, Betty Johnson, Marge Chesark, Maxine Erickson.

Notes: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I p406 (w/p); 1930 Fed. Census Mead Twp., Merrick Co., NE ED61-10 p2b D47 F47 (w/p)

Grand Island Independent - Sun. 31 Mar 2002

**Lola C. BENSON, 87**

Born 5 Mar 1915, Palmer, NE. Parents: Furman "Kit" & Mabel (Gee) Carson. 1937 grad. of Palmer HS. 31 Jul 1939: Married Milton Benson at Baltimore, MD. After WW II they moved to Grand Island, NE. Mrs. Benson died Fri., 29 Mar 2002 at Grand Island, NE. Visitation: Mon., Livingston-Sondermann Funeral Home. Service: Tues., Faith United Methodist Church. Burial at Wolbach Cemetery. Survivors: A daughter, 2 gch., 3 g-gch. Predeceased by her husband in 1983.

Note: See 1920 Fed. Census NE ED166 p5A D86 F88: Cottonwood Twp, Nance, NE (w/p); 1930 Fed. Census NE ED63-3 p3a D43 F44: Cottonwood Twp, Nance, NE(w/p).

Grand Island Independent - Sun. 31 Mar 2002

**Mildred L. WILLMAN, 97**

Born 25 Apr 1904, Abbott, NE. Parents: Fred & Dora (Spiehs) Willman. Attended school in Merrick Co. 1924 grad. of Grand Island SHS. RN from Clarkson Hospital, Omaha, NE. Worked in Grand Island, Lexington & Scottsbluff, NE. Took additional training. Worked in IL, OH and TX. WW II: US Navy. After the war she worked at Stanford Medical Center, Palo Alto, CA. 1973: Moved to Grand Island. Died there Sat., 30 Mar 2002.

Visitation: Mon. Apfel-Butler-Geddes Funeral Home. Service: Tues., St. Pauls Lutheran Church. Burial at the city cemetery. Survivor: A brother. Predeceased by 2 sisters - Ann Kuhlman & Lillian Willman; 3 brothers - Charles, Walter & Herman Willman.

Notes: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I p408. Census with parents - 1920 Fed. Census NE ED163 p3B D60 F60: Vieregg Twp, Merrick, NE; & 1930 Fed. Census NE ED61-16 p3A D51 F51: Vieregg Twp, Merrick, NE

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Grand Island Independent - Wed. 3 Apr 2002

**Linda RINKER, 63**

Born 14 Mar 1939, Central City, NE. Parents: Percy & Marjorie Foulk. 1957 grad. of Archer HS. Nov 1957: Married Ross Rinker. Resident of Fort Collins, CO where she died Sat. 30 Mar 2002. Service: Thurs., Bohlender Funeral Chapel, Fort Collins. Burial in Grandview Cemetery, Fort Collins. Survivors: 2 son, a daughter, 4 gch.; 5 sisters, 5 brothers. Predeceased by her parents; brother Dennis and sister Darlene.

12 Apr 2002: Grand Island Independent obit - Fri. 12 Apr 2002

**Monte D. KYES, 36**

Born 13 Jan 1966 Central City, NE. Parents: Marvin & Mary Kyes. Lived on farm 11 miles NW of town. 1984 grad. 1989 grad. of UNL. Employee of NE Social Services. Died Tues., 9 Apr 2002 at Ord, NE. Service: Sat., Fairview United Methodist Church near Central City, NE. Burial at Central City Cemetery. Survivors: His parents, 3 brothers, a sister-in-law; 2 grandmothers. Predeceased by grandfathers - Dean Kyes & Clyde Wells.

Grand Island Independent - Sun. 14 Apr 2002

**Clarence H. PETZOLDT, 76**

Born 23 May 1925, Merrick Co., NE. Parents: Henry J. & Ella (Mettenbrink) Petzoldt. Attended school in Merrick & Hall Counties. Milk transporter. 16 Jan 1949: Married at Grand Island, NE. Resident of Grand Island, NE. Died Thurs., 11 Apr 2002 at home. Visitation: Mon., Kleine Funeral Home. Service: Tues., Messiah Lutheran Church. Survivors: His wife, 2 sons, a daughter-in-law, a gch.; 2 brothers. Predeceased by an infant brother.

Grand Island Independent - Mon. 15 Apr 2002

**Elizabeth Mae "Betty" CONN, 56**

Born 26 Aug 1945, Libertyville, IL. 1963 grad. of CCHS. Attended Kearney Nursing School - LPN. 16 May 1981: Married Larry Joe Conn at Aurora, NE. Mr. Conn died 6 Jul 2001. Mrs. Conn died Fri., 12 Apr 2002 at hospital in Omaha, NE. Visitation: Mon., Higby-McQuiston Mortuary, Aurora, NE. Service: Tues., Assembly of God Church. Burial: Aurora Cemetery. Survivors: Her parents, 5 brothers & a sister. Predeceased by her husband; her grandparents - Frank & Florence Stone, Lewis Earl & Emma Ritta.

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 17 Apr 2002

**Berniece M. BRANDES, 87**

Born 21 Mar 1915, Merrick Co., NE. Parents: Albert & Martha (Wegner) Suck. 17 Sep 1939: Married Harold M. Brandes at EUB Archer Zion Church near Archer, NE. She worked in a store in Central City. Later, they moved to a farm north of town. She died Tues., 16 Apr 2002 at Central City, NE. Visitation: Thurs., Wagner Funeral Home. Service: Fri., Fairview United Methodist Church near Central City, NE. Burial at the city cemetery. Survivors: Her husband, a daughter, 3 gch.; a brother & his wife. Predeceased by daughter, Connie Greenwood; 3 sisters - Esther Goerl, Mildred Rawlings, Dorothy Conway & Elberta Chestnut.

Columbus Telegram & Grand Island Independent - Wed. 17 Apr 2002

**Lisa Zywiec HANSEN, 38**

Born 27 Jan 1964, Fullerton, NE. Parents: Dominic "Dick" Zywiec & Mariann Landers. 1982 grad. of Central City HS. 1986: Married Joseph Hansen at Central City, NE. Beautician, instructor, business owner. Died Tues. 16 Apr 2002, Central City, NE. Visitation Thurs., Solt Funeral Home Chapel. Service: Fri. at St. Michael's Catholic Church. Burial: Central City Cemetery. Survivors: A son, her parents, her fiancé; 2 brothers, a sister, a step-daughter.

Grand Island Independent - Mon. 22 Apr 2002; Columbus Telegram - Tues. 23 Apr 2002

**Donald C. JONES, 47**

Born 19 Apr 1855, Fullerton NE. Parents: Clarence & Dolores Jones. Family lived on farm near Silver Creek, NE. 1973 grad. of Silver Creek HS. 31 May 1975: Married at Silver Creek, NE. Farmer, employee of Becton-Dickinson. He died Sun., 21 Apr 2002 at Grand Island, NE. Visitation: Today, McKown Funeral Home, Silver Creek. Service: Wed., United Methodist Church, Silver Creek. Burial: Roselawn Cemetery, Columbus, NE. Survivors: His mother, a son, 2 daughters, 2 gch.; 2 brothers & 3 sisters. Predeceased by his father, a

brother Daniel Jones (infant), his grandparents.

Columbus Telegram - Fri. 26 Apr 2002; Grand Island Independent - Sat. 27 Apr 2002

**Anna STAROSTKA, 93**

Born 27 Oct 1908 at Clarks, NE. Parents: Metro Beck & Mary Demboski. 12 Feb 1931: Married Edward Starostka. He died 9 Jan 1950. She lived at Clarks & Silver Creek, then moved to Stromsburg (Polk Co.), NE. Died Thurs. 25 Apr 2002 at Stromsburg, NE. Service: Sat. at St. Lawrence Catholic Church, Silver Creek, NE. Burial at parish cemetery. Survivors: 1 daughter, 4 gch., 2 g-gch.; 6 sisters, 2 brothers. Predeceased by her husband, her parents, son Donald L. Starostka; 3 brothers - Albin, Eddie & Walter Beck. Arrangements: McKown Funeral Home.

Note: See Merrick Co Marriage Records Book I p530 #I-530.

Grand Island Independent - Sun. 28 Apr 2002

**Erma B. NITZEL, 88**

Born 12 Jun 1913, Palmer, NE. Parents: Edward & Phoebe (Kiemlasek) Franci. Grad. of Palmer HS; attended Grand Island Baptist College. Was legal secretary at Cornhusker Army Ammunition Depot. Married Jefferson Henry Nitzel. He died 7 Nov 1988. Mrs. Nitzel died Thurs., 25 Apr 2002 at home in Grand Island, NE. Visitation: Mon, Kleine Funeral Home. Private graveside service. Survivors: 2 sons; 1 gch., 2 g-gch.; a sister & a brother. Predeceased by her husband, and a gch.

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Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 2 May 2002

**Paul L. WAIT, 90**

Born 3 Jun 1911, Merrick Co., NE. Parents: Floyd A. Wait & Jessie LaRena Hober. Attended Fullerton HS. 26 Jun 1935: Married Christena Mary Luft. They farmed in Nance & Merrick Counties. Mrs. Wait died in Oct 1989. Thereafter, Mr. Wait lived in Fullerton, Palmer, and then Central City, NE. He died Wed. 1 May 2002 at hospital in Hastings, NE. Service: Fri. at Solt Funeral Home Chapel, Central City. Burial: Pierce Chapel Cemetery near Clarks. Survivors: 2 sons, 4 gch., 4 g-gch. Predeceased by his wife and an infant daughter Patricia Pauline. Also deceased are 3 sisters - Ruth Townsend, Pearl Ferguson and Ruby Marlowe. Notes: See History of Merrick Co., NE Vol II p181 (Hober); 1930 Fed. Census Mead Twp, Merrick, NE ED61-10 p6a D118 F120 (w/p). His grandparents were George V. Waite and Louisa Ellen Miller (sister of Albert Miller).

Grand Island Independent - Sun. 5 May 2002

**Carl F. GOERL, 90**

Born 6 Jan 1912, Clarks NE. Parents: John & Hanna (Sims) Goerl. 20 Jul 1952: Married Marie Schlueter Snyder. They lived near Central City, NE. 1972: They moved to Illinois. Marie died 13 Sep 1980. In Oct 1982 he married Frances Zwinek at Morrisonville IL. She died in Dec of 1997. 2001: Carl moved back to Central City, NE; he died there Wed., 1 May 2002. Service: Mon., St. John's Lutheran Church, Palmer, NE. Burial at Rose Hill Cemetery, Palmer. Survivors: 2 sisters, 2 step-gch., 5 step-g-gch. Predeceased by both wives; step-daughter Judith Fesser; 2 brothers - Clifford & Joe Goerl; 4 sisters - Josie Walder, Marie Dawson, Cecelia Shively & Louise Emgarden.

Note: See 1920 Fed. Census NE ED156 p15b D196 F203: Clarksville Twp, Merrick, NE (w/p) & 1930 Fed. Census NE ED61-12 p5b D113 F107: Prairie Creek Twp, Merrick, NE (w/p).

Grand Island Independent - Mon. 6 May 2002

**E. Marie KELLOGG, 91**

Born 20 Aug 1910, Gothenburg, NE. Parents: Mark & Margaret (Shanahan) Yeoman. Family moved to Silver Creek, NE. Grad. of Grand Island HS. Worked for Northwestern Bell Telephone Co. 21 Nov 1940: Married William Kellogg at Altadena, CA. They lived in Bakersfield & San Jose, CA. 1965: Moved back to Grand Island, NE. William Kellogg died in 1992. Mrs. Kellogg died Sat., 4 May 2002 at Grand Island, NE. Service: Tues., St. Mary's Cathedral, Grand Island, NE. Burial at the city cemetery. Memorials to the church. Survivors:

A nephew & a niece. Predeceased by her husband; son Larry; two sisters - Irene Loftus & Helen Stoppkotte.  
Note: See 1920 Fed. Census NE ED162 p5B D25 F29: Silver Creek Village, Merrick, NE (w/p).

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 11 May 2002

**Evangeline F. JOHNSTON, 88**

Born 28 Dec 1913, Merrick Co., NE. Parents: Lee & Euphania (Manifold) Rankin. 3 Jan 1934: Married Robert H. Johnston at Aurora, NE. They farmed in Merrick Co., NE. Moved to Colorado; and then to California. Resident of Hesperia, CA. Died Sun. 5 May 2002 at Hesperia, CA. Service was 9 May at Desert View Mortuary, Hesperia. Survivors: Her husband, 2 sons, a daughter, 6 gch., 3 g-gch. Predeceased by 2 sisters - Lena Sullivan & Margaret Johnston; 2 brothers - Kenneth & Mike.

Notes: See 1920 Fed. Census Midland Twp, Merrick, NE ED161 p6A F63 (w/p); and 1930 Fed. Census Midland Twp, Merrick, NE ED61-11 p2b D41 F41 (w/p). Parents buried at Central City Cemetery.

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 16 May 2002

**Merton B. WELLER, 77**

Born 4 Jun 1925, Palmer, NE. Parents: Richard H. & Louise A. (Wegner) Weller. 1941 grad of Palmer HS. 18 Juyn 1944: Married Mildred Johnston. They lived on family farm. 13 Nov 1973: Married a second time. Farmer, seed corn dealer. Resident of Palmer, NE. He died Wed., 15 May 2002 at hospital in Lincoln, NE following heart surgery. Survivors: A son, 2 daughters, a step-son, 6 gch., 7 step-gch., 5 g-gch., 6 step-g-gch.; 3 sisters. Predeceased by 2 sisters - Bonnie Kraft, & Shirley Weller (infant); a stepson, Larry Myers.

Note: See 1930 Fed. Census Loup Twp, Merrick, NE ED61-9 p6a (w/p).

Grand Island Independent - Fri. 17 May 2002

**Dale ORENDORFF, 79**

Born 7 Sep 1922, Columbus, NE. Parents: John & Loa Mabel (VanSickle) Orendorff. Family moved to Central City, NE. WW II: US Army Air Corps. 1943: Married Marilyn J. Blevins at Chapman, NE. 1945: They moved to Grand Island, NE, then to Lincoln, NE. 1968: Moved to Denver, CO. 1984: Moved to Montrose, CO. 1997: Married a second time at Ouray, CO. He died Mon. 13 May 2002 at Montrose, CO. Service was 16 May at United Methodist Church. Burial: Cedar Hill Cemetery, Castle Rock, CO. Arrangements: Crippin Funeral Home Chapel, Montrose. Survivors: His second wife, a daughter, 2 step-sons, 2 gch., 2 g-gch.; "a brother, Lyndell Orendorff of Huntsville, Texas; and a sister, Ardath Richmond of Aurora, Colo". Predeceased by his first wife (12 Dec 1969), an infant daughter; 2 brothers.

Note: See 1930 Fed. Census Central City, Merrick, NE ED61-1 p23a H1841 D374 F399.

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 18 May 2002; Columbus Telegram - Sun. 19 May 2002

**Alvin B. SWERTZIC, 92**

Born 9 Aug 1909, Merrick Co., NE. Parents: John & Stella (Dubas) Swertzic. Attended school in Nance & Polk Counties, NE. Farmed in Merrick County, NE. He died Thurs., 16 May 2002 at hospital in Genoa, NE. Service: Mon. St. Lawrence Catholic Church. Burial: St. Lawrence Catholic Cemetery, Silver Creek, NE. Survivors: 2 sisters. Predeceased by his parents; 2 sisters - Victoria Kusek & Barbara Swertzic; 5 brothers - Adolph, Bennie, Charles, Dominic & John Swertzic.

Note: See 1920 Fed. Census NE ED162 p11B D10 F10: Silver Creek Twp, Merrick, NE (w/p); 1930 Fed. Census NE ED63-5 p3a D46 F46: East Newman Twp, Nance, NE (w/p). Funeral arrangements were by McKown Funeral Home.

Columbus Telegram & Grand Island Independent - Tues. 21 May 2002

**Myrtle A. BIVENS, 85**

Born 15 Nov 1916 near Genoa, NE. Parents: Theodore W. & Hattie (Lutzke) Blair. 1934 grad. of Genoa HS. 31 Dec 1939: Married Carl Bivens at Archer, NE. She worked at Dale Electronics. Resident of Silver Creek, NE. Mrs. Bivens died Mon., 20 Mar 2002 at Central City, NE. Visitation: Wed., McKown Funeral Home, Silver Creek. Service: Thurs. United Methodist Church, Silver Creek. Burial: Silver Creek Cemetery. Survivors: 3 sons, 2 daughters, 10 gch., 9 g-gch.; 2 sisters & a brother. Predeceased by her husband; her parents; 2 brothers - Harold & Vernon Blair; 2 sisters - Grace Travers & Clara Long.



Grand Island Independent - Tues. 21 May 2002

**Billy O. GREEN, 80**

Born 21 Jun 1921, Palmer, NE. Parents: W.E. & Jessie (Colburn) Green. Grad. from Cushing HS. Worked in Seattle. WW II: USAF (pilot, instructor). 21 Mar 1944: Married Adeline Foglund. They farmed near Palmer & Archer, NE. He drove maintainer, and school bus. He died Sun. 19 May 2002 at home in Lincoln NE. Service: Wed., Central City Cemetery. Survivors: His wife, 2 daughter, 4 gch. Predeceased by a brother Jerry & a sister Ann. Memorials: Hospice of Nebraska

Note: See 1930 Fed. Census NE ED63-3 p3a D44 F45: Cottonwood Twp, Nance, NE (w/p). Wife's obit published 3 Sep 2009 in Grand Island Independent obit.

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 22 May 2002

**Ernestine G. ARNOLD, 95**

Born 30 Jun 1906, Central City, NE. Parents: Ernest C. & Grace L. (Bunker) Persons. 1923 grad. of CCHS. Teacher. 25 Aug 1925: Married Wilmer Chrisp at Central City, NE. 16 Nov 1941: Married second to Clarence Arnold at Grand Island, NE. They lived there, then moved to Lincoln. Mrs. Arnold died Mon. 20 May 2002 at Grand Island, NE. Visitation: Wed., Apfel-Butler-Geddes Funeral Home. Service: Thurs., Central City Cemetery. Survivors: 2 sons, 11 gch., 30 g-gch., 7 gg-gch. Predeceased by both husbands; brother Wayne, sister Grace Phelan; 2 gch. and a daughter-in-law Shirley.

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 22 May 2002

**Berniece L. GROSVENOR, 89**

Born 23 Oct 1912, Houston, MO. Parents: Mr & Mrs. Arthur Huff. Adopted by Leonard "Dick" & Alma (Hargis) Richard. 1931 grad. of Grand Island HS. Worked in Omaha as interior decorator. 3 Jun 1938: Married Gerald H. Grosvenor at Lincoln, NE. 1945: They moved to Oxnard, CA. Later lived in AZ. 1977: Moved to Central City, NE. Husband died 30 May 1990. Mrs. Grosvenor died Mon. 20 May 2002 at Central City. Graveside service: Thurs. at the city cemetery. Arrangements: Wagner Funeral Home. Survivors: A daughter; a sister. Predeceased by her husband; a sister Rosemary.

Note: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I page 214 (G Grosvenor); Central City Cemetery Directory

Columbus Telegram & Grand Island Independent - Wed. 29 May 2002

**Mary T. KULA, 91**

Born 19 Mar 1911. Parents: George & Veronica (Liss) Jurkoski. Attended school in Nance Co., NE. 5 Jun 1934: Married Alex Kula at Krakow, NE. They farmed in Merrick & Nance Counties. Alex died 7 Aug 1969. Mrs. Kula moved to Columbus, NE (4 years), then to Silver Creek, NE. She died Tues., 28 May 2002 at hospital in Genoa, NE. Service: Fri., Sts. Peter & Paul Church, Krakow, NE. Burial in the church cemetery. Arrangements: McKown Funeral Home. Survivors: 3 sons, 6 daughters, 32 gch., 27 g-gch.; 3 sisters, 3 brothers. Predeceased by her husband; daughter Esther Bolton; her parents; 2 brothers - Charles & Martin Yrkoski; 2 g-gch.

Notes : See 1920 Fed. Census NE ED170 p6B D115 F116: Newman Twp, Nance, NE (w/p); 1930 Fed. Census NE ED63-5 p2a D31 F31: East Newman Twp, Nance, NE (w/p). Surname for members of this family - Jurkoski, Urkoski, Yrkoski.

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Grand Island Independent - Wed. 5 Jun 2002

**Emil R. STEINKE, 74**

Born 13 Feb 1928, Loup City, NE. Parents: Henry W. & Rosa (Luebs) Steinke. Family lived in Hall, Howard & Merrick Counties. Farmed with family, then worked construction for Burlington Railroad and Orchek Construction. 1946-47: US Army Air Corps. 1948-52: US Navy. 28 Oct 1952: Married at Clarks, NE. They lived in Central City, NE. He worked for NE Dept. of Roads. Emil died Mon., 3 Jun 2002 at Grand Island, NE. Service: Thurs.m St. Michael's Catholic Church, Central City. Burial at the city cemetery. Survivors: His wife, a son, a gch., a g-gch.; a brother, 4 sisters. Predeceased by 3 brothers - Walter & two infants; 3 sisters - Deloris

Hustafson & two infants. Memorials to Nebraska Kidney Foundation in Omaha.

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 11 Jun 2002

**Arlynn BUETTGENBACK, 84**

Born 19 Jul 1917, Bladen, NE (Webster County). Parents: Otto A. Schultz & Bessie E. McNair. 1936 grad. of Chapman HS. 14 Dec 1937: Married Allen Buettgenback. They lived at Campbell, NE until 1969 when moved to Hastings, NE. 1997: Moved to Prosser, NE. Allen died 14 Oct 1999. Mrs. Buettgenback died Sun. 9 Jun 2002. Graveside service: Thurs. at Westlawn Cemetery, Grand Island, NE. Survivors: 2 sons, 2 daughter, 5 gch. Predeceased by her husband & a sister.

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 12 Jun 2002

**Victor Lee WEGNER, 74**

Born 2 Apr 1928, St. Paul, NE. Parents: Raymond Wegner & Wilma Lawson. Attended school at Archer & Palmer, NE. 23 Dec 1950: Married Jacqueline Anderson at Scotia, NE. Farmed south of Scotia. 1953: Went into implement business. Died Sun. 9 Jun 2002, at Scotia. Visitation: Wed., at Ord Memorial Chapel. Service: Thurs. at Scotia United Methodist Church. Burial: Mount Hope Cemetery, Scotia, NE. Survivors: 2 sons, 2 daughters, 12 gch., 3 g-gch.; his mother, 2 sisters and 2 stepbrothers. Predeceased by his wife, his father and an infant grandchild. Memorials: Scotia Volunteer Fire Department, North Loup-Scotia Rescue Units or to the church.

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 13 Jun 2002

**LaVerne CHRISTENSEN, 87**

Born 10 Sep 1914, Central City, NE. Parents: Earl McHargue & Pearl Disney. 1932 grad. of Central City HS. Clerk, telephone operator. 12 Mar 1936: Married Carroll H. Christensen in Merrick County, NE. Farmed northwest of Central City. 1961: Moved to town. Carroll died 27 Dec 1999. Feb 2001: Mrs. Christensen moved to Denver. Died Sun. 9 Jun 2002 at daughter's home in Denver. Visitation: Thurs. at Wagner Funeral Home, Central City, NE. Service: Fri. at Fairview United Methodist Church, Merrick County. Burial: Burke Cemetery near Central City. Survivors: A son, 2 daughters, 9 gch; a brother. Predeceased by her husband and four brothers - Virgil, William, Edward & Bernard.

Note: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I p296 (McHargue-Disney); and Who's Who in Nebraska 1940, Merrick County chapter, p 817. Other records - 1920 Fed. Census NE ED157 p3A D54 F54: Lone Tree Twp, Merrick, NE (w/p); 1930 Fed. Census NE ED61-7 p5a D108 F110: Lone Tree Twp, Merrick, NE (w/p).

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 13 Jun 2002

**Bertha E. CONNER, 82**

Born 21 May 1920, Brooklyn, NY. Parents: Gustav Ericson & Teckla Larson. 1937 grad. of HS in Sharon Hill, PA. Employed at Nat'l. Presbyterian Headquarters, Philadelphia, PA. 5 Jun 1943: Married Denison D. Conner at Philadelphia. They served pastorates in New Jersey, PA, NY and Nebraska. 1976-84: Served at First Baptist church, Chapman, NE. Retired to Central City. Served at Palestine Baptist Church, Platte County, NE. Died. Tues. 11 Jun 2002, Central City, NE. Service: Mon. at Solt Funeral Home Chapel. Burial: Central City Cemetery. Survivors: Her husband, twin sons, a sister.

Columbus Telegram & Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 13 Jun 2002

**Elaine M. KILDAY, 65**

Born 8 Nov 1936, Beatrice, NE. Parents: Raymond and Gertrude (Baumfalk) Siems. Grad. of Holmsville HS and Lincoln School of Commerce. 28 Apr 1963: Married Donald Kilday at Beatrice. They lived near Palmer, NE. She died Tues., 11 Jun 2002 at home. Visitation: Thurs., Palmer Funeral Home, Fullerton, NE. Service: Fri., United Methodist Church, Fullerton. Burial in Fullerton Cemetery. Survivors: Her husband, 1 son, 3 daughters, a gch.; a sister. Predeceased by her parents.

Grand Island Independent - Sun. 16 Jun 2002

**Dixie L. CHRISTENSEN, 55**

Born 31 Aug 1946, Central City, NE. Parents: Emil Christensen & Thelma Gillham. 1964 grad. of Doniphan

HS. Lived in Grand Island, NE. Ms. Christensen died Fri. 14 Jun 2002, Grand Island, NE. Visitation: Tues. at Apfel-Butler-Geddes Funeral Home. Service: Wed. at Trinity United Methodist Church Gollaher Chapel. Burial: Westlawn Memorial Park Cemetery, Grand Island, NE. Survivors: 2 sisters, 3 brothers. Predeceased by a sister Dorothy "Dode" Vineyard & a brother Robert Christensen.  
Note: Parents marriage - see Merrick County Marriage Records Book I p202 #I-202.

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 15 Jun 2002; Columbus Telegram - Sun. 16 Jun 2002

**Lambert A. ZOUCHA, 81**

Born 13 Aug 1920, Merrick County, NE. Parents: Jacob J. Zoucha & Josephine Lassek. Grad. of Clarks HS. Moved to Buffalo, NY. 20 Aug 1942: Married at Buffalo, NY. 1945: Moved to farm near Clarks, NE. Inventor, musician. Died Fri. 14 Jun 2002 at Clarks, NE. Service: Mon. at St. Peters Catholic Church, Clarks. Burial: Calvary Cemetery, Clarks, NE. Arrangements: Solt Funeral Home, Central City. Survivors: His wife, 3 daughters, 1 son, 12 gch., 6 g-gch.; a sister. Predeceased by 3 brothers (Ben and Adrian, and an infant); 2 sisters (Marcy Janovec & infant Gertrude). Memorials: St. Francis Hospice.  
Note: For sibling, see History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I pp 245 (Janovec) and 416 (G Zoucha).

Columbus Telegram - Sun. 16 Jun 2002

**Edna FERRIS, 94**

Born 30 May 1908, Aliceville, KS. Parents: Alfred & Carrie (Hodge) Hinkle. 1913: Family moved to Silver Creek, NE. 1929 grad. of Silver Creek HS. 21 Aug 1929: Married Clarence Ferris at Columbus, NE. They farmed near Silver Creek. 1936: Moved to Genoa, NE. She died Thurs., 13 Jun 2002 at hospital in Columbus, NE. Visitation: Mon., Patrick Funeral Chapel, Genoa. Service: Tues., United Methodist Church, Genoa. Burial: Silver Creek Cemetery. Survivors: A son, a daughter, 2 gch., 5 g-gch. Predeceased by her husband; son Richard & infant twins. Memorials: United Methodist Women and the United Methodist Church, Genoa.

Grand Island Independent - Mon. 24 Jun 2002

**Gertrude Irene MORRISEY, 91**

Born 28 Apr 1911, Central City, NE. Parents: Charles W. & Atha E. (Newlon) Riddlemoser. 1929 grad. of CCHS. 1929: Married Bob Edgar at Central City. Later married Matthew Morrissey. They lived in Lincoln, NE. 1961: Mr. Morrissey died. Gertrude returned to Central City; worked at Nite & Day Cafe. Baptist. 2001: She moved to Hamilton Manor in Aurora. She died there Sun. 23 Jun 2002. Service: Wed., Solt Funeral Home, Central City. Burial at the city cemetery. Survivors: A sister; 4 gch., several g-gch., a gg-gch. Predeceased by her second husband, a son John Robert Edgar (1999), a brother John.

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Grand Island Independent - Tues. 9 Jul 2002

**Dorothy RAINS, 98**

Born 23 Dec 1903 near Archer, NE. Parents: Cleon K. & Jesse J. (Frazier) Sinsel. 1922 grad. of CCHS. Later attended 4 colleges. Teacher. 28 May 1939: Married Clyde Rains at Chapman, NE. they farmed near Harvard, & then east of Chapman, NE. 1969: Moved into Chapman, NE. Clyde died 27 Apr 1992. Dorothy died Mon. 9 Jul 2002 at Central City, NE. Visitation: Wed., Wagner Funeral Home, Central City. Service Thurs., First Baptist Church, Chapman. Burial in the city cemetery. Survivors: Nieces & nephews. Predeceased by her husband & 13 siblings.

Grand Island Independent - Fri. 12 Jul 2002

**William W. COLEMAN, 70**

Born 31 Oct 1931, Hay Springs, NE. Parents: Ernest & Alzina (Gillett) Coleman. Completed HS at Friends Bible Academy, Haviland, KS. 1952-53: US Army. 10 Jun 1956: Married Edythe E. Browning at Pratt, KS. Lived in KS & NE. 1976: Moved to Central City, NE. He died Wed. 10 Jun 2002 at Grand Island NE. Visitation: Fri., Wagner Funeral Home, Central City. Service: Sat., Evangelical Free Church, Central City. Burial in the city cemetery. Survivors: His wife, 3 sons, 2 daughters, 9 gch., 1 g-gch.; 4 sisters, 3 brothers, 2 sisters-in-law. Predeceased by brothers Ralph & Ernest Coleman Jr.; 2 gch.

Note: Wife's obit in GI Independent on 24 Jun 2004.

Grand Island Independent - Sun. 14 Jul 2002

**Dorothy HEINEMANN, 78**

Born 29 Feb 1924, Palmer, NE. Parents: Lloyd & Doris (Anderson) Campbell. 1941 grad. of CCHS. Teacher. 21 Nov 1954: Married Leo Heinemann at Central City. They lived in Madrid, NE. 1956: Moved to Kearney for 2 years, and then to Loup City, NE. 1971: Moved to Scottsbluff, NE. She died there Fri. 12 Jul 2002. Visitation: Sun., Jolliffe Funeral Home. Service: Tues., First United Methodist Church, Scottsbluff. Burial in Fairview Cemetery. Survivors: Her husband; 2 daughters, 1 son, 6 gch.; a sister & 3 brothers.

Columbus Telegram & Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 15 Aug 2002

**Robert Dale VANDEGRIFT, 84**

Born 7 May 1918, Palmer, NE. Parents: Elza & Bertha (Semple) Vandegrift. Attended school in St. Paul & Central City, NE. 1936 grad. of CCHS. Attended school in Chillicothe, MO. Worked for Western Union in O'Neill for 2 years. 14 Feb 1942: Married Hazel M. Rouse at Ewing, NE. They lived in Raymond; in 1955 moved to Stromsburg, NE. He died Wed. 14 Aug 2002 at hospital in Lincoln, NE. Visitation: Today, Palmer Funeral Home, Stromsburg. Service: Fri., United Methodist Church, Stromsburg. Burial in the city cemetery. Survivors: His wife, a son, a daughter, 2 gch. Predeceased by 3 sisters - Letha Bahensky, Neva White, Beth bierhaus; 2 brothers - Evans & Howard Vandegrift.

Note: Wife's obit published 21 Jun 2010 in GI Independent.

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 16 Jul 2002

**Clarence V. BENSON, 81**

Born 30 May 1921 near Hordville, NE. Parents: Birger & Ethel (Timmons) Benson. Attended school in Hamilton Co, NE. WW II: US Army (Pacific). 6 Apr 1947: Married at Zion Lutheran Church, Worms, NE. They farmed in Chapman-Worms area. He died Sun. 14 Jul 2002 at Grand Island, NE. Service: Wed., Zion Lutheran Church, Worms, NE. Burial in the parish cemetery. Arrangements: Solt Funeral Home, Central City, NE. Survivors: His wife, 4 sons, 14 gch., 2 g-gch.; 3 brothers; 3 sisters. Predeceased by an infant daughter Margaret Ann; 4 brothers - Elmer, Albin, Harold & Carl Benson.

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 20 Jul 2002

**Nora KANTER, 88**

Born 18 Sep 1913, Palmer, NE. Parents: Ferdinand & Rosa (Bader) Miller. Worked in her father's store, & as telephone operator. 11 Feb 1942: Married Edwin L. Kanter at Palmer, NE. They farmed east of St. Libory, NE. Edwin died 15 Feb 1993. Nora moved to Wedgewood Care Center in May 1999. She died there Fri. 19 Jul 2002. Visitation: Sun., Peters Funeral Home, St. Paul, NE. Service: Mon., St. John's Lutheran Church, Palmer, NE. Burial in Rose Hill Cemetery, Palmer. Survivors: 4 daughters, 13 gch., 8 g-gch.; a sister. Predeceased by her husband; a sister Florence Lueke; 3 brothers - Martin, Walter & Norman Miller (Note - the last was her twin).

Note: See 1920 Fed. Census NE ED159 p4A D88 F91: Palmer Village, Loup Twp, Merrick, NE (w/p); & 1930 Fed. Census NE ED61-8 p4a D65 F65: Palmer Village, Merrick, NE (w/p).

Grand Island Independent - Sun. 21 Jul 2002

**Ralph E. "Skeeter" CONDON, 62**

Born 30 Dec 1936, Friend, NE. Parents: Clarence & Ortha (Parker) Condon. Family moved to Central City, NE. 1958 grad. of CCHS. 14 Sep 1958: Married at Archer, NE. Owned a business in Grand Island, NE. Resident of Hastings, NE. He died Thurs., 18 Jul 2002 at hospital in Rochester, MN. Visitation: Mon., Butler-Volland Funeral Home, Hastings, NE. Service: Tues., Grace United Methodist Church. Burial in Parkview Cemetery, Hastings, NE. Survivors: His wife; one son, two daughters, 4 gch.; 2 brothers. Predeceased by 2 brothers & 7 sisters (none named).

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 23 Jul 2002

**Hannah L. HOBBS, 83**

Born 2 Sep 1918, Central City, NE. Parents: Lawrence W. & Bessie M. (Morris) Nitzel. 1936 grad. of CCHS. 24 Dec 1937: Married Roy F. "Skippy" Hobbs. They lived in Central City, NE. She died Sat., 20 Jul 2002 at home. Visitation: Wed., Solt Funeral Home. Service: Thurs., United Methodist Church. Burial in the city cemetery. Survivors: 2 brothers & a sister-in-law; 3 gch., 8 g-gch. Predeceased by her husband; a daughter Sandra Warren; a sister Betty Holtorf.

Grand Island Independent - Fri. 26 Jul 2002

**Olga K. DICKMAN, 95**

Born 3 Jan 1907, Merrick Co., NE. Parents: William & Minnie (Hargens) Shipman. 25 Jan 1928 Married Laurence Dickman at Aurora, NE. They lived in Merrick County. Owned gas stations in St. Libory & Chapman, NE. Her husband died 1 Jul 1990. In 2000, Olga moved to nursing home in Grand Island, NE. She died there Wed., 24 Jul 2002. Visitation: Fri., Palmer Funeral Home, Palmer, NE. Service: Sat., Zion Lutheran Church, Worms, NE. Burial at Norwegian Cemetery, Worms. Survivors: A daughter, 8 gch., 19 g-gch.; 2 brothers and a sister. Predeceased by her husband; 6 brothers - Peter, Albert, Herbert, Harry, Irvin & an infant; 2 sisters - Anna Dickman & Alvina Shipman.

Note: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I p361 (w/p); & 1930 Fed. Census Prairie Creek Twp., Merrick, NE ED61-12 p4a D78 F73.

Grand Island Independent - Sun. 28 Jul 2002

**Evelyn R. POWER, 76**

Born 10 Jun 1926, Linwood, NE. Parents: Joe & Emma (Johannes) Stanislav. 1939: Family moved to Central City, NE. 17 Apr 1945: Married Robert Power at Central City, NE. They farmed near town. Robert died 28 Jan 1995. 2000: Evelyn moved into town. She died Fri., 26 Jul 2002 at Central City. Service: Mon., Wagner Funeral Home, Central City. Burial in the city cemetery. Survivors: Her mother; a son, a daughter 5 gch., 7 g-gch.; 2 brothers, a sister-in-law. Predeceased by her husband & a brother James Stanislav. Memorials to the Hospice Program.

Grand Island Independent - Mon. 29 Jun 2002; Columbus Telegram - Tues. 30 Jul 2002

John E. "Jack" BADJE, 77

Born 30 Apr 1926, Nance Co., NE. Parents: John H. Badje & Anna Belle Main. 1942 grad. of Newman Grove HS. WW II: US Army. 8 Jun 1947: Married in Madison Co., NE. They farmed in Madison County. He was also an auctioneer & sold real estate. 1998: They moved to Central City, NE. He died Sun., 28 Jul 2002 at Central City, NE. Visitation: Today, Wagner Funeral Home, Central City. Service: Wed., St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Central City. Survivors: His wife, 3 sons, 2 daughters, 6 gch., 7 step-gch.; a sister. Predeceased by his parents & a sister Edna Mae Badje.

Note: No place of burial stated.

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 31 Jul 2002

**A. "Howard" HUBKA, 55**

Born 16 Mar 1947, Beatrice, NE. Parents: Alvin H. & Marvel E. (Moorehead) Hunka. 1965: Grad. of Lewiston HS, NE. Nov 1972: Married at Central City, NE. They lived at Central City. He owned Hubka Garage in Archer, NE. Howard died Mon. 29 Jul 2002 at hospital in Lincoln, NE. Service: Thurs., Wagner Funeral Home, Central City. Burial in the city cemetery. Survivors: His wife, his father. Predeceased by his mother.

Note: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I p240.

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Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 1 Aug 2002

**James R. FISHLER 64**

Born 1 Mar 1938, Central City, NE. Parents: Lester R. & May A. (Philson) Fishler. 1957: Joined USAF & stayed for 20 years. 6 Jun 1964: Married in Denver, CO. He died Sun. 14 Jul 2002 at Brighton, CO. Memorial service held 18 Jul at St. William's Catholic church, Fort Lupton, CO. Cremated. Survivors: His wife, a son, 2 daughters, 7 gch.; his mother in Fremont, NE; 2 brothers, a sister, a half-sister, a stepsister. Predeceased by

his father & a gch.

Note: Mother's obit 21 Jan 2008 in Grand Island Independent.

Grand Island Independent - Mon. 5 Aug 2002

**Doris Mary AERNI, 85**

Born 9 Apr 1917, Shelby, NE. Parents: James & Martha (Sievert) Lockard. 22 June 1936: Married Leonard Frederick Aerni at Clarinda IA. They farmed in Platte County, near Richland, NE. 1945: Moved to a farm west of Central City, NE. 1964: Moved into town. She worked in food services. Doris died Sat., 3 Aug 2002 at Central City. Visitation: Tues., Solt Funeral Home. Service: Wed., St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Central City. Burial in the city cemetery. Survivors: 2 daughters, 2 sons, 6 gch., 7 g-gch.; a brother, 3 sisters-in-law. Predeceased by her husband (13 Oct 1984); her parents; 4 brothers - Milford, Leslie, Lyle & August Lockard.

Grand Island Independent - Mon. 5 Aug 2002

**Eleanor Mildred GILSON, 92**

Born 5 Nov 1909, Nance Co. NE. Parents: Lyman & Ida Mae (Croy) Bloxom. 21 Jun 1933: Married Carmine Peck. They farmed east of Clarks, NE. She worked as insurance agent. Mr. Peck died 19 Mar 1968. 29 Jan 1970: Married Eugene Gilson. They lived at Clarks, then moved to Central City NE. Mr. Gilson died in Apr 1987. Mrs. Gilson died Sun., 4 Aug 2002 at Central City NE. Service: Wed., 7 Aug at Solt Funeral Home. Burial at Bureau Cemetery, Pierce Chapel, near Clarks, NE. Survivors: 2 sisters, nieces & nephews, her caregivers. Predeceased by both of her husbands; 4 sisters - Gladys Rawlings, Emma "Lora" Bartumen; Ida "Ruth" Hansen; Rene Barnes; 3 brothers - Clair, Lewis, & Minor "Bill" Bloxom.

Grand Island Independent - Mon. 12 Aug 2002

**Richard L. HETTRICH 67**

Born 27 Aug 1934, near Palmer, NE. Parents: John & Alice (Wegner) Hettrich. Attended school in Howard County. 1952 grad. of Palmer HS. 1952-55: US Navy. 1 Sep 1956: Married at St. Paul, NE. 6 May 1970: Married a second time, to Carolyn J. (Cary) Lassiter. They lived in Omaha then moved to Minneapolis, MN. 1998: They moved to Scotia, NE. Carolyn died 9 Aug 2001. Mr. Hettrich died Fri., 9 Aug 2002 at St. Libory, NE. Service: Tues., United Methodist Church, Scotia. Burial in Rose Hill Cemetery, Palmer, NE. Survivors: 2 sons, a step-son; a daughter, 7 ch., 2 step-gch.; 4 sisters. Predeceased by his second wife; a sister Joan Hettrich.

Grand Island Independent - Mon. 12 Aug 2002

**Franklyn H. STETTNER, 91**

Born 27 Apr 1911, Hampton, NE. Parents: William Stettner & Wilhelmine Peetzke. 17 Mar 1934: Married Geneve at Hordville, NE. They farmed near Hordville until 1942, moved to Central City, NE. Farmer, carpenter. Died Fri., 9 Aug 2002 at Central City. Service: Wed., at chapel of Solt Funeral Home, Central City. Burial: Lindale Cemetery, near Hordville. Survivors: His wife, 2 daughters, a son, 6 gch., 6 g-gch.; a sister & a sister-in-law. Predeceased by an infant granddaughter; sister Edna Rehms; two brothers, Dean and Edgar Stettner.

Grand Island Independent - Sun. 18 Aug 2002

**Dorothy L. MORRIS, 83**

Born 12 Oct 1918, Palmer, NE. Parents: Joseph & Rosella (Clark) Shirey. 11 Mar 1937: Married Harold Morris at Philipsburg, KS. They lived in Grand Island, NE; moved to Denver in 1955. Went to CA in 1959. 1981: Moved back to Palmer, NE. Crafter, business owner. She died Thurs., 15 Aug 2002 at Palmer, NE. Service: Mon, Palmer Funeral Home, Palmer, NE. Burial in Rose Hill Cemetery. Survivors: Her husband; a son; a daughter, 11 gch., 22 g-gch., 4 gg-gch.; a sister in Oregon. Predeceased by a son Donald Morris; 4 brothers - Earl, Oral, Kenneth & LeRoy Shirey; 5 sisters - Inez Wood, Grace Prowett, Nancy Butler, Mildred Reils & Ethel Shirey (infant); a gch. & a g-gch.

Note: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I p362 (w/p). 1920 Fed. Census NE ED159 p1B D21 F23: Palmer Village, Loup Twp, Merrick, NE (w/p); 1930 Fed. Census NE ED61-8 p6a D105 F105: Palmer Village, Merrick, NE (w/p).

Grand Island Independent - Sun. 18 Aug 2002

**Marjorie REPENN, 75**

Born 21 Dec 1926, Germany. Parents: Edward & Catherine (Nieheur) Miller. (Parents were visiting in Germany). Family lived at Fremont, NE. 22 Dec 1960: Married Henry O. Repenn. They lived north of Palmer, NE; then moved into town. Hospital cook. She died Sat. 17 Aug 2002 at Grand Island, NE. Service: Tues., Church of Christ, Palmer, NE. Burial in Rose Hill Cemeery. Arrangements: Solt Funeral Home. Survivors: Her husband.

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 21 Aug 2002

**Dale E. ZIKMUND, 55**

Born 28 Jul 1947, Omaha, NE. Parents: Dr. Elna & Janaan (Rowan) Zikmund. Family moed to Central City, NE. 1965 grad. of CCHS. Attended UNL. 1969-71: US Army. Jun 1970: Married at Central City, NE. They lived in Monterey, CA; Denver, CO; Central City, NE. Worked for trucking company. He died Sun. 18 Aug 2002 at home. Service: Thurs. St. Michael's Catholic Church, Central City. Burial in Calvary Cemetery, Omaha, NE. Arrangements: Wagner Funeral Home, Central City. Survivors: His father; a son, a daughter; 3 brothers, a special friend. Predeceased by his mother.

Grand Island Independent - Sun. 25 Aug 2002

**Marcella V. PALU, 74**

Born 17 Mar 1928, Ord, NE. Parents: Mike & Theresa (Swanek) Michalski. 25 Nov 1947: Married Ted Palu at Loup City, NE. In 1956 they moved to Central City. Cook. She died Fri. 23 Aug 2002 at Central City. Visitation: Sun., Solt Funeral Home. Service: Mon. St. Michael's Catholic Church, Central Ciuty. Burial in the city cemetery. Survivors: Her husband, 2 sons, 3 daughters, 8 gch., etc; 4 brothers, 5 sisters. Predeceased by a son - Steven; a sister - Norma Kuszak; 2 son-in-laws - Mervin Luschei & Howard Hubka; 2 brothers-in-law, Dominic Kuszak & Arnold Palu; a sister-in-law - Sharon Michalski.

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 28 Aug 2002

**Richard J. "Dick" EDIC, 76**

Born 14 May 1926 Boone Co, NE. Parents: Walter J. & Bernice (Petersen) Edic. Grad. of Newman Grove HS. 1 Jun 1952: Married at Silver Creek, NE. Lived in Chapman NE; California; Clarks, Aurora & Central City, NE. Died Sun. 25 Aug 2002 at Central City, NE. Graveside service: Wed., Central City Cemetery. Survivors: His wife, a son, a daughter, 5 gch. Predeceased by his brother Norman (Bud), and his sister Betty Douglas.

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 28 Aug 2002

**Brian K. SWANSON, 31**

Born 7 Apr 1971 Omaha, NE. Parents: Ken & Greta Swanson. Lived at Bassett, NE & LaGrange, WY. 1981: Moved to Central City, NE. He died Sun. 25 Aug 2002 in 4-wheeler accident. Service: Wed., Evangelical Free Church, Central City. Cremation. Burial will be at later date. Survivors: His parents, a brother & sister-in-law; his grandparents.

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 31 Aug 2002

**Mary BEAL, 64**

Born 9 Apr 1938 Grand Island, NE. Parents: John & Marcia (Whittemore) McClay. Attended school in Central City, NE. 14 Oct 1963: Married Raymond L. Beal at Central City, NE. They lived in Central City. Dietitian. She died Fri. 30 Aug 2002 at home. Service: Tues., United Methodist Church, Central City. Burial in the city cemetery. Arrangements: Wagner Funeral Home. Survivors: Her husband, a son, 2 daughters, 4 gch., a g-gch; a sister. Predeceased by son Freddie Beal; brother - Paul McClay.

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Grand Island Independent - Sun. 1 Sep 2002

**Susan Michele "Susi" DAVIS, 51**

Born 8 Jun 1951, Oakland, CA. Parents: William & June (Herr) Daniel. Grew up in Pleasanton, CA. 1 Oct 1985:

Married Randy L. Davis at Pleasanton, CA. They lived at Maywood, NE. Moved back to CA for 3 years. 1990: Moved to Central City, NE and in 1995 to Clarks, NE. Susi died Fri. 30 Aug 2007 at hospital in Central City, NE. Service: Tues., Community Bible Church, Central City. Burial in Maywood Cemetery. Survivors: Her husband, 2 daughters, a son; 2 brothers in CA. Predeceased by her parents; a sister Lynn Davis.

Grand Island Independent - Mon 2 Sep 2002

**James Frederick "Jim" HEINS, 53**

Born 15 Jul 1949, North Platte, NE. Parents: William Frederick & Frances Marie Heins. 1967 grad. of CCHS. 1969-71: US Army (military police). Banker, business man. 10 Jun 1973: Married at Auburn, NE. 1974-94: Merrick County Treasurer. He died Sun. 1 Sep 2002 at Central City. Service: Wed., Solt Funeral Home. Private burial in the city cemetery. Survivors: His wife, a daughter, a son, 6 gch.; his mother, a brother, 2 sisters. Predeceased by his father.

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 5 Sep 2002

**Emil CEPLECHA, 73**

Born 17 Mar 1929, Martin SD. Parents: Frank & Antonia (Preissler) Ceplecha Sr. Family moved near Burwell, NE, and then Ord, NE. 10 Jul 1951: Married at Ord, NE. 1951-53: US Army medic. Farmer. 1965: Moved to Lincoln, NE; and in 1968 to Chapman, NE. Operated a gas station & motel, opened a garage. Emil died Tues., 3 Sep 2002 at hospital in Grand Island, NE. Service: Fri., Solt Funeral Home, Central City, NE. Burial in Chapman Cemetery. Survivors: His wife, 3 sons, a daughter, 6 gch.; 2 brothers. Predeceased by a gch., & his sister Helen Hurlbert.

Grand Island Independent - Fri. 13 Sep 2002

**Dorothy M. SCHARVIN, 78**

Born 17 Sep 1923, Merrick Co., NE. Parents: William W. & Anna M. (Otto) Blauhorn. 1942 grad. of Archer HS. 22 Jun 1947: Married Frank M. Scharvin. They owned meat locker plants in Boone County. 1956: They moved to Oxford, NE. Frank died in 1988. Mrs. Scharvin died Tues., 10 Sep 2002 at Oxford. Visitation: Fri., Mitchell-Nelson Funeral Home, Oxford. Service Sat. United Methodist Church, Oxford, NE. Burial in Central City Cemetery. Survivors: 4 daughters, one son, 10 gch., 6 g-gch.

Columbus Telegram & Grand Island Independent - Fri. 13 Sep 2002

**Neola F. VanWINKLE, 81**

Born 22 Jul 1921 Silver Creek, NE. Parents: J. Willard & Mabel (Cremeen) Carter. 1939 grad. of Silver Creek HS. RN from Mary Lanning School of Nursing, Hastings, NE. Worked at Genoa Hospital. 25 Sep 1949: Married George E. VanWinkle at Silver Creek, NE. She died Wed. 11 Sep 2002 at Columbus, NE. Service: Today, United Methodist Church, Silver Creek. Burial in the city cemetery. Arrangements: McKown Funeral Home. Survivors: 7 sons, a daughter, 23 gch., 2 g-gch.; 2 brother. Predeceased by her husband; her parents.

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 14 Sep 2002

**Ethel L. BROWN, 81**

Born 19 Feb 1921, Columbus, NE. Parents: Thomas C. & Martha (Dilley) Adams. Truck driver. 25 Nov 1966: Married Frederick E. Brown in Las Vegas. They lived in Central City, NE. Abt 1998: Moved to Graham, TX. She died there Tues. 10 Sep 2002. Memorial service Fri., Morrison Funeral Home Chapel (TX?) Graveside service: Fri. 20 Sep at Central City Cemetery. Survivors: Her husband, a daughter, 2 sons, 7 gch., 2 g-gch.; 4 sisters. Predeceased by sister Pearl Luschei and 2 brothers - Donald & Bill Adams. Note: 2 sons are surnamed Kubicek.

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 14 Sep 2002:

**Harry A. RICE, 86**

Born 10 Feb 1916 on farm in Prairie Creek Twp[, Merrick County, NE. Parents: Andrew & Elizabeth (Mess) Rice. 1934 grad of CCHS. His father died in 1957, and Harry took over the family farm, etc. He retired in 1979. Harry died Wed. 11 Sep 2002 at hospital in Grand Island, NE. Service: Mon., Solt Funeral Home, Central City, NE. Burial in the city cemetery. Survivors: A sister. Predeceased by his parents, and his brother-in-law Gilbert



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Note: See 1920 Fed. Census NE ED226 p2B D40 F40: Prairie Creek Twp, Merrick, NE, and 1930 Fed. Census NE ED61-12 p7b D164 F159: Prairie Creek Twp, Merrick, NE (both with parents).

Grand Island Independent - Sun. 15 Sep 2002

**Delbert D. "Dean" BROEKEMEIER, 72**

Born 28 Sep 1929, Burke, SD. Parents: Alfred H. & Elizabeth M. (Whitley) Broekemeier. Grew up at Naper, NE. 1946 grad. of Naper HS. 15 Nov 1947: Married at Norfolk, NE. They lived at Norfolk until 1950 when moved to Naper, NE. 1961: Moved to Central City, NE. Seed salesman, farmer. He died Fri. 13 Sep 2002 in Central City, NE. Service: Mon. St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Central City. Burial in the city cemetery. Arrangements: Solt Funeral Home. Survivors: His wife, his step-father; 5 sons, a daughter, 18 gch., 1 g-gch.; a sister, a sister-in-law. Predeceased by his brother Mac Broekemier.

Grand Island Independent - Mon. 16 Sep 2002

**Ronald A. CHURCH, 56**

Born 20 Feb 1946, Central City, NE. Parents: Walter & Marie Church. Grew up near Polk, NE. 4 May 1968: Married at Fairview United Methodist Church near Central City, NE. They lived in Clarks; moved to Central City in 1974. He worked for UPRR. Was later a cattle hauler. He died Sat. 14 Sep 2002 at hospital in Grand Island, NE. Service: Tues., Wagner Funeral Home, Central City. Burial in Burke Cemetery near Central City. Survivors: His wife, 3 sons, 2 daughters, 9 gch., 2 step-gch.; 3 brothers, 8 sisters. Predeceased by a sister Betty, & 3 brothers - Milfred, Arnold & Melvin.

Columbus Telegram & Grand Island Independent - Wed. 25 Sep 2002

**William "Bill" WYMAN, 77**

Born 15 Mar 1925, Central City, NE. Parents: Samuel W. & Faye M. (Turnby) Wyman. 1942 grad. of Silver Creek HS. 1943-46: US Army. Retured to farm in Polk County near Silver Creek. 26 Dec 1948: Married Glade M. Carlson in Polk County. Glade died 1 Sep 1978. He married a second time on 20 Nov 1981. They lived in Clarks area. He died Mon., 23 Sep 2002 at Clarks. Service: Fri., Silver Creek United Methodist Church. Burial at Silver Creek Cemetery. Arrangements: Solt Funeral Home. Survivors: His second wife; a son, 2 daughters, 2 step-sons; 2 sisters, 2 brothers, a sister-in-law. Predeceased by his first wife; a step-son Jerry Carlson; a brother Roy Wyman.

Note: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I p 411.

Grand Island Independent - Fri. 27 Sep 2002

**Nancy J. GLYNN, 61**

Born 11 Nov 1940, Central City, NE. Parents: Howard G. & Mabel R. (Frazier) Hansen. Grad. of Palmer HS. 5 Mar 1960: Married Roy O. Glynn at Archer, NE. They farmed NE of Palmer, NE. Moved to a farm NW of Central City, NE. She died Tues., 24 Sep 2002 at hospital in Grand Island, NE. Service: Fri. Wagner Funeral Home, Central City NE. Burial in the city cemetery. Memorials to Cancer Foundation. Survivors: Her husband, a daughter; 2 sisters, Predeceased by son Brian Glynn.

Grand Island Independent - Mon. 30 Sep 2002

**Robert N. BACHMAN, 85**

Born 24 Dec 1916, Worms, NE. Parents: John & Annie Rose Bachman. 29 Sep 1940: Married Esther Bohl at Grand Island, NE. They lived in NE & WY; then other states including TX. Rancher, business manager. Died Fri. 27 Sep 2002 in Albuquerque, NM. Graveside service will be Wed., Grand Island City Cemetery, NE. Survivors: a daughter, a son, 6 gch. Predeceased by his wife; 6 brothers - Wilber, Roy, Harold, Floyd, Allen & Glen; 2 sisters - Esther Wimberley & Evelyn Teater.

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Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 3 Oct 2002

**Myron S. FOULK, 72**

Born 15 Aug 1930, Central City, NE. Parents: Percival P. "Percy" & Marjorie (Sinsel) Fould. 1948 grad. of Archer HS. Worked & lived with Emgartens. 1952-56: USAF. 16 Sep 1962: Married at Aurora, NE. They farmed in Merrick County. Myron died Wed. 2 Oct 2002 at Central City, NE. Service: Fri., Solt Funeral Home, Central City, NE. Burial in the city cemetery. Survivors: His wife, 2 daughters, 2 sons, 4 gch.; 4 brothers, 5 sisters. Predeceased by a gch.; 2 sisters - Darlene Fould & Linda Rinker; a brother - Dennis Foulk. Memorials to Archer Park.

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 3 Oct 2002

**Claude T. MAY, 84**

Born 1 Sep 1918, Chapman, NE. Parents: John E. & Molly (Friman) May. 1940-45: US Marine Corps. Survivor of attack on Pearl Harbor. Resident of Pensacola, FL. Died Mon. 16 Sep 2002. Services held 19 Sep at Ensley United Methodist Church in Pensacola. Survivors: His wife, 4 daughters, 2 sons, 15 gch., 19 g-gch.; his twin brother, a step-sisters. Predeceased by 2 brothers - John "Red" and Paul May; 2 sisters - Petrea Williams & Pauline Schmidt. Memorials to the American Lung Association.

Note: See 1920 Fed. Census Chapman Twp, Merrick, NE ED155 p5B D33 F33 (w/p); 1930 Fed. Census Chapman Twp, Merrick, NE ED61-4 p2b D48 F48 (w/father)

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 9 Oct 2002

**Betty K. SABA, 81**

Born 12 Aug 1921. Parents: Arthur & Dorothy (Dexter) Gregg. Grew up in Mead Twp, Merrick County. 1938 grad. of CCHS. Grad. of St. Francis School of Nursing, Grand Island, NE. WW II: US Army nurse. 14 Jun 1944: Married John Thomas Baker. Following his death, she married 17 Oct 1949 to Walter Saba. She lived mostly in San Francisco area of CA; in Mill Valley, CA. Died Tues., 1 Oct 2002 at Kentfield, CA. Service: 4 Oct at Russell & Gooch Funeral Home, Mill Valley, CA. Burial in Olivet Memorial Park, Colma, CA. Survivors: A son, 2 gch.; a sister. Predeceased by her husbands; her parents; a brother - Bill Gregg.

Note: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I p210 (w/p); 1930 Fed. Census Mead Twp, Merrick, NE ED61-10 p5b D110 F111 (w/father). Copy of her obit was sent by relative.

Lincoln Journal Star & Columbus Telegram - Tues. 13 Oct 2002

**Elmer D. BENSON, 95**

Born Silver Creek, NE. Died: Thurs. 10 Oct 2002, at Stromsburg, NE. Farmer. Survivors: 6 nieces; 2 nephews; many great-nieces, great-nephews. Services: Wed. at Midwest Covenant Home Chapel, Stromsburg. Burial: Silver Creek Cemetery. No visitation. Kepner-Roberts Funeral Home, Osceola.

Note: See "Our Polk County Heritage" published by Osceola Centennial Committee, 1975 - p30 article about JV Benson family.

Grand Island Independent - Sun. 13 Oct 2002

**Vern Marcus FRAUEN, 82**

Born 19 Jan 1920, Grand Island, NE. Parents: John P. & Clara Seivers) Frauen. 14 Feb 1941: Married in Grand Island. WW II: US Army Air Corps. Returned to Grand Island to farm. He died Thurs., 10 Oct 2002 at hospital in Kearney, NE. Visitation: Mon., Kleine Funeral Home. Service: Tues., Trinity United Methodist Church, Grand Island. Memorials to Chapman United Methodist Church. Survivors: His wife; a daughter & her husband, 2 gch., 2 g-gch. Predeceased by an infant son Carl Richard Frauen; 3 brothers - Gus, Elmer & John.

Note: No burial place named. See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I p242 (H Husmann); 1920 Fed. Census Vieregg Twp, Merrick, NE ED163 p3B D65 F65 (w/p); and 1930 Fed. Census Vieregg Twp, Merrick, NE ED61-16 p3B D60 F60 (w/mother & stepfather).

Grand Island Independent - Sun. 13 Oct 2002

**Anna B. SUCK, 94**

Born 25 May 1908 on farm near Palmer, NE. Parents: Otto & Bertha (Templin) Rudolf. Moved to Grand Island, NE in 1973. Died there Thurs., 10 Oct 2002. Visitation: Sun., Kleine Funeral Home. Service: Mon., Faith United Methodist Church. Burial in Archer Cemetery. Survivors: 2 daughters, 10 gch., 31 g-gch., 13 gg-gch.

Predeceased by 3 brothers - Albert, Harry & Ernest; 2 sisters - Martha & Meta; 2 daughters & their spouses - Delores & Harold Meyer, Luella & Otis Langrehr; 2 gch.

Note: Husband was Edward Henry Suck. See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I p343 (w/p); 1920 Fed. Census Loup Twp, Merrick, NE ED159 p1B D21 F22 (w/p); {1241} 1930 Fed. Census Loup Twp, Merrick, NE ED61-9 p4a; Merrick Co NE Marriage Records Book I p153 #3706.

Grand Island Independent - Sun. 20 Oct 2002, Columbus Telegram - Mon. 21 Oct 2002

**Dorothy D. JOHNSON, 84**

Born 24 Nov 1917, Murphy, NE. Parents: Alva O. and Lois T. (Matthews) Lewis. Her family lived in Marquette, St. Paul & Grand Island, NE. 26 Jan 1936: Married Chester Johnson at Central City, NE. They owned a business in Chapman, NE; managed the VFW Club in Clarks, NE. She also worked as a cook. Dorothy died Fri., 18 Oct 2002 at Central City NE. Service today at the United Methodist Church in Central City, NE. Burial in Aurora Cemetery. Arrangements: Wagner Funeral Home. Survivors: Her husband, a son, 2 daughters, 9 gch., 10 g-gch., etc.; a brother; a sister-in-law. Predeceased by her parents; 3 infant daughters; a brother; a sister. Memorials to the church.

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 22 Oct 2002

**Marlene M. ALLMENDINGER, 70**

Born 8 May 1932, Central City, NE. Parents: Marvin & Florence (Galley) Garrett. Grad. of CCHS. Attended Western Union School, Crawfordsville, IN. 28 Oct 1954: Married Elmer Allmendinger at Central City, NE. They lived in Bismarck, ND. Died Fri., 18 Oct 2002 at Rochester, MN. Visitation: Eastgate Funeral Service, Bismarck, ND. Service: Wed., Faith Lutheran Church, Bismarck, ND. Burial in Fairview Cemetery. Survivors: Her husband, 2 daughters, 5 gch.; her step-mother; 2 brothers. Predeceased by her parents and a sister Onilee; a son Kevin.

See - History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I p 202 (w/p); & History of Merrick Co., NE Vol II p168 (w/p)

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 24 Oct 2002

**Merle G. BRUNS, 78**

Born 20 Apr 1924, Imperial (Chase Co), NE. Parents: Alfred & Bertha (Wagner) Kaiser. Family moved to Dannebrog, & then to a farm near Worms, NE. 21 Jun 1942: Married Harvey Bruns at Worms, NE. They farmed near Palmer, St. Libory & Archer, NE. She died Wed., 23 Oct 2002 at hospital in Grand Island, NE. Service: Sat., Zion Lutheran Church, Worms, NE. Burial in the church cemetery. Arrangements: Peters Funeral Home, St. Paul, NE. Survivors: Her husband, 3 sons, a daughter, 9 gch., 8 g-gch.; 2 sisters & a brother. Predeceased by a brother, Roy Kaiser.

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 24 Oct 2002

**Irene JUSTICE, 95**

Born 14 Dec 1906, Beaver Crossing, NE. Parents: Lewis & Nettie (Snodgrass) Hansen. Attended Teacher's College. 1 Aug 1928: Married Joe Justice at Blair, NE. 1931: Moved to Central City, NE where they owned a business. Member of United Methodist Church. Joe died 19 Aug 1984. Mrs. Justice died Tues., 22 Oct 2002 at Central City, NE. Service: Fri., Solt Funeral Home. Burial in the city cemetery. Survivors: Two sons & their wives, 4 gch., 11 g-gch. Predeceased by her husband & a brother Walter Hansen.

Columbus Telegram & Grand Island Independent - Sun. 27 Oct 2002

**Betty June SINGLETARY, 58**

Born 16 Aug 1944, Central City, NE. Parents: Raymond O. Smith & Mildred L. Condon. Grew up in Grand Island, NE. 1 Apr 1966: Married Robert Singletary; lived in Grand Island. Died Fri. 25 Oct 2002, at hospital in Columbus, NE. Visitation: today at Apfel-Butler-Geddes Funeral Home, Grand Island. Service: Mon. at Gollaher Chapel of Trinity United Methodist Church. Burial: Grand Island City Cemetery. Survivors: One son, four daughters, 7 gch.; 2 sisters. Predeceased by her parents & 2 brothers - Raymond "Buck" & Benjamin Smith.

Note: Obit of her sister Sharon Casares appeared in GI Independent, 16 Jan 2006.

Columbus Telegram & Grand Island Independent - Mon. 28 Oct 2002

**Hazel Irene OBRIST, 92**

Born 1 Mar 1910 near Shelby (Polk Co.), NE. Parents: Thomas J. Skidmore & Helena Krumbach. 1 Jun 1930: Married Gerald L. Obrist in Holyoke, CO. They farmed in Polk County until 1961 when moved to Central City, NE. Mrs. Obrist died Fri. 25 Oct 2002 at hospital in Onawa, IA. Service: Thurs. at Solt Funeral Home, Central City, NE. Burial: Central City Cemetery. Survivors: A son, 2 daughters, 11 gch., 24 g-gch., 2 gg-gch; a sister. Predeceased by her parents & her husband; a g-son & a g-gson. Also deceased are 2 brothers - John & George Skidmore; 4 sisters - Wilma Quinn, Carrie Drovwal, Marie Glatter & Theresa Class.

Columbus Telegram & Grand Island Independent - Tues. 29 Oct 2002

**Helen KONWINSKI, 85**

Born 16 Aug 1917, Nance Co., NE. Parents: Jake Gunchick & Tillie Hapday. Attended Catholic school at Krakow, NE. 22 Oct 1935: Married Henry Konwinski at Krakow. They farmed near Fullerton until 1961, moved to Silver Creek, NE. Helen died Sun. 27 Oct 2002, Central City, NE. Visitation: Tues., Palmer Funeral Home, Fullerton, NE. Service: Wed., St. Peters Catholic Church, Fullerton, NE. Burial: St. Lawrence Cemetery, Silver Creek, NE. Survivors: A son, a daughter, 11 gch., 22 g-gch. Predeceased by her husband; her parents; 2 brothers - Florian & Thomas; 4 sisters - Clara Boro, Victoria Lassek, Leona Boro & Dorothy Urkoski; one daughter-in-law, Patricia Konwinski; 1 gch; and 3 g-gch.

Note: See 1920 Fed. Census Prairie Creek Twp., Nance, NE ED171 p1 D3 F3 (w/p); 1930 Fed. Census Prairie Creek Twp., Nance, NE ED63-11 p1b F17 (w/p); Nance Co. NE Marriage Record Bk 6 p161

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 29 Oct 2002

**Bernice Lockenvitz NELSON, 83**

Born 27 Nov 1918, Grand Island, NE. Parents: Paul & Antoinette Lockenvitz. Married Fred W. Nelson Sr. Former resident of Charlotte, NC; died Fri. 25 Oct 2002 at Wilmington, NC. Memorial service Tues., Shamrock Drive Baptist Church, Charlotte, NC. Arrangements: McEwen Funeral and Cremation Service, Charlotte, NC. Survivors: A son & his wife, 2 gch. Predeceased by her husband (1995). Memorials to the church.

Note: See 1930 Fed. Census NE ED61-16 p2B D46 F46: Viereggs Twp, Merrick, NE (w/p). Obit of sister Edna Semm appeared 26 Jul 2000 in Grand Island Independent.

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Columbus Telegram and Grand Island Independent - Mon. 4 Nov 2002

**Martha Jane "Mattie" SAUTER, 94**

Born 11 Feb 1908, Polk Co., NE. Parents: Lew Milller & Lucy Orr. 3 Dec 1929: Married Caria E. Sauter. She worked as cook at Clarks and at Stromsburg, NE. Methodist. Died Sat. 2 Nov 2002 at Stromsburg, NE. Visitation: Tues, Palmer Funeral Home, Stromsburg, NE. Service: Wed. at Midwest Covenant Home Chapel. Burial: Osceola Cemetery. Survivors: 3 daughters, a son, 11 gch., 14 g-gch. Predeceased by her husband, parents, a daughter Hazel Sauter. Also deceased are 3 brothers - Arther, Lloyd & Clyde Miller; 2 sisters: - Olive Sargent & Ruth Stratton; a son-in-law Edward Klavon.

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 5 Nov 2002

**Buzzetta D. BARTELS, 78**

Born 5 Dec 1923, Danbury, IA. Parents: Frank Sangster & Mary Leetch. Lived with grandparents in Colome, SD. 8 Feb 1946: Married Cyrus Bartels at Burke, SD. They lived at Colome, SD; Wichita, KS; and WY. Then lived in Omaha, NE for 35 years. Mrs. Bartels died Sat., 2 Nov 2002 at UN Medical Center, Omaha. Service: Thurs., Jacobsen-Greenway Funeral Home, St. Paul, NE. Burial: Rose Hill Cemetery, Palmer, NE. Survivors: A son, 4 gch., 4 g-gch; a sister & a brother. Predeceased by 2 half-brothers.

Grand Island Independent - Fri. 8 Nov 2002

**John H. VERGO, 94**

Born 29 Sep 1908, Barga, Schleswig Holstein, Germany. Parents: Otto Vergo & Henrietta F. Kanzmeier.

Immigrated in 1930. Worked north of Grand Island, NE. 2 Jun 1935: Married Nell A. Fleming at Chapman, NE. They lived at Chapman, Little Sioux, IA; and Omaha, NE. 1945: Moved to farm near Clarks, NE; later to farm east of Central City, NE. 1960: Moved into town. Nell died 31 Jul 1979. He married Margaret Young on 31 May 1980 at Pueblo, CO. They lived in Central City, NE. Margaret Vergo died 30 Aug 1989. Mr. Vergo died Wed., 6 Nov 2002 at Elkhorn, NE. Visitation: Fri., Solt Funeral Home, Central City, NE. Service: Sat. at United Methodist Church, Central City. Burial: Central City Cemetery. Survivors: A daughter & 3 sons; 2 step-daughters, 3 step-sons, 8 gch. & 9 g-gch. Predeceased by both wives, a gch., and a sister. Note: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I pp 237 (Holmes), 262 (Krug), 297 (McHenry), 391 (Vergo)

Grand Island Independent - Sun. 10 Nov 2002

**Frank M. ROY, 64**

Born 22 Jan 1938, Howard Co., NE. Parents: George J. Roy & Helen Mendyk. Grew up in Ashton, NE. 1955-1963: USAF. Married 3 times. Owner of Roys Kennels at Chapman, NE. Died Thurs. 7 Nov 2002 at Grand Island, NE. Service: Mon. at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church, Grand Island. Burial: Chapman Cemetery. Survived by his wife, 3 sons, 6 stepsons, 3 stepdaughters, ...; a brother. Predeceased by his parents; 2 brothers - Robert & Alfred.

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 12 Nov 2002

**Mary E. NELSON, 95**

Born 17 Aug 1907, Yutan (Saunders Co), NE. Parents: Lyman Bloxom & Ida Mae Croy. Grew up in Fullerton, NE. 23 Aug 1924: Married Orval Peck; they farmed near Pierce Chapel (Merrick Co.), NE. Mr. Peck died 20 Mar 1952. Mrs. Peck moved to Washington briefly. 23 Oct 1954: She married Vern E. Hayes. They owned a cafe in Clarks, NE. Mr. Hayes died 23 Apr 1970. She married Jim Good; and later married Archie Nelson. Mrs. Nelson died Mon. 11 Nov 2002 at Central City, NE. Service: Thurs., Wagner Funeral Home, Central City. Burial at Pierce Chapel Cemetery (Bureau Cemetery) near Clarks, NE. Survivors: A son, 2 daughters, 8 gch., 13 g-gch., 3 gg-gch.; a sister. Predeceased by 4 husbands, 3 brothers; 5 sisters; and a son-in-law, Lyle Rieken. Memorials: United Methodist Church, Clarks, NE.

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 13 Nov 2002

**Carrie R. FORBES, 97**

Born 6 May 1905, Gage Valley community of Howard Co., NE. Parents: George Hiatt & Elizabeth Hartford. 1924 grad. of Palmer HS. 13 Dec 1924: Married Everett D. Forbes. They farmed in Glenwood community (Nance Co). 1994: She moved to Palmer - and in 2001 to St. Paul, NE. Died Sun. 10 Nov 2002 at St. Paul, NE. Visitation: Palmer Funeral Home, Palmer, NE. Service: Wed., United Methodist Church, Palmer. Burial in Rose Hill Cemetery, Palmer. Survivors: 2 sons, 2 daughters, 17 gch., 45 g-gch., 26 gg-gch. Predeceased by her husband (13 Mar 1966); a daughter-in-law, Joan; 5 gch; a g-gch; 5 brothers & 4 sisters.

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 13 Nov 2002

**Barbara A. KRAMER, 77**

Born 25 Dec 1924, Archer, NE. Parents: Minor H. Whaley & Addie Lehr. 1942 grad. of CCHS. 14 Feb 1944: Married Everett "Bud" Kramer at Bellville, KS. They farmed in Merrick County. 1948: Moved to Central City. Cook. Died Mon. 11 Nov at Central City, NE. Service: Fri., Wagner Funeral Home, Central City. Burial in Osceola Cemetery. Survivors: A son, 2 daughters, a step-daughter, 11 gch., 13 g-gch. Predeceased by her husband; a brother Thomas Whaley.

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 14 Nov 2002

**Larry COOMER, 77**

Born 9 Feb 1925, Tacoma, WA. Parents: Lawrence Coomer & Ethel Cushman. Attended schools in CA & WA. Mechanical engineer. WW II: US Army Air Corps. 1974: Married Wilma Prichaska. Taught in TX; North Platte & Omaha, NE. Moved to Palmer, NE. Wife died in 1999. Mr. Coomer died Wed., at Central City, NE. Burial will be private, at later date. Arrangements: Palmer Funeral Home, Palmer, NE. Survivors: A son & his wife, a gch.

Columbus Telegram & Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 21 Nov 2002

Mary A. CHOHON, 91

Born 29 Sep 1911, Nance Co., NE. Parents: Philip James Zegar & Anna Boro. 21 Jan 1930: Married Leo Chohon at Krakow, NE. They farmed near Silver Creek, NE. She died Wed. 20 Nov 2002 at Columbus, NE. Service: Sat., St. Lawrence Catholic Church, Silver Creek. Burial at church cemetery. Arrangements: McKown Funeral Home. Survivors: 2 sons, 11 gch.; 24 g-gch., 2 gg-gch.; 4 sisters. Predeceased by her husband, & her parents. Also deceased - a daughter Elaine Tondur; 3 brothers - Alex Olsan, Henry Zegar & Virgil Zegar. Memorials: St. Lawrence Cemetery.

Note: Husband died in January. Her parents - see Nance Co, NE Marriage Record Bk 3 p514

Grand Island Independent - Fri. 22 Nov 2002

**Melvin H. RUGE, 80**

Born 1 Dec 1921, St. Libory, NE. Parents: John Ruge & Martha Hinerichs. 1940 grad. of Chapman HS. WW II: US Army. 21 Dec 1947: Married Eleanor at Grand Island, NE. They lived briefly at Chapman, then at Wood River, NE. Retired to Grand Island and operated Country Collectibles in Grand Island Mall. Died Wed. 20 Nov 2002, Grand Island, NE. Visitation: Fri., Apfel-Butler-Geddes Funeral Home. Service: Sat., St. Paul's Lutheran Church. Burial: Grand Island City Cemetery. Survivors: His wife, 3 daughters, 5 gch. Predeceased by his parents, & a brother Harry H. Ruge. Memorials: St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 23 Nov 2002; Aurora News Register (death notice) - 2 Dec 2002

**Tonnya C. Galusha MICHALSKI, 43**

Born 1 Mar 1959, Norfolk, Virginia. Parents: Donald Galusha & Florence Merrill Morgan. Grad. of Oak Harbor HS, Whidby, WA. 9 Sep 1995: Married Michael D. Michalski (former resident of Chapman, NE). They lived in Aurora, NE. She died 21 Nov 2002 at hospital in Lincoln, NE. Service: Tues., Wagner Funeral Home, Central City, NE. Burial: Central City Cemetery. Survivors: Her husband, 2 sons, 2 daughters. Also living - her father & step-mother, her mother & step-father, two brothers & a sister; her maternal grandparents. Predeceased by her paternal grandparents: Trueman & Cecil Galusha; and maternal grandmother Florence Bray. Memorials: Saint Michael's Catholic Church.

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 23 Nov 2002

**Shirley M. TERRY, 56**

Born 13 Apr 1946, Central City, NE. Parents: Percival P. Foulk & Marjorie J. Sinsel. Resident of Danville, Alabama. Died Thurs. 21 Nov 2002 at Plattsmouth, NE. Memorial Service will be at later date. Survivors: A son; 4 sisters, 4 brothers. Predeceased by her husband Billie T. Terry.

Grand Island Independent - Sun. 24 Nov 2002

**Alvera L. BUTT, 78**

Born 25 Jul 1924, Platte Co., NE. Parents: Herman Johannes & Helena Harms. Died Thurs. 21 Nov 2002 at Lincoln, NE. Visitation: Sun., Wagner Funeral Home, Central City. Service: Mon. at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Central City. Burial: Central City Cemetery. Survivors: A son, a daughter; a brother. Predeceased by her husband Louis C. Butt.

Grand Island Independent (abbrev.) - Mon. 26 Nov 2002; Columbus Telegram - Tues. 26 Nov 2002

**Dora M. WILBUR, 88**

Born 14 Jul 1914, Platte Co., NE. Parents: Phillip Mason & Margaret Leith. Family moved to Silver Creek in 1927. Married Raymond G. Wilbur, 13 Nov 1945, at Silver Creek, NE. Died Mon. 25 Nov 2002 at Columbus, NE. Service: Wed. at United Methodist Church, Silver Creek. Burial: Silver Creek Cemetery. Arrangements: McKown Funeral Home. Survivors: A sister-in-law. Predeceased by her husband, parents, and a brother Roy Mason.

Columbus Telegram and Grand Island Independent - Fri. 29 Nov 2002

**Kevin G. RIEKEN, 40**

Born 28 Jan 1962, Fullerton, NE. Parents: Richard Rieken Sr. & Zola Ostrander. 1980 grad. of Clarks HS. 1994: Diagnosed with malignant brain tumor. Died Wed. 27 Nov 2002 at Fullerton, Nance, NE. Service: Sat.

at Palmer Funeral Home, Fullerton, NE. Burial: Bureau Cemetery (Pierce Chapel) near Clarks, NE. Survivors: His parents, 3 brothers, one sister. Predeceased by his grandparents: Leo & Racheal Ostrander, Pearle & Delsa Rieken.

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 30 Nov 2002

**Gary GROETZINGER**

Born 20 Feb 1951, Grand Island, NE. Parents: Bryce M. Groetzinger & Helen M. Layher. 1969 grad. of CCHS. Worked with his father at Bryce Mobile Oil service station. 28 Sep 1970: Married Karen at Chapman, NE. 1970-73: US Army. 17 Nov 1989: Married Janice at Central City. Auto mechanic, business owner. Service: Mon. Solt Funeral Home, Central City. Burial: Central City Cemetery. Survivors: His wife of Grand Island, a son, 2 daughters; a brother. Predeceased by his parents & a grandson, Christian Campa.

Note: No death date or location given. See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I p 260 (Knight).

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Columbus Telegram - Sun. 1 Dec 2002

**Leona H. IMHOFF, 94**

Born 4 Oct 1908, Columbus, NE. Parents: John & Helena (Leffers) Saalfeld. Married William O. Imhoff. They farmed near Silver Creek NE until 1971. Mr Imhoff died 12 Apr 1971. She lived at Columbus, and then at Osceola Good Samaritan Center. Leona died Thurs., 28 Nov 2002 at Annie Jeffrey County Health Center, Osceola, NE. Graveside service: Mon., Silver Creek Cemetery. Survivors: 3 daughters, 4 gch., 4 g-gch., 2 step g-gch. Predeceased by her husband, 3 brothers, 4 sisters.

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 17 Dec 2002

**Jean V. CAMPBELL, 77**

Born 7 Jul 1925, Palmer, NE. Parents: Lloyd & Doris (Anderson) Campbell. Died Wed. 11 Dec 2002 at Grand Island, NE. Memorial service: Fri., Wagner Funeral Home, Central City, NE. Survivors: 3 brothers, a brother-in-law.

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 17 Dec 2002

**Delbert GROTZ, 82**

Born 23 Jun 1920, Merrick Co., NE. Parents: Martin & Mary (Mohr) Grotz. He attended school near St. Libory (Howard Co.), NE. 1944: Married Viola Reher who died in 1953. 1981: Married a second time at Grand Island, NE. They lived in Grand Island. He died there Mon. 16 Dec 2002. Service: Thurs., Livingston-Sonderman Funeral Home. Burial in Grand Island City Cemetery. Survivors: His second wife, 2 sons, 2 daughters, 5 gch., 4 g-gch., 1 gg-gch.; a brother-in-law. Predeceased by his first wife; his parents; 2 brothers - Arthur & Arnold; a sister-inlaw, Viola.

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 18 Dec 2002

**Meta LAWRENCE, 86**

Born 9 Jun 1916, Merrick Co., NE. Parents: Bruno & Wilhelmenia (Kruse) Burkhardt. She died Mon. 16 Dec 2002 at Central City, NE. Visitation: Wed., Palmer Funeral Home. Service: Thurs., St. John's Lutheran Church, Palmer, NE. Burial in Rose Hill Cemetery. Survivors: A son, a daughter, 3 step-sons, a step-daughter; a sister. Predeceased by her husband John Lawrence (died Sep 1971).

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 19 Dec 2002

**Mylda HRUZA, 94**

Born 10 Feb 1908 near Chapman NE. Parents: Henry & Betty (Ehlers) Husmann. 1926 grad. of Chapman HS. 25 Sep 1933: Married John C. Hruza at Central City, NE. They lived in Chapman; moved to Central City about 1936. John died 11 Apr 1985. Mylda died Mon. 16 Dec 2002 at Central City, NE. Visitation: Fri., Solt Funeral Home. Service: Sat., United Methodist Church. Burial in the city cemetery. Survivors: A daughter, a son, 6 gch., 8 g-gch.; a sister-in-law. Predeceased by her husband; her mother (1930); her father (1938); 3 brothers - Heinie, Otto, & Ted Husmann; 3 sisters - Bertha Green, Alice Schleichardt, & Mamie Duennerman.

Memorials to Merrick Foundation for the American Legion Baseball Program or to the United Methodist Church in Central City.

Note: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I p242 (w/p); 1920 Fed. Census NE ED155 p6B D63 F63: Chapman Twp, Merrick, NE (w/p); 1930 Fed. Census NE ED61-3 p2b D46 F47: Chapman Village, Merrick, NE (w/p); Central City Cemetery Directory.

GI Independent - Thurs. 26 Dec 2002; Columbus Telegram - Fri. 27 Dec 2002

Erma ADELSON, 92

Born 13 Jul 1910, Clarks, NE. Parents: David H. & Emaline C. (Iler) Wilson. 1927 grad. of Clarks HS. Attended York College. Taught near Clarks & Chapman, NE. 28 Dec 1938: Married Leslie J. Adelson at York, NE. They lived on farm north of Polk, NE. 1978: Retired into town. Leslie died 6 Aug 1993. Erma moved to Midwest Covenant Home, Stromsburg, in 1994. She died there on Tues., 24 Dec 2002. Visitation: Today, Solt Funeral Home, Polk, NE. Service: Sat., United Methodist Church, Polk, NE. Burial in Swede Plain Cemetery near Polk. Survivors: A daughter, 5 gch. 7 g-gch.; 2 sisters & a brother. Predeceased by her husband; her parents; a daughter Judy (1969); 2 sisters - Lora Pinneo & Dorise Bowers.

Note: See 1920 Fed. Census NE ED156 p4B D116 F118: Clarks Village, Clarksville Twp, Merrick, NE (w/p); 1930 Fed. Census NE ED61-5 p5b D131 F133: Clarks Village, Merrick, NE (w/p).

Grand Island Independent - Sun 28 Dec 2002

Jack O. GILMONT, 75

Born 2 Oct 1927, Palmer, NE. Parents: Lafayette & Irene M. (Wegner) Gilmont. 1948-51: US Army. May 1952: Married Henrietta Louise Boelts. He farmed, owned Gilmont Feed Lot. Henrietta died in Aug 1987. 17 Nov 1989: Jack married a second time. They continued to live in the Palmer area. Jack died Thurs., 26 Dec 2002 at hospital in St. Paul, NE. Visitation: Sun., Palmer Funeral Home, Palmer, NE. Service: Mon., Palmer United Methodist Church. Burial in Rose Hill Cemetery. Survivors: His second wife, 3 daughters; 4 step-sons, 2 step-daughters, etc.; a brother & a sister. Predeceased by his parents & his first wife. Memorials to Palmer Legion, Palmer United Methodist Church or Rose Hill Cemetery.

Note: See 1930 Fed. Census Prairie Creek Twp., Merrick, NE ED61-12 p5a D97 F92 (w/p).

Grand Island Independent - Mon. 30 Dec 2002

**Robert Douglas SENKBILE, 44**

Born 29 Apr 1958, Central City, NE. Parents: Richard D. & Ramona Senkbile. 1976 grad. of CCHS. Attended UNL. 16 Sep 1977: Married in Merrick Co., NE. They lived in Central City. He later moved to Grand Island, NE. Died there Sun., 29 Dec 2002. Service: Thurs. Fairview United Methodist Church near Central City. Arrangements: Solt Funeral Home. Survivors: A daughter, his ex-wife; his mother; 5 brothers.

Note: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I p359.

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 31 Dec 2002

Melvin Lewis SWANSON, 71

Born 17 Dec 1931 near Central City, NE. Parents: Oscar Lewis & Elsie Elmeda (Nelson) Swanson. 1949 grad. of CCHS. 9 Jan 1953: Married at Osceola, NE. They farmed west of Central City. 1992: Moved to Grand Island, NE. 1999: Moved to Central City, NE. He died there Mon., 30 Dec 2002. Visitation: Thurs., Solt Funeral Home. Service: Fri., Grace Luther Church. Burial in the city cemetery. Survivors: His wife, 3 daughters, a son, 11 gch., 23 g-gch.; a brother.

Note: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I p303.





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Merrick Co. Historical Museum, 211 "E" St., Central City, NE 68826.**

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 1 Jan 2003

**Vernon E "Bud" McCLURG, 78**

Born 4 May 1924, Stuart, NE. Parents: Charles E. & Lucy B. (Chenoweth) McClurg. Died Mon. 30 Dec 2002 at Central City, NE. Service: Sat., Solt Funeral Home, Central City. Burial in Knoll Crest Cemetery, Naper, NE. Survivors: A step-daughter; a brother.

Columbus Telegram & Grand Island Independent - Sun. 5 Jan 2003

**John F. CAVE, 68**

Born 6 Nov 1934, Spalding, NE. Parents: George & Mary (Schleich) Cave. 1953 grad. of Genoa HS. 1954: Married at Silver Creek, NE. Employed by Behlen; resided at Silver Creek, NE. Died Thurs. 2 Jan 2003 at hospital in Columbus, NE. Service: Mon. St. Lawrence Catholic Church, Silver Creek. Burial in church cemetery. Survivors: His wife, 6 sons, 6 daughters, 37 gch. Predeceased by his parents & grandparents, his in-laws, an infant g-daughter.

Grand Island Independent - Thur. 9 Jan 2003

**Ruby I. CHRISP, 99**

Born 4 Mar 1903, Beaver Crossing, NE. Parents: Milton S. & Alta V. (Frink) McCollister. 1922 grad. of CCHS. Attended Kearney State. Teacher. 27 May 1924: Married Frank M. Chrisp at Central City, NE. They dairy farmed. Frank died 30 Jan 1969. Ruby lived in Central City. She died there on Mon. 6 Jan 2003. Private family service at Solt Funeral Home. Burial at CC Cemetery. Survivors: 2 daughters, a son, 9 gch., 23 g-gch., 2 gg-gch; 2 sisters. Predeceased by her husband; a g-gson, Tarry Joseph Ross, 2 sisters - Enid Currey & Grayce Cudney; a brother Dale McCollister.

Note: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I pp 152 (w/sp), 294 (w/p), 340 (KH Ross); Merrick Co. Marriage Record Book I p40 #3593; 1930 Fed. Census Lone Tree Twp, Merrick, NE ED61-7 p12b D244 F247

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 11 Jan 2003

**Margaret J. BADER, 74**

Born 28 Oct 1928, Shelby (Polk Co.), NE. Parents: Dewey Lockard & Dora Coker. Grad. of Silver Creek HS.

Teacher in Polk County & at Palmer, NE. 27 Mar 1949: Married Willard Bader at Osceola, NE. They farmed near Palmer, NE; then moved into town. Survivors: Her husband. Predeceased by her sister Pat Miller & a nephew, Lyle Bader.

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 16 Jan 2003

**Mamie Ann LEMMERMAN, 100**

Born 30 Jun 1902, Wolbach, NE. Parents: John Wilburn Caudle & Mary Jane "Jolly" Phipps. 1 Jan 1921: Married Walter Lemmerman, Central City, NE. They established the Lemmerman Hatchery & Poultry farm near Palmer, NE in 1938. Mrs. Lemmerman died Mon. 13 Jan 2003, Grand Island, NE. Visitation: Thurs. at Palmer Funeral Home, Palmer, NE. Service: Fri. United Methodist Church. Burial in Rose Hill Cemetery, Palmer, NE. Survivors: 2 sons, 1 daughter; 9 gch., etc. Predeceased by her husband (died 2 Apr 1993); a son Robert (died at sea in 1944); ... 3 sisters: Mary Francis Schmitz, Verda McCormick & Ethel Caudle (infant); 5 brothers - Jones, George, Floyd, John & Alfred Caudle; 2 half-sisters - Mae Riddle & Lela Smith.

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 18 Jan 2003

**George A. LOATS, 78**

Born 8 Mar 11924, Gary, SD. Parents: Albert & Gertie (Bossman) Loats. Formerly lived in Lennox, SD. Died Thurs., 16 Jan 2003 at Central City, NE. Visitation: Sun., Solt Funeral Home, Central City. Service: Mon. at Ebenezer Presbyterian Church, Lennox, SD. Burial: Lennox Cemetery. Survivors: A sister & her husband; a brother & his wife; a sister-in-law.

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 18 Jan 2003

**Lola J. McLEAN, 85**

Born 6 Jun 1917, Chapman, NE. Parents: Arthur Hartman & Luella Parkins. 1935 grad. of Chapman Public School. 16 Dec 1936: Married Hans Husmann, lived at Chapman. 1959: Moved to Grand Island, NE. Hans died 3 Nov 1966. Lola moved to North Platte, NE. 14 Jul 1969: She married Glen McLean; moved to Central City, NE. 1999: To Grand Island. Glen died 18 May 2001. Mrs. McLean died Thurs. 9 Jan 2003, Grand Island, NE. Service Mon. at Apfel-Butler-Geddes Funeral Home. Burial: in Westlawn Cemetery, Grand Island. Arrangements: Wagner Funeral Home (Central City). Survivors: 1 son, 2 daughters, 13 gch., 23 g-gch., 3 gg-gch.; 1 brother in Wisconsin. Predeceased by 2 husbands; brother Lance Hartman; sister Arta Arp. Also deceased - a son-in-law, Martin Ryba.

Note: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I p 298 (McLean). Glen McLean is buried at Bureau Cemetery (Pierce Chapel), near Clarks.

Grand Island Independent - Sun.. 19 Jan 2003

**Otto F. KLOKE, 88**

Born 28 Feb 1914, Valparaiso, NE. Parents: Frank & Emma (Yost) Kloke. 1932 grad. of Valparaiso HS. 12 Aug 1939: Married Margaret at Grand Island, NE. They lived in Duncan, Ames & Schuyler, NE. 1943: Moved to Central City, NE. Telegraph operator, station master for UPRR. Died Fri., 17 Jan 2003 at Masonic Home in Plattsmouth, NE. Arrangements: Solt Funeral Home, Central City. Burial in Lincoln Memorial Park Cemetery. Survivors: His wife, nieces & nephews. Predeceased by his parents; 5 brothers - Edward, Ernest, Jul, Harold & Lloyd Kloke; 4 sisters, Freda Baustion, Marie Pool, Rose Klingeman & Esther Kuyhendall.

Grand Island Independent - Sun. 19 Jan 2003

**Charles W. PEARCE, Sr., 64**

Born 9 Mar 1938, North Platte, NE. Parents: Walter & Margaret (McCready) Pearce. 1961: Married in Cleveland, OH. Carpenter. Died Fri. 17 Jan 2003 at Chapman, NE. Visitation: Sun., Kleine Funeral Home. Service: Mon., First Baptist Church, Chapman. Burial in Chapman Cemtery. Survivors: His wife, 2 sons, 7 gch. Predeceased by 2 sons - Alan & Chuck Pearce.

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 18 Jan 2003; Columbus Telegram - Sun. 19 Jan 2003

**George Vincent SCHUTTE, 88**

Born 25 Jan 1914, Lawrence, NE. Parents: Joseph & Mary (Ven Haus) Schutte. 1933 grad. of Lawrence

Public Schools. 10 Aug 1937: Married Eleanor Brockman nee Lawrence, NE. They lived in Hastings, NE; Columbus, OH; Omaha, NE. 1945: Moved to farm near Clarks, NE. 1975: Moved to Grand Island, NE. He died Fri. 17 Jan 2003 at Grand Island, NE. Visitation: Today, Apfel-Butler- Geddes Funeral Home. Service: Mon., St. Mary's Cathedral, Grand Island. Burial in Westlawn Memorial Park Cemetery. Survivors: His wife, 2 sons, a daughter, 6 gch., 8 g-gch.; 2 brothers, 5 sisters. Predeceased by his parents & an infant brother, Norbert Schutte.

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 21 Jan 2003

Lawrence FAUQUIER, 88

Born 14 May 1914, Chapman, NE. Parents: Thomas & Belle (Bruno) Fauquier. Resident of Omaha, NE. Died Fri. 17 Jan 2003. Service: Tues., John A. Gentleman Mortuary, Omaha, NE. Survivors: His wife, a son; a sister, other relatives by marriage.

Grand Island Independent & Lincoln Journal Star (abbrev.) - Wed. 22 Jan 2003

**Robert "Stanley" TORPIN, 86**

Born 5 Oct 1916 on ranch west of Elgin, NE. Parents: Keith & Vera (Stanley) Torpin. 1934 grad. of CCHS. WW II: US Army. Attorney. 1940: Married in Onawa, Iowa. Died Sun 19 Jan 2003, Central City, NE. Service: Thurs, United Methodist Church. Burial in Central City Cemetery. Arrangements: Solt Funeral Home. Survived by his wife, 2 daughters, 1 son, 4 gch; 3 brothers. Predeceased by his parents & 2 brothers - Keith Henry & Charles Hollister Torpin. Memorials: United Methodist Church Foundation in Central City and the Merrick Foundation.

Note: See History of Merrick County Nebraska, Vol I pp 237 & 385. Write for copy to Merrick Co Historical Museum, please send donation & SASE.

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 22 Jan 2003

Sharon TUMA, 48

Born 8 Feb 1954, Palmer, NE. Parents: Clarence & Lucienne (Dethlefs) Michalski. 1972 grad. of St. Paul HS. 22 Jul 1972: Married James Tuma at Elba, NE. They lived in St. Paul; and later, in Ogallala, NE. 2001: They moved to Wood River, NE. Sharon died Sun. 19 Jan 2003 at Wood River. Visitation: Wed., Jacobsen-Greenway Funeral Home in St. Paul. Service: Thurs., Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church, St. Paul, NE. Burial in Elmwood Cemetery, St. Paul. Survivors: Her husband,, her mother, a son & a daughter, a gch.; 2 sisters. Predeceased by her father. Memorials: Alzheimer's Association.

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 25 Jan 2003

R. E. "Butch" JOHNSON, 50

Born 16 Feb 1952. Parents: Gerald M. & Pauline (Rose) Johnson. Lived in Central City, NE; currently was resident of Grand Island, NE. Died Fri. 24 Jan 2003. Visitation: Sun. Solt Funeral Home, Central City. Private burial service. Survivors: His wife, 2 sons, 2 step-children; a brother.

Note: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I p248 (R Johnson).

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 25 Jan 2003

**Wayne O. KANTOR, 55**

Born 2 Sep 1947, Grand Island, NE. Parents: Clarence Arthur Kantor & Katherine August Butt. Baptized & confirmed in Merrick County, NE. 1966 grad. Palmer HS. 1967-71: USAF. 6 Jun 1970: Married at Cheyenne, WY. They lived in Wyoming & Colorado; then resided at Palmer before moving to York, NE in 1992. Mr. Kantor died Thurs. 23 Jan 2003 at York. Service: Mon. at Faith Lutheran Church, York. Burial in Rose Hill Cemetery, Palmer, NE. Arrangements by Palmer Funeral Home, Palmer, NE. Survivors: His wife, 2 sons; father & 2 brothers. Predeceased by infant twin daughters, and his mother.

Note: See extracts for Rose Hill Cemetery at Palmer, NE.

Grand Island Independent - Sun. 26 Jan 2003

Ella M. ROHWEDER-NELSON, 94

Born 31 Aug 1908, St. Libory, NE. Parents: John & Margretha (Brueggeman) Meyer. Educated at Zion

Lutheran School, Worms, NE. 21 Jan 1927: Married George W. Rohweder at Worms. They lived in Grand Island, NE until 1932, moved to farm in Prairie Creek Twp. In 1946, they moved to a farm near Cairo, NE. 1961: Moved to Grand Island. Mr. Rohweder died 6 Apr 1966. On 28 Aug 1968, Ella married E. Vernon Nelson. They lived in Central City, NE; later moved to Grand Island. Vernon died 18 Jul 1992. Mrs. Nelson died Sat. 25 Jan 2003 at Grand Island. Visitation: Mon., Apfel-Butler-Geddes Funeral Home. Service: Tues. Trinity Lutheran Church, Grand Island. Burial in Grand Island City Cemetery. Survivors: 6 sons, 2 step-sons, 21 gch., 26 g-gch., 1 gg-gch. Predeceased by two husbands; a son, George Rohweder Jr.; a grandson, Melvin Rohweder; a great-grandson, Jacob Rohweder; a sister, Sophia Wagner; 7 brothers - Henry, Herman, John, Fred, Bill, Carl & Ted Meyer. Memorials: Heartland Lutheran High School or The Lutheran Hour. Note: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I page 302 (EV Nelson); Merrick Co. Marriage Records Book I p298 #I-298

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 29 Jan 2003

Martha C. BAHENSKY, 86

Born 7 May 1916 on a farm south of Wolbach, NE. Parents: Jens L. & Bertha M. (Cassel) Nielsen. 1934 grad. of Wolbach HS. 29 Nov 1936: Married Alton Bahensky at Glenwood, IA. They lived in Omaha briefly, then moved Palmer, NE. Later farmed with Alton's parents (M/M W.J. Bahensky). 1967: Moved into Palmer. Alton died 13 May 1990. Mrs. Bahensky died Mon. 27 Jan 2003 at hospital in Grand Island, NE. Visitation: Wed., Palmer Funeral Home, Palmer, NE. Service: Thurs. Welseyean Church, Palmer. Burial in Rose Hill Cemetery. Survivors: 2 sons, 5 gch., 2 g-gch; a sister & 3 brothers. Predeceased by her husband; her parents; 6 sisters - Esther Swanson, Elnora Cook, Elsie Wondercheck, Evelyn Leeper, & 2 infants; 2 brothers - Carl Nielsen & a baby. Memorials to the Senior Center or the Palmer Rescue Squad.

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Columbus Telegram - Sun. 2 Feb 2003

**Roman SOCK, 72**

Born 7 May 1930, Nance Co., NE. Parents: Philip Sock & Helen Jarecki. Attended school in Polk & Merrick Counties. 1951-52: US Army (Korea). Farmer at Silver Creek, NE; elevator operator. Died Sat. 1 Feb 2003 at Veteran's Hospital, Grand Island, NE. Service: Tues. at St. Lawrence Catholic Church, Silver Creek. Burial in church cemetery. Arrangements by McKown Funeral Home. Survivors: 3 sisters & 3 brothers. Predeceased by his parents and 2 siblings - Elizabeth & James Sock.

Columbus Telegram & Grand Island Independent - Wed. 5 Feb 2003

Leo J. PROSOSKI, 87

Born 23 Oct 1915, Krakow, NE (Nance Co.). Parents: Walter & Mary (Borowiak) Prososki. Grew up around Genoa & Clarks, NE. 12 Aug 1942: Married Dorothy Kiolbasa at Clarks, NE. They farmed near Clarks until 1982; moved to Carlsbad, NM. 1993: Moved back to live at Central City, NE. Dorothy died 23 Mar 2001. Leo died Tues., 4 Feb 2003 at Central City, NE. Visitation: Fri., Wagner Funeral Home. Service: Sat., St. Peter's Catholic Church. Burial in Calvary Cemetery, Clarks. Survivors: A son, 4 daughters, 13 gch., 5 g-gch., a step-gch.; 6 brothers. Predeceased by his wife; his parents; a sister & her husband - Helene & Louis Czarnick; a sister-in-law; 4 nieces.

Note: See 1920 Fed. Census NE ED156 p15a D182 F189: Clarksville Twp, Merrick, NE (w/p), & 1930 Fed. Census NE ED63-5 p4b D77 F77: East Newman Twp, Nance, NE (w/p).

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 15 Feb 2003

Connie Jo SCHENK, 55

Born 5 Sep 1947 at Hamburg, IA. Parents: Floyd A. & Edna I. (Fullington) Belle. 1965 grad. of Hamburg HS. 2 Aug 1969: Married Fred G. Schenk at Central City, NE. They lived in Central City. She died Thurs., 13 Feb 2003 at Central City, NE. Service: Mon., Solt Funeral Home. Burial in Bureau Cemetery (Pierce Chapel) near Clarks, NE. Survivors: Her husband; her mother; a son & a daughter, 2 gch.; a sister-in-law in Oregon. Predeceased by her father; a brother - Carrol Belle; a gch.

Note: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I p350. Her mother died 11 Mar 2007 at Central City, NE.

Grand Island Independent - Fri. 28 Feb 2003

Beatrice B. HALL, 88

Born 5 May 1914, Central City, NE. Parents: James G. & Sadie N. (Shively) French. 23 Feb 1932: Married Robert E. Hall at Clay Center, NE. They lived in Central City. Following husband's death she moved to Texas. Beatrice died Tues., 25 Feb 2003 at Commerce City, TX. Graveside service will be Sat. at Central City Cemetery. Survivors: 3 daughters, 9 gch., 15 g-gch, 6 gg-gch.; a sister. Predeceased by her husband, a son - Gerald "Jerry Hall; a brother - Waldon; 2 sisters - Virginia Mustard & Viola Douthit.

Note: See 1920 Fed. Census NE ED157 p6A D116 F116: Lone Tree Twp, Merrick, NE (w/p); 1930 Fed.

Census NE ED61-7 p10a D216 F218: Lone Tree Twp, Merrick, NE (w/p). Husband died 4 Dec 1964, see CC Cemetery Directory.

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Grand Island Independent - Sat. 1 Mar 2003

**Ruth L. ITA, 97**

Born 8 Jan 1906, Palmer, NE. Parents: Herman & Anna (Meyer) Weller. Attended Archer HS. 25 Feb 1926: Married William Ulrich Ita. They farmed near Palmer. They were foster parents. Mr. Ita died 29 Jun 1973. Mrs. Ita died Thurs., 27 Feb 2003 at Grand Island, NE. Service: Thurs., Zion United Methodist Church near Archer, NE. Burial in Archer Community Cemetery. Arrangements by Solt Funeral Home. Survivors: A foster daughter; 2 gch., 4 g-gch. Predeceased by her husband; a gch.; 3 brothers - Ernest, Richard & Herman Weller; 5 sisters - Martha Wallace, Mary Magnuson, Anna Wegenr, Wydia Wegner & Minnie Fegan. Memorials to the cemetery or to Palmer Rescue Unit.

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 5 Mar 2003

**Dale Arthur ANDERSON 76**

Born 7 Aug 1926, Manly, IA. Parents: Edwin O. & Mabel M. (Ewing) Anderson. 1944 grad. of CCHS. 1944-46: US Army. 1948: Married in Glenwood, IA. They lived in NE. 1951: Moved to Central City where he "...took over the family business, Anderson Produce. " He later worked as project manager for the state. Dale died Mon. 3 Mar 2003 at Central City. Visitation: Wed., Solt Funeral Home. Service: Thurs., Grace Lutheran Church, Central City. Burial in Aurora Cemetery. Survivors: His wife, a daughter, 2 sons, 7 gch.; a brother. Predeceased by his parents and a gch.

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 8 Mar 2003

**G. "Darlene" SUCK, 74**

Born 13 Jan 1929, Aurora, NE. Parents: Arthur Jones & Elizabeth Nelson. 1946 grad. Marquette HS. 28 Aug 1949: Married Milton Suck at Central City, NE. They farmed southwest of Palmer, NE. 1960: Moved into town. She died Thurs. 6 Mar 2003, Lincoln, NE. Service: Mon. at United Methodist Church, Palmer. Burial: Archer Community Cemetery. Arrangements by Jacobsen-Greenway Funeral Home, St. Paul. Survivors: Her husband, 2 daughters, 7 gch. Predeceased by son Marshall, sister Jewell E. Gregg, brother Wilbur Casey Jones.

Grand Island Independent - Sun. 9 Mar 2003

Helen E. CAMPBELL, 75

Born 1 Mar 1927 at Palmer, NE. Parents: Harold & Elma Campbell. Grad of HS in Cedar Falls, IA. Worked in Iowa, Nebraska & Colorado. 1965 grad. of Western Bible College, Denver. Missionary -- worked with Wycliffe Bible Translators, & Summer Institute of Linguistics. Resident of Catalina, AZ. She died Sat. 1 Feb 2003 at Tucson, AZ. Graveside service: Sun., Rose Hill Cemetery, Palmer, NE. Survivors: 2 brothers & a sister, nieces & nephews. Memorials to Summer Institute of Linguistics, P.O. Box 8987, Catalina, Ariz., 85738.

Columbus Telegram & Grand Island Independent - Tues. 11 Mar 2003

Parnella Rose DEXTER, 84

Born 22 Dec 1918, Silver Creek, NE. Parents: Samuel C. & Gladys B. (Tivey) Wallace. 1936 grad. of Clarks HS. Attended UNL 24 Dec 1939: Married Claude Leroy Dexter at Clarks. They farmed in Merrick County; then

moved to Merrick Manor in 1999. She wrote /published children's stories. Parnella died Sun. 9 Mar 2003 at Central City. Service: Thurs., United Methodist Church. Burial in Bureau Cemetery (Pierce Chapel) near Clarks, NE. Survivors: Her husband; 2 sons, a daughter; 7 gch., 8 g-gch.; a brother. Predeceased by her parents & 2 infant sisters.

Note: Husband died 16 Apr 2003, see below.

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 11 Mar 2003

Helen B. RUTHERFORD, 92

Born 15 Aug 1910, Ault, Colorado. Parents: Wesley & Olive (Birch) Chancellor. Family moved to/near Carson, Iowa. 25 Jan 1930: Married Robert E. Rutherford at Council Bluffs, IA. 1937: They moved to Central City, NE. Helen died Sun. 9 Mar 2003 at Central City, NE. Service: Thurs., Solt Funeral Home. Burial in the city cemetery. Survivors: 2 daughters, 3 sons, 19 gch. 20 g-gch., 3 gg-gch.; a sister, & a step-sister. Predeceased by her husband (20 Aug 1978); a son Lowell (1984); a gch.; 3 brothers - Loren, Glenn & Donald Chancellor; a sister - Lucille Schupbach; a son-in-law - Rusty Fuehrer.

Grand Island Independent - Fri. 14 Mar 2003

Virginia M. BOTTS, 93

Born 18 May 1909 at Archer, NE. Parents: Charles & Jeanette "Nettie" (Sporer) Lindgreen. Married Corliss E. Botts. He died in 1985. Virginia died Tues., 11 Mar 2003 at Broken Bow, NE. Visitation: Fri., Govier Grothers Mortuary, Broken Bow. Service: Sat., United Church of Christ, Purdum, NE. Survivors: A daughter, a son; a sister in California.

Note: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I p274 (w/p); 1920 Fed. Census NE ED161 p6B F83: Midland Twp, Merrick, NE (w/p).

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 18 Mar 2003

**Norma J. PAULY, 69**

Born 24 May 1933, Clarks, NE. Parents: Henry Pickrel & Bertha Harrison. Died Sun. 16 Mar 2003, at York, NE. Visitation: Tues. & Wed. at Metz Mortuary, York, NE. Service: Thurs. at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, York. Survivors: A son, 5 daughters, 3 sisters.

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 20 Feb 2003

Walter D. RUSTERHOLZ, 92

Born 29 Apr 1910, Dunlap, IA. Parents: Jacob & Minnie (Steinkuller) Rusterholz. 17 Sep 1929: Married Rose Swierczek at Omaha, NE. They moved to Ceentral City in 1940; later went to Berryville, Arkansas. Rose died in 1981, and Walter later returned to Central City. He died Tues., 18 Feb 2003 at Central City. Service: Fri., Wagner Funeral Home, Central City. Burial in the city cemetery. Survivors: 2 sons, a daughter, 12 gch., 31 g-gch., 4 gg-gch.; a brother, a sister & a half-sister. Predeceased by his parents; a son - Walter Jr.; a sister - Elvera Hansen.

Grand Island Independent - 21 Mar 2003

**Virginia LETH**

Born 24 Mar 1925, Palmer, NE. Parents: Alvah Gee & Etoile Colborn. Died 19 Mar 2003 St. Paul, NE. Husband: Ray Leth survives; also a son, a daughter, 3 brothers & 3 sisters, 9 gch. Service: 22 Mar 2003 First Presbyterian Church, St. Paul (Howard County), NE. Burial: Elmwood Cemetery.

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 26 Mar 2003

**Maybelle ROACH, 87**

Born 28 April 1915 near Clarks. Parents: Morgan M. Leamons & Ella M. Streeter. 1937: Married Floyd A. Roach at Hastings, NE. Mrs. Roach died 24 Mar 2003 at Grand Island, Hall, NE. Member of the First Baptist Church and FOE Auxiliary. Survived by a son, a daughter, 6 gch. Predeceased by her husband, parents, a son Ronald, 5 sisters & 3 brothers. Visitation: Wed. at Apfel-Butler-Geddes Funeral Home. Service: Thurs. at funeral home chapel. Burial in Grand Island City Cemetery.

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 26 Mar 2003

**Hilda E. BURKE, 87**

Born 16 Aug 1915, Hastings (Adams Co), NE. Parents: R. K. Hinrichs & Sophie Stamer. 30 Nov 1942: Married Richard Burke, at Myrtle Beach, S.C. Husband is deceased. Mrs. Burke died 25 Mar 2003, Central City, NE. Survived by 2 daughters, a son, a brother, 5 sisters, 8 gch. & 8 g-gch. Services: 27 March, St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Central City. Burial: St. Paul's Luth. Churchyard Cemetery, Glenvil (Clay Co.). Arrangements by Wagner Funeral Home, Central City.

Grand Island Independent - Wed 26 Mar 2003

**Neal Gordon HENSLEY, 86**

Born 8 Oct 1916, Central City, NE. Parents: Joseph E. (Ernest) Hensley & Jessie C. (Catherine) Breckon. 1936 grad. CCHS. WW II: US Army Air Force. Owner of Hensley Studio (photographer). 25 Apr 1953: Married Thelma M. Stark, at Central City (wife deceased 13 Dec 1984). Mr. Hensley died 25 Mar 2003, Grand Island Veteran's Home (Hall Co.), NE. Survived by 3 brothers, and a sister. Predeceased by 3 brothers & a sister. Services: Sat. United Methodist Church, Central City. Burial in Central City Cemetery. Arrangements: Solt Funeral Home.

Note: History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I , 1981 includes articles about the Hensley & Stark families. See Merrick Lookups page, and write to Merrick County Historical Museum for copies.

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 29 Mar 2003

**Hilda I. FLODMAN, 92**

Born 16 Jul 1910, Hamilton Co., NE. Parents: Thure L. Ortegren & Ida C. Isaacson. Educated at Hordville Schools. 24 Jun 1931: Married Ralph Flodman at Mamre Evangelical Church near Marquette, NE. They lived on farm near Hordville, NE. 1999: They moved to Central City, NE. Mrs. Flodman died Fri. 28 Mar 2003, Central City, NE. Visitation: Mon. Solt Funeral Home, Central City. Service: Tues. Fridhem Lutheran Church, Hordville, NE. Burial in Hordville Cemetery. Survivors: Her husband, 3 daughters, 1 son, 18 gch., 28 gch., 3 gg-gch. Predeceased by grandson Lance Rutherford; 4 brothers - Iver, Martin & two infants; 4 sisters - Clara Carlson, Jennie Anderson, Lula Erickson & her twin Helen Nelson.

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Grand Island Independent - Fri. 4 Apr & Sat. 5 Apr 2003

**Taylor Ross COX, 88** Born 4 Oct 1914, Palmer, NE. Parents: Ross B. Cox & Edith F. Anderson. 1932 grad. Palmer HS. Worked as surveyor in Nebraska, Alaska & California. Retired to Sun City, AZ; moved last year to Palmer, NE. Mr. Cox died 1 Apr 2003, at Milford (Seward Co.), NE. Survived by former wife in OR, & a sister in CA. Service: 5 Apr 2003 at Palmer Funeral Home. Burial in Rose Hill Cemetery, Palmer.

Note: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I pp108 (AE Anderson), 165-6 (w/p); 1920 Fed. Census NE ED158 p7B H2117 D168 F185: Central City Ward 1, Merrick, NE (w/p); 1930 Fed. Census NE ED61-9 p5a: Loup Twp, Merrick, NE (w/p).

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 5 Apr 2003

**Donna FERRIS, 87**

Born 20 Dec 1915 Mead Twp, Merrick, NE. Parents: Ralph S. Severance & Ella Halstead. 1932 grad. CCHS. 9 Mar 1937: Married Rexford Lee Ferris, in Merrick County. (Husband is deceased). 4-H leader over 30 yrs. Mrs. Ferris died Fri., 4 Apr 2003. Parents & 3 siblings are deceased. Survived by 3 sons & 1 daughter; a sister-in-law in CO. Visitation: 6 Apr at Wagner Funeral Home, Central City. Service: 7 Apr at Fairview United Methodist Church. Burial in Burke Cemetery. Memorials to the Merrick Foundation, Fairview United Methodist Church, or the Merrick County Historical Museum, please.

Note: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I pp190-1 (R&D Ferris), 360 (R&E Severance, & RH Severance). Also see 1920 Fed. Census Mead Twp, Merrick, NE ED160 p1a F2 (w/p); 1930 Fed. Census NE ED61-10 p1b D22 F22: Mead Twp, Merrick, NE (w/p).

Grand Island Independent - Sun. April 6, 2003; Aurora News Register - 9 Apr 2003

**Marvel HOOVER, 67**

Born 4 Feb 1936, Grand Island, NE. Parents: Louis Fredrick Wendt & Edith Irene Humphery. Worked as cook in Grand Island and Central City, NE. Mrs. Hoover died 5 Apr 2003 at Lincoln, NE. Survived by 2 daughters & 1 son-in-law, 4 gch; 1 sister & 2 brothers-in-law. Service: 8 Apr 2003 at Solt Funeral Home chapel. Burial in Central City Cemetery.

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 8 Apr 2003

**Hannah M. BUTT, 98**

Born 13 Jun 1904, Saline Co., NE. Parents: August & Augusta (Burkhart) Butt. 1912: Family moved to Merrick Co., NE. Following her parents' deaths, she lived with a sister & brother-in-law in Merrick Co.; later lived at Palmer, NE. Hannah died Sat. 6 Apr 2003 at Central City, NE. Visitation: Thurs., Solt Funeral Home. Service there also. Burial in Central City Cemetery. Survivors: 3 nephews, 7 nieces ... and their descendents.

Predeceased by her father in 1949 & her mother in 1953. Also deceased are 7 brothers - Otto, Helmet, Reynold, Fritz, Paul, Anton (infant) & Frank (infant) Butt; 3 sisters - Elsie Nickel, Bertha Hake Marie Louisa Butt (infant). Memorials to Merrick Foundation for the Lock Performing Arts Center.

Note: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I p145; 1920 Fed. Census NE ED160 p6A F107: Mead Twp, Merrick, NE (w/p; 1930 Fed. Census NE ED61-10 p4b D81 F82: Mead Twp, Merrick, NE (w/p). Also see directory for Central City Cemetery.

Grand Island Independent & York News Times - Tues 8 Apr 2003

**Donald G. PRINCE, 69**

Born 8 Mar 1934, Palmer, NE. Parents: Glenn Prince & Alice Bauman. Grad. Palmer HS. Korean War: US Marines. 17 Jun 1956: Married in Howard County. Employed as meat cutter. Mr. Prince died 7 Apr 2003 at York, NE. Survived by his wife, 2 sons, a daughter, 8 gch.; and a sister in KS. Service: 10 Apr, at Metz Mortuary Chapel, York, NE. Burial in Rose Hill Cemetery, Palmer, NE.

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 9 Apr 2003

**Florence LARSON, 99**

Born 25 Mar 1904, Michigan City, IN. Parents Charles M. Anderson & Mary Johnson. Family moved near Archer, NE in 1913, where she attended school. 4 Aug 1925: Married Clarence R. Larson, Chapman, NE. (Husband deceased, 26 Feb 1990). Boy Scout den mother, PTA, Pink Lady & other volunteer work including SS teacher at United Methodist Church over 30 yrs. Mrs. Larson died Tues. 8 Apr 2003, Central City, NE. Funeral: 11 Apr at United Methodist Church. Burial in Central City Cemetery. Solt Funeral Home in charge. Survived by 4 sons and their spouses, 14 gch., 29 g-gch., 11 gg-gch.

Note: See History of Merrick Co., NE Vol II pp130; 1920 Fed. Census NE ED226 p4B D77 F77: Prairie Creek Twp, Merrick, NE; 1930 Fed. Census NE Central City, Merrick, NE ED61-1 p19a H717 D274 F284; Merrick Co Marriage Records Book I p113 #3666.

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 10 Apr 2003

**Margaret J. EVERSOLL, 88**

Born 7 Sep 1914, Chapman, NE Parents: Lora H. Aurand & Nell Adair. 1932 graduate, attended college. Teacher. 10 May 1935: Married Allen Eversoll at Hastings. (He is deceased, see Chapman Cemetery extracts). Business manager. Volunteer at library & Stuhr Museum; SS teacher at Methodist Church. Mrs. Eversoll died Tues. 8 Apr 2003, Grand Island, NE. Visitation: Fri. at Livingston-Sondermann Funeral Home. Services: Sat., Gollaher Chapel of Trinity United Methodist Church. Burial Chapman Cemetery, Merrick County, NE. Memorials: to the church or to the Stolley Park Playground, please. Survived by 4 sons, 2 daughters; 17 gch, 23 g-gch; 1 brother & 1 sister.

Columbus Telegram - Tues. 15 Apr 2003

**Lillian SMEJKAL, 90**

Born 23 Aug 1912, Colfax Co., NE. Parents: James Krofta & Agnes Pacas. 1930 graduate, Clarkson HS (Colfax Co.). Teacher; active in Presbyterian Church. 18 Feb 1912: Married Philip Smejkal at Central City, NE. 1978: Moved to Clarkson. Husband died in 1984. Survived by a daughter, 4 gch., 7 g-gch. Mrs. Smejkal died



Fri. 11 Apr, 2003 at Clarkson, NE. Visitation: Mon. at Miller Funeral Home, Clarkson. Service: Tues. 15 Aug at New Zion Presbyterian Church, Clarkson. Burial in Clarkson National Cemetery.

Grand Island Independent - Fri. 18 Apr 2003

**Claude "Leroy" DEXTER, 84**

Born 10 Sep 1918 near Clarks, NE. Parents: Marcus Claude Dexter & Pearl Belle Martin. 1936 grad. Clarks HS. Farmer, cattle feeder. 24 Dec 1939: Married Parnella Rose Wallace, near Clarks, NE (wife deceased 9 Mar 2003). Mr. Dexter died Wed. 16 Apr 2003, Central City, NE. Service: Tues. at United Methodist Church. Burial in Bureau Cemetery (Pierce Chapel, near Clarks). Survived by 2 sons, a daughter, a sister, & a sister-in-law; 7 gch., 8 g-gch. Predeceased by parents & a brother Gerald. Solt Funeral Home in charge. Note: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I pp 172-3 (L&P Dexter), 173 (w/p). Also 1920 Fed. Census NE ED156 p15A D190 F197: Clarksville Twp, Merrick, NE (w/p) ; 1930 Fed. Census NE ED61-6 p9a D185 F185: Clarksville Twp, Merrick, NE (w/p)

Grand Island Independent -Thurs. 17 Apr 2003

**Mary LORANCE, 82**

Born 20 Dec 1920, Aurora (Hamilton County), NE. Parents Albert Crane & Gertrude Bottorf. Grad. of Aurora HS. 1940: Married Glen Lorange Sr.; he died in 1952. They lived in Grand Island, NE. She later lived in California, and Palmer, NE; lived last 4 years in Central City, NE. Mrs. Lorange died Tues. 15 Apr 2003 in Grand Island, NE. Service: Saturday at Livingston-Sondermann Funeral Home. Survived by a daughter, 2 sons, 7 gch., 1 g-gch. Preceded in death by her parents, 3 brothers & a sister.

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 22 April 2003

**LoAnn C. ROACH, 57**

Born 13 Nov 1945, Grand Island, Hall, NE. Parents: William Muhs & Milda L. Reher. 1964 grad. Grand Island Northwest HS. 18 Jul 1964: Married J. G. Roach, at Chapman, NE. Lived in Juniata, Hastings, and Grand Island, NE; 1976: to Central City, NE. Lutheran, 4-H leader, cake decorator. Mrs. Roach died 19 Apr 2003, Central City, NE. Service: Tues., Solt Funeral Home. Burial in Central City Cem. Survived by her husband, 3 daughters, a son, 14 gch. Also surviving - 4 brothers & 2 sisters. Memorial donations to Merrick Foundation, please.

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 23 April 2003

**D. Ellsworth REEVES, 92**

Born 15 Feb 1911, Billings, MT. Parents: Roy & Lucille Reeves. Mr. Reeves died Friday 18 Apr 2003, Colorado Springs, CO. Graveside services 2 May at Central City Cemetery. Survived by his wife, 2 daughters, 3 gch., 7 g-gch.; a brother in California. Had been John Deere dealer in Central City; pres. of Kimball Development Co.; co-founder of Central Bank.

Columbus Telegram & Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 24 Apr 2003

**Muriel "Virginia" WILLITS, 80**

Born 22 May 1922, Cambridge (Furnas County), NE. Parents: Willard L. Copeland & Ruth Irene Peterson. 1926: Family moved to Clarks. 2 Aug 1942: Married Virgil L. Willits at Clarks, NE. Teacher, employee of Dale Electronics. 1987: Moved to Grand Island, NE. Mrs. Willits died Sun. 13 Apr 2003, at Grand Island. Memorial Service: Mon. Gollaher Chapel of Trinity United Methodist Church. Body donated to the Nebraska Anatomical Board. Survived by 2 sons, 2 daughters, 10 gch., 4 g-gch. Predeceased by her parents; brother, Terry, & a grandson. Arrangements: All Faiths Funeral Home in Grand Island.

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. April 24, 2003

**Evelyn HAAG, 89**

Born 13 Nov 1913, Palmer, NE. Parents: Guy A. Nicholas & Elsie Farlee. 1929 grad. Palmer HS. Married Norris Haag (dec. 9 Jun 1995). Piano teacher, volunteer. Mrs. Haag died Tues. 22 Apr 2003, at Lincoln, NE. Visitation: Thurs. at Palmer Funeral Home. Service: Fri. at Church of Christ, Palmer, NE. Burial in Rose Hill Cemetery. Survived by 2 sons & their wives; 6 gch., 15 g-gch., 3 gg-gch. Predeceased by sister, Zella Debord

(Mrs. Floyd Debord).

Note: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I p306 (w/p); 1920 Fed. Census NE ED159 p9B D65 F67: Loup Twp, Merrick, NE (w/p); 1930 Fed. Census NE ED61-9 p3a: Loup Twp, Merrick, NE (w/p).

Grand Island Independent - Sun. 27 April 2003

**Hazel I. HELZER, 101**

Born 13 Jun 1901, Palmer, NE. Parents: Cornelius "Con" Hartford & Nellie Washburn. Married Louie C. Helzer (who died 1 Apr 1985). They lived in Grand Island, NE. Mrs. Helzer died Sat 26 Apr 2003, at Thomasville, GA. In charge of arrangements: Whiddon-Shiver Funeral Home, Thomasville. Burial: Laurel Hill Cemetery. Survived by a daughter.

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Columbus Telegram - Thurs. 1 May 2003; Grand Island Independent - Wed. 30 April 2003

**Edward J. ROBAK, 91**

Born 22 Jul 1911, Polk Co., NE. Parents: Thomas Robak & Clara Byrl. Lived near Farwell (Howard Co.), NE as child; in Grand Island & Chapman, NE as adult.. 23 Oct 1938: Married Sophie Siuda, at Paplin, NE. Mr. Robak died Mon. 28 Apr 2003, Central City, NE. Visitation: Thurs. at Livingston-Sondermann Funeral Home, Grand Island. Service: Fri. 2 May 2003, St. Mary's Cathedral, Grand Island. Burial in Westlawn Memorial Park Cemetery. Survived by a sister & a sister-in-law. Predeceased by his wife (1982), parents and six siblings. Memorials to Cathedral Square of Project Hunger, please.

Columbus Telegram - Fri. 2 May 2003

**Mildred "Jo" RICHARDSON, 77**

Born 4 Dec 1925, Silver Creek, NE. Parents: William Leith & "Ever Dickson (Roth) Leith". 1944 grad: Silver Creek HS. 1947: Married Edwin Robinson, at Omaha, NE. Mrs. Richardson died 9 Apr 2003, Omaha, NE. Memorial service: 16 Apr at Maple Crest Chapel, Omaha. Survived by 2 children, grdch; 2 sisters. Predeceased by her parents, husband, 3 brothers.

NOTE: Her paternal ancestry - Von der Leith (1885, Polk Co., NE). Believe her mother's given name was "Eva".

Grand Island Independent - Mon. May 5, 2003

**Margaret P. CHAMBERS, 79**

Born 6 Dec 1923, Merrick Co., NE. Parents: John Power & Rose Trainor. Raised in Merrick County. Worked at Cornhusker Army Ammunition Plant, and was later a retail sales clerk. 14 May 1949: Married Lester Chambers in Grand Island, NE. Mrs. Chambers died Sat. 3 May 2003, at Grand Island. Service: Tues. St. Leo's Catholic Church. Burial: St. Joseph's Catholic Cemetery, York, NE. Livingston-Sondermann Funeral Home in charge. Survived by husband, 2 sons, 3 daughters, 8 gch. Predeceased by a son, Thomas; also 6 sisters & 5 brothers. Memorial donations to NE Stroke Foundation.

Note: See 1930 Fed. Census NE ED61-7 p2b D45 F47: Lone Tree Twp, Merrick, NE (w/p). The Power family appears in History of Merrick County, NE, Vol. I - see lookups page to order copies of the articles from Merrick County Historical Museum.

Kearney Hub - Tues, 6 May 2003

**Richard A. HOUSE, 81**

Born 21 May 1921, Silver Creek, NE. Parents: Jason House & Thelma Gates. 1939 grad. Silver Creek HS. WW II: US Navy. 14 Jul 1942: married Carolyn Hutchison, Yuma, AZ. (She died 1989). Worked for International Harvester. Married second in 1990 at Upland. 2002: Moved to Kearney, NE. Mr. House died Mon. 5 May 2003, at Kearney, NE. Service: Wed. at First United Methodist Church. Burial: Kearney Cemetery. O'Brien-Straatmann-Apfel Funeral Home in charge. Survived by his 2nd wife, a son, 5 daughters, a brother, 36 gch.; 3 stepsons & 2 stepdaughters. Predeceased by his first wife, & a sister. Memorial donations to Legion Post of Upland.

York News Times, Columbus Telegram, Grand Island Independent - Wed. 7 May 2003

**Shirley A. GUSTAFSON, 78**

Born 31 Jul 1924, York, NE. Parents: C. Raymond & Elva O'Neal. Attended schools in Polk & Gage Counties. 21 Mar 1943: Married Roger W. Gustafson, at Osceola, NE (husband dec. 27 Nov 1984). Lived on farm near Hordville (Hamilton Co). Moved to Central City. Member of several organizations; had many hobbies. Mrs. Gustafson died Mon. 5 May 2003 in Grand Island, NE. Service: Fri. 9 May at Wagner Funeral Home, Central City, NE. Burial at Lindale Cemetery. Survived by a son, 4 daughters, 18 gch & 24 g-gch.; 2 brothers. Predeceased by husband & a sister-in-law, Thelma Peterson, etc. Memorials to the family, please.

NOTE: Her family - see Who's Who in Nebraska, 1940 - Polk County chapter, page 925.

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 8 May 2003

**Alice M. BRITTAIN, 82**

Born 21 Jan 1921, Kansas City, MO. Parents: James Brown & Stella Pierce. 1939 grad. Wood River HS. Teacher. 23 Dec 1941: Married Merle Brittain. (He died 27 Nov 1984.) They lived in Fullerton, Wood River, Chapman & Central City, NE. Mrs. Brittain died Mon. 5 May 2003, at Central City, NE. Survived by 6 sons, 2 daughters, 33 gch, 47 g-gch. Predeceased by 2 daughters - Mary LeDeaux & Lela West; 4 gch & 1 g-gch. Service: Fri. 9 May at Wagner Funeral Home. Burial in Wood River Cemetery. Memorial donations to American Arthritis Assoc. or Diabetes Assoc.

Columbus Telegram - Fri. 9 May 2003

**L. Genevieve "Genny" SHRADER, 92**

Born 2 Feb 1911, Ulysses (Butler Co.), NE. Parents: Lawence Hillyer & Sarah Belle Cullison. 1932: Genny married first to Fredrick Rurup, at Lincoln, NE. 1952: Married second: Richard Shrader at David City, NE. Lived at Rising City until 1991, moved to David City, NE. Mrs. Shrader died Thurs. 8 May 2003 at David City, NE. Cremated. Survived by husband, a son & a daughter; 2 brothers, 8 gch. Predeceased by her parents, 2 sons - Frederick Rurup Jr. & Wayne Rurup; 1 brother, 1 sister, etc. Memorial service: Sat. at Robert Funeral Home, David City, NE.

Note: Parents married at Central City, NE - see [Merrick County Marriage Records, Book D](#) p409 #1750

Grand Island Independent - Fri. 9 May 2003

**Ron STOLTENBERG, 71**

Born 9 Sep 1931, Chapman, NE. Parents: Ralph & Edna Stoltenberg. Served in US Navy. Mr. Stoltenberg died Wed. 7 May 2003, Knoxville, TN. Survived by his wife, 2 daughters, 6 sisters, 1 brother. Predeceased by his father & a brother, David. Service: Fri. at Highland Memorial Funeral Home West Chapel, Knoxville, TN. Burial: Highland West Cemetery.

NOTE: Article on this family in History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I page 377. Send donation & SASE to Merrick Historical Museum for a copy.

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 17 May 2003

**Andrew KRUG, 91**

Born 16 Jun 1911, Phillipsburg, KS. Parents: John Krug & Minnie Getz. WW II : US Army (Europe). 17 Feb 1934: Married Marie R. Lewis at Polk, NE. Farmer, RR worker, carpenter. Mr. Krug died Fri. 16 May 2003, at Central City, NE. Funeral: Tues. Wagner Funeral Home, Central City. Burial in Central City Cemetery. Survived by a daughter & 2 sisters; 3 gch., 6 g-gch. Predeceased by his wife, a daughter Donna Lee Mallory, a brother & a sister.

NOTE: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I pp 262 (Krug), 273 (JB Lewis). His surviving siblings are 2 half-sisters; the deceased brother is apparently Robert Krug. Send donation & SASE to Merrick Historical Museum for copies of the book articles.

Grand Island Independent obit - Sun. 18 May 2003

**Evelyn COLLINS, 77**

Born 23 Apr 1926, Ashland, IL. Parents: Merle & Ruth (Spears) Page. Family lived in WI & MO; moved to Merrick Co., NE. Grad. of Clarks HS. Family moved to Valley Co., NE. 25 Dec 1948: Married Marvin Collins at

North Loup, NE. They farmed in Valley County. Mrs. Collins died Fri. 16 May 2003 at Grand Island, NE. Service: Mon., Ord Memorial Chapel. Burial in Ord Cemetery. Survivors: Her husband, a son, 3 gch, 8 g-gch. Predeceased by her parents, 2 brothers - Asahel & Kenneth Page. Memorials to American Diabetes Association, Mira Valley United Methodist Church.  
Note: Parents buried at Central City Cemetery.

Grand Island Independent - Mon. 19 May 2003

**Leonard RUDOLF, 91** Born 4 Nov 1911, Palmer, NE. Parents: Frank Rudolf & Louise Oxner. Res. of Central City, NE. Mr. Rudolf died Sat. 17 May 2003, at Kearney, NE. Visitation: Tues, Solt Funeral Home, Central City. Graveside service: Tues., Westlawn Cemetery, Grand Island. Survived by 2 daughters, a brother & his wife. Note: See 1920 Fed. Census NE ED161 p4A F32: Midland Twp, Merrick, NE (w/p); 1930 Fed. Census NE ED61-11 p4b D93 F93: Midland Twp, Merrick, NE (w/p).

Kearney Hub - Tues. 27 May 2003

**Nona Helen RUFF, 81**

Born 12 Feb 1922 Silver Creek, NE. Parents: Glenn Shelmadine & Esther Wieseman. Spouse: Ralph Ruff (dec.) Mrs. Ruff died Fri. 23 May 2003, in Omaha, NE. Service: Wed., Boyd E. Braman Mortuary, Omaha. Burial: Mount Hope Cemetery. Survived by a son, 2 daughters, and 2 sisters; 6 gch & 6 g-gch. Predeceased by her husband & a brother. Memorial donations to American Cancer Society or Salvation Army, please  
Note: Her parents & assumed brother Glenn Max, are buried at Osceola, Polk, NE.

Scottsbluff Star Herald - Wed. 28 May 2003

**Calvin D. YEIK, 76**

Born 16 Jan 1927, Wheatland, WY. Parents: Clyde Yeik & Ferne Oliver. Grew up at Yoder, WY. Served in US Navy. 1948: Married at Laramie, WY. Farmed at Hawk Springs, WY; retired to Torrington. Mr. Yeik died 25 May 2003, Torrington, WY. Memorial service: Thurs, Colyer Funeral Home Chapel. Donations to Shriner's Children's Hospital appreciated. Survived by wife, a son, 2 daughters and a brother; 6 gch & 4 g-gch. Predeceased by parents, brother William Yeik and sister Leota Freida; twin g-gch.

Note: See "History of Merrick Co. Nebraska", Vol I page 412 for article about the Yeik Children. Send donation & SASE to Merrick Historical Museum for copy of this article.

Kearney Hub and Grand island Independent - Wed. 28 May 2003

**Dorothy Lee HOCKMAN, 78**

Born 3 Aug 1924, Palmer, NE. Parents: William M. Weber & Mary "Mamie" Geherty. Attended Manhattan Bible College. 1 Jan 1944: Married William Hockman; served at churches in Edgar & Kearney, NE. Mrs. Hockman died Sat., 24 May 2003, at Oklahoma City, OK. Service: Mon. at Westwood Church of Christ, Edmond. Burial: Fri. at Edgar, NE. Survived by husband, a son, a daughter. Predeceased by 2 daughters, 2 brothers, 2 sisters.

Note: See "History of Merrick Co. Nebraska" Vol I, p 307

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 28 May 2003

**Bruno R. BURKHARDT, 85**

Born 10 Jun 1918 Palmer, NE. Parents: Bruno R. Burkhardt & Minnie Kruse. Worked for Cornhusker Army Ammunition Plant and then Hornady Manufacturing. 1985: Retired. 26 Mar 1947: Married Julia Knapp, Grand Island, NE. Mr. Burkhardt died Sat. 24 May 2003, at Central City, NE. Service: Thurs. at Apfel-Butler-Geddes Funeral Home Chapel, Grand Island. Burial in Westlawn Cemetery, Grand Island, NE. Survived by 3 sons, 2 daughters, one sister; 14 gch, 4 g-gch. Predeceased by his wife, 6 brothers, 2 sisters. Memorial donations to American Cancer Society.

Grand Island Independent - Fri. 30 May 2003; Aurora News Register - Wed. 4 Jun 2003

**David J. BRONDEL, 60**

Born 5 May 1943, Central City, NE. Parents: John Brondel & Esther Harrington. 1961 grad. CCHS. 2 Sep 1972: Married at Central City. Mr. Brondel died Wed., 28 Mar 2003. Services: Mon. Wagner Funeral Home,

Central City. Burial: Central City Cemetery. Survived by his wife, 3 sons, a daughter, his mother, 3 brothers, 4 sisters, 3 gch. Predeceased by his father, a sister Emma Senkbile & a brother Marvin; one gch.

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Grand Island Independent - Sun. 1 June 2003

**Jack DITTMER, 66**

Born 12 Oct 1936, Clarks, NE. Parents: Otto A. Dittmer & Mary W. Hansen. US Army veteran; farmer, employee of Pollard Oil; welder. 1999: Retired. 6 Feb 1965: Married at Columbus, NE. Res: Clarks, NE. Mr. Dittmer d. Fri. 20 May 2003, Osceola, NE. Funeral: Tues, 3 Jun at Solt Funeral Home, Central City. Burial in Calvary Cemetery near Clarks, NE. Survived by his wife, 3 sons, a brother, 4 sisters; 10 gch & 4 g-gch. Predeceased by his parents & a brother, Robert C. Dittmer; also a g-gdaughter.

Note: See "History of Merrick Co. Nebraska", Vol I page 176. Send donation & SASE to Merrick Historical Museum for copy of the article in the book.

Columbus Telegram & Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 5 Jun 2003

**Hazel A. SWANSON, 96**

Born 10 Apr 1907, Palmer, NE. Parents: Raymond Irwin & Annie Johnk. Raised near Palmer & Genoa, NE. 9 Mar 1923: Married Earl Swanson at St. Paul, NE. They farmed in Genoa & Palmer areas. 1960: Retired to Palmer. Mrs. Swanson died Tues., 3 Jun 2003, St. Paul (Howard Co), NE. Visitation: Thurs at Palmer Funeral Home. Service: Fri, at United Methodist Church, Palmer, NE. Burial in Rose Hill Cemetery. Survived by 3 sons, 2 brothers, one sister, 8 gch, 10 g-gch, 17 gg-gch. Predeceased by husband (1961); daughter Helen G. Swanson; siblings - August & Earl Rickner; Fred, Art & Ralph Irwin; Rena Schenck.

Lincoln Journal Star - Fri. 6 Jun 2003

**Dey Tyler HIGBEE, 94**

Born 28 Jan 1909, Meadow Grove (Madison Co.), NE. Parents: John Blaine Higbee & Myrtle Maude Weygint. 1927 grad. Clarks HS. 1934: to Lincoln, NE. Mr. Higbee died Thurs. 5 Jun 2003, Lincoln, NE. Survived by a daughter and a sister; 2 sisters-in-law. Predeceased by wife Lurlean, & brother DeWayne Higbee. Visitation Sun. Lincoln Memorial Funeral Home. Burial in Lincoln Memorial Park (private service). Memorial donations to American Heart Association, Nebraska Chapter, 3624 Farnam St., Omaha 68131-3278.

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 5 June 2003

**George Elwood LATTA, 64**

Born 25 Jan 1939, of Red Cloud (Webster Co.), NE. Parents: George Russell Latta & June Malick. Had lived in Central City, NE; currently resident of Cowles, NE. Mr. Latta died Tues 3 Jun 2003, at Hastings, NE. Survived by a sister & a brother. Service: Fri., Simonson-Williams Funeral Home Chapel, Red Cloud, NE. Burial in Red Cloud Cemetery.

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 10 June 2003

**John Richard "Joe" LAMB, 67**

Born 12 Feb 1936, Clarks, NE. Parents: Mark A. Lamb & Eva Ackerman. 1954 graduate Clarks HS. Served in US Navy. Married in 1956. Worked in Upland, CA and Grand Island, NE. Res: Clarks, NE. Mr. Lamb died Sat. 7 Jun 2003, at Grand Island, NE. Survived by his wife, 4 sons, 2 daughters, 3 brothers & 1 sister; 14 gch & 2 g-gch. Predeceased by his parents & 3 brothers: Robert, Gerald & Leo Lamb. Visitation: Tues. at Palmer Funeral Home, Fullerton, NE. Services Wed. at St. Peters Catholic Church, Clarks. Burial in Calvary Cemetery, Clarks.

Note: His parents/family, see 1920 Fed. Census NE ED156 p8A D30 F31: Clarksville Twp, Merrick, NE; and 1930 Fed. Census NE ED61-5 p5b D140 F143: Clarks Village, Merrick,

Columbus Telegram and Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 12 Jun 2003

**Corbet Leslie "Corky" HANSHER, 83**

Born 6 Feb 1920, Belgrade, NE. Parents: Robert "Roy" Hansher & Mildred I. Toogood. WW II: US Army. Employed by UPRR, and then Clarks Twp, Merrick Co, NE. 1945: Married at Central City, NE. Moved from

Clarks to Columbus in 1999. Mr. Hansher died Tues. 10 Jun 2003, Omaha, NE. Survived by his wife, 1 son, 4 daughters, 1 step-son, 2 sisters, etc. Predeceased by 2 sisters, & an infant brother. Private family service at Gass Haney Funeral Home, Columbus, NE. Burial in Clarks Cemetery.

Note: Parents & infant brother are buried at Main Cemetery, Belgrade, NE. See BNGS Cemetery Book for Belgrade.

Grand Island Independent - Sun. 15 June 2003

**Eric James GALVAN, 21**

Born 15 Jun 1981, at Lancaster, CA. Parents: James & Brooksie A. Galvan. 1999: Moved to Central City, NE. Mr. Galvan died Sat. 14 Jun 2003, auto accident near Chapman, NE. Service: Tues. at Solt Funeral Home Chapel, Central City, NE. Burial: Central City Cemetery. Survived by his mother, a sister & 6 brothers. Predeceased by his father & grandparents.

Grand Island Independent - Mon. 16 Jun 2003

**Russell Lee GRIEVES Jr., 21**

Born 10 Jan 1982, Omaha, NE. Parents: Russell Lee Grievies Sr. & Mary Davis. Had lived in Texas; Hastings, Central City & Grand Island, NE. Mr. Grievies died Sat. 14 Jun 2003, near Chapman in auto accident. Service Tues. at Solt Funeral Home, Central City. Burial in Central City Cemetery. Survived by his parents, a son, 3 brothers, one grandmother. Predeceased by his grandfathers & one grandmother; also a daughter Taylor Marie Grievies (d. 9 Dec 2001).

Grand Island Independent (abbrev) - Wed. 18 Jun 2003; Columbus Telegram - Thurs. 19 Jun 2003

**Pauline T. SMITH, 86**

Born 29 Jun 1916 Duncan, NE. Parents: Joseph & Kathryn (Mostek) Dush. 1 Sep 1939: Married Robert E. Smith at Duncan, NE. They lived in California. 1950: Moved to dairy farm near Silver Creek, NE. In 1996 she moved to Heritage House in Columbus; and the following year to Genoa Long Term Care. She died Mon. 16 Jun 2003 at Genoa. Service: Thurs., St. Lawrence Catholic Church, Silver Creek, NE. Burial in the church cemetery. Arrangements: McKown

Funeral Home. Survivors: 5 sons, a daughter, 17 gch., 15 g-gch. Predeceased by her husband; her parents, an infant son; an infant g-son; 4 brothers - Alexyz, Aloys, Ben & Steve Dush; 4 sisters - Barbara Konwinski, Valeria Miller, Emily Pimper and Clara Osantowski.

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 18 Jun 2003; Columbus Telegram - Thurs. 19 Jun 2003

**Frances Ellen STROMBERG, 90**

Born 8 Jul 1912, Polk County, NE. Parents: Clifford Branting & Iva Beck. Married 16 Apr 1927, Osceola to Claude A. Stromberg (dec. 24 Jan 1990). They lived at Osceola, Stromsburg, and Clarks, NE. Mrs. Stromberg died Sat. 14 Jun 2003, at Fullerton, NE. Memorial service Sat. at United Methodist Church, Clarks. Burial at Swede Home Cemetery (Polk County). Survived by 2 sons, 3 daughters, 2 brothers & 2 sisters. Predeceased by her husband, a daughter Virginia Bratt, 4 brothers: Laurel, Willard, Mervin & an infant.

Note: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I p321 (Polzkill). Parents marriage record - Nance Co NE Bk 4 p22 #288

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 18 Jun 2003

**Clarence "Dutch" SCHWARTZ, 87**

Born 6 May 1916, Merrick Co., NE (Hargen's farm). Parents: John Schwartz & Matilda Hargens. Grew up near Tryon (McPherson County) and at North Platte, NE. WW II: US Army (South Pacific). Married in 1944 at North Platte, NE. Retired from Pacific Fruit Express Co. after 37 yrs. Moved to Central City, NE. Mr. Schwartz died Tues. 17 Jun 2003, Central City, NE. Visitation Thurs. at Solt Funeral Home, Central City. Burial Fri. at Fort McPherson National Cemetery, Maxwell, NE. Survived by his wife, a son, 2 daughters, a sister, 5 gch, etc. Predeceased by 3 brothers & 3 sisters.

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 18 Jun 2003; Columbus Telegram - Thurs. 19 Jun 2003

**Pauline T. SMITH, 86**

Born 29 Jun 1916, Duncan, NE (Butler Twp, Platte County). Parents: Joseph Dush & Kathryn Mostek. Married 1 Sep 1939 at Duncan to Robert E. Smith (he is deceased). They lived in California until 1950, then on farm near Silver Creek, NE. Mrs. Smith died Mon. 16 Jun 2003 at Genoa, NE. Visitation: Wed. at St. Lawrence Catholic Church, Silver Creek; service at the church on Thurs. Burial at St. Lawrence Catholic Cemetery, Silver Creek. Survived by 5 sons and one daughter. Predeceased by an infant son; 4 brothers - Alex, Aloys, Ben & Steve Dush; 4 sisters - Barbara Konwinski, Valeria Miller, Emily Pimper & Clara Osantowski.

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 19 Jun 2003

**Glenn R. LIEBSACK, 69**

Resident of Clarks, NE. Born 2 Jul 1933, Grand Island, NE. Parents: George Liebsack & Pauline Kammerzell. Mr. Liebsack died Thurs. 1 May 2003, Central City, NE. Cremated. Sat. 21 May 2003 - Graveside service at Grand Island Cemetery. Livingston-Sondermann Funeral Home in charge of arrangements. Survived by an uncle & two aunts.

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 18 Jun 2003 (abbrev); Columbus Telegram - Thurs. 19 Jun 2003

**Frances Ellen STROMBERG, 90**

Born 8 Jul 1912, Polk Co., NE. Parents: Clifford Branting and Iva Beck. 16 Apr 1927: Married Claude A. Stromberg at Osceola, NE. Lived in Stromsburg & Osceola area until 1937 when moved to Clarks, NE. Farmed. Claude died 24 Jan 1990. 2001: Mrs. Stromberg moved to Beverly Health Care in Fullerton. She died there Sat. 14 Jun 2003. Memorial Service: Sat. at United Methodist Church, Clarks, NE. Burial in Swede Home Cemetery (Polk County). Survivors: 2 sons, 3 daughters, 22 gch., 40 g-gch.; 2 brothers & 2 sisters. Predeceased by her husband; a daughter, Virginia Bratt; 4 brothers - Laurel, Willard, Mervin & an infant Branting.

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Grand Island Independent - Fri. 4 Jul 2003

**Willard E. BLACK, 86**

Born 31 Dec 1916, Nance Co., NE. Parents: Earl Black & Bertha Peregrine. Raised in Fairview neighborhood, Merrick County. 1935 grad. Central City HS. 1936: Married. Worked as meat cutter; farmed with brother 37 yrs. Retired to Central City in 1982. Mr. Black d. Wed. 3 Jul 2003, Central City, NE. Service: Sat. 5 July, Wagner Funeral Home, Central City. Burial in Central City Cemetery. Survived by wife, 2 daughters, 1 son-in-law, a sister & her husband, a brother & his wife. Predeceased by a son, Dale; and a son-in-law. Memorials to the Fairview United Methodist Church, please.

Note: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I p 294 (McCollister); and History of Merrick Co., NE Vol II p135 (Black). To get copies of those articles, write to Merrick County Historical Museum.

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 5 Jul 2003; Columbus Telegram - Sun., 6 Jul 2003

**Robert Henry HERMAN, 82**

Born 19 Mar 1921, Grand Island, NE. Parents: Elmer Herman & Ella Lilienthal. 1933: Family moved to Clarks. 1940 grad. Clarks HS. WW II: US Army Air Force. Married in Norwich, England. Returned to Clarks & farmed. Mr. Herman died Fri. 4 Jul 2003, Central City, NE. Visitation: Sun. at Solt Funeral Home, Central City. Service: Mon. 7 Jul at United Methodist Church, Clarks, NE. Burial in Bureau Cemetery (Pierce Chapel) near Clarks. Survived by wife, 2 daughters, 6 sons, a sister & her husband, a sister-in-law; 19 gch. & 6 g-gch. Predeceased by his parents, a daughter, Peggy Barnes (1982), a gch, 2 g-gch., a brother Harold Herman.

Kearney Hub - Sat./Sun. 5/6 Jul 2003

**Glenn A. KRING, 69**

Resident of Lexington, NE. Born 1 Oct 1923, Lexington, NE. Parents: Albert Kring & Mina Fellers. 1942 grad. of Lexington HS. 1944-46: US Navy. 1947: Married at Clarks, NE. Farmed near Eddyville 25 yrs, then on family homestead southeast of Lexington. Mr. Kring died Thurs. 3 Jul 2003, Lexington, NE. Reynolds-Love Funeral Home in charge of arrangements. Service: Mon. 7 Jul at United Methodist Church, Lexington.

Remains will be cremated & interred in Greenwood Cemetery at later date. Survived by his wife, 2 sons, 3 daughters, 3 sisters, 16 gch., 7 g-gch. Predeceased by an infant son, & a brother.

Note: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I page 248

Columbus Telegram - Tues. 8 Jul 2003; Grand Island Independent -Wed. 9 Jul 2003

**Dorothy Katherine SVITAK, 89**

Born 19 Mar 1914 near Worms, NE. Parents: Herman Ruge & Anna Schwenk. 9 Nov 1933: Married Stanley Svitak at Worms. 1943: Moved to Central City, NE. Mrs. Svitak died Sat. 5 Jul 2003, at Central City, NE.

Visitation: Tues. Solt Funeral Home, Central City. Service: Wed. 9 Jul at St. Paul's Lutheran Church. Burial in Central City Cemetery. Survivors: A son, 4 daughters, 3 sisters, 19 gch., 49 g-gch., 1 gg-gch. Predeceased by her husband (died 8 Sep 1982), & a sister, Mildred Svitak.

Grand Island Independent - Mon. 7 Jul 2003

**Alice Margaret KARNER-KAURA, 87**

Born 15 Feb 1916, Chapman, NE. Parents: James Wesley Anderson & Minnie Laub. 1935 grad. Chapman HS. 15 May 1937: Married Joseph J. Karner at Grand Island, NE. Mr. Karner died 2 Jun 1985. 1990: Married second to Charles E. Kaura at Broken Bow. He died in 1996. Mrs. Karner-Kaura died Sat. 5 Jul 2003, Central City, NE. Service: Wed. 9 Jul at Apfel-Butler-Geddes Funeral Home Chapel, Grand Island. Burial in Chapman Cemetery, Merrick County. Survived by a niece. Predeceased by her parents, 2 husbands, and a brother, Orel Anderson. Memorials to the Central Nebraska Humane Society.

Grand Island Independent & Kearney Hub - Wed. 8 Jul 2003

**Lawrence Kenneth HANKINSON Jr., 78**

Born 26 Feb 1925 Omaha, NE. Parents: L. K. Hankinson, Sr. & Orletha Saunders. Married 4 Oct 1952 to Jeanenne Jensen (dec. 1995). Lived in Omaha, & California. 1965: Moved to Grand Island, NE. Carpenter. Mr. Hankinson died Mon. 7 July 2003 at NE Veterans Home, Grand Island. Memorial service held there Sat. Arrangements by Solt Funeral Home. Burial in Central City Cemetery. Predeceased by his wife & a son. Survived by a son, a daughter, a sister, a stepdaughter, 5 gch., 7 g-gch.

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 16 Jul 2003

**LaVerle E. WULF, 86**

Born 22 Feb 1917, Low Moor, IA. Parents: William Dannatt & Fannie Healless. 20 Oct 1940: Married John G. Wulf, at Clinton, IA. 1987: Moved to Central City, NE. Mrs. Wulf died Tues. 15 Jul 2003, Central City, NE. Wagner Funeral Home in charge. Graveside services Fri. at Oakland Cemetery, Clinton, IA. Survived by 2 sons, 1 daughter, 11 gch., 2 g-gch. Husband dec. 1975. Memorials to Litzenberg Long Term Care or St. Francis Medical Center Hospice.

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 26 Jul 2003

**Lola Jean MELINE, 70**

Born 13 Oct 1932, Hamilton Co., NE. Parents: Irvin C. Fossberg & Aleta L. Youmans. 1951 grad. Central City HS. 29 Jun 1952: Married Philip Meline, Grand Island, NE. They lived in Grand Island and Polk, NE; then in Worland, WY. Mr. Meline died 24 Jan 1980. Mrs. Meline then lived in Grand Island and Polk, NE. Recently moved to Central City, NE. Mrs. Meline died Thurs. 24 Jul 2003, Grand Island, NE. Solt Funeral Home in Polk in charge. Service: Mon. at Evangelical Free Church; burial in Lindale Cemetery near Polk. She is survived by 2 brothers, 2 sisters, and one sister-in-law.

Columbus Telegram & Grand Island Independent - Wed. 30 Jul 2003

**Waldo Lee PETERSON, 67**

Born 9 Sep 1935, Polk County, NE. Parents: Lawrence G. Peterson & Margaret M. Kohl. 1954 grad. of Clarks HS. Played baseball. Carpenter, employee of lumber company. Married: 1956, at Clarks, NE. Mr. Peterson died Tues. 29 Jul 2003, Grand Island, NE. Visitation: Today at Solt Funeral Home, Central City, NE. Services: Thurs. at United Methodist Church Clarks. Burial in Bureau Cemetery (Pierce Chapel near Clarks). Survived by wife, 2 daughters, a son. a brother, 5 gch., 5 step-gch., 3 ggch. Predeceased by son Tony



Peterson & son-in-law Bob Church.

NOTE: For info on his family, see History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I page 260 (F Kohl). Copies available from Merrick County Historical Museum.

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Grand Island Independent - Tues. 5 Aug 2003; York News Times - Wed. 6 Aug 2003

**Robert M. SPENCER, 83**

Born 2 Jul 1920, Grant City, MO. Parents: Robert L. Spencer & Lizzie Bearl Moore. Lived at Mt. Ayr, IA; in 1937 moved to Central City, NE. WW II: US Army. 1945: Married at Grand Island, NE. Operated a road grader over 30 years; farmed. Mr. Spencer died Sun. 2 Aug 2003, Central City, NE. Service: Wed. Wagner Funeral Home. Burial in Burke Cemetery, NW of Central City. Survived by wife 2 sons, 4 daughters, 4 sisters, & one sister-in-law. Also 20 gch., 25 g-gch. and special friends. Preceded in death by 2 brothers: Albert (infancy) & Loyde; a sister Lula Hladky; a son-in-law: Bill Totten; 6 brothers-in-law.

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 7 Aug 2003

**Marilyn A. SANTIN, 59**

Born 24 Aug 1943, Central City, NE. Parents: Robert Santin & Helen Fitl. 1961 grad. Fullerton, HS. Grad. of UN. Taught in Iowa, New Hampshire, and foreign countries. Retired to Grand Island, NE. Ms. Santin died Fri. 1 Aug 2003 at Grand Island. Service: Fri. 8 Aug at Livingston-Sondermann Funeral Home. Burial at Rose Hill Cemetery, Palmer, NE. Preceded in death by her parents & 3 brothers - Robert, Richard & Douglas. Memorials suggested to Make-A-Wish Foundation.

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 7 Aug 2003; Columbus Telegram & York News Times - Fri. 8 Aug 2003

**Elmer R. KINGMA, 88**

Born 17 Jan 1915, Gurnee, IL. Parents: William Kingma & Anna Gadke. WW II: US Army. 11 Aug 1944: Married Elda Kirby in Georgia. Did construction work in IL until moved to farm near Clarks in 1952. Mr. Kingma died Tues. 5 Aug 2003 at Clarks. Service: Fri., Wagner Funeral Home, Central City. Burial in Bureau Cemetery (Pierce Chapel), near Clarks, NE. Preceded in death by his wife (26 Feb 1985), & twin infant daughters; also his parents. Survived by 3 daughters, 8 gch, 5 g-gch; a brother.

Kearney Hub & Grand Island Independent - Fri. 8 Aug 2003; York News Times - Sat. 9 Aug 2003

**Glenn E. LUCE, 81**

Born 8 Jun 1922, Grant, NE. Parents: Charles A. & Inez Frink Luce. Grad: Central City HS. WW II: US Army. Married in 1945. Active in musical & other organizations. Mr. Luce died Wed. 6 Aug 2003, Kearney, NE. Visitation: Fri., at O'Brien-Straatmann-Apfel Funeral Home. Service Sat. at Faith United Methodist Church. Burial at Kearney Cemetery. Survived by his wife, a daughter, 5 gch. & 7 g-gch. Preceded in death by his parents, a son, 3 brothers & 2 sisters. Memorials to Glenn and Terry Luce Music Scholarship Fund at UNK, please.

Grand Island Independent & Fremont Tribune - Tues. 12 Aug 2003; Aurora News Register - Tues. 19 Aug 2003

**Audrey M. NYGREN, 63**

Born 17 May 1940, Central City, NE. Parents: Birger Benson & Ethel Timmons. Resident of Lincoln. Mrs. Nygren died Sun. 10 Aug 2003, Mead, NE. Visitation: Wed., Pruss-Nabity Funeral Home in Wahoo. Service: Thurs at Alma Lutheran Church, Mead, NE. Burial at the church cemetery. Survived by 2 sons, 2 daughters, 3 brothers, 2 sisters, 2 gch. Predeceased by 5 brothers.

Grand Island Independent - Mon. 18 Aug 2003

**Verner H. "Benny" BENSON, 84**

Born 16 Jul 1919. Parents: Birger Benson & Ethel Timmons. Grew up near Hordville, NE (Hamilton Co.); married there in 1942. WW II: US Army (Europe). Resident of Grand Island, Employee of Northwestern Bell Telephone, retired 1981. NE. Mr. Benson died Sun. 17 Aug 2003, at Grand Island, NE. Service Tues. at

Messiah Lutheran Church, Grand Island, NE. Burial: Central City Cemetery. Survived by his wife, 2 sons, 1 daughter, 2 sisters, 2 brothers, other relatives. Predeceased by his parents, five brothers - Carl, Albin, Harold, Clarence & Elmer Benson, a sister Audrey Nygren (see above). Memorials suggested to the church.

Grand Island Independent & Aurora News Register - Tues. 19 Aug 2003; Columbus Telegram - Thurs. 21 Aug 2003;

**Anita Maxine COX, 81**

Born 9 Sep 1921 near Hordville, NE (Hamilton Co.). Parents: Robert Lindahl & Fern Boettner. Grad. Clarks HS, Merrick Co., NE. 1941 grad: St. Francis School of Nursing, Grand Island, NE. WW II: US Army. Married Henry Kisler who died in 1973. Married second, Howard R. Cox. Mrs. Cox died Sun. 17 Aug 2003, at Central City, NE. Service: Thurs. at Solt Funeral Home, Central City. Burial at Arborville Cemetery near Polk, NE. Survived by her second husband, 2 sons, 3 daughters, a stepson; two sisters, 8 gch, and 9 g-gch. Preceded in death by her parents, & her first husband. Memorials suggested to Litzenberg Memorial County Hospital Foundation.

Kearney Hub - Wed. 20 Aug 2003

**Carol Jeanne DANIS, 51**

Born 9 Jul 1952, San Antonio. Parents: Armand Danis & Mary Lamar. Grad. of Palmer HS. Accountant, resident of Franklin, NE. Miss Danis died Fri. 15 Aug 2003, Kearney, NE. Godberson Mortuary of Gibbon in charge. Memorial Service today at St. Katherine Drexel Catholic Church, Franklin. Private family service will be in Oregon. Survived by her mother, 6 brothers & 2 sisters.

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 20 Aug 2003 (obit and news article about accident)

**Bryan FULTON, 26**

Born 20 Sep 1973, Central City, NE. Parents: Al Fulton & Goldie Finkbeiner. Employed in Aurora, NE for 8 years. Mr. Fulton died Tues. 19 Aug 2003 near Aurora, NE - motorcycle accident. Visitation: Thurs. Higby-McQuiston Mortuary, Aurora, NE. Service: Fri. at Assembly of God Church, Aurora. Burial in Chapman Cemetery. Survived by his parents, a son, 2 brothers, a sister, and a half-brother.

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 21 Aug 2003

**Lucille Mae ADAMS, 85**

Born 12 Aug 1918, Fullerton, NE. Parents: Wilson Smith & Sarah Rishel. Spouse: William E. Adams died 9 Mar 1987. Mrs. Adams died Tues. 19 Aug 2003 at Seward, NE. Visitation: Sat., Solt Funeral Home, Central City. Service: Sat. at Central City Cemetery. Survived by a daughter & a son.  
Note: See 1920 Fed. Census NE ED167 p4A D78: Fullerton, Nance, NE (w/p); 1930 Fed. Census NE ED63-6 p14b D356 F369: Fullerton, Nance, NE (w/p).

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 27 Aug 2003

**Louise I. GAGHAGEN, 70**

Born 15 Apr 1933, Shelton (Buffalo Co.), NE. Parents: George W. Prouty & Myrtle Brewer. 1950 grad. of Shelton HS. Worked in Merriman & Kearney, NE. 28 Jul 1961: Married CA Gaghagen Jr. at Shelton; moved to Central City, NE. Mrs. Gaghagen died Sat. 23 Aug 2003, Central City. Wagner Funeral Home in charge. Graveside service Fri. at Central City Cemetery. Survived by her spouse, 2 sons, 2 daughters, 3 gch. Her parents are deceased.

Columbus Telegram - Sat. 30 Aug 2003

**Frances OLAFSON, 75**

Born 16 Jan 1928, Silver Creek, NE. Parents: Joseph P. Mecek & Rose Jareske. 1945 grad Silver Creek HS. Married Glen Olafson, 1950 at Silver Creek. Mrs. Olafson died Wed. 27 Aug 2003, Columbus, NE. Service: Sat. at St. Lawrence Catholic Church, Silver Creek. Burial at parish cemetery. McKown Funeral Home in charge. Survived by spouse, 2 sons, 2 daughters, a brother & 2 sisters. Predeceased by her parents, 2 sisters - Audrey Krumland & Dorothys Mills; 2 brothers - Edward & John Mecek.

Note: Her parents marriage - Nance Co NE Marriage Record Bk 4 p 44. Both can be found in 1900 Federal

census, Platte County, NE.

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 30 Aug 2003; York News Times - Tues. 2 Sep 2003; Aurora News Register - Wed. 3 Sep 2003

**Evelyn Everett SAROW, 90**

Born 3 Jan 1913, Polk Co., NE. Parents: Edward F. Johnson & Anna Albertine Johnson. 3 Apr 1934: Married Floyd Everett, Central City, NE. They had one daughter, Patricia Ann (15 Jul 1934-20 Dec 1943). Mr. Everett died 4 Nov 1977. 8 Dec 1989: Evelyn married second to Ronald Sarow at Grand Island, NE; they lived in Osceola. Mr. Sarow died 23 Jan 1997. Mrs. Sarow died Fri. 29 Aug 2003, Central City, NE. Solt Funeral Home in charge. Service: Tues. United Methodist Church. Burial in Central City Cemetery. Survived by one sister. Predeceased by both husbands, her parents, her daughter, 4 sisters - Hazel Malek, Edna Sarow, Inez Clizbe & Corrine "Connie" Steelsmith, five brothers - Freeman, Robert, Mervin, Edward, & Chester Johnson.

Note: Article on her brother Robert can be found in History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I p247 - indicates some of her siblings had a different mother.

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Grand Island Independent - Mon. 1 Sep 2003

**Raymond J. LUFT, 84**

Born 21 Feb 1919, Clarks, NE. Parents: George. P. Luft & Ida Holtz. Grew up in Fullerton, NE. 1939: Farmer in Hall Co., NE. 26 Nov 1940: Married Mabel Thesenvitz at Columbus, NE. She died in 1976. 22 Oct 1983: Married second to Martha J. Wiles at Grand Island, they lived there. His second wife died in 1999. Mr. Luft died Sun. 31 Aug 2003, Grand Island, NE. Visitation: Tues. at Apfel-Butler-Geddes Funeral Home. Service: Wed. at St. Pauls Lutheran Church. Burial: Westlawn Park Memorial Cemetery, Grand Island. Survived by 2 sons, 1 daughter, 1 sister & 2 brothers. Predeceased by both wives; 2 brothers - Lawrence & Phil Luft; 2 sisters - Christena Wait & Josephine Bremer.

Notes: Sister Josephine Bremer died 1997 and is buried at Albion, NE. Sister Christena & her husband Paul Wait are buried at Bureau Cemetery (Pierce Chapel) near Clarks, NE. Brother Vernon Luft died in 2005 and was buried at Fullerton Cemetery (Nance County).

Grand Island Independent and Aurora News Register - Wed. 3 Sep 2003;

**Wilma Henrietta McDONALD, 80**

Born 13 Jun 1923, Scotia, NE. Parents: Charles Biskeborn & Minnie Huebner. 5 Nov 1942: Married Mr. McDonald at Scotia. Lived in North Loup; moved to Central City in 1959. Mrs. McDonald died Mon. 1 Sep, 2003, Grand Island, NE. Visitation Thurs. at Solt Funeral Home, Central City. Service Fri. at Community Bible Church, Central City. Burial: Mount Hope Cemetery, Scotia, NE. Survived by her spouse, one daughter, five sons, one brother & one sister; 11 gch & 21 g-gch. Predeceased by her parents, a brother Leslie Biskeborn & a sister Edna Barnes.

Grand Island Independent - Sun. 7 Sep 2003

**Charleen ROTH, 56**

Born 29 Aug 1947, Central City, NE. Parents: Don & Elaine Rice. 1965 grad. of Palmer HS. Beautician, business owner. 1967: Married at Palmer, NE. Lived in Omaha, Farwell, and then St. Paul, NE. Mrs. Roth died Fri. 5 Sep 2003, Grand Island, NE. Visitation at Jacobsen-Greenway Funeral Home, St. Paul. Funeral Mon. at First Presbyterian Church. Burial: Elmwood Cemetery, St. Paul, NE. Survived by her husband, her mother, a daughter, 3 brothers & a sister, 5 gch. Her father is deceased.

Kearney Hub - Wed. 10 Sep 2003

**Catherine E. LAUB, 94**

Born 28 Aug 1909, Clarks, NE. Parents: Percy Laub & Dollye Netzer. Raised in Overton, NE. 1931 grad. of NE Wesleyan University. English teacher in Idaho, retired. 1988: Moved to Kearney, NE. Miss Laub died Sun. 7 Sep 2003 at Kearney. Visitation: Today, Horner-Lieske-Horner Mortuary. Service: Thurs. United Methodist Church, Overton, NE with burial at Overton Cemetery. survived by a sister.

Note: See Compendium of History Reminiscence & Bio. of NE page 273 (mother's family) and page 428 (father's family).

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 17 Sep 2003

**Darlene Van OSTRAND, 54**

Born 16 Mar 1949, Central City, NE. Parents Ervin Zehr & Vanda Snodgrass. 1967 grad. Central City HS. Grad: Grand Island School of Business. 24 May 1980: Married Charles Van Ostrand, Central City, NE. Employed by NE Dept. of Health & Human Services. Mrs. Van Ostrand died Sun. 14 Sep 2003, Mobile, Alabama. Visitation: Wed. at Livingston-Sondermann Funeral Home. Service Thurs., Third City Christian Church, Grand Island, NE. Burial in Grand Island City Cemetery. Survived by a son, a daughter, 2 sisters, a brother & her mother. Predeceased by her husband in 2001 & her father in 1969.

Note: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I pp 370 & 414.

Grand Island Independent - Thurs 25 Sep 2003

**Charles Douglas YUTESLER, 67**

Born 1 Aug 1936, Grand Island, NE. Parents: Lloyd Yutesler & Dorothy Baese. Resident: Chapman & Omaha, NE. Mr. Yutesler died Wed. 3 Sep 2003, Omaha, NE. Burial at Forest Lawn Cemetery. Survived by wife & 3 daughters; his mother and a sister.

Note: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I page 111

Grand Island Independent - Fri. 26 Sep 2003

**Margaret Anne KORTUM, 83**

Born 14 Nov 1919, Chapman, NE. Parents: George Green & Anna Frank. Grad. of Chapman HS. 24 Apr 1994: Married Jack Kortum. Active in Methodist Church & Eastern Star. Mrs. Kortum died Thurs. 25 Sep 2003, Chapman, NE. Visitation: Sun. at Solt Funeral Home, Central City, NE. Service: Mon. United Methodist Church, Chapman. Burial in Chapman Cemetery. Survived by husband, 1 daughter, 1 son, a sister-in-law. Predeceased by her parents, and her brother Claude Green.

Note: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I page 261. Also - 1920 Fed. Census NE ED155 p5A D22 F22: Chapman Twp, Merrick, NE (w/p) & 1920 Fed. Census NE ED226 p7A D121 F121: Prairie Creek Twp, Merrick, NE (w/p) (double entry); 1930 Fed. Census NE ED61-7 p2a D35 F37: Lone Tree Twp, Merrick, NE.

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Columbus Telegram & Grand Island Independent - Sat. 4 Oct 2003

**Theodore D. FUEHRER, 78**

Born 23 Jul 1925, Palmer, NE. Parents: John & Rosie (Switzer) Fuehrer. Attended Fullerton HS. 6 Feb 1958: Married at Aurora, NE. They lived in various communities. He retired in 1980, then worked in Grand Island for 10 years. Currently resident of Bradshaw, NE. Member of United Methodist Church. Died Thurs. 2 Oct 2003 at Aurora, NE. Service: Mon., Palmer Funeral Home, Fullerton, NE. Burial in Fullerton Cemetery. Survivors: His wife, a son, 6 stepsons, 5 daughters, a step-daughter. Also surviving are 18 gch., 32 step-gch., 11 g-gch.; a brother. Predeceased by his parents & a brother Edwin.

Note: Surname of step-sons - Preslicka.

Grand Island Independent - Sun. 5 Oct 2003

**Effie Viola LAUB, 93**

Born 8 Mar 1910, Chapman, NE. Parents: Fred & Emma (Soeth) Muller. 1927 grad. of Chapman HS. 7 Mar 1934: Married Emory D. Laub at Lincoln, NE. In 1935 they moved to a farm near Chapman; and in 1939 moved to Central City, NE. In 1941: Moved to Grand Island, NE. In 1978 they retired to Chapman. Emory died in Oct 1996. Effie died Fri., 3 Oct 2003 at Aurora, NE. Visitation: Sun., Kleine Funeral Home in Grand Island, NE. Service: Mon., St. Pauls Lutheran Church, Grand Island, NE. Burial in Westlawn Memorial Park Cemetery at Grand Island, NE. Survivors: A son, a daughter, 12 gch., 23 g-gch., 7 gg-gch. Also living - a daughter-in-law and a sister-in-law. Predeceased by her husband; a son LeRoy Muller; a gch & a g-gch. I a

sister Ella Oberschulte; a brother Louie Muller. Memorials to St. Pauls Lutheran Church Radio Ministry.

Grand Island Independent (abbrev) - Mon. 6 Oct 2003; Columbus Telegram - Tues. 7 Oct 2003

Irene A. KUBAS, 73

Born 16 Jan 1930, Polk Co., NE. Parents: Hurbert & Pauline (Wieser) Bernt. 1961: Married Marion Kubas at Silver Creek, NE. Died Sat., 4 Oct 2003 at Central City, NE. Service: Wed., St. Lawrence Catholic Church, Silver Creek, NE. Arrangements by McKown Funeral Home. Survivors: Her husband; 3 brothers; 5 sisters.

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 9 Oct 2003

John DAVISON

Born 14 Mar 1945, Caversham Reading Berkshire, England. Parents: Glenn & Norah (Dicker) Davison. 15 May 1971: Married at Darien, IL. They lived at Roundlake Beach, IL. Accountant. 1989: Moved to Nebraska. Trucker. Service will be Sat., Wagner Funeral Home, Central City, NE. Burial in Rose Hill Cemetery, Palmer, NE. Survivors: His wife, 2 sons, a daughter; 3 sisters; his step-mother & her husband in WY. Note: Death notice of day previous states "John H. Davison, 58, of Central City died Monday, Oct. 6, 2003, at St. Margaret Health Care Center in Hammond, Ind."

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 9 Oct 2003

Hans HOLTORF

Born 8 Jan 1914 on homestead north of Central City, NE. Parents: Marx C. & Amada (Holtorf) Holtorf. 1932 grad. of CCHS. 18 Feb 1939: Married Myrtle Anderson at her family's farm. They farmed on his family place. Active in community affairs. They retired to live at Central City, NE. Myrtle died 15 Jun 1993. Hans died (no date given). Service: Sat. at Wagner Funeral Home, Central City. Burial in the city cemetery. Survivors: A son, 5 daughters. Memorials to Litzenberg Long Term Care.

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 9 Oct 2003

**Mildred ROOS**

Born near Palmer, NE. Parents: Bert Reimers & Ella Nissen. Spouse: Rudolph Roos (died 31 Oct 1977). Service: Sat., First Christian Church, Burwell NE. Burial: Cottonwood Cemetery, Burwell. Arrangements: Hitchcock Funeral Home, Burwell. Survivors: 2 sons, 2 daughters. Note: Obit does not include age, birth or death date, place of death.

Grand Island Independent - Fri. 10 Oct 2003

Betty Jane REISENER, 78

Born 29 Nov 1924 near Chapman, NE. Parents: Walter A. & Bertha (Husmann) Green. 1942 grad. of Chapman HS. Grad of GI School of Business. 27 Jun 1944: Married Ira Dave Reisener at Chapman. In 1959 they moved to Clarks, NE. Owned Clarks Grain Co. Bookkeeper. Husband died 28 Aug 1986. Betty died (no date given). Service: Sat., United Methodist Church, Clarks, NE. Burial in Chapman Cemetery. Arrangements by Solt Funeral Home. Survivors: 2 daughters. Predeceased by her husband; her parents, her in-laws; and a son-in-law Ronald Hemmingsen.

Note: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I pp210 (G Green), 242 (H Husmann), 333-4 (w/sp); 1930 Fed. Census NE ED61-16 p4B D90 F90: Vieregg Twp, Merrick, NE (w/p).

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 14 Oct 2003

Lori Kay KAESER

Born 25 Mar 1962, Chapman, NE. Parents: Wayne & Alice Patterson. Memorial service: Thurs., Gunderson East Funeral Home, Monona, WI. Survivors: Her husband Walter; 2 daughters, 2 brothers & a sister. Note: Death date & place not given.

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 22 Oct 2003; Columbus Telegram - Thurs. 23 Oct 2003

Hellen F. SCHOLZ, 90

Born 15 Oct 1913, Stratford, WI. Parents: Max F. & Elizabeth (Fritz) Grosch. Grew up in NE. 14 Sep 1941: Married Walter H. Scholz at Central City, NE. They farmed NE of town. Walter died 10 Apr 1979. Hellen moved

into Central City, NE. She died there Mon. 20 Oct 2003. Visitation: Wed., Wagner Funeral Home. Service: Thurs. St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Central City, NE. Burial in the city cemetery. Survivors: A daughter; a brother; 2 sisters. Predeceased by her husband; 2 sons - Allen W. & Wade Dale (infant); her parents; 4 brothers - Gottlieb & Fred Grosch, Edwin & Walter (both infants); a sister-in-law, a brother-in-law, a niece. Memorials to St. Paul's Lutheran Church or The Merrick Foundation.  
Note: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I p354 (W Scholz); and 1930 Fed. Census NE ED61-15 p3b D65 F65: Silver Creek Twp, Merrick, NE(w/p).

Grand Island Independent - Fri. 24 Oct 2003

**Gwendolyn L. RYAN, 92**

Born 19 Apr 1911, north of Central City, NE. Parents: Lloyd & Pearl Farnham) Willeman. 1930 grad. of CCHS. Attended Central College. Teacher. 13 Jun 1939: Married Marion W. Ryan at Central City, NE. Husband was in US Navy; they lived in Omaha, NE. 1947: They moved back to the farm. 1984: Moved to Central City, NE. Methodist. Mr. Ryan died Sep 1999. Mrs. Ryan died Thurs., 23 Oct 2003 at health center in Holdrege, NE. Service: Sat., Wagner Funeral Home, Central City. Burial in the city cemetery. Survivors: A son, two daughters, 7 gch., 2 g-gch. Also living - a sister; a brother-in-law. Predeceased by her husband; an infant daughter - Patricia Louise; her parents; a brother - Tom; 5 sisters - Vera Daniels, Marjorie Chesarek, Betty Johnston, Maxine Erickson & Etta Wood. Memorials to Fairview United Methodist Church.

Grand Island Independent - Fri. 31 Oct 2003

**Sophia BARTA, 95**

Born 16 Dec 1907 near Linwood, NE. Parents: John & Anna (LoPaur) Barta. 1910: Family moved to farm N of Central City, NE. She later lived with a brother in Grand Island, NE; grad. from HS there in 1926. Thereafter, Sophia & her sister Mary homesteaded in WY. She later returned to Central City; cared for sister Rose's children. Worked as a housekeeper. Sophia died Wed., 29 Oct 2003 at Central City. Service at United Methodist Church, Central City. Burial in the city cemetery. Arrangements: Solt Funeral Home. Survivors: Nieces & nephews. Predeceased by her parents; 2 brothers - Joe & Edward; 3 sisters - Rose Winbolt, Mary Moore & Anna Holtorf.

Note: See 1920 Fed. Census NE ED160 p5A F80: Mead Twp, Merrick, NE (w/p).

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Grand Island Independent - Sun. 2 Nov 2003

**Phyllis F. WEGNER, 76**

Born 1 Mar 1927, Palmer, NE. Parents: Tuy & Abigail (Myers) Gilson. Married Dwain Wegner. Resident of Archer, NE. She died Sun. 26 Oct 2003 at Central City, NE. Visitation: Mon. Wagner Funeral Home, Central City, NE. Service: Tues. Archer Zion United Methodist Church. Burial in Archer Evangelical Community Cemetery. Survivors: Her husband, a son, 2 daughters; a brother & his wife.

Note: See 1930 Fed. Census NE ED61-7 p4b D92 F94: Lone Tree Twp, Merrick, NE (w/p).

Grand Island Independent - Mon. 3 Nov 2003

**Derek Wade ASPEDON, 24**

Born 28 Feb at 1979 Aurora, NE. 1997 grad. of CCHS. Computer programmer for state of NE. Died Fri. 31 Oct 2003 in Lincoln, NE. Visitation: Tues., Solt Funeral Home, Central City. Service: Wed., Christ Episcopal Church Central City, NE. Burial in cemetery at Riverton, Iowa. Survivors: His mother; aunts & uncles, cousins. Predeceased by grandparents Bob & Sue Aspedon.

Grand Island, Hall, NE - Thurs. 6 Nov 2003; Columbus Telegram - Fri. 7 Nov 2003

**Alvin Eldren CORDSEN, 75**

Born 23 Dec 1927, Odell, NE. Parents: John F. & Minnie M. (Leseberg) Cordsen. Attended Beatrice HS. 1945-46: US Merchant Marines. 25 Jul 1948: Married at Central City, NE. He died Wed. 5 Nov 2003 at Central City. Service: Sat., Wagner Funeral Home. Burial in the city cemetery. Survivors: His wife, a daughter,

3 sons, 9 gch, step-gch.; a brother. Predeceased by a gch.

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 5 Nov 2003; Columbus Telegram - Thurs. 6 Nov 2003

**Nannie Marie NELSON, 87**

Born 8 May 1916, Stromsburg, NE. Parents: S. Alfred & S. Mathiulda (Johnson) Carlson. 1934 grad. of Polk HS. 27 Mar 1939: Married Harry G. Nelson at Wood River, NE. They farmed near Marquette, NE. Harry died 29 Jan 1978. Nannie moved to Central City in 1982. She died there Tues. 4 Nov 2003. Visitation: Fri., Solt Funeral Home. Service: Sat., Mamre Evangelical Free Church near Marquette, NE. Burial in the church cemetery. Survivors: A son, a daughter, 5 gch., 8 g-gch.; a brother. Predeceased by her husband; 2 sisters - Alfreda Oberg & Alice Janky; 3 brothers - Robert, Edward & Fredolph Carlson.

Columbus Telegram & Grand Island Independent - Fri. 7 Nov 2003

**August H. EVERS, 86**

Born 14 Feb 1917, Franklin Co., NE (near Upland). Parents: Henry Evers & Carrie Brinkman. Served 3 yrs in CCC. 1939: Moved near Clarks, NE. 4 Apr 1922: Married at York, NE. They farmed near Clarks until 1986, when moved to Fullerton, NE. He died Wed. 5 Nov 2003, Central City, NE. Visitation: Fri., Palmer Funeral Home, Fullerton, NE. Service: Sat. at Mount Calvary Lutheran Church, Fullerton, NE. Burial: Bureau Cemetery (Pierce Chapel), near Clarks, NE. Survivors: His wife, 2 sons, a daughter, 11 gch., 10 g-gch.; one sister. Predeceased by 2 brothers - Garret & Walter Evers; 3 sisters - Kathryn Steinkruger, Rena Watson & Martha Luft.

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 8 Nov 2003

**Mabel BORGMANN-MOWREY, 98**

Born 17 Nov 1904, Central City, NE. Parents: Phillip & Elizabeth (Gregory) Ross. 1918: Married Karl Borgmann. They farmed in Gibbon-Shelton area. Mr. Borgman died in Mar 1956. In 1967 she married Herbert Mowrey. They moved to Gibbon, NE. He died in 1975. Mabel died Thurs. 6 Nov 2003 at Wood River, NE. Service: Mon. at All Faiths Funeral Home, Grand Island, NE. Burial in Zion Lutheran Cemetery near Shelton, NE. Survivors: A son, a daughter, 21 gch., g-gch & gg-gch. Predeceased by both husbands; 6 children - Maxine Kerby, Matilda Otto, Clarence Borgmann, Rudy Borgmann, Ernie Borgmann, Arron Borgmann; a sister Rose Baker; 3 brothers - Perry, Sam & Jim Ross.

Grand Island Independent - Sun. 9 Nov 2003

**Inez M. KING, 93**

Born 21 Mar 1910, Greeley, CO. Parents: Grover A. Farlee & Emma Marie Freeland. Abt 1913, family moved to Wolbach, NE. 1928 grad. Wolbach HS. 28 Nov 1929: Married Ralph Wilbur King at Central City, NE. Worked in Hamilton & Merrick Counties; settled near Central City in 1942. Ralph died 24 Jun 1969. Mrs. King moved to Loup City in 2002; died there Fri. 7 Nov 2003. Service: Wed. at Solt Funeral Home, Central City, NE. Burial in Central City Cemetery. Survivors: a daughter, a daughter-in-law, 8 gch; 15 g-gch. Predeceased by her husband, her parents, 2 sons - Dale & Donald King; brother - Earl & sister - Geneva Farlee.

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 15 Nov 2003

**Gladys M. LUX, 104**

Born 24 Jan 1899 near Chapman, NE. Parents: Clarence & Mary (Hansen) Lux. 1918 grad. of Wood River HS. 1925 received bachelor's degree from UN, 1935 masters. 1927-1967: Taught at NE Wesleyan University. Artist. Gladys died 14 Nov 2003 at Lincoln, NE. Service: Tues. First United Methodist Church, Lincoln. Burial in cemetery at Wood River, NE. Arrangements: Roper & Sons. Survivors: 2 nieces, 3 nephews. Predeceased by her parents; a brother - Elton; a nephew John Lux. Memorials: University Place Art Center, First United Methodist Church or Nebraska Wesleyan University.

Columbus Telegram & Grand Island Independent - Sun 23 Nov 2003

**Chester J. JOHNSON, 91**

Born 25 Dec 1911, Wiggle Creek, NE. Parents: Fred & Della (Heath) Johnson. Family lived near Loup City, then Richland; moved to Central City about 1920. 1930 grad. of CCHS. 26 Jan 1936: Married Dorothy Lewis

at Central City, NE. Dairy worker, farmer. Worked in Grand Island, Chapman & Clarks, NE. Chester died Thurs., 20 Nov 2003 in Central City, NE. Service: Mon., United Methodist Church, Central City. Burial in Aurora Cemetery. Arrangements: Wagenr Funeral Home. Survivors: A son, 2 daughters, 9 gch., 11 g-gch.; sev. step-gch & g-gch. Predeceased by his wife; 3 infant daughter; 4 brother & 5 sisters. Memorials: Merrick Foundation, United Methodist Church, or American Legion Baseball.

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 26 Nov 2003

**Henry JENSEN, 72**

Born 19 Jul 1931, Palmer, NE. Parents: Chris Jensen & Alma Wagner. Grad. of Grand Island HS. 1951-59: US Army. Employed by the City of Grand Island. Died Mon. 24 Nov 2003, Grand Island, NE. Service: Wed. at auditorium of Grand Island Veteran's Home. Burial in Westlawn Memorial Park Cemetery. Arrangements: Kleine Funeral Home. Survivors: 2 daughters, 7 gch. Predeceased by his parents, 2 brothers - Alvin & Raymond; twin sisters that died at birth; a sister Alice (died age 3 yrs); a half brother Don Jensen and half sister Christina Davis.

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 29 Nov 2003

**Gary Eugene MICHALSKI, 56**

Born 2 Aug 1947, Central City, NE. Parents: Daniel J. Michalski & L. Estalene E. Hunt. 1965 grad. of CCHS. Moved to Grand Island, NE. Served in US Army. Thereafter to Omaha, NE and then Chicago, IL. Security guard. Died Mon. 24 Nov 2003, Chicago, IL. Service: Sun. at Kleine Funeral Home, Grand Island, NE. Burial: Mon. at Westlawn Memorial Park Cemetery. Survivors: 7 sisters, 3 brothers. Predeceased by his parents; 2 sisters - Debra a& Sharon; a brother, Darwin. Memorials to Gary E. Michalski Memorial Fund.

Grand Island Independent - Sun. 30 Nov 2003; Aurora News Register (abbrev.) - 3 Dec 2003

**Eldon Hugo REISENER, 72**

Born 18 Aug 1931 Grand Island, NE. Parents: Hugo George Reisener & Syliva Luella Hopkins. 1949 grad. Chapman HS. Veteran of Korean War. 23 May 1953: Married Donna at Central City, NE. 1954-61: lived in Wichita, KS. Thereafter returned to NE; worked at Aurora. Died Sat. 29 Nov 2003 at NE Veterans Home, Grand Island, NE. Service: Tues., Solt Funeral Home, Central City, NE. Burial in Central City Cemetery. Survivors: His wife, 2 daughters, 4 gch.; a brother. Predeceased by his parents, 2 sisters & 2 brothers.

Grand Island Independent - Sun. 30 Nov 2003

**Robert L. SEIM, 58**

Born 20 Nov 1945, Grand Island, NE. Parents: Reynold Seim & Olga Meyers. "Mr. Seim was baptized and confirmed at Zion Lutheran Church in Worms." 1 Oct 1980: Married Judith Lahners at Worms, NE. 20 July 2001: Married Carol at Lexington, NE. Lived near Lexington, NE. Died Fri. 28 Nov 2003, at Kearney, NE. Visitation: Mon., Palmer Funeral Home, Palmer, NE. Service: Tues. at Zion Lutheran Church, Worms, NE. Burial in Rose Hill Cemetery, Palmer, NE. Survivors: His second wife, 3 daughters, 2 sons. stepchildren; his mother, a brother & 2 sisters. Predeceased by his first wife (died 1 Oct 1980); his father, a brother Gerald.

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Grand Island Independent - Fri. 5 Dec 2003

**Violet Louise HELZER, 81**

Born 4 Jun 1922 in Merrick Co. , NE. Parents: John & Erna (Niemoth) Helzer. Resident of Los Angeles, CA. Died there Sun. 30 Nov 2003. Service: Sat., Palmer Funeral Home, Palmer, NE. Burial in Rose Hill Cemetery at Palmer. Survivors: a sister, 3 nephews, a niece.

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 11 Dec 2003; Aurora News Register (brief) - 16 Dec 2003

**Irene E. O'NEILL, 89**

Born 11 Nov 1914, Howard Co., NE. Parents: Jesse & Etha (Davis) Wimp. Attended school in Gage Valley & Palmer, NE. 1 Aug 1933: Married Charles Hartford at Grand Island, NE. They lived in St. Paul, NE until 1957, moved to Grand Island, NE. Mr. Hartford died 19 Feb 1962. 3 Oct 1963: Irene married Lemual Killion, who died 28 Apr 1978. 10 Jul 1984: She married Duane O'Neill at Clinton, MO; he died 5 Jun 1994. In 1996 she



moved to Palmer, NE. Irene died Tues. 9 Dec 2003 at Central City, NE. Service: Fri., Palmer Funeral Home, Palmer, NE. Burial in Rose Hill Cemetery, Palmer. Survivors: 3 sons, 2 daughters, 23 gch., 58 g-gch., 10 gg-gch. Predeceased by 3 husbands; a son Dennis Hartford; an infant daughter Sally Hartford; 4 brothers - Lloyd, Virgil, Ernest & Harold; 2 sisters - Edna Meyer & Esther Mae Rasmussen.

Grand Island Independent - Fri. 12 Dec 2003

**Alma STUEVEN, 98**

Born 10 Oct 1905, Grand Island, NE. Parents: Henry Wiese & Herminnie Arp. Grew up near Alda, NE. 2 Dec 1930: Married Otto Stueven at Grand Island, NE. They farmed in Merrick County. She died Thurs. 11 Dec 2003, Grand Island, NE. Visitation: Sun., Livingston-Sondermann Funeral Home. Service: Mon. at Messiah Lutheran Church. Burial in Westlawn Memorial Park Cemetery, Grand Island, NE. Survivors: 2 daughters, 5 gch., 12 g-gch.; a brother & a sister. Predeceased by her husband (1963); two sisters - Cecilia Scott & Anna Baasch; two stepsisters - Augusta Reher & Amelia Scheel; two stepbrothers - Max & August Wiese. Her parents are also deceased.

Columbus Telegram - Sat. 13 Dec 2003

**Albert B. TUCEK, 76**

Born 4 Feb 1927 at Silver Creek, NE. Parents: Albert & Margaret (Sellar) Tucek. 1945 grad. of St. Bonaventure HS, Columbus, NE. 1950-52: US Army. 1954: Married at Tekamah, NE. They lived in Columbus. He died Tues. 9 Dec 2003 at home. Visitation: Today, McKown Funeral Home, Columbus. Service: Sat., St. Bonaventure Catholic Church. Burial: Church Cemetery. Survivors: His wife, a daughter, a gch.; a sister. Memorials: St. Bonaventure Church & Scotus High School. Note: See "St. Bonaventure: Our Parish, The First 100 Years" p141 (3 Gen Families - Tucek).

Grand Island Independent - Mon. 15 Dec 2003; Aurora News Register (brief) - Tues. 16 Dec 2003

**Rita M. (Luebbe) COUSE, 36**

Born 5 Jan 1937, Grand Island, NE. Parents: Ken & Dee Luebbe. Grew up in Archer, NE. 1985 grad. of CCHS. 6 Jun 1998: Married Ryan Couse. They lived in Merrick County. She died Fri. 12 Dec 2003 at hospital in Lincoln, NE. Visitation: Tues. Wagner Funeral Home. Service: Wed. United Methodist Church, Central City, NE. Burial in the city cemetery. Survivors: Her husband, a daughter; her parents, 2 brothers, a sister in TX.

Grand Island Independent - Mon 15 Dec 2003

**Katherine Y. SHAW, 62**

Born 14 Jul 1941, Palmer, NE. Parents: Arthr & Edna Webb. Married Dale Webb. Resident of St. Paul, NE. Died Fri., 12 Dec 2003 at St. Paul, NE. Cremated. Service: Sat., Jacobsen-Greenway Funeral Home, St. Paul. Survivors: Her husband; a son, a gch.; her mother; a brother & 2 sisters.

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 16 Dec 2003

**Ernst Emil GOERL, 84**

Born 1 Mar 1919, Clarks, NE. Parents: Fritz & Anna Goerl. WW II: US Army. 10 May 1947: Married Irma Rudolph of Vancouver, Canada. They moved to Everett, WA. Carpenter, construction work. He died Wed. 9 Dec 2003. Service was Mon. at St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church, Everett, WA. Burial in Cypress Lawn Cemetery. Survivors: 2 daughters, 4 gch., 2 g-gch.; a sister, a brother. Predeceased by his wife (1998); 3 siblings - George, Mary & Agnes. Memorials to the church.

Columbus Telegram - Wed. 17 Dec 2003

**Jean E. KULA, 91**

Born 17 Oct 1912, Nance County, NE. Parents: John & Eva (Shotkoski) Zelazny. 5 May 1936: Married Frank Kula at Fullerton, NE. She died Sun. 14 Dec 2003 at Columbus Community Hospital. Service: Wed., St. Lawrence Catholic Church, Silver Creek, NE. Burial in church cemetery. Survivors: 4 daughters, 2 sons, 25 gch., 26 g-gch., 2 step-ggch., 1 gg-gch. Predeceased by her husband, a daughter Janet Jones, a son Jerry Kula; 3 brothers - Ed, Hubert & Phil Zelazny; a gch & a g-gch. Memorials to St. Lawrence Catholic Church, Silver Creek, NE.

Grand Island Independent - Sun. 21 Dec 2003

**Berniece Grace SODERBERG, 97**

Born 6 Jan 1906, Archer, NE. Parents: Guy F. & Thrina H. (Morris) Eckles. Educated in Archer & Central City schools. 3 Jul 1922: Married Cecil Grace at Cozad, NE. They lived in Merrick Co. 1960: Moved to farm in Miller, SD. Mr. Grace died 10 Dec 1968. Berniece lived in Lewellen, NE about 2 years. 10 Nov 1972: She married Arthur Soderberg. They farmed near Miller, SD. 1983: They moved into town, wintered in AZ. 1992: Mr. Soderberg died; Berniece moved to North Platte, NE in 1994. She died there Fri., 19 Dec 2003. Graveside service Tues. in cemetery at Central City, NE. Arrangements by Solt Funeral Home. Survivors: A son & a daughter, 5 gch., 11 g-gch. Predeceased by both husbands; 2 g-gch.

Note: See 1920 Fed. Census NE ED161 p5A F46: Midland Twp, Merrick, NE; & 1930 Fed. Census NE ED61-11 p3b D64 F64: Midland Twp, Merrick, NE.

## 2004 - Obits

### 'Related to Merrick Co., NE'

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 3 Jan 2004

**Eula McHARGUE, 96**

Born 4 Aug 1907 Central City, NE. Parents: John & Ida (Phelps) Willhoft. Grad. of CCHS. 9 Mar 1927: Married Hiram McHargue at Central City. They farmed E of Central City. Eula died Wed. 24 Dec 2003 at Central City, NE. Service: Mon., Christ Episcopal Church, Central City. Inurnment at the city cemetery. Arrangements by Wagner Funeral Home. Survivors: 2 sons, 2 daughters. Predeceased by her husband; a sister & 5 brothers. Memorials to the church.

Columbus Telegram & Grand Island Independent - Tues. 6 Jan 2003

**Edna M. HANKE, 85**

Born 25 Aug 1918 near Ithaca, NE. Parents: August & Anna (Smith) Timm. 1935 grad. of Wahoo HS. Attended Luther College. 30 Nov 1938: Married Clarence D. Hanke at Dawson, NE. They lived near Ithaca, NE & Merrill, Iowa. Moved to Archer, NE. Clarence died in 1993. Edna died Sun. 4 Jan 2004 at Grand Island, NE. Visitation: Today, Wagner Funeral Home, Central City, NE. Service: Wed. at Zion United Methodist Church near Archer. Burial in Archer Evangelical Community Cemetery. Survivors: 2 sons, a daughter, 9 gch., 19 g-gch., 3 step-ggch; 2 sisters-in-law. Predeceased by her husband; 6 brothers - Frank, Fred, Robert, Sam, Edward & Charles Timm; 2 infant sisters. Memorials to the church.

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 14 Jan 2004

**David E. PULLEN, 73**

Born 24 Oct 1930 near Clarks, NE. Parents: William E. & Prudence (Baird) Pullen. 1948 grad. of Clarks HS. 1948-52: US Army. 18 Oct 1953: Married at Central City, NE. Mechanic; transportation supervisor. David died Tues., 13 Jan 2004 at Grand Island Veterans Home. Service: Fri., St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Central City. Burial in the city cemetery. Arrangements: Wagner Funeral Home. Survivors: His wife, his mother, a daughter & her husband, 2 gch.; 2 aunts. Predeceased by his father; aunts & uncles. Memorials to the church.

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 20 Jan 2004; Aurora News Register (brief) - Thur. 22 Jan 2004.

**Ethel A. JOHNSON, 86**

Born 20 Nov 1917 near Marquette, NE. Parents: Stephen & Anna (Anderson) Andersen. 1935 grad. of Marquette HS. 12 Aug 1936: Married Elmer G. Johnson. They farmed near Marquette. 1984: Moved to Central City, NE. Ethel died Sun. 18 Jan 2004 at Central City, NE. Service: Wed., Solt Funeral Home, Central City. Burial in Mamre Evangelical Free Church Cemetery near Marquette. Survivors: Her husband, a daughter, a son, 4 gch., 11 g-gch., 1 gg-gch.; a sister. Predeceased by a daughter Cheryl Ann Johnson (23 Jul 1958); 2 gch.; a brother Elmer Andersen; 4 sisters - Esther & Axel Peron, Edith & Clarence McConnell, Erma & Clyde Travis, Lillian May; brother-in-law Kenneth Nyblom.

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 22 Jan 2004

**Milton H. KURZ, 79**

Born 18 Dec 1924, Palmer, NE. Parents: William & Katie (Peters) Kurz. 1 Oct 1945: Married at Wichita, KS. Dairy farmer, cattle feeder in Howard County, NE. He died Tues., 20 Jan 2004 at St. Paul, NE. Service: Sat., Christ Lutheran Church, St. Paul. Burial in Elmwood Cemetery. Arrangements by Jacobsen-Greenway Funeral Home, St. Paul. Survivors: His wife, a daughter, 2 sons, 7 gch., 2 g-gch.; a sister in TX. Predeceased by his parents; a sister - Helen Krupski. Memorials to the church.

Grand Island Independent - Fri. 23 Jan 2004; Aurora News Register - 27 Jan 2004

**Luke L. LUFT, 94**

Born 21 Feb 1909 near Clarks, NE. Parents: Henry L. & Minnie J. (Kramer) Luft. WW II: US Army. Lived at Central City, Clarks & Marquette, NE. Currently residing at Edgar, NE. Died Wed. 21 Jan 2004 at Aurora, NE. Service: Mon., Solt Funeral Home, Central City, NE. Burial in the city cemetery. Survivors: A daughter, 2 gch. Predeceased by his wife Patty Ann.

Grand Island Independent - Sun. 25 Jan 2004; Columbus Telegram - Tues. 27 Jan 2004

**Lealdes "Lee" HUSTON, 81**

Born 6 Dec 1922, Grand Island, NE. Parents: Walter Lee & Ruth O. (Smith) Huston. 1940 grad. of CCHS; attended NE Central College. WW II: US Army. Farmer. 27 Nov 1949: Married in Central City, NE. They farmed NE of Central City until 1958, moved to farm N of Central City but moved back to home place in 1988. In July 1996, Lee moved to NE Veterans Home in Grand Island, NE where he died Sat., 24 Jan 2004. Visitation will be Mon. at Solt Funeral Home, Central City. Service: Tues., United Methodist Church, Central City, NE. Burial in the city cemetery. Survivors: His wife; 2 daughters, 3 sons, 7 gch.; 2 sisters (one is Lee's twin). Predeceased by his parents & an infant daughter Linda Lee (1954). Note: See 1930 Fed. Census NE ED61-7 p7b D165 F167: Lone Tree Twp, Merrick, NE (w/p).

Grand Island Independent - Sun. 25 Jan 2004

**Donna OAKESON, 71**

Born 7 May 1932, Merrick Co., NE. Parents: Alfred & Esther (Trampe) Wagner. Attended school at Worms, NE. 1949 grad. of St. Paul HS (Howard County). 1950 grad. of Omaha Business College. 8 Mar 1952: Married Eugene Oakeson at Worms, NE. Eugene died 13 Oct 1999. Donna died Fri., 23 Jan 2004 at Grand Island, NE. Service: Wed., St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Grand Island, NE. Burial at Elmwood Cemetery in St. Paul will be private. Arrangements: Jacobsen-Greenway Funeral Home, St. Paul. Survivors: 2 sons, 5 gch.; a brother, a sister. Predeceased by her parents. Memorials to the church.

Grand Island Independent - Mon. 26 Jan 2004

**John Martin FRIEDRICHSEN, 97**

Born 13 Mar 1906, Merrick Co., NE. Parents: Hans & Minnie (Schiebe) Friedrichsen. 21 Jan 1929: Married Viola Fern Nedrig. They farmed SE of Palmer, NE. Viola died in Aug 2000. John died Sat., 24 Jan 2004 at St. Paul, NE. Service: Wed., Solt Funeral Home Chapel, Palmer, NE. Burial in Rose Hill Cemetery at Palmer. Survivors: A son & his wife, 4 gch., 11 g-gch., 2 gg-gch. Predeceased by his wife, a ggch; 7 brothers - Henry, William, Louis, Leonard, George, Lawrence and Virgil Friedrichsen; a sister Elizabeth (infant). Note: See 1930 Fed. Census NE ED61-9 p4a: Loup Twp, Merrick, NE.

Grand Island Independent - Tues., 27 Jan 2004; Columbus Telegram - Wed. 28 Jan 2004,

**Lorraine Alice WILLIAMS, 86**

Born 11 Dec 1917, Washington Co., NE. Parents: C. Henry and Mary (Voss) Petersen. About 1919: Family moved to Central City area. Grad. of CCHS. 5 Nov 1938: Married Darwin R. Williams at Clay Center, NE. They farmed near Clarks. Mr. Williams died 29 Dec 1998 (error in date). Mrs. Williams died Mon., 26 Jan 2004 at Central City, NE. Graveside service will be at later date. Survivors: 2 daughters, 4 gch., 3 g-gch.; a sister. Predeceased by her husband, son Marvin (died 1980); 5 sisters - Dora Fitch, Kathryn Holtorf, Clara Rasmussen, Celia Rasmussen and Alvena Wrich; 3 brothers - Karl, Herbert and Otto Petersen. Note: Burial notices -

Columbus Telegram - 29 Feb 2004 and 3-4 Mar 2004; Grand Island Independent - 2 Mar 2004  
Graveside service will be Fri. 5 March, at Bureau Cemetery (Pierce Chapel) near Clarks, NE.

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 29 Jan 2004

**Warren F. ABEL, 82**

Born 12 Oct 1921, Central City, NE. Parents: Harvey D. & Edith (Peterson) Abel. 1939 grad. of CCHS. Worked in Wichita, KS for 2 years; married there 10 Aug 1942. In 1943: Moved to farm in Clarks area, NE. Later moved into Central City. 1987: They moved to Lincoln, NE. Warren died Wed., 28 Jan 2004 at Lincoln, NE. Service will be at later date. Survivors: His wife, 2 sons, 3 gch.; 2 sisters. Predeceased by his parents; a brother, Stuart Abel, a gch. Memorials to United Methodist Church, Central City, NE.  
Note - 19 May 2004: Grand Island Independent - Service for Warren Abel will be Sat., Central City Cemetery. Arrangements by Solt Funeral Home.

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 29 Jan 2004

**Warren "Mac" McBRIDE, 79**

Born 31 Dec 1924, Lamar, CO. Parents: Ellis & Pearl (Crosswhite) McBride. 1942 grad. of Lamar HS. Attended Univ. of Denver. WW II: US Marine Corps. 23 Sep 1950: Married at Denver, CO. 1954: Moved to Archer, NE. In 1992 they moved to Bayou Vista, TX. "Mac" died Mon., 26 Jan 2004 at hospital in Galveston, TX. Service: Fri., Moody Memorial First United Methodist Church, Galveston, TX. Service in NE at later date, with burial in NE. Survivors: His wife, a daughter, a son, 2 gch.; a brother & 2 sisters-in-law. Predeceased by his parents; sister Mildred Chesnut. Memorials to the church.

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Grand Island Independent - Sun. 1 Feb 2004

**Elmer E. STELK, 82**

Born 4 Apr 1921, Hall Co., NE. Parents: Barney Stelk and Ella Schimmer. WW II: US Army (Europe). 18 Dec 1949: married Delma Marie Kuhlman at Central City, NE. They farmed: he later farmed & worked for Hornady Manufacturing. Elmer died Thurs., 29 Jan 2004 at Grand Island, NE. Visitation: Sun., Kleine Funeral Home. Service: Mon., Grace Lutheran Church. Burial: Westlawn Memorial Park Cemetery, Grand Island, NE. Survivors: His wife, 2 sons; 2 gch., 2 g-gch.; a brother & a sister. Predeceased by 2 brothers - Don & Maynard; a sister, Freida Moss. Memorials to Grace Lutheran Church or the WW II Monument in Washington, D.C.

Grand Island Independent - Fri. 6 Feb 2004

**Joseph A. SANTIN, Jr.**

Born 27 Nov 1920, Palmer, NE. Parents: Joseph & Katherine (Plihal) Santin. 1938 grad of Fullerton Public School. 29 Apr 1943: Married at Columbus, NE. They farmed NE of Palmer. Mr. Santin died Wed. 4 Feb 2004 at Central City, NE. Service: Sat., United Methodist Church, Palmer with burial in Rose Hill Cemetery. Arrangements by Greenway-Palmer Funeral Home. Survivors: A son, a daughter, 8 gch., a foster gch. & 13 g-gch. Predeceased by his parents; 4 sisters - Amy Andrews, Erma McCracken, Mildred Wendt & Ella Johnson.  
Note: See 1930 Fed. Census NE ED63-15 p1a D2 F2: West Newman Twp, Nance, NE (w/p).

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 7 Feb 2004

**Robert "Bob" MANNING, 74**

Born 23 Feb 1929 near Worms, NE. Parents: Leon & Hilda (Wieck) Manning. 1947 grad. of Chapman HS. 22

Apr 1950: Married at Grand Island, NE. They farmed near Chapman. 1958: Moved into town and started Manning Construction Co. He died of cancer on Fri. 6 Feb 2004 at Grand Island, NE. Service: Mon., Solt Funeral Home, Central City. Burial in Chapman Cemetery. Survivors: His wife, 3 sons, 2 daughters, 7 gch.; a brother. Predeceased by his parents; a son Rex (1967). Memorials to Chapman United Methodist Church.

Note: See 1930 Fed. Census NE ED61-12 p3a D61 F59: Prairie Creek Twp, Merrick, NE (w/p).

Columbus Telegram - Tues. 10 Feb 2004; Grand Island Independent - Wed. 11 Feb 2004

**Crystal B. HAWTHORNE, 99**

Born 19 Dec 1904, Merrick County, NE. Parents: Henry Good & Bessie Luella Giles. Grad: Friends College, Central City, NE. 22 Mar 1926: Married Clifford L. Hawthorne at Central City, NE. They later lived at St. Paul and Nance County, NE. 1960: Moved to Omaha, NE. 1975: Returned to Fullerton, NE. Clifford died 16 Apr 1980. Mrs. Hawthorne died Sat. 7 Feb 2004 at Central City, NE. Service: Thurs. at Palmer Funeral Home, Fullerton, NE. Burial in Fullerton Cemetery. Survivors: 4 daughters, 15 gch., 46 g-gch.; one sister. Predeceased by her husband, a son Merrill T. Hawthorne, an infant daughter Janet. Also deceased are 3 brothers: Lane, Eldon & Merle Good; 7 sisters - Frankie Garrett, Sadie Charron, Enid Hagar, Eunice Hawthorne, Orpha Hawthorne, Ivilla Hawthorne & Connie Good (infant).

Note: See Merrick County Marriage Records Book I p170 #3723.

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 12 Feb 2004

**Lester Charles "Les" McCONNELL, 81**

Born 8 Mar 1922 on homestead near Central City, NE. Parents: Goerge & Mary (Fish) McConnell. 1940 grad. of CCHS. WW II: US Navy. 6 Jun 1948: Married Kathryn "Jean" Welsch. Jean died in 1993. He married a second time on 16 Apr 1994. They lived at Sidney, NE. Les died Sun. 8 Feb 2004 at Sidney. Service: Thurs., Light Memorial Presbyterian Church, Sidney. Burial at Fort McPherson National Cemetery, Maxwell, NE. Arrangements: Holechek Funeral Home. Survivors: His second wife; 2 sons, a daughter, 12 gch., step-descendents; a brother & 2 sisters. Predeceased by his first wife; his parents & his step-father Fred Welsch; a brother Francis McConnell; a son Roger McConnell; a gch. Memorials to the church building fund.

Note: See 1930 Fed. Census NE ED61-7 p8a D168 F170: Lone Tree Twp, Merrick, NE (w/p).

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 19 Feb 2004; Aurora News Register (brief) - 25 Feb 2004

**Claude Allen SCOTT, 82**

Born 12 Jul 1921, Palmer, NE. Parents: Dennis & Lena (Gee) Scott. Grad. of Palmer HS. US Army Air Corps (brief, ill). Moved to Bremerton, WA. 21 Nov 1943: Married at Tacoma, WA. They moved to NE; lived at Wahoo, and Lincoln. 1988: Moved to Aurora, NE. Claude died Wed., 18 Feb 2004 at Aurora, NE. Visitation: Thurs., Higby-McQuiston Mortuary. Service: Fri. at United Methodist Church, Aurora. Burial in the city cemetery. Survivors: His wife; 2 daughter, a gch.; a brother in CA. Predeceased by his parent; a brother Norval; 2 sisters, Evelyn Davis & Marjorie Hurtt.

Note: See 1930 Fed. Census NE ED61-8 p3a D55 F55: Palmer Village, Merrick, NE (w/p).

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 21 Feb 2004

**Arlene Lucille SANDER, 81**

Born 21 Jan 1923, Grand Island, NE. Parents: Carl H & Bertha (Birkholz) Stoppkotte. Lived in Merrick County. Married Cliff Sander. Arlene died Thurs. 19 Feb 2004 at Lodgepole, NE. Service: Mon. Gehrig Funeral Home, Sidney, NE. Burial in Greenwood Cemetery at Sidney. Survivors: Her husband; a son & 3 daughters.

Note: See 1930 Fed. Census NE ED61-16 p3B D72 F72: Vieregg Twp, Merrick, NE (w/p).

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 26 Feb 2004

**John W. "Jack" WEGNER, 51**

Born 31 Jul 1952, Oakland, CA. Parents: John & Telma (Mitchell) Wegner. Grew up in CA. 1972: Moved to Palmer, NE to farm with an uncle. 10 Dec 1977: Married at Palmer. Farmed & drove school bus. He died Mon., 23 Feb 2004 at Howard County Hospital. Service: Fri., Palmer HS gymnasium. Burial in Rose Hill Cemetery, Palmer. Arrangement: Palmer Funeral Home. Survivors: His wife; 3 sons; 2 sister & their spouses.

Predeceased by a son Erik; his parents; a brother Robert. Memorials to Palmer School Endowment Fund or Palmer United Methodist Church.

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Grand Island Independent - Mon. 1 Mar 2004

**Cecelia ZUEHLKE, 81**

Born 14 May 1922, Palmer, NE. Parents: George & Josephine (Mouller) Zuehlke. Grad. of Palmer HS. Died Sun., 29 Feb 2004 at Fullerton, NE. Service: Wed., Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church in St. Paul, NE. Burial in Rose Hill Cemetery, Palmer, NE. Survivors: A brother & a sister. Predeceased by 3 brothers - Ed, George & Louis Zuehlke; 5 sisters - Augusta Petersen, Mary Ziller, Lucy Basch, Margaret Lillienthal & Ann Tracy.

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 2 Mar 2004

**Edythe M. MAGNUSON, 81**

Born 21 May 1922, Newton, KS. Parents: Otto & Matilda (Thimm) Schmidt. 1940 grad. of Newton HS. Attended Bethel College and TX State College for Women at Denton, TX. Research librarian in Wichita, KS. 31 Aug 1957: Married Wayne Magnuson at Bethel Mennonite Church, Newton, KS. They lived in El Dorado, KS; moved to Central City, NE. She died Sun., 29 Feb 2004 at Central City, NE. Visitation: Wed., Wagner Funeral Home. Service: Thurs., United Methodist Church. Burial in the city cemetery. Survivors: Her husband, a son, 2 daughters, 6 gch.

Columbus Telegram - Sat. 6 Mar 2004; Grand Island Independent - Sun. 7 Mar 2004

**Roger C. BECK, 76**

Born 1 Feb 1928, Clarks, NE. Parents: Raymond W. & Ruth A. (Wolfe) Beck. Attended schools at Clarks & Central City, NE. 12 Mar 1949: Married at Lexington, NE. Farm laborer. Rancher at O'Neill, NE, worked at Conservation Office, etc. 1963: Returned to Central City & bought a farm east of town. He died Fri., 5 Mar 2004 at home in Merrick County, NE. Visitation: Sun. Solt Funeral Home, Central City. Service: Mon. United Methodist Church, Central City. Burial in Bureau Cemetery at Pierce Chapel, Clarks, NE. Survivors: His wife, 3 children, 6 gch., 3 ggch.; 3 brothers, a sister-in-law & a brother-in-law. Predeceased by his parents & his step-mother Elsie Beck; sister Doris Neel; 2 brothers - Wes & Phil Beck.

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 9 Mar 2004

**Lucille McHARGUE, 91**

Born 5 Sep 1912, Omaha, NE. Parents: Charles E. & Marie (Frandsen) Martin. 1929 grad. of HS in St. Paul, MN. 3 May 1939: Married Don McHargue in St. Paul, MN. They lived on McHargue home place east of Central City, NE. 1974: Moved into Central City. Lucille died Mon., 8 Mar 2004 at Central City NE. Visitation: Thurs., Solt Funeral Home. Service: Fri., United Presbyterian Church. Burial in the city cemetery. Survivors: Her husband, 3 daughters, 2 sons, 12 gch., 3 g-gch. Predeceased by her parents, a brother Ed Martin.

Columbus Telegram, Grand Island Independent, York News Times (death notice) - Tues. 9 Mar 2004

**Verna L NELSON, 74**

Born 17 Dec 1929, Monroe, NE. Parents: Cleve & Ora (Carroll) Farmer. 1947 grad. of Monroe HS. 12 Dec 1948: Married Max Nelson at Monroe. 1972: They moved to Clarks, NE. She died Sun. 7 Mar 2004 at Central City, NE. Service: Thurs., Methodist Church, Clarks. Burial in Stromsburg Cemetery (Polk Co.). Arrangements: Palmer Funeral Home, Stromsburg. Survivors: Her husband, a son, a daughter, 6 gch., 4 g-gch.; a sister in KY. Predeceased by 3 brothers - Roy, Otto & Aaron Farmer; 2 sisters - Izetta Chaney & Vera Mae Geiser (twin to Verna).

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 10 Mar 2004

**Dwain L. BRUMBAUGH, 75**

Born 30 Mar 1928, Central City, NE. Parents: Leslie & Ruby (Gruen) Brumbaugh. 1946-47: US Marines. 1952: Moved to Grand Island & married Betty A. Doan there. 1948-52: USAF. He died Mon., 8 Mar 2004 at Grand Island. Service: Thurs., Apfel-Butler-Geddes Funeral Home. Burial in Westlawn Memorial Park Cemetery, Grand Island, NE. Survivors: 3 daughters, 2 gch.; a sister & her husband in ID. Predeceased by his wife; his

parents. Memorials to Salvation Army Food Pantry or Life Line.

Columbus Telegram, Grand Island Independent (abbrev) - Wed. 10 Mar 2004

**Drexal A. "Andy" Engel, 79**

Born 29 Nov 1924, Platte Co., NE. Parents: Frederick & Bertha (Johansen) Engel). Grew up in Silver Creek, NE. Grad. of Duncan HS. 1950-52: US Army. 1953: Married at Silver Creek. Farmer, rancher. They lived in Merrick County and in Craig Co., OK. He died Mon., 8 Mar 2004 at hospital in Columbus, NE. Service: Wed., United Methodist Church, Silver Creek. Burial in Jacson Cemetery, Duncan, NE. Survivors: His wife, 4 sons, 12 gch.; 2 sisters, a brother, a sister-in-law. Predeceased by his parents, 2 brothers - Donald & Lee "Tub" Engel; a sister Elaine Sokol

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 11 Mar 2004

**Viola "Babe" ROHLING, 88**

Born 26 Feb 1916, Havens, NE. Parents: William & Emma (Hohmann) Wilhelmi. 1933 grad. of Chapman HS. 22 Apr 1939: Married Roy F. Rohling at Red Cloud, NE. 1942: Moved to Spokane, WA; 1963 to Los Angeles, CA. In 1979 moved to Grand Island, NE. Roy died 11 Mar 1979. Mrs. Rohling died Mon., 8 Mar 2004 at Grand Island, NE. Service: Fri. Apfel-Butler-Geddes Funeral Home. Burial in the city cemetery. Survivors: 3 sons, 7 gch., 3 ggch.; a brother in TX. Predeceased by her husband; her parents; 2 brothers - Ray & Virg; a sister Fera Leamons. Memorials to First Presbyterian Church or The Grand Generation Center.

Note: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I pp 405-6 (Wilhelmi, Pts 1 & 2). 1930 Fed. Census NE ED61-4 p4a D83 F84: Chapman Twp, Merrick, NE (w/p)

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 17 Mar 2004

**Velaura M. "Vel" FRAUEN, 83**

Born 24 Nov 1920 on farm near Archer, NE. Parents: Arthur & Sophie (Ashweige) Ueckert. Family moved to Grand Island, NE. 3 Mar 1940: Married John D. Frauen. They farmed in Merrick County, and later moved to Hall County. John died 5 Jan 1984. She was living in Grand Island. Vel died Sun., 14 Mar 2004 at hospital in Lincoln, NE. Visitation: Thurs, Kleine Funeral Home. Service: Fri., Gollaher Chapel at Trinity United Methodist Church, Grand Island. Burial in the city cemetery. Survivors: A son & his wife, 3 gch., 6 ggch.; a sister-in-law, an aunt. Predeceased by her husband; her parents, 2 ggch.

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 18 Mar 2004

**Charlotte "Char" TREBILCOCK, 61**

Born 4 Mar 1943, Palmer, NE. Parents: Charlie & Maxine (Fleshmen) Knapp. Married Gene Trebilcock. She died Sun., 14 Mar 2004. Resident of Longview, WA. Arrangements: Steele Chapel, Longview Memorial Park & Cremation. Survivors: Her husband, 2 sons; 4 brothers & a sister.

Grand Island Independent - Sun. 21 Mar 2004

**Bruce A. BEYERSDORF, 48**

Born 24 Aug 1955, Grand Island, NE. Parents: Arnold & Doris Beyersdorf. Died Thurs., 18 Mar 2004 at Omaha, NE. Visitation: Mon, Bellevue Memorial Funeral Chapel, Bellevue, NE. Service: Tues., Pilgrim Lutheran Church, Bellevue, NE. Burial: Tues., Westlawn Cemetery, Grand Island, NE. Survivors: 2 daughters & a son; his parents, a sister & 2 brothers.

Columbus Telegram & Aurora News Register (abbrev) - Tues. 23 Mar 2004; Grand Island Independent - Wed. 24 Mar 2004

**Fritz ENGEL, 71**

Born 4 Aug 1932, Platte Co., NE. Parents: Frederick & Bertha (Johansen) Engel. 1949 grad of Silver Creek HS. Auctioneer. 23 Oct 1951: Married at Clarks, NE. They farmed in Platte County, then ranched near Elgin. 1956: Returned to Clarks area. 1964: Purchased the Fullerton Livestock Market. He died Mon. 22 Mar 2004 at Clarks. Service: Thurs., St. Peter Catholic Church, Clarks. Burial in Calvary Cemetery. Arrangements by Palmer Funeral Home of Fullerton, NE. Survivors: His wife; 3 sons, 3 daughters, 21 gch, 8 ggch.; 2 sisters.

Predeceased by a daughter Patricia L. Engel; 2 brothers - Donald L. and Andy Engel; a sister - Elaine Sokol.  
Note: Grand Island obit included a 3rd deceased brother - Lee "Tubs" Engel.

Grand Island Independent & Kearney Hub - Thurs. 25 Mar 2004

**Vera Arta Van PELT, 93**

Born 29 Oct 1910, Archer, NE. Parents: Charles Hollis & Florence Irene (Herring) Woodward. 29 Oct 1925: Married Mayo Leonard Dewitt Van Pelt at Archer, NE. They farmed in the area. She died Wed., 24 Mar 2004 at hospital in Central City NE. Visitation: Fri., Wagner Funeral Home, Central City, NE. Service: Sat., Fairview United Methodist Church near Central City. Burial in the city cemetery. Survivors: 4 sons, 5 daughters, 39 gch., 83 g-gch., 10 gggch. Predeceased by her husband; her parents; 2 brothers & 5 sisters; 4 gch. and one ggch. Note: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I p 411; 1920 Fed. Census NE ED161 p2A F32: Archer, Midland Twp, Merrick, NE (w/p). Also see - Merrick Co NE Marriage Records Book I p139 #3692; & 1930 Fed. Census NE ED61-11 p3b D68 F68: Midland Twp, Merrick, NE.

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 1 Mar 2004

**Margaret Norma OVERBOE, 95**

Born 1 Jan 1909 near Gays Mills, WI. Parents: Henry & Christina Marie (Turben) Natwick. Grad. of Gays Mills HS. Took normal training as Vioqua, WI. Teacher. 14 Apr 1937: Married Bernard M. Overboe at Mt. Sterling WI. They farmed, Margaret continued to teach. Bernard died 6 May 1977. In 1999 Margaret moved to Central City where she died Mon. 29 Mar 2004. Service will be Thurs. at SW Prairie Lutheran Church near Viroqua, WI with burial in the church cemetery. Survivors: A sister living in Central City; 6 nephews. Predeceased by her husband; her parents; a brother Harold; 3 sisters - Aleda Raaum, Helen Bailey & an infant.

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Grand Island Independent - Sat. 3 Apr 2004

**Craig E. SCARBOROUGH, 48**

Born 2 Nov 1955, Grand Island, NE. Parents: Wayne & Geraldine (Glover) Scarborough. 1974 grad. of GISH. Attended Doane College & UNL. Employee of KRGH Radio. Craig died Mon. 29 Mar 2004 at home in Grand Island. Service: Tues., Livingston-Sonderman Funeral Home. Burial in Rosehill Cemetery at Palmer, NE. Survivors: His father; a sister & a brother. Predeceased by his mother (2001). Memorials to American Diabetes Association.

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 13 Apr 2004

**The Rev. J. Russell MEAD, 83**

Born 4 Mar 1921, Champion, NE. Parents: Russell Jun & Anna Elizabeth (Hall) Mead. 1940 grad. of Chase County HS, Imperial, NE. Grad. of Westmar College, LeMars, Iowa. Attended Evangelical Theological Seminary, Naperville, Ill; University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Served United Methodist Church, Nebraska Conference 41 years - including Central City/Archer Zion 1969-1974. 1969: Married at Jefferson, IA. The Rev. Mead died Sat. 10 Apr 2004 at Central City. Visitation: Tues., Solt Funeral Home. Service: Wed. United Methodist Church, Central City, NE. Burial in the city cemetery. Survivors: His wife, 2 daughters & their husbands; 5 gch., 2 g-gch.; 3 sisters. Predeceased by his parents; 2 brothers - Boyd M. Mead & Corwin Enfield Mead (infant). Memorials to the church.

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 17 Apr 2004; Columbus Telegram - Sun. 18 Apr 2004

**Doris Rose JOHNSON, 100**

Born 28 Mar 1904 near Belvidere, IL. Parents: John Arthur & Matilda Agnes (Hasler) Britton. Family moved to farm near Plankinton, SD, and then to Arkansas. 1916: Family moved to NE. 1922 grad. of Trumbull HS. Earned Teacher's certificate at Kearney. Teacher. Nurse. 11 Oct 1924: Married Linord Johnson near Hastings, NE. They moved to Johnson farm near Clarks. Linord died 19 Apr 1970. Doris died 16 Apr 2004 at Central



City, NE. Service: Mon., Solt Funeral Home, Central City. Burial in Bureau Cemetery at Pierce Chapel near Clarks, NE. Survivors: 2 daughters, a son, 10 gch., 24 g-gch., 8 gg-gch. a sister. Predeceased by her husband; her parents; a son-in-law, a daughter-in-law; 2 gch.; 4 brothers - Fred, Sid, Bert & Leslie Britton; 3 sisters - Elsie Britton, Hilda Wilson & Gertrude Bauer. Memorials to the cemetery or to Clarks United Methodist Church.

Columbus Telegram - Mon. 19 Apr 2004; Grand Island Independent - Tues., 20 Apr 2004

**Merry "Sandra" SPIKE, 69**

Born 25 Dec 1934 Red Oak, IA. Parents: Harold L. & Edna M. (Swanson) Patterson. 1946: Moved to Norfolk, NE where she graduated from HS in 1952. 7 Feb 1953: Married Doyle Haase at Yankton, SD. Worked in Omaha; moved to Columbus in 1968. 27 Jun 1970: Married Dean Walter Spike at Silver Creek, NE. She moved to Silver Creek. Sandra died Sun. 18 Apr 2004 at hospital in Columbus, NE. Service: Tues., First United Methodist Church, Silver Creek. Burial in Silver Creek Cemetery. Arrangements: McKown Funeral Home. Survivors: Her second husband; 2 sons, 6 gch.; a sister. Predeceased by her parents. Memorials to American Heart Association or the church.

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 20 Apr 2004; Aurora News Register - Wed. 21 Apr 2004

**Doris Frazier Stubbe JOHNSON, 83**

Born 27 Oct 1920 on farm in Boone County, NE. Parents: George W. & Viola (Frazier) Omer. 1939 grad. of Fullerton HS. 24 Mar 1940: Married Harold W. Stubbe. They farmed near Central City. Harold died 25 Jan 1953. 1 Nov 1959, she married Morris W. Johnson. They moved into Central City. Morris died 13 Jan 1990. Doris died Fri. 16 Apr 2004 at Central City, NE. Service: Tues. United Presbyterian Church, Central City. Burial in the city cemetery. Arrangements: Solt Funeral Home. Survivors: A daughter & her husband, 4 gch., 5 g-gch.; 3 sisters, a brother, a brother-in-law. Predeceased by both husbands; her parents; her son - William L. "Bill" Stubbe; 3 sisters - Mary Ann Hinrich, Georgia Smith, Dorothy Dickinson Wozniak (twin to Doris). Memorials to Tabitha Hospice or the church.

Columbus Telegram & Grand Island Independent - Tues. 20 Apr 2004

**Rex LAMB, 88**

Born 9 Jan 1916, Central City, NE. Parents: Mark & Eva (Ackerman) Lamb. Farmer; resident of Clarks, NE. Died Sun. 18 Apr 2004 at hospital in Grand Island. Service: Wed. St. Peters Catholic Church, Clarks. Burial in Calvary Cemetery at Clarks. Arrangements: Palmer Funeral Home, Fullerton, NE. Survivors: A brother. Predeceased by 4 brothers - John, Robert, Gerald & Leo Lamb. Note: See 1920 Fed. Census NE ED156 p8A D30 F31: Clarksville Twp, Merrick, NE (w/p); & 1930 Fed. Census NE ED61-5 p5b D140 F143: Clarks Village, Merrick, NE (w/p).

Grand Island Independent - Fri. 23 Apr 2004

**Muriel Shirey SHAVER, 94**

Born 15 Aug 1909, Lambert Ranch, Palmer, NE. Parents: Joseph & Rosalia Shirey. 21 Oct 1928: Married Mel Shaver at her parents home. They lived on the Shaver farm near Stamford. Later lived at Orofino, Farnum & Holdrege, NE. 1938: Moved to Vernonia, OR and then to Lebanon, OR. Muriel died Thurs., 8 Apr 2004 at Albany, OR. Graveside service was 12 Apr 2004 at IOOF cemetery, Lebanon, OR. Survivors: A daughter, 5 gch., 12 g-gch. 7 gg-gch.; a sister-in-law. Predeceased by her husband; 5 sisters - Inez Ward, Grace Prowett, Nancy Butler, Mildred Reils & Dorothy Morris; 2 brothers - Earl & Oral Shirey; an adopted brother - Otto Leroy Carley Shirey; 2 infant siblings. Note: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I p362; 1920 Fed. Census NE ED159 p1B D21 F23: Palmer Village, Loup Twp, Merrick, NE (w/p).

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 29 Apr 2004

**Marie Louise WEGNER, 80**

Born 8 Jun 1923 Hubbard, IA. Parents: Fred H. & Fannie (Smith) Rieks. 1941 grad. of Hubbard HS. 17 Oct 1945: Married Leland William Wegner at Hubbard. They operated a farm near Archer, NE. In 2000 she moved

to Lawton IA. Marie died Tues. 27 Apr 2004 at Kingsley, IA. Service: Sat., Zion United Methodist Church, Archer. Burial in Prairie Creek Cemetery near Archer. Arrangements: Solt Funeral Home, Central City. Survivors: 2 daughter, 2 sons, 9 gch., 4 g-gch.; a sister, 2 brothers. Predeceased by 2 brothers - Dale & Earl; a sister Grace Weuve.

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Grand Island Independent - Sun. 2 May 2004

**James Harold KEEFER, 62**

Born 11 Dec 1941, Central City, NE. Parents: Harry F. & Marie A. (Workman) Keefer. 1959 grad. of South Sioux City HS. US Air Force (6 yrs). Joined 185th Air National Guard in Sioux City, IA - served in Vietnam. 2 Sep 1978: Married at Sioux City. Business owner. He died Mon. 26 Apr 2004 at home. Service was Fri. 30 Apr at Becker-Hunt Funeral Home in South Sioux City. Survivors: His wife, a son, a daughter, a step-daughter, 7 gch.; a brother & 4 sisters. Predeceased by his father.

Columbus Telegram & Grand Island Independent - Sun. 2 May 2004

**Benton E. KIRBY, 67**

Born 4 Aug 1936, Shelby, NE. Parents: James N. & Marie (Schlesinger) Kirby. 1954 grad. of Silver Creek HS. 1958-60: US Army. Farmer at Silver Creek. Attended Farrier School in San Luis Obispo, CA. He died Thurs. 29 Apr 2004 at Grand Island, NE. Service: Tues., Curran Funeral Chapel, Grand Island. Burial in Calvary Cemetery, Clarks, NE. Survivors: 3 brothers. Predeceased by his parents.

Columbus Telegram & Grand Island Independent (brief) - Sun. 2 May 2004

**Gertrude Elizabeth PETERSON, 93**

Born 20 Aug 1910, Dixon, NE. Parents: Durwin Walter & Bessie Gertrude (Shadley) Adair. Grad. of South HS, Omaha, NE. Attended Kearney State & NE Wesleyan. Teacher. 26 Dec 1937: Married L. Merle Peterson at Osceola, NE. They lived in Albion & Fullerton, NE; Long Beach, CA; Osceola, NE; 1947: They moved to Silver Creek, NE. In 2000 Gertrude moved to Shelby, NE followed by move in 2003 to Osceola, NE. She died Fri. 30 Apr 2004 at Osceola. Service will be Mon at United Methodist Church, Shelby. Burial in Osceola Cemetery. Arrangements: Robert-Dubas Funeral Home, Osceola. Survivors: 2 daughters, 4 gch., 3 g-gch. Predeceased by her husband, & a sister Marie Perry.

Columbus Telegram & Grand Island Independent - Mon. 3 May 2004; Aurora News Register (brief) - Tues. 4 May 2004

**Richard Henry THOMPSON, 90**

Born 12 Mar 1914 near Ebson, KS. Parents: Jacob N. & Elsie L (Michael) Thompson. 1933 grad. of Ebson HS. 10 Apr 1933: Married Frances Rogers at Smith Center, KS. They farmed near Ebson. 1953: Moved to farm near Aurora, NE. Currently resident of Clarks, NE. He died Sun. 2 May 2004 at hospital in Aurora, NE. Service: Wed. Solt Funeral Home, Central City. Burial in Aurora Cemetery. Survivors: His wife, a daughter, 2 sons, 7 gch., 14 g-gch.; a sister & a brother.

Note: Wife's obit published 24 May 2011 in Grand Island Independent.

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 4 May 2004

**Arnold Claus DAMMANN, 94**

Born 7 Feb 1910, near Worms, NE. Parents: Alfred Dammann and Katherina Hinrichs. Grandfather Claus Dammann was "one of the original German settlers in Merrick County". Attended Zion Lutheran School (Worms) and Palmer HS. 21 Sep 1933: Married at Worms. Farmed. 1975: "recipient of the Knights of Ak-Sar-Ben Nebraska Pioneer Farm Award for the continued ownership within the family of the same Nebraska farm for more than 100 years or more." Res: St. Libory (Howard Co.), NE. Died Mon. 3 May 2004, St. Paul, NE. Service: Thurs. Zion Lutheran Church, Worms, NE. Burial at church cemetery. Arrangements: Peters Funeral Home, St. Paul. Survivors: wife; 2 daughters, 1 son, 5 gch., 8 g-gch.; 2

sisters. Predeceased by parents; a sister Agatha Luebbe, a son-in-law Robert Frauen. Memorials: "... Zion Lutheran Church Cemetery, where four generations of the Dammann family are buried, or to the Lutheran Hour."

Notes: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I pp 168-169 (Dammann), 277 (F&A Luebbe). Parents Marriage - Merrick Co. Marriage Book E p129 #1946.

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 5 May 2004

**Charles H. WEBER, 80**

Born 4 Apr 1924 on farm SW of Palmer, NE. Parents: Lloyd & Viola (Scarborough) Weber. 1942 grad. of St. Paul HS. Worked in WY and Grand Island, NE. WW II: US Army. 21 Jan 1947: Married in Grand Island. They farmed near St. Paul. He died Mon. 3 Mat 2004 at home in St Paul, NE. Service: Fri. Christ Lutheran Church, St. Paul, NE. Burial in Elmwood Cemetery. Arrangements: Jacobsen-Greenway Funeral Home. Survivors: His wife, 2 daughter, 4 gch., 1 g-gch.; Predeceased by his parents; 3 infant children, - Janet Marie, David Allen, & Charles Arthur Weber; one grandson; a sister - Twila Kunze.

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 6 May 2004

**Morris Wayne NITZEL, 78**

Born 13 Dec 1925, Central City, NE. Parents: Lawrence Walter & Bessie Margaret (Morris) Nitzel. 1943 grad. of CCHS. Grad. of Lincoln School of Business. 24 May 1945: Married in KS. Farmed in Merrick County. 1962: Went to work for company in Grand Island. Resident of Central City, where he died Wed. 5 May 2004. Service: Sat. Solt Funeral Home. Burial in the city cemetery. Survivors: His wife, 2 sons, 2 daughters, gch. & g-gch.; a brother. Predeceased by his parents; 2 sisters - Betty Holtorf & Hannah Hobbs; a gch.

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 8 May 2004; York News Times - Mon. 10 May 2004; Aurora News Register (abbrev.) - Wed. 12 May 2004

**Roland C. OBERLE, 82**

Born 10 Jan 1922, Verdigre, NE. Parents: Claude Bryan & Cecelia Rose (Stoikes) Oberle. 1946-49: US Army. 4 Jun 1946: Married Verena M. Thunker at Crofton, NE. They farmed near Coleridge for 10 years; then he became a trucker. 1970: moved to Central City. Died Fri., 7 May 2004 at hospital in Grand Island. Service: Mon., St. Michael's Catholic Church, Central City. Burial: Central City Cemetery. Arrangements: Solt Funeral Home. Survivors: His wife, 2 daughters, 2 sons, 9 gch., 4 g-gch; a brother.

Note: Wife's obit appeared 26 Apr 2008 in GI Independent.

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 18 May 2004

**Jerri C. OLSON, 32**

Born 20 Oct 1971 at Grand Island, NE. Parents: Jerald Olson & Dorothy Reeves. Resident of Central City, NE. Jerri died 16 May 2004 at Central City, NE. Graveside service Thurs. at the city cemetery. Survivors: 2 sons, her father, her mother & step-father; 2 brothers & 4 sisters; a grandmother.

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 19 May 2004

**Evelyn M. BONNESS, 95**

Born 14 Jan 1909 at Archer, NE. Parents: Paul J. Bonness & Lyduia E. Retzlaff. Grad. of Kearney State Teachers College (BA in math), and Columbia University (Masters). Teacher in Nebraska and Michigan. Died Mon. 17 May 2004 at Lincoln, NE. Visitation: Wed. at Roper & Sons Funeral Home, Lincoln, NE. Service: Thurs., Archer United Methodist Church. Burial in Archer Evangelical United Brethren Cemetery. Survivors: a brother & a sister. Predeceased by her parents, 4 brothers - Harvey, Orville, Quentin & Arthur; a sister, Waunita Faizier (surname should be Frazier). Memorials to Archer United Methodist Church.

Note: See 1920 Fed. Census NE ED161 p2A F25: Archer, Midland Twp, Merrick, NE (w/p); 1930 Fed. Census NE ED61-11 p6b D151 F151: Archer, Midland Twp, Merrick, NE (w/p)

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 20 May 2004

**Harold M. BRANDES, 88**

Born 7 Jan 1916, Merrick Co., NE. Parents: Carl Henry Brandes & Ida Bauman. 1934 grad. of Central City

HS. Mechanic, farmer. 17 Sep 1939: Married Berniece Suck, Merrick Co., NE. Died Tues. 18 May 2004, Central City, NE. Visitation Sun. Wagner Funeral Home. Service: Mon. Fairview United Methodist Church. Burial in Central City Cemetery. Survivors: A daughter, 3 gch. Predeceased by his wife; a daughter Connie Greenwood; a brother George. Memorials: Fairview United Methodist Church.  
Note: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I pp 134-5, 380 (Suck); 1920 Fed. Census NE ED160 p4B F71: Mead Twp, Merrick, NE (w/p); 1930 Fed. Census NE ED61-10 p3b D60 F61: Mead Twp, Merrick, NE (w/p).

Grand Island Independent - Fri. 21 May 2004

**Hester Fern CRITES, 100**

Born 28 Apr 1904 near Norman, NE. Parents: George J. & Olive E. (Meyer) Wilson. Married Raymond "Rams" Crites who died 28 Jan 1983. Resident of Long Term Care at Central City where she died Wed. 19 May 2004. Graveside service will be Tues. at Central City Cemetery. Arrangements: Solf Funeral Home. Survivors: 3 daughters, one son.

Columbus Telegram and Grand Island Independent - Tues. 25 May 2004

Maxine V. BRYER, 89

Born 16 Jun 1914, Central City, NE. Parents: Delmer Gleason and Jessie Everett. 1934 grad. Central City schools. 30 Sep 1936: married Reuben Carlson at Columbus, NE. Reuben died 24 Sep 1963. 5 Jul 1970: married Glen Bryer. Glen died 11 Mar 1979. 1982: moved to Fullerton, NE. 1993: moved to Central City, NE. Died Sun. 23 May 2004 at Central City. Service: Wed., First Presbyteriaqn Church, Fullerton, NE. Burial: Fullerton Cemetery. Arrangements: Palmer Funeral Home, Fullerton. Survivors: a son, a daughter, 4 stepsons, 11 gch., 21 g-gch. Predeceased by both husbands; her daughter Patricia Konwinski; a stepson; 3 g-gch. - Daniel, Craig and Jessica Konwinski.

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 27 May 2004

**Bob A. PLATT, 74**

Born 3 Mar 1930, Central City, NE. Parents: Cecil & Mabel (Laffler) Platt. Educated in Lincoln, NE. Raised by an uncle. Resident of Grand Island, NE. Truck driver, mechanic. Died Sun. 23 May 2004 at Grand Island, NE. Service: Fri. Livingston-Sondermann Funeral Home. Burial in Grand Island Cemetery. Survivors: 2 half-brothers; 2 half-sisters. Predeceased by his parents.

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Grand Island Independent - Sat. 5 Jun 2004

**Gerald "Dutch" STOPPKOTTE, 79**

Born 5 Apr 1925, Central City, NE. Parents: Carl & Bertha (Bergholtz) Stoppkotte. Attended Chapman Public School. Farmer. 1944-46: US Navy. Thereafter farmed with uncles near Grand Island, NE. 5 Jul 1955: Married at Central City. Truck driver. 1971: Moved to Shelton, NE. Gerald died Wed. 2 Jun 2004 at Wood River, NE. Service: Mon., United Methodist Church, Shelton, NE. Burial in the city cemetery. Arrangements: Apfel-O'Brien-Straatmann Funeral Home of Wood River, Cairo and Shelton. Survivors: 3 sons, 6 daughters, 20 gch., 10 g-gch; a brother & 2 sisters. Predeceased by his parents; a daughter Cindy Doremus; twin gsons.; 3 brothers - Jim, Lenord & Virgil; 3 sisters - Arlene Sanders, Virginia Georgy & Clarice Lauby. Memorials to Grand Island Humane Society.

Note: See 1930 Fed. Census NE ED61-16 p3B D72 F72: Vieregg Twp, Merrick, NE (w/p).

Grand Island Independent & York News Times - Thurs. 10 Jun 2004

Esther Irene BRONDEL, 90

Born 4 May 1914, Benedict, NE. Parents: Henry P. Harrington and Ella B. Baker. Grad. of York HS. 11 Jan 1937: married John H. Brondel in Kansas. They moved to Central City, NE. Mrs. Brondel died Tues. 8 Jun 2004 at Central City, NE. Service: Fri., Solt Funeral Home Chapel. Burial: Central City Cemetery. Survivors: 4 daughters, 3 sons, a daughter-in-law, a sister-in-law, 17 gch., 17 g-gch. Predeceased by husband (died 12 Apr 1980); two sons - Marvin (died 1959) and David (died 2003); one daughter, Emma Senkbile (died 1999);

a son-in-law, Wayne Senkbile (died 1998); three brothers - Roland, Ralph, & Laverne Harrington; a sister, Louise H. Pomeroy. Memorials to Central City Senior Center or the Christian Church in Central City.

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 12 Jun 2004

**Richard S. "Dick" LEVANDER, 72**

Born 24 Aug 1931, Fillmore County, NE. Parents: Harvey & Donna (Brust) Levander. Grad. of Geneva HS. Attended UNL. Farmer. 1952-56: USAF. 4 Jul 1953: Married at Gering, NE. They lived in CA; Edinburgh, Scotland; 5 states in the Midwest; TX. 1983: Moved to Central City, NE. Salesman. Dick died Wed. 9 Jun 2004 at hospital in O'Neill, NE. Service: Tues., Fairview United Methodist Church. Burial in Central City Cemetery. Arrangements by Wagner Funeral Home. Survivors: His wife; his mother; a son, 4 daughters, 12 gch.; a sister; other relatives. Predeceased by his father.

Grand Island Independent - Mon. 14 Jun 2004

**Ronald D. KRUEGER, 72**

Born 11 Nov 1931, Denver, CO. Parents: Jess & Marguerite (Furst) Krueger. Grew up near Sidney, NE. Attended Police Academy at Scottsbluff, NE. Served two yrs. in US Army. Farmed near Sidney & participated in family business. Moved to Hastings, NE. 17 Mar 1974: Married at Curtis, NE. They lived in Central City, NE. Ronald died Sat., 12 Jun 2004 at Central City. Service: Tues., Wagner Funeral Home, Central City. Burial in Bureau Cemetery, Pierce Chapel, near Clarks, NE. Survivors: His wife, 2 sons, 2 daughters, 6 gch., 1 g-gch.; his mother-in-law. Predeceased by his parents & grandparents.

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 19 Jun 2004

**Lawrence Walter RUDOLF, 89**

Born 3 Oct 1914, Palmer, NE. Parents: Frank & Louise (Rudolf) Rudolf. Married at Atkinson, NE. Served in US Army. Worked/farmed in Stuart, NE. 1958: Moved to Chapman, NE. He died Thurs., 17 Jun 2004 at hospital in Grand Island, NE. Service: Mon., Solt Funeral Home, Central City, NE. Burial in Chapman Cemetery. Survivors: His wife; 2 sons, a daughter, 9 gch., 3 g-gch.

Note: See 1920 Fed. Census NE ED161 p4A F32: Midland Twp, Merrick, NE w/p), & 1930 Fed. Census NE ED61-11 p4b D93 F93: Midland Twp, Merrick, NE (w/p).

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 22 Jun 2004

**Kristena Alvilda McNEAL, 101**

Born 2 Sep 1902, Lexington, NE. Parents: Niels & Minnie Pedersen. Married Robert McNeal. Lived at Palmer, NE. Robert died 3 Mar 1985. She was currently a resident of Corvallis, OR. Kristena died Tues. 1 Jun 2004 at Oregon. Graveside service: Wed. 23 Jun 2004 at Rose Hill Cemetery, Palmer, NE. Arrangements: Palmer Funeral Home. Survivors: 3 son, a daughter.

Columbus Telegram, Grand Island Independent, York News Times - Tues. 22 Jun 2004

**Esther A. Van PELT, 87**

Born 10 Mar 1917 near Worms, NE. Parents: Oene & Hattie (Wagner) Simonson. 21 Sep 1936: Married Charles L. "Chick" Van Belt. They farmed near Archer & Palmer. 1961: Moved into Palmer, NE. 1968: Moved to Hordville, NE. In 2003, they moved to Central City, NE. Esther died Mon. 21 Jul 2004 at Central City. Visitation: Wed., Solt Funeral Home, Central City. Service: Thurs, Fridhem Lutheran Church, Hordville. Burial in Rose Hill Cemetery, Palmer, NE. Survivors: Her husband; 2 sons, 6 daughters, 25 gch., 21 g-gch.; 4 sisters, a sister-in-law; Predeceased by her brother John Simonson; 2 sons-in-law, a gch., and a brother-in-law Harvey Langrehr Sr.

Note: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I p366; 1920 Fed. Census NE ED226 p3A D46 F46: Prairie Creek Twp, Merrick, NE (w/p); 1930 Fed. Census NE ED61-12 p2a D36 F36: Prairie Creek Twp, Merrick, NE (w/p).

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 24 Jun 2004

**Edythe E. COLEMAN, 65**

Born 22 Sep 1938 Imperial, NE. Parents: Milton & Opal (Power) Browning. Married William W. Coleman. Resident of Central City NE. Died Tues., 22 Jun 2004 at Grand Island, NE. Visitation: thurs., Wagner Funeral Home, Central City, NE. Service: Fri., Evangelical Free Church, Central City. Burial in the city cemetery. Survivors: 3 sons, 2 daughters; a sister. Predeceased by her husband.

Note: Husband died 10 Jul 2002, see cemetery directory.

Grand Island Independent - Mon. 28 Jun 2004

**Esther DeMARY, 94**

Born 2 Nov 1909, St. Paul, NE. Parents: Charles Fuller & Mary Jacobs. 30 Apr 1927: Married Charles A. DeMary at Central City, NE. They lived at Gage Valley until 1939 when moved to St. Paul, NE. She died Sun. 27 Jun 2004, St. Paul, NE. Service: Wed. at Jacobsen-Greenway Funeral Home, St. Paul. Burial: Elmwood Cemetery, St. Paul. Survivors: 5 sons, 4 daughters, 30 gch., 46 g-gch., 17 gg-gch. Predeceased by her husband (18 Jul 1991), her parents, a daughter Alice Grim, a son Charles "Sonny", 2 grandsons, 1 granddaughter.

Note: See Merrick Co. Marriage Records Book I p244 #I-244

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 30 Jun 2004

**Lena Fern WELLS, 81**

Born 14 Oct 1922 in Gary, SD. Parents: Albert & Gertie (Bossman) Loats. 1940 grad. of Lennox HS in SD. 1947 grad. of Moody Bible Institute, Chicago, IL. 1953: RN from Methodist Hospital, Mitchell, SD. 11 Sep 1955: Married Marlin L. Wells at Lennox, SD. They lived in Grand Island, NE; Denver, CO; and then in various NE towns. 1970: Moved to Central City NE. Employee of NE Veteran's Hospital (21 yrs). Lena died Tues., 29 Jun 2004 at Central City, NE. Visitation: Thurs., Solt Funeral Home. Service: Fri., First Christian Church, Central City. Burial in Kenesaw Cemetery. Survivors: Her husband, 2 sons 5 gch.; a brother & his wife; a sister-in-law. Predeceased by her parents & 2 brothers - Francis "Pinky" and George Loats.

Note: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I p399.

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Grand Island Independent - Sat. 3 Jul 2004

**Dwane J. EGGLI, 66**

Born 12 Apr 1938, Fullerton, NE. Parents: Roland & Martha (Born) Eggli. 1956 grad. of Fullerton HS. 1956-58: US Army (Korea). Oct 1961: Married at Fullerton. Resident of Central City. He died Fri. 2 Jul 2004 at Central City, NE. Service: Tues., Solt Funeral Home. Burial in the city cemetery. Survivors: 2 sons; a daughter; 6 gch.; a brother, 2 sisters. Predeceased by daughter Kristi (1991); his parents & 2 infant brothers.

Grand Island Independent - Mon. 5 Jul 2004; Aurora News Register - 13 Jul 2004.

**Emma NIELSEN, 102**

Born 21 Aug 1901 near Abie (Butler Co.), NE. Parents: Frank & Antonia Johannes. 30 Sep 1919: Married Joe Stanislav Sr. at David City, NE. They lived in Linwood until 1951; moved to farm near Central City. Joe died 2 Aug 1954. 6 Aug 1957: Emma married second to Levi Nielsen at Central City, NE. Levi died 23 Nov 1981. Emma lived at Central City; died there Sat. 3 Jul 2004. Service: Tues., Central City Cemetery. Arrangements by Wagner Funeral Home. Survivors: 2 sons & their wives, 10 gch., g-gch & gg-gch; a brother; a daughter-in-law. Predeceased by both husbands; a son James Stanislav; a daughter Evelyn Power; 4 brothers, 1 sister, a gch.

Note: Aurora obit identifies her mother as Antonia Wirgil.

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 7 Jul 2004

**Marx Carl PETERSEN, 69**

Born 7 Jun 1935, on farm N of Central City, NE. Parents: Karl Henry & Marie Christine (Holtorf) Petersen. 1952 grad. of CCHS. 1956 grad of UNL. 1958-60: US Army. 14 Aug 1960: Married Elaine. They farmed with his father until he died in 1971; Marx continued to farm. Played the saxophone & the banjo, sang. Member

of Grace Lutheran Church. He died Mon. 5 Jul 2004 at UN Medical Center, Omaha, NE. Service: Thurs., Wagner Funeral Home, Central City. Cremated. Survivors: A son, 3 daughters, 3 gch.; a sister; his ex-wife. Predeceased by his parents.

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 8 Jul 2004

**John H. ZIMBELMAN, 80** (photo)

Born 26 Oct 1923, St. Paul, NE. Parents: Henry & Frieda (Nichols) Zimbelman. Attended school in Howard County; grad. of HS in Omaha, NE. WW II: US Army. Attended college in Grand Island, NE. 7 Feb 1948: Married Alice Ida Kurz at Palmer, NE. They farmed W of Palmer. He ran an electrical shop. Alice died 7 Jan 2000. John died Wed. 6 Jul 2004 at hospital in Grand Island, NE. Service: Sat., St. John's Lutheran Church, Palmer. Burial in Rose Hill Cemetery, Palmer. Arrangements: Palmer Funeral Home. Survivors: A son, a daughter, 5 gch., 10 g-gch.; 3 brothers & their wives. Predeceased by his parents, his wife; 2 brothers - Edward and an infant; a sister Jean Moeller.

Grand Island Independent - Fri. 9 Jul 2004

**Delma M. STELK, 74**

Born 5 Oct 1929, Grand Island, NE. Parents: Alfred Kuhlman & Mabel Windfield. 1948 grad. of Chapman HS. Worked in Washington D.C. and Lincoln, NE. 18 Dec 1949: married Elmer E. Stelk at Central City, NE. They farmed near Grand Island, NE; moved into town. Delma died Wed., 7 Jul 2004 at Kearney, NE. Visitation: Fri., Kleine Funeral Home, Grand Island. Service: Sat., Grace Lutheran Church. Burial: Westlawn Memorial Park Cemetery, Grand Island. Survivors: 2 sons, 2 g-sons, 2 g-gch.; a sister. Predeceased by her husband (29 Jan 2004). Memorials: Grace Lutheran Church, or St. Francis Cancer Center.

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 10 Jul 2004

**Helen E. FREI, 96**

Born 15 Mar 1908, Merrick County, NE. Parents: John & Anna (Zamzow) Wiegert. Attended Grand Island HS. 6 Jul 1930: Married Rueben Frei. They farmed in Merrick County, then moved to Marysville, KS. 1947: Returned to live at Grand Island, NE. Rueben died 16 May 1975. Helen died Wed. 7 Jul 2004 at Grand Island, NE. Memorial service will be Mon. at All Faiths Funeral Home. Inurnment at Westlawn Memorial Park Cemetery, Grand Island, NE. Survivors: 2 sons, gch. & g-gch. Predeceased by her husband; 6 brothers - Albert, Fred, Emil, Emmons, Wesley & Ray; 5 sisters - Clara, Dora, Linda, Esther & Leona. Note: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I p404 (w/p); 1920 Fed. Census NE ED163 p2B D39 F39: Vieregg Twp, Merrick, NE (w/p); 1930 Fed. Census NE ED61-16 p1B D22 F22: Vieregg Twp, Merrick, NE (w/p); Merrick County Marriage Records Book I p486 #I-486.

Columbus Telegram & Grand Island Independent - Sun. 11 Jul 2004

**Wilma Eileen DIDIER, 80**

Born 19 Mar 1924, Clarks, NE. Parents: Fritz & Hazel (West) Dittmer. 1942 grad. of Clarks HS. Attended Kearney Normal School. Teacher. 5 May 1945: Married Bernard J. Didier at Marysville, KA. They lived in Clarks, NE. In 1982, they moved to Central City, NE. Wilma died Fri., 9 Jul 2004 at hospital in Aurora, NE. Service: Tues., Solt Funeral Home, Central City. Burial in Clarks Cemetery. Survivors: 2 sons, a daughter, 10 gch., several g-gch.; a brother. Predeceased by her husband (4 Aug 1988); her parents; a son Larry (1988).

Grand Island Independent - Sun. 18 Jul 2004; Columbus Telegram - Mon. 19 Jul 2004

**Barbara Josephine KOHL, 80**

Born 8 Sep 1923, Polk, NE. Parents: Herbert L. & Josephine C. (Lindburg) Wurtz. 1941 grad. of Clarks HS. Worked in Columbus 2 yrs. 20 Feb 1943: Married William H. Kohl at Beatrice, NE. They farmed near Clarks. Postal clerk; grocery clerk. 1968: Moved into town. Barbara died Sat. 17 Jul 2004 in Central City, NE. Visitation: Mon., Solt Funeral Home, Central City. Service: Tues., Congregational Church, Clarks. Burial in the city cemetery. Survivors: Her husband; 2 daughters; a son, 4 gch., 2 g-gch.; a sister & a brother. Predeceased by her parents; a sister Arlyce Smeltzer; a daughter-in-law Bonnie (Fairbairn) Kohl; a son-in-law Hubert Kocek; an infant gch. Memorials to Merrick Foundation for the Bonnie Kohl Scholarship Fund.

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 22 Jul 2004

**Donald J. SENKBILE, 83**

Born 19 Apr 1921, Merrick County, NE. Parents: Jess Senkbile and Vira Rice. Worked in Montana & California after finished HS. Served in military during WW II. 9 Apr 1950: Married Sylvia. They farmed in Merrick County. Jun 1997: They moved to San Antonio, TX. Mr. Senkbile died Tues. 20 Jul 2004 at San Antonio, TX. Visitation: Fri. at Solt Funeral Home. Service: Sat. at Central City United Methodist church. Burial in the city cemetery. Survivors: His wife, 3 sons & a daughter, 6 gch. Predeceased by his parents; sister Mary Elisabeth (wife of Oliver Jensen, she died Sept. 15, 1951 in car accident).

Note: See 1930 Fed. Census NE ED61-7 p4a D83 F85: Lone Tree Twp, Merrick, NE (w/p).

Columbus Telegram & Grand Island Independent (abbrev) - Thurs. 22 Jul 2004

**Zelda Zee Van WINKLE, 83**

Born 15 Jul 1921, Silver Creek, NE. Parents: Irl J. & Gertrude E. (Lauder) Ward. 1939 grad. of Silver Creek HS. 4 May 1941: Married L.T. "Buss" Van Winkle at Silver Creek. They farmed in the area. School cook. Zelda died Tues., 20 Jul 2004 at Osceola Good Samaritan Center. Service: Fri., United Methodist Church, Silver Creek. Burial in the city cemetery. Arrangements: McKown Funeral Home. Survivors: A daughter, a son; 7 gch., 1 step-gch.; 8 g-gch., 5 step-ggch.; a sister. Predeceased by her husband; her parents, a daughter-in-law; a sister Wilda Ward.

Note: See 1930 Fed. Census NE ED61-15 p4b D89 F90: Silver Creek Twp, Merrick, NE (w/p).

Grand Island Independent - Fri. 23 Jul 2004

**Isabel C. BEMIS, 94**

Born 5 Oct 1909, Chapman, NE. Parents: Lora & Nell (Adair) Aurand. Lived in Chapman & Lincoln, NE (Father was state legislator). 1932 grad. of UNL. Teacher in Colorado. 1940: Moved to San Diego, CA. 20 Sep 1948: Married Ken Bemis at Yuma, AZ. They lived in Brawley, CA. She died there Tues., 20 Jul 2004. Memorial service will be Fri., First United Methodist Church, Brawley. Burial at Chapman Cemetery at later date. Survivors: Her husband; a daughter; a brother. Predeceased by her parents; her twin brother Robert (Boulder, CO); brother Paul (San Diego), sister Margaret Eversoll (Grand Island).

Notes: Burial notice appeared 13 Aug 2004 (Fri) in GI Independent - Graveside service Sat. at Chapman Cemetery (cremains). See History of Merrick Co., NE Vol II p132 (w/p); 1920 Fed. Census NE ED155 p5A D24 F24: Chapman Twp, Merrick, NE (w/p).

Grand Island Independent (photo) & Aurora News Register - Fri. 23 Jul 2004

**Lyle Wayne McDONALD, 83**

Born 10 Sep 1920, Cotesfield, NE. Parents: Samuel E. & Pearl C. (Madison) McDonald. 1939 grad. of Scotia HS (Greeley Co.) 1942-45: US Army. 11 Nov 1942: Married Wilma H. Biskeborn. 1945: Moved to North Loup, NE and farmed. House painter. 1959: Moved to Central City, NE. He died Wed. 21 Jul 2004 at Central City. Visitation: Fri., Solt Funeral Home. Service: Sat., Community Bible Church. Burial in Mount Hope Cemetery near Scotia. Survivors: A daughter & her husband; 5 sons, 11 gch., 21 g-gch.; a sister, a brother, a sister-in-law. Predeceased by his wife; his parents; a brother Dallas McDonald; a sister Luella Kerns.

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 24 Jul 2004

**Irvin J. "Henry" MATE, 89** (photo)

Born 22 Aug 1914, Grand Rapids, MI. Parents: DuVillo & Ida (Schear) Mate. 1932 grad. of HS in Grand Rapids, MI. 1936-66: US Navy. 1 Feb 1945: Married Doris (Wealthy) Moser. She died in 1962. He lived in New Jersey. 8 Sep 1981: Married a second time & moved to Central City, NE. He died Thurs., 22 Jul 2004 at Central City. Service: Mon. Solt Funeral Home. Burial in Arlington National Cemetery. Survivors: His second wife; 2 daughters; step-children; 4 gch. 20 step-gch.; 2 g-gch, 7 step-ggcch. Predeceased by his first wife; an infant daughter; a brother Maury Mate.

Columbus Telegram & Grand Island Independent (photo) - Thurs. 27 Jul 2004

**James B. "J.B." McGUINN, 66**

Born 27 Dec 1937, Polk County, North Carolina. Parents: Joe "Pink" & Velda Ann (Baker) McGuinn. 1955



grad. of Asheville HS, NC. 1956-58: US Army. 13 Feb 1960: Married at Unionville, CT. Mechanic. 1962: Moved to Omaha, NE. Moved to Polk Co., NE and then to Clarks, NE in 1966. Owned a garage, also farmed. He died Sun., 25 Jul 2004 on farm in Polk Co., NE. Visitation: Solt Funeral Home, Central City. Service: Fri., First Baptist Church, Polk, NE. Burial in Clarks Cemetery. Survivors: His wife; his mother; a son 2 daughters; 7 gch.; a sister. Predeceased by son Kenneth James (23 Sep 1977) & his father.

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 27 Jul 2004

**Kenneth H. ROSS, 80** (photo)

Born 8 Aug 1923, Hamilton Co., NE. Parents: Herman & Elnora (Reichert) Ross. 17 Dec 1944: Married at Central City, NE. 1945-47: US Army. They farmed in Clay County. 1954: Moved to farm near Central City. 1963: Became business manager. Kenneth died Mon. 26 Jul 2004 at Central City. Visitation: Tues., Wagner Funeral Home. Memorial service will be Wed., Uited Methodist Church. Private graveside service at Central City Cemetery. Survivors: His wife, 2 daughters, 10 gch., 3 g-gch.; a sister & a brother. Predeceased by his parents; a sister Maxine Dunham & her husband Walter Dunham; a brother-in-law Eugene DeMaranville; a gch. Memorials to the church or Alzheimer's Association.

Columbus Telegram & Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 29 Jul 2004

**Birdie B. TUCKER, 91**

Born 30 Jun 1913, Clarks, NE. Parents: Herman & Bertha (Haase) Holm. Grad. of Clarks HS. Took Normal Training. Teacher for one yr. Moved to Central City. 1 Apr 1939: Married Warren H. Tucker. They lived in Central City. Warren died in 1980. Birdie died Wed. 28 Jul 2004 at Central City. Service: Fri., Solt Funeral Home. Burial in Bureau Cemetery, Pierce Chapel, near Clarks, NE. Survivors: A daughter, 2 gch., 2 g-gch. Predeceased by her husband; 4 brothers - Herman, Carl, Hugh & Billy (infant); a sister - Margaret Anderson. Note: See 1920 Fed. Census NE ED156 p11A D116 F121: Clarksville Twp, Merrick, NE (w/p); 1930 Fed. Census NE ED61-6 p4a D76 F76: Clarksville Twp, Merrick, NE (w/p); Bureau Cemetery Lot List (Old) Lot 49 (SE 1/4): Clarks, Merrick, NE

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Grand Island Independent - Mon. 2 Aug 2004

**Viola M. MEYER, 89**

Born 29 Oct 1914, Chapman, NE. Parents: Adolph & Margaretha (Ruge) Bove. 1935 grad. of Chapman HS. 21 May 1933: Married Arnold W. Meyer. They farmed, owned farm equipment business. 1964-87: Farmed in Nevada. Viola died Fri. 30 Jul 2004 at Grand Island, NE. Visitation: Mon. Livingston-Sondermann Funeral Home. Service: Tues., Trinity Lutheran Church. Burial in Westlawn Memorial Park Cemetery, Grand Island, NE. Survivors: A son, 2 daughters, 10 gch, 21 g-gch., 1 gg-gch. Predeceased by her husband (1996); 6 sisters - Ella Winburn, Clara Vieth, Olga Scheel, Alma Cavendor, Minnie Tatreau, Mary Meier; 5 brothers - Henry & Max Bove, Edward, Herman & August Baumeister.

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 3 Aug 2004

**Helen W. JOHNSON, 90**

Born 19 Mary 1914, St. Libory, NE. Parents: Herman Ruge & Anna Schwenk. Attended District 42 Merrick Co. School. 1 Dec 1932: Married Clarence P. Johnson at Grand Island, NE. They farmed in Merrick County until 1964 when moved to Grand Island. Mrs. Johnson died Sat. 31 Jul 2004 at Grand Island. Visitation: Wed. at All Faiths Funeral Home. Service: Thurs. at Messiah Lutheran church. Burial in Westlawn Memorial Park Cemetery. Survivors: A son, 2 gch., 4 g-gch.; 2 sisters. Predeceased by her husband (1969); a son Paul; 2 sisters - Mildred Svitak & Dorothy Svitak. Memorials to Messiah Lutheran Church.

The Oregonian, Portland, OR -Thurs. 5 August 2004

**Robert W. TURNER, 84**

Born 29 July 1920, Central City, NE. Raised in Vernonia. Died 30 Jul 2004. WW II: US Navy, Pacific Theatre. Following war, served 3 yrs in merchant marines. Employed 30 yrs by Portland Police Bureau. 1975: Married Jo Sheets. Funeral service: Fri. 6 Aug at Gresham Funeral Chapel. Memorial donations to Sacredflight,

please. Survivors: His wife, 4 daughters; a brother & a sister.

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 12 Aug 2004

**Louis M. "Lou" KNAPP, 71** (photo)

Born 9 Mar 1933, Palmer, NE. Parents: Charlie & Maxine (Fleshman) Knapp. 1951 grad. of Palmer HS. 1953-55: US Army. 1 Dec 1956: Married at Greeley, NE. They lived at Palmer, NE. Plumber. Moved to Grand Island, NE. He died Tues., 10 Aug 2004 at hospital in Grand Island, NE. Service: Fri., Curran Funeral Chapel. Burial in Rose Hill Cemetery at Palmer, NE. Survivors: His wife, a daughter, 4 sons, 12 gch, 4 g-gch.; 3 brothers; a sister. Predeceased by his parents; a son Max, a daughter Angel; his sister -Charlotte Trebilcock.

Columbus Telegram & Grand Island Independent - Fri. 13 Aug 2004

**Bruce James KERSHAW, 80**

Born 27 Jul 1924, Silver Creek, NE. Parents: James & Edith (Paulfrey) Kershaw. 1942 grad. of Silver Creek HS. WW II: US Navy. Farmed & worked at Cornhusker Army Ammunition Plant. He died Wed. 11 Aug 2004 at hospital in Columbus, NE. Service: Sat., United Methodist Church, Silver Creek. Burial in the city cemetery. Arrangements: McKown Funeral Home. Survivors: His wife, 2 sons, a daughter, 9 gch., 4 g-gch.; a brother & 2 sisters. Predeceased by a sister - Margaret Johnson; 2 brothers-in-law - Myron Jones and Les Johnson. Note: See 1930 Fed. Census NE ED61-15 p3a D47 F47: Silver Creek Twp, Merrick, NE (w/p).

Grand Island Independent - Mon. 16 Aug 2004

**Alma Ann GLEASON, 83** (photo)

Born 17 Feb 1921, Scranton, PA. Parents: Fred & Minnie Kropa. Grad. of HS in Scranton, PA. Worked in Jersey City, NJ; married there on 12 Sep 1943 to Harold F. Gleason. After military, they lived in Central City, NE. Alma died Sun. 15 Aug 2004 at home. Service: Thurs., Solt Funeral Home, Central City, NE. Burial in the city cemetery. Survivors: Her husband; 2 sons, a daughter, 7 gch., 4 step-gch., 5 g-gch., 7 step-ggch.; a brother in PA. Predeceased by an infant daughter Marjorie; 3 brothers - Gus, Emil & Walter; 2 sisters - Ruth & Esther.

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 19 Aug 2004

**Prudence PULLEN, 94**

Born 11 Jul 1910 near Central City, NE. Parents: David McClellan & Annie (Mills) Baird. 1927 grad. of CCHS. Attended NE Central College & Kearney State College. Apr 1929: Married Earl Pullen. He died in May 1948. She was teacher at Clarks & North Platte, NE. 1975: Retired to live at Central City, NE. Prudence died Tues. 17 Aug 2004 at Central City. Service: Sat. Presbyterian Church. Burial in the city cemetery. Survivors: A daughter-in-law, 2 gch, 2 g-gch.; 2 sisters-in-law; nieces & nephews. Predeceased by her husband; a son David; 3 sisters - Marjorie Rose, annie Louise Samuelson & Dorothy Mills; a brother Robert Baird. Note: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I p113 (w/p); History of Merrick Co., NE Vol II p205 (R&E Mills). Also, 1920 Fed. Census NE ED160 p6A F105: Mead Twp, Merrick, NE (w/p); and 1930 Fed. Census NE ED61-10 p4b D85 F86: Mead Twp, Merrick, NE (w/p).

Columbus Telegram - Tues. 24 Aug 2004

**Lottie A. GALUS, 90**

Born 4 Aug 1914, Loup City, NE. Parents: Stanley & Mary (Balasa) Galus. 2004 - Resident of Osceola, NE. Residential housekeeper. Died Sun. 22 Aug 2004 at Osceola. Visitation: Today, Roberts-Dubas Funeral Home, Osceola. Service: Wed., St. Vincent Catholic Church, Osceola. Burial in Calvary Cemetery at Clarks, NE. Predeceased by a sister Wanda Dittmer & a brother Henry Galus. Note: See 1930 Fed. Census NE ED61-6 p6b D140 F140: Clarksville Twp, Merrick, NE (w/p).

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 31 Aug 2004

**Leo Henry BRANDENBURG, 78** (photo)

Born 19 May 1926, in Iowa. Parents: John Brandenburg & Sylvia Gries. Family moved near Archer, NE. 1944-45: US Navy. 8 Jun 1946: Married Sharon L. Harlow, in KS; then lived in Central City, NE. Mr.

Brandenburg died Mon., 30 Aug 2004, Central City, NE. Private service. Arrangements by Solt Funeral Home. Survivors: 3 sons, 1 daughter; 9 gch., 16 g-gch.; 3 sisters, 2 brothers. Predeceased by his wife (6 Oct 2000); a son Steven Leo (3 Jun 1977); a grandson Ryan James Brandenburg (16 Sep 1996); a g-grandson Cody Ray Maw (8 Sep 1993). Also deceased are 2 sisters - Vera Lawson & Leta Brandenburg; 2 brothers - Glen & John Brandenburg.

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Grand Island Independent - Fri. 3 Sep 2004

**Cora Ellen HANSON, 98** (photo)

Born 1 Oct 1905, Silver Creek, NE. Parents: Francis O & Anna B. (Graves) Holden. Family lived in Columbus, Schuyler, & Ord, NE. 1 Mar 1928: Married Ralph Hanson at Ord, NE. They farmed N of Ord, moving into town in 1959. Mr. Hanson died 2 Jun 1965. Cora died Wed. 1 Sep 2004 at Ord, NE. Graveside service: Sat., Ord City Cemetery. Arrangements: Ord Memorial Chapel. Survivors: 2 daughters, a son, 10 gch, 15 g-gch. Predeceased by her husband; her parents; 4 brothers - Harvey, Roger, Harry & Eugene; 4 sisters - Marie, Lois, Leona & Luella.

Grand Island Independent - Fri. 3 Sep 2004

**Tim A. QUANDT, 30** (photo)

Born 20 Jul 1974, Grand Island, NE. Parents: Allen & Linda Quandt. 2001 grad. of NW High School in Grand Island. Moved to CO. Married. Survivors: His wife; a step-daughter; his mother; his father & step-mother; 2 sisters, a brother; step-siblings. He died Tues. 31 Aug 2004 at home in Elizabeth, CO. Service: Sat., Livingston-Sondermann Funeral Home. Burial at Chapman Cemetery.

Grand Island Independent - Sun. 5 Sep 2004; Aurora News Register - 8 Sep 2004

**Genevieve Ruth MAY, 84**

Born 8 Mar 1920, Central City, NE. Married Virgil D. May. She died Sat. 4 Sep 2004 in Omaha, NE. Visitation: Mon. Roeder Mortuary. Service: Tues., St. Paul Methodist Church, Omaha. Private burial at Evergreen Memorial Park, Omaha, NE. Survivors: A son & daughter-in-law. Predeceased by 2 brothers - Roy & Charles Wilson.

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 9 Sep 2004

**Mildred Sophie Agnes NIERMEIER, 84**

Born 20 Nov 1919, Palmer, NE. Parents: Herbert Albert John Dankert & Anna Sophie Nietfeld. Died Mon. 6 Sep 2004 at McCook, NE. Service: Thurs. Peace Lutheran Church. Burial in Emmanuel Cemetery, Ludell, KS. Arrangements: Carpenter Breland Chapel, McCook, NE. Survivors: 1 son, 4 daughters, 1 brother (Melvin of Palmer, NE), 2 sisters. Predeceased by husband, Erich Niermeier.

Grand Island Independent (photo) - Mon. 13 Sep 2004

**Eleanor May MATTSON, 88**

Born 1 May 1916, Archer, NE. Parents: Paul Bonness & Lydia Retzlaff. 1916 (sic) grad. of Archer HS. Teacher. 8 Jun 1941: Married Gerald E. Mattson at Archer, NE. They farmed near Chapman, and then on the Mattson home place. Following husband's death (23 Feb 2002), she moved to Lincoln, NE. Mrs. Mattson died Sat. 11 Sep 2004 at Tabitha Health Care. Visitation: Tues., Solt Funeral Home, Central City. Service: Tues., Zion United Methodist Church, near Archer, NE. Burial: Central City Cemetery. Survivors: 3 daughters, 11 gch., 8 g-gch.; a brother. Predeceased by her husband; 4 brothers - Harvey, Arthur, Orville & Quentin Bonness; 2 sisters - Evelyn Bonness & Wauneta Frazier.

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 14 Sep 2004

**Evelyn Ardyth NEUMANN, 93** (photo)

Born 25 Jan 1911, Polk County, NE. Parents: Clarence & Myrtle (Waggner) Vincent. Grad. of Stromsburg HS. 1933: Married Dale Richards; they lived in Polk & Merrick Counties - at Clarks for 17 yrs. 1987: Married Ralph Neumann, moved to Central City. She died Mon. 13 Sep 2004 at Central City, NE. Service will be Thurs., Solt

Funeral Home, Central City. Burial in Polk Cemetery, Polk, NE. Survivors: A son, a daughter, 5 gch., 6 g-gch.; a brother. Predeceased by her parents; a sister - Lela; & both husbands.

Grand Island Independent (photo) - Mon. 13 Sep 2004; Columbus Telegram & York News Times (photo) - Tues. 14 Sep 2004

**Charles Lee "Chick" Van PELT, 92**

Born 20 Feb 1912 near Archer, NE. Parents: Milo & Zora (Badgley) Van Pelt. 21 Sep 1936: Married Esther A. Simonson. They farmed near Archer until 1942; moved to farm near Palmer, NE. 1961: They moved into town where he was school bus driver & custodian. 1968: They moved to Hordville. 2003: Moved to Central City, NE. He died Sat. at hospital in Central City. Service: Wed. Fridhem Lutheran Church, Hordville. Burial in Rose Hill Cemetery, Palmer, NE. Arrangements: Solt Funeral Home. Survivors: 2 sons, 6 daughters, 25 gch., 21 g-gch. Predeceased by his wife (21 Jun 2004); a gch - Matthew Dale Jacobsen; 2 sons-in-law - Herb Brown Jr & Paul Jacobsen; 3 sisters - Viola Newlon, Erma Kucera & Eugenia Chernoff; a half-brother - Ogle Snyder; a half-sister - Hazel Long & her infant twin.

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 18 Sep 2004

**Lavonne "Bonnie" POWERS, 74**

Born 2 Apr 1930, Merrick Co., NE. Parents: Leonard Dickman & Anna Shipman. Baptized at Worms, NE. 16 Feb 1953: Married Dennis J. Powers at Grand Island, NE. They lived in California, and in Chapman, NE. Mrs. Powers died Fri. 17 Sep 2004, at Daytona Beach, FL. Memorial service: Mon., at First Presbyterian Church, Grand Island, NE. Inurnment at later date. Survivors: 3 sons, 2 daughters, 14 gch.; 2 sisters & a sister-in-law. Her husband died in 1984. Also deceased are her parents and a brother Marvin Dickman. Note: Parents - Merrick Co. Marriage Records Book I page 273 #1-273

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 18 Sep 2004; Columbus Telegram - Sun 19 Sep 2004

**Oleata Faye RIBLETT, 55**

Born 26 Jul 1949, Central City, NE. Parents: Glen F. & Ruth R. Brandenburg. 1967 grad. of CCHS. 13 Jan 1967: Married Richard Riblett. They lived in Central City. Oleata worked for Bonnavilla Homes in Aurora for 35 yrs. Lutheran. She died Thurs. 16 Sep 2004 at hospital in Grand Island, NE. Service will be Mon. Solt Funeral Home, Central City. Burial in the city cemetery. Survivors: Her husband; a son, a daughter, 5 gch.; her mother; 2 sisters & 3 brothers; her husband's father. Predeceased by her father; her husband's mother, a brother-in-law - Martin Riblett.

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 23 Sep 2004

**Raymond Luther GRAVES, 68**

Born 19 Apr 1936, Fullerton, NE. Parents: Donald & Clara (Schultz) Graves. Died Sun. 19 Sep 2004 at home in North Platte, NE. Service: Sat. Carpenter Memorial Chapel, North Platte. Graveside service will be Sat at Bureau Cemetery near Clarks, NE. Survivors: His wife, 8 sons, 3 daughters, a sister & 2 brothers.

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 25 Sep 2004

**Pamela M. SHIVELY, 47** (photo)

Born 13 Mar 1957, Central City, NE. Parents: Larence & Donna Reeves. 1975 grad. of CCHS. 1981: Married Steven Shively at Grand Island, NE. They lived in Central City. She died Thurs. 23 Sep 2004 at hospital in Grand Island NE. Private service will be Mon., with burial in Central City Cemetery. Arrangements by Wagner Funeral Home. Survivors: Her husband; her parents; 2 daughters, 2 sisters and a brother. Predeceased by her grandparents - Walter & Rose Rusterholz; Cleveland and Anna Reeves.

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 29 Sep 2004

**Faye ERICKSON, 96**

Born 3 Jan 1908, Decatur, NE. Parents: George & Elizabeth (DeWolf) McCleery. Former resident of Central City, NE. Died Sun. 26 Sep 2004 at Windson, CO. Service will be at later date. Survivors: A daughter & her spouse. Predeceased by husband Carl Erickson in 1989.

Note: See Central City Cemetery listing.

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Grand Island Independent - Mon. 4 Oct 2004; Aurora News Register - Wed. 6 Oct 2004

**Rusty Lee WILLIAMS, 42**(photo)

Born 6 Mar 1962 Central City, NE. Parents: Donald L. & Joyce E. Williams. 1981 grad. of CCHS. Served in US Navy. Lived in Brownsville, TX; Grand Island, Central City & Hordville, NE. 2002: MOved to Siloam Springs, Ark. Recently moved to Duenweg, MO where he died Fri. 1 Oct 2004. Service: Wed. Grace Lutheran Church, Central City. Burial in Hordville Cemetery. Arrangements by Solt Funeral Home. Survivors: His parents, 3 sisters, a brother. Predeceased by his grandparents: Fred & Verna Williams, step-grandfather Louis Gerber; Emil & Helen Nelson; 2 uncles - Don Nelson & Bob Williams.

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 13 Oct 2004

**Arden B. HACK, 79**

Born 12 Apr 1925 Albion, NE. Parents: Bernard & Clara (Packard) Hack. Died Tues. 12 Oct 2004 at Central City, NE. Service: Fri. Wagner Funeral Home, Central City, NE. Burial in the city cemetery. Survivors: His wife Leota; a son, a daughter; 2 step-children; his step-mother; 10 step-siblings.

The Star, Ventura, Ventura, CA - Wed. 13 Oct 2004, Ventura, Ventura County, CA.

**Marjorie STUBBLEFIELD** (photo)

Born 13 Jan 1927, Silver Creek, Merrick, NE. Died 11 Oct 2004, Oxnard, CA. Active in Oxnard Elks Lodge, played cards & bingo. Survived by 2 sisters, a brother Clinton Hensen, a daughter & son-in-law, 2 sons & their wives, 3 step-daughters; several grandchildren and great grandchildren. Preceded in death by 2 spouses, Dean Miller & Robert Stubblefield. Memorial service Sat. 16 Oct at Oxnard Elks Lodge. Memorial donations to American Cancer Society, please. Arrangements: Conrad-Carroll Mortuary.

Submitted by Carol Davies, 4 Nov 2004.

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 16 Oct 2004

**Gladys Marie MERRYMAN, 99** (photo)

Born 15 Jan 1905 near Chapman, NE. Parents: Homer O. & Clara P. (Fogland) Blevins. Grad. of Chapman HS. Teacher's certificate from Kearney Normal School. Teacher. 20 Aug 1924: Married Dwight Merryman at Sioux City, IA. They farmed at Chapman, NE. Dwight died in 1988. Gladys died Wed. 13 Oct 2004 at Central City, NE. Visitation: Sun. Solt Funeral Home, Central City, NE. Service will be Mon., First Baptist Church, Chapman; burial in the city cemetery. Survivors: A niece, a nephew, cousins. Predeceased by her husband; her parents; a sister Marilyn Orendorff; 2 brothers - Ralph & Kenneth Blevins. Memorials to the Chapman Cemetery Association.

Note: See 1920 Fed. Census NE ED155 p6B D58 F58: Chapman Twp, Merrick, NE (w/p) & 1930 Fed. Census NE ED61-4 p4b D89 F90: Chapman Twp, Merrick, NE (w/p).

Grand Island Independent - Sun., 17 Oct 2004; Aurora News Register - Wed. 27 Oct 2004

**Hubert W. "Bud" ORTEGREN, 77**

Born 20 Aug 1927, Murphy, NE. Parents: Henry E. Ortogren & Dolly A. Anderson. 1944 grad. Hordville HS. Served in US Navy. Farmer, carpenter, property management. 11 Oct 1953: Married Barbara A. Dolph at Central City, NE. 5 Nov 1973: Married Mildred L. Johnston Weller at Colorado Springs, CO. Died Fri. 15 Oct 2004, Grand Island, Hall, NE. Service: Tues., 19 Oct at United Methodist Church, Central City. Burial: Aurora Cemetery. Arrangements: Wagner Funeral Home. Survivors: His second wife, 2 daughters & their spouses; a stepson & 2 step-daughters; 14 gch., 13 g-gch.; a brother & a sister. Predeceased by his parents.

Note: See second wife's obit extract - Dec 2006.

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 20 Oct 2004

**Betty Jean SUHR, 79** (photo)

Born 18 Nov 1924, Palmer, NE. Parents: Edward & Marie (Rudolf) Oxner. Jul 1938: Married Ralph Thurlow. Sep 1960: Married Ray Scarborough; they lived in CO about a year, moved to Grand Island. Cook. Ralph died 15 Jul 1983. 13 Apr 1988: Married third to Emanuel "Fritz" Suhr. Fritz died 29 Dec 2001. Resident of Hamilton Manor in Aurora since Sep 2002. Betty died Sun. 17 Oct 2004 at Aurora. Service: Thurs. Kleine Funeral Home Chapel, Grand Island. Burial in Westlawn Memorial Park Cemetery. Survivors: A son in AZ; 2 daughters, 9 gch., 23 g-gch, 1 gg-gch. Predeceased by husbands Ray & Fritz; 2 brothers - Carl "Blackie" & Louie Oxner; a sister Madeline.

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 21 Oct 2004

**Gary E. CLEMENT, 64**

Born 5 Feb 1940 near Horace, in Greeley Co., NE. Parents: Harold & Eunice (Graff) Clement. Grad. of Spalding HS. 1959-64: USAF. Guard, driver. Died Thurs. 14 Oct 2004 at his home in Chapman, NE. Memorial service: Sat. United Methodist Church, Greeley, NE. Burial in Greeley Cemetery. Survivors: A brother. Predeceased by his parents & a sister Shelia.

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 23 Oct 2004

**Ty Bonness, 97**

Born 15 Feb 1907, Archer, NE. Parents: Paul Bonness & Lydia Retzlaff. Grad. of Archer HS. Jul 1936: Married Cora Niemoth at Gibbon, NE. Owner of Bonness Bros. IGA over 50 years. Resident of O'Neill, NE. Died Fri. 22 Oct 2004 at Atkinson, NE. Visitation: Sun., Biglin's Mortuary in O'Neill. Service: Mon., Archer Zion United Methodist Church, Archer, NE. Burial in Westlawn Cemetery, Grand Island, NE. Survivors: a daughter, a son, 3 gch., 4 g-gch. Predeceased by his wife (1974).

Note: Identified in sister Eleanor Mattson's obit (13 Sep 2004, Grand Island Independent) as Elmer "Ty" Bonness.

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Columbus Telegram & Grand Island Independent - Mon. 1 Nov 2004

**Glen Dale OLAFSON, 77**

Born 14 May 1927, Linwood, NE. Parents: Jens & Emma (Janocek) Olafson. 1945 grad. of Silver Creek HS. WW II: US Army. 29 May 1950: Married Frances Mecek in Silver Creek. They lived in Silver Creek, NE. Glen died Sat. 30 Oct 2004 at NE Medical Center, Omaha, NE. Service: Thurs. United Methodist Church, Silver Creek. Burial in St. Lawrence Catholic Cemetery, Silver Creek. Arrangements: McKown Funeral Home, Silver Creek. Survivors: 2 daughters, 2 sons, 8 gch.; 2 sisters in AZ. Predeceased by his wife; 3 brothers - Art Fleek, Calvin "Kelly" & Robert Olafson.

Note: See 1930 Fed. Census NE ED61-14 p5a D130 F131: Silver Creek Village, Merrick, NE (w/p).

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 4 Nov 2004

**Jimmie Dean "Jim" HINKLE, 67 (photo)**

Born 6 Sep 1937, Dannebrog, NE. Parents: Glen H & Mabel M. (Smyers) Hinkle. Attended rural school in Merrick County, NE. 1955-57: US Army. 25 Oct 1959: Married in Grand Island, where they lived. Later lived in Cozad and Chapman, NE. He died Tues. 2 Nov 2004 at Grand Island, NE after long battle with cancer. Service: Fri., United Methodist Church, Palmer, NE. Burial in Rose Hill Cemetery. Arrangements: Solt Funeral Home, Central City. Survivors: His wife, a daughter, a son, 4 gch.; a brother, 2 sisters. Predeceased by his parents; a sister Dorothy Nielsen. Memorials to St. Francis Hospital Skilled Care Unit.

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 4 Nov 2004

**Edna Augusta RUDOLF, 96 (photo)**

Born 4 Apr 1908, Duff (Rock Co), NE. Parents: Adolf A. & Anna B. (Faber) Zlomke. 1915: Family moved to Archer, NE. 1927 grad. of CCHS. Teacher. 16 Jun 1930: Married Arthur Frederick Rudolf. They lived on Rudolf family farm, 35 yrs. 1966: Moved to Central City. Feb. 1989: Arthur died. Edna died Wed. 3 Nov 2004 at Central City. Visitation: Fri., Solt Funeral Home, Central City. Service: Sat., Zion United Methodist Church, Archer, NE. Burial in Archer Zion Cemetery. Survivors: A daughter, gch. & g-gch. Predeceased by her

husband; her son-in-law LeWayne Medinger; 5 brothers - Ed, Fred, Art, George & Adolph (infant); 8 sisters - Lena Horner, Christina Dillon, Lizzie Wagner, Anna Landsrom, Sophia Mason, Gladys Sims, Esther Rudolf, & Malinda Bates. Memorials to the church and the Senior Center in Central City.

Columbus Telegram & Grand Island Independent - Fri. 5 Nov 2004

**Berney PAPROCKI, 95**

Born 15 Aug 1909, Nance Co., NE. Parents: Joseph B. & Mary (Tworek) Paprocki. 1935: Married Julia Syslo at Krakow, NE. She died in 1959. 4 Jan 1964: He married second to Stasia Gavlik at St. Edward, NE. Farmer, welder. Resident of Silver Creek, NE. Berney died Thurs., 4 Nov 2004 at Genoa, NE. Service: Mon., St. Lawrence Catholic Church, Silver Creek, with burial in the church cemetery. Attangements: McKown Funeral Home, Silver Creek. Survivors: A son, 4 gch., 7 g-gch.; 2 sisters. Predeceased by both wives; 4 sisters - Anna Borowsku, Minnie Stopak, Josie Swalic & Lilian Wahl; 2 brothers - Felix & Frank Paprocki. Memorials to the church.

Note: See 1920 Fed. Census NE ED171 p3A D47 F47: Prairie Creek Twp, Nance, NE (w/p) & 1930 Fed. Census NE ED63-11 p3b F66: Prairie Creek Twp, Nance, NE (w/p).

Grand Island Independent - Fri. 5 Nov 2004 (repeat on 21 Nov)

**Gladys T. HAUSERMAN, 96** (photo)

Born 20 Sep 1908, Smith County, KS. Parents: Guy W. & Goldie G. (Kersey) Thompson. Grad. of Alma HS (NE). 11 Jun 1927: Married Clayton J. Houseman. They lived in Hastings, NE & Iowa City, IA. 1942: Moved to Central City, NE. Clayton died 6 Dec 1973. Gladys died Tues. 2 Nov 2004. Memorial service: 27 Nov 2004 at United Presbyterian Church, Central City. Arrangements: Solt Funeral Home. Survivors: A son, a daughter, 4 gch., 2 g-gch.; a sister. Predeceased by her husband; 2 brothers - Raymond & Donald Thompson; a sister Mabel Zimmer. Memorials to the church.

Columbus Telegram & Grand Island Independent (photo)- Sun. 7 Nov 2004; Aurora News Register - Wed. 10 Nov 2004

**Frankie Lyn ANDERSON, 15**

Born 1 Jun 1989, Lincoln, NE. Parents: Sheryl (Strobel) McKinnis & Don McKinnis of Clarks; Steve Anderson of Omaha, NE. Lived in Lincoln, NE; Warrensburg, MO & Lee's Summit, MO. Aug 2002: Moved to Clarks, NE. She died Fri. 5 Nov 2004 in auto accident in Polk Co., NE. Service: Mon. Clarks School Gymnasium. Burial in Clarks Cemetery. Arrangements: Wagner Funeral Home, Central City, NE. Survivors: Her parents; 2 brothers; her grandparents; a great-grandmother. Predeceased by grandfather Bob Anderson; & by g-grandparents - Leonard Strobel, Earl Clark, Erman Clark-Randall.

Grand Island Independent - Sun. 7 Nov 2004

**Walter M. HUFF, 93**

Born 20 May 1911, Central City, NE. Parents: Charles & Elizabeth (Lehr) Huff. Married twice. Resident of Holdrege, NE (Phelps Co.). Died Fri. 5 Nov 2004 at Holdrege. Service: Mon., Berean Fundamental Church, Broken Bow, NE. Burial in Broken Bow Cemetery. Arrangements: Govier Bros. Mortuary. Survivors: A son, a daughter; a brother & a sister. Predeceased by wife Mildred in 1973 and wife Irma in 2000.

Columbus Telegram (death notice) - Tues. 9 Nov 2004; Grand Island Independent (photo) - Thurs. 11 Nov 2004

**George Oscar BADER, 87**

Born 8 Jan 1917, near Palmer, NE. Parents: John & Elizabeth Bader. 24 Dec 1939: Married Irwina at Zion Lutheran Church, Worms, NE. They farmed in Merrick County, near Palmer. Mr. Bader died Tues., 9 Nov 2004 at St. Paul, NE. Visitation: Thurs., Palmer Funeral Home. Service: Fri., St. John's Lutheran Church, Palmer. Burial: Rosehill Cemetery, Palmer. Survivors: His wife, 2 sons, 4 g-ch., 14 g-gch; 2 brothers. Predeceased by his parents; 2 sisters, Lilly (Mrs. Art Bosselman), and an infant, Tilly; 4 brothers - Henry, John, Albert, & Carl. Memorials: St. John's Lutheran Church.

Grand Island Independent, Kearney Hub (abbrev.) - Mon. 15 Nov 2004

**Vernon O. MEYER, 75**

Born 8 Oct 1929, Palmer, NE. Parents: Fred & Sophia (Meyer) Meyer. Grad. of Palmer HS. Korean War: US Army. 23 May 1954: Married at Fort Laramie, WY. They lived in Palmer. Employee of SA Foster Lumber. Moved to Wood River, NE. He died Sat. 13 Nov 2004 at Wood River. Visitation: Tues. Apfel-O'Brien-Straatmann Funeral Home, Wood River. Service: Wed. Grace Lutheran Church, Wood River. Burial in the city cemetery. Survivors: His wife; 3 sons, 7 gch.; a brother. Predeceased by his parents & a gch.

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 16 Nov 2004

**Laurence J. FISHLER, 92** (photo)

Born 5 Oct 1912, Morse Bluffs, NE. Parents: Alois "Ollie" Fishler & Isabelle Ballard. Both parents were deceased by the time he was 9 years old. Lived with friends in South Dakota, and then with an aunt & uncle at Leigh, NE. WW II: US Marine Corps. After war, farmed near Central City, NE. 5 Oct 1947: Married Mary E. Nelson at Hordville, NE. Died Sun. 14 Nov 2004, Central City, NE. Service: Thurs. at St. Michael's Catholic Church. Burial: Central City Cemetery. Arrangements: Wagner Funeral Home. Survivors: His wife, 3 sons, 5 daughters, 22 gch. Predeceased by his parents; a brother Lester; 2 sisters - Viola Archibald & Naomi Casey; 2 gch. Memorials to Alzheimer's Association.

Note: See wife's obit extract - Jul 2006

Grand Island Independent - Fri. 9 Nov 2004

**Candice W. WEGNER, 57**

Born 6 Apr 1946, Grand Island, NE. Parents: Warren W. & Beulah K. (Clausen) Wegner. 1965 grad. of Central City HS. Attended Wayne State. Grad. of St. Mary's School of Nursing in Rochester, MN. She died Wed. 17 Nov 2004 at Lincoln, NE. Memorial service: Mon., Wagner Funeral Home, Central City, NE. Burial private, in the city cemetery. Survivors: 2 brothers, a sister, their families. Predeceased by her parents. Memorials to the United Methodist Church.

Grand Island Independent & York News Times- Mon. 22 Nov 2004

**Randall J. "Rand" CHAMBERS, 53**

Born 12 Jul 1951, Central City, NE. Parents: Lester L. & Margaret P. (Power) Chambers. 1969 grad. of York HS. Worked on offshore rigs. Dec 1979: Married. 1993: Returned to NE. He died Sat. 20 Nov 2004 at home in Grand Island, NE. Cremation by Westlawn Memorial Park Cemetery. Arrangements: Livingston-Sondermann Funeral Home. Survivors: 4 sons, 3 sisters, a brother, his father. Predeceased by his mother & a brother Thomas Lee Chambers.

Grand Island Independent (w/photo) - Sun. 28 Nov 2004; Columbus Telegram - Mon. 29 Nov 2004; York News Times - Tues. 30 Nov 2004

**Lucille Hazel SAATHOFF, 94**

Born 26 Apr 1910, Odell, NE. Parents: Fred Moffitt & Rose Kriensick. 11 Feb 1934: Married Herman F. Saathoff in Kansas. They lived in Nebraska. 1958: Moved to Central City, NE. She died Sat. 27 Nov 2004, Central City, NE. Visitation: Today at Solt Funeral Home, Central City. Service: Tues. at Grace Lutheran Church. Burial: Central City Cemetery. Survivors: 2 daughter, 2 sons, 10 gch., 8 g-gch.; 1 gg-gch; two sisters. Predeceased by her husband (died 31 Jul 1995); a sister Ruth Clark; 2 brothers - Fred & Jess Moffitt.

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Grand Island Independent - Wed. 1 Dec 2004

**Thomas D. KUHN, 63**

Born 6 Jul 1941, Central City, NE. Parents: Lawrence & Violet (Eckles) Kuhn. Former resident of Clarks, NE. Grad. of NE Wesleyan University, Lincoln, NE. Lived in Omaha, NE and St. Louis, MO. 1985: Moved to Hanover, MA. Died 20 Nov 2004 at hospital in Boston, MA. Service was held 24 Nov 2004 at St. Mary of the Sacred Heart Church, Hanover, MA. Burial was in MA National Cemetery, Bourne, MA. Survivors: His wife, 2 daughters, a gch.; a brother. Predeceased by his parents; a brother - Larry D. Kuhn; an infant sister Kay Kuhn.



Grand Island Independent - Wed. 1 Dec 2004

**Wilbur PETERS, 79**

Born 4 Oct 1925, Worms, NE. Parents: Henry J. & Irene (Leffebien) Peters. Resident of Monticello, IA; former resident of Central City, NE. He died 13 Nov 2004 at hospital in Cedar Rapids, IA. Service was held near Monticello with Goettsch Funeral Home in charge of arrangements. Survivors: His wife, a daughter, 2 sons; a brother, 3 sisters.

Grand Island Independent - Fri. 10 Dec 2004

**Helga Elizabeth HELZER, 88**

Born 8 Oct 1915, Grand Island, NE. Parents: Christian & Johanne (Ettrup) Paulsen. Moved with family to Dannebrog, NE. 19 Apr 1940: Married Walter Helzer at Palmer, NE. They lived near Palmer. Walter died 30 Jan 1976. Helga moved to St. Paul, NE. School cook. She died Wed. 8 Dec 2004 at St. Paul, NE. Visitation: Fri., Palmer Funeral Home, Palmer. Service: Sat., St. John's Lutheran Church, Palmer. Burial at Rose Hill Cemetery, Palmer. Survivors: A daughter, 3 gch., 8 g-gch.; a brother & a sister. Predeceased by her husband; an infant daughter; 3 sisters - Erna Clark, Millie Engle & Alice Martin.

Grand Island Independent - Fri. 10 Dec 2004

**Carol L. HILDERBRAND, 52** (photo)

Born 11 Dec 1951, Central City, NE. Parents: Fred & Nettie (Brown) Hilderbrand. She died Wed. 8 Dec 2004 at Central City, NE. Service: Sat. Wagner Funeral Home, Central City. Burial in the city cemetery. Survivors: 3 brothers, a sister-in-law; nieces & nephews. Predeceased by her parents & grandparents; a brother Merle.

Grand Island Independent (photo) & York News Times - Sat. 11 Dec 2004

**Ivan O. MARTSON, 86**

Born 23 May 1918 on farm west of Friend, NE. Parents: Clarence O. Martson & Leona C. Barton. 1922: Family moved to ranch west of Springview. 1936 grad. Keya Paha County HS. 29 Dec 1946: Married Naoma Foster, at Central City, NE. They moved to Los Angeles, CA where he worked at Lockheed. 1944-46: US Navy. Thereafter lived at Silver Creek and then Central City, NE. Business owner. Died Tues. 7 Dec 2004, Hastings, NE. Service: Fri., United Presbyterian Church, Central City. Burial: Central City Cemetery. Arrangements: Solt Funeral Home. Survivors: 2 daughters, 2 gch. Predeceased by his wife (28 Nov 2000). Memorials to United Presbyterian Church or the Merrick Foundation.  
Note: Obit in York News Times, gave middle name as Oliver.

Grand Island Independent - Mon. 13 Dec 2004

**Onilee NEWLUN, 91**

Born 26 Mar 1913, Palmer, NE. Parents: Franklin Wymer & Mary Adams. Grad. of Palmer HS. 28 Feb 1932: Married Leroy Newlun (he died 1991). They farmed near Palmer. She was magician known as Princes Jackie and performed for hospitals, veterans homes. 2002: She moved to Dixon, NE. Died Fri. 10 Dec 2004 at Dixon, NE. Service: Mon. at Church of Christ, Palmer, NE. Burial: Rose Hill Cemetery. Arrangements: Palmer Funeral Home. Survivors: A daughter, 3 gch., 3 g-gch.; a sister. Predeceased by her husband, and her brother Wayne Wymer.

Note: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I pp 304 (Newlun), 412 (Wymer); 1920 Fed. Census NE Loup Twp, Merrick, NE - ED159 p7A D9 F9 (w/p); Merrick Co. Marriage Records Book I p 601 #I-601

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 14 Dec 2004

**Elsie WELLER, 98**

Born 31 May 1906, Merrick Co., NE. Parents: Wilhelm & Johanna (Seim) Bruns. Grew up near Chapman & Palmer, NE. 24 Feb 1926: Married Herman E. Weller. Worked in nursing homes & hospitals. 1956: Moved to Grand Island, NE. 1976: Moved to son's farm near Palmer. 1984: Moved to Central City, NE. She died Mon. 13 Dec 2004 at Central City. Visitation: Tues. Solt Funeral Home. Service: Wed. Archer Zion United Methodist Church. Burial in Archer Evangelical Community Cemetery. Survivors: A son, a daughter-in-law; 7 gch., 14 g-gch., 4 gg-gch.; a brother. Predeceased by her husband; son Merle; daughter-in-law Onilee Weller. 2 ggch.; 4 brothers - Albert, Edward, Gerhard & an infant Bruns; 2 sisters - Helen Bader & Hulda Suck. Memorials to

the church.

Note: See 1920 Fed. Census NE ED226 p7A D126 F126: Prairie Creek Twp, Merrick, NE (w/p); 1930 Fed. Census NE ED61-9 p5b: Loup Twp, Merrick, NE (w/husband); Merrick Co. Marriage Records Book I p163 #3716.

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 15 Dec 2004

**Irene H. ALEXANDER, 93** (photo)

Born 13 Oct 1911, Merrick County, NE. Parents: Charles & Cora (Burnett) Scheibe. 26 Nov 1938: Married Raymond Alexander at Smith Center, KS. They lived in Grand Island, NE. Raymond died in Sep 1998. Irene died Sat. 11 Dec 2004 at Grand Island. Visitation: Fri., Apfel-Butler-Geddes Funeral Home. Service: Sat. Faith United Methodist Church. Burial in the city cemetery. Survivors: 2 sons, 4 gch. 3 g-gch. Predeceased by her husband; a grandson - Troy Alexander; 2 sisters - Emma Kamper & Mabel Fletcher; 2 brothers - Wesley & Edward Scheibe. Memorials to the church.

Note: See 1920 Fed. Census NE ED226 p1B D13 F13: Prairie Creek Twp, Merrick, NE & 1930 Fed. Census NE ED61-12 p5b D115 F109: Prairie Creek Twp, Merrick, NE. Irene is with her widowed Mother in both of these records.

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 16 Dec 2004

**Charlene Clara BETTS, 67** (photo)

Born 1 Jan 1937 near Palmer, NE. Parents: Charles & Clara (Burkhardt) Eckstrom. 1958 grad. of Palmer HS. 2 Jul 1958: Married Jerry L. Betts at Palmer. They farmed & raised livestock in Merrick County. Charlene died Tues. 14 Dec 2004 at Central City, NE. Visitation: Thurs., Solt Funeral Home, Central City. Service: Fri. Grace Lutheran Church, Central City. Burial in Bureau Cemetery by Pierce Chapel near Clarks, NE. Survivors: Her husband; 2 sons, a daughter, 4 gch.; a brother. Predeceased by daughter Becky Betts (19 Jun 1981); her parents; a sister Clarice Ann Addison; an infant brother.

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 22 Dec 2004

**Neil OSBORN, 91**

Born 6 Jun 1913 Central City, NE. Parents: Floyd & Blanche (Scudder) Osborn. Resident of Hastings, NE. Died Thurs. 16 Dec 2004 at Perkins Pavilion. Cremated. Burial at later date in Central City Cemetery. Survivors: His wife & 2 step-daughters.

Note: See 1920 Fed. Census NE ED158 p12B H1212 D108 F109: Central City Ward 2, Merrick, NE (w/p) & 1930 Fed. Census NE ED61-1 p14a H1303 D120 F121: Central City, Lone Tree, Merrick, NE (w/p),

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 28 Dec 2004

**Merlyn Lee ASHELFORD, 74**

Born 23 Mar 1930, Central City, NE. Parents: Clifford A. Ashelford & Hazel V. Danhauer. Served in US Army. Moved to CA. Insurance agent, tax preparer. Died 14 Dec 2004, Orange Co., CA. Memorial Service will be at later date. Survivors: 2 sons, 1 gch.; 1 sister. Predeceased by brother, Dale Ashelford.

Note: Grand Island Independent - Sat. 21 May 2005 Funeral Notice

Memorial Service: 28 May 2005 at United Presbyterian Church, Central City, NE. Burial: Central City Cemetery. This article gives death dates for parents & brother.

Columbus Telegram - Tues. 28 Dec 2004; Grand Island Independent - Wed. 29 Dec 2004

**Jean PIERCE, 61**

Born 28 Jun 1943, Clarks, NE. Parents: Leonard & Marie (Steinke) Pierce. Attended school at Clarks. 1965: Moved to Columbus, NE. 15 Feb 1969: Married Betty Jean Keith at Columbus. Currently a resident of Duncan, NE. Died Sat. 25 Dec 2004 at home. Visitation: Today, Gass Haney Funeral Home. Service: Wed., First United Methodist Church, Columbus. Survivors: A brother and a sister. Predeceased by his wife (5 Jan 1997); his parents.

Columbus Telegram, Grand Island Independent & York News Times - Tues. 28 Dec 2004

**Margaret P. WILCOX, 88**

Born 10 Jun 1916 Springview, NE. Parents: Havey Elton & Princess Jane (Martin) Middaugh. Family moved to WY. 22 Apr 1935: Married William Charles Wilcox at Fullerton, NE. They farmed near Silver Creek, and in Polk Co., NE. Worked at Osceola Hospital; retired to Stromsburg, NE. William died 5 May 1997. Margaret died Sat. 25 Dec 2004 at Stromsburg. Service will be Wed. at Midwest Covenant Home Chapel, Stromsburg. Burial: Silver Creek Cemetery. Arrangments: Palmer Funeral Home, Stromsburg. Survivors: A son, 2 gch., 1 g-gch.; a sister in MT. Predeceased by her husband; a son Jerome Wilcox, a daughter Barbara Wilcox; 3 brothers - Louie, Leo & Vernon; a sister - Hazel.

## 2005 - Obits

### 'Related to Merrick Co., NE'

Grand Island Independent - Mon. 3 Jan 2005

**Wilma J. MYERS, 86** (photo)

Born 4 Jan 1918, Central City, NE. Parents: Edward M. Peters & Erma M. Winkleman. 14 June 1941: Married at Fullerton to Raymond F. Myers of Polk, NE. They lived in Idaho, moved to Grand Island, NE in late 1970s. Mr. Myers died 1 Mar 2004. Baptist. Mrs. Myers died Sat. 1 Jan 2005, Grand Island, NE. Service: Mon. Solt Funeral Home, Polk, NE. Burial: Arborville Cemetery near Polk. Survivors: 1 sister, 1 brother-in-law, 1 sister-in-law.

Notes: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I pp 318-9; also 1920 Fed. Census NE ED161 p3A F5: Midland Twp, Merrick, NE (w/p), & 1930 Fed. Census NE ED61-11 p1b D17 F17: Midland Twp, Merrick, NE (w/p).

Husband's obit published 3 Mar 2004 in GI Independent.

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 5 Jan 2005

**Gerald E. ASCHWEGE, 74**

Born 31 Aug 1930, Palmer, NE. Died Sun. 2 Jan 2005, Champlin, MN. Service: Wed. First Baptist Church, Anoka, MN. Burial: Fort Snelling Nat'l Cemetery. Arrangements: Methven-Taylor Funeral Home. Survivors: His wife, 2 daughters, 1 son.

Note: His wife Vivien Aschwege died 1 Jan 2007 at Champlin, MN. GI Independent obit does not give her maiden name, date or place of birth.

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 11 Jan 2005

**Minnie Rose MIERS, 97** (photo)

Born 20 Jun 1907 near Clarks, NE. 1936: Married Arthur W. Dittmer. Lived in Polk, NE. Mr. Dittmer died 20 Jul 1954. 18 Mar 1961: She married Glen Miers and lived in Seward, NE. Mr. Miers died in 1962. Mrs. Miers died Sat. 8 Jan 2005, Central City, NE. Graveside service: Tues. Immanuel Lutheran Church Cemetery near Polk, NE. Survivors: 2 grandchildren. Predeceased by both husbands, and 2 sons: Henry & Marvin Dittmer.

Note: Abbrev. obit of day previous gave maiden name as Hammond.

Grand Island Independent - Mon. 11 Jan 2005 (photo); Columbus Telegram & York News Times - Tues. 12 Jan 2005

**Elizabeth Ellen STROBEL, 87**

Born 4 May 1917, York, NE. Parents: Claude Clay & Estella Bell (Sands) Cotner. 1934 grad. of Bradshaw HS. 11 Oct 1936: Married Leonard W. Strobel in York, NE. They lived in Cozad, NE & Vallejo, CA. 1946: Moved to Clarks, NE and opened business with spouse, "Strobel Blacksmith". She died Sun. 9 Jan 2005, Central City, NE. Visitation is today, Solt Funeral Home, Central City. Service: Wed. at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Central

City, NE. Burial in Greenwood Cemetery, York, NE. Survivors: 1 son, 1 daughter, 6 gch., 9 g-gch.; 2 brothers, 1 sister. Predeceased by her husband (19 Feb 1996).

Note: Obit in York News Times names her grandchildren, etc.

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 12 Jan 2005

**Phyllis H. BROWN, 71**

Born 17 Jan 1933, Chapman, NE. Parents: Calvin & Anna Carolyn (Luebbe) Weller. Married James Brown. Resident of Hayesville, KS. Died Tues. 11 Jan 2005, Wichita, KS. Service: Fri. Central Community Church, Wichita, KS. Burial: White Chapel Cemtery, Wichita, KS. Survivors: Her husband, 3 sons, a brother & a sister.

Columbus Telegram & Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 13 Jan 2005

**Daniel R. JOHNSON, 39**

Born 14 Oct 1965, Ord, NE. Parents: Dwight & Doris Johnson. 1983 grad. of North Loup Scotia HS. Served in US Marine Corps. 12 Jun 1996: Married at Central City, NE; lived near there. Died Wed. 12 Jan 2005 at Grand Island, Hall, NE. Service will be Sat. at Wagner Funeral Home, Central City, NE. Burial: Greeley Cemetery. Survivors: His wife, his parents, 1 son, 1 daughter; 4 step-daughters; 2 brothers & 1 sister.

Columbus Telegram & Grand Island Independent - Sun. 16 Jan 2005

**Faye M. WAGNER, 66**

Born 10 Feb. 1938, Clarks, NE. Parents: Earl A. Mustard & Dorothy K. Dittmer. 1956 grad. of Clarks HS. 10 Feb 1959: Married Bill Wagner at China Lake, CA. Shortly thereafter moved to Fullerton, NE where they owned a upholstery shop. 1983: Moved to Clarks, NE. Died Fri. 14 Jan 2005, Central City, NE. Visitation: Sun at Palmer Funereal Home, Fullerton, NE. Service Mon. Congressional (sic) Church, Clarks. Burial: Fullerton Cemetery. Survivors: Spouse, 1 son, 2 daughters, 1 daughter-in-law; 2 brothers, 5 sisters, 1 sister-in-law. Predeceased by son Darrel Wagner; 2 brothers: Earl & Jack Mustard.

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 18 Jan 2005

**Eugene L FISHBURN, 85**

Born 31 Jul 1919, Willow Springs, MO. Parents: John Fishburn & Ida Van Cleave. 1926: Family moved to Chapman, NE. 1937 grad. of Chapman HS. 1942-46: US Army. Farmer. Died 15 Jan 2005, Grand Island, NE. Graveside service: Wed., Westlawn Cemetery, Grand Island, NE. Arrangements: Apfel-Butler-Geddes Funeral Home. Predeceased by his parents and a sister, Audra Hursh.

Grand Island Independent - Sun. 22 Jan 2005

**Phares O. "Bud" RODYSILL, 82 (photo)**

Born 13 Sep 1922, Central City, NE. Parents: Phares Rodysill & Anita Clark. 1942 grad. Central City HS. 1942-45: US Army. 21 May 1949: Married at Central City, NE. Died Fri. 21 Jan 2005 at Grand Island Veteran's Home. Visitation: Mon. Wagner Funeral Home, Central City. Service: Tues. St. Michael's Catholic Church, Central City, NE. Inurnment: Central City Cemetery. Survivors: His wife, 4 sons, 1 daughter, 7 gch., 1 g-gch. Predeceased by his parents, & a sister, Anita Jensen.

Grand Island Independent - Mon. 24 Jan 2005

**Irene E. DRAWBAUGH, 89**

Born 9 Jul 1915, Howard County, NE. Parents: Carl F. Deertz & Emma Glause. 1934 grad. Palmer HS. 17 Sep 1935: Married Richard Drawbaugh at Grand Island, NE. They farmed near Palmer, St. Libory and St. Paul, NE. 1973: Moved to Palmer, NE. She died Thurs. 20 Jan 2005, Grand Island, NE. Visitation: Sun. Palmer Funeral Home, Palmer, NE. Service: Mon. at Wesleyan Church, Palmer. Burial: Rose Hill Cemetery. Survivors: 1 daughter & son-in-law, 2 gch., 4 g-gch; 1 sister-in-law. Predeceased by her spouse (26 Oct 1997); & a brother Alvin.

Columbus Telegram and Grand Island Independent - Wed. 26 Jan 2005

**Wallace Orra Garretson, 81**

Born 16 Sep 1923, Benedict, NE. Parents: Orra L. Garretson & Violet J. Linblade. 1943 grad. of Clarks HS.

1944-46: US Navy. 28 May 1950: Married at Clarks, NE. Farmer, construction work, mechanic, etc. 1973: Moved to Chapman. Died Tues. 25 Jan 2005, Chapman, NE. Service: Fri. Solt Funeral Home, Central City. Burial: Swede Home Cemetery near Stromsburg, NE (Polk County). Survivors: His wife, 2 sons, 1 daughter, 3 gch., etc. ; 1 brother, 3 sisters. Predeceased by his parents, brother Robert; 2 sisters-in-law: Dorothy & Evelyn Garretson; brother-in-law Raymond Schnoor. Memorials: Chapman United Methodist Church or the family

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 26 Jan 2005; Columbus Telegram - Thus. 27 Jan 2005

**Donald L. "Duke" JACOBSEN, 71**

Born 2 Jun 1933 near Silver Creek, NE. Parents: Eiler M. Jacobsen & Lillie Strohbehn. 1950 grad. of Silver Creek HS. Farmer. Died Mon. 24 Jan 2005, Central City, NE. Service Sat. First United Methodist Church, Silver Creek with burial at Silver Creek Cemetery. Survivors: 3 sisters. Predeceased by his parents, & his brother-in-law Loyd Adkinson. Memorials to American Cancer Society or the church.

Grand Island Independent -Thurs. 27 Jan 2005

**Margaret ECHTENKAMP , 80** (photo)

Born 29 Jan 1924. Parents: Andrew Rice Jr. & Elizabeth Mess. 1941 grad. of Central City HS. Teacher. 27 Aug 1947: Married Gilbert H. Echtenkamp at Chapman, NE. Gilbert died 10 Jul 1988. Margaret died Tues. 25 Jan 2005, Spencer, IA. Service: Sat. Solt Funeral Home, Central City; burial at city cemetery. Survivors: 2 sons, 1 daughter, 5 gch. Predeceased by her spouse, & 2 brothers Harry & Keith Rice.

Grand Island Independent - Sun. 30 Jan 2005

**Neva F. PETERSEN, 90** (photo)

Born 9 Oct 1914 "on ... farm northeast of Palmer, in Glenwood community." Parents: Merton A. King & Mae Gammon. 1932 grad. of Fullerton HS. 5 Oct 1940: Married Floyd "Flip" Petersen at Palmer, NE. "They lived and farmed for 36 years in the Gage Valley area between Palmer and St. Paul". 1968 grad. Kearney State College. Teacher. 1978: Moved to St. Paul, NE. Died Fri. 28 Jan 2005, Grand Island, NE. Service: Tues. United Methodist Church, Palmer, NE. Burial: Rose Hill Cemetery. Arrangements: Jacobsen-Greenway Funeral Home, St. Paul. Survivors: a daughter-in-law, 3 grandsons. Predeceased by her husband (4 Apr 1990), son James (1972); brother Donald King. Memorials: St. Libory School.  
Notes: Her parents - see Nance County Marriage Record Book 3 p343 #A28; 1920 Fed. Census NE ED166 p5B D87 F89: Cottonwood Twp, Nance, NE

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Grand Island Independent & York News Times - Fri. 4 Feb 2005; Aurora News Register - Tues. 8 Feb 2005

**Vickie Lee KUFELDT, 49**

Born 9 May 1955, Seward, NE. Parents: Joe Eikenhorst & Verna Neujahr. Family moved to York, NE. 31 Dec 1986: Married Philip Kufeldt at Central City, NE. Died Wed. 3 Feb 2005 at Clarks, NE (auto accident). Memorial Service: Sat. 5 Feb Wagner Funeral Home, Central City. Burial: Clarks Cemetery. Survivors: Her husband; her parents; a son, a daughter, 4 gch.; 2 sisters, 2 brothers ... Predeceased by a granddaughter, Skylar Elznic.

Columbus Telegram & Grand Island Independent - Fri. 11 Feb 2005

**Marie FRITZ HERNBLOOM, 95**

Born 21 Aug 1909 Gresham, NE. Parents: John E. Schlondorf & Sophie Jaeger. Attended Lutheran school at York, NE. 1918: Family to Illinois; returned to NE in 1921. 10 Feb 1927: Married Walter Fritz at Gresham, NE and lived at Clarks, NE. Walter died 22 Aug 1950. 27 Nov 1955: She married Wilbur "Bill" Hernbloom at Central City, NE. They lived in Stromsburg (Polk County). Bill died in 1978. Marie worked in Stromsburg & Osceola, NE. She died Wed. 9 Feb 2005, at Osceola, NE. Service is today at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Central City. Burial at Bureau Cemetery (Pierce Chapel), near Clarks, NE. Survivors: A son, a daughter, 9 gch., 28 g-gch., 18 gg-gch.; a sister-in-law. Predeceased by 2 husbands, 1 granddaughter - Nancy Fritz; 1 grandson - Joseph Fritz; 4 brothers - Claude, Art, Henry & Walter Schlondorf; a sister - Margaret McMahon.

Note: Grandson Joseph Fritz is buried at Bureau Cemetery.

Columbus Telegram - Mon. 14 Feb 2005; Grand Island Independent - Tues. 15 Feb 2005

**Kendra L. BENHAM, 18**

Born 29 Sep 1986 Ponca City, OK. Parents: David Benham & Rhonda Hambleton. 1991: Moved to Fullerton, NE. 1992: To Central City, NE. 2004 grad. of CCHS. Was attending college. Died Fri. 4 Feb 2005 in auto accident near Beatrice, NE. Service: Wed. at CCHS gymnasium. Burial: Belgrade Cemetery (Nance Co.). Survivors: His mother & step-father Albert Lautenschlager of Palmer; his father in OK; 1 sister & 2 half sisters. Also living are grandparents in Fullerton, NE; a step-grandmother in St. Libory. Predeceased by grandmother, Donna Hambleton & paternal grandparents.

Columbus Telegram & Grand Island Independent - Mon. 14 Feb 2005

**Vernon E. LUFT, 80**

Born 11 Nov 1924 near Clarks, NE. Parents: George Luft & Ida Holz. Abt 1925: Moved to Fullerton, NE. 25 Feb 1953: Married in Grand Island, NE. Farmed in Merrick & Nance Counties. 1976: Moved to Fullerton, NE. Died Fri. 11 Feb 2005, at Fullerton, NE. Visitation: Today at Palmer Funeral Home, Fullerton. Service: Tues. at United Methodist Church. Burial in Fullerton Cemetery. Survivors: His wife, 3 sons, 2 daughters, 5 gch., 1 g-gch; 1 brother, 1 sister. Predeceased by his son Gerry; daughter Wilma; 3 brothers - Lawrence, Philip & Raymond Luft; 2 sisters - Josephine Bremer & Christina Wait.

Notes about siblings: Josephine is buried at Albion (Boone Co.), NE. Christina is buried at Bureau Cem. (Pierce Chapel) near Clarks, Merrick, NE.

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 15 Feb 2005

**Sandra L. STEINKE, 55**

Born 29 Jan 1950 at Omaha, NE. Parents: Lloyd Steele & Thelma Klein. Grad. of Wolbach HS (Greeley County). 1 Jun 1968: Married Dale Steinke at Wolbach, NE. While husband was in US Navy she lived in several places (see obit). 1972: Farm near Wolbach. 1976: Moved to Central City, NE; then to Wathena, KS; 1979: Lived on farm near Archer, NE; abt 1980, moved to Central City, NE. Died Sun. 13 Feb 2005, Lincoln, NE (auto accident). Visitation: Wed. Jacobsen-Greenway Funeral Home, St. Paul, NE. Service: Thurs: Evangelical Free Church, Central City, NE. Burial: Hillside Cemetery, Wolbach, NE. Survivors: Her husband, 3 daughters; 6 gch; a sister, a brother. Predeceased by her parents; a brother Jim Steele; grandparents Fred J. and Katie Klein, ...

Note: Her mother's obit was published in GI Independent 13 Jan 2005.

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 17 Feb 2005

**Arly Lee "Bill" PICKINPAUGH, 60**

Born 14 May 1944 at Bassett (Rock Co.), NE. Parents: Fay Pickinpaugh & Olive Kleckner. Lived primarily in Newport, NE. Served in US Army. 31 Jul 1975: Married, then lived in Chapman, NE. He died Sat. 12 Feb 2005. Service: Wed. at United Methodist Church in Bassett, NE. Burial in Stuart Cemetery, Holt County, NE. Survivors: His wife, 1 daughter, 1 son, grandchildren; 3 step-daughters; 2 brothers, 2 sisters, etc. Predeceased by son Arly Lee "Dave" Pickinpaugh Jr.; 4 brothers - Floyd, Foster "Pete", Richard "Zeke" & Kerry "Gabby"; 2 sisters - Francis Kleinberg & Shirley Smith.

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 19 Feb 2005

**Jozie Lee CAMPA, Infant** (photo)

Born 7 Feb 2005 at Omaha, NE. Parents: Tony & Sarah Campa of Norfolk, NE. Died Wed. 16 Feb 2005 at Omaha, NE. Visitation: Sat. at Solt Funeral Home, Central City, NE. Graveside service will be Sat. at Chapman Cemetery. Survivors: Her parents, 1 sister, her grandparents, aunts & uncles. (Additional survivors named in obit)

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 19 Feb 2005

**Dessie COWELL, 81**

Born 7 Oct 1923, Genoa, NE. Parents: August Swanson & Anna Christensen. Lived near Fullerton, NE. Grad

of Phillipsburg HS, KS. 24 Dec 1941: Married Marvin Cowell at St. Paul, NE, then lived in Hollywood, CA for a time. She lived in NE while husband served in Army. Mrs. Cowell died Thurs. 17 Feb 2005 at O'Neill, NE. Visitation: Sat. at Biglin's Mortuary in O'Neill (Holt Co.), and Sun. at Solt Funeral Home in Central City. Service: Mon. at Solt's. Burial: Central City Cemetery. Survivors: 3 daughters, 1 son; 6 gch., 2 g-gch.; 1 sister in Canada. Predeceased by 7 siblings.

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 19 Feb 2005; Columbus Telegram - Sun. 20 Feb 2005

**Elizabeth Louise "Betty" WHITE, 86**

Born 5 Jan 1919 Omaha, NE. Parents: August "Guss" Blaser & Clara Schupbach. 1937 grad. of Silver Creek HS. Worked at father's plumbing business & other jobs. Aug 1949: Married George "Babe" White at Grand Island, NE. Mrs. White died Thurs. 17 Feb 2005 at Columbus, NE. Service: Mon. at United Methodist Church, Silver Creek, NE. Burial: Silver Creek Cemetery. Survivors: 2 sisters. Predeceased by her husband, 2 brothers Ed & John Blaser.

Columbus Telegram and Grand Island Independent (photo) - Wed. 23 Feb 2005

**Bill L. BECK, 74**

Born 3 Apr 1930 near Clarks, NE. Parents: Walter L. Beck & Mabel L. Trullinger. 1948 grad. of Clarks HS. 22 Mar 1951: Married. 1952: US Marine Corps. Farmer near Clarks. Caretaker of Bureau Cemetery at Pierce Chapel for 27 years. 1998: "Good Neighbor Award". Died Tues 22 Feb 2005 at home near Clarks, NE. Visitation: Thurs: Solt Funeral Home. Service: Fri. at Pierce Chapel. Burial at Bureau Cemetery. Survivors: His wife, 1 daughter, 1 son, gch.; a brother and 3 sisters. Predeceased by his parents (father in 1974, mother in 1996); brother Russell in 2001, and daughter-in-law Barbara Beck in 1999. Note: Mr. Beck was always delighted to provide data from the Bureau Cemetery record books. He'll be greatly missed.

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 23 Feb 2005

**Gregory L. DANKERT, 48** (photo)

Born 11 Dec 1956, St. Paul, NE (Howard Co.). Parents: Melvin Dankert & Loris Fechtner. 1975 grad. of Palmer HS (Merrick Co.). 1975-78: US Army. 12 May 1979: Married at Wolbach, NE. Welder. May 1984: Moved to Elkhorn, NE and worked as carpenter. 1997: Moved to Elba, NE. Died Sun. 20 Feb 2005 in auto accident near Elba, NE (Howard Co.). Visitation: Wed. Jacobsen-Greenway Funeral Home, St. Paul. Service: Thurs. Trinity Lutheran Church, Wolbach (Greeley Co.). Burial in Rose Hill Cemetery, at Palmer, NE. Survivors: His wife, his parents; a son, 3 daughters, 5 gch.; a sister & a brother.

Columbus Telegram, GI Independent, Kearney Hub - Wed. 23 Feb 2005

**Lawrence Edward KILLION, 80**

Born 3 Apr 1924, Monroe, NE (Platte Co.). Parents: Marion Killion & Irene Sunderlin. 1941 grad. of Monroe Public School. WW II: US Navy. 22 Feb 1948: Married at Chapman, NE. UPRR depot agent in NE & WY. Died Sun. 20 Feb 2005, Elm Creek, NE. Visitation: Today, O'Brien-Straatmann-Apfel Funeral Chapel. Service: Thurs. First Christian Church, Elm Creek. Burial: Elm Creek Cemetery. Survivors: His wife, 2 sons, 15 gch., 5 g-gch; 4 sisters. Predeceased by sister Joan & brother Jim; 3 gch. Memorials: First Christian Church or Elm Creek Fire and Rescue Unit.

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 23 Feb 2005; Columbus Telegram - Sun. 27 Feb 2005

**Catherine B. "Kay" KONWINSKI, 94**

Born 22 Nov 1910, Genoa, NE. Parents: Metro Beck & Mary Dyrbala (GI Independent) or Demboski (Columbus Telegram). Attended school in Nance & Merrick Counties. 9 Jun 1931: Married Frank Konwinski at Clarks, NE. They lived on farm near Silver Creek, NE. Died Tues. 22 Feb. 2005, Columbus, NE. Visitation Fri. at McKown Funeral Home, Columbus, NE. Service: Sat. St. Anthony Catholic Church in Columbus. Burial at St. Peter Cemetery, Clarks, NE. Survivors: 1 daughter, 1 son, 12 gch., 25 g-gch., 9 gg-gch.; 5 sisters, 2 brothers ... Predeceased by her husband (1990); daughter Betty Szatko; 4 brothers - Albin, Eddie, Walter and an infant; a sister Anna Starostka.

Note: See Merrick Co. Marriage Book I, page 545 #I-54. Obits of siblings: Bernard (Albin "Beanie") Beck - 24

Mar 2000 (GI Independent); Anna Starostka - 26 Apr 2002 (Columbus Telegram).

Grand Island Independent - Fri. 25 Feb 2005

**Doris Anne CREMEEN, 83** (photo)

Born 12 Aug 1921 at Clarks, NE. Parents: Dr. Robert R. Douglas & Mary Olive Moulton. 1939 grad. of Clarks HS. Attended Omaha Business School, then worked as secretary. 16 May 1942: Married Walter Willie Cremeen at Clarks. Doris returned to Clarks while husband served in US Navy. 1950: They moved to Grand Island, NE. Mrs. Cremeen died Tues 22 Feb 2005, Grand Island, NE. Visitation: Fri. Curran Funeral chapel. Service: Sat., St. Mary's Cathedral. Burial: Westlawn Memorial Park Cemetery, Grand Island, NE. Survivors: 2 daughters, 1 son; 5 gch., 4 g-gch. Predeceased by her husband (11 Feb 1970); 2 brothers - Robert & Phillip Douglas; a sister-in-law Ruth Douglas.

Note: See Who's Who in Nebraska 1940, Merrick Chapter - page 815 (w/p)

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 26 Feb 2005; Columbus Telegram - Sun. 27 Feb 2005

**Betty L. COOK, 80**

Born 17 Mar 1924, Clarks, NE. Parents: Vincent D. Douglas & Pearl E. Zwiebel. 1942 grad. of Clarks HS. 1 May 1943: Married Ralph L. Cook in Omaha, NE. Husband died 21 Mar 1994. 2001: She moved to Grand Island, NE. Mrs. Cook died Thurs. 24 Feb 2005 at home. Visitation is today, Solt Funeral Home, Central City, NE. Service will be Mon. St. Peter's Catholic Church, Clarks, NE. Burial in Calvary Cemetery near Clarks. Survivors: 1 daughter, 3 gch., 1 g-gch. Predeceased by her husband, and her sister Phyllis Douglas.

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Grand Island Independent - Wed. 2 Mar 2005

**William N. "Bill" BOYD, 83** (photo)

Born 29 Jul 1921, Central City, NE. Parents: Cecil Boyd & La Vonne Barnum. 1940 grad. of CCHS. 1941-45: USAF (South Pacific), then moved to Grand Island. 16 Dec 1945: Married. Keebler employee, retired. Died Sat. 26 Feb 2005, Henderson, NV. Visitation: Thurs. Livingston-Sondermann Funeral Home, Grand Island, NE. Service: Fri. Trinity United Methodist Church, Gollaher Chapel. Burial: Grand Island Cemetery. Survivors: His wife, 4 daughters, 9 gch., 11 g-gch. Predeceased by a brother, Leslie; 2 sisters - Maxine Dobb & Barbara Hahn. Memorials: Heartland Event Center or Faith United Methodist Church.

Note: Marriage record of parents - Merrick Co. Marriage Book G p220 #2763

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 2 Mar 2005

**James A. "Bud" HARTMAN, 79** (photo)

Born 9 Jul 1925, Chapman, NE. Parents: Arthur Hartman & Luella Parkins. WW II: US Marine Corps (Asia - Pacific). Married Victoria Golonka (dec.). He died Tues., 22 Feb 2005 at Barnes, WI. No service. Arrangements by Dougherty Funeral Home, Duluth, MN. Survivors: 3 daughters, 1 son, 8 gch., 4 g-gch. Predeceased by his wife, a brother & a sister.

Grand Island Independent - Fri. 4 Mar 2005

**Virginia Kay STOLTENBERG, 62** (photo)

Born 10 Jul 1942, Ravenna, NE. Parents: William Sklenar & Anne Abraham. 1960 grad. of Ravenna HS. 25 Jan 1963: Married Jim Stoltenberg at Ravenna; lived in Central City. Died Thurs. 3 Mar 2005, Omaha, NE. Memorial service: Mon. Solt Funeral Home, Central City. Burial later - at Grand Island City Cemetery. Survivors: Her spouse, a daughter, a son, 3 gch., 4 g-gch.; her mother & her mother-in-law. Predeceased by her father and a brother, Jimmie Sklenar.

Grand Island Independent (photo) & Kearney Hub - Sat. 5 Mar 2005

**Jack P. ROARK, 85**

Born 4 Jul 1919, Central City, NE. Parents: Chas. Roark & Amy Faught. WW II: US Navy. 25 Sep 1976: Married at Grand Island, NE; and lived there until moved to Wood River about 6 years ago. Painter, paper hanger. Died Sat. 26 Feb 2005, Wood River, NE. Memorial service: Mon. Apfel-O'Brien-Straatmann Funeral



Home, Wood River. Survivors: His wife, 4 sons, a stepson; 2 daughters, a stepdaughter, a gch. and a g-gch. Also surviving, a brother. Predeceased by 5 siblings and 2 grandchildren.

Note: Parents marriage record - Merrick Co. NE Marriage Book E p245 #2062

Grand Island Independent - Sun. 6 Mar 2005

**Phyllis Jane KORTH, 76** (photo)

Born 6 Jul 1928, Archer, NE. Parents: John & Sylvia Gries Brandenburg. Attended school at Archer; worked in Grand Island, NE. Died Fri. 4 Mar 2005, Grand Island, NE. Service: Tues. Livingston-Sondermann Funeral Home, Grand Island. Burial: Westlawn Memorial Park Cemetery, Grand Island. Survivors: 2 daughters, 1 son, 8 gch., 14 g-gch.; 2 sisters, 2 brothers. Predeceased by a daughter Betty Kucera; a granddaughter Yolanda Kucera; a grandson Jeff Robertson; son-in-law Henry Coons; 3 brothers - John, Glenn & Leo Brandenburg; 2 sisters - Leta Brandenburg & Vera Lawson.

Note: Spouse is not named.

Grand Island Independent - Mon. 7 Mar 2005

**Gale D. SCARBOROUGH, 67** (photo)

Born 4 Jan 1938, Gage Valley area near Palmer, NE. Parents: Newman O. Scarborough & Sathena Mickelsen. 1956 grad. of St. Paul HS (Howard Co.). 5 Dec 1959: Married at Mondamin, IA. Farmer, construction worker. Died Sat. 5 Mar 2005, St. Paul, NE. Service: Wed. Jacobsen-Greenway Funeral Home, St. Paul. Burial in Rose Hill Cemetery, Palmer, NE. Survivors: His wife, 1 son, 4 daughters, 13 gch.; 2 brothers. Predeceased by brother Gerald.

Note: His parents are buried at Rose Hill Cemetery, see cemetery extract of gravestones.

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 9 Mar 2005

**Robert Lee GILLEY, 90**

Born 8 Apr 1914, Shoals, IN. Parents: Bert Gilley & Ella Mae Wilson. Family moved to Central City about 1918. 1932 grad. of CCHS. 11 Jul 1940: Married at Hastings, NE. Farmer, took over parents farm. Retired 3 times. Died Tues. 8 Mar 2005, Central City, NE. Service: Thurs. Solt Funeral Home. Burial in Central City Cem. Survivors: His wife, 2 sisters and a brother-in-law. Predeceased by an infant brother James Wilson Gilley, a brother-in-law Verner Benson.

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 9 Mar 2005

**Marie Catherine SCHUTZ, 95**

Born 15 Dec 1908, south of Archer and east of Worms, Merrick Co., NE. Parents: John Wesley Schutz & Helene Sophia von Aschwege. 1927 grad. of Nebraska Central Academy; attended NE Central College, UN and grad. from Hasting College in 1941. Lived in Denver, CO and Harvard, NE; then lived south of Palmer. Methodist. Died Sun. 6 Mar 2005, Central City, NE. Solt Funeral Home, Central City, in charge. Private service. Survivors: 2 nieces, 2 nephews. Predeceased by 2 brothers, Henry & Wesley Schutz.

Note: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I page 356. Burial notice appeared 1 Jul 2005 in GI Independent. Buried in Central City Cemetery.

Grand Island Independent - Fri. 11 Mar 2005

**Roger A. "Toad" GRAHAM, 54**

Born 10 Sep 1950, Mason City, IA. Parents: Wayne Graham & Irene King. Educated at Manly, IA. 1969 grad. of North Central Community HS. Resident of Clarks, NE. Died Wed. 9 Mar 2005, at home. Visitation: Fri. Wagner Funeral Home, Central City, NE. Service: Mon. Bethel United Methodist Church, Manly, IA. Burial at Manly Cemetery (Iowa). Survivors: 2 brothers & 2 sisters. Predeceased by his father.

Grand Island Independent (photo) - Fri. 11 Mar 2005; York News Times - Sat. 12 Mar 2005

**Irving E. WIZE, 74**

Born 8 Feb 1931, Sedgwick Co., CO. Parents: George Wize & Ida Mummey. Educated in Colorado. 1950: Married Darlene Yonker; lived in Wauneta, NE. Later resided at Seward, York, Polk, Grand Island, & Elba, NE. Farmer, business owner. Darlene died in 1973; Irving moved back to Grand Island. 24 Dec 1985: He married

a second time and in 1989 moved to Chapman, NE. He died Wed. 9 Mar 2005, at Kearney, NE. Visitation: Sun. All Faiths Funeral Home, Grand Island. Service: Mon., Stolley Park Church of Christ, Grand Island, NE. Burial in Chapman Cemetery. Survivors: His second wife, 3 sons, 4 daughters, 18 gch., 15 g-gch.; a sister & a brother. Predeceased by his first wife and a son, Randy; 8 siblings, etc.

Grand Island Independent - Mon. 14 Mar 2005

**Marion A. DEXTER, 79** (photo)

Born 6 Oct 1925, Merrick Co., NE. Parents: Lloyd James Dexter & Mabel Alice Martin. 1943 grad. of Clarks HS. Died Sun. 13 Mar 2005, Central City, NE. Service: Tues. at Solt Funeral Home, Central City. Burial in Bureau Cemetery (Pierce Chapel), near Clarks, NE. Survivors: 2 brothers, 1 brother-in-law. Predeceased by his father (1986), mother (1944); 2 brothers - Donald (1962) & Robert (1982); sister Dorothy Kuczynski (1970), etc.

Notes: For additional info, see History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I pp 172-3 (Dexter), 284 (NN Martin).

Parents: Merrick Co. Marriage Book H p139 #3339 (and news clip from Dittmer Scrapbook).

Her mother, Mabel A. Martin can be found with her parents in 1900 census, Nance Co. Fullerton Ward 3.

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 15 Mar 2005

**Andrew Cecil RODRIGUEZ, 31** (photo)

Born 20 Aug 1973, Grand Island, NE. Parents: Andrew & Cheryl Atkinson Rodriguez. Married at Grand Island. He died Sat. 12 Mar 2005 at Chapman, NE. Service: Thurs. Wagner Funeral Home, Central City. Burial in St. Mary's Cemetery near Wood River, NE. Survivors: His wife, a son & a daughter; his mother & step-father; 2 sisters. Predeceased by his father and his grandparents.

Grand Island Independent - Fri. 18 Mar 2005

**Joyce E. MOSLANDER, 75**

Born 25 Jul 1929 at Clarks, NE. Parents: Vernon & Henrietta (Noble) Bruning. 1947 grad. of GISH. 22 Apr 1950: Married James A. Moslander Jr at Grand Island, NE. Worked as clerk, & as librarian. She died Mon. 28 Feb 2005 at Grand Island, NE. Service: Mon., Livingston-Sondermann Funeral Home. Burial in the city cemetery. Survivors: A daughter & a son; 2 gch. Predeceased by her husband; her parents & her stepfather. Memorials to Central NE Humane Society or GI Public Library.

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 24 Mar 2005

**Thomas G. DUGGER, 58**

Born 19 Nov 1946, Central City, NE. Parents: Glenn Dugger & Etta Belle Knapp. Died Mon. 21 Mar 2005, Palmer, NE. Service: Fri. Palmer Funeral Home, Palmer. Burial: Rose Hill Cemetery. Survivors: 2 sons, 3 daughters; 3 brothers, a sister. Predeceased by wife Debra (10 Sep 2000).

Note: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I page 259 (Knapp-Dugger).

York News Times - Thurs. 24 Mar 2005; Grand Island Independent (abbrev) Fri. 25 Mar 2005

**Robert Carl SCHEER, 82**

Born 8 Sep 1923 at Chapman, NE. Parents: Julius Paul & Hattie (Kaiser) Scheer. Attended school in Merrick Co.; farmed with his father. 22 Oct 1944: Married Norma Jean Renken. They lived in Grand Island, then moved to Tacoma, WA. 1950-53: USAF Reserves service. Norma died in 19981. Robert moved to Cordova, NE. 14 Feb 1982: Married at Cordova. Robert died Tues., 22 Mar 2005 in Fairmont, NE. Memorial service will be Mon. at St. John's Lutheran Church, Cordova. Inurnment at Zastrow Cemetery, Cordova.

Arrangements by Lauber-Moore. Survivors: His second wife; 3 daughters, 2 step-daughters; 9 gch, 2 step-gch.; 3 g-gch.; 2 sisters; in-laws & other relatives. Predeceased by his parents; his first wife; a brother Harold & a sister Lily Lundquist. Memorials to the church or Lutheran Hour Ministries.

Grand Island Independent - Fri. 25 Mar 2005

**Hildegard Hedwig BRASE, 98**

Born 26 Feb 1907 near Worms, NE. Parents: Alfred & Katherina Dammann. Died Sat. 19 Mar 2005, Elkhorn. Service: Tues. Zion Lutheran Church, Omaha, NE. Burial: Flower Hill Cemetery, Omaha. Survivors: 4

daughters; a sister ... Predeceased by husband Herbert (1982), and a daughter Cordelia (1956).

Notes: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I pp 168 (Dammann), 277 (F&A Luebbe);  
Merrick Co. Marriage Record Book I p 490 #I-490.

4 May 2004: Grand Island Independent obit published for brother Arnold.

Grand Island Independent (photo) - Sat. 26 Mar 2005; Aurora News Register - Tues. 29 Mar 2005

**Ralph Virgil FLODMAN, 94**

Born 18 Jun 1910 near Polk, NE. Parents: Carl Axel & Augusta (Lindahl) Flodman. 24 Jun 1931: Married Hilda I. Ortegren at Mamre Evangelical Church near Marquette, NE. Resided on Flodman family farm near Hordville (Hamilton Co.), NE until 1999 when moved to Central City, NE. Wife died 28 Mar 2003. Mr. Flodman died Fri. 25 Mar 2005, at Central City, NE. Visitation: Mon. Solt Funeral Home, Central City. Service Tues. Fridhem Lutheran Church, Hordville. Burial: Hordville Cemetery. Survivors: 3 daughters, 1 son, 18 gch., 41 g-gch., 8 gg-gch. Predeceased by his wife; an infant brother Harlan Leverne Flodman; a sister Elvera & a stepsister Pearl Fusby.

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 29 Mar 2005

**William "Bill" SCHUTZ, 60** (photo)

Born 2 Mar 1945, Colorado Springs, CO. Parents: Henry D. Schutz & J. Evelyn Mott. 1963 grad. of CCHS. 1966-71: US Army (2 tours in Vietnam). 7 Oct 2000: Married, lived in Central City. Mr. Schutz died Sat. 26 Mar 2005, Central City, NE. Service will be Thurs. Wagner Funeral Home. Burial in Central City Cemetery. Survivors: His wife, 2 sons, 5 daughters, 7 gch.; one sister.

Notes: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I page 356 (H Schutz, & JW Schutz). Extract of Aunt Marie Schutz's obit above.

Columbus Telegram & GI Independent (photo) - Thurs. 31 Mar 2005

**Billy LeRoy LEECE, 83**

Born 29 Jul 1921, Clarks, NE. Parents: Clyde & Edith (Leamons) Leece. 9 Dec 1945: Married Maxine Galusha. Worked for the county, and then for CC Schools. Mr. Leece died Tues. 29 Mar 2005, Central City, NE. Service: Fri. Solt Funeral Home. Private burial in Central City Cemetery. Survivors: A son, 3 gch., 6 g-gch. Predeceased by his wife (17 Jul 1997); a son Ronny (3 Jun 1980).

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Columbus Telegram - Fri. 1 Apr 2005

**Rose KOZA, 86**

Born 29 May 1918, Genoa, NE. Parents: John Kmiecik & Anna Zelasney. Married Henry Koza on 1 Jun 1938, Silver Creek, NE. Lived in Silver Creek until 1974. She died Wed. 30 Mar 2005, Columbus, NE. Service will be Sat. at St. Bonaventure Catholic Church, Columbus. McKown Funeral Home in charge. Burial in St. Lawrence Cem., Silver Creek, NE. Survivors: A son, a daughter Joan, a sister, 2 sisters-in-law, 8 gch and 14 g-gch. Predeceased by her husband (13 Oct 1966); a grandson; 2 sisters - Helen & Valaria; 6 brothers - Frank, Louis, Edwin, Joseph, Ben & John.

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 5 Apr. 2005

**Vernon V. OLSON, 86** (photo)

Born 1 Feb. 1919, Brass Ranch near Comstock. Parents: Fritz Olson & Anna Anderson. Resided - 1936: Berwyn; 1954: farm south of Loup City, NE; 1991: near Kearney, NE; 1995: Palmer, NE. Dairy farmer (with father & brother Evert). Died Sun. 3 Apr 2005, St. Paul, NE. Service: Wed., Palmer Wesleyan Church. Burial in Douglas Grove Cem., near Comstock, NE. Survivors: A brother Evert and sister Maxine. Predeceased by 4 brothers - Emil, Bertil, Harry Olson & an infant; a sister Elvera Olson. Memorials to Palmer Wesleyan Church or Howard Co. Community Hospital.

Fremont Tribune - Sat. 9 Apr. 2005

**Rev. Wendell R. HAMILTON, 78**

Born 9 Jan. 1927, Merrick County, NE. Parents: Ralph Hamilton & Bertha Folkerts. 1950 grad. of Concordia Seminary, Springfield, IL. Ordained: 16 Jul 1950. 1952: Married in South Dakota. Served churches in WI, SD, IA, NE and AL. 1986: Retired. Died Thurs. 7 Apr 2005, Fremont, NE. Visitation Sun., Moser Memorial Chapel, Fremont. Service: Mon. at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Fremont, NE. Burial: Mon., Central City Cem. Survivors: His wife, 2 sons, 3 daughters, 11 gch., & 10 g-gch; 1 sister ... Predeceased by a brother Milton Hamilton. Memorials: Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Mission Fund - ABLAZE.

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 9 Apr 2005

**Evelyn E. Zlomke MUELLER, 88**

Born 22 Jul 1916 on farm S of Silver Creek, NE. Parents: Alber & May (Harris) Bivens. Married George Zlomke who died in 1967. Married second to John Mueller, who is also deceased. Evelyn died Thurs. 7 Apr 2005 at Beatrice, NE. Service will be Wed. at the Unitd Methodist Church in Central City, NE. Burial in Zion Cemetery at Archer, NE. Survivors: A son; a daughter; a step-son. Predeceased by two husbands; a son Randall Zlomke (1960).

Grand Island Independent (photo) - Sun. 10 Apr. 2005

**LeRoy DONCHESKE, 81** Born 12 Feb 1924 at Palmer, NE. Parents: Emil Doncheske & Mildred Samuelson. 1942 grad of Palmer HS. 1945-47: US Army. 6 Jul 1952: Married at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Central City. Farmed "home place". Died Fri. 8 Apr 2005 at Grand Island Veterans Home. Visitation will be Mon. Palmer Funeral Home. Service: Tues., St. John's Luth. Church, Palmer, NE. Burial in Rose Hill Cemetery. Survivors: His wife, 3 sons, 1 dau., 22 gch., 12 g-gch; 2 sisters. Memorials to St. John's Lutheran Church, the Grand Island Veterans Home, or stroke and cancer research.

Columbus Telegram - Thurs. 14 Apr 2005

**Marvin Leroy WILCOX, 91**

Born 7 Jun 1913, Polk Co., NE. Parents: Charles & Elizabeth (Wisely) Wilcox. Farmed in Polk & Merrick Counties. Resident of Silver Creek, NE. Married 30 Nov 1935 to Marie Larson (dec. 4 Sep 1953). Married 5 Apr 1956 to Rose Campain Reed. He died 12 Apr 2005, Genoa, NE. Service Friday, United Methodist Church in Silver Creek. Burial in Silver Creek Cemetery. McKown Funeral Home in charge. Survivors: His second wife, 7 sons (one surnamed REED), a daughter, 25 gch, 21 g-gch, 2 g-g-gch. Also surviving is one sister. Predeceased by his first wife; 2 sisters - Alice Garretson & Emma Hutchison; a brother William. Memorials to United Methodist Church or Genoa Health Care Facilities.

Note: Second wife died 16 Dec 2005.

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 20 Apr. 2005

**Norman D. H. BOSSELMAN, 89**

Born 19 Sep 1915, near Worms, NE. Parents: Charles Bosselman & Johanna Von Aschenbeck. 19 Jan 1942: Married at Worms, NE. 1942: US Army, 340th Engr. Farmed the family place east of Worms. 1980: Moved to Grand Island, NE. Died Mon. 18 Apr 2005 at Grand Island, NE. Visitation: Thurs., All Faiths Funeral Home, Grand Island. Service: Fri., Zion Lutheran Church, Worms, NE. Burial in the parish cemetery. Survivors: His wife, 1 son, 1 brother Fred. Predeceased by 2 brothers - Charles & Arthur Bosselman; 4 sisters - Charlotte Eaton, Lillie Bosselman, Florence Bader & Frances Meshalko. Memorials to Zion Lutheran Church or Heartland Lutheran High School.

Grand Island Independent - Fri. 22 Apr 2005

**Betty L. DOUTHIT, 79**

Born 22 Aug 1925, Loretto, NE. Parents: Otis & Vera (Melvard) Bartlett. Died Wed. 20 Apr 2005, Central City, NE. Service will be Sat. at Wagner Funeral Home. Burial in Central City Cemetery. Survivors: A son, a daughter, a sister. Predeceased by her spouse Dean, 10 Apr 1988.

Kearney Hub - Fri. 22 Apr. 2005

**Leonard HILTON, 89**

Born 27 Oct 1915, Merrick County, NE. Parents: Guy Hilton & Lela Deaver. 1936 grad. of Central City HS. Married 28 Jul 1940 at Kearney, NE. Farmer, plumber, electrician, gen'l. contractor. Died Wed. 20 Apr 2005,

Kearney, NE. Visitation is today, Horner-Lieske-Horner Mortuary. Service: Sat. Trinity Presbyterian Church. Burial in Litchfield Cem. (Sherman Co.). Survived by his wife and 2 sons, 3 gch., 3 g-gch. Predeceased by a brother & a sister. Memorials to Trinity Presbyterian Church, Litchfield Christian Church, or the Gideons International for Bible distribution.

Note: His parents marriage - Merrick County Marriage Record Book G p182 #2713.

Columbus Telegram and York News Times - Tues. 25 Apr 2005; Grand Island Independent - Sun. 23 Apr 2005

**Lorrie Sue HARVEY, 41**

Born 10 May, 1963, Kearney, NE. Parents: O.B. Fleeman & Evelyn Anderson. 1981 grad of Clarks HS. 16 Oct 1982: Married in Clarks, NE. Beautician. Owner of Beauty Spot, at Orchard, NE. Developed multiple sclerosis. Died Thurs., 21 Apr 2005, at Stromsburg, NE. Service is today at United Methodist Church, Clarks, NE. Burial in Clarks Cem. Roberts-Dubas Funeral Home, Osceola in charge of arrangements. Survived by 2 children (surname: STIEFEL); her mother, 4 brothers & 4 sisters. Predeceased by her father; and grandparents: Oscar & Florence Anderson.

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 27 Apr. 2005

**Arthur "Tom" LUSCHEI, 68**

Born 3 Feb 1936, Fullerton, NE. Parents: Bruno Luschei & Vera Bush. 1954 grad. of Central City HS. Died 7 Jan 2005, Springfield, MO. Memorial service; Sat., Apfel Funeral Home, Grand Island, NE. Buried at Missouri Veterans Cemetery Wall of Honor. Survivors: His wife, a son, a daughter, a brother, 2 sisters, 3 half-sisters, 6 gch. Predeceased by half-brother Armin Luschei, brother Kenneth, sister-in-law Arlis.

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 28 Apr 2005

**Edith Willits SHAW, 87**

Born 23 May 1918, Central City, NE. Parents: Claude & Mary Willits. Married first to Harold Berg. Married second to Woodrow Shaw. Both husbands are deceased. 1952: Moved to Oakland, CA. Secretary. Traveled following retirement. Died 17 Apr 2005 at Oakland, CA. Service: 5 May, First Presbyterian Church, Hayward, CA. Chapel of the Chimes in charge. Survivors: 1 daughter, 3 gch., 5 g-gch., a brother. Memorials to the church, please.

Kearney Hub - Sat. 30 Apr. 2005

**June Raymond LEIBHART, 91**

Born 5 Jun 1913, Central City, NE. Parents: James & Sara (Cooper) Leibhart. 27 Aug 1938: Married at Dunning, NE. Died Thurs., 28 Apr 2005, Callaway, NE. Service will be Mon. Callaway United Methodist Church. Burial in Rose Hill Cem., Callaway, NE. Survivors: His wife, 2 sons, 2 daughters, 13 gch., 19 g-gch., 5 gg-gch.

Kearney Hub - Sat. 30 Apr. 2005

**Vesta Mae OERTER, 67**

Born 3 Sep 1937, Central City, NE. Parents: Edward Shay & Hazel Quinn. 1955 grad. of Oxford HS. Attended UNL & Bryan Mem. School of Nursing. 29 Dec 1957: Married Kendall Oerter, Oxford, NE. Resided: McCook, Clay Center, Neligh, & North Platte. Died Sun. 24 Apr 2005, Chandler, AZ. Mem. service Fri. at First United Methodist Church, North Platte, NE. Bueler Mortuary of Chandler in charge. Survivors: Her spouse, 2 sons, 1 daughter, 9 gch. Memorials to Nebraska Children's Home Society, Friends of the North Platte Public Library or the donor's choice.

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Grand Island Independent - Sun. 1 May 2005

**Phyllis STEINKE, 49 (photo)**

Born 13 Jul 1955, Waterbury, CT. Parents: Sebastian & Amelia (Dantino) Vecca. Grad. of Wilby HS. 21 May 1982: Married Rodney Kent Steinke, El Paso, TX. Residences - 1988, Wolbach, NE; Central City, NE. She died Fri. 29 Apr 2005, Central City, NE. Visitation: Wed. Wagner Funeral Home. Service Thurs. Evangelical

Free Church. Burial: Central City Cemetery. Survivors: Her husband, 3 sons, 2 gch.; 2 sisters. Parents are deceased. Memorials to the family or American Arthritis Association.

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 4 May 2005

**I. "Nadine" KNUTSON, 75** (photo)

Born 3 May 1930, Central City, NE. Parents: Glenn & M. Lucille (McClure) Rodewald. 1947 grad. of Central City HS. Cosmetologist. Baptist. 27 Jun 1949: Married Merlin R. "Gil" Guilford at Lakewood, CO. They lived in CA for 2 years, then had a market in Hordville, NE. Gil died in 1983. 21 May 1987: She married Roy Knutson and lived in Central City, NE. Mrs. Knutson died Tues. 3 May, 2005, Central City, NE. Service: Fri. at Wagner Funeral Home. Burial: Central City Cemetery. Survivors: Her second husband, 3 daughters, 1 son, 7 gch., 2 grch.; 1 brother. Memorials to Kidney Foundation, Liver Foundation, or Deaf Services Inc. Note: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I page 338 (Send donation & SASE to Merrick Co. Historical Museum, for a copy)

Grand Island Independent - Sun. 8 May 2005

**Darell K. RUGE, 55** (photo)

Born 2 Nov 1949, Central City, NE. Parents: Robert Ruge & Wilma Butts. 1968 grad. of Central City HS. Carpet salesman & floor layer. 28 Sep 1979: Married at Grand Island, NE. Died Fri. 6 May 2005, Boelus, NE. Visitation: Sun. at Jacobsen-Greenway Funeral Home, St. Paul. Service will be Mon. Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, Dannebrog, NE. Burial in Souleville Cemetery near Boelus. Survivors: His wife, 2 daughters, 1 son, 2 gch.; 3 brothers, 1 sister. Predeceased by infant son Michael Todd Ruge.

Grand Island Independent - Mon. 9 May 2005

**Frederick H. BOELTS, 74** (photo)

Born 16 Mar 1931, on family homestead near Archer, NE. Parents: Henry Boelts & Louise Eckert. Dairy farmer, county road grader. 20 Sep 1954: Married at Central City. Methodist. Died Sat. 7 May 2005, at home. Service: Wed. Wagner Funeral Home, Central City, NE. Burial: Archer Evangelical Community Cemetery. Survivors: His wife, 1 son, 2 daughters, 9 gch.; a sister. Predeceased by sister, Henrietta Gilmont. Memorials suggested to Merrick Foundation for scholarships in industrial arts trade based on character and need. Note: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I p261.

Grand Island Independent - Mon. 9 May 2005

**Geraldine I. "Jerry" HAMMONS, 82** (photo)

Born 15 Jan 1923, Central City, NE. Parents: Glen & Opal (Cook) Pettigrew. Attended school at Nelson (Nuckolls Co.), NE. 1940 grad. at McPherson, KS. Married Sam Hammons, Jr. Worked in downtown Central City until 79 yrs of age. Member of Christ Episcopal Church. Died Fri., 6 May 2005, at Central City, NE. Service will be Tues. at Wagner Funeral Home. Burial in Central City Cem. Survivors: 1 daughter, 2 g-ch., 5 g-gch. Note: Parents married in Platte Co., NE.

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 10 May 2005; York News Times - Wed. 11 May 2005; Aurora News Register - 17 May 2005

**Fred Engert SWEDENBURG, 86** (photo)

Born 8 May 1919, Canandaigua, NY. Parents: Fred Engert & Irene Brown. To Nebraska by Orphan Train in 1925 with brother (Howard Engert Hurd, deceased). Adopted by Arthur & Hazel Swedenburg at Osceola. Attended Clarks HS. 1941-1945: 7th Air Force. 8 Apr 1944: Married at Central City. Opened Swedenburg Garage at Clarks. Died Mon. 9 May 2005, Central City, NE. Service: Thurs. United Methodist Church, Clarks. Burial: Bureau Cemetery near Pierce Chapel. Survivors: His wife, 1 daughter, 2 sons, 4 gch., 1 g-gch. Predeceased by brothers Wesley Swedenburg and Howard Hurd.

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 12 May 2005

**Kenneth Clarence "K.C." FLEMING, 90**

Born 20 Dec 1914, Hamilton Co., NE. Parents: Clarence G. Fleming & Lena Hough (dec. c1918). Abt. 1923,

family moved to Chapman, NE. 1932 grad of Chapman HS. Residences: Montana, Miami, FL, Greeley, CO, Mobile, AL, Lincoln, NE; Phoenix, AZ. WW II: US Army. Died 4 May 2005, Glendale, AZ. Service pending. Survivors: 2 sisters, 2 nieces, 3 nephews. Predeceased by sister Nell A. Vergo (Mrs. John).

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 12 May 2005

**Fred John OHLMAN, 97** (photo)

Born 20 Apr 1908, Buffalo Co., NE. Parents: Fredrick Ohlman & Clara Moss. Lived for a time in MN, returned to Buffalo Co., NE. 5 Jun 1932: Married at Shelton, NE. Farmer. Lutheran. 1945: Moved to Central City, NE. Died Tues. 10 May 2005, at Central City, NE. Visitation: Fri. Wagner Funeral Home. Service: Sat., St. Paul's Lutheran Church. Burial in Central City Cemetery. Survivors: His wife, 3 sons, 3 daughters, 11 gch., 22 g-gch., 3 gg-gch. Predeceased by an infant daughter, a grandson; 3 sisters & 2 brothers. Memorials: St. Paul's Lutheran Church or Lutheran Hour Ministries.

Note: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I pp 314-5 (Write to Merrick Historical Museum for copy. Send donation and SASE, please)

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 12 May 2005

**Rosemary SPILGER, 72**

Born 3 Jun 1932, Neosho, MO. Parents: John L. Lawrence & Juanita M. Snow. 1946: Family moved to Palmer, NE. 28 Jul 1948: Married Lyle J. Spilger at Palmer, NE. They had a dairy farm, and she ran a day care in her home. Died Tues. 10 May 2005, Palmer, NE. Visitation: Thurs. Palmer Funeral Home. Service Fri. Wesleyan Church. Burial: Rose Hill Cemetery, Palmer, NE. Survivors: 2 sons; 3 brothers, a half-brother & a half sister. Husband died 23 Jan 1987. Predeceased by 2 brothers: Robert Lawrence & William Calvin Lawrence.

Note: See Rose Hill Cemetery extracts for her spouse.

Grand Island Independent - Mon. 16 May 2005

**Charles A. LAWSON , 88** (photo)

Born 23 Apr 1917, Tulsa, OK. Parents: Harry Lawson & Buelah Malcomb. 1928: To Grand Island with uncle Rev. Jack Davis. 29 Dec 1938: Married Eunice Marcella Sloninger (dec). 1939+: US Army, "...served in G Company, 315th Infantry Regiment, 79 Infantry Division during World War II, where he was highly decorated with 2 Bronze Stars and a V and 2 Purple Hearts and a POW Medal." 20 May 1953: Married Vera Brandenburg (dec). Lived at Central City until 1972 when opened upholstery business at Cairo, NE. Died Fri. 13 May 2005, at Cairo, NE. Service will be Tues., Apfel-O'Brien-Straatmann Funeral Home Chapel. Burial in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery near Cairo. Survivors: 4 sons, 5 daughters, 25 gch., 20 g-gch.; 1 sister. Predeceased by 2 wives, son Randy Lawson & grandson David Lawson Jr.

Columbus Telegram - Wed. 17 May 2005

**Dennis DeAlton MERIDITH, 61**

Born 2 Aug 1943, Omaha, NE. Parents: Fred Meridith & Hazel Benson. Raised in Iowa. Attorney. Lived in Iowa and New Mexico. Moved to Benson farm (homesteaded in 1871) near Silver Creek, NE. Died at home, Sat. 14 May 2005. Service: Wed. at United Methodist Church, Silver Creek. Burial in Silver Creek Cemetery. McKown Funeral Home in charge of arrangements. Survivors: 1 son, 1 daughter, 2 gch., 1 brother. Memorials: ALS research.

Note: For information on Benson homestead see "Our Polk County Heritage", page 30.

Grand Island Independent (service notice) - Sat. 21 May 2005

**Merlyn Lee ASHELFORD, 74**

Born 23 Mar 1930 at Central City, NE. Parents: Clifford A. & Hazel V. (Danhauer) Asehford. Grad. of CCHS. Served in US Army. Moved to CA. Owned insurance/tax business. Resident of Garden Grove, CA. Died 14 Dec 2004. Memorial service will be 28 May at United Presbyterian Church, Central City. Burial in the city cemetery. Predeceased by his mother (31 Dec 1943); his father (11 Oct 1977); a brother Dale in Jan 1963. Memorials to the Merrick Foundation or the church.

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 21 May 2005

**Nadine BRANDES, 86 (photo)**

Born 14 Dec 1918, Dedrick, MO. Parents: Joel M. & Florence L. (Culbertson) Brim. 1937 grad. of Fort Scott HS. Teacher. Employed by American Airlines during WW II. 8 Apr 1947: Married George H. Brandes. They farmed near Central City, NE. She died Thurs. 19 May 2005, Seward, NE. Visitation: Sun., Solt Funeral Home, Central City, NE. Service: Mon. at Fairview United Methodist Church. Burial in Central City Cemetery. Survivors: 2 daughters, 4 gch.; 3 sisters ... Predeceased by her husband (2 Sep 1993); an infant sister Jo Maxine ... Memorials: Fairview United Methodist Church or Merrick Foundation.

Note: Parents surnames reversed? - Joel Culbertson and Florence Brim?

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 24 May 2005

**Lyle J. Spilger Jr., 54**

Born 5 Jul 1950, Palmer, NE. Parents: Lyle John Sr. & Rosemary (Lawrence) Spilger. Dairy farmer, construction worker. Residences: Grand Island, Niobrara, Atkinson, Lake Ericson, St. Paul and Rockville, NE. He married twice. Died Fri., 20 May 2005 at Rockville, NE. Service: Wed., Palmer Funeral Home, Palmer, NE. Burial in Rose Hill Cemetery. Survivors: His wife JoAnn, a son, a daughter, a step-son, a step-daughter; 2 gch.; a brother.

Note: See obit extract for his mother, Rosemary Spilger - published 12 May 2005.

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 25 May 2005

**Vicky Rose CROOT, 37 (photo)**

Born 9 Sep 1967, Ord, NE. Parents: Donald Lee & Gertrude Elaine (Teel) Wagner. 1985 grad. of Ord HS. Dec 1985: Married Mike Sexson, had 2 sons. 8 Mar 1997: Married Mark W. Croot. they lived at Central City, NE. Mrs. Croot died Mon 23 May 2005 in auto accident near Worms, NE. Service will be Thurs. at St. Michael's Catholic Church, Central City. Burial in Ord Cemetery. Solt Funeral Home in charge. Survivors: Her husband, 3 sons; her father; 8 brothers & 5 sisters. Predeceased by her mother, a sister Regina; her father-in-law. Memorials: St. Michael's Catholic Church.

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 25 May 2005

**Clara POWER SUMMERVILLE, 99**

Born 1 May 1906, Hooper, NE. Parents: August & Johanna Sierks Wagner. Family moved near Central City in 1912. She died 2 May 2005, in Lancaster, CA. Arrangements by Wagner Funeral Home, Central City, NE. Graveside service: Thurs., at Central City Cemetery. Survivors: 2 daughters & 2 sons; a brother & a sister. Predeceased by 2 husbands: Daniel Power & William Summerville; 2 sons - Bill & Dennis Powers.

Note: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I page 394 (w/p), and page 323 (Power)

Aurora News Register, Grand Island Independent, Kearney Hub, York News Times - Sun. 29 May 2005

**Neal "LaVern" HARTFORD, 78 (photo)**

Born 27 May 1927, Palmer, NE. Parents: Neal & Agnes (Fay) Hartford. Grad of Central City HS. 1951-52: US Army. Farmer, bus driver. 11 Jan 1953: Married Alice Foulk. 31 Dec 1972: Married Shirley Randall. He died Fri. 27 May 2005, Central City, Merrick, NE. Service: Wed., Wagner Funeral Home. Burial in Central City Cemetery. Survivors: His wife, 3 daughters; 1 son, 9 gch; 3 g-gch.; step-children. Predeceased by son Kevin Hartford; son-in-law, Bob Richardson. "Memorials ... suggested to the Prairie Island Bridge Youth Activities Fund at Merrick Foundation."

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Grand Island Independent - Wed. 1 Jun 2005

**Carroll B. HOLMES, 79 (photo)**

Born 30 May 1926, Hordville (Hamilton Co.) NE. Parents: Erick B. Holmes & Anna Judith Chader. 1943 grad. of Hordville HS. 1944: US Navy. 1948: Married Marie Haskins. Residences - Central City, Ord, O'Neill, Kearney & Central City, NE. Divorced. Methodist. Mr. Holmes died Mon. 30 May 2005 at Central City, NE on his 79th birthday. Service: Thurs. Wagner Funeral Home, Central City. Survivors: His former wife, 3 daughters, 9 gch., 13 g-gch.; 3 sisters (one is Carroll's twin). Predeceased by a brother Lee & his wife Margaret; a sister



Annette & her husband Tony Abbott; a brother-in-law Francis McConnell.

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 4 Jun 2005; Columbus Telegram - Sun. 5 Jun 2005

**Louise M. BRUNKEN, 89**

Born 11 Feb 1916, Columbus, NE. Parents: Louis Lohr & Elizabeth Hoevet. 1935 grad. of Kramer HS. 10 Apr 1939: Married Milton Brunken at Grand Island, NE. 1956: Settled in Clarks, NE. Died: Wed. 1 Jun 2005, Columbus, NE. Service Tues. at Gass Haney Funeral Home. Burial: Shell Creek Baptist Cemetery near Columbus. Survivors: 3 sons, 4 daughters, 20 gch., 27 g-gch; 2 sisters. Predeceased by her husband; a daughter Marianne Longenecker; 1 grandson, 1 g-grandson; 2 brothers - Clyde & Jack Lohr. Memorials: Clarks Volunteer Fire and Rescue Squad or to Shell Creek Cemetery.

Kearney Hub & Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 2 Jun 2005

**Vera Mae LEWISON, 90**

Born 17 Dec 1914, Mason City, NE. Parents: Arthur Keyt & Irene Jerauld. Grad. of Auburn HS. Married Francis Lewison. Lived in Central City, etc. 2000: Moved to Kearney, NE. Died Fri. 27 May 2005 at Kearney. Visitation: Fri. O'Brien-Straatmann-Apfel Funeral Home, Kearney. Service & burial will be Friday at Central City Cemetery. Survivors: 1 son, 4 daughters, 13 gch., .... Predeceased by her husband (24 May 1993); a brother, 2 sisters.

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 8 Jun 2005

**Alma M. ABBOTT, 89** (photo)

Born 25 Apr 1916. Parents: Platt A. Abbott & Marie Stratman. 1934 grad. of Chapman HS. "She was the first female employee at UPRR." PBX operator in Omaha and Grand Island, NE. Died Tues. 7 Jun 2005, Clarks, NE. Service Thurs. Apfel Funeral Home. Burial: Chapman Cemetery. Predeceased by brothers Platte W., Arnold J. and Orville A. Abbott. Memorials: St. Pauls Lutheran Church or the Merrick County Historical Museum, 211 "E" St., Central City, NE 68826.

Notes: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I p 105 (w/p); History of Merrick Co., NE Vol II p 129 (Abbott). See also - Chapman Cemetery extracts (posted on-line).

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 8 Jun 2005

**Herman J. MEYER, 77** (photo)

Born 30 Nov 1927, Burwell, NE. Parents: Herman Meyer & Anna Borman. Had resided at Palmer, NE. 1948-49: US Army. Plumber, business owner. Died Sun. 5 Jun 2005, Grand Island, NE. Service Thurs. All Faiths Funeral Home chapel. Burial: Cedarview Cemetery, Doniphan, NE. Survivors: His wife, 3 sons, 9 gch., 5 g-gch.; 2 brothers, 2 sisters. Predeceased by 9 siblings. Memorials: American Legion, American Cancer Society or the family.

Note: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I page 287

Grand Island Independent - Fri. 10 Jun 2005

**Larry SHIVELY, 67**

Born 7 Dec 1937. Adopted by Kenneth Shively & Virginia Nielsen. Died 19 Apr 2005, Englewood, CO. Burial in Central City Cem. Survivors: 2 aunts & 2 uncles, several cousins. Solt Funeral Home in charge.

Columbus Telegram & GI Independent (photo) - Mon. 13 June 2005

**Raymond J. STEGER, 83**

Born 24 Jul 1921 David City (Butler Co.), NE. Parents: John Steger & Clara Langhorst. Educated at Clarks, NE. WW II: US Army. Farmer with brother Leonard. Died Sat. 11 Jun 2005 Grand Island, NE. Visitation: Today at Wagner Funeral Home, Central City. Service: Tues. at St. Peter's Catholic Church, Clarks, NE. Burial in St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery, David City, NE.

Survivors: 1 sister. Predeceased by his parents & 6 siblings.

Grand Island Independent - Sun. 19 Jun 2005

**Elsie V. KNEFELKAMP, 88**

Born 21 Apr 1917, Merrick Co., NE. Parents: Henry Steinbeck & Anna Thiesenvitz. 5 Nov 1939: Married Frederick A. Knefelkamp. Elsie died Thurs. 16 Jun 2005, Independence, MO. Visitation: Mon. All Faiths Funeral Home, Grand Island, NE. Service: Tues. Messiah Lutheran Church. Burial: Westlawn Memorial Park Cemetery, Grand Island, NE. Survivors: A son, 6 gch. Predeceased by her husband (13 Jul 2004); & son Dale (30 Jan 2004).

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 21 Jun 2005

**Robert LEMMERMAN, 56**

Born: 23 Oct 1948, Grand Island, NE. Parents: William "Chuck" Lemmerman & Mary Dorcas. Resident of Palmer, NE. 1966 grad. of Palmer HS. 1974: Married. Stock/investments broker in NE and CA. 2004: Returned to Palmer, NE. Died Sun. 19 Jun 2005, Grand Island, NE. Arrangements: Jacobsen-Greenway Funeral Home, St. Paul, NE. Visitation: Wed. United Methodist Church, Palmer, NE. Graveside service: Wed. at Rose Hill Cemetery (near Palmer). Survivors: His wife, 2 sons, 2 daughters; his father and a brother. Predeceased by his mother Mary, and grandparents Mamie & Walter Lemmerman.

Grand Island Independent - Fri. 24 Jun 2005

**Arthur Lewis SCHMIDT, 75** (photo)

Born 18 Sep 1929 at Hastings, NE. Parents: Adolph Schmidt & Martha Lisius. Grew up near Wood River (Hall Co.), NE. Served in US Army. Farmer & livestock raiser, south of Central City, NE. Died Fri. 17 Jun 2005, Central City, NE. Visitation: Fri. Apfel Funeral Home, Grand Island, NE. Graveside service: Sat. at Concordia Cemetery near Prosser (Adams Co.), NE. Survivors: 4 nephews & 5 nieces. Predeceased by 4 brothers - Rudolph, Raymond, Herbert & an infant.

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 28 Jun 2005

**Ashlee A. GRIMES, 25** (photo)

Born 28 Mar 1980, Aurora, NE. Parents: Kirk Mason & Jeanne Hack. 1998 grad. of CCHS. 2001: Married Jason Grimes at Grand Island. Medical Ass't. Mrs. Grimes died Sun. 26 Jun 2005 at Omaha, NE. Service: Wed. at Apfel Funeral Home, Grand Island. Burial: Grand Island City Cemetery. Predeceased by grandparents Bernard & Ruth Hack.

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 29 Jun 2005

**Janet Joyce ANDERSEN, 66** (photo)

Born 13 Oct 1938, Central City, NE. Parents: Vaughn L. Tyler & Ruth Fauquier. 1956 grad. of CCHS. Attended Kearney State College. Teacher, organist. 17 Dec 1961: Married Ronald L. Andersen at Central City, NE. They farmed near Marquette, NE. 1999: Moved to Aurora, NE. Mrs. Andersen died Tues. 28 Jun 2005, Aurora, NE. Visitation Thurs. at Higby-McQuiston Mortuary, Aurora. Service: Fri. at St. John Lutheran Church, Kronborg. Burial in the church cemetery. Survivors: 2 sons, 1 grandson; 1 sister. Predeceased by her husband (13 Jan 2002); & 2 infant grandsons.

Note: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I page 388 (Tyler).

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 30 Jun 2005

**Leonard LYIONS, 84**

Born 10 Jul 1920 near Brayton (Greeley Co.), NE. Parents: Thomas Lyons & Eva Johnston. 1942-46: US Army. Farmed near Wolbach, and Palmer, NE. Died Tues. 28 Jun 2005, Grand Island, NE. Service: Sat. at United Methodist Church, Wolbach. Burial: Hillside Cemetery. Arrangements: Jacobsen-Greenway Funeral Home. Predeceased by 3 brothers - William Sr., Thomas and Raymond Lyons.

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Grand Island Independent & Kearney Hub - Tues. 5 Jul 2005

**John E. GORGEN, 88**

Born 12 Apr 1917 at North Bend, NE. Parents: John H. Gorgen & Evelyn M. Walden. 1935 grad. of Central City HS. Married first to Elsie, who died. WW II: US Navy. 16 Aug 1946: Married the second time at Central

City, NE. 1947: Moved to Kearney, NE. Accountant. Died Mon. 4 Jul 2005 at Kearney, NE. Visitation: Tues. at Horner-Lieske-Horner Mortuary. Service will be Wed. at First United Methodist Church in Kearney. Burial in Kearney Cemetery. Survivors: His second wife and 1 son; a brother & a sister. Predeceased by son Larry Gorgen.

Note: See 1920 Fed. Census NE ED161 p3A F8: Midland Twp, Merrick, NE (w/p) and 1930 Fed. Census NE ED61-11 p1b D21 F21: Midland Twp, Merrick, NE (w/p).

Scottsbluff Star Herald - Tues. 12 Jul 2005

**Donald Richard CAMPBELL, 77**

Born 8 May 1928 at Palmer, NE. Parents: Lloyd Campbell & Doris Anderson. 1947 grad. of Central City HS. Worked for UPRR. 1949-1953: US Navy Seabees. Died Fri. 8 Jul 2005 at Scottsbluff, NE. Cremated at Jolliffe Funeral Home Crematory. Memorial Service will be Tues. at Western Nebraska Veterans Home Chapel. Survivors: 2 brothers, a brother-in-law, nieces & nephews. Predeceased by 2 sisters - Jean Campbell & Dorothy Heineman.

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 9 Jul 2005

**Irene Henrietta MINOR, 81**

Born 13 Jun 1924 at Chapman, NE. Parents: Louis Siemers & Anna Rauert. 7 Apr 1945: Married Millard R. Minor. He died 10 Oct 1977. Mrs. Minor died 30 Jun 2005 at Lancaster, CA. Graveside service: Tues. at Grand Island Cemetery, NE. Survivors: A son and daughter-in-law, 5 gch.; a sister and a brother. Predeceased by her spouse, a sister & brother-in-law: Lucille and Neal Beck. Sister-in-law, Betty Siemers is also deceased. Memorials: American Lung Association of Nebraska.

Grand Island Independent - Mon. 11 Jul 2005

**Esther E. CONDELL, 94**

Born 15 Oct 1910 at St. Paul, NE. Parents: William Scarborough & Iva Hoffa. 1928 grad. of St. Paul HS. Teacher. 19 Aug 1931: Married Thomas Condell. They farmed northeast of Palmer, NE; moved into town in 1979. Mrs. Condell died Sat. 9 Jul 2005 at St. Paul, NE. Visitation: Mon. at Palmer Funeral Home, Palmer, NE. Service: Tues. at Palmer United Methodist church. Burial: Rose Hill Cemetery, Palmer. Survivors: 1 son, 1 daughter, 9 gch., 17 g-gch., 2 gg-gch.; a daughter-in-law. Predeceased by her husband (7 Nov 1998) and a son Kenneth (1998); 3 brothers - Dale Merle & Max; a sister Gertrude Binion. Memorials to Rose Hill Cemetery Association.

Grand Island Independent - Mon. 18 Jul 2005

**Dale D. LARSEN, 79 (photo)**

Born 2 Apr 1926 at Marquette, NE. Parents: Lars Larsen & Mable Holcomb. 1944-46: US Army. 13 Dec 1947: Married at Central City, NE; lived there. Methodist. Died Sat. 16 Jul 2005 at Grand Island, NE. Service: Tues. at Wagner Funeral Home, Central City. Burial: Kronberg Cemetery near Marquette, NE. Survivors: 1 son and 5 daughters, 12 gch., 2 ggch. Predeceased by 2 brothers - Wesley & Edwin Larsen; a sister Evelyn Petersen.

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 19 Jul 2005

**Arthur R. WONDERCHECK, Jr., 89**

Born 6 Jul 1916 near Atkinson (Holt Co.), NE. Parents: Arthur Wondercheck & Rose Matousek. About 1921: Moved to Surprise, NE. Abt 1932: Moved to farm near Wolbach, NE. 4 Mar 1939: Married Elsie I. Nielsen at St. Paul, NE. 1945: Moved to farm north of Fullerton, NE. 1980: Retired to Belgrade, NE. Mr. Wondercheck died Fri. 15 Jul 2005 at Central City, NE. Service: Wed. Palmer Funeral Home, Fullerton, NE. Burial: Belgrade Main Cemetery. Survivors: 2 sons, 1 daughter, 11 gch. & 12 g-gch.; 5 brothers; 5 sisters. Predeceased by wife (10 Oct 2000), a grandson; also 2 brothers: Richard (infancy) & Leonard; an infant sister Helen; etc.

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 21 Jul 2005

**Glen D. NEEL, 86 (photo)**

Born 21 May 1919 at Tobias, NE (Saline Co.). Parents: William Neel & Alice Yates. 1927: Family moved to

Colorado. 1933: Moved to Archer, NE. 22 Oct 1940: Married Doris Beck in Kansas. Lived in CA where worked for Boeing. Returned to farm west of Clarks, NE. Died Wed. 20 Jul 2005 at Central City, NE. Service: Sat. Wagner Funeral Home. Burial: Bureau Cem. (Pierce Chapel) near Clarks, NE. Survivors: 3 sons, 5 gch., 5 g-gch.; 1 brother. Predeceased by his wife (1995); 7 brothers - Merle, Calvin, Cuthbert, Harold, Quentin, Wendell & Bill; 5 sisters - Bernice, Lea, Beulah, Elpha & Yula Mae.

Grand Island Independent - Fri. 22 Jul 2005

**Peggy M. MOORE, 64** (photo)

Born 20 Mar 1941 at Bartlett, NE. Parents: George Moore & Thelma McVay. Currently a resident of Chapman, NE. Died Thurs. 21 Jul 2005 at Grand Island, NE. Service Sat. Apfel Funeral Home, Grand Island, NE. Survivors: 5 daughters, 5 sons, 34 gch., & 3 g-gch. Predeceased by a brother & a grandson.

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 27 Jul 2005

**Merris Jean BARTON, 70** (photo)

Born 18 Feb 1935 at Watertown, SD. Parents: Julius & Idella Ross Eng. 1953 grad. of Midland HS. 1 Jun 1953: Married Jack Barton at Council Bluffs, IA. They lived at York & Aurora, NE. 1963: Moved to Chapman, NE, owned Red Horse Service and Cafe. Mrs. Barton died Tues. 26 Jul 2005 at Grand Island, NE. Service will be Fri. at Solt Funeral Home, Central City, NE. Burial in Chapman Cemetery. Survivors: Her husband, 3 daughters, 1 son, 10 gch., 8 g-gch.; 1 brother & 1 sister. Predeceased by a grandson; 3 brothers - Danny, Stan & Dean Eng; 2 sisters - Jetta Katowitz and Beryl Eng.

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 28 Jul 2005

**Ruby C. OLSEN, 87** (photo)

Born 1 Dec 1917 near Archer, NE. Parents: James & Vernie (Weber) Johnston. 1937 grad. of Central City HS. 14 Jun 1942: Married George Victor Olsen at Palmer, NE. They lived in Central City. Member of Friends Church (was later a member of Faith United Methodist Church in Grand Island). Mrs. Olsen died Tues. 26 Jul 2005 at Grand Island, NE. Graveside service: Fri at Burke Cemetery near Central City, NE. Arrangements by Solt Funeral Home, Central City, NE. Survivors: 1 daughter, 4 sons, 12 gch., 22 g-gch., 2 gg-gch.; 1 sister, 2 brothers. Predeceased by her spouse (12 Mar 1989); twin brothers - Lloyd & Floyd Johnston; a granddaughter, Kimberly Olsen. Memorials to Central NE Humane Society in Grand Island.

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 30 Jul 2005

**Emma I. "Babe" REMBOLT, 90** (photo)

Born 29 Nov 1914 near Chapman, NE. Parents: Gustave & Inez (Lee) Wagner. 24 Jun 1937: Married Marvin Rembolt. Mrs. Rembolt died Thurs. 28 Jul 2005 at Grand Island, NE. Memorial service will be Tues. at All Faiths Funeral Home, Grand Island, NE. Survivors: 2 sons, 1 daughter, 2 gch., 4 g-gch.; a sister. Predeceased by her spouse (26 Oct 1995); a brother Herbert Wagner; 5 sisters - Margaret Buresch, Augusta Tyler, Esther Taylor, Dorothy Wells & Effie Wagner.

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Fremont Tribune - Mon. 1 Aug 2005

**Mary L. CERNY, 99**

Born 23 Apr 1906, Sargent, (Custer Co.) NE. Parents: Edward Martin & Margaret Sweeney. 1923 grad. Clarks HS (Merrick Co.). 4 Jan 1927: Married Albin J. Cerny at Clarks. Lived at Schuyler, (Colfax Co.) NE. Died Fri. 29 Jul 2005, Columbus, (Platte Co.) NE. Visitation is today at Svoboda Funeral Home, Schuyler. Service will be Tues. at St. Augustine's Catholic Church. Burial: Schuyler Cemetery. Survivors: 3 daughters, 3 sons, 17 gch., 39 g-gch.; a brother. Predeceased by her husband, 28 Jul 1970. Also deceased are 4 brothers & a sister, one son-in-law.

Grand Island Independent and York News Times (photo) - Tues. 2 Aug 2005

**Loraine H. SEIM, 82**

Born 19 Feb 1923, Palmer, NE. Parents: Gerhardt Renken & Wilhelmina Luebke. 1940 grad. of Palmer HS.

26 Jan 1943: Married Harold Seim at Tacoma, WA. 1946: Settled in Grand Island, NE. Died Sun. 31 Aug 2005, Grand Island, NE. Visitation will be Wed., All Faiths Funeral Home, Grand Island. Service: Thurs., St. Paul's Lutheran Church. Burial: Westlawn Cemetery, Grand Island. Survivors: Her husband, 4 children, 10 gch., 7 g-gch.; 2 brothers, a sister. Predeceased by brother Victor, & sister Norma Jean Scheer. Memorials to Mosaic or St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

Note: See 1930 Fed. Census NE ED61-12 p3b D73 F68: Prairie Creek Twp, Merrick, NE (w/p).

Columbus Telegram - Wed. 3 Aug 2005

**Irene Violet CREMEEN, 91**

Born 6 Aug 1913 Osceola, NE. Parents: Lewis & Helma Herrmann. 1931 grad. of Osceola HS. 16 Mar 1934: Married Lawrence Cremeen at Omaha, NE. 1953: Moved to Boulder, CO. Mrs. Cremeen died 19 Jul 2005 at Boulder. Burial at Silver Creek, NE. Survivors: 2 sons, 2 gch., 2 g-gch. Predeceased by her husband.

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 3 Aug 2005

**Edwin E. FRANCL, 87** (photo)

Born 17 Nov 1917, Palmer, NE. Parents: Edward Francl & Phoebe Kremlacek. 1933 grad. of Palmer Public Schools. Farmer, lived west of Palmer, NE. 12 Jan 1942: Married at Lexington, NE. 1980: Moved to St. Paul, NE. Died Mon. 1 Aug 2005 at St. Paul. Service: Thurs., Jacobsen-Greenway Funeral Home. Burial in Elmwood Cemetery, St. Paul, NE. Survivors: His wife, 3 sons, 1 daughter, 8 gch., 7 g-gch.; one sister. Predeceased by sister Erma Nitzel. Memorials to St. Paul EMTs or the St. Paul Library Foundation.

Kearney Hub - Sat. 6 Aug 2005

**John L. LIETH, 59**

Born 18 Sep 1945, Silver Creek, NE. Parents: Floyd Lieth & Mildred Sutton. Resident of North Platte, NE. Died Tues. 19 Jul 2005, Omaha, NE. Graveside service will be Sat., at Silver Creek Cemetery. Survivors: 1 brother, 5 sisters.

The Oregonian, Portland, OR - Sat. 6 Aug 2005

**James Leonard "Toby" STRASBURG, 77**

Born 5 Jul 1928 at Central City, NE. Owner of boat repair shop. Died 10 Jul 2005. Memorial service Fri. 12 Aug at Willamette National Cemetery. WW II: US Army Air Corps. Survived by 2 sons, 5 sisters and 2 gch. Arrangements: Little Chapel of the Chimes.

Columbus Telegram - Mon. 8 Aug 2005; Aurora News Register & Grand Island Independent - Tues. 9 Aug 2005

**Linda Ann HOLTORF, 39**

Born 15 Jul 1966, Central City, NE. Parents: Marx J. Holtorf & Norma Ann Ziems. 1984 grad. of Hordville HS (Hamilton Co.), NE. Worked as dental assistant for 18 years in Gibbon, NE. Died Sun. 7 Aug 2005 near Hordville, NE. Visitation: Tues. at Solt Funeral Home, Central City, NE. Service: Wed. at Fridhem Lutheran Church, Hordville. Burial in Hordville Cemetery. Survived by her parents, a grandmother, & one brother. Predeceased by grandparents - Carl & Mildred Holtorf, and Bill Ziems.

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 10 Aug 2005

**Barbara MORGAN, 92**

Born 5 Jun 1913, Clarks, NE. Parents: Dr. Shaw Little & Nona Armstrong. Died 7 Aug 2005, Lincoln, NE. Service & burial at later date. Resident of Clarks. Survivors: 1 son, 1 daughter. Predeceased by her husband Thomas G. Morgan.

Note: Burial notice appeared in Grand Island Independent, Thurs. 20 Oct 2005. - Memorial Service will be Sat. at Clarks Cemetery. Arrangements: Wagner Funeral Home, Clarks NE.

Grand Island Independent & York News Times - Fri. 19 Aug 2005

**Jana R. "Kennedy" FYE, 24** (photo)

Born 6 Oct 1980, Grand Island, NE. Parents: Brent Kennedy & Susan Randall. 1999 grad. of Central City

HS. 27 Sep 2003: Married. Died Wed. 17 Aug 2005, Central City, NE. Visitation: Fri., at Wagner Funeral Home. Service: Sat., United Methodist Church. Burial in Central City Cemetery. Survivors: Her husband, parents, a son, a sister, ... etc. Predeceased by 2 grandfathers: William Kennedy and N. LaVern Hartfold, an aunt - Paula Kennedy, great-grandfather Edward Lusk.

Grand Island Independent - Sun. 21 Aug 2005

**Janice V. MINCHER, 60** (photo)

Born 23 Oct 1944, Grand Island, NE. Parents: Ernest Herman & Alma Husman. 1964: Married Alvin Lewandowski. Died Fri. 19 Aug 2005, Chapman, NE. Service will be Thurs. at All Faiths Funeral Home, Grand Island. Survivors: A daughter, 4 gch.; 2 sisters. Memorials: American Cancer Society.

Columbus Telegram - Mon. 22 Aug 2005

**Benedict P. LISS, 73**

Born 4 Jan 1932, Silver Creek, NE. Parents: Peter Liss & Helen Urkoski. 12 Feb 1953: Married at Duncan, NE. Military: 134th Infantry Div., NE Army Nat'l. Guard. Lived in Bellwood, NE 33 years. Died Sat. 20 Aug 2005 at Columbus, NE. Visitation is today at McKown Funeral Home, Columbus. Service: will be Tues. at St. Joseph Catholic Church near Bellwood. Burial at church cemetery. Survivors: His wife, 2 sons, 2 daughters, 11 gch., 3 g-gch.; 1 brother & 1 sister. Predeceased by son Greg Liss, grandson Carter; brother Virgil and 3 sisters - Dorothy Greer, Florence Olsufka & Sally Jarosz. Memorials to the Leukemia Society.

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 25 Aug 2005

**Melvin DANKERT, 75**

Born 31 Jan 1930, Merrick Co., NE. Parents: Herbert Dankert & Anna Nietfeld. Baptized & confirmed at Zion Lutheran Church, Worms, NE. 1952-53: US Army. 10 Jan 1954: Married at Worms. Farmer. Died Mon. 22 Aug 2005 at Omaha, NE. Visitation: Fri. Palmer Funeral Home, Palmer, NE. Service: Sat. St. John's Lutheran Church, Palmer, NE Burial: Rose Hill Cemetery. Survivors: His wife, a son, a daughter, ... 6 gch., 5 g-gch. Predeceased by son Greg (see Feb 2005); 2 brothers - Alfred & Elton Dankert, 3 sisters - Florence Kanter, Mildred Niermeier & Lorraine Fleischacker.

Note: For his parents, see Merrick Co. Marriage Records Book G p405 #2939

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 27 Aug 2005

**Aline Clare McHARGUE, 97** (photo)

Born 10 May 1908, Friend, NE. Parents: M/M John Heckman Sr. Grad. of Friend HS. 1931 grad. Lincoln School of Commerce. 7 Apr 1951: Married Earl Eugene "Gene" McHargue at Lincoln, NE. Died Thurs. 25 Aug 2005, Hamilton, NE. Visitation: Sun. Solt Funeral Home, Central City, NE. Service: Mon. at United Methodist Church. Burial: Central City Cemetery. Predeceased by 5 older brothers - Theodore, William, John, Arthur & Raymond. Memorials: Hamilton Manor in Aurora

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Scottsbluff Star Herald - Sun. 4 Sep 2005

**Jody LAMBERT, 71**

Born 15 Nov 1933, Central City, NE. Parents: Arthur B. Peters & Alma Marie Rohrke. Educated in Pierce & Stanton Counties. 1951 grad. of Norfolk HS. 14 Feb 1954: Married Marvin W. Prochaska at Battle Creek, NE. 9 Apr 1976: Married Darrel Lambert at North Platte, NE. They later moved to Torrington, WY. Mr. Lambert died in 1990. Mrs. Lambert died Fri. 3 Sep 2005 at Torrington, WY. Service: Tues. 6 Sep at Lighthouse Ministries Church. Burial: Valley View Cemetery. Arrangements: Colyer Funeral Home. Survivors: 4 sons, 1 daughter, 8 gch., 4 g-gch. Predeceased by 2 husbands, her parents & 2 sisters - Dorothea M. DeCray & Noma J. Shinrock (& their husbands). Memorials: St. Jude's Children's Hospital in care of the Colyer Funeral Home at P.O. Box 20, Torrington, WY. 82240.

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 8 Sep 2005

**Cecilia E. SNYDER, 90** (photo)

Born 5 Jun 1915, Grand Island, NE. Parents: William Johnson & Minnie Pederson. Family moved to farm in Merrick County when she was 9 months old. Attended Lockwood School. 17 Aug 1936: Married Albert Orville Snyder at Grand Island, NE. They lived at Chapman and Lincoln, NE; then moved to Los Angeles, CA. Returned to Grand Island, NE. Mrs. Snyder died Mon. 5 Sep 2005 at Grand Island. Visitation: Thurs. at Apfel Funeral Home, Grand Island. Burial: Fri. at Westlawn Memorial Park. Survivors: 1 daughter, 2 grandchildren. Predeceased by her husband, 18 Dec 1979; 3 brothers & 2 sisters. Memorials: Messiah Lutheran Church.

Kearney Hub - Fri. 9 Sep 2005

**Bryce Oliver ANDERSON, 70**

Born 14 Jul 1935, Palmer, NE. Parents: Oliver Anderson & Martha Yeager. 1956: Married. Resided at Johnson Lake. Died Tues. 6 Sep at Lexington, NE. Memorial gathering: Sat. at Bullhead Point, Johnson Lake. Survivors: 2 daughters, 2 gch.; a brother & 2 sisters.

Note: Parent's marriage - Merrick Co. Marriage Records Book I p396 #I-396 (His mother was first married to Walter Ita, see Merrick Co. Marriage Records Book I p109 #3662)

Kearney Hub - Fri. 9 Sep 2005

**Lucile M. SCHMOKER, 83**

Born 25 Jul 1922 at Hordville, NE. Parents: Freeman Larson & Minnie Land. Educated in Central City, NE. 19 Oct 1941: Married Paul Schmoker at Lincoln, NE. They lived in Kearney and Aurora, NE; then moved to Mullen, NE. She owned a business there. Died Wed. 7 Sep 2005, Mullen, NE. Service: Sat. at Mullen United Methodist church. Burial: Cedarview Cemetery, Mullen. Survivors: Her husband; 1 son, 2 daughters; 3 gch.; 1 sister. Predeceased by an infant son Daniel; a brother Larry Larson and sisters Helen Flagle and Shirley Booth. Memorials: Mullen Ambulance, Pioneer Memorial Rest Home or Mullen Community Foundation.

Note: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I page 270.

Kearney Hub - Sat. 10 Sep 2005

**Gladys M. TINSLEY, 93**

Born 19 May 1912, Archer, NE. Parents: William Mess & Lena Rice. "...attended rural schools near Chapman". 19 Sep 1946: Married James Tinsley at Gering, NE. They lived on chicken ranch near Fontana, CA. 1983: Moved to Kearney, NE. Mrs. Tinsley died Thurs. 8 Sep 2005, Kearney, NE. Service: Mon. at Horner-Lieske-Horner Mortuary. Burial: Kearney Cemetery. Survivor: A sister living in Kearney.

Predeceased by her husband (2 Jun 1989), 3 brothers & 2 sisters.

Notes: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I, page 335 (E&M Rice) and Merrick Co. Marriage Records Book E p49 #168

Columbus Telegram - Wed. 14 Sep 2005

**Wayne JACOBS, 60**

Born 9 Jan 1945, Columbus, NE. Parents: Henry Jacobs & Pearl Hosner. 16 Aug 1969: Married at Columbus, NE. Died Sun. 11 Sep 2005, Omaha, NE. Service: Thurs. at Gass Haney Funeral Home, Columbus. Burial: Clarks Cemetery. Survivors: His wife, 1 son, 1 daughter, 1 gch.; 6 brothers, 4 sisters, 1 step-brother.

Predeceased by 2 brothers - Hank & James Jacobs; 4 step-sisters - Leola Jakob, Harriette Nauenburg, Julia Enyeart & Henrietta Jacobs; 2 step-brothers - Frank & Kenneth Jacobs. Memorials: American Cancer Society.

Grand Island Independent - Fri. 16 Sep 2005

**Eric E. KUCK, 87 (photo)**

Born 14 Dec 1917 near Archer, NE. Parents: Herman Kuck & Katie Michaelson. Attended parochial school at Zion Lutheran, Worms, NE. 13 Aug 1939: Married at Worms, NE. Dairy farmer near St. Libory, NE. 1989: Retired to Grand Island, NE. Died Wed. 14 Sep 2005, at Grand Island, NE. Service Sat. at Zion Lutheran Church, Worms. Burial at church cemetery. Survivors: His wife, 2 daughters, 1 son, 7 gch.; 1 sister, 1 brother. Predeceased by his parents, sister Agnes Scheer and brother Lawrence Kuck. Memorials: Zion Lutheran Church Gymnasium Fund.

Note: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I page 263. Also see 1920 Fed. Census NE ED226 p1B D17 F17: Prairie Creek Twp, Merrick, NE (w/p) & 1930 Fed. Census NE ED61-12 p5a D99 F94: Prairie Creek Twp,

Merrick, NE (w/p)/

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 17 Sep 2005

**Melvin E. ZICHEK, 87**

Born 5 May 1918, Lincoln, NE. Parents: Eddie Zichek & Agnes Varga. Grad. of Central City HS. 22 May 1942: Married. WW II: US Army, chaplain. Pastor, teacher, school superintendent. 1979: Retired to Grand Island, NE. Died Thurs. 15 Sep 2005 at Grand Island. Service: Tues. All Faiths Funeral Home, Grand Island. Burial: Westlawn Mausoleum. Survivors: Wife, 1 daughter; 2 brothers & a sister. Note: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I page 415. Also 1930 Fed. Census NE ED61-7 p7b D162 F164: Lone Tree Twp, Merrick, NE (w/p).

Grand Island Independent - Mon. 19 Sep 2005

**Lyle W. NEDRIG, 80** (photo)

Born 13 Jan 1925 near Archer, NE. Parents: Henry C. Nedrig & Rose C. Wegner. Served in US Army. 21 Jun 1947: Married at Hastings, NE. Farmed near Archer for 12 yrs, moved into town and worked for postal service. Died Sat. 17 Sep 2005 at Archer, NE. Visitation: Mon. Wagner Funeral Home, Central City. Service will be Tues., Archer Zion United Methodist church. Burial in Archer Evangelical Community Cemetery. Survivors: His wife, 3 sons, 2 daughter; 13 gch.; 1 sister. Predeceased by his parents, 2 brothers (Robert & Virgil), a sister Viola Friedrichsen. Memorials to the American Legion Baseball Program. Note: See 1930 Fed. Census NE ED61-11 p5a D96 F96: Midland Twp, Merrick, NE (w/p).

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 20 Sep 2005; Aurora News Register - Wed. 21 Sep 2005

**Emil "Dwaine" NELSON, 76** (photo)

Born 2 Sep 1929, Hamilton Co., NE. Parents: Emil A. Nelson & Helen I. Ortegren. About 1932, the family moved north of Hordville, NE. 1948 grad. of Hordville HS. 1950-53: US Army. 20 Sep 1953: Married at Central City, NE (and lived there). Worked for US Postal Service 33 yrs. Died Sat. 17 Sep 2005, Grand Island, NE. Visitation: Tues. Solt Funeral Home, Central City. Service will be Wed. at the Christian Church. Burial in Central City Cemetery. Survivors: His wife, 2 sons, 6 gch., 1 g-gch.; 3 sisters, etc. Predeceased by his parents, brother Don Nelson and 2 grandsons - Ellitt & Mitchell Nelson.

Columbus Telegram - Wed. 21 Sep 2005; Grand Island Independent - Sat. 24 Sep 2005 (photo)

**Kathryn ROBERTSON, 100**

Born 21 Jun 1905, Broken Bow, NE. Parents: Frederick James Hannigan & Elsie Leona Prouty. Attended school in Silver Creek, NE. 24 Dec 1928: Married Vernon Robertson at Columbus, NE. They farmed in Merrick County. Following his death (28 Dec 1964) she moved to Central City & worked as a medical transcriber. Catholic. Mrs. Robertson died Mon. 19 Sep 2005, at Central City. Graveside service: Tues. at Central City Cemetery. Arrangements: Solt Funeral Home. Survived by a sister in Florida. Predeceased by her husband; 3 sisters & 2 brothers.

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 22 Sep 2005

**Thomas Lloyd ANDREWS, 81** (photo)

Born 16 Mar 1924 at Billing (Sheridan Co.), NE. Parents: Charles J. Andrews & Agnes J. Pfisterer. Attended school at Gordon, NE & Denver, CO. 1942-46: US Army Air Corps. 2 Jun 1946: Married Gertrude E. Gee at Palmer, NE. They lived in Denver. RR employee. Presbyterian. 1977: Farmed near Palmer, NE. 1997: Moved to Central City. Mr. Andrews died Sat. 17 Sep 2005 at Omaha, NE. Service was Wed. Solt Funeral Home, Central City. Burial: Rose Hill Cemetery near Palmer. Survivors: His wife, 2 sons, 1 daughter, 9 gch. & 2 g-gch.; 1 sister. Predeceased by his parents, 2 brothers & 1 sister. Note: Wife died 8 Nov 2007 in UT.

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 22 Sep 2005

**The Rev. August W. MOMMENS, 87** (photo)

Born 22 Oct 1917, Tecumseh (Johnson Co.), NE. Parents: William C. Mommens & Kathrine Albers. 1936 grad. of Tecumseh HS. CCC. 1941-1945: US Army Air Corps. 2 Jun 1946: Married at Plymouth. Attended



Lutheran Seminary. Served in Iowa, NE, ND, FL and OR. Died Tues. 20 Sep 2005 at Worms, NE. Visitation: Fri. Livingston-Sondermann Funeral Home. Service: Sat. at Zion Lutheran Church, Worms, NE. Burial: Grand Island City Cemetery. Survivors: His wife, 4 sons, 7 daughters, 37 gch., 29 g-gch. 1 gg-gch.; 1 sister. Predeceased by 3 sisters (Lizzie, Mary & Clara), 2 brothers (Wilbur & Melford), etc.

Columbus Telegram - Tues. 27 Sep 2005

**Estella Louise "Stella" KONWINSKI, 97**

Born 15 Mar 1908, Tarnov (Platte Co.), NE. Parents: Joseph Konwinski & Rose Herman. Lived at Silver Creek and Columbus, NE; moved to Illinois. Died Thurs. 22 Sep 2005 at Niles, IL. Service: Wed. at St. Isidore Catholic Church, Columbus, NE. Burial at St. Lawrence Cemetery, Silver Creek, NE. Arrangements by McKown Funeral Home. Predeceased by 3 sisters - Catherine Batek, Mary Gunska & Anna Kurek; 7 brothers - Frank, Henry, Joe, Peter, Stanley, Tom and John Konwinski.

Note: Appears in 1920 census with her parents, in Newman Twp, Nance, NE as "Estella".

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 28 Sep 2005

**Caroline "Kelly" STOLLE, 88** (photo)

Born 10 Jul 1917, Chapman, NE. Parents: Henry Vieth & Clara Bove. 30 Aug 1936: Married Carl G. Stolle at Grand Island, NE. They farmed near Chapman and Grand Island, NE. Mrs. Stolle died Thurs. 22 Sep 2005, Grand Island, NE. Gathering will be Sun. at All Faiths Funeral Home. Service: Mon. at St. Paul's Lutheran Church. Burial in Westlawn Cemetery, Grand Island, NE. Survivors: 2 daughters, 5 gch.; 2 brothers, a sister. Predeceased by her husband, 9 Nov 1972. Memorials to St. Pauls Lutheran Church, American Cancer Society, Northwest High Foundation or donor's choice.

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Grand Island Independent - Sat. 1 Oct 2005

**Evelyn W. DEERTZ, 90**

Born 29 Nov 1914, Polk Co., NE. Parents: Irvin Drawbaugh & Mollie May Haag. Grew up in Bellwood, NE. 3 Nov 1947: Married Alvin Earl Deertz at Seward, NE. Mrs. Deertz died Thurs. 29 Sep 2005 at St. Paul, NE. Visitation: Sun. at Palmer Funeral Home, Palmer, NE. Service will be Mon. at First Church of Christ, Palmer, NE. Burial in Rose Hill Cemetery. Survivors: 1 son, 3 gch. Predeceased by her husband (24 Mar 2001); 3 brothers - Wayne, William & Richard Drawbaugh.

Grand Island Independent - Sun. 2 Oct 2005

**Clarence VERGO, 65**

Born 9 Jun 1940 in Iowa. Died Wed. 28 Sep 2005. Resident of Security, CO. Service: Sat. at Good Shepherd United Methodist Church. Survivors: His wife, 2 sons, 1 sister, 2 brothers.

Note: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I page 391 (Vergo)

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 5 Oct 2005

**Raymond J. POWELL, Jr. 84** (2 photos)

Born 13 Aug 1921, Austin, TX. Parents: Raymond J. Powell & Estelle Gallagher. 1939 grad. of Austin HS. WW II: US Navy. Met future wife in CA; she was from Merrick County. 1 Feb 1946: Married. They lived in Austin and Georgetown, TX. Mr. Powell died Sat. 1 Oct 2005. Service: Fri. at Ben Hur Shrine, Austin, TX (Masons). Arrangements: Cook-Walden Funeral Home. Survivors: His wife, 2 daughters, 2 sons, 2 gch. Memorial: The Scottish Rite Hospital for Children, 2222 Welborn Street, Dallas, Texas 75219-3993, and to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, c/o Shirley Villoni, 252 Red Poppy Trail, Georgetown, Texas 78628.

Note: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I page 361 (Shelton)

York News Times - Mon. 10 Oct 2005

**Rose Marie STARK, 71**

Born 19 Apr 1934, Central City, NE. Parents: Floyd Boyd & Faye Barnum. "... raised by Karl & Faye Steier." Resident of Utica (Seward Co.), NE. Died Fri. 7 Oct 2005 at Lincoln, NE. Service: Tues. at Lincoln Memorial

Funeral Home, with burial at Lincoln Memorial Park. Survivors: 5 sons (surnames Golden and Dennis), 1 daughter, a brother. Predeceased by her parents, a daughter Cathy Dennis; a brother Jack Boyd & a sister Evelyn Allen.

Grand Island Independent (abbrev) & York News Times - Thurs. 13 Oct 2005

**Berniece Mary JONES, 87**

Born 2 Aug 1918 near Silver Creek, NE. Parents: James Kershaw & Edith Palfrey. 1 Jun 1939: Married Myron "Mike" Jones at Silver Creek, NE. They farmed west of Osceola, NE. Mrs. Jones died Mon. 10 Oct 2005 at Osceola, NE. Service will be Fri. Calvary Lutheran Church, Swede Home (Polk Co.). Burial in the church cemetery, Swede Home. Survivors: 2 daughters, 3 sons, 8 gch., 2 g-gch.; a sister & a brother, a sister-in-law. Predeceased by her parents; her husband (15 Jun 1989); sister Margaret Johnson; brother Bruce Kershaw.

Grand Island Independent - Mon. 17 Oct 2005

**Norman L. SMITH, 84**

Born 17 Oct 1920 at Leigh, NE (Colfax Co.). Died Sun. 16 Oct 2005 at Central City, NE. Visitation: Tues. at Solt Funeral Home, Central City, NE. Graveside service: Tues. in Central City Cemetery. Predeceased by his wife Susie, 19 Nov 1993.

Columbus Telegram - Tues. 18 Oct 2005

**Sharlene K. SAYERS, 70**

Born 14 Oct 1935, Columbus, NE. Parents: Charles Sayers & Eva Tomazevicz. Ms. Sayers died Mon. 17 Oct 2005, at Beatrice, NE. Service: Thurs. at McKown Funeral Home, Columbus, NE. Burial: Central City Cemetery, Merrick Co., NE. Survivors: An aunt and a cousin.

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 18 Oct 2005

**Dorothy V. ZICHEK, 93**

Born 22 May 1912, Kelso, KS. Parents: George Patrick & Bessie Clymer. Raised at Ulysses, NE (Butler Co.). 28 May 1942: Married Melvin E. Zichek. After WW II, lived in Elmwood and Central City, NE. 1979: Moved to Grand Island, NE. Mrs. Zichek died Sun. 16 Oct 2005 at Grand Island, NE. Service: Thurs. at All Faiths Funeral Home. Burial in Westlawn Mausoleum. Survivor: One daughter. Predeceased by her husband (see Sept. 2005 obit), 2 sisters & a brother.

Columbus Telegram & Grand Island Independent - Wed. 19 Oct 2005

**Ella P. BREMER, 89**

Born 20 May 1916, north of Shelton, NE. Parents: William Holtz & Minnie Lade. 1933 grad. of Ravenna HS. Teacher. 14 Jun 1936: Married Jame Bremer at Zion Lutheran Church near Shelton, NE. They lived near North Loup until 1944, moved to farm 7 miles east of St. Libory, near Worms, NE. James died 25 Nov 1982 and Ella remained on the farm until 1997 when she moved to Columbus, NE. Mrs. Bremer died Mon. 17 Oct 2005 at Grand Island, NE. Service Fri. Zion Lutheran Church, Worms, NE. Burial at the church cemetery. Arrangements: Peters Funeral Home of St. Paul, NE. Survivors: 3 daughters, 2 sons, 12 gch., 33 g-gch.; 5 sisters. Predeceased by her husband; a sister, Imogene Holtz.

Note: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I pp 110 (Bader), 261 (Korte)

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 19 Oct 2005

**Madison Lynn JOHNSTON, 7 weeks** (photo)

Born 24 Aug 2005, Omaha, NE. Parents: Alan J. Schmidt of Grand Island & Maggie L Johnston of Central City, NE. Died Tues. 18 Oct 2003 at Omaha, NE. Service: Fri. Wagner Funeral Home, Central City. Burial in Central City Cemetery. Survivors: His parents, 1 brother, 3 sisters, grandparents, ... Predeceased by grandfather Bill Schutz.

Grand Island Independent & York News Times - Sat. 22 Oct 2005

**Margaret Anne MEYER NIENHUESER, 67** (photo)

Born 14 Oct 1938, Palmer, NE. Parents: Bruce Starkey & Wilhelmina "Minnie" Hild. 1956 grad. of Palmer HS.

3 Jun 1956: Married LeRoy Meyer. Lived primarily on farms near Chapman and east of Grand Island, NE. 1960: Moved to Grand Island. 1999: Married Ken Nienhueser. Mrs. Nienhueser died Thurs. 20 Oct 2005 at Hastings, NE. Visitation Sun. at All Faiths Funeral Home, Grand Island. Service: Mon. at Peace Lutheran Church. Burial: Westlawn Memorial Park Cemetery, Grand Island. Survivors: Her second husband; her mother; 2 daughters; step children; a sister & 2 brothers, 8 gch. Predeceased by her first husband (1993); her father; a son Rodney Meyer. Memorials to Peace Lutheran Church or Heartland Lutheran High School.

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Columbus Telegram - Tues. 1 Nov 2005

**Robert CYZA, 78**

Born 31 May 1927, Fullerton, NE. Parents: John Cyza & Katherine Kula. 1945 grad. of Fullerton HS. 25 Apr 1951: Married at St. Lawrence Church, Silver Creek, NE; lived in Albion, NE. 1953: Moved to Columbus, NE. Business owner. 1993: Moved to Silver Creek. Died Mon. 31 Oct 2005, Lincoln, NE. Service: Wed at United Methodist Church, Silver Creek. Burial at Silver Creek Cemetery. Arrangements: McKown Funeral Home. Survivors: His wife, a son, a daughter, a brother, 3 sisters, 2 gch. Predeceased by his parents, 2 brothers - Louis & Ted; two sisters - Esther Starostka & one that died as a child. Memorials: United Methodist Church.

Columbus Telegram - Tues. 1 Nov 2005; Grand Island Independent - Wed/ 2 Nov 2005

**Gloria Bernadine KASPAR**

Born 29 Aug 1925, Colfax Co., NE. Parnts: Joseph & Julia (Kroupa) Mares. 1942 grad. of Schuyler HS. Farmed with her father during WW II. Took flying lessons. 6 Apr 1948: Married Emerson Kaspar at Schuyler, NE. They ran his family's cafe until 1951. 1955: Purchased a farm NE of St. Edward (in Platte County). She died Sun. 30 Oct 2005 at Albion, NE. Visitation: Wed., Miller-Levander Funeral Home, St. Edward. Service: Thurs., St. Edward Catholic Church. Burisl at church cemetery. Survivors: Her husband, 6 children, 19 gch., 14 g-gch.; 3 sisters. Predeceased by her parents; her daughter Carol; gch. Michelle Werts; 6 sisters - Rose, Albina, Julia, Helen Dorothy & Gladys; 3 brothers - Edward, Victor & Joseph.

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 2 Nov 2005

**Jimmie M. KUCERA, 72**

Born 13 Feb 1933, Central City, NE. Parents: Frank Kucera & Eunice Bussart. Attended Chapman HS. 1953-59: US Army. Married Barbara Stalker in KS. Owned a service station in IL. Returned to NE, lived at North Platte. 18 Dec 1976: Married at North Platte. 1982: Moved to Central City, and in 1993 to Palmer, NE. Mr. Kucera died Sun. 30 Oct 2005 at Lincoln, NE. Service: Thurs. at Palmer Funeral Home, Palmer. Burial at later date, Rose Hill Cemetery. Survivors: His second wife, a daughter, a son, step-children, grandchildren, a brother. Predeceased by daughter Sherry Caputo, step-children Cathy and Danny Woodward, brother Marvin Kucera. Memorials: American Legion Kitchen Restoration Project, Palmer Ambulance Squad.

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 3 Nov 2005

**Wesley LANDERS, 82**

Born 17 Dec 1923 near Belgrade, NE. Parents: Louis Landers & Erna Hellbusch. 1940 grad. of Belgrade HS. WW II: US Navy. 4 Aug 1947: Married. Lived at Central City until 1960; later lived at Westminster & Wheatridge, CO. Teacher, principal. Mr. Landers died Thurs. 27 Oct 2005 at Denver, CO. Service was Mon. at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Wheatridge, CO. Burial: Fort Logan Nat'l. Cemetery, Denver, CO. Survivors: His wife, 2 sons, a daughter, 6 gch., 7 g-gch.; 2 brothers. Predeceased: his parents, daughter Debra Morris, brother LaVerne Landers, sister, Mariann Zywiec.

Grand Island Independent - Sun. 6 Nov 2005

**Lavern SHALBERG, 83**

Born 8 Aug 1922, Bloomfield, NE. Former resident of Chapman and Central City, NE. 27 Sep 1939: Married Lona. Lavern died Thurs., 3 Nov 2005 at Norman, OK. Survivors: His wife, 2 sons, 2 daughters, 5 gch., 8 g0gch., 2 gg-gch.; Predeceased by his parents; a son Jackie; a ggch.; 2 brothers, 1 sistr..

Grand Island Independent - Sun. 6 Nov 2005

**Arnold F. SCHERZBERG, 95** (photo)

Born 26 Mar 1910, Grand Island, NE. Parents: Carl Scherzberg & Anna Meier. Family moved to Sherman County in 1912. Farmer. 14 Feb 1939: Married Esther Heins at Kearney, NE. Mr. Scherzberg died Sat. 5 Nov 2005 at Loup City, NE. Visitation: Mon. at Peters Funeral Home. Service Tues. at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Loup City, NE. Burial at Evergreen Cemetery. Loup City. Survivors: 2 sons, 4 gch. Predeceased by wife (15 Apr 2002), 2 sisters - Paula (Mrs. Reinhardt) Quandt and Laura (Mrs. Walter) Quandt; 2 brothers - Edward and Alfred Scherzberg.

Note: For his Scherzberg ancestry, see Compendium of History Reminiscence & Bio. of NE page 1059. See also - 1880, 1885 & 1900 Fed. Census Vieregg Twp, Merrick Co., NE.

York News Times - Wed. 9 Nov 2005

**Clifford A. CATLETT, 85**

Born 20 Aug 1920, Central City, NE. Parents: George & Vera Catlett. WW II: US Army. 9 Oct 1943: Married at Reno, NV. Lived in Simi Valley of California until 2001 when moved to Vacaville, CA. Died there (no date given). Survivors: wife, 4 sisters. Predeceased by parents, 2 brothers, a sister ...

Columbus Telegram & Grand Island Independent - Fri. 11 Nov 2005

**LaVeta WILLIAMS, 91**

Born 25 Aug 1914: MO. Parents: Francis M. Haynes and Molly S. Karr. Moved to Clarks, NE as child. 1932 grad. Clarks HS. 5 Jun 1935: Married Clark Williams at parents' home; farmed near Clarks. Mrs. Williams died Thurs. 10 Nov 2005 at Central City, NE. Service: Sat. at Solt Funeral Home chapel. Burial at Bureau Cemetery. Survived by a daughter & a son. Predeceased by parents, spouse (27 Jun 1989), 6 brothers & 2 sisters; also her son-in-law Marland Beckstrom.

Notes: See [Bureau Cemetery](#), Lots 168 & 200.

Believe son-in-law was known as "Lee" Beckstrom". See [Bureau obits](#), this obit was supplied to us as being "related to Bureau Cemetery", but we find no cemetery record for the surname.

Grand Island Independent - Sun. 13 Nov 2005; York News Times - Mon. 14 Nov 2005

**Dorothy May GRABOWSKI, 87**

Born 29 Jul 1918, Merrick Co., NE. Parents: Clyde E. Rice & Katherine Demel. 1936 grad. of CCHS. 31 Aug 1940: Married Arnold Grabowski at Lincoln, NE. Mrs. Grabowski died Fri. 11 Nov 2005, York, NE. Rosary: Wed. at Metz Chapel, York, NE. Service: Thurs. at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, York. Burial in the church cemetery (east of York). Survivors: 6 sons, 11 gch.; 2 brothers. Predeceased by husband, parents and 2 brothers - Harold and Ralph Rice.

Note: For one sibling see History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I page 335 (E Rice)

Fremont Tribune - Tues. 15 Nov 2005

**Dorothy M. PIERCE, 86**

Born 20 Feb 1919 on farm near Silver Creek, NE. Parents: Adam Wielgus & Josephine Zuroski. Had lived at North Bend, NE. Died Wed. 9 Nov 2005 at Breckenridge, MN.

Notes: Have only a fragment of the obit. Dorothy can be found in 1920 census with her family at Prairie Creek Twp, Nance, NE - ED171 p4B D76 F76

Columbus Telegram - Sun. 20 Nov 2005

**Donald EVERETT, 76**

Born: 30 Aug 1929, Central City, NE. Parents: James C. Everett Sr. & Maye Hill. Educated at Grand Prairie, TX. 1948: Moved to Columbus, NE. Truck driver, business owner. 12 Mar 1950: Married at St. John's Lutheran Church, Shell Creek (near Columbus). Died Wed. 16 Nov 2005, at Lincoln, NE. Visitation: Sun., Gass Haney Funeral Home. Service: Mon. at St. Paul's Lutheran Church near Leigh, NE. Burial at church cemetery. Survivors: His wife, 3 daughters, 2 sons, 10 gch.; 2 half sisters, 1 half brother. Predeceased by his parents.

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 22 Nov 2005

**Lola Mae HOBACK, 93** (photo)

Born 8 Jan 1912, Merrick Co., NE. Parents: David Beck & Fern Trullinger. Grad. of Clarks HS. Teacher. 23 Aug 1936: Married Ed Hoback at Litchfield, NE. They farmed in Merrick Co., NE. Following Ed's death (31 Jan 1991), Lola moved to Clarks; moved to Osceola in 2002. Mrs. Hoback died Sun. 20 Nov 2005 at Osceola, NE. Visitation & Service: Wed. at United Presbyterian Church, Central City, NE. Burial: Westlawn Cemetery, Grand Island, NE. Arrangements; Solt Funeral Home. Survivors: 3 daughters, a son, 15 gch.; 9 g-gch., 2 gg-gch. Predeceased by husband, parents, daughter Joyce Metzler, brother Harold Beck and sister Helen Fleshman. Memorials: United Presbyterian Church in Central City or Good Samaritan Home, Osceola, NE. Note: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I pp 235 (Hoback), 273 (Lindgreen)

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 24 Nov 2005, Aurora News Register - Tues. 29 Nov 2005

**Emma M. FREESE, 66** (photo)

Born 10 Oct 1939, Mitchell (Scotts Bluff Co.), NE. Parents: John Bibbey & Nellie Bennett. 2 Dec 1967: Married Donald L. Freese at Hastings, NE. 1980: Moved to Central City, NE. Mrs. Freese died Tues. 22 Nov 2005 at home. Visitation Fri. at Wagner Funeral Home. Service: Sat. at United Methodist Church, Central City. Burial at later date, in Central City Cemetery. Survivors: Her spouse, 2 sons, a daughter, 8 gch.; a sister and 3 brothers. Predeceased by her parents & an infant daughter Peggy; 2 brothers - Vernon and James "Pat" Bibbey. Memorials: Central City Senior Center.

Grand Island Independent - Fri. 25 Nov 2005

**Alma Helene DAMMANN, 89**

Born 3 Feb 1916, St. Libory (Howard Co.), NE. Parents: Fred N. Peters & Emma Luebbe. 21 Sep 1933: Married Arnold C. Dammann at Zion Lutheran Church, Worms, NE. He died after their 70th Anniversary. Mrs. Dammann died Thurs. 24 Nov 2005 at St. Paul, NE. Service: Mon. at Zion Lutheran Church, Worms, NE. Burial at church cemetery. Arrangements: Peters Funeral Home, St. Paul. Survivors: 2 daughters, a son, 5 gch., 8 g-gch.; a sister. Predeceased by husband, parents; son-in-law Robert Frauen; 5 brothers - Henry, Herman, William, Walter & Edward Peters; 3 sisters - Mamie Scheer, Meta Schmidt & Frieda Bader. Memorials to the church or the Lutheran Hour. Note: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I pp 319 (WF Peters), 349 (O&M Scheer). Obit of brother William, 1997.

Aurora News Register - Tues. 29 Nov 2005

**Earl Eugene "Gene" McHargue, 95**

Born 3 Mar 1910, Central City, NE. Parents: Earl McHargue & Pearl Disney. 1928 grad. of Central City HS. WW II: US Navy. Worked for International Paper Co. 7 Apr 1951: Married Aline Clare Heckman at Lincoln, NE. Retired to Roswell, NM in 1975. Moved to Grand Island, NE in 1991; then to Aurora, NE in 2001. Died Mon. 21 Nov 2005 at Aurora, NE. Service: 25 Nov 2005 at United Methodist Church, Central City, NE. Burial: CC Cemetery. Predeceased by his parents; his wife; 3 brothers - William, Edward & Bernard McHargue; a sister - LaVerne Christensen. Notes: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I p 296 (McHargue-Dizney), and Who's Who in Nebraska, 1940 - Merrick Co chapter, p 817

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Columbus Telegram - Thurs. 1 Dec 2005

**Raymond F. BERNT, 92**

Born 7 Oct 1913, Platte Center, NE. Parents: Gustav Bernt & Theresa Greisen. 14 Oct 1937: Married Catherine Good at Central City, NE. WW II: US Navy. Owned business in Columbus, NE. Died Wed. 23 Nov 2005 at Jacksonville, Arkansas. Visitation Fri. at Gass Haney Funeral Home, Columbus, NE. Service Sat. at St. Isidore Catholic Church. Burial: St. Bonaventure Catholic Cemetery, Columbus, NE.

Grand Island Independent - Fri. 2 Dec 2005

**Leona C. SCHULLER, 97** (photo)

Born 23 Feb 1908, Phillips, NE. Parents: Henry Schimmer & Anna Scheel. Grad. of Phillips HS. 9 Aug 1933: Married Albert Schuller at Grand Island, NE. They lived on farm near there; later moved to Grand Island. Her husband passed away. 1990: She moved to Central City, NE. Mrs. Schuller died Wed. 30 Nov 2005 at Central City. Visitation Sun. at Livingston-Sondermann Funeral Home. Service: Mon. at St. Pauls Lutheran Church, Grand Island. Burial at City Cemetery. Survivors: 2 sons, 2 daughters, 15 gch., 42 g-gch., 28 gg-gch. Predeceased by her husband, 2 brothers, Emil & Elmer Schimmer; a sister, Hilda Stueven, 2 sons-in-law. Memorials: St. Pauls Lutheran Church or Litzenberg Long Term Care (Central City).

Grand Island Independend - Sun. 4 Dec 2005 (abbrev.); York News Times - Mon. 5 Dec 2005

**Elizabeth E. YUNGDAHL, 95**

Born 4 Jun 1910, Buffalo Co., NE. Parents: John Kriha & Sophie Pokorney. Owned a beauty shop in Silver Creek, NE. About 1940: Married Walt Yungdahl at Pender, NE. They farmed near Osceola; moved into town in 1978. Walt died 25 Apr 1989. Mrs. Yungdahl died Fri. 2 Dec 2005 at Osceola, NE. Service: Mon. at United Methodist Church. Burial: Osceola Cemetery. Arrangements: Dubas Funeral Home of Osceola & Stromsburg. Survivors: 2 sons, and 2 sisters. Predeceased by her husband, parents and 3 brothers.

Aurora News Register - Tues. 6 Dec 2005

**Warren "Russell" KORTUM, 53**

Born 3 Aug 1952, Central City, NE. Parents: James Frederick Kortum & Margaret Ann Collingwood. 1970 grad. of Hordville HS. 26 Apr 1972: Married at Polk, NE. Construction worker, farmer, business owner. Baptist. Mr. Kortum died 28 Nov 2005 at Lincoln, NE. Service: 3 Dec, Solt Funeral Home, Central City. Burial: Chapman Cemetery. Survivors: His wife, 2 daughters, 5 gch.; 2 sisters, and a brother. Predeceased by his parents, infant brother James F. Kortum, Jr. and a grandson, Logan James Klute. Note: Parents and grandson are buried at Chapman Cemetery, see on-line files.

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 7 Dec 2005

**Emma M. ANDERSON, 83** (photo)

Born 24 Oct 1922, St. Libory, NE. Parents: Albert Schmidt & Florence Noehrn. "... baptized and confirmed at Zion Lutheran Church in Worms ... attended school in Worms." 14 Feb 1943: Married Robert W. Anderson at Stockton, CA. Lived on ranch in NE sandhills, at Grand Island, and then North Platte, NE. Mrs. Anderson died Mon. 5 Dec 2005, Kearney, NE. Visitation: Wed. at Adams & Swanson Funeral Home. Service: Thurs. at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church. Survivors: daughters, gch.; 2 sisters. Predeceased by her husband & an infant son; 2 brothers: Albert & Loren Schmidt. Memorials: Our Redeemer Lutheran Church.

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 7 Dec 2005

**Wendell McIntOSH, 71** (photo)

Born 29 May 1934, Cherry Co., NE. Parents: Enoch McIntosh & Delia Long. 1936: Family moved to ranch near Mullen, NE. 1957-59 & 1961-62: US Army. 1959: Married first time. Lived at Mullen, Lexington, & Grand Island, NE. 1977: Married second time; moved to Henry, WY. 1986: Moved to Archer, NE and in 1990 to Palmer, NE. Mr. McIntosh died Mon. 5 Dec 2005 at St. Paul, NE. Visitation: Thurs. at Palmer Funeral Home. Service will be Fri at Mullen Methodist Church, Mullen, NE. Burial in Cedarview Cemetery, Mullen. Survivors: His second wife; 3 sons, 4 daughters, 17 gch.; a brother, a sister.

Kearney Hub & Grand Island Independent - Fri. 9 Dec 2005

**Harold Gerht "Pete" BROHMAN, 92**

Born 16 May 1913 on farm near Spring Creek, north of Clarks, NE. Parents: Frances Brohman & Amelia Dickman. 1935: Married Nita Booth, who died in 1980. Lived in Callaway and later, in Broken Bow, NE. Married a second time. Died Tues. 6 Dec 2005 at Lincoln, NE. Visitation is today at Govier Brothers Mortuary, Broken Bow, NE. Service will be Sat. at United Methodist Church, Callaway, NE. Burial in Rosehill Cemetery, Callaway. Survivors: His second wife, 2 sons, 1 daughter, 8 gch., 9 g-gch.

Grand Island Independent & Kearney Hub - Fri. 9 Dec 2005; Aurora News Register - Tues. 13 Dec 2005

**Elsmer L. KUSKIE, 86** (photo)

Born 5 Aug 1919, Central City, NE. Parents: William Kuskie & Laurie Hilderbrand. 30 Aug 1940: Married at Central City, NE. Farmer. Died Wed. 7 Dec 2005, Central City. Service will be Mon. at Wagner Funeral Home. Burial in Central City Cemetery. Survivors: His wife, a son, a daughter, 5 gch., 7 g-gch.; a brother. Predeceased by his parents; 2 sisters - Marge Kuskie & Donnal Schmidt; a brother Leon. Memorials to Central City United Methodist Church.

Note: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I pp 265-6 (Kuskie) and 415 (Zichek); 1920 Fed. Census NE ED157 p6B D128 F128: Lone Tree Twp, Merrick, NE(w/p); 1930 Fed. Census NE ED61-7 p7b D161 F162: Lone Tree Twp, Merrick, NE (w/p).

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 10 Dec 2005

**George McHARGUE, 81** (photo)

Born 13 Dec 1923, Central City, NE. Parents: Abajah McHargue & Ada Mae (Dungan) Collins. Grad of Central City HS. 26 Jun 1948: Married in Grand Island, NE. Lived in Dannebrog (Howard Co.), NE. Insurance salesman, business owner. Died Thurs. 8 Dec at Grand Island. Visitation: Sun. at Jacobsen-Greenway Funeral Home in St. Paul. Memorial service will be Mon. at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, Dannebrog. Survivors: His wife, a son, daughters, 9 gch., g-gch. Predeceased by his parents; 4 brothers - Harry Collins, John, Earl & Hiram McHargue; 2 sisters - Lucy Owens & Myrtle Grant. Memorials: Dannebrog EMTs, Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, or the Alzheimer's Association.

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 10 Dec 2005

**Evelyn Mina REECE, 96**

Born 10 Oct 1909 near Palmer, NE. Parents: Elmer C. Reece & Mina Knapp. 1927 grad. of Fullerton HS. Teacher, computer trainer. Lived & worked in NY City; Chicago, IL; Des Moines, IA; Denver, CO and Zurich, Switzerland. Returned to live at Denver, CO. Died Wed. 7 Dec 2005 at Englewood, CO. Visitation & service will be at Palmer Funeral Home, Palmer, NE. Burial in Rose Hill Cemetery. Predeceased by her parents; her twin brother Elmer (at age one), 3 sisters - Lois Smith, Rena Gayman and Fannie Patton.

Note: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I pp 259 (Knapp-Dugger), 331 (Reece)

Columbus Telegram - Sun. 18 Dec 2005

**Josephine "Josie" BECK, 90**

Born 2 Nov 1915, Genoa, Nance, NE. Parents: Metro Beck & Mary Dyrbala. Grew up in Clarks, NE; lived in Columbus & West Point, NE. Died Fri. 16 Dec 2005 at West Point, NE. Visitation: Mon.-Tues. at McKown Funeral Home, Columbus, NE. Service will be Tues. at St. Anthony's Catholic Church, Columbus. Burial: St. Peters Cemetery, Clarks, NE. Survivors: 4 sisters, 2 brothers. Predeceased by her parents, 4 brothers, 2 sisters.

Notes: See 1920 Fed. Census NE ED156 p8B D50 F51: Clarksville Twp, Merrick, NE; and 1930 Fed. Census NE ED61-6 p6b D141 F141: Clarksville Twp, Merrick, NE (both with parents).

Grand Island Independent - Sun. 18 Dec 2005

**Elmer J. Killion "Junior", 74** (photo)

Born 9 Jun 1931, Grand Island, Hall, NE. Parents: Elmer Killion & Anna Giesenhagen. Farmer. Korean War: US Marine Corps. 26 Oct 1957: Married at Palmer. Died Fri. 16 Dec 2005, Grand Island, NE. Service will be Mon. at United Methodist Church, Palmer, NE. Burial in Rose Hill Cemetery, Palmer. Arrangements by Palmer Funeral Home. Survivors: His wife, 2 sons, 2 daughters, 7 gch.; 2 brothers, 3 sisters. Predeceased by his parents; an infant son Kenneth; & grandson, Joseph Davis.

Columbus Telegram - Sun. 18 Dec 2005; Fremont Tribune - Mon. 19 Dec 2005; Grand Island Independent - Tues. 20 Dec 2005

**Grace C. WILCOX, 80**

Born 4 Sep 1925, St. Edward, NE. Parents: Frank Campain & Katherine Heltenberg. 1942 grad. St. Edward HS. 1 May 1946: Married John "Jack" Reed at Central City, NE. He died 31 Mar 1955. 5 Apr 1956: Married second to Marvin Wilcox at Columbus, NE. He died 12 Apr 2005. Mrs. Wilcox died Fri. 16 Dec 2005 at Genoa,

NE. Service: Tues. United Methodist Church, Silver Creek. Burial at Silver Creek Cemetery. Arrangements: McKown Funeral Home. Survivors: 7 sons, 1 daughter, 25 gch., 22 g-gch; 2 sisters, 1 brother. Predeceased by 2 husbands; an infant son; 3 sisters - Jane Grosch, Vernetta Harrington, and Loretta Meyer. Notes: Her parents - Nance County Marriage Record Bk 4 p182 #445. Look for them in 1920 Fed. Census NE ED164 p9A D73 F73: Beaver Twp, Nance, NE (Grace not yet born).

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 20 Dec 2005

**Roger D. CARLSON, 76**

Born 4 Dec 1929 near Hordville, NE. Parents: E.A. & Blanche Carlson. Died 10 Dec 2005. Service was 12 Dec. at Estey, Munroe & Fahey Funeral Home in Owego, NY. Burial will be at Tioga Cemetery. Survived by wife, 3 sons, and a sister living at Clarks, NE.

Note: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I pp 150 (EA Carlson), 363 (EL Shoup)

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 22 Dec 2005

**Donald A. SCHIPMAN, 70** (photo)

Born 26 Jun 1935, Merrick Co., NE. Parents: Reinhardt Schipman & Frieda Scheer. 1953 grad. of St. Paul HS (Howard Co.) 29 Dec 1962: Married (second time) at Grand Island, NE. Farmed north of Worms, and worked in construction. 1980: Aksarben 100 Year Family Farm Award. Died 20 Dec 2005, St. Libory, NE. Visitation: Thurs. at Livingston-Sondermann Funeral Home, Grand Island. Servicewill be Fri. at Zion Lutheran Church, Worms, NE. Burial in the church cemetery. Survivors: His wife, 2 sons, a daughter; 7 gch.; a brother. Predeceased by brother Leonard; an infant sister, a grandson. Memorials to the church.

Note: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I pp 350-1

Grand Island Independent obit - Sat. 24 Dec 2005

**Elvira Clark BLACKLEDGE, 71**

Former resident of Grand Island & North Platte, NE. Died Thurs. 22 Dec at Central City, NE. Service Tues. at Adams & Swanson Chapel (North Platte, NE?). Burial: Fort McPherson National Cemetery, Maxwell, NE. Survived by a son and 6 daughters (surname McIntosh); a brother Oliver Karr of Houston. Predeceased by 3 husbands: Marvin McIntosh, Edward Clark and Elmer Blackledge.

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 31 Dec 2005

**Beulah Solomon Funk JENSEN, 81** (photo)

Born: 28 Sep 1924, Grand Island, NE. Parents: Floyd A. Peterson & Bessie Thompson. Grew up near Palmer, NE. 24 Apr 1943: Married Ernest E. Solomon. Ernest died 3 Jan 1977. Married Art Funk and lived in Central City, NE. Retired to TX, then moved to St. Paul, NE. Art died 19 Jan 1996. 15 Oct 1997: Married third to Buster P. Jensen, and lived in Wolbach, NE. Mrs. Jenson died Thurs. 29 Dec 2005 at St. Paul, NE. Visitation will be Mon. at Solt Funeral Home, Central City, NE. Burial at later date - Burke Cemetery. Survivors: Her 3rd husband, a son, 2 daughters. 8 gch.; a brother, 5 sisters. Predeceased by 2 husbands, and a grandson, Randy Poss. Memorials to Wolbach Rescue Squad.

Note: Parents are buried at Rose Hill Cemetery, Palmer, NE.

Grand Island Independent (abbrev); Columbus Telegram (death notice), York News Times - Sat. 31 Dec 2005

**David DeVon JOHNSON, 48**

Born 2 May 1957, Osceola, NE. Parents: Devon Johnson & Ruth Sigler. 1975 grad. of Stromsburg HS. 5 Sep 1986: Married in Polk Co., NE. Farmer, welder. Died Fri. 30 Dec 2005, Clarks, NE. Visitation: Sun., Dubas Funeral Home, Stromsburg, NE. Service: Mon. at Salem Lutheran Church near Stromsburg, NE. Burial: Stromsburg Cemetery. Survivors: His parents, his wife, a son, a sister. Predeceased by his grandparents: Harlan & Mabel Johnson; Dewey & Mildred Sigler; father-in-law Lawrence Johnson.



## 2006 - Obits

### 'Related to Merrick Co., NE'

Grand Island Independent - Sun. 1 Jan 2006

**Jean C. JANKY, 66**

Born 4 Oct 1939 (no birthplace given). Parents: Martin Bray & Sarah Skaife. Attended Grand Island HS. 19 Nov 1960: Married Ron Janky at Grand Island, NE. They lived on farms near Central City and St. Paul, NE. Mrs. Janky died Fri. 30 Dec 2005 at Grand Island, NE. Visitation: Mon. at Apfel Funeral Home, Grand Island. Service: Tues. at St. Mary's Cathedral in Grand Island. Burial in Westlawn Memorial Park Cemetery, Grand Island, NE. Survivors: Her husband, 3 sons, a daughter, 4 gch; a brother. Predeceased by her parents; brother Les Bray, and 4 sisters - Virginia, Evelyn, Bobbie & Lois.

Notes: For husband, see History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I p244. For obits of siblings see Lois Hansen (GI Independent, 26 Dec 1997) and Evelyn Arnold (GI Independent, 24 Mar 2004).

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 3 Jan 2006

**Lois R. URBACH, 86** (photo)

Born 25 Jul 1919, Chapman, NE. Parents: Otto Rembolt & Emma Fuehrer. Grad. Chapman HS. Teacher (in Iowa). 16 Jun 1946: Married Richard Urbach at Grand Island, NE. They lived in York, NE and Naperville, IL. Then served parishes in Fullerton, Fremont and Callaway, NE. 1984: Retired to Grand Island, NE. Mrs. Urbach died Sat. 1 Dec 2005 at Grand Island, NE. Visitation will be Wed. at Apfel Funeral Home, Grand Island. Service Thurs. at Faith United Methodist Church. Burial in Grand Island City Cem. Survivors: Her husband, 2 sons, a daughter, 8 gch., 6 g-gch. Predeceased by a son Ray Urbach; her parents, a brother & a sister. Memorials to the church.

Notes: Obit of son Raymond, see archives of GI Independent for 2 Apr 2004. Her parents: Merrick Co. Marriage Record Book G p224 #2757

Grand Island Independent obit - Thurs. 5 Jan 2006

**Jean Alice ZURFLUH, 87**

Born 8 Feb 1918, Central City, NE. Parents: Omar Travis & Anna Elitz. Died 12 Dec 2005 at Sioux City, Iowa. Service was 16 Dec 2005 at Calvary Episcopal Church. Burial in Memorial Park Cemetery. Survivors: A daughter & a sister. Predeceased by her husband Carl Zurfluh, who died 22 Apr 1995.

Notes: For siblings - Merrick Co. Marriage Records Book I p582 #I-582; and Central City Cem. Directory. See also History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I pp 394-5 (Wagner)

Columbus Telegram - Tues. 10 Jan 2006

**Arthur L. GABRIEL, 88**

Born 10 Aug 1917, Polk Co., NE. Parents: John Gabriel & Cecelia Jaax. Veteran of WW II. Farmer. 22 May 1951: Married at Clarks, NE. They lived on family farm until 1991 when moved to Shelby, NE. 2002: Moved to Columbus, NE. Mr. Gabriel died Sat. 7 Jan 2006, Lincoln, NE. Visitation is today at McKown Funeral Home, Columbus. Service: Wed. at St. Isidore Catholic Church. Burial in All Saints Cemetery, Columbus, NE. Survivors: His wife; a son, 3 daughters, 13 gch., 3 g-gch; 2 sisters, 2 sisters-in-law. Predeceased by his parents, 2 grandsons (Christopher Gabriel & Ryan Jablonski); a sister Emma (George) Ebel; 2 brothers - Albert & Ernest Gabriel; 2 brothers-in-law - Henry Ebel & Leonard Hiemer; a sister-in-law Alnetta (Bob) Topinka.

Grand Island Independent - Fri. 13 Jan 2006

**Viola "Pearl" HOOKER, 97** (photo)

Born 11 Mar 1908, Phillips (Hamilton Co.), NE. Parents: Charles B. Cogil & Godie A. Arnett. 1926 grad. of Phillips HS. 6 Jul 1933: Married Orville Edgar Hooker at Central City, NE. They lived at Phillips. Mr. Hooker is deceased. Mrs. Hooker died Wed. 11 Jan 2006 at Grand Island, NE. Visitation: Fri. at Higby-McQuiston Mortuary, Aurora, NE. Service: Sat. at Phillips United Methodist Church. Burial in Phillips Cemetery. Survivors:

A son, 3 daughters, 17 gch., 23 g-gch. Predeceased by her husband; a son Ronald; son-in-law Russell Lenz; 4 brothers & 2 sisters.

Grand Island Independent - Sun. 15 Jan 2006

**Elsie SVITAK, 99**

Born 3 Oct 1906, near Farwell (Howard Co.), NE. Parents: Frank Dobish & Marie Tesarek. 7 Oct 1930: Married Adolph "Ed" Svitak. They farmed near Archer until 1940, then moved to farm near Chapman. Mr. Svitak died 16 May 1974, and she remained on the farm. Mrs. Svitak died Thurs. 12 Jan 2006 at Grand Island, NE. Service will be Tues. at Kleine Funeral Home Chapel. Burial in Westlawn Memorial Park Cemetery, Grand Island, NE. Survivors: A son & a daughter, 6 gch., ... Predeceased by her husband; a son-in-law, Donald Fay; granddaughter Denise Fay; 3 brothers - John, William & James Dobish. Memorials: Elsie Svitak Memorial Fund.

Grand Island Independent (photo) and Kearney Hub (abbrev.) - Tues. 17 Jan 2006

**Monte Philip PROCHASKA, 53**

Born 4 Apr 1952, Grand Island, NE. Parents: William J. Prochaska & Billie Ruth Rogers. 1970 grad. of Palmer HS. Married in 1972; lived in St. Paul, NE. BS in Computer Technology from UNK. Moved to Cozad, NE. Died Sat. 14 Jan 2006 at Grand Island, NE. Service: Sat. at Solt Funeral Home, Central City, NE. Burial in Central City Cemetery. Survivors: A son, his mother & step-father, a sister, 3 step-brothers. Predeceased by his father; a brother William J. Prochaska II; a brother-in-law Tony Koenig.

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 18 Jan 2006

**Aunilee I. KISER, 85** (photo)

Born: 22 Apr 1920, Archer, NE. Parents: Loren Brannan & Iona Shull. 1938 grad. Archer HS. 21 Apr 1939: Married Marvin R. Kiser at Smith Center, KS. They farmed near Central City & Archer, NE. Mrs. Kiser moved to Central City in 1996; to Hastings in 2004; she died there 16 Jan 2006. Service will be Thurs at Wagner Funeral Home, Central City. Burial in Central City Cemetery. Survivors: A son, 3 daughters, 15 gch., 18 g-gch.; 1 brother & 2 sisters. Predeceased by her parents; her husband (died in Feb 1994); a son Gerald Kiser. Memorials to Central City United Methodist Church.

Note: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I pp 136 (Brannan), 258-9 (Kiser)

Grand Island Independent (photo) - Thurs. 19 Jan 2006; Aurora News Register - Tues. 24 Jan 2006

**Carl Adolf JOHNSON, 89**

Born 30 Sep 1916 on farm west of Central City, NE. Parents: Claus Oscar Reinhold Johnson & Alma Natali Gustafson. Lived on a farm west of Hordville (Hamilton Co.). 12 Jan 1941: Married in Hamilton County. 1981: Moved to Lincoln, NE. Oct 2003: Moved to Central City, NE. Mr. Johnson died Tues. 17 Jan 2006. Visitation: Fri at Wagner Funeral Home in Central City. Service: Sat. at Fridhem Lutheran Church, Hordville. Burial in Hordville Cemetery. Survivors: His wife, 3 sons, 9 gch., 11 g-gch. Memorials to Merrick Manor, Litzenberg Long Term Care or the Fridhem Lutheran Church.

Note: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I page 248.

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 24 Jan 2006

**Martha "Evelyn" FOSBURY, 90**

Born 28 Jan 1915, Clarks, NE. Grad. of NE Wesleyan University & Northwestern University. Teacher, violinist. Died Sat. 21 Nov 2005, Lincoln, NE. Visitation: Wed. 25 Jan 2006, Roper & Sons, 4300 "O" St. Service will be Thurs. 26 Jan 2006 at Clarks Methodist Church, Clarks, NE. Burial in Clarks Cemetery. Survivors: A niece & a nephew. Predeceased by brother Walter J. Fosbury.

Note: For her parents see Who's Who in Nebraska 1940, Merrick County chapter, p 815

Columbus Telegram - Thurs. 26 Jan 2006

**Vera BECK, 74**

Born: 27 Jan 1931, Shelby, NE. Parents: Julius Cerny & Alberta Glaubitz. 1948 grad. of Osceola HS. Attended NE Christian College. Teacher. 13 Oct 1955: Married Walter Beck at Silver Creek, NE. Lived in Clarks until

1985 when moved to Columbus. Mrs. Beck died Mon. 23 Jan 2006 in Omaha, NE. Visitation is today at McKown Funeral Home, Columbus. Service: Fri. at St. Isidore Catholic Church, Columbus. Burial in Osceola Cemetery, Osceola, NE. Survivors: Her husband, 1 son, 4 daughters, 24 gch., and 13 g-gch; 2 brothers and 3 sisters. Predeceased by her parents, 2 brothers - Julius Jr. & Alvin Cerny; 2 sisters: Irene Schmidt & Dorothy Czarnick.

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 28 Jan 2006

**Francis Dwight REED, 72**

Born: 14 May 1933, Central City, NE. Parents: Frank D. Reed & Leona Smith. Died Fri. 27 Jan 2006 at Grand Island, NE. Visitation: Tues. at Solt Funeral Home, Central City, NE. Graveside service: Tues. at Central City Cemetery. Survivors: A sister & 2 brothers.

Grand Island Independent - Sun. 29 Jan 2006

**Thomas R. "Tom" STUART, 91** (photo)

Born 29 Apr 1914, Central City, NE. Parents: John "Jack" Stuart & Edna Mae Whittemore. 1932 grad. of Central City schools. 25 May 1938: Married. They lived at Lincoln, & Omaha. WW II: US Navy (diver). After war, lived in Falls City, NE until 1951 when moved to Grand Island, NE. Mr. Stuart died Sat. 28 Jan 2006 at the Veteran's Home. Remains will be cremated. Private service. Arrangements by All Faiths Funeral Home. Survivors: His wife, 2 daughters, 1 son, gch. Memorials to Parkinson's disease research.

Note: Parents - see Merrick Co. Marriage Records Book E p 320 #2136

Columbus Telegram (abbrev.) & Grand Island Independent - Tues. 31 Jan 2006

**Rose BETTS, 85**

Born 27 Feb 1920 near Havens, NE. Parents: Charles F. Shepherd & Etta. V. Antrim. Married Kenneth Colby, who died 29 Oct 1962. Married Frank Betts, who died 27 Oct 1984. Mrs. Betts died Sun. 29 Jan 2006 at Central City, NE. Memorial service will be Thurs. at United Methodist Church, Clarks, NE. Arrangements by Solt Funeral Home, Central City. Survivors: a step-son.

Note: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I pp 108 (Antrim-Shepherd), 120 (FK Betts).

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Columbus Telegram - Wed. 1 Feb 2006

**Winfred G. LESLIE, 78**

Born 17 Feb 1927, Clarks, NE. Parents: Noah Leslie & Bessie Zarek. Attended school in Genoa, NE. 1945-47: US Army. 1 Jan 1948: Married at Fremont, NE. Lived in Columbus, NE. Methodist. Mr. Leslie died Mon. 30 Jan 2006 at Columbus. Service: Thurs. at Gass Haney Funeral Home. Burial: Roselawn Memorial Park. Survivors: wife, mother, 2 sons, 2 daughters, 5 gch.; a step-brother & 2 step-sisters. Predeceased by his father, and his step-father Ross Irish.

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 1 Feb 2006

**Jimmie Lee "Jim" STOLTENBERG, 68**

Born 28 Oct 1937, Grand Island, NE. Parents: W.H. "Jim" & Lorraine L (Knuth) Stoltenberg. Family lived in Hastings, NE; moved to Ravenna about 1942. 1956 grad. of Ravenna HS. Served in US Navy. 25 Jan 1963: Married Virginia K. Sklenar at Ravenna. They lived at Central City, NE. Virginia died 3 Mar 2005. Jim died Mon., 30 Jan 2006 at hospital in Grand Island, NE. Memorial service will be Fri. at Solt Funeral Hom. Burial in Grand Island City Cemetery. Survivors: A daughter, a son, gch.; his mother; a sister. Predeceased by his wife, his father, a brother Jack.

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 4 Feb 2006; Scottsbluff Star Herald - Sun. 5 Feb 2006

**Rogene I. ECKER, 68**

Born 25 Nov 1937, St. Libory, NE. Parents: Albert Kamper & Emma Scheibe. 1956 grad. CCHS. Married Raymond Berney; had 2 daughters. 3 Feb 1979: married LLOYD E. Ecker. They lived at Clarks, NE. Died Wed. 1 Feb 2006, Central City, NE. Service will be Tues. at Solt Funeral Home Chapel, Central City. Burial in

Central City Cemetery. Survivors: 2 daughters, 4 gch., a brother & 3 sisters. Predeceased by her parents; first husband Lloyd; brothers - Verle, Charles, Clinton, Wayne, & Roger (infancy); sisters - Dorothy Morrow & Marva Morel.

Grand Island Independent - Sun. 5 Feb 2006

**Maxine I SCHMIDT, 75**

Born 3 Sep 1930 on farm near Chapman, NE. Parents: Henry & Margaret (Weck) Friedrichsen. Raised south of St. Paul, NE. 18 Sep 1946: Married Dale G. Schmidt at Hiawatha, KS. They lived at St. Paul; moved to St. Libory in 1991. Avon representative. Maxine died Fri. 3 Feb 2006 at St. Paul, NE. Service will be Mon., Christ Lutheran Church, St. Paul. Burial in Elmwood Cemetery, St. Paul. Survivors: Her husband; 2 sons, a daughter, 7 gch.; a brother. Predeceased by her parents, 3 brothers - Melvin, Urvn & Harry; a son Delbert. Memorials to St. Francis Hospice or St. Libory Volunteer Fire Department.

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 7 Feb 2006

**Elwin H. FERRIS, 88**

Born 7 Aug 1917, Merrick Co., NE. Parents: Lee J. Ferris & Eva Hathaway. 1935 grad. Central City HS. Attended UNL for 2 yrs. 9 Mar 1941: Married Lucile M. Pressler at Cairo, NE. Farmed north of Central City, until moved to town in 1983. Dec 2004: Moved to Lincoln. He died Sun. 5 Feb 2006 at Lincoln, NE. Visitation: Thurs. at Wagner Funeral Home, Central City. Service: Fri. at Fairview United Methodist Church. Burial private. Survivors: His wife, 2 sons, 2 daughters, 12 gch.; a brother, 2 sisters. Predeceased by his parents; a brother & sister-in-law Rex & Donna Ferris; infant sister Mary Elizabeth Ferris.

Notes: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I pp 188, 190, 324. See also - 1920 Fed. Census NE ED161 p3A F14: Midland Twp, Merrick, NE (w/p); 1930 Fed. Census NE ED61-11 p2a D34 F34: Midland Twp, Merrick, NE (w/p). Wife died 12 Feb 2007.

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 8 Feb 2006

**Milton Dale SUCK, 81** (photo)

Born: 3 Sep 1924 near Palmer, NE. Parents: Albert John Suck & Martha Marie Wegner. 1942 grad. of Palmer HS. 1945-46: US Army. 28 Aug 1949: Married Darlene Jones at Central City, NE. They farmed near Palmer, then moved to town in 1960. Mail carrier. Died Sun. 5 Feb 2006 at St. Paul (Howard Co.), NE. Visitation: Thurs. at Jacobsen-Greenway Funeral Home, St. Paul. Service: Sat. at United Methodist Church, Palmer, NE. Burial in Archer Community Cemetery. Survivors: 2 daughter, 7 gch. Predeceased by his wife, and by son Marshall Suck Collins. Also deceased are 5 sisters - Esther Goerl, Dorothy Conway, Mildred Rawllings, Elberta Chestnut & Bernice Brandes. Memorials to the Church, Palmer EMTs or Archer Community Cemetery.

Note: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I page 380. See also 1930 Fed. Census NE ED61-9 p5b: Loup Twp, Merrick, NE (w/p).

Columbus Telegram, Grand Island Independent, Norfolk Daily News - Thurs. 9 Feb 2006

**Ned POWERS, Jr., 81**

Born 18 Oct 1924, Silver Creek, NE. Parents: Ned Powers Sr. & Madeline Pennington. 1943 grad. Silver Creek HS. WW II: US Army Air Corps. 26 Jan 1946: Married at Venango (Perkins Co.), NE. They lived in WY and Columbus, NE. 1950: Returned to Silver Creek, NE. Truck driver, gas station operator. Died Tues., 7 Feb 2006 at Columbus, NE. Service will be Sat. at United Methodist Church, Silver Creek, NE. Burial in Silver Creek Cemetery. Arrangements by McKown Funeral Home. Survivors: His wife, 3 sons, 1 daughter, 7 gch., 3 g-gch.; 2 brothers, 1 sister. Predeceased by his parents; a son Kenneth Ned Powers, & a grandson Scott James Powers.

Note: See 1930 Fed. Census NE ED61-14 p2b D51 F52: Silver Creek Village, Merrick, NE. His parents - see History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I p318 (Pennington).

Grand Island Independent - Sun. 12 Feb 2006; Norfolk Daily News - Wed. 22 Feb 2006

**Everett Harold WATT, 80** (photo)

Born: 15 Dec 1925, Clarks, NE. Parents: Henry Watt & Edith Nielsen. 1926: Baptized at Fremont, NE. 1940:

Confirmed at Scottsbluff, NE. 1943 grad. Harrisburg HS (Banner Co.). WW II and Korean War - US Navy. 1955: Married at Worms, NE. 1957 grad. of Concordia Teachers College, Seward, NE. Teacher, worked in TX, MN, WI, NE, IL & MO. More recently, spent a year as volunteer in Venezuela. Died Fri. 10 Feb 2006 at Worms, NE. Service: Tues. at Zion Lutheran Church, Worms, NE. Arrangements: Peters Funeral Home, St. Paul. Survivors: wife, 4 sons, a daughter, 11 gch.; 2 sisters. Predeceased by his parents, twin infant daughters, a brother-in-law and 4 gch.

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 14 Feb 2006

**Jeanette I. "Nette" LAWHEAD, 63** (photo)

Born 20 Nov 1942, Wood River, NE. Parents: William & Henrietta Edna (Luebker) Pauly. Lived in Central City, NE. Married Malcolm DuVall & then Frank Lawhead. 2002: Moved to Grand Island NE where she died Sun. 12 Feb 2006. Memorial service will be Wed. at All Faiths Funeral Home. Survivors: 3 children, 2 gch.; a brother & 3 sisters. Predeceased by her parents & 5 brothers - Ron, LaVerne, Darryl, LeRoy & Willard (Bill) Pauly.

Aurora News Register - Wed. 15 Feb 2006

**Irma TIMMONS, 100**

Born 25 Jun 1905, Hamilton Co., NE. Parents: Adolph & Christine Ortengren. 3 Feb 1932: Married Ernest Timmons at Clay Center, NE. They farmed in Hamilton with exception of 3 years they lived in Central City (1942-45). Mr. Timmons died 15 May 1985. Mrs. Timmons died Mon. 13 Feb 2006, Aurora, NE. Service: Wed. at Solt Funeral Home, Central City. Burial in Hordville Cemetery. Survivors: 2 sons and a daughter, 11 gch., 26 g-gch. Predeceased by her husband and a grandchild; 3 sisters - Siegfried Moore, Hilma Luthy & Norma Ortengren (her twin); 5 brothers - Thure, Henry, Reuben, Rudolph "Pete" & Doug Ortengren. Memorials to Memorial Community Care, Aurora, NE.

Aurora News Register - Wed. 15 Feb 2006

**Robert L. VAN PELT, 78**

Born 13 Sep 19127, Archer, NE. 1945 grad. of Aurora HS. USAF (retired). Lived at San Antonio, TX. Died 29 Jan 2006, Shreveport-Bossier area, LA. Graveside service: 3 Feb. at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery. Survived by 2 daughters & a son, 5 gch., 7 g-gch.

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 16 Feb 2006

**Marguerite S. JONES, 90**

Born 1 Apr 1915 St. Edward, NE. Parents: Grover & Stella (Ogden) Wheeler. Married Robert Jones. Resident of Central City, NE. She died Tues,m 14 Feb 2006, at home. Graveside service was Wed. at Grand Island City Cemetery. Survivors: A son and a daughter. Predeceased by her husband in Dec of 2000.

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 18 Feb 2006

**Harold E. MADISON, 82**

Born 31 Oct 1923 in Filmore Co., NE. Parents: George & Ifa (Ebbeka) Madison. 1938: Family moved to Central City, NE. WW II: US Army. 20 Apr 1947: Married Mary Jo Simpson. They lived in Central City, then Grand Island. 1957: Moved to San Diego, CA. Contractor. Retired to Big Arm, MO. Mary Jo died in 2001. Harold moved to Apache Junction, AZ. He died Tues. 14 Feb 2006 at Mesa, AZ. Service was Fri. at Happy Days Clubhouse, Apache Junction, AZ. Burial will be at Fort Rosecrans National Cemetery, San Diego, CA. Survivors: A son, 3 gch.; 3 brothers & a sister. Predeceased by his wife; his parents; a son Larry, a nephew. Note: His parents are buried in Central City Cemetery.

Grand Island Independent - Mon. 20 Feb 2006

**Yvonne "Vonnies" REIMERS, 83**

Born 28 May 1922, Central City, NE. Parents: Asas Dewey & Dena Vanderhalf. Spouse: Ernest Reimers who died 11 Oct 1996. Mrs. Reimers died Fri. 17 Feb 2006 at St. Paul, NE. Service: Tues. at Palmer Funeral Home, Palmer, NE. Burial in Rose Hill Cemetery. Survivors: A son & daughter-in-law; 2 sisters-in-law.

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 23 Feb 2006

**Jacqueline "Jacquie" A. LARSEN, 76** (photo)

Born 15 Apr 1929, Nance County, NE. Parents: Alvin Douthit & Ruth Van Wormer. Attended school at Fullerton, NE. 1946 grad. Central City HS. 13 Dec 1947: Married Dale D. Larsen at Central City, NE. They lived there. She later moved to Oregon, then to South Dakota in 1994. Returned to Central City in 1999. Died Tues. 21 Feb 2006 at Central City, NE. Service: Sat. at Wagner Funeral Home, Central City. Burial: Kronberg Cemetery near Marquette (Hamilton Co.), NE. Survivors: 1 son, 5 daughters, 12 gch., 3 g-gch.; 3 sisters. Predeceased by her husband, her parents & a brother Alvin "Buddy".

Note: Extract of husband's obit, Jul 2005.

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 25 Feb 2006

**Layton "Lee" VERPLANK, 81**

Born 25 Jul 1924, Tilden, NE. Parents: George Verplank & Ella M. Freeland. Died 11 Feb 2006 at Sidney, NE. Service: 15 Feb. at Evangelical Free Church, Sidney. Burial: McPherson National Cemetery, Maxwell, NE. Arrangements: Gehrig Funeral Home. Survivors: wife, brother and 4 sisters.

Notes: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I p391 (w/p). 16 Feb 1996: Grand Island Independent obit of mother (extract posted)

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 25 Feb 2006

**Joyce D. MARKER WEST, 73**

Born: 8 Oct 1932, Polk Co., NE. Parents: Ossian "Pete" Stromberg & Florence Rodine. 1951 grad. of Clarks HS, Merrick Co., NE. 11 Jul 1964: Married James Ray Marker. They lived in Columbus, then moved to York NE in 1968. Later moved to the NE Veteran's Home in Grand Island, NE. Jim died 24 Mar 1997. Sep 2001: Joyce married Bob West, who died in 2004. Mrs. West died Fri. 24 Feb 2006 at the NE Veteran's Home. Service: Tues. at the chapel. Burial: Swede Home Cemetery near Stromsburg (Polk Co.), NE. Arrangements: Solt Funeral Home, Central City, NE. Survivors: 2 sons, 1 daughter, 7 gch.; 1 brother, 2 sisters. Predeceased by 2 husbands, and 2 brothers: Mervin and Wayne Stromberg. Note: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I p379.

Columbus Telegram and Grand Island Independent - Mon. 27 Feb 2006

**Elsie Esther BULLER, 77**

Born: 25 Feb 1928, North Platte, NE. Parents: Sidney Ransom Zimmerman & Ida Mae Bond. 1946 grad. of Wallace HS. Family moved to York, NE. 20 Feb 1949: Married David H. Buller at York, NE. They farmed near York & Silver Creek, NE. 1973: Purchased farm north of Clarks, NE. David & Elise had been married 51 years when he passed away. Mrs. Buller died 23 Feb 2006 at Fayetteville, Ark. Service is today at Wagner Funeral Home, Central City, NE. Burial of both Mr. & Mrs. Buller will follow the service, at Bureau Cemetery (Pierce Chapel) near Clarks, NE. Survivors: 2 sons, 2 daughters, 15 gch., 10 g-gch.; 2 sisters. Predeceased by her husband, a sister Annie Pace & a brother Frank Zimmerman. Memorials to Central City Sr. Center.

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Grand Island Independent - Sun. 5 Mar 2006

**Joseph S. O'HARE, 79** (photo)

Born 28 Aug 1926, Palmer, NE. Parents: William F. O'Hare & Patricia O'Hern. 1943 grad. of Palmer HS. 11 Oct 1954: Married at Ord, NE. Farmed near Central City, NE. 1987: Moved to Grand Island, NE. Mr. O'Hare died Fri. 3 Mar 2006, Grand Island, NE. Visitation will be Mon. at Apfel Funeral Home, Grand Island. Service: Tues. at St. Mary's Cathedral, Grand Island. Survivors: His wife, a daughter, a brother & 2 sisters. Predeceased by his parents & 3 brothers - Bill, Gerald & Bernard O'Hare. Memorials to St. Francis Hospice, St. Mary's Cathedral Square, or Central Catholic Foundation.

Grand Island Independent - Mon. 6 Mar 2006

**Margaret M. KOZAL, 84** (photo)

Born 16 Nov 1921, Central City, NE. Parents: Peter Kozal & Helen Stempek. 1939 grad. of Central City HS.

Clerk of District Court in Hall County. Died Sat. 4 Mar 2006 at Grand Island, NE. Mass of Resurrection: Tues. at Curran Funeral Chapel. Burial in Westlawn Memorial Park Cemetery, Grand Island, NE. Survivors: A sister, a niece. Predeceased by her parents, 3 brothers - Edward, Larry & Dennis (infancy); a sister - Florence Hueneke. Memorials to St. Mary's Cathedral or Tabitha Hospice.

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 8 Mar 2006

**Louise N. LITTLE, 85**

Born Long Pine, NE. Resident of Wood River, NE. Died 1 Mar 2006 at Grand Island, NE. Private service was held Sat. at Solt Funeral Home, Central City. Burial in Clarks Cemetery. She was widow of Thomas R. Little. Survivors: A daughter. 2 sons.

Columbus Telegram - Wed. 8 Mar 2006

**Jared J. SPRENGER, 19**

Born 13 Feb 1987, Lancaster, CA. Parents: Jimmy Sprenger & Jeanne Pickrel. Resident of Lincoln, NE. Died of brain cancer Sat. 4 Mar 2006. Service: Sat., Wagner Funeral Home, Central City, NE. Burial: Central City Cemetery. Survivors: his father, his mother, a brother & a sister; 2 grandmothers. Predeceased by 2 grandfathers: William "Bill" Pickrel & William Sprenger.

Grand Island Independent (obit/photo), Columbus Telegram (death notice) - Thurs. 9 Mar 2006

**James Robert VINCENT, 53**

Born 4 Oct 1952, Grand Island, NE. Parents: Richard L. Vincent & Lucille I. Stockton. 1971 grad. of Clarks HS. 1974-78: US Army. 1979: Moved to Washington and married there. Later lived in Colorado Springs and Denver, CO. Died Tues. 7 Mar 2006, Stromsburg, NE. Service: Fri. at Solt Funeral Home, Central City. Burial: Polk Cemetery. Survivors: 3 sons, his father, a sister & her spouse. Predeceased by his mother (24 Jul 1997) & a brother Donald Kelly (27 Feb 1992).

Grand Island Independent - Sun. 12 Mar 2006; Columbus Telegram (death notice) - Fri. 10 Mar 2006

**Roy SINSEL, 77**

Born 29 Dec 1928, near Archer, NE. Parents: Harry E. Sinsel & Lydia Nickel. 1950-54: USAF. Moved to Colorado thereafter. 24 Jun 1960: Married Josephine Moore at Englewood, CO. She died 24 Jan 1992. 1994: Roy moved to Fullerton, NE. Died Wed. 8 Mar 2006 at Fullerton, NE. Visitation Sun.; service Mon. - both at Palmer Funeral Home, Fullerton. Burial: Archer Cemetery, NE. Survivors: 1 step-daughter; 6 sisters. Predeceased by his wife & his parents; 5 brothers - Cleon, Evertt, Stanley, John & Daniel Sinsel; 2 sisters - Wanda DeLancy & Helen Sinsel.

Note: See 1930 Fed. Census NE ED61-11 p4a D78 F78: Midland Twp, Merrick, NE (w/p).

Grand Island Independent - Sun. 12 Mar 2006

**Wesley S. SANDQUIST, 56**

Born 6 Jan 1950, Tilden, NE. Parents: Wesley L Sandquist & Jeanie James. Educated in Grand Island, NE. 16 May 1969: Married at Grand Island, NE. They lived at Central City, Phillips and then Grand Island, NE. Mr. Sandquist died Fri. 10 Mar 2006. Visitation will be Mon. at Apfel Funeral Home, Grand Island. Service Tues. at Stolley Park Church of Christ. Burial in Westlawn Memorial Park Cemetery. Survivors: His wife, 1 son, 3 daughters, 15 gch.; a brother, six sisters, his mother-in-law. Predeceased by his parents; a sister Betty Trueman; his father-in-law.

Grand Island Independent - Sun. 12 Mar 2006

**Gladys V. WYNN, 96**

Born 30 Dec 1909 on a farm in Merrick Co., NE. Parents: Bernhart Zlomke & Bertha Kandler. She was youngest of 16 children. 1927 grad. of Grand Island HS. Owned a beauty salon in Grand Island, NE. 25 Jul 1936: Married Simon Wynn at Papillion, NE. They later moved to California, but retired to live in Nebraska. Had no children. Mrs. Wynn died Fri. 10 Mar 2006 at Lexington, NE. Visitation will be Wed. at Livingston-Sondermann Funeral Home. Graveside Service: Wed. at Grand Island City Cemetery. Predeceased by her husband, her brothers and sisters.

Note: For her family see 1885 NE Census ED531 p13 D123 F123: Vieregg Pct, Merrick, NE; 1900 Fed. Census NE ED141 p7b D119 F121: Vieregg Twp, Merrick, NE

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 14 Mar 2006

**The Rev. John F. SHIPMAN, 100**

Born 30 Aug 1905, Grand Island, NE. Parents: William Shipman & Minnie Hargens. Died Mon. 13 Mar 2006 at Falls City, NE. Service: Fri. at Church of the Nazarene, Papillion, NE. Burial: Evergreen Memorial Park Cemetery, Omaha, NE. Arrangements: Dorr and Clark Funeral Home, Falls City, NE. Survivors: 2 sons, a brother and a sister. Predeceased by his wife Irene, 21 Feb 1995.

Note: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I pp 219 (Hargens), 403 (W Shipman); Merrick County Marriage Records Book I p273 #1-273.

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 14 Mar 2006

**Christopher M. TOUKAN, 14**

Born 13 Dec 1991, Columbus, OH. Parents: Michael Toukan & Laurel Zahn. Grew up in Central City, NE. Attended Nebraska Christian School. Died Fri. 10 Mar 2006 at Loveland, CO, result of a snow boarding accident. Visitation: Thurs. at Wagner Funeral Home, Central City. Service: Fri. at Grand Island Evangelical Free Church. Burial: private. Survivors: His parents, grandparents, a sister, ...

Aurora News Register, Grand Island Independent, York News Times - Tues. 14 Mar 2006

**Harold L. WOCHNER, 89**

Born 19 Jul 1916, York, NE. Parents: Ed Wochner & May Jackson. 1935 grad. York HS. 10 Oct 1937: Married Jean Inbody at York, NE. WW II: US Army Air Force. They lived at Aurora, Central City and Henderson, NE. Mr. Wochner died Sun. 12 Mar 2006 at Henderson, NE. Visitation: Fri. at Higby-McQuiston Mortuary. Service: Sat. at United Methodist Church, Aurora, NE. Burial: Greenwood Cemetery, York, NE. Survivors: a son, 3 daughters, 9 gch., 10 g-gch. Predeceased by his parents, his wife, a son Jim, sister Pauline, a brother Raymond, & 2 infant sisters.

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 16 Mar 2006; Aurora News Register - Tues. 21 Mar 2006

**Joyce Marlene ESKE, 68** (photo)

Born 4 Aug 1937, Gary, IN. Parents: Leonard Sheldon & Mildred Ragels. Grew up in South Dakota. 19 Oct 1959: Married Jack J. Eske at Warner, SD. They served Lutheran Churches, mostly in Nebraska. 1999: Retired to Central City, NE. Mrs. Eske died Wed. 15 Mar 2006 at home. Visitation will be Fri. at Solt Funeral Home, Central City. Service: Sat. at St. John's Lutheran Church, Kronborg. Burial in Central City Cemetery. Survivors: Her husband, 2 daughters & a son, 4 gch. Predeceased by her parents, & a sister Thelma Vetsch.

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 16 Mar 2006

**Erma M. MANNING, 89** (photo)

Born 10 Mar 1916, St. Libory, NE. Parents: Herman Ruge & Anna Schwenk. Attended school at Worms, NE. 17 Mar 1942: Married Andrew F. Manning at Kearney, NE. He died during WW II. She lived in Central City, was a wallpaper hanger. Erma died Tues. 14 Mar 2006 at Grand Island, Hall, NE. Visitation will be Thurs. at Kleine Funeral Home. Service: Fri. at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Central City, NE. Burial in Westlawn Memorial Park Cemetery, Grand Island. Survivors: A son, 2 gch., 2 g-gch.; a sister.

Note: See 1930 Fed. Census NE ED61-16 p1B D16 F16: Vieregg Twp, Merrick, NE (w/p). Obit extracts of her sisters - Dorothy Svitak (8 Jul 2003) and Helen Johnson (3 Aug 2004)

Grand Island Independent - Fri. 17 Mar 2006

**Jean BILLESBACH, 84** (photo)

Born 9 Apr 1921, University Place, NE. Parents: Byron P. Bottorff & Ella Runge. 1939 grad. of Clay Center HS. 7 Jul 1952: Married Matt Billesbach at Sutton, NE. They lived at Grand Island, then Hastings; before opened Billesbach Jewelry in Central City. Mrs. Billesbach died Wed. 15 Mar 2006 at Lincoln, NE. Service will be Sat. at Solt Funeral Home, Central City. Burial in Central City Cemetery. Survivors: 2 children. Predeceased by her husband (died 4 Mar 1992), and a sister Lois Bostwick.



Grand Island Independent - Sat. 18 Mar 2006; Aurora News Register - Tues. 20 Mar 2006

**Louise E. BENSON, 82** (photo)

Born 23 May 1923, Worms, NE. Parents: Otto Frauen & Louisa Oberschulte. Educated at Zion Lutheran School, Worms. 6 Apr 1947: Married Clarence Benson at Worms; farmed nearby. She moved to Grand Island in 2004. Mrs. Benson died Fri. 17 Mar 2006 at Grand Island. Service will be Mon. at Zion Lutheran Church, Worms. Burial in the church cemetery. Arrangements by Solt Funeral Home, Central City. Survivors: 4 sons, 12 gch., 3 g-gch; a brother & a sister. Predeceased by her husband (14 Jul 2002), and an infant daughter. Also deceased are 2 brothers - Max & Herman Frauen; 2 sisters - Ellsie Schutt & Marie Nelson. Memorials: to the church.

Note: See 1930 Fed. Census NE ED61-12 p1a D3 F3: Prairie Creek Twp, Merrick, NE (w/p).

Columbus Telegram and Grand Island Independent - Sat. 18 Mar 2006

**Elsie Margaret Mary GROSCH, 94**

Born 1 Feb 1912, Clarks, NE. Parents: William Kohl & Catherine Hansen. 5 Feb 1940: Married Gottlieb W. "Golly" Grosch, at Council Bluffs, IA. They farmed near Silver Creek, owned Grosch Irrigation Company. She died Wed. 15 Mar 2006 at Genoa, NE. Service: Mon. at United Methodist Church, Silver Creek. Burial in Silver Creek Cemetery. Survivors: 4 sons, 1 daughter, 16 gch., 28 g-gch.; 3 sisters 2 brothers. Predeceased by her husband & her parents; also her sister Martha Darnall, a brother Art Kohl, a grandson, a granddaughter and a g-granddaughter.

Grand Island Independent (photo) - Mon. 20 Mar 2006; Aurora News Register - Tues. 21 Mar 2006

**Neil Grant ERIKSEN, 69**

Born: 12 Oct 1936, Marquette, NE. Parents: Holger G. Eriksen & Etma Mae Newman. 1955 grad. of Marquette HS. 12 Mar 1960: Married. They lived in Central City, NE. Purchased the shop where he had been employed starting in 1975. Moved to Hamilton Co. in 1975. Died Fri. 17 Mar 2006 at Marquette, NE. Service: Fri. at Solt Funeral Home, Central City. Burial in Central City Cemetery. Survivors: His wife, 2 daughters, 1 son, 5 gch., 1 g-gch; also a sister. Predeceased by his parents; an infant daughter Cindy Kay. Memorials to Asera Care Hospice in York, the Central City United Methodist Church or the Central City Senior Center.

Aurora News Register - Tues. 21 Mar 2006

**Theodore Harold "Ted" Berggren, 95**

Born 5 Mar 1911, Marquette, NE. Parents: Erik Berggren & Esther Dahl. 1929 grad. of Chapman HS. 17 Jun 1939: Married Georgie Isaac at Lexington, NE. Farmed "home place". 1988: Moved to Aurora, NE. Died Mon. 20 Mar 2006 at Grand Island, NE. Visitation Thurs. at Higby-McQuiston Mortuary, Aurora. Service: Fri. at First Christian Church. Burial: Aurora Cemetery. Survivors: 2 sons, 4 gch., 2 g-gch. Predeceased by his wife (died 23 Dec 1996), his parents, brother Donald.

Norfolk Daily News - Wed. 22 Mar 2006

**William D. GAINEY, 66**

Born 16 Feb 1940, Silver Creek, NE. Parents: Dorsey Gainey & Mary Kozial. 1957 grad. of Schuyler HS. 6 Jun 1958: Married. Worked for Metz Old Home Bakery (Omaha?). Died Mon. 20 Mar 2006, Rapid City, SD. Visitation will be Fri. at Osheim-Catron Funeral Home, Rapid City. Service: Sat. at Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help. Burial: Mount Calvary Cemetery. Survivors: His wife, 3 sons, 8 gch.; 1 brother & 2 sisters. Predeceased by his parents, & a daughter Terri (1981). Memorials: Hospice of the Hills, Rapid City, SD.

Columbus Telegram, Norfolk Daily News - Thurs. 23 Mar 2006

**Wanda Mundil, 64**

Born 30 Jan 1942, Central City, NE. Parents: Arthur Dierks & Dorothy Land. 1959 grad. of Fullerton HS. 1960: Married Ernest Fuehrer in Fullerton, NE. They lived at Silver Creek, NE. 10 Oct 1992: Married Milo Mudil at Clarkson, NE. Mrs. Mundil died Wed. 22 Mar 2006, Silver Creek, NE. Visitation is today at McKown Funeral Home, Columbus, NE. Service: Sat. at Trinity Lutheran Church, Columbus, NE. Survivors: her second husband; 3 daughters, 1 son; 6 gch.; 2 stepsons, a sister and a brother. Predeceased by her parents and her first husband Ernest Fuehrer (1983).

24 Mar 2006: Solt Funeral Home website

**Geneva Viola BAKER, 88**

Born 5 Sep 1917, Arkansas City, KS. Parents: Andrew Sherman Baker & Mary Branck Kibbe. Grad. of CCHS. Taught near Palmer, Central City, McCook, Plattsmouth, Louisville, Osceola & Lincoln, NE. Methodist. Died 24 Mar 2006 at Lincoln, NE. Service was held at Lincoln, NE. Survivors: Several nieces and nephews.

Grand Island Independent - Sun. 26 Mar 2006

**Lemoine Alton MEYER, 82** (photo)

Born 12 Apr 1923, St. Libory, NE. Parents: Fred Meyer & Meta Niemoth. Baptized & confirmed at St. John's Lutheran Church, Palmer, NE. 1942 grad. of St. Paul HS. 1945-46: US Navy. 18 Sep 1946: Married at Grand Island, NE. They lived at Abbott, and then St. Paul, NE. Mr. Meyer died Fri. 24 Mar 2006, at St. Paul, NE. Service: Wed. at Christ Lutheran Church, St. Paul. Burial: Grand Island City Cemetery. Arrangements: Jacobsen-Greenway Funeral Home, St. Paul. Survivors: His wife, a son, 2 daughter, 6 gch., 2 g-gch.; 1 brother & 1 sister. Predeceased by his parents, an infant son Douglas Meyer, and an infant brother Kenneth Meyer. Memorials: Christ Lutheran Church or Howard Co. Community Hospital Foundation. Note: His parents marriage - see Merrick County Marriage Records Book H p254 #3424.

Grand Island Independent - Sun. 26 Mar 2006

**Kenneth E. WISELY, 79** (photo)

Born: 19 Jun 1926, Silver Creek, NE. Parents: Paul Wisely & Mae Dake. Educated at Clarks, NE. US Army. 20 Jan 1949: Married Edna Mae Ruge. Farmed near Fullerton and Palmer, NE. Moved to Grand Island and drove truck. Died Thurs. 23 Mar 2006, Grand Island, NE. Visitation will be Sun. at Kleine Funeral Home. Service: Mon. at Trinity United Methodist Church. Burial: Westlawn Memorial Park Cemetery, Grand Island. Survivors: His wife, 1 grandson, 3 g-gch.; a sister. Predeceased by son Vernal Paul Wisely in 1999. Also deceased are 2 sisters - Evelyn White and an infant. Notes: Wife died 25 Sep 2008. Parents are buried at Osceola Cemetery, Polk County.

Grand Island Independent - Mon. 27 Mar 2006

**Elfriede "Elfie" MEYER, 74**

Born 8 Jul 1931, Schwabach Germany. Parents: Theodor Drentwett & Anna Kaltenecker. 1950: Married Herman J. Meyer. "She lived in Burwell, Palmer, Alda, Grand Island and Doniphan since 1972." Died Sat. 25 Mar 2006, at Grand Island, NE. Service will be Tues. at All Faiths Funeral Home. Burial in Cedarview Cemetery, Doniphan. Survivors: 3 sons, 9 gch., 6 g-gch. Predeceased by her parents (and her former husband, Jun 2005). Memorials to Doniphan American Legion or donor's choice.

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 29 Mar 2006

**Warren Lee SMITH, 66** (photo)

Born 11 Jul 1939, Chambers, NE. Parents: Ward R. Smith & Helen Graves. 1957 grad. of HS in Armaugh, PA. 28 Aug 1960: Married at Shelton, NE. Lived in Grand Island until 1962 when moved to Central City. Owner/operator: Lone Tree Printing and Grandma's Country Inn. Truck driver. Mr. Smith died Mon. 27 Mar 2006, Lincoln, NE. Service will be Thurs. at Evangelical Free Church, Central City. Burial in Central City Cemetery. Survivors: His wife, his parents, 3 daughters, 1 son, 5 gch.; a sister and a brother. Predeceased by a brother Russell (age 3 yrs in 1944), & a grandson Dylan Van Pelt (age 11 & 1/2 months, in 2000). Notes: Father died in 2007; mother died in 2010. Both are buried at Chambers, NE.

Grand Island Independent - Fri. 31 Mar 2006

**Orlen F. RICE, 79**

Born 20 May 1926, Chapman, NE. Parents: Vernon Rice & Edna Mader. 1944 grad. of Grand Island HS. Grad. of Peru State College. Died 7 Mar 2006, Minneapolis, MN. Survivors: 2 sons & a daughter in MN; a brother in Chapman, NE. Predeceased by his sister Geraldine Jones.

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Columbus Telegram (death notice) & Grand Island Independent - Sat. 1 Apr 2006

**Joe Leroy MINGUS, 64**

Born 20 Jan 1942, Dannebrog, NE. 1959 grad. Dannebrog HS. Worked in Grand Island 10 years, then moved to York, NE. 4 Sep 1982: Married at York. 2004: Retired from Champion Homes. Died Thurs. 20 Mar 2006 at York, NE. Service: Mon at Solt Funeral Home, Central City, NE. Burial: Burke Cemetery. Survived by his wife, 2 daughters, a son, 2 gch.; 3 brothers. Predeceased by his parents & 2 sisters: Galene and Darlene Mingus.

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 5 Apr 2006

**Betty Jane ANDERSON, 79**

Born 29 Oct 1926, Omaha, NE. Parents: Gilbert H. Bolen & Flossie L. Lewis. Married Harold "Andy" Anderson (dec. 1990). Mrs. Anderson died 16 Mar 2006 at Aurora, NE. Private service held 3 Apr at Clarks Cemetery, Clarks, NE. Arrangements: Wagner Funeral Home, Central City. Survivors: a daughter, a son, a sister.

Columbus Telegram obit - Wed. 5 Apr 2006

**Eugenia Jean KORGER, 74**

Born 24 Nov 1931, Silver Creek, NE. Parents: Charles Krzycki & Clara Torczon. 1949 grad. of Kramer HS (Columbus, NE). 14 May 1952: Married Richard Korgner. They lived in several places; since 2001 in Draper, UT. Mrs. Korgner died 31 Mar 2006, Draper, UT. Service: today at St. Thomas More Catholic Church, Sandy, UT. Arrangements: SereniCare Funeral Directors, Draper, UT. Survivors: Her husband, 6 children, 9 gch., 5 g-gch.; a sister. Predeceased by her parents and 5 brothers.

Grand Island Independent - Fri. 7 Apr 2006

**Wayne Randall CREECH, 86**

Born 27 Oct 1919, Central City, NE. Parents: Fay Creech & Matilda Dughman. 1938-1961: USAF. 1945: Married Margaret L. "Peg" Nielsen at Marysville, KS. 1985: Moved to Chapman, NE. Mr. Creech died Wed. 5 Apr 2006 at Lincoln, NE. Service: Mon. at First Baptist Church, Chapman. Burial: Aurora Cemetery (Hamilton County). Arrangements: Solt Funeral Home, Central City. Survivors: a sister & a brother. Predeceased by his parents, his wife (11 Feb 2002), an infant daughter Kathleen Louise (1947), and 2 brothers.

Columbus Telegram, Grand Island Independent - Mon. 10 Apr 2006

**Charles John BECK, 93**

Born 30 Sep 1912, Nance County, NE. Parents: Metro Beck & Mary Derbala. 18 Nov 1942: Married Blanche Boro. Served in US Army. Farmed east of Clarks, NE. 1955: Moved into town. Mr. Beck died Sun. 9 Apr 2006 at Lincoln, NE. Service: Wed. at St. Peters Catholic Church, Clarks, NE. Burial: Clarks Cemetery. Survivors: 1 daughter, 1 son, 4 gch., 5 g-gch.; 4 sisters. Predeceased by his wife; 3 brothers: Albin, Walter & Eddie Beck; 3 sisters: Josie Beck, Catherine Konwinski and Anna Staroska. Note: GI Independent added photo to obit on following day.

Grand Island Independent - Mon. 10 Apr 2006

**LaVera J. SWANSON, 78**

Born 24 Aug 1927, Palmer, NE. Parents: John Place & Olive Stone. 1944 grad. of Palmer HS. 17 Dec 1947: Married Marvin "Mike" Swanson at Burwell, NE. Abt 1949, they settled at Cairo, NE. 1989: Moved back to Palmer, NE. Mrs. Swanson died Sat. 8 Apr 2006, Central City, NE. Visitation: Mon. at Palmer Funeral Home. Service: Tues at Palmer United Methodist Church. Burial: Rose Hill Cemetery, Palmer, NE. Survivors: 2 sons, 2 daughters, 13 gch., 18 g-gch.

Notes: Obit reprinted the following day with statement that she was predeceased by 3 brothers: John Wayne, Dale and Richard Place. Her parents and two brothers are buried at Rose Hill Cemetery, Palmer. See extracts.

Grand Island Independent (photo) and Aurora News Register - Tues. 11 Apr 2006

**Elmo K. CARNES, 92**

Born 15 Jul 1913, Red Oak, IA. Parents: Guy Carnes & Bessie Whited. 1932 grad. of Aurora HS (Hamilton Co., NE). 14 Oct 1936: Married Elinor Gorham at Lincoln, NE. Business owner, farmer. Moved to farm near

Chapman in 1951. Died Sun. 9 Apr 2006. Service: Wed. at Higby-McQuiston Chapel, Aurora. Burial: Aurora Cemetery. Survivors: a daughter, a son, 4 gch., 10 g-gch, 1 gg-gch. Predeceased by his wife (1 Mar 1999), his parents and a brother Welden.

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 12 Apr 2006

**Bessie M. LAMBERT, 92**

Born 12 Nov 1913, Central City, NE. Parents: William Klimper & Wilhelmina Hankel. Grew up on farm east of Shelton (Buffalo Co.), NE. Attended school in Hall County. Married first to Herman "Pete" Gomprecht, who died 15 Mar 1962. 20 Oct 1983: Married Gus E. Lambert at Kearney, NE. Mrs. Lambert died Sun. 9 Apr 2006 at Kearney, NE. Service: Thurs. at Shelton United Methodist Church. Burial at Shelton Cemetery. Arrangements: O'Brien-Straatmann-Apfel Funeral Home, Kearney. Survivors: Her second husband, 2 daughters, 2 gch. Predeceased by parents, 5 sisters & 2 brothers. Memorials: Shelton United Methodist Church, or Shelton Fire & Rescue Unit.

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 12 Apr 2006

**Lester L. WIEGERT, 81**

Born 27 Aug 1924, Chapman, NE. Parents: Alfred & Meta Wiegert. WW II: US Army (Europe). Died Sat. 8 Apr 2006 at Omaha, NE. Visitation: Wed. at Braman Mortuary. Service: Thurs. at Emmanuel Fellowship Church, Omaha, NE. Burial: Mount Hope Cemetery. Survivors: His wife, one daughter, 3 sons, grandchildren; one brother. Predeceased by his parents, a brother Wayne and a sister Erma.

Columbus Telegram, Grand Island Independent - Sat. 15 Apr 2006

**Lawrence KOZA, 76**

Born 10 Jun 1929, Fullerton, NE. Parents; Charles Koza & Mary Novacek. 1945 grad. of Fullerton HS. 1950-54: US Navy. 12 May 1956: Married at Silver Creek, NE. Moved to Omaha for about 3 years, returned to Silver Creek. Business owner, farmer, livestock buyer. Died Thurs. 13 Apr 2006 at UN Medical Center, Omaha, NE. Service: Tues. at St. Lawrence Catholic Church, Silver Creek. Burial at church cemetery. Arrangements; McKown Funeral Home, Silver Creek. Survivors: wife, a daughter, 3 gch., a brother. Predeceased by his parents & daughter Linda Prososki.

Columbus Telegram - Sat. 15 Apr 2006; Grand Island Independent - Sun. 16 Apr 2006

**Ethel Leone MORROW, 95**

Born 5 May 1910, Palmer, NE. Parents: Jerome Alonzo Tuttle & Mary Florence Flint. Educated at Palmer and Scotia, NE. 12 Oct 1926: Married Glen Goldman Morrow at Ord, NE. They farmed & raised cattle, near Scotia, NE. Mrs. Morrow died Fri. 14 Apr 2006 at St. Paul, NE. Service: Tues. at Scotia United Methodist church. Burial: Mount Hope Cemetery, Scotia. Arrangements: Ord Memorial Chapel. Survivors: 2 sons, 3 daughters, 18 gch; 46 g-gch. Predeceased by her husband Glen (2 Jul 1991), parents, 3 brothers: Theodore, Ralph & Emery Tuttle; 2 sisters: Blanche Earl and Letha Gibson, 2 gch.

Note: Her parents marriage - Merrick Co NE Marriage Records Book D p431 #1772. There is a Theodore Tuttle (1905-1919) buried at Rose Hill Cemetery, Palmer, NE.

Grand Island Independent - Sun. 16 Apr 2006

**Dewayne Thomas DOUGLAS, 75**

Born 24 Mar 1931, Grand Island, NE. 1949 grad. of Clarks HS. US Navy and US Navy Reserves. 5 Jun 1956: Married at Central City, NE. Lived at Clarks until Aug 1963, when moved to Grand Island, NE. Owner: Douglas Bookkeeping. Died Fri. 14 Apr 2006 at Grand Island. Service: Tues. at St. Mary's Cathedral, Grand Island. Burial: Westlawn Memorial Park Cemetery. Arrangements: All Faiths Funeral Home. Survivors: His wife, 4 sons, 2 daughters, 28 gch., 9 g-gch.; one sister. Predeceased by his parents, 3 brothers: Donald, William & James; one sister: Jean Bolen. Memorials: Central Catholic Foundation or St. Mary's Cathedral Square.

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 18 Apr 2006

**Roland E. MORROW, 70**

Born 7 Feb 1936, Mead, KS. Parents: Rollie Morrow & Leucetia Hixon. Family moved to Central City, NE in the 40's. 1959-61: US Army. 10 Oct 1964: Married Dorothy E. Kamper at Central City. Farmer, watch repairman. Died Mon. 10 Apr 2006, auto accident near Archer, NE. Private service held 12 Apr at Burke Cemetery. Arrangements: Wagner Funeral Home, Central City, NE. Survivors: 1 son and 2 daughters. Predeceased by his wife Dorothy.

Note: Death notice appeared in same newspaper Thurs. 13 Apr 2006.

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 19 Apr 2006

**Mable NORRIS, 95**

Former resident of Chapman, NE. Died 4 Dec 2005 at Spencer, Iowa. Cremated. Memorial service: Sat. at Methodist Church, Chapman, NE. Burial: Fri. at Westlawn Cemetery, Grand Island, NE. Survivors: one son and his wife, 7 gch.

Columbus Telegram (death notice), Grand Island Independent - Sat. 22 Apr 2006

**Douglas Scott GLASGOW, 55**

Born 13 May 1950, Scottsbluff, NE. Parents: Louis H. "Gus" Glasgow & I. Jane Bowman. Family moved to Clarks in 1959. Douglas moved to Grand Island in 1991. Died Fri. 21 Apr 2006 at hospital in Kearney, NE. Book signing: Sun. at Solt Funeral Home, Central City. Burial: later date, Clarks Cemetery. Survivors: 2 brothers and a sister. Predeceased by his parents. Memorials: Epilepsy Foundation.

Fremont Tribune - Mon. 24 Apr 2006

**Wayne V. NIELSEN, 85**

Born 2 Aug 1920, Silver Creek, NE. Parents: Victor Nielsen & Sarah Kershaw. 1922: Family moved to Valley, NE. 1940 grad. Valley HS. WW II: US Navy Seabees. 1948: Married; they lived in Valley. Carpenter, employee of power district. Died Sat. 22 Apr 2006 at Omaha, NE. Visitation: today at Reichmuth Funeral Home, Valley. Service: Tues. at United Faith Community Church, Valley. Burial: Prospect Hill Cemetery, Elkhorn, NE. Survivors: His wife, a son, 4 gch. Memorials: the church and Valley Historical Society.

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 26 Apr 2006

**Velma Rose McLEAN, 96**

Born 21 Sep 1909, Hordville, NE. Parents: George Grosvenor & Rose Hill. Grad. of Central City H. S. and NE Central College. 16 Jun 1934: Married William McLean at York, NE. They lived in several places, then returned to Central City after WW II. Teacher. Died Mon. 24 Apr 2006 at Central City, NE. Service: private, at later date. Arrangements: Solt Funeral Home. Survivors: Her husband, 2 daughters, one son, 13 gch. Predeceased by daughter Jerry Lu Peterson; 3 brothers: Ronnie, Reginald & Gerald Grosvenor; a sister Glenda.

Note: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I pp 214 (Grosvenor), 299 (McLean).

Grand Island Independent - Fri. 28 Apr 2006

**Clifford M. HALL, 88**

Born 5 Apr 1918, Central City, NE. Parents: George Hall & Cora Potts. Abt 1934: Moved to St. Paul, NE. Grad. of St. Paul HS. US Navy. 28 Jun 1941: Married Olenda Hedglin at Dayton, OH. Aircraft mechanic. They moved to St. Paul, NE. Was later in business with brother Raymond. Mr. Hall died Wed. 26 Apr 2006 at Kenesaw (Adams Co.), NE. Service: Mon. at Jacobsen-Greenway Funeral Home, St. Paul, NE. Burial: Elmwood Cemetery. Survivors: 2 sons, a daughter, 11 gch., 16 g-gch. Predeceased by his parents, his wife (died 8 Feb 2006) and his brother Raymond.

Grand Island Independent - Fri. 28 Apr 2006

**Evelyn Millicent TRUESDELL, 96**

Born 5 Dec 1909, Central City, NE. Parents: Robert F. Everett & Mary V. Yarno. Grad. of Central City HS. 1 Nov 1931: Married Fred. E. Truesdell. They lived in Central City and Clarks, NE; 1960, moved to Loveland, CO and returned to Clarks in 1978. Mrs. Truesdell died Thurs. 27 Apr 2006, Berthoud, CO. Service: Mon. at Solt Funeral Home, Central City. Burial: Central City Cemetery. Survivors: 2 sons, 2 daughters, 9 gch., 16

g-gch. Predeceased by her husband (8 Mar 1984), a grandson; 4 sisters: Jessie Gleason, Nettie Stuart; Helen Weaver and Dorothy Emgarten; 3 brothers: Ernest, Wilbur and Roy Everett.

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Norfolk Daily News and Scottsbluff Star Herald - Tues. 2 May 2006

**Sue Ann MAGGERT, 61**

Born 4 Sep 1944, Central City, NE. Parents: Oliver C. Smith & Bette Brown. 1962 grad. Hastings HS. 29 Apr 1966: Married Rodney Maggart at Hastings. Beautician. Died Sat. 29 Apr 2006, Gering, NE. Cremation at Jolliffe Funeral Home Crematory, Scottsbluff, NE. No service. Survivors: Her husband, son, daughter, father, a sister and a brother. Predeceased by her mother.

Note: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I page 368 (E&M Smith).

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 3 May 2006

**Walter E. ECKSTROM, 63**

Born 28 Jul 1942, Palmer, NE. Parents: Leonard Eckstrom & Milda Burkhardt. Attended Palmer HS. 1960-63: US Navy. 16 May 1981: Married at Central City, NE. They lived at Palmer, NE. He died Sun. 30 Apr 2006, Grand Island, NE. Visitation: Wed, Palmer Funeral Home, Palmer. Service: Thurs. at Wesleyan Church, Palmer. Burial: Rose Hill Cemetery. Survivors: His wife, 3 sons, a daughter, 5 gch.; a brother and a sister. Predeceased by his father.

Grand Island Independent - Fri. 5 May 2006

**Elizabeth Marie KLUTE, infant**

Born and died: 4 May 2006, Grand Island, NE. Parents: Scott Klute & Angela Kortum of Hampton, NE. Private service. Burial: Chapman Cemetery. Survivors: parents, 2 sisters and a brother. Also surviving: 3 grandparents, 3 great-grandparents, aunts & uncles. Predeceased by a brother Logan (16 Nov 1998); grandfather Russ Kortum (28 Nov 2005); and great-grandparents: Anita Cox, Jim & Margaret Kortum, Robert Scott and Edgar Klute.

Note: See Chapman Cemetery extracts.

Columbus Telegram death notice - Sun. 7 May 2006

**Iris Lillian "Dolly" GIFFEN, 86**

Former resident of Osceola, NE. Died Thurs. 4 May 2006, Central City, NE. Service: Mon. at Dubas Funeral Home, Osceola. Burial: Osceola Cemetery. Survivors: son George Cole Jr., 6 gch., 10 g-gch., 2 gg-gch.

Grand Island Independent - Fri. 12 May 2006

**Wilma Mae EDWARDS, 100**

Born 1 Feb 1906, Wheatland, WY. Parents: William Lawson & Minnie Heines. Raised by aunt & uncle: Joseph W. Lawson & Eva Lucina Pate (who also raised Ted Curtis). 1924 grad. of Central City HS., Merrick County, NE. 9 Jun 1927: Married Raymond Carl Wegner. They lived at Gothenburg & Scotia, NE. Raymond died 2 Apr 1951. 6 Jun 1953: Married Merle Lloyd Edwards at Junction City, OR. They lived at Junction City and Corvallis, OR. Wilma taught school. Merle died in 1963. 1978: Wilma moved to Scotia NE. Methodist. Mrs. Edwards died Wed. 10 May 2006, Ord, NE. Service: Sat. at Ord Memorial Chapel. Burial: Rose Hill Cemetery, Palmer, NE. Survivors: 2 daughters, 2 stepsons, a half-brother; several grandchildren, 20 g-gch, 10 gg-gch. Predeceased by 2 husbands; son Victor & his wife Jackie; "brother" Ted Curtis; half-brother Charles Lawson, a grandson and 2 g-grandsons.

Notes: See extracts of Rosehill Cemetery for her first husband's gravestone. The aunt & uncle appear in Who's Who in Nebraska 1940, Merrick County chapter, page 816.

Grand Island Independent - Fri. 12 May 2006

**Larry A. VEED, 64**

Born 28 Mar 1942, Osceola, NE. Parents: Walter Veed & Doris V. Burgeson. 1960 grad. of CCHS. Service in USAF (4 yrs) and US Navy (16 yrs). Died Sun. 7 May 2006, Central City, NE. Graveside service: Mon. Central

City Cemetery. Arrangements: Wagner Funeral Home, Central City. Survivors: His mother, and a sister. Predeceased by his father.

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 13 May 2006

**Norman R. MARSH, 69**

Born 4 Aug 1936, Central City, NE. Parents: Marion Marsh & Lillie Belle Mesner. 1954 grad. of CCHS. 1958 grad: UN Ag College. Farmed near Archer. 23 Aug 1958: Married at Omaha, NE. Died Thurs. 11 May 2006, Lincoln, NE. Visitation: Mon. at Wagner Funeral Home, Central City, NE. Service: Tues., Fairview United Methodist Church (near Central City). Burial: CC Cemetery. Survivors: wife, a son, 2 daughters, 12 gch.; 3 brothers. Predeceased by his parents, and a brother P. Wayne Marsh. Memorials: Fairview United Methodist Church.

Note: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I page 283.

Columbus Telegram and Grand Island Independent - Wed. 17 May 2006

**Jimmie L. PETERS, 58**

Born 20 Jun 1947, Central City, NE. Parents: Everett Peters & Edith Sawyers. 1967-71: US Navy. 5 Aug 1967: Married at Silver Creek, NE. Worked in law enforcement. Resident: Columbus, NE. Died Mon. 15 May 2006 at Omaha, NE. Visitation: Thurs. at McKown Funeral Home, Columbus, NE. Service: Fri. at St. Lawrence Catholic Church, Silver Creek. Burial at church cemetery. Survivors: His wife, 3 sons, 1 daughter, gch. Predeceased by his parents; a son Brian; and wife's parents: Henry & Rose Koza.

Grand Island Independent - Fri. 19 May 2006

**Alberta A. GLENN, 52**

Born 21 Feb 1954, Palmer, NE. Parents: Albert Glenn & Doris Lowe. 1972 grad. Wolbach HS. Miss Glenn died Wed. 17 May 2006, Omaha, NE. Service: Sat. at United Methodist Church, Wolbach. Burial: Hillside Cemetery, Wolbach. Arrangements: Jacobsen-Greenway Funeral Home, Wolbach. Survivors: her mother, 4 brothers, 2 sisters. Predeceased by her father.

Grand Island Independent (photo) and Aurora News Register - Tues. 23 May 2006

**Virginia Rose Elizabeth "Ginny" FLODMAN, 89**

Born 15 Sep 1916, Central City, NE. Parents: Walter L. Moore & Elva P. Gilliard. 1934 grad. of CCHS. 20 Sep 1934: Married Carrol M. Flodman at Council Bluffs, IA. They farmed near Polk, NE. Died Sat. 20 May 2006, Stromsburg, NE. Visitation: Wed., Solt Funeral Home, Polk, NE. Service: Thurs. at United Methodist Church, Polk, NE. Burial: Swede Plain Cemetery. Survivors: 3 sons, 3 daughters, 19 gch., 20 g-gch. Predeceased by husband Carrol (4 Jun 1981), infant daughter Deanna Rae (1940), infant son Edward Lee (1939). Also deceased are 2 brothers: Dean & Donald Moore; sister Mary Jane Christensen; 2 grandchildren.

Kearney Hub - Tues. 23 May 2006

**Jay M. HACKETT, 94**

Born 10 Sep 1911, Archer, NE. Parents: Oscar Hackett & Edna Cronk. Grew up at Pocatello, ID & Ord, NE. 4 Jul 1935: Married Gladys Mildred Patrick at Ord. Heavy equipment operator, diesel mechanic. Worked in Valley County & at Kearney, NE. Retired in 1972 to residence at Johnson Lake (near Lexington, NE); returned to Kearney in 1999. Mr. Hackett died Sat. 15 Apr 2006 at Kearney. Service: Sat. at Ord Cemetery. Arrangements: O'Brien-Straatmann-Apfel Funeral Home, Kearney. Survivors: 1 son, 3 daughters, 9 gch., 16 g-gch. Predeceased by his wife (2001), his parents, a brother & a sister. Memorials: St. John's Center or the Merryman Center for the Performing Arts in Kearney.

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 24 May 2006; Columbus Telegram - Thurs. 25 May 2006

**Carol A KULA, 63**

Born 19 Mar 1943, Chicago, IL. Parents: Joseph Govern & Lucille Kurek. Grad. of Silver Creek HS. 31 Aug 1963: Married Richard Kula at Krakow (near Genoa), NE. They lived in Iowa and Grand Island, NE; returned to Silver Creek, NE. She died Mon. 22 May 2006 at Silver Creek. Service Fri. at St. Lawrence Catholic Church, Silver Creek. Burial: Church cemetery. Arrangements: McKown Funeral Home. Survivors: husband,

a son, a daughter, 3 gch.; a brother, a sister. Predeceased by her parents. Memorials: St. Francis Cancer Treatment Center or St. Francis Hospice in Grand Island.

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 27 May 2006

**Betty Jean PEDERSEN, 79**

Born 15 Nov 1926, Grand Island, NE. Parents: Floyd Peterson & Bessie Thompson. Lutheran. Attended school in Merrick County. 26 Jun 1944: Married Stanley Pedersen at St. Paul, NE. They farmed in Howard County, and then Merrick County. Mrs. Pedersen died Fri. 26 May 2006 at St. Paul, NE. Service: Tues. at Jacobsen-Greenway Funeral Home, St. Paul. Burial: Rose Hill Cemetery, Palmer, NE. Survivors: a son, a daughter, 2 gch.; a brother, 4 sisters. Predeceased by husband Stanley in 1979. Also deceased: her parents and a sister Beulah Jensen. Memorials: St. Paul EMTs.

Grand Island Independent - Mon. 29 May 2006

**Wilma FAEH, 99** (photo)

Born 12 Jul 1906, Wilcox, NE. Parents: Newton Franklin Potter & Anna Ellen James. 1925 grad. Alma HS. 17 Mar 1926: Married Delmond Faeh at Alma, NE. They farmed near Alma, Republican City, Wood River and Central City (since late 1940's). Mrs. Faeh died Sun. 28 May 2006 at Central City, NE. Service: Wed. at the Presbyterian Church. Burial: Central City Cem. Arrangements: Solt Funeral Home. Survivors: a daughter, 3 sons, 16 gch., 32 g-gch., 2 gg-gch.; a brother. Predeceased by her husband (1994), and a daughter, Corinne Hope Crossgrove.

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 30 May 2006

**Donald C. LARSON, 83**

Born 19 Feb 1923, Meadow Grove, NE. Parents: Claus E. Larson & Anna P. Olson. 1940 grad. of Meadow Grove HS. 1944-46: US Army Air Corps (mechanic). 6 Jul 1952: Married Dorothy M. Rodekohr at Battle Creek, NE. Farmed until 1958 when he went to work for Soil Conservation Service. 1963: Moved to Central City, NE. Mr. Larson died Sat. 27 May 2006 at Henderson, NE (York County). Visitation: Tues. at Wagner Funeral Home, Central City. Service: Wed. at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Central City. Burial: Stromsburg Cemetery (Polk County). Survivors: 3 sons, 2 daughters, 15 gch.; one brother. Predeceased by his parents & his wife (26 Apr 2001); 3 brothers: Rudy, Allan & John Larson; 2 sisters, Esther Wieting & Winnifred Larson.

Notes: See cemetery extracts for Polk County - his parents are buried at Stromsburg. See also: Do You Remember Meadow Grove, 1886-1986 page 255

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Grand Island Independent - Mon. 5 June 2006

**Carl F. SCHERER, Jr. 79**

Born 26 Nov 1926, Geddes, SD. Parents: Carl F. Scherer Sr. & Opal Walker. Educated at his birthplace. WW II: US Army. 14 Oct 1941: Married at Broken Bow, NE. They later lived at Central City and Grand Island, NE. He worked for Southern Public Power District. Died Sat. 3 Jun 2006 at Grand Island, NE. Memorial service: Wed. at Apfel Funeral Home, Grand Island. Burial at later date. Survivors: His wife, 3 sons, 2 daughters, 13 gch., 11 g-gch.; a brother. Predeceased by his parents, 2 brothers: Howard & Lawrence Scherer. Memorials: Abundant Life Christian Center.

Note: Parents, & brother Lawrence buried at Chapman Cemetery.

Grand Island Independent and Scottsbluff Star Herald - Wed. 7 June 2006

**Frank L. MADISON, 76** (photo)

Born 9 May 1930, Clarks, NE. Parents: Frank and Lottie Madison. Grad: Central City HS, NE Central College, and UN. Served in US Army. 14 Aug 1955: Married at Grand Island, NE. Teacher, coach, principal, school superintendent. Died 22 May 2006 at home in Gering, NE. Service: Sat. at Calvary Lutheran Church, Scottsbluff, NE. Remains will be taken to Pierce Chapel (Bureau Cemetery) at later date. Arrangements: Gering Memorial Chapel. Survivors: wife, a son a daughter; a brother, 2 sisters, grandchildren.



Predeceased: his parents, 3 brothers, 2 sisters. Memorials: Calvary Lutheran Church or Banner County Dollars for Scholars.

Note: GI Obit states his father & a brother died a week apart in Spring of 1931. Actually, it was his half-brother Elmer Madison that died 31 Mar 1931 (see Merrick County message board for obits).

Grand Island Independent - Fri. 9 June 2006

**Teya Faith COOK, 16** (photo)

Born 19 Jun 1989, Grand Island, NE. Parents: Joel Allen Cook & Julie Ann Nilus. Died Wed. 7 Jun 2006, auto accident near Central City, NE. Visitation: Fri. at Solt Funeral Home, Central City, NE. Service: Sat. at Community Bible Church, Central City. Burial: Grand Island Cemetery. Survivors: her mother & step-father; father & stepmother; a brother, 2 sisters. Also surviving, several grandparents. Predeceased by grandmother Bonnie Nilus and great-grandfathers, Carl Kasten and Gordon Cook.

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 10 June 2006

**F. Louise PICKREL, 80**

Born 8 Aug 1925, Fullerton, NE. Parents: Henry Wesley Pickrel & Bertha Jane Harrison. She lived at Clarks before moved to Central City, NE. Died Thurs. 8 Jun 2006, Central City, NE. Service: Mon. at Wagner Funeral Home, Central City. Burial: Central City Cemetery. Survivors: 2 sisters and a sister-in-law.

Grand Island Independent (abbrev.) - Fri. 9 Jun 2006; Columbus Telegram - Sun. 11 Jun 2006

**William Fredrick August GAEDEKE Jr., 83**

Born 31 Oct 1922, Silver Creek, NE. Parents: William Gaedeke Sr. & Minnie Auman. 1940 grad. of Silver Creek HS. WW II: US Navy. 17 Mar 1946: first marriage - to Bernice, at Grand Island, NE. They farmed south of Silver Creek, NE. 26 Dec 1971: second marriage - to Mardyne, at Las Vegas, NV. Mr. Gaedke died Thurs. 8 Jun 2006, Silver Creek, NE. Visitation & service: Mon. McKown Funeral Home, Columbus, NE. Survivors: wife, 4 daughters, 2 sons, 24 gch., 19 g-gch. Also surviving: 2 step-daughters, 4 step-sons; a brother and 3 sisters. Predeceased by his parents; daughter Barbara Shalgren; brother Ralph Gaedeke and sister Julia Pipke.

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 15 June 2006

**Wayne Neuman SCARBOROUGH, 81** (photo)

Born 28 Apr 1925, Palmer, NE. Parents: Neuman Scarborough & Sathena Mickelson. 1942 grad. St. Paul HS. WW II: US Army. 28 May 1952: Married Geraldine Glover. Died Tues. 13 Jun 2006, Grand Island, NE. Service Sat. at Livingston-Sondermann Funeral Home. Burial at Rosehill Cemetery, Palmer, NE. Survivors: A son and a daughter, 2 gch. Predeceased by his wife & a son Craig; 3 brothers: Gerald (& his wife Edna), Gale and Lavern Scarborough.

See obits for wife (published GI Independent, 14 Mar 2001) and brother Gale (published GI Independent, 7 Mar 2005)

Columbus Telegram and Grand Island Independent (photo) - Fri. 16 Jun 2006

**Brent B. ZOUCHA, 19** - Lance Corp.

Born 26 Aug 1986, Central City, NE. Parents: Benedict Zoucha & his wife. 2005 grad. of High Plains Community School. 12 Jun 2005: Entered US Marine Corps. Died Fri. 9 Jun 2006 at Al Bu Hardan, Al An Bar Province, Iraq. Service: Tues. at St. Peter's Catholic Church, Clarks, NE. Burial: Calvary Cemetery, Clarks, NE. Arrangements: Wagner Funeral Home, Central City, NE. Survivors: his mother, 2 brothers, a sister, 3 grandparents. Predeceased by his father Benedict Zoucha and grandfather, Ben B. Zoucha.

Grand Island Independent and Kearney Hub - Fri. 23 June 2006

**Maxine G. McMULLEN, 88**

Born 16 Jun 1918 near Silver Creek, NE. Parents: Wallace Carter & Harriet Kershaw. Died Thurs. 22 Jun 2006 at Gibbon, NE. Service: Mon. at Faith United Church, Gibbon. Burial: Riverside Cemetery, Gibbon. Arrangements: Godberson Mortuary. Survivors: a son, 4 daughters, a brother. Predeceased by husband Archie R. McMullen and a daughter Beverly.

Columbus Telegram - Wed. 28 Jun 2006

**Jerome E. MEYSENBURG, 75**

Born 9 Apr 1931, Clarks, NE. Parents: Leo Meysenburg & Anita Koeller. 1949 grad. Marietta HS. 1952-54: US Army. 8 Nov 1958: Married at Appleton, NE. Farmer. Died Sun. 25 Jun 2006 on farm near David City, NE. Visitation: Today at Roberts-Chermok Funeral Home. Service: Thurs. at St. Peters Catholic Church, Bellwood, NE. Burial: church cemetery. Survivors: His wife, 5 sons, 5 daughters, 16 gch.; 6 brothers and 2 sisters. His parents are deceased. Memorials: Aquinas HS or the Presentation Catholic Church (near Bellwood, NE). Note: His parents - Merrick County Marriage Records Book I page 52 #3605.

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 29 June 2006; Aurora News Register - 4 Jul & 25 Jul 2006

**Robert W. WILLMAN, 90**

Born 22 Feb 1916, Merrick Co., NE. Parents: Fred Willman & Dora Spiehs. 1933 grad. of Grand Island HS. 13 Apr 1937: Married Dolores Koarstad at Kearney, NE. They farmed between Grand Island & Chapman, NE. Mr. Willman died Tues. 27 Jun 2006. Graveside service: Fri, Grand Island City Cemetery. Arrangements: Livingston-Sondermann Funeral Home. Survivors: A son, a daughter, 2 gch and 2 g-gch. Predeceased by his wife (1981), his parents and an infant son Collin. Note: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I page 408.

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Grand Island Independent - Sat. 8 Jul 2006

**Howard MICKELSEN, 70**

Born 28 Mar 1936, St. Paul, NE. Parents: Clarence Mickelsen & Annie Bennett. 1955 grad. of Dannebrog HS. 1955-59: USAF. 30 Sep 1958: Married Eva Mary Bordelon, Avoyelles Parish, LA. They lived at Palmer, NE. Mr. Mickelsen died Thurs. 6 Jul 2006 at Grand Island, NE. Visitation: Sun. at Jacobsen-Greenway Funeral Home, St. Paul. Service: Mon. at United Methodist Church, Palmer, NE. Burial: Oakridge Cemetery, Dannebrog, NE. Survivors: 2 sons; 2 brothers; 2 sisters. Predeceased by his wife (1988); brother Clarence Mickelsen Jr.; 2 sisters, Lillian Thompson and Doris Butler.

Aurora News Register & Grand Island Independent - Tues. 11 Jul 2006

**Mary FISHLER, 82**

Born 19 Nov 1923, Hordville, NE. Parents: Albin J. Nelson & Margaret E. Dodds. Grad. of Hordville HS 5 Oct 1947: Married Laurence J. Fishler at Hordville, NE. They farmed near Central City, NE. Died Sun. 9 Jul 2006, Central City, NE. Service: Thurs. at St. Michael's Catholic Church. Burial: Central City Cemetery. Arrangements: Wagner Funeral Home of Central City, NE. Survivors: 3 sons, 5 daughters, 28 gch., 29 g-gch.; a sister. Predeceased by her husband; 2 brothers: Lee Nelson & Clarence Nelson (infant); 3 gch. Memorials: Alzheimer's Association. Note: Husband died 14 Nov 2004.

Grand Island Independent obit - Wed. 12 Jul 2006

**Margaret Anne MINNIEAR, 85**

Born 30 Mar 1921, Mynard (Cass Co.), NE. Parents: John S. Vallery & Margaret Livingston. 1938 grad. Plattsmouth HS. 1940: Moved to California. 15 May 1943: Married Perry Dingman at Greensboro, NC. Following war they lived at Plattsmouth, NE. Mr. Dingman died in 1968. 10 Oct 1971: Married Harley Minniear. They lived at Central City, NE. Mr. Minniear died 9 Jan 1996. Mrs. Minniear died Sun. 9 Jul 2006 at Plattsmouth, NE. Service: Sat. at First United Methodist Church. Burial: Pleasant Ridge Cemetery, Plattsmouth, NE. Arrangements: Solt Funeral Home of Central City, NE. Survivors: a son, a daughter, 2 stepdaughters, 2 gch. Predeceased by her parents, 2 spouses; 2 sisters: Mary Ellen Davis and Janet Ptak; 2 brothers: Jack & Robert Valley; a stepson Edward Harley Minniear.

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 12 Jul 2006

**Hazel BURKE RUGE, 98**

Born 8 Dec 1907, Wolbach, NE. Parents: Gustave Wagner & Inez Lee. Raised on farm of Wagner

grandparents, near Chapman, NE. 10 Feb 1927: Married Fay W. Burke. They farmed at Glenwood (Nance Co.), near Palmer, NE. 1958: Moved to Palmer. Husband died 11 Nov 1964. 22 Sep 1968: Married Bill Ruge. They lived in Omaha, NE. Mr. Ruge is deceased. Mrs. Ruge died Sun. 9 Jul 2006 at Omaha, NE. Visitation: Wed., Palmer Funeral Home, Palmer, NE. Service: Thurs. at United Methodist Church, Palmer. Burial: Rose Hill Cemetery. Survivors: 2 step-children. Predeceased by both spouses; a brother Herbert; 6 sisters: Margaret Buresch, Augusta Tyler, Dorothy Wells, Esther Tyler, Emma Rembolt and Effie Maude Wagner (infant). Also deceased, stepson Douglas Ruge. Memorials: Methodist Church in Palmer, Rose Hill Cemetery in Palmer, Omaha Home for Boys, Ak-Sar-Ben Chapter, or Chapter 277 of the Order of the Eastern Star.

See extracts of siblings obits - 11 Feb 1998: Grand Island Independent obit of sister Augusta. 14 Mar 2001: GI Independent obit of sister Dorothy. 30 Jul 2005: GI Independent obit of sister Emma.

Columbus Telegram and Grand Island Independent (photo) - Thurs. 13 Jul 2006

**Delbert Lewis MILLER, 79**

Born 4 Jul 1927 (near Palmer) in Nance County, NE. Parents: Charles Herbert Miller & Sadie Olive Lewis. 12 Jun 1954: Married at Columbus, NE. 1955-57: US Army. Lived at Palmer, then Clarks, and at Central City, NE. Died Wed. 12 Jul 2006, Central City. Visitation: Fri., Solt Funeral Home, Central City. Service Sat. at St. Paul's Lutheran Church. Burial: Central City Cemetery. Survived by his wife, 3 daughters, , one son, 8 gch., 1 g-gch; 2 sisters. Predeceased by his parents; 2 brothers: Elmer & Everett Miller; 2 sisters: Elsie Arnold and May Rasmussen.

Note: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I p273.

Grand Island Independent - Sun. 16 Jul 2006

**Julia E. RILEY, 89** (photo)

Born 24 Sep 1916, Merrick County, NE. Parents: Martie C. Christensen & Georgia E. Brown. Family moved to farm in Nance County (north of Palmer). She worked in Palmer, Lincoln and Scottsbluff, NE. 16 Jul 1939: Married Charles Riley at Mitchell, NE. They farmed near Mitchell until his death 17 Jul 1954. She worked in Scottsbluff, Palmer and St. Paul, NE. In 1996, returned to Palmer, NE. Died Thurs. 13 Jul 2006, Central City, NE. Visitation: Sun. at Palmer Funeral Home. Service: Mon. at Wesleyan Church, Palmer. Burial: Glenwood Cemetery, near Palmer, NE (in Nance County). Survivors: a step-daughter; 3 sisters. Predeceased by her husband, 3 stepsons; 3 brothers: Chris, Carl and Albert Christensen. Memorials: Nebraska Christian Schools in Central City.

Columbus Telegram and Grand Island Independent (photo) - Tues. 18 Jul 2006

**Leah R. BECK, 67**

Born 2 Apr 1939, Silver Creek, NE. Parents: Dean Himebaugh & Neva Smith. Grad. of Silver Creek HS. 13 Jul 1957: Married Robert L. Beck at Silver Creek, NE. They lived at Clarks, NE. School bus driver, business owner. Died Sun. 16 Jul 2006, Clarks. Celebration of Life: Wed., at Beck's Barn near Clarks. Burial: Bureau Cemetery, Pierce Chapel, Clarks, NE. Arrangements: Wagner Funeral Home. Survivors: Her husband, 2 sons, a daughter, 4 gch.; 2 sisters. Predeceased by her parents, and 2 aunts: Mildred Adams and Vera Johnson.

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 18 Jul 2006

**Levi L. HEDGLIN, 61** (photo)

Born 5 Aug 1944, Wood River, NE. Parents: Harvey Hedglin & Myrtle Sorensen. 1961-63: US Navy. 9 May 1964: Married at Wood River, NE. Truck driver. 1983: Moved to Central City. Methodist. Died Mon. 17 Jul 2006, Central City, NE. Service: Thurs., Wagner Funeral Home. Burial: Central City Cemetery. Survivors: His wife, 5 sons, 17 gch.; 2 brothers, 2 sisters. Predeceased by his parents, 2 sisters and a brother.

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 22 Jul 2006

**Martin W. FRIEDRICHSEN, 73**

Born 27 Dec 1932, Palmer, NE. Parents: William & Louise Friedrichsen. Grad of Palmer HS. Served in US Army. Farmed at Palmer. Moved to California and later to Tucson, AZ. Died Thurs. 20 Jul 2006, Grand Island,

NE. No service. Survivors: 5 children, 3 step-children, 16 gch., 7 g-gch.; 2 sisters. Predeceased by wife Jeri and an infant daughter. Also deceased: his parents; and 2 sisters: Arlene & Helen.

Note: Mother's obit - 27 Aug 2000: Grand Island Independent

Norfolk Daily News - Sat. 29 Jul 2006

**John L DUSATKO, 55**

Born 19 Oct 1950, O'Neill, NE. Parents: Bernard Dusatko & Margaret Babl. 1969 grad. of St. Mary's School. 6 Jun 1976: Married at O'Neill. They lived at Kearney, NE; Center Point, IA; Grand Island, NE. About 1984: Moved to Palmer, NE. He died 27 Jul 2006 at Palmer. Service: Mon. at Zion Lutheran Church, Worms, NE. Burial: Prospect Cemetery, O'Neill. Arrangements: Palmer Funeral Home, Palmer, NE. Survivors: His wife, 2 sons, a daughter, 2 gch.; his parents, 4 brothers, a sister.

Grand Island Independent - Mon. 31 Jul 2006

**Helen M. HOFFMAN, 82**

Born 14 Feb 1924 near Central City, NE. Parents: Walter Garrett & Frankie Good. Married Leonard Hoffmann. Lived at Bradshaw, NE. Died Sun. 30 Jul 2006, York, NE. Service: Tues. at Metz Chapel, York. Burial: Greenwood Cemetery. Survivors: Her husband, a son, a daughter; 2 brothers & 3 sisters.

See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I page 203 for her family.

Grand Island Independent - Mon. 31 Jul 2006

**Roberta Ellen MACE, 84** (photo)

Born 6 May 1922, Central City, NE. Parents: Robert Johnston & Amanda W. Nelson. 1940 grad. of CCHS. 18 Jun 1947: Married Marvin Mace at Central City. Secretary, bookkeeper. Died Sat. 29 Jul 2006 at Lincoln, NE. Visitation: Tues. Solt Funeral Home, Central City. Service: Wed. at United Methodist Church. Burial: Central City Cemetery. Survivors: 3 sons and a daughter, 22 gch., 4 g-gch. Predeceased by her husband (22 Dec 1986), and a son David (30 Dec 1998).

See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I p 252. Her parents - Marriage Record Book H p179 #3348: Central City, Merrick, NE

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Norfolk Daily News - Wed. 2 Aug 2006

**Marie H. BOCK, 101**

Born 4 Sep 1904, Clarno, WI. Parents: Fred Dinges & Edith Williams. When 6 mos old, her family moved to Central City, NE. 1942 grad. Coter College, Lincoln, NE. 14 Aug 1929: Married Mark Bock. Taught at Pleasant Hill, Clarks and Central City. Mr. Bock was teacher/coach. 1957: Moved to Norfolk, NE. Mrs. Bock died Sun. 30 Jul 2006, Blair, NE. Service: Wed. 2 Aug at Campbell-Aman Funeral Home, Blair. Burial: Central City Cemetery. Survivors: 2 sons, 6 gch., 8 g-gch. Predeceased by her husband.

Grand Island Independent - Fri. 4 Aug 2006

**Maxine M. JENSEN, 82** (photo)

Born 4 Oct 1923, near Central City, NE. Parents: Helmet Butts & Lenore Alma Brown. 1941 grad. of CCHS. Teacher, florist. 20 Sep 1947: Married Glenn H. Jensen at Lincoln, NE. Died Mon. 31 Jul 2006, Grand Island, NE. Service: Mon., Solt Funeral Home Chapel, Central City. Burial: Central City Cemetery. Survivors: A sister-in-law, nieces & nephews. Predeceased by her parents, husband (died 26 Dec 1979), twin brother Max Butts, sister Wilma Ruge.

Note: her parents marriage - Merrick County Marriage Records Book H p237 #3407

Grand Island Independent (abbrev.) and Kearney Hub - Tues. 8 Aug 2006

**Margaret HOSTLER, 87**

Born 13 Aug 1918, Central City, NE. Parents: Rollie Hilligas & Tressie McMahon. Grad. of Dallas HS, SD. 1938: Married John H. Hostler at Pine Ridge. Resident of Blunt, SD since 1998. Died Thurs. 3 Aug 2006 at Pierre, SD. Service: Thurs. at Apfel Funeral Home, Grand Island, NE. Burial: Grand Island City Cemetery.

Survivors: 2 sons, and a sister. Predeceased by her husband (Oct 1982); daughter, Ida Broberg and son-in-law Robert Broberg.

Note: her parents marriage - Merrick Co. Marriage Records Book G p283 #2816

Grand Island Independent - Fri. 11 Aug 2006

**Jack M. MUNN, 63** (photo)

Born 7 Sep 1942, Central City, NE. Parents: Elbert Munn & Gladys Michaelson. 1960 grad. of CCHS. 1960-63: US Navy. Later moved to Nashville, TN. Drummer for various country western bands. 1979: Returned and settled at Chapman, NE. 24 Oct 1980: married at Columbus, NE. 1992: Began his own business. Died Wed. 9 Aug 2006 at Grand Island, NE. Service: Sat. at Wagner Funeral Home, Central City. Burial: Central City Cemetery. Survivors: His wife, 2 daughters, 4 gch.; a brother & a sister. Predeceased by son Mario.

Note: see History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I page 292

Grand Island Independent - Fri. 11 Aug 2006

**Agnes TVRDIK, 93** (photo)

Born 22 Oct 1912, on farm west of Ord, NE. Parents: John Rousek & Anna Bruha. 1 Aug 1932, Married Edward C. Tvrdik at Ord. They farmed near Ord. 1957: Moved to farm near Central City, NE. Mr. Tvrdik died in 1973 and the next year Agnes moved back to Ord, NE. She died Tues. 8 Aug 2006. Visitation: Fri. at Ord Memorial Chapel. Service: Sat., Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church, Ord. Burial at Ord Catholic Cemetery. Survivors: 2 daughters, 6 gch., and 4 g-gch. Predeceased by her husband; 2 sisters: Alice Bartu and Emma Rousek; a son-in-law Quentin "Hank" Dahlstedt. Memorials: Altar Society at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church.

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 12 Aug 2006; Aurora News Register - Tues. 15 Aug 2006

**W. K. "Keith" BAILEY, 83** (photo)

Born 31 Dec 1922, Wolbach, NE. Parents: Chauncy Bailey a& Edna Hennessey. 1941 grad. of Wolbach HS. WW II & Korea: US Army. Residence: Palmer, NE. 17 Nov 1946: Married at Wolbach, NE. Farmer; orderly at VA Hospital in Grand Island. Died Thurs. 10 Aug 2006, Grand Island, NE. Service: Mon. at United Methodist Church, Palmer, NE. Burial: Hillside Cemetery, Wolbach, NE. Arrangements: Jacobsen-Greenway Funeral Home, St. Paul, NE. Survivors: His wife, 8 children, 21 gch., 31 g-gch. Predeceased by 5 brothers: Glen, Lloyd, Loren, Max and Ward Bailey; one sister Julia Earl.

Grand Island Independent - Mon. 14 Aug 2006

**Terry M. CATLETT, 44** (photo)

Born 29 May 1962, Central City, NE. Parents: Ted G. Catlett & Rose L. Lyons. 1981 grad. of CCHS. Member of Christian Church. 30 Mar 1985: Married at Central City. Worked for NE Dept. of Roads. Died Sat. 12 Aug 2006 at hospital in Grand Island, NE. Visitation: Tues. Wagner Funeral Home, Central City, NE. Service: Tues. at same place. Burial: Central City Cemetery. Survivors: His mother, 2 daughters, a brother, 3 sisters. Predeceased by his father; brother Douglas B. Catlett; brother-in-law Keith Namanny; grandparents George & Vera Catlett and Howard & Elsie Lyons.

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 19 Aug 2006

**Irene D. BAHENSKY, 87** (photo)

Born 7 Jul 1919, Worms, NE. Parents: Alfred Dammann & Katherina Hinrichs. Attended Zion Lutheran School, Worms. 1937 grad. of Palmer HS. 29 Aug 1937: Married Melvin Bahensky at Worms, NE. They lived in Canada, West Virginia and then Gage Valley area of NE. Moved to Grand Island, NE. 2000: Moved to St. Paul, NE. Recently moved to Grand Island. Died Thurs. 17 Aug 2006 at Grand Island. Burial at later date, at Rose Hill Cemetery, Palmer, NE. Arrangements: Peters Funeral Home, St. Paul, NE. Survivors: husband, a son and a daughter, 5 gch., 13 g-gch. Predeceased by her parents; brother Arnold Dammann; 2 sisters: Hildegard Brase & Agatha Luebbe. Memorials: Christ Lutheran Church, St. Paul.

Notes: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I p 168 (Dammann). 4 May 2004: Grand Island Independent obit published for brother Arnold. 25 Mar 2005: Grand Island Independent obit published for

sister Hildegard Brase.

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 19 Aug 2006

**Marjorie S. FOSTER, 94**

Born 8 Apr 1912, Archer, NE. Parents: Adolph & Sophia Nitzel. Grad: Grand Island Sr. High School, and Hastings College. 21 Dec 1931: Married Wayne S. Foster, at Central City, NE. They farmed near Doniphan, NE (Hall County). Mr. Foster died 27 May 1978. Mrs. Foster died Thurs. 17 Aug 2006, Grand Island, NE. Service: Tues., Apfel Funeral Home, Grand Island, NE. Burial: Cedarview Cemetery, Doniphan. Survivors: A son and 2 gch. Predeceased by son Wayne Jr. and 3 brothers. Memorials: Doniphan United Methodist Church.

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 24 Aug 2006

**LeRoy Ernest RUDOLF, 76** (photo)

Born 1 Mar 1930, Palmer, NE. Parents: Ernest Rudolf & Martha Bruns. 1948 grad. of Palmer HS. 1952-53: US Army. 15 Aug 1954: Married at Archer, NE. Farmer. Died Mon., 21 Aug 2006, Palmer, NE. Visitation: Thurs., Palmer Funeral Home, Palmer, NE. Service: Fri. at Palmer United Methodist Church. Burial: Rose Hill Cemetery. Survivors: His wife, 2 daughters, 2 gch.

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 29 Aug 2006

**Thelma Jeanne PALSER, 82** (photo)

Born 19 Aug 1924, Mira Valley near Ord, NE. Parents: Lynn Collins & Edna Stam. 1941 grad. of Ord HS. 15 Jun 1946: Married Arthur E. Palser at Mira Valley Evangelical United Brethren Church. 1961: Moved to Central City; owned a motel & service station. Mrs. Palser died Sun. 27 Aug 2006, Central City, NE. Visitation: Tues., Solt Funeral Home, Central City. Service: Wed. at United Methodist Church. Burial: Central City Cemetery. Survivors: Her husband, 2 sons, 4 gch., 7 g-gch.; a brother & a sister. Predeceased by her parents, sister Gladys Hackel and brother Vernon Collins. Memorials: United Methodist Church Foundation, Central City, NE.

Grand Island Independent obit - Wed. 30 Aug 2006

**Pauline M. SORENSEN, 88**

Born 1917 near Grand Island, NE. Parents: Casper & Mary Meyer. Married Francis Sorensen. Mrs. Sorensen died Sun. 27 Aug 2006, Omaha, NE. Visitation: Thurs. at Heafey-Heafey-Hoffmann-Dworak-Cutler Funeral Home, West Center Chapel, in Omaha. Service: Fri. at Kountze Memorial Lutheran Church. Burial: Hillcrest Cemetery in Omaha. Survivors: a daughter, 2 sons, 8 gch, 3 g-gch. Predeceased by her husband, parents and siblings. Also deceased, grandson Connor Meigs. Memorials: Kountze Memorial Church or to the Florence Mill.

Note: For her possible parents see Who's Who in Nebraska, Merrick Co. chapter, page 817.

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Columbus Telegram - Wed. 6 Sep 2006

**Terrance J. HUTCHISON, 64**

Born 25 Oct 1941, Columbus, NE. Parents: Theodore Hutchison and Emma Wilcox. Family lived in Silver Creek. He married twice; first in 1963, and second, in 1993. Lived in Hastings, NE. Died Sun. 3 Sep 2006 at Hastings. Service: Thurs. United Methodist Church, Silver Creek, NE. Burial at Silver Creek. Arrangements: McKown Funeral Home. Survivors: His wife, a daughter and a son, 3 gch.; a sister & 2 brothers. Also surviving - 3 step-sons.

Grand Island Independent - Mon. 11 Sep 2006

**Floyd M GORGEN, 83** (photo)

Born 20 Sep 1922, Merrick Co., NE. Parents: John H. Gorgen & Evelyn M. Walden. 1940 grad. of CCHS. US Army Air Corps. 7 Oct 1948: Married Barbara A. Glotfelty at Spokane, WA. They farmed in Merrick County until 1960. 1967-1989: Floyd was Merrick County Clerk. Mr. Gorgen died Sat. 9 Sep 2006 at Grand Island, NE.

Visitation: Wed., Solt Funeral Home, Central City. Service: Thurs., United Methodist Church. Burial: Central City Cemetery. Survivors: 2 sons, 5 gch., 5 g-gch.; a sister & brother-in-law. Predeceased by his wife (died 25 Nov 2000); and a brother John Gorgen. Memorials: St. Francis Hospice, Grand Island., NE

Note: Brother, John died 4 Jul 2005. Their mother, Evelyn Walden can be found in 1900 Census with her parents, Prairie Island Pct ED132 p3b D051 F051

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 12 Sep 2006

**Agnes M. McKEE, 80** (photo)

Born 3 Sep 1926, St. Libory, NE. Parents: Albert Schmidt & Florence Noehrn. Attended Zion Lutheran School at Worms, NE. 17 Sep 1950: Married Thomas McKee at Grand Island, NE. Worked at Skagway. Mr. McKee died 21 Apr 1996. Mrs. McKee died Sat. 9 Sep 2006, Grand Island, NE. Visitation: Tues., Apfel Funeral Home, Grand Island. Service: Wed. at Grace Lutheran Church. Burial: Westlawn Memorial Park Cemetery, Grand Island. Survivors: A son, 2 daughter, 5 gch., 4 step-gch., etc. Predeceased by her husband and her parents; 2 brothers: Albert Jr. & Loren Schmidt; sister Emma. Memorials: Grace Lutheran Church, Grand Island or Zion Lutheran School of Worms.

Note: Her sister, Emma Anderson died 5 Dec 2005.

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 14 Sep 2006

**Willa Jean "Billie" Fishburn, 78** (photo)

Born 13 Oct 1927, Webster Co., NE. Parents: Vaugh Lewis & Maybelle Vonderfecht. Grad. of Chapman HS and Kearney State College. 14 Jul 1964: Married George "Jim" Fishburn at Grand Island, NE. English teacher, speech therapist. Died Mon. 11 Sep 2006, Grand Island, NE. Service: Fri. at Kleine Funeral Home. Burial: Chapman Cemetery (Merrick Co.). Survivors: a brother, 2 nieces, 3 sisters-in-law. Predeceased by her husband (1995), and a son Matthew (1979, auto accident). Memorials: Merrick Foundation for Matthew Fishburn Scholarship Fund, P.O. Box 200, Central City, NE 68826.

Note: See Chapman Cemetery extracts file on-line.

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 16 Sep 2006

**Frieda M. OAKESON, 86** (photo)

Born 29 Feb 1920 near Palmer, NE. Parents: Henry Helzer & Elizabeth Bader. 16 May 1941: Married Howard M. Oakeson at Palmer, NE. They lived a short time at Grand Island, then moved to St. Paul, NE. Oct 1994, they moved to Grand Island. Mrs. Oakeson died Fri. 15 Sep 2006, Grand Island, NE. Service: Tues., Christ Lutheran Church, St. Paul. Burial: Elmwood Cemetery, St. Paul. Arrangements: Peters Funeral Home, St. Paul. Survivors: Her husband, a daughter, a son, 5 gch.; a sister. Predeceased by her parents; sister Emma Knothe; 3 brothers: Albert Walter & Mike Helzer. Memorials: Christ Lutheran Church.

Note: Howard Oakeson's obit - 27 Apr 2008, Grand Island Independent.

Grand Island Independent - Sun. 17 Sep 2006

**Edwin C. SCHIPMAN, 79**

Born 13 Sep 1927, on farm near St. Libory (1 mile northeast of Worms), NE. Parents: Reinhart Schipman & Frieda Scheer. Education: Zion Lutheran Church School, Worms. 10 Sep 1950: Married Melba Bergstrom at Dannebrog, NE. Ran farm, truck garden, and greenhouse. Died Wed. 13 Sep 2006, Grand Island, NE. Service: Mon., Zion Lutheran Church, Worms. Burial: church cemetery. Arrangements: Jacobsen-Greeway Funeral Home, St. Paul. Survivors: 2 sons, 2 daughters, 11 gch., 18 g-gch. Predeceased by his wife (died 30 Jan 1974), his parents; 2 brothers: Leonard & Donald Schipman; an infant sister, and a great-grandson Justyn Larsen.

See: History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I pp 253-4 (Jurzenski), 269 (BJ&S Larsen), 350-1 (Schipman)

Grand Island Independent - Fri. 22 Sep 2006

**David Shelton FORBIS, 44** (photo)

Born 4 May 1962, Central City, NE. Parents: Mac & Shirley Forbis. 1980 grad. CCHS. 22 Jun 1985: Married at Central City, NE. Died Tues. 19 Sep 2006 at medical facility in Lincoln, NE. Service: Sat., Wagner Funeral Home, Central City. Burial: Central City Cemetery. Survivors: His wife, 2 children; parents, 2 sisters, 2

grandmothers. Predeceased by grandparents Henry & Frances Forbis, Max Shelton Jr.

Fremont Tribune (photo) - Fri. 22 Sep 2006; Grand Island Independent - Sat. 23 Sep 2006

**Geraldine E. SASS, 78** (photo link not working on GI Independent website)

Born 18 Jun 1928, St. Libory, NE. 1946 grad. Palmer HS. Grad. of St. Francis Hospital School of Nursing. 25 Apr 1954: Married Wallace Sass at Palmer, NE. Died Thurs. 21 Sep 2006, Fremont, NE. Visitation: Sun., Lattin-Dugan-Chamber Funeral Chapel. Service: Mon. Trinity Lutheran Church. Survivors: husband, a daughter, 2 sons, 6 gch.; a sister, 2 brothers Memorials: American Lung Association or Trinity Lutheran Church.

Note: Her family, see History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I page 278

Grand Island Independent and Kearney Hub - Tues. 26 Sep 2006

**Gilbert J. "Gib" GORGEN, 82** (photo)

Born 21 Feb 1924, Central City, NE. Parents: Joe Gorgen & Annie Walden. 1943 grad. of CCHS. WW II: US Navy (South Pacific). 3 Sep 1950: Married. 1954: Moved to Kearney, NE. Died Sat. 23 Sep 2006 at hospital in Lincoln, NE. Visitation Tues. at Horner-Lieske-Horner Mortuary, Kearney. Service: Wed., First Presbyterian Church, Kearney. Burial: Kearney Cemetery. Survivors: His wife, 2 daughters, gch. & g-gch.; 2 sisters. Note: Obit also appeared the day previous, with different photograph.

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 26 Sep 2006

**Jessie R. EOFF, 88**

Born 2 Feb 1918, Treat, KS. Parents: George D. Relph & Sarah M. Clayton. Lived with Paul & Mabel Crawford in Central City, NE. 1935 grad. of CCHS. 1936: Married Hardin Eoff at Crawford's home. Lived in Omaha, NE. Died Wed. 20 Sep 2006, Sun City West, AZ. Service was held Mon. at Shepherd of the Hills United Methodist Church, Sun City, AZ. Burial: Central City Cemetery. Arrangements: Solt Funeral Home. Survivors: husband, 2 sons, 5 gch., 8 g-gch.; a brother. Predeceased by a sister, Lottie R. Mullin. Memorials: Arizona Kidney Foundation, 4203 E. Indian School Road #140, Phoenix, AZ 85018.

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 28 Sep 2006

**Lois Wyvonne SNODGRASS, 72**

Born 26 Oct 1933, Merrick Co., NE. Parents: Archie Snodgrass & Esther Garrett. Resident of Palmer, NE. Died Tues. 26 Sep 2006, Grand Island, NE. Visitation: Thurs., Palmer Funeral Home, Palmer, NE. Service: Fri., Wesleyan Church, Palmer. Burial: Pierce Chapel Cemetery (Bureau Cemetery), near Clarks, NE. Survivors: two sisters.

Note: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I pp 369-70.

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 29 Sep 2006

**Frederick "Fritz" REMBOLT, 88** (photo)

Born 10 Jan 1918, Chapman, NE. WW II: US Army. 2 Jun 1946: Married Nancy of Ralston, NE. Owned Rembolt-Hansen Piano & Organ Co., Grand Island, NE. Semi-retired to RV in USA. Died Sun. 24 Sep 2006, Kingman, AZ. Visitation: Fri., Livingston-Sodermann Funeral Home, Grand Island. Service: Sat., Faith United Methodist Church. Burial: Westlawn Memorial Park Cemetery, Grand Island, NE. Survivors: His wife, 3 children, 3 gch., 1 g-gch.; a brother & a sister. Predeceased by parents & 3 brothers: Harvey, Earl & Marvin Rembolt. Memorials: American Heart Association, Phoenix Chapter, 2929 S. 48th St., Tempe, AZ 85282.

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Grand Island Independent obit - Mon. 2 Oct 2006, Aurora News Register - Wed. 4 Oct 2006

**Alberta OBERSCHULTE, 70**

Born 7 Dec 1935, Merrick Co., NE. Parents: Leonard Dickman & Anna Shipman. Grew up near Worms, NE. Grad. of Grand Island HS. 6 Feb 1959: Married LaMoine August Oberschulte at Grand Island, NE. They lived at North Platte & Chapman, NE. Later lived at St. Libory & Fullerton, NE. Mr. Oberschulte died in May 1995. Mrs. Oberschulte died Sat. 30 Sep 2006, at hospital in Central City, NE. Service: Wed. at Apfel Funeral Home,



Grand Island, NE. Burial: Chapman Cemetery. Survivors: 2 sons, 2 gch.; a sister in TX. Predeceased by her husband, and a daughter Kimberly Ann Booker. Also deceased, brother Marvin Dickman and sister LaVonne (Bonnie) Powers.

Note: See extracts of Chapman Cemetery for husband and daughter.

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 4 Oct 2006

**Harold D. BERST, 75** (photo)

Born 8 Feb 1931, near Cushing (Howard Co.), NE. Parents: Charles Berst & Marie Petersen. Attended school in Merrick County. 1952-58: US Army. 13 Sep 1959: Married at Palmer, NE. They farmed near Cushing (20 years); moved to Crete for 12 years, then moved to Palmer, NE. Mr. Berst died Sun., 1 Oct 2006, St. Paul, NE. Visitation: Thurs., Palmer Funeral Home, Palmer, NE. Service: Fri., St. John's Lutheran Church, Palmer. Burial: South Logan Cemetery, north of St. Paul, NE. Survivors: His wife, a daughter, 2 gch.; a brother & a sister, a sister-in-law. Predeceased by son Kenneth Dale Berst and daughter Jean Marie Berst. Also deceased: his parents, brother Edward and infant sister Beverly. Memorials: St. John's Lutheran Church.

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 4 Oct 2006

**Orville E. SAWYERS, 85** (photo)

Born 13 Dec 1921, Central City, NE. Parents: Samuel G. Sawyers & Luella Adams. "... grew up on Prairie Island." 21 Apr 1940: Married Jean M. Swanson. They lived in Central City area. 4 Sep 1971: Married second time; they lived in Grand Island. Mr. Sawyers died Tues. 3 Oct 2006, Grand Island, NE. Service: Fri., Solt Funeral Home, Central City. Burial: Central City Cemetery. Survivors: 2nd wife, a daughter & a son, 8 gch.; 5 step-daughters and their children; a sister and a brother-in-law. Predeceased by first wife Jean (died 10 May 1969), 2 sons: Gordon Sawyers (5 Feb 1970) and Gary Sawyers (26 May 2000). Also deceased: three sisters - Edith Peters, Ruby Ortengren, Marjorie Dettman; two brothers - Harold & Raymond Sawyers.

Kearney Hub - Thurs. 5 Oct 2006

**Mary Anna Sophia DAHLGREN, 92**

Born 5 Nov 1913, Chapman, NE. Parents: Henry Ropers & Anna Kirchheck. Attended school in Dawson County. 1932 grad. Lexington HS. 28 Aug 1935: Married Vernon Dahlgren at Lexington, NE. 1940: They moved to farm northeast of Bertrand (Phelps County), NE. 1973: Moved into town. She was active in church, social & civic affairs. Was parade marshall of 2006 Bertrand Fair & Rodeo. Died Tues. 3 Oct 2006 at Bertrand. Visitation: Fri., Sandstrom Funeral Home, Bertrand. Service Sat., St. Paul's Lutheran Church. Burial: Highland Cemetery, Bertrand. Survivors: 2 sons, 2 daughters, gch. and g-gch. Predeceased by her parents, her husband (died 9 Aug 1984); 3 brothers: John, George, Albert (infancy); 4 sisters: Lizzie Strumpler, Meta Ropes, Anna Phillippi, Hattie (infancy).

Note: Her mother and baby sister Hattie are buried at Chapman Cemetery. Obit is lengthy.

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 5 Oct 2006

**Alnetta REEVES, 83**

Born 18 Oct 1922, at North Star (near Palmer), NE. Parents: Joseph E. Cundiff & Sarah T. Owens. 1938 grad. Fullerton HS (Nance County). Taught in Nance County. 2 May 1941: Married Robert Reeves at Central City, NE. They farmed near Central City. Died Tues. 3 Oct 2006, Central City, NE. Service: Thurs., Solt Funeral Home, Central City. Burial: Central City Cemetery. Survivors: 3 daughters, 2 sons, 16 gch., 25 g-gch. Predeceased by her parents, husband (11 Nov 1978), son Richard Robert Reeves (died in Apr 1946), 2 gch., 2 g-gch., brother Art Cundiff and 2 infant brothers.

Note: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I pp 271 (G Lee), 333 (R Reeves)

Grand Island Independent - Mon. 9 Oct 2006

**Jean E. VEED, 82**

Born 27 Feb 1924, Big Timber, MT. Parents: Archie M. Nash and Lulu Mack. 1930: family moved to Central City, NE. 1942 grad. of CCHS. 4 Mar 1950: Married Lawrence Veed at Taylor, NE. Mrs. Veed died Sat. 7 Oct 2006, Central City, NE. Graveside service will be at later date, Central City Cemetery. Arrangements: Wagner Funeral Home, Central City. Survivors: Her husband, a daughter, 2 gch.; a sister. Predeceased by

her parents, and a sister Virginia Hoffschneider. Memorials: American Cancer Society.

Note: Her parents marriage - Merrick Co, NE Marriage Records Book H p25 #3195. Her father with his parents - see Compendium of History Reminiscence& Bio. of NE page 264.

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 10 Oct 2006

**Alice B. CORDES, 92** (photo)

Born 18 Jun 1918, Merrick Co., NE. Parents: Oscar P. Scherzberg & Anna Marie Elstermeier. 1933 grad. of Grand Island HS. 19 Sep 1940: Married Leo T. Cordes at St. Libory, NE. They farmed until 1954 when moved to Shelton, NE. Mrs. Cordes died Sun. 8 Oct 2006 at Greeley, NE. Service: Thurs. Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Shelton. Burial: Westlawn Memorial Park Cemetery, Grand Island, NE. Arrangements: Apfel-O'Brien-Straatmann Funeral Home, Wood River, NE. Survivors: A daughter, 4 gch., 2 g-gch. Predeceased by husband and 3 sons (Robert, Daniel and David); her parents, 2 brothers (Paul & Roland Scherzberg) and a sister Ruth Schwieger-Stolle.

Note: Each of her parents can be found in 1900 Merrick Co. census, Vierregg Twp. - living with their parents.

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 12 Oct 2006

**Jerry A. "Slim" CORNELIUS, 81** (photo)

Born 2 Jun 1925, Merrick County, NE. Parents: Paul Cornelius & Rose Mueller. Grad. of Chapman HS. 1944-46: US Army. 29 Jun 1948: Married at the First Presbyterian Church in Omaha, NE. They farmed near Chapman. Moved to St. Libory, NE. Died Tues. 10 Oct 2006, at St. Francis Skilled Care. Service: Sat. at All Faiths Funeral Home. Cremation will follow. Survivors: His wife, two daughters; 3 sons; two brothers & a sister. Predeceased by his parents. Memorials: American Cancer Society.

Grand Island Independent - Fri. 13 Oct 2006

**Otto Paul August FRAUEN, 85** (photo)

Born 17 Dec 1920, farm near Worms and Chapman, NE. Parents: Otto P. Frauen & Louisa Obershulte. Took over running parents farm when father died in 1939. 17 Apr 1955: Married at Zion Lutheran Church, Worms, NE. Died Thurs. 12 Oct 2006 at Grand Island, NE. Service: Mon., Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, Worms. Burial: Grand Island City Cemetery. Arrangements: Solt Funeral Home, Central City, NE. Survivors: wife, 3 daughters; 2 sisters-in-law. Predeceased by his parents; 2 brothers, Max and Herman Frauen; 4 sisters: Marie Nelson, Elsie Schutt, Catherine Frauen & Louise Benson. Memorials: Zion Lutheran Church or Cemetery.

Note: His parents marriage - Merrick County Marriage Records Book F p198 #2487.

Norfolk Daily News - Mon. 23 Oct 2006

**Delmon D. PECK, 89**

Born 3 Aug 1917, Palmer, NE. Parents: Darwin Peck & Elizabeth McMurrin. 1935 grad. of Palmer HS. WW II: US Army. 5 Apr 1942: Married Florence Witzel at Osceola, NE. Employee of NPPD at Fullerton, St. Edward and Tilden, NE. Died Sat. 21 Oct 2006 at Tilden, NE. Service: Wed., Faith United Methodist Church, Tilden. Burial: Tilden Cemetery. Arrangements: Beyer Funeral Home of Neligh, NE. Survivors: 3 sons, 6 gch.; 2 sisters and 2 brothers. Predeceased by his parents, wife (died 18 Mar 2005); two sisters - Iva Freeland and Claretta Ita; a brother Wayne Peck.,

Note: See 1920 Fed. Census NE ED159 p9B D63 F65 - Loup Twp, Merrick, NE (name extracted as Dalwin D. Peck) with parents and siblings. See Rose Hill Cemetery at Palmer for parents & other relatives.

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 24 Oct 2006

**Jeane M. BERNEY, 79** (photo)

Born 1 Jul 1927 near Cushing (Howard Co.), NE. Parents: William Borre & Hazel Stratton. 1944 grad. of Wolbach HS. 28 Apr 1946: Married Virgil Berney at Wolbach. 1958: Moved north of Palmer, NE; later moved into town. Died Sun. 22 Oct 2006 at Grand Island, NE. Service: Wed. at United Methodist Church, Palmer. Burial: Hillside Cemetery, Wolbach. Arrangements: Jacobsen-Greenway Funeral Home, St. Paul, NE. Survivors: Her husband, 3 sons, a daughter, 10 gch., 9 g-gch.; a sister. Predeceased by son Terry (died in Vietnam, 1969), her parents; two brothers: Don & Wayne Borre; five sisters: Vivian Moffett, Doris Berney,

Lorraine Moffett , Wanda Nelson and Billie Fiese.

Columbus Telegram and Grand Island Independent (photo) - Tues. 24 Oct 2006

**Bernita Lucille DITTMER, 92**

Born 7 May 1914, near Duncan, NE. Parents: William "Guy" Fox & Eva Gotchall. Attended school at Monroe & Fullerton, NE. 1 Feb 1933: Married William Dittmer at Columbus, NE. They farmed near Clarks, then moved into town in 1988. Mrs. Dittmer died Sun. 22 Oct 2006, Central City, NE. Visitation: today at Solt Funeral Home, Central City. Service: Wed. at Congregational Church, Clarks. Burial: Clarks Cemetery. Survivors: A daughter, a son, a daughter-in-law; 9 gch., 24 g-gch., 1 gg-gch.; two sisters. Predeceased by her husband (died 24 Dec 1992), son Ivan (died 24 May 1999); five brothers & 2 sisters.

Grand Island Independent & Norfolk Daily News - Mon. 30 Oct 2006

**Donald Lee SHULL, 86**

Born 21 Jul 1920, Archer, NE. Parents: Ray Elmer Shull & Ina Elvera Anderson. 1937 grad. of Archer HS. 22 Nov 1941: Married Wilma May Sadler at Omaha, NE. They lived in Archer, Chapman, Grand Island and Norfolk. Returned to Grand Island in 1977. He was a farmer, business owner, general manager for Holiday Inn. Mr. Shull died Thurs. 26 Oct 2006 at home in Omaha, NE. Service: Thurs. at Apfel Funeral Home, Grand Island, NE. Burial: Grand Island Cemetery. Survivors: 3 daughters, a son, 7 gch., 11 g-gch.; a brother and other relatives. Predeceased by his wife, his parents; brothers - Kenneth, Gerald and Raymond Shull. Memorials: Department of Genetics, Cell Biology and Anatomy at the University of Nebraska Medical Center for use in supporting cancer research or to the First United Methodist Church of Grand Island.

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Grand Island Independent - Tues. 7 Nov 2006

**Darlene HOSICK, 75** (photo)

Born 15 Mar 1931, Merrick Co., NE. Parents: Cecil C. Grace & Berniece Eckles. Grad. of Palmer HS. 31 Jan 1953: Married Walter J. Hosick Jr. at Central City, NE. They owned a drug store. Later lived at Alma and McCook, NE. 1990: Moved to North Platte, NE. Mrs. Hosick died Sun. 5 Nov 2006 at Omaha, NE. Service: Thurs., Solt Funeral Home, Central City. Burial: Central City Cemetery. Survivors: Her husband, 3 daughters, 10 gch., 7 g-gch.; a brother and his wife. Predeceased by her father in 1968, her mother in 2003, and her stepfather Art Soderberg in 1992.

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 7 Nov 2006

**Harold H. NIEMOTH, 80** (photo)

Born 17 Jan 1926, Grand Island, NE. Parents: Joseph Niemoth & Minnie Gosda. Family farm was north of Grand Island, NE. 11 Jun 1950: Married Rosella at Zion Lutheran Church, Worms, NE. Farmer, stockman, seed salesman. Sep 1994: Moved into town. Died Sun. 5 Nov 2006, Grand Island, NE. Visitation: Tues. at All Faiths Funeral Home. Service Wed. at Messiah Lutheran Church, Grand Island. Burial: Westlawn Memorial Park Cemetery. Survivors: His wife, a son, 3 daughters, 6 gch.; a sister. Predeceased by his parents. Memorials: to the church.

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 8 Nov 2006

**Lyle BAHENSKY, 92** (photo)

Born 24 Sep 1914, Palmer, NE. Parents: Steve Bahensky & Ruby Kutch. 1932 grad. of St. Paul HS. 31 Mar 1936: Married at Council Bluffs, IA. Farmer, well driller. Died Mon. 6 Nov 2006, St. Paul, NE. Visitation: Thurs. at Jacobsen-Greenway Funeral Home, St. Paul. Service: Fri. at United Methodist Church, St. Paul. Burial: Rose Hill Cemetery, Palmer, NE. Survivors: His wife, a son, a daughter; 6 gch., 18 g-gch.; a brother and an uncle. Predeceased by his parents and a brother LeRoy Bahensky. Memorials to the church, or to Howard County Historical Society.

Note: see History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I page 112

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 11 Nov 2006

**Christine V. HOLZ, 81** (photo)

Born 27 May 1925, Grand Island, NE. Parents: James H. Goodwin & Mary Rayno. Married John Wieck. Married second to Kenneth Holz. Resident of Central City, NE. Died Fri. 10 Nov 2006 at Grand Island. Graveside service: Mon. at Westlawn Memorial Park Cemetery, Grand Island, NE. Survivors: 4 sons, 4 daughters, 24 gch., and 26 g-gch. Predeceased by both husbands; 6 brothers: Edward, Henry, Lloyd, Arthur, Floyd & Albert Goodwin; 4 sisters: Angela Stauss, Florence Leschinsky, Lola Potrzeba & Dorothy Zlomke.

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 11 Nov 2006

**Vicente "Vinny" RAMIREZ, 24** (photo)

Born 2 Jan 1982, Grand Island, NE. Parents: Gonzalo Ramirez & Juanita Rodriguez. Recently married. Resident of Chapman, NE. Died Wed. 8 Nov 2006 at Kearney, NE - result of auto accident. Visitation: Sun. Kleine Funeral Home, Grand Island. Service: Mon. at Blessed Sacrament Catholic church. Burial: Grand Island Cemetery. Survivors: His wife, parents, 2 brothers, 2 sisters, a grandmother in Texas. Predeceased by 3 grandparents and his father-in-law.

Grand Island Independent - Sun. 12 Nov 2006

**Orville J. NICHOLAS, 95** (photo)

Born 15 Feb 1911, in Merrick Co., NE (homestead of great-grandfather). Parents: Glen Nicholas & Carrie Arnold. 1928 grad. of Palmer HS. 12 Jun 1935: Married Prema Jane Maddox. They farmed. 27 Feb 1977: Married Emma Clark Hann. He worked as electrician. 2002: Moved to Central City. Died Thurs. 9 Nov 2006 at St. Paul, NE. Visitation: Mon., Palmer Funeral Home, Palmer. Service: Tues., First Church of Christ, Palmer, NE. Burial: Rose Hill Cemetery. Survivors: 3 children & their spouses, 12 gch., 22 g-gch.; a step-daughter & her spouse. Predeceased by both wives - Prema Jane died 13 Feb 1975, Emma died 12 Sep 1998. Also deceased, daughter Phyllis Irene, sister Thelma Irene, a grandson and a g-grandson. Memorials: Palmer Rescue Squad or Pibel Bible Camp.

Note: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I pp 306-8; 1920 Fed. Census NE ED159 p8B D44 F46 (w/p); extracts of Rose Hill Cemetery at Palmer, NE.

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 14 Nov 2006

**Cecil I. PERREL, 90** (photo)

Born 30 May 1916, Marquette, NE. Parents: Elic Perrel & Rose Rallens. 31 Aug 1940: Married Irene Buechler at Kearney, NE. WW II: US Navy. Lived in Grand Island. Cabinet maker, business owner. Died Sun. 12 Nov 2006, Grand Island, NE. Visitation: Tues. at All Faiths Funeral Home. Service: Wed. at Gollaher Chapel of Trinity United Methodist Church. Burial: Westlawn Memorial Park Cemetery. Survivors: a daughter, a son, 5 gch., 11 g-gch; a sister-in-law & her husband. Predeceased by his wife (died 6 Sep 1983); and 2 sisters: Grace Jensen and Hazel Scott. Memorials: St. Francis Hospice.

Note: For Cecil with his parents, see 1930 Fed. Census NE ED 61-13 p1A D14 F14, Prairie Island Twp, Merrick Co., NE. For sister Hazel, see History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I p371 (Solt).

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 16 Nov 2006; Aurora News Register - Tues. 21 Nov 2006

**Richard A. "Dick" ANDERSON, 73** (photo)

Born 13 Feb 1933, Hordville, NE. Parents: Richard L. Anderson & Bertha O. Hult. 1950 grad. of Hordville HS. 8 Mar 1953: Married Gladys at Central City, NE. 1953-55: US Army. Banker. Died Wed. 15 Nov 2006, Hordville. Visitation: Sun., Solt Funeral Home, Central City. Service: Monday, Fridhem Lutheran Church. Burial: Hordville Cemetery. Survivors: wife, 3 sons, 5 gch., a sister. Predeceased by his parents and a grandson Rick Anderson.

Grand Island Independent - Fri. 17 Nov 2006

**Leola Marie FRAHM, 93** (photo)

Born 13 Jun 1913, Ithaca, NE. Parents: Herman Treptow & Kathryn Schmidt. Grad. of Wahoo HS. Married Lawrence H. Frahm. Farmed near Ithaca, then owned a business at Ashland, NE. Retired to Lincoln, NE. Mr. Frahm died Dec. 1998. Mrs. Frahm died Wed. 15 Nov 2006, Central City, NE. Burial: Indian Mound Cemetery, Ithaca. Arrangements: Apfel Funeral Home, Grand Island. Survivors: A son, a daughter, 5 gch., 12 g-gch, 3

gg-gch.; a sister. Predeceased by 10 siblings: Herman, Ernest, Gerald, Art, Sam, Frieda, Richard, Ben, Ralph and Werner.

Columbus Telegram death notice - Mon. 20 Nov 2006

**Mary H. WYMAN, 75**

Died Sun. 19 Nov 2006, at Osceola, NE. Visitation: Tues. at Dubas Funeral Home, Osceola. Service: Wed., United Methodist Church, Shelby, NE. Burial: Shelby Cemetery.

Note: Probably Mary Helen Jilg "of Clarks". See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I page 411.

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 22 Nov 2006

**Fern A. MILLER, 92** (photo)

Born 10 Sep 1914, Sherman Co., NE. Parents: Hans Johnson & Mary Elizabeth Blomquist. 1931 grad. of Palmer HS. 1 May 1933: Married Norman Miller. They lived at Palmer, NE, owned a market. Mr. Miller died in 1995. 2004: Fern moved to St. Paul, NE. Died Mon. 20 Nov 2006 at St. Paul. Visitation: Wed., at Palmer Funeral Home, Palmer, NE. Service: Fri., St. John's Lutheran Church, Palmer, NE. Burial: Rose Hill Cemetery. Survivors: a son, 2 daughters, 15 gch., 25 g-gch. Predeceased by her husband & parents. Also deceased: 5 sisters: Minnie Greenway, Gladys Jamison, Alice Jensen, Clara Armagost, Blanch Carlson, Florence & Lily Johnson; 5 brothers: Martin, Harry, Elmer, James and Carl Johnson. Memorials: to the church, or Palmer School Endowment Fund, P.O. Box 248, Palmer, NE 68864.

Grand Island Independent - Fri. 24 Nov 2006

**Harold O. DIBBERN, 89** (photo)

Born 29 Jul 1917, Wood River, NE. Parents: Earnest Dibbern & Augusta Kroeger. 3 Sep 1938: Married Florece Hann at Grand Island, NE. They farmed in Merrick County. WW II: US Navy. 1984: Retired to Central City, NE; then moved to Grand Island in 2005. Died Tues. 21 Nov 2006 at Grand Island. Service: Sat. at Apfel Funeral Home. Burial: Westlawn Memorial Park Cemetery, Grand Island, NE. Methodist. Survivors: A daughter, a son, 7 gch., 15 g-gch.; a sister and two sisters-in-law. Predeceased by his wife, and his parents; 7 brothers: Leonard, Arthur, Lawrence, Harvey, Elmer, Donald & Raymond Dibbern; 2 sisters: Caroline Sass and Clara Garrison. Memorials: American Cancer Society.

Columbus Telegram - Fri. 24 Nov 2006

**Eleanor A. PODRAZA, 90**

Born 17 Feb 1916, Nance County, NE. Parents: Charles Valasek & Mary Podraza. 25 Oct 1936: Married Frank A. Podraza at Krakow, NE. Lived mostly at Silver Creek, NE. Died Thurs. 23 Nov 2006, Columbus, NE. Service: Sat. at St. Isidore Catholic Church, Columbus. Burial: St. Lawrence Cemetery, Silver Creek, NE. Arrangements: McKown Funeral Home. Survivors: A daughter, 3 sons, 10 gch., etc. Also surviving one brother. Predeceased by her parents and her husband.

Grand Island Independent - Mon. 27 Nov 2006

**Frieda E. SINNARD, 94**

Born 19 Jan 1912, Alda, NE. Parents: Henry Wiese & Herminie Arp. 12 Jun 1932: Married Ostia H. Sinnard at Central City, NE. They lived in Grand Island, NE. Died Fri. 24 Nov 2006, Grand Island, NE. Visitation: Mon, Kleine Funeral Home. Graveside service: Tues., Westlawn Memorial Park Cemetery. Survivors: A brother, several nieces & nephews. Predeceased by her husband, her parents; a brother Harry and 3 sisters: Alma, Anna and Cecelia.

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 28 Nov 2006

**Marybelle "Mary" FUSS, 71** (photo)

Born 15 Apr 1935, Stromsburg, NE. Parents: Orville Hennings & Lois Woods. 1953 grad. of Stromsburg HS. 12 Aug 1956: Married Harold A. Fuss at Green's Chapel. 1973: they moved to Central City. Harold died 26 Jul 1974. Mrs. Fuss died Sun. 26 Nov 2006 at Central City, NE. Visitation: Fri. at Solt Funeral Home. Service: Sat. at Grace Lutheran Church. Burial: Central City, NE. Survivors: A son, 3 daughter, 11 gch., 9 g-gch.; a brother and a sister. Predeceased by her husband and her parents.

Note: Her father - see 1920 Fed. Census NE ED164 p3B D61 F61, Council Creek, Nance, NE

Columbus Telegram & Grand Island Independent - Wed. 29 Nov 2006

**Henrietta L. CHURCH, 76**

Born 27 Oct 1930, Cedar Rapids, NE. Parents: Ludwig J. Greger & Anna M. Sauser. Grew up near Fullerton & Clarks, NE. Catholic. 24 Sep 1954: Married Forrest D. Church at Central City, NE. They lived on farm south of Clarks. Died Tues. 28 Nov 2006 at Osceola, NE. Service: Fri. at Solt Funeral Home Chapel, Central City. Burial: Clarks Cemetery. Survivors: Her husband, a daughter, a sister. Predeceased by her parents, her step-father Leo Kelley and a brother Tony Greger.

Note: Husband's family, see History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I pp 157-8.

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The Oregonian, Portland, OR - Sat 2 December 2006

**Pauline MAPES, 94**

Born 11 Jun 1912, Archer, NE. Moved to Portland, Oregon in the 1940's; lived in Arizona. Abt 2004: to King City. Died 29 Nov 2006. Memorial Service: 4 Dec. 2006, Young's Funeral Home. Husband Donald Mapes (married in 1943) died in 1985. Survivors: A daughter & two sisters, 3 gch., 6 g-gch. Memorials: Portland Rescue Mission.

Note: see History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I page 330

Aurora News Register - Tues. 5 Dec 2006

**Louise A. BLASE, 82**

Born 12 Oct 1924, St. Libory (Howard Co.), NE. Parents: Emil H. Wilshusen & Hulda Schnackenberg. Family moved east of Hordville (Hamilton Co.), NE. Grad. of Polk HS. 6 Apr 1947: Married Carl M. Blase at Immanuel Lutheran Church near Polk, NE. They farmed near Hordville, retired into town in 1985. Carl died 17 May 2000; and Louise moved to Central City, NE. Mrs. Blase died Thurs., 30 Nov 2006 at hospital in Grand Island, NE. Service: Mon. 4 Dec at Immanuel Lutheran Church; burial at church cemetery (near Polk). Arrangements: Solt Funeral Home. Survivors: 2 sons, 3 daughters, 9 gch.; 3 sisters, and a brother. Predeceased by her husband, and 2 sons - Mark died in 1961, Roger in 1972. Also deceased - her parents and an infant brother.

Aurora News Register - Tues. 5 Dec 2006

**Janet Joyce ERICKSEN, 61**

Born 30 May 1945, Central City, NE. Parents: Carroll H. Ericksen & Marjroe R. Jones. Lived at Hordville, NE. 1950: Moved to NE State Home, Beatrice, NE. 1973: Moved to Grand Island, NE. Died Wed. 29 Nov 2006 at hospital in Grand Island. Service: Mon. 4 Dec at Bethel Baptist Church, Grand Island. Burial: Hordville Cemetery. Arrangements: Solt Funeral Home. Survivors: 2 brothers. Predeceased by her parents and a sister-in-law.

Columbus Telegram & Grand Island Independent (abbrev.) - Wed. 6 Dec 2006

**Margie Mae CERNY, 68**

Born 2 Apr 1938, Geary, OK. Parents: Foster & Iva Leone Scott. Grad. of Polk HS. 24 Nov 1958: Married Nicholas Julius Cerny, Osceola, NE. They lived at Genoa, Silver Creek, Clarks and Polk, NE. 1989: Moved to Osceola, NE. Died Sun. 3 Dec 2006, Lincoln, NE. Visitation: Today, Dubas Funeral Home, Osceola. Service: Thurs., First United Methodist Church, Osceola. Private inurnment at later date, Osceola Cemetery. Survivors: husband, 3 sons, 3 daughters, 10 gch; 5 sisters. Predeceased by her parents, 3 brothers: Billy, George and Ray Scott.

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 9 Dec 2006

**Kathleen Moyia "Kathy" POLSKI, 56** (photo)

Born 17 Apr 1950, Lincoln, NE. Parents: Rex Gemmell & Lois Davis. Grad. of York HS. Aug 1969: Married Dale Nienhueser at Russell, KS. She later lived in Grand Island, NE and for the last several years at Central

City, NE. Died Thurs. 7 Dec 2006 at hospital in Grand Island, NE. Visitation: Sun., at Solt Funeral Home Chapel, Central City. Burial: Later, at Chester, NE. Survivors: a son. Predeceased by her parents; a son Shannon (died 16 Nov 1994); a brother Don Gemmell (died 29 Aug 2004) and an infant sister Deborah.

Grand Island Independent - Sun. 10 Dec 2006

**Mildred L ORTEGREN, 81** (photo)

Born 20 Oct 1925, Central City, NE. Parents: Robert F. & (Ada M.) Lawson Johnston. 1943 grad. of CCHS. 18 Jun 1944: Married Merton Weller. 5 Nov 1973: Married Bud Ortogren. They lived in Marquette, NE. They later worked in property management in California, Arizona and New Mexico. 2002: moved to Grand Island, NE. Mr. Ortogren died 15 Oct 2004. Mrs. Ortogren died Fri. 8 Dec 2006, Grand Island, NE. Visitation: Mon., Wagner Funeral Home, Central City, NE. Service: Tues., Zion United Methodist Church, near Archer, NE. Burial: Aurora Cemetery, Aurora, NE. Survivors: a son and 2 daughters; 2 step-daughters; 14 gch., 16 g-gch. Predeceased by four brothers: Bob, David, Gerald and Dean Johnston. Also deceased, an infant sister Helen. Memorials: American Heart Association or Zion United Methodist Church.

Note: Husband, Hubert "Bud" Ortogren died 15 Oct 2004.

Columbus Telegram - Wed. 13 Dec 2006

**Esther Martha REPLOGLE, 97**

Born 29 Sep 1909 on farm near Silver Creek, NE. Parents: Christian Garfield Boss & Martha Kummer. Attended Federal School of Commercial Designing, Minneapolis, MN on a scholarship. 1948: married Clarence Eldon Replogle at Columbus, NE. They lived in Anchorage, Alaska and Silverdale, WA. 1976: Retired to Lincoln City, OR. Died Sat. 9 Dec 2006 in Lincoln City, OR. Interment: Pacific View Memorial Garden Mausoleum, Lincoln City. Arrangements: Waud's Funeral Home, Tillamook, OR. Survivors: a grandson and his wife, children. Predeceased by her husband (died 1987).

Note: With parents - 1920 Fed. Census NE ED162 p10A D6 F6 - Silver Creek Twp, Merrick, NE; 1930 Fed. Census NE ED61-15 p2a D31 F31 - Silver Creek Twp, Merrick, NE

Grand Island Independent - Fri. 15 Dec 2006

**The Rev. Jack J. ESKE, 72** (photo)

Born 31 Dec 1933, Mansfield, SD. Parents: Ezra J. Eske & Mabel V. Bradley. 14 Jun 1959: Ordained at St. John's Lutheran Church, Warner, SD. 18 Oct 1959: Married Joyce M. Sheldon at Warner, SD. Served churches at Orient, SD; Fowler, CO; Smithfield, Atkinson and Clay Center, NE. Retired to Central City, NE where he continued to serve - as interim or visiting pastor. Died Wed. 13 Dec 2006 at Lincoln, NE. Visitation: Fri., Solt Funeral Home, Central City. Service: Sat., Messiah Lutheran Church, Grand Island. Burial: Central City Cemetery. Survivors: 2 daughters, a son, 4 gch.; 3 brothers, & 2 sisters. Predeceased by his wife (died 15 Mar 2006); his parents, 3 brothers (Billy, Merlyn and Daryl Eske), & 3 sisters (Elsie Stroschein, Lois Santos and Beverly Andersen).

Columbus Telegram - Sun. 17 Dec 2006

**Rex L. DAKE, 67**

Born 24 Jul 1939, Shelby (Polk Co.), NE. Parents: LeVerne Dake & Leora Young. 1957 grad. of Osceola HS. 11 Aug 1963: Married Marily at Genoa, NE. They farmed in Fairview community. Currently resident of Silver Creek, NE. Died Tues. 12 Dec 2006 at Osceola, NE. Visitation: Thurs. at Dubas Funeral Home, Osceola. Service: Fri. at United Methodist Church, Silver Creek, NE. Burial: Osceola Cemetery. Survivors: wife, a son and a daughter; 5 gch. Predeceased by his parents.

Grand Island Independent - Mon. 18 Dec 2006; Aurora News Register - Tues. 19 Dec 2006

**Bettie I. BAILEY, 76** (photo)

Born 26 Dec 1929, Prairie Island (Twp), Merrick Co., NE. Parents: Glen Hinkle & Mable Smyers. Grad. of Wolbach HS. 17 Nov 1946: Married Warren "Keith" Bailey at Wolbach, NE. They lived at Wolbach, Grand Island, and Central City, NE. 1965: Moved to Palmer, NE. Died Sat. 16 Dec 2006 at Central City, NE. Service: Wed. at United Methodist Church, Palmer. Burial: Hillside Cemetery, Wolbach, NE. Arrangements: Jacobsen-Greenway Funeral Home, St. Paul, NE. Survivors: 8 children, 22 gch., 31 g-gch., 1 gg-gch.; a

brother and a sister. Predeceased by her husband (died 6 Aug 2006), parents, a granddaughter Corrie Jean Archer; a brother Jimmie Dean Hinkle and a sister Dorothy Nielsen.

Note: See 1930 Fed. Census NE ED61-13 (Prairie Island Pct, Merrick, NE) p1A D3 F3. Parents & brother are buried at Rose Hill Cemetery, Palmer, NE (see extracts).

Grand Island Independent - Mon. 18 Dec 2006

**Elsie L. FRAUEN, 100** (photo)

Born 16 Mar 1906, Hall Co., NE. Parents: Ernest Ostermeier & Marie Bucholz. 10 Feb 1929: Married Max A. Frauen at Grand Island, NE. They farmed in Merrick County, NE. 1971: Retired to live at Worms, NE. Mr. Frauen died 16 Jan 1986. Mrs. Frauen died Sat. 16 Dec 2006, Grand Island, NE. Service: Wed. at Zion Lutheran Church, Worms. Burial: Church cemetery. Arrangements: Peter Funeral Home of St. Paul, NE. Survivors: 2 daughters, 10 gch., 23 g-gch., 3 gg-gch.; a brother and a sister. Predeceased by her husband, son Robert; son-in-law Dean Simonson; 4 brothers: Fred, Ernest, Albert & Ervin Ostermeier; 2 sisters: Satie Olson and Etta Henderson. Memorials: Zion Lutheran Church.

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 19 Dec 2006

**Gerald J. "Jerry" HANNAPPEL, 72**

Born 20 Nov 1933, Central City, NE. Parents: John & Irene Hannappel. Served in US Army. 1956: married Melissa Bolling. 1960: Moved to Phoenix, AZ. General contractor. Died 16 Nov 2006 at Phoenix. Services were held at Greenwood Mortuary, Phoenix. Survivors: wife Jeanie, 3 daughters, 4 sons, 12 gch.; six brothers, and 3 sisters.

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 19 Dec 2006

**Harry A. THEDE, 96** (photo does not load)

Born 9 Aug 1910, Merrick Co., NE (near Worms). Parents: Henry Thede & Susanna Miller. Baptized, educated at Zion Lutheran Church. 11 Jul 1941: Married Rose at Worms, NE. They farmed. 1984: Moved to St. Paul, NE. Mr. Thede died Sun. 17 Dec 2006 at St. Paul. Visitation: Thurs., Jacobsen-Greenway Funeral Home, St. Paul. Service Fri. at Zion Lutheran Church, Worms, NE. Burial: Worms West Cemetery. Survivors: wife, 2 sons, 9 gch. Predeceased by his parents, a granddau. Jennifer Kiser; 2 sisters, Emma Meyer and Viola Busch; 3 brothers, John Walter and August Thede. Memorials: to the church or Howard Co. Community Hospital.

Note: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I pp 366 (Simonson) & 383 (Thede). Check also - Prairie Creek Twp in 1920 Fed. Census NE ED226 p3A D42 F42 (w/p) and 1930 Fed. Census NE ED61-12 p4b D91 F86 (w/p).

Norfolk Daily News - Wed. 20 Dec 2006; Columbus Telegram - Thurs. 21 Dec 2006

**Helen REIMER, 73**

Born 11 Dec 1933, Silver Creek, NE. Parents: Philip Sock & Helen Jarecki. Grad. of Silver Creek HS. 2 Jan 1954: Married Don Chohon at St. Lawrence Catholic Church, Silver Creek. They had 6 children. 9 Dec 1989: Married Lou Reimer at Grand Island, NE. They lived at O'Neill, NE. Mrs. Reimer died Sun. 17 Dec 2006 at home. Visitation: Today at Biglin Mortuary, O'Neill. Service: Fri., at St. Patrick's Catholic Church, O'Neill with burial at O'Neill Cemetery. Survivors: a daughter & 5 sons; two sisters. Predeceased by husband Lou (died 31 May 1992), her parents, and 3 sibling - Roman, Jimmy and Elizabeth Sock.

Note: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I page 370 (Sock).

Columbus Telegram & Grand Island Independent (photo) - Fri. 22 Dec 2006

**Sonja Jean AERNI, 66**

Born 19 May 1940, Platte Co., NE. Parents: Leonard Aerni & Doris Lockard. Grew up in Central City, NE. 1958 grad. of CCHS. Moved to Lincoln, NE and was employed by NE Games and Parks (librarian). Died Wed. 20 Dec 2006, Lincoln, NE. Service: Tues. at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Central City. Burial: Central City Cemetery. Arrangements: Solt Funeral Home. Survivors: 2 brothers and a sister; other relatives. Predeceased by her parents.



Grand Island Independent - Wed. 27 Dec 2006

**Edith L. LINDGREEN, 97** (photo) /

Born 1 Oct 1909, Nance Co., NE. Parents: Eli L. Wiles & Emma L. Brummer. Mar 1911: Family moved to Merrick Co., NE. 1926 grad. of Clarks HS. Taught in Colfax and Merrick Counties. 7 Aug 1936: Married Charles Lindgreen at her parents home. Methodist. They farmed near Archer, and then west of Clarks, NE. Died Sun. 24 Dec 2006 at Osceola, NE. Service: Fri. at Wagner Funeral Home, Central City. Burial: Central City Cemetery. Survivors: 2 sons, 8 gch., 7 g-gch; a sister-in-law. Predeceased by her husband (died 7 May 1983); her parents and a sister, Vera Brennan.

Note: see History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I pp 273 (Lindgreen), 405 (Wiles); 1920 Fed. Census NE - Clarksville Twp, Merrick, NE - ED156 p11a D102 F107 (w/p); and 1930 Fed. Census NE - Prairie Creek Twp, Merrick, NE - ED61-12 p6a D130 F121 (w/John D. Cherry)

Grand Island Independent and Columbus Telegram (death notice) - Thurs. 28 Dec 2006

**Irene C. SHERMAN, 85**

Born 5 Jul 1921, Brainard, NE. Parents: Wilhelm Witzel & Clara Porter. Married Charles R. Sherman (deceased 23 Jul 1985). Mrs. Sherman died Tues. 26 Dec 2006, Central City, NE. Service: Fri. at Palmer Funeral Home, Fullerton. Burial: Fullerton Cemetery. Survivors: a daughter; 4 sisters.

Grand Island Independent - Sun. 31 Dec 2006; Aurora News Register - Tues. 2 Jan 2007

**Harold L. BLASE, 85** (photo)

Born 10 Jun 1921, Hordville, NE. Parents: Henry Blase & Clara Rochlitz. WW II: US Army. 21 Oct 1944: Married at El Paso, TX. They lived in East Peoria, IL until 1947 when moved to a farm in Nebraska (near Hordville, NE?). Died Sat. 30 Dec 2006, Central City, NE. Service: Wed. at Immanuel Lutheran Church near Polk, NE. Burial at church cemetery. Survivors: His wife, a daughter, 3 sons, 13 gch., 15 g-gch. Predeceased by his parents; son Harold; 3 sisters - Hilda Parker, Lydia Berges and Alice Blase; 3 brothers - Gilbert, Arnold and Victor Blase.

Grand Island Independent - Sun. 31 Dec 2006; Aurora News Register - Tues. 2 Jan 2007

**Shirley Mae FENSTER, 77** (photo)

Born 1 Sep 1929 near Leigh, NE. Parents: Paul T. Deichmann & Verna M. Botsch. 1946 grad. of CCHS. 2 Nov 1947: Married Dale Fenster at Central City, NE. "They lived in Central City, Chapman, Marquette, Greeley, Colo., Grand Island and Nampa (ID)". Lutheran. Died Thurs. 28 Dec 2006 at Nampa, ID. Service: Wed., Wagner Funeral Home, Central City, NE. Burial: Aurora Cemetery (Hamilton Co.), NE. Survivors: Her husband, a daughter, 4 sons, 14 gch.; a brother. Predeceased by her parents, a daughter Vickie Waugh & and her husband Jerry Waugh; a daughter-in-law, Coralane Fenster.

Note: She appears as grandchild in article - Leigh Centennial, 100 Years page 31 (G Botsch)

Grand Island Independent (photo) - Sat. 30 Dec 2006; Columbus Telegram - Sun. 31 Dec 2006

**LaVonne K. GRESS, 92**

Born 6 Jul 1914, Loup Valley, NE. Parents: Frank Wymer & Mary Evelyn Adams. 1931 grad. of Palmer HS. 29 Dec 1943: married Dale Gress. Died Thurs. 28 Dec 2006 at Grand Island, NE. Service: Tues., Church of Christ, Palmer. Burial: Rose Hill Cemetery. Arrangements: Palmer Funeral Home. Survivors: Her husband, 3 sons, 2 daughters, 11 gch., 6 g-gch. Predeceased by daughter Darlene Ough, g-grandson Samuel Clarke; brother Wyane Wymer and sister Onilee Newlon.

Note: see History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I pp 211-12 (Gress), 412 (Wymer); 1920 Fed. Census NE Loup Twp, Merrick, NE - ED159 p7A D9 F9 (w/p)

## 2007 - Obits

### 'Related to Merrick Co., NE'

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Grand Island Independent - Wed. 3 Jan 2007; Aurora News Register - Tues. 9 Jan 2007

**Lloyd M. PIERCE, Sr., 76** (photo)

Born 14 Oct 1930, Clarks, NE. Parents: Lyman L. Pierce & Vera I. Rallens. Grew up at Marquette, NE. 1950-53: USAF. 20 May 1951: Married Donna Francis. They lived in Central City, NE. Methodist. Mrs. Pierce died in 1996. Mr. Pierce died Mon. 1 Jan 2007 at Aurora, NE. Service: Thurs. at Wagner Funeral Home, Central City. Burial in Central City Cemetery. Survivors: 2 sons, 3 gch.; a sister. Predeceased by his wife & his parents.

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 4 Jan 2007

**Cecil L. CREECH, 90**

Born 27 Oct 1916, Central City, NE. Parents: Fay Creech & Matilda Dughman. 1 Mar 1941: Married Dorothy Rookstool. Served in US Army and USAF. Retired from HUD at age 65. Mrs. Creech died 21 Nov 2001. Mr. Creech died 13 Dec 2006 at Carmichael, CA. Service at later date in Broken Bow, NE. Survivors: a son, a daughter, 2 gch.; a sister. Predeceased by 3 brothers: Wayne, Fay Jr. and Donald Creech.

Aurora News Register and Grand Island Independent (photo) - Tues. 9 Jan 2007; Polk County Newspaper - Wed. 10 Jan 2007

**Ruth Frances SHENK, 92**

Born 21 Sep 1914, near Bradshaw, NE. Parents: John Johnson & Anna Carlson. Grad. of Bradshaw HS. 6 Feb 1935: Married Herschel H. Shenk at York, NE. They farmed south of Clarks, and then south of Polk, NE. 1986: They retired to Central City, NE. Mr. Shenk died 7 Jul 1993. Mrs. Shenk moved to Stromsburg in 2001. She died Sat. 6 Jan 2007 at Stromsburg, NE. Visitation: Wed. at Solt Funeral Home, Central City, NE. Service: Thurs. at First Baptist Church, Polk, NE. Burial: Polk Cemetery. Survivors: a son; 2 sisters. Predeceased by son Carroll (died 22 May 1995); daughter-in-law Charlene Shenk (died 22 Mar 1994), 2 gch. Also deceased: 2 brothers, Milton & Herman Johnson. Memorials to Arborville Congregational Church or Teens with a Mission.

Aurora News Register - Tues. 9 Jan 2007

**Patricia L. McKNIGHT, 54**

Born 21 Jan 1952, Loup City, NE. Parents: Ronald Trompke & Esther Sample. Family lived in Central City, NE; then moved to Aurora in 1962. Later lived in other towns in NE & IA. 22 Dec 1987: Married Ray McKnight at Maryville, MO. They lived in Clarinda, IA. Catholic. Mrs. McKnight died Mon., 1 Jan 2007 at hospital in Omaha, NE. Service: Fri., 5 Jan. at Peters Funeral Home, St. Paul, NE. Burial in Central City Cemetery. Survivors: Her husband, 3 sisters, a brother. Predeceased by her parents; her grandparents: Clifford & Julia Sample, Ed & Thelma Trompke. Also deceased, 3 infant sisters.

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 10 Jan 2007

**Walter B. BREMER, 95** (photo)

Born 9 Nov 1911 on farm near Boelus (Howard Co.), NE. Parents: Carl Bremer & Anna Paulman. 1930 grad. Boelus HS. 10 Oct 1953: married Edna Lutz. 1957: Purchased a farm in Merrick County, NE. Mr. Bremer died Mon. 8 Jan 2007 at Grand Island, NE. Visitation: Thurs., All Faiths Funeral Home, Grand Island. Service: Fri., Evangelical Free Church, Grand Island. Burial in Ebenezer Cemetery, north of Boelus. Survivors: 2 sons, a daughter, gch.; a sister. Predeceased by his wife (died 1984) and a son Carl. Also deceased are 8 siblings - Martha, Clara, Ester, Alma, Louis, Carl, Emil and Edward.

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 10 Jan 2007

**Francis John GROSCH, 88**

Born 25 Jun 1918 near Bartley (Red Willow Co.), NE. Parents: Max F. Grosch & Elizabeth Fritz. Grew up on farm near Silver Creek, NE. 1940-45: US Army (Europe). 23 May 1962: Married Virginia at Grand Island, NE. Construction worker, truck driver, miner. Previous residence: St. Paul, NE. Died Thurs. 4 Jan 2007 at Webster, SD. Service was Sunday at Fiksdal Funeral Chapel, Webster, SD. Burial at later date, Black Hills National Cemetery, Sturgis. Survivors: His wife and 2 step-children, 4 gch., 4 g-gch.; a sister living at Silver Creek. Predeceased by his parents and 5 siblings: Gottlieb, Walter (infant), Fred, Esther and Helen.

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 10 Jan 2007

**Raymond J. PROSOSKI, 83** (photo)

Born 1 Aug 1923, Clarks, NE. Parents: Walter Prososki & Mary Browiak (sic). Grad. of HS in Farwell (Howard County), NE. WW II: US Navy. 3 Jul 1945: Married Leona at Farwell, NE. They moved to MN where he attended the University. Owned furniture store & mortuary at Le Center, MN. Retired to Loup City, NE. 2003: moved to St. Paul, NE. Died Mon., 8 Jan 2007 at North Mankato, MN. Service: Thurs., Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church, St. Paul, NE. Burial: St. Anthony's Catholic Cemetery near Farwell, NE. Survivors: wife, 2 sons, 2 daughters, 21 gch., 5 g-gch.; 3 brothers. Predeceased by his parents, sister Helen Czarnick, and 3 brothers - Leo, Louie and Clarence Prososki.

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 16 Jan 2007

**James R. GREEN, 63** (photo)

Born 10 Oct 1943, Myrtle Point, OR. Parents: Raymond Green & Eleanor June Blake. Attended school in Wheeler County. Well driller, machinist. 17 Oct 1964: Married Kay near Clearwater, NE. They lived at O'Neill, NE; then moved to Palmer, NE. Died Sat. 13 Jan 2007 at York, NE. Service: Wed. at United Methodist Church, Palmer. Burial: Chambers Cemetery (NE). Survivors: His wife, a son, a daughter, 5 gch.; 2 brothers; other relatives.

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 16 Jan 2007

**Harold "Dutch" Seim, 89** (photo)

Born 21 Mar 1917, Merrick County, NE. Parents: John Seim & Clara Giesenhagen. Raised on farm near Worms, NE. Grad. of Zion Lutheran School, Worms. WW II: US Army. 26 Jan 1943: Married Lorraine Renken at Tacoma, WA. 1946: They moved to Grand Island, NE. Employee of REA; retired. Died Sun. 14 Jan 2007, Grand Island, NE. Visitation: Wed., All Faiths Funeral Home, Grand Island. Service: Thurs., St. Paul's Lutheran Church. Burial in Westlawn Memorial Park Cemetery. Survivors: 4 sons, 10 gch., 8 g-gch.; a brother and a sister. Predeceased by his wife (died 31 Jul 2005); his parents and a brother. Note: The following day his birthdate & birthplace were given, along with his parents names. His mother died 17 Feb 1998 at Grand Island, NE.

Los Angeles Times pB7 - Fri. 19 Jan 2007; Grand Island Independent (photo) - Fri. 2 Feb 2007

**Thoria "Theo" M. HEISE, 89**

Born 27 Feb 1917, Palmer, NE. Parents: Olin Taylor & Ada Sherman. Married Edward Heise. 1939: They moved to CA. Died Sun., 14 Jan 2007 at Lakewood (Los Angeles Co.), CA. Survivors: 2 daughters, 41 gch of 3 generations; her sister. Service: Fri. 19 Jan 2007 at Forest Lawn, Hollywood Hills, CA. Note: She can be found in 1920 Fed. Census NE w/p at Loup Twp, Merrick, NE - ED159 p7A D8 F8. Her parents marriage - Nance County Marriage Book 3 p462 #A147

Grand Island Independent - Sun. 21 Jan 2007; Fremont Tribune - Mon. 22 Jan 2007

**Arline J. DeVRY**

Born Fremont, NE. Parents: John Betkie & Hazel Housewirth. Grew up in Fremont, NE. Married Hans DeVry at Kenesaw, NE. Owned Black Cat Café in Central City, NE. Died Thurs., 18 Jan 2007, St. Paul, NE. Graveside service: Tues. at Ridge Cemetery, Fremont, NE. Arrangements: Jacobsen-Greenway Funeral Home, St. Paul. Survivors: her husband, a daughter, a sister. Note: no age, no birthdate given.

Grand Island Independent - Mon. 22 Jan 2007

**Clara A. NIEMOTH-FRENCH, 94** (photo)

Born 28 Sep 1912 on farm near Kenesaw, NE. Parents: George Augustin & Minna Kueh. 19 Apr 1939: Married Victor Niemoth at Worms, NE. They farmed west of Chapman, NE; then moved to farm northwest of Grand Island, NE. Victor died 24 Jan 1980. 31 Jul 1993: Married second to John S. French. John died 14 Nov 1998. Mrs. French died Sat. 20 Jan 2007 at Grand Island, NE. Visitation: Tues., Livingston-Sondermann Funeral Home. Service: Wed. at Messiah Lutheran Church. Burial in Westlawn Memorial Park Cemetery, Grand Island, NE. Survivors: a daughter, a son, 6 gch.; 2 sisters, 2 brothers. Predeceased by both husbands; her parents; sisters Laura Nienhueser, Alma Augustin and Agnes Augustin; brother Leonhard Augustin. Memorials to the Church.

Note: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I pp 308 (C Niedfelt), 310-12 (Niemoth)

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 23 Jan 2007

**Francis Marion "Bud" FRY, 80** (photo)

Born 19 Jul 1926, Mahaska, KS. Parents: Cecil Fry & Grace Edwards. Attended HS in Hebron, NE. 1948: US Army. 2 Jun 1950: Married Letha at Hebron, NE. Abt 1954, lived at York, NE and later at Juniata, NE; 1977: Moved to Grand Island, NE. 1988: Moved to Chapman, NE. Died Sun. 21 Jan 2007 at Omaha, NE. Visitation: Wed., Wagner Funeral Home, Central City, NE. Service: Thurs., First Baptist Church, Chapman. Burial in Chapman Cemetery. Survivors: His wife, 3 sons, a daughter, 12 gch., 8 g-gch.; 2 sisters. Predeceased by his parents, brother Gordon Fry, and 2 sisters: Wanda Cazwell and Betty Krakow. Memorials to NE Cancer Society.

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 23 Jan 2007

**Margaret E. HARLOW, 83** (photo)

Born 22 Sep 1923, Clarks, NE. Parents: Harvey Kingsley & Mary Morgan. Family lived in Missouri, and at Denman, NE. Business owner, beautician, poet. Married Harold Harlow Sr., he is deceased. Resident of Grand Island, NE. Mrs. Harlow died Sun. 21 Jan 2007. Service: Thurs., Gollaher Chapel of Trinity United Methodist Church. Ashes will be buried at Grand Island City Cemetery. Survivors: A son, a daughter, 4 gch.; a brother, a sister. Predeceased by her spouse and an infant daughter Mary Margaret. Also deceased: 2 brothers, Clyde & Don Kingsley; a sister Frances Buell. Memorials to the church.

Columbus Telegram - Thurs. 25 Jan 2007

**Phyllis VOLNEK, 75**

Born 19 Jan 1932, Merrick County, NE. Parents: Adam Vetick & Frances Shemek. Grad. of Silver Creek HS. Moved to Columbus, NE. 24 Apr 1956: Married Andrew Volnek at St. Bonaventure Catholic Church, Columbus, NE. Died Tues. 23 Jan 2007, Omaha, NE. Visitation: Fri., McKown Funeral Home. Service: Sat., St. Bonaventure Catholic Church, Columbus, NE. Burial in All Saints Cemetery. Survivors: Her husband, daughter, 4 gch.; 3 brothers, 2 sisters. Predeceased by brothers Chloris and Larry Vetick; brother-in-law Mike Volnek.

Grand Island Independent (photo) - Fri. 26 Jan 2007; Columbus Telegram (death notice) Sat. 27 Jan 2007

**Wynona FORBES, 87**

Born 11 Apr 1919, Nance Co., NE. Parents: Clifford Hadfield & Emma Frenzen. Grad of Fullerton HS. 1 Nov 1939: Married Robert Forbes. They lived in Glenwood community (north of Palmer, NE). Died Tues. 27 Jan 2007, Grand Island, NE. Visitation: Today at Palmer Funeral Home. Service: Sat. at Palmer United Methodist Church. Burial: Rose Hill Cemetery. Survivors: 2 daughters, 7 gch., 9 g-gch.; a brother. Predeceased by her husband (died 2004), and a son Larry Forbes. Memorials: the church.  
Note: See Fullerton's 1st 100 years 1879-1979 pp 120 (Hamilton & Forbes), 174 (Hadfield) & insert (Frenzen); 1920 Fed. Census Timber Creek Twp, Nance, NE ED173 p6A D105 F107 (w/p)

Grand Island Independent - Fri. 26 Jan 2007

**Susan J. Adams. 59**

Born 12 Jul 1947, Central City, NE. Parents: Holly & Alene Willhoft. 1965 grad. of CCHS. Died Thurs., 25 Jan 2007 in Alameda, CA. Celebration of Life, 2 Feb at Encinal Yacht Club, Alameda. Survivors: Her husband

Gary Adams, 2 sisters. Memorial donations to Merrick Foundation for the Merrick County Museum Building fund or the Wright Morris Boyhood Home Restoration Fund.

Note: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I p407 (JD Willhoft Children); and History of Merrick Co., NE Vol II p265.

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 27 Jan 2007

**Florence L. PETERS, 93** (photo)

Born 3 Nov 1913, Chapman, NE. Parents: Carl Müller & Mable McIntosh. 15 Feb 1933: Married Walter M. Peters at Marysville, KS. They farmed near St. Libory (Howard Co.), NE. Walt died 12 May 1987. She had lived at Riverside Lodge in Grand Island, then moved to Central City Care Center. Died Thurs., 25 Jan 2007, Central City, NE. Service: Mon., Zion Lutheran Church, Worms, NE. Burial in the church cemetery. Arrangements by Peters Funeral Home, St. Paul, NE. Survivors: A daughter, a son, 6 gch., 12 g-gch.; a sister. Predeceased by her husband, her parents; a brother Donald Müller. Memorials to the church.

Grand Island Independent (photo) - Mon. 29 Jan 2007; Aurora News Register - Tues. 30 Jan 2007; Polk Co. Newspaper - 1 Feb 2007

**Gerald Dean "Jerry" CLINE, 66**

Born 11 Jan 1941, Aurora, NE. Parents: Vernon A. Cline & Neta M. Lantzer. Attended school in Alliance, NE. 1959 grad. Polk HS. 1959-63: US Navy. 10 Jun 1963: Married at Polk, NE. They lived in Central City, NE. Business owner. Died Sat. 27 Jan 2007 at Omaha, NE. Visitation: Wed., Solt Funeral Home, Central City, NE. Service: Thurs., United Methodist Church. Burial in Central City Cemetery. Survivors: His wife, a son, a daughter, 5 gch.; a brother and a sister.

Grand Island Independent (death notice) - Sun. 28 Jan 2007; Columbus Telegram - Tues. 30 Jan 2007; Polk County Newspaper - 8 Feb 2007

**Adeline "Della" STANCZYK, 96**

Born 15 Oct 1910, Merrick Co., NE. Parents: John Swertzic & Stella Dubas. 16 Oct 1934: Married Frank Stanczyk at Krakow, NE. They farmed in Polk County. 1970: Moved to Silver Creek, NE. Died Fri. 26 Jan 2007, Osceola, NE. Service: Thurs., St. Lawrence Catholic Church, Silver Creek. Arrangements by McKown Funeral Home. Survivors: 2 daughters, 5 gch., 9 g-gch.; a sister. Predeceased by her husband; her parents; brothers: Dominic, Adolph, Charles, John, Alvin & Ben Swertzic; sisters: Victoria Kusek & Barbara Swertzic.

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Polk County Newspaper - 1 Feb 2007

**Charles Ludwig SOLL, 83**

Born 15 Mar 1923, Bennington, NE. Parents: Henry P. Soll & Katie A. Hagedorn. Family moved to Clarks area. WW II: US Army Infantry. Farmed near Clarks and Fullerton, NE. 15 Oct 1952: Married in Polk Co., NE. Died Sun., 28 Jan 2007 at Osceola, Polk, NE. Visitation: Wed., Dubas Funeral Home, Osceola, NE. Service: Thurs., 1 Feb at Calvary Lutheran Church, Swede Home (Polk Co.) Burial in Columbus Cemetery, Columbus, NE. Survivors: His wife, 2 daughters, 3 sons (one surnamed Viergutz); 9 gch., 21 g-gch., 2 gg-gch. Also surviving: 3 brothers & a sister-in-law. Predeceased by his parents; his siblings & their spouses - Lester & Hertha Soll; Ed Soll; Louise (Soll) & John Dyer; Bill & Florence Soll. Memorials to Osceola Good Samaritan Center or Annie Jeffrey Memorial County Health Center in Osceola. Notes: Abbrev. obit appeared 29 Jan in GI Independent. Death notice appeared 29 Jan in Columbus Telegram.

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 6 Feb 2007

**Melvin D. "Doc" BAHENSKY, 94** (photo)

Born 18 Jul 1912, Palmer, NE. Parents: Steven Bahensky & Ruby Kutch. Grew up in Gage Valley area. 1938 grad. St. Paul HS. Attended Vet school in Canada. 29 Aug 1937: Married Irene D. Dammann at Worms, NE. Worked as veterinarian and as meat inspector. Died Sun. 4 Feb 2007 at St. Paul, NE. Service: Thurs., Christ Lutheran Church, St. Paul. Burial in Rose Hill Cemetery, Palmer. Survivors: A daughter, a son, 5 gch.,

13 g-ch.; a sister. Predeceased by his wife (died 17 Aug 2006), his parents, 2 brothers: LeRoy and Lyle Bahensky.

Grand Island Independent and Norfolk Daily News (death notice) - Tues. 6 Feb 2007

**Ward Robert SMITH, 92** (photo)

Born 13 Nov 1914, Chambers, NE. Parents: Hubert L. Smith & Cordia B. Davis. 1931 grad. Chambers HS. Grad. of Moody Bible Institute, Chicago. 28 Sep 1937: Married Helen at Des Moines. Served in Honduras, Pennsylvania, and Shelton (NE). 1960: Moved to Central City, NE. Mr. Smith died Sun., 4 Feb 2007 at Central City. Service: Thurs., Community Bible church. Burial: Thurs. at cemetery in Chambers, NE. Survivors: His wife, a daughter, a son, 10 g-ch., 9 g-gch. Predeceased by 2 sons: Russell (died in 1946) and Warren (died in 2006). Also deceased: His parents and a brother Vernon Smith. Memorials to Nebraska Christian Schools.

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 10 Feb 2007; Aurora News Register - Tues. 13 Feb 2007

**Ruth Rose BRANDENBURG, 83** (photo)

Born 11 Jan 1924, Worms, NE. Parents: Henry B. Ruge & Anna C. Husman. 1941 grad. Chapman HS. 13 May 1948: Married Geln F. Brandenburg. They lived in Merrick County. Mr. Brandenburg died 29 Oct 1994. Ruth moved to the Veteran's Home in 2006. Died Thurs., 8 Feb 2007 at Grand Island, NE. Service: Mon., Solt Funeral Home, Central City, NE. Burial: Central City Cemetery. Survivors: 3 sons, 2 daughters, a son-in-law; 18 g-ch., 27 g-gch. Predeceased by her husband, and a daughter Oleata Riblett. Also deceased are a granddaughter Barbie Simms; and 2 brothers: Raymond and Robert Ruge.

Note: See 1930 Fed. Census Vieregg Twp, Merrick, NE ED61-16 p2B D39 F39 (w/p)

Grand Island Independent - Sun. 11 Feb 2007

**Edith L. VAN PELT, 68** (photo)

Born 30 Nov 1938, Palmer, NE. Parents: John Burch & Nancy Shirey. 1956 grad. Palmer HS. 13 Oct 1956: Married Roger Van Pelt at Palmer. They farmed northwest of Archer, NE; later moved to farm north of Fairview Methodist Church. 1966: Moved to Farwell area, and in 1970 to Dannebrog (both in Howard Co.). She died Sat. 10 Feb 2007 at St. Paul, NE. Visitation: Mon., Jacobsen-Greenway Funeral Home, St. Paul. Service: Tues., United Methodist Church, St. Paul. Burial in Central City Cemetery. Survivors: Her husband, 2 sons, 6 g-ch. Predeceased by her parents, a son Toby and an infant daughter Jennifer.

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 13 Feb 2007

**Ileen Mae NIELSEN JOHNSON, 91**(photo)

Born 11 Nov 1915, Marquette, NE. Parents: Charles Nielsen & Dorothy Lock. 1932 grad. of CCHS. 1942: Married Lonney C. Johnson Jr. at Denver, CO. After they divorced, she returned to Central City. Eventually was society editor for the GI Independent. Lived in Lincoln for a time, returned to Central City. Died Sun., 11 Feb 2007 at Central City. Service: Fri. at Heartland Evangelical Free Church. Burial in Central City Cemetery. Arrangements by Solt Funeral Home. Survivors: a daughter and a son; 8 g-ch., 11 g-gch.; 2 brothers and a sister. Predeceased by her husband; sister Virginia Shively; a g-ch. and a g-gch.

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 13 Feb 2007

**Walter D. NIEDFELT, Jr. , 66** (photo)

Born 13 Jun 1940, Grand Island, NE. Parents: Walter A. Niedfelt & Elnora Anne Pieper. 1958 grad. of GISH. Farmed with family (western edge of Merrick County). 1963-65: US Army. 23 Dec 1966: Married Donna J. Pedersen at Columbus, NE. She died in 2001. Mr. Niedfelt died Sat., 10 Feb 2007 at Grand Island, NE. Visitation: Wed., Livingston-Sondermann Funeral Home. Service: Thurs., Messiah Lutheran Church. Burial in Westlawn Memorial Park Cemetery, Grand Island, NE. Survivors: A daughter, a son, a step-daughter, 3 g-ch., 3 step-g-ch.; a brother. Predeceased by his wife.

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 15 Feb 2007

**Lucile Maxine FERRIS, 88** (photo)

Born 26 Jan 1919, Merrick County, NE. Parents: William Pressler & Goldie Culbertson. Attended CCHS and

Nebraska College. Teacher. 9 Mar 1941: Married Elwin H. Ferris at Cairo, NE. They farmed north of Central City. 1983: Moved into town. Mrs. Ferris died Mon., 12 Feb 2007 at Lincoln, NE. Visitation: Fri., Wagner Funeral Home, Central City. Service: Sat., Fairview United Methodist Church near Central City, NE. Burial in Central City Cemetery. Survivors: 2 son, 2 daughters, 10 gch.; 2 brothers, a sister. Predeceased by her husband (died 5 Feb 2006), her parents, a sister Opal Gay; 2 brothers-in-law - Dorsey Gay and Arnold Schultz. Memorials to the church or to the family for a scholarship fund.

Note: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I pp188 (E Ferris), 324 (D Pressler); 1920 Fed. Census NE ED160 p3B F48 (w/p) and 1930 Fed. Census NE ED61-10 p1a D10 F10 (w/p) - Mead Twp, Merrick, NE.

Grand Island Independent - Fri. 16 Feb 2007

**Lee A. GLYNN, 94**

Born 4 Jun 1932, Palmer, NE. Parents: Ernest Glynn & Hazel Stone. Died Tues. 13 Feb 2007, Grand Island, NE. Visitation: Fri., Palmer Funeral Home, Palmer, NE. Private family service: Sat. Burial in Rose Hill Cemetery, Palmer, NE. Survivors: His wife, 2 sons, a step-sister.

Note: For parents see extracts of Rose Hill Cemetery, Palmer, NE.

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 17 Feb 2007

**Harold Francis GLEASON, 94** (photo)

Born 7 Dec 1912, Central City, NE. Parents: Ernest B. Gleason & Ella N. Langston. Grad. of CCHS. WW II: US Army. 12 Sep 1943: Married Alma Kropa at Jersey City, NJ. After the war they lived in Central City. Farmer; truck mechanic. Died Thurs., Central City, NE. Service: Wed. at Solt Funeral Home. Burial in Central City Cemetery. Survivors: 2 sons, a daughter, gch. & g-gch.; a brother, 4 sisters. Predeceased by his wife (died 15 Aug 2004), and an infant daughter Marjorie.

Note: See 1920 Fed. Census NE ED160 p4A F62 and 1930 Fed. Census NE ED61-10 p4a D71 F72 - Mead Twp, Merrick, NE.

Grand Island Independent - Mon. 19 Feb 2007

**Debra D. LAUTENSCHLAGER, 47** (photo)

Born 24 Feb 1959: Casper, WY. Parents: Claris & Darlene Wilkinson. Third marriage - to Larry Lautenschlager at Omaha, NE. Resided near Palmer, N. Died Wed. 15 Feb 2007 at hospital in Omaha, NE. Service: Sat., St. John's Luthern Church, Palmer, NE. Cremation. Arrangements by Jacobsen-Greenway Funeral Home, St. Paul, NE. Survivors: Her husband, her parents, 3 sons, 2 daughters, a foster son; 3 brothers and a sister. Predeceased by three grandparents and a brother-in-law Louis Lautenschlager.

Aurora News Register and Grand Island Independent - Tues. 20 Feb 2007

**Violet Evelyn DANHAUER, 92** (photo)

Born 4 Jan 1915 near Aurora, NE. Parents: Henry F. Sandberg & Amy C. Larson. After college, lived in Lincoln for several years; returned to Aurora. 11 Mar 1937: Married Ellsworth W. Danhauer at York, NE. They farmed near Aurora and Marquette, NE. Retired to Aurora. 2001: Moved to Central City, NE. Violet died Sun. 18 Feb 2007 at Central City, NE. Visitation: Wed., Higby-McQuiston Mortuary. Service: Thurs. at United Methodist Church, Aurora. Burial in Aurora Cemetery. Survivors: 2 sons, a daughter, 11 gch., 29 g-gch., etc; a brother & a sister. Predeceased by her husband (died 16 Jun 2003); her parents; a sister Dorothy Howland. Memorials to the church.

Aurora News Register and Grand Island Independent - Tues. 20 Feb 2007

**Emma C. "Jackie" FOGT, 87** (photo)

Born 5 Nov 1919, Aurora, NE. Parents: Alfred Peterson & Sarah Wray. 23 Jul 1941: Married Theodore R. Fogt at Central City, NE. Died Sun., 18 Feb 2007 at Grand Island, NE. Service: Thurs., Livingston-Sondermann Funeral Home; Burial in Aurora Cemetery. Survivors: 3 nieces and a nephew; 3 sisters-in-law. Predeceased by her parents; sister Mary Jayne Meyer, 2 brothers - Robert & Alfred "Bus" Peterson; 2 half-brothers - Clarence & Ray Peterson. Memorials to Stuhr Museum.

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 20 Feb 2007

**Leila SMITH, 84** (photo)

Born 28 Aug 1922, Central City, NE. Parents: Ralph D. Wise & Gertrude L. Whitney. 16 Dec 1939: Married Marion G. Smith at North Platte, NE. They lived in Grand Island, NE. Member of 7th Day Adventist Church. Died Sun. 18 Feb 2007 at Grand Island. Service: Wed. Apfel Funeral Home. Burial in Westlawn Memorial Park Cemetery, Grand Island, NE. Survivors: Her husband, 2 daughters, 13 gch., 25 g-gch., 2 gg-gch.; a sister. Predeceased by her parents, 3 sons; 3 sisters - Betty Henderson, Bonnie J. Williams & Phyllis Wise; 3 brothers - Ralph, Vincent & Jim Wise.

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 21 Feb 2007

**Cyrus L. BARTELS, 90** (photo)

Born 5 Mar 1916, Greenwood, SD. Parents: Mr. & Mrs. Herman Bartels. WW II: US Army. 8 Feb 1946: Married Buzzetta Sangster at Burke, SD. They lived at Colome, SD; Wichita, KS; Guernsey, WY and Omaha, NE. Mechanic. Cyrus died Sun. 18 Feb 2007 at Grand Island, NE. Service: Wed., Jacobsen-Greenway Funeral Home, St. Paul, NE. Burial in Rose Hill Cemetery, Palmer, NE. Survivors: a step-son and 4 step-gch. Predeceased by his wife (died 2 Nov 2002); his parents and a brother Elmer Bartels.

Grand Island Independent obit - Wed. 21 Feb 2007

**Hugh DOYLE, 67**

Born 19 Jun 1939, Webster Co., NE. Resident of Central City, NE. Died Sat. 17 Feb 2007 at home. Service: Wed. at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Red Cloud, NE. Burial in church cemetery. Survivors: His wife, a son, a daughter.

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 21 Feb 2007

**Carol E. RIEKEN, 81** (photo)

Born 20 Sep 1925 near Clarks, NE. Parents: Orville Peck & Mary Bloxom. 1942 grad. Clarks HS. School teacher. 23 Aug 1949: Married Lyle Rieken at Central City, NE. They lived on farms in Nance & Merrick Counties. Died Mon., 19 Feb 2007 at Central City, NE. Service: Thurs., Wagner Funeral Home, Central City. Burial at Pierce Chapel (Bureau Cemetery near Clarks, NE). Survivors: A son, a daughter, a gch. and a g-gch; a brother, a sister. Predeceased by her husband (died in 1984), her parents and a son-in-law, Ron Krueger.

Note: See 1930 Fed. Census Mead Twp., Merrick, NE ED61-10 p5b D112 F113 (w/p).

Grand Island Independent (death/funeral notice) - Thurs. 22 Feb 2007

**Debra D. LAUTENSCHLAGER, 47**

Died Wed. 14 Feb 2007 at hospital in Omaha, NE. Lived near Palmer, NE. Service: Sat. at St. John's Lutheran Church, Palmer. Cremation afterward. Arrangements by Jacobsen-Greenway Funeral Home, St. Paul, NE.

Grand Island Independent - Mon. 26 Feb 2007

**Verlin Dean HILDERBRAND, 81** (photo)

Born 15 Jan 1926, Fort Lupton, CO. Parents: Frederick A. "Fritz" Hilderbrand & Nettie P. Brown. Grad. CCHS. 1944-46: US Navy. Farm worker, brick layer. 1954: "seriously injured in a stock car accident." Lived with his parents, and then with a brother. Died Sat. 24 Feb 2007 at Veteran's Home, Grand Island, NE. Service: Wed. at Solt Funeral Home, Central City, NE. Burial in Central City Cemetery. Survivors: 2 brothers & their wives, a sister-in-law. Predeceased by his parents, brother Merle, sister Carol Lynn; a niece & a nephew.

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Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 1 Mar 2007

**Lillie Christine SUCK, 98** (photo)

Born 24 Jun 1908 near Scotia, NE. Parents: Henry Hermsmeyer & Carolina Vogt. Attended school near Scotia, and at Grand Island, NE. 2 Feb 1930: Married Lester A. Suck secretly. Lester died 28 Feb 1981. Lillie moved to Mullen, NE; died there Tues. 27 Feb 2007. Visitation: Fri. at Solt Funeral Home, Central City,



NE. Service: Sat., Zion United Methodist Church near Archer, NE. Burial in Central City Cemetery. Survivors: A daughter, 4 gch., 11 g-gch.; a brother and 2 sisters. Predeceased by her husband, her parents; 2 sisters -Martha Yost & Viola Loftus; 3 brothers - Albert, George & Edward (infant).

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 3 Mar 2007; Aurora News Register - Tues. 6 Mar 2007

**Violet C. GALUSHA, 93** (photo)

Born 2 Nov 1912 on Prairie Island, Merrick County, NE. Parents: Samuel G. Sawyers & Loualta Adams. 3 Feb 1932: Married Elmer E. Galusha at Central City, NE. They operated Community Sales; she ran the sale-barn cafe. Died Thurs., 1 Mar 2007 at Central City, NE. Service: Mon., Solt Funeral Home, Central City. Burial in Central City Cemetery. Survivors: A daughter, 2 sons, 7 gch., 16 g-gch., 5 gg-gch.; a brother-in-law, a sister-in-law. Predeceased by her husband (died 9 Mar 2001), son-in-law Dwaine Nelson; 3 sisters - Edith Peters, Ruby Ortegren & Marjoie Dettman; 3 brothers - Harold, Raymond & Orville Sawyers; 2 g-gch. Note: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I p201; 1930 Fed. Census Lone Tree Twp, Merrick, NE ED61-7 p6a D125 F127 (w/p); Merrick Co. NE Marriage Records Book I p598 #I-598

Grand Island Independent - Sun. 4 Mar 2007

**Kathleen SCHOTT, 83** (photo)

Born 12 May 1923, Rising City (Butler Co.), NE. Parents: John M. White & Myrtle Baker. 1941 grad Silver Creek HS. Grad. of Kearney State College. Teacher. 19 Jan 1947: Married Merle P. Schott at Silver Creek, NE. Died Fri., 2 Mar 2007 at Central City, NE. Service: Tues., United Methodist Church, Silver Creek. Burial in Silver Creek Cemetery. Arrangements: McKown Funeral Home of Columbus, NE. Survivors: 3 daughters, 3 gch. Predeceased by her husband (died 27 Apr 1984); her father (died 1967), her mother (died 1995).

Grand Island Independent - Mon. 5 Mar 2007

**Leonard Albert DEARKING, 90**

Born 16 Jul 1916, Ohiowa, Iowa. Parents: Albert Dearking & Sophia Bahe. Died Sat. 3 Mar 2007, Central City, NE. Service: Tues., St. John's Lutheran Church, Ohiowa. Burial: Ohiowa Public Cemetery. Arrangements by Farmer & Son Funeral Home, Geneva, NE. Survivors: A son and a daughter; 5 gch., 4 g-gch. Predeceased by his wife Marian.

Grand Island Independent - Fri. 9 Mar 2007

**Dianna M. LOCKWOOD, 64** (photo)

Born 4 Nov 1942, Hastings, NE. Parents: Victor Martin Kroll & Arlene Luella Stade. 1960 grad Kenesaw HS. 19 Jan 1963: Married Darrel Lockwood at Juniata, NE. They lived near Hastings, NE; in Iowa; at Marquette and then at Palmer, NE. She died Sun. 4 Mar 2007 at Tijuana, Mexico. Visitation: Sun., Palmer Funeral Home, Palmer, NE. Service: Mon., St. John's Lutheran Church, Palmer. Burial in Rose Hill Cemetery, Palmer, NE. Survivors: Her husband, a son & his wife; a brother & his wife. Predeceased by daughter Kristine.

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 10 Mar 2007

**Elmer BLANK, 91** (photo)

Born 9 Jan 1916, Mercedes, TX. Parents: J.S. Blank & Alma Donscheske. 1919: family moved to Nebraska. He attended rural schools near Central City, NE. 23 Nov 1939: Married Marjorie Mae "Mamie" at Archer, NE. They farmed near Archer, NE. 1958: Moved to Central City, NE. He worked for the police department (3 yrs), then drove truck; worked for Merrick County Dept of Roads. Died Fri. 9 Mar 2007 at Central City, NE. Service: Mon., Wagner Funeral Home. Burial in Rose Hill Cemetery at Palmer, NE. Survivors: His wife, a son. Predeceased by his parents and 2 half-brothers - Leonard & Charles Kanter. Memorials to American Heart Association.

Grand Island Independent - Mon. 12 Mar 2007

**Harvey W. BRUNS, 87** (photo)

Born 28 Jun 1919, Merrick Co., NE. Parents: William H. Bruns & Johanna E. Seim. 21 Nov 1942: Married Merle G. Kaiser at Worms, NE. They farmed near Archer. Merle died 23 Oct 2002. Mr. Bruns died Sat. 10 Mar 2007 at Grand Island, NE. Service: Wed., Zion Lutheran Church, Worms, NE. Burial in church cemetery.

Arrangements by Peters Funeral Home of St. Paul. Survivors: 3 sons, 1 daughter, 9 gch, 11 g-gch. Predeceased by his wife; his parents; 4 sisters - sisters Helen Bader, Hulda Suck, Elsie Weller & Ella Hursh; 4 brothers - Albert, Edward, Garrett & William Jr (infant). Memorials to the church.

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 13 Mar 2007

**Edna Irene BELLE, 97** (photo)

Born 11 Jul 1909, Merrick Co., NE. Parents: Joseph C. Fullington & Hattie J. Gagle. 4 Jan 1933: Married Floyd A. Belle at Aurora, NE. They lived in Central City, NE. 1940: Moved to Hamburg, IA. Floyd died in 1973; Edna returned to Central City. She died Sun. 11 Mar 2007 at Central City. Service: Thurs., at Solt Funeral Home. Burial in Bureau Cemetery at Pierce Chapel, near Clarks, NE. Survivors: A son-in-law, a daughter-in-law; 5 gch., 8 g-gch.; a sister. Predeceased by her husband; son Carroll Belle (died 1986); daughter Connie Schenk (died 2003); 2 brothers - Earl & Cecil Fallington; 2 sisters - Delia Rice & Inez Erickson. Also deceased - an infant granddaughter and an infant great-granddaughter.

Note: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I pp 335 ((E Rice), 350 (F Schenk Jr)

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 13 Mar 2007

**Albin B. NABITY, 84**

Born 24 Jul 1923, Central City, NE. Parents: Anton & Mayme Nabity. Died Wed., 7 Mar 2007, Phoenix, AZ. Service: Tues., St. Theresa Catholic Church, Phoenix. Survivors: 9 children, 26 gch., 30 g-gch.; 3 brothers, a sister. Predeceased by his wife Betty. Also deceased - his parents; twin brother, Rev. Anthony Nabity SCJ, and brother, Rev. Walter Nabity; sister, Mary Brogan.

Note: For family - see History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I p301 (Nabity); Merrick Co NE Marriage Records Book G p635 #3170; 1920 Fed. Census NE ED157 p5A D93 F93: Lone Tree Twp, Merrick, NE; 1930 Fed. Census NE ED61-7 p4a D85 F87: Lone Tree Twp, Merrick, NE

Grand Island Independent - Fri. 16 Mar 2007

**Velma V. TUNKS, 85** (photo)

Born 11 Jun 1921, Belleville, KS. Parents: Frank Everhart & Lydia King. 1 May 1943: Married Merle L. Tunks at Belleville, KS. 1960: Moved to Geneva, NE. 1954: Moved to Central City, NE. Mrs. Tunks died Wed. 13 May 2007 at Central City, NE. Service: Sat. Heartland Evangelical Free Church, Central City, NE. Burial in Hawk Cemetery, Haddam, KS. Arrangements by Wagner Funeral Home. Survivors: 3 sons, 6 gch., 6 g-gch.; a brother, a sister. Predeceased by her husband Merle, her parents, 3 brothers - Harold, Lou & Leo Everhart; 2 sisters - Betty June & Opal Owen. Memorials to the church.

Grand Island Independent (photo) - Sun. 18 Mar 2007; Aurora News Register - Tues. 20 Mar 2007

**Erma I. LUSK, 96**

Born 19 Sep 1910 near Exeter, NE. Parents: Ralph Wullbrandt & Lena Lutz. 21 Oct 1929: Married Charles "Edward" Lusk at Kenesaw, NE. They lived in Fairmont area, and York area. 1986: Moved to Central City. Mr. Lusk died in March 2000. Mrs. Lusk died Fri. 16 Mar 2007 at Central City, NE. Service: Tues., United Methodist Church, Central City, NE. Burial in Fairmont Cemetery. Survivors: a daughter, a grandson, etc. Predeceased by her husband, her parents; her son-in-law.

Grand Island Independent (photo) - Mon. 19 Mar 2007; Aurora News Register - Tues. 20 Mar 2007

**Kathryn Marie McHARGUE, 93**

Born 8 Jun 1913, Hamilton County, NE. Parents: Leslie Lock & Emma Christina Tunall. Attended CCHS, and Nebraska Teachers College, Central City, NE. 13 Feb 1934: Married Walter D. McHargue at Lincoln, NE. They lived in Texas while he was in military, then returned to Central City, NE and farmed. Mrs. McHargue died Sat. 17 Mar 2007 at Grand island, NE. Service: Tues., United Presbyterian Church, Central City, NE. Burial in Central City Cemetery. Arrangements: Solt Funeral Home. Survivors: 2 sons, a brother-in-law, a sister-in-law. Predeceased by her husband; three sisters - Margaret Haynes, Mabel Nedblake, & Francis Matthews. Memorials to United Presbyterian Church of Central City or Long Term Care of Central City.

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 20 Mar 2007

**Maxine E. KUSKIE, 83** (photo)

Born 4 Jul 1923, near Central City, NE. Parents: Edward Peters & Erma Winkleman. 2 May 1942: Married Virgil E. Kuskie at Hastings, NE. They farmed near Central City, NE. Mrs. Kuskie died Sun. 18 Mar 2007 at Grand Island, NE. Service: Wed., Wagner Funeral Home, Central City. Burial in Central City Cemetery. Survivors: Her husband, a son, 2 gch., 3 g-gch; a sister-in-law. Predeceased by her parents, and a sister Wilma (and her husband Ray Meyers). Memorials to Alzheimer's Association.  
Note: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I pp 266 (Kuskie), 318-9 (Peters); 1930 Fed. Census Midland Twp., Merrick, NE ED61-11 p1b D17 F17

Polk County Newspaper - Wed. 21 Mar 2007

**Ivan Harley HASTINGS, 86**

Born 3 May 1920, near Silver Creek, NE. Parents: Warren DeWitt Hastings & Almyra Wisely. 1937 grad. Silver Creek HS. 22 Oct 1939: Married Glennis Maxine Timm at Osceola, NE. They lived in Omaha, and later at other places including Moline, IL. WW II: US Army. 1951: Moved to Polk Co., NE - lived at Swede Home and at Stromsburg. Died 11 Mar 2007 at hospital in Phoenix, AZ. Remains will be inurned later at Swede Home Cemetery near Stromsburg, NE. Survivors: A daughter, 4 gch., 3 g-gch.; a brother, a sister. Predeceased by his wife; his parents; 4 brothers - George, Charles, & DeWitt (Dee) Hastings; 4 sisters, Alyce, Hazel, Fern, & Neva; and by his dear companion, Betty Albrecht Vasquez.

Grand Island Independent (photo) - Thurs. 22 Mar 2007; Aurora News Register - Tues. 27 Mar 2007

**Richard L. BROWN, 89**

Born 23 Oct 1917, Niles, OH. Parents: Frank Brown & Margaret Smith. Family moved to Hugoton, Stevens, KS. 22 Jun 1941: Married at Montezuma, KS. 1954: Moved to Jefferson County. 1958: Moved to farm in Merrick County. Died Tues. 20 Mar 2007, Central City, NE. Visitation: Thurs., Wagner Funeral Home. Service: Fri., United Methodist Church, Central City. Burial in Central City Cem. Survivors: His wife, 2 sons, a daughter, 8 gch., 20 g-gch., 1 gg-gch. Also surviving are a brother, 2 step-brothers, a step-sister. Predeceased by a sister-in-law, Lazine Brown; a step-brother, Thomas Jones; and a step-sister, Kathryn (Jones) Curtis.

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 22 Mar 2007

**Marian Cinda FAIRBAIRN, 64**

Born 13 Sep 1942 at Palmer, NE. Parents: Clayton Anderson & Doris Buey. Raised near Cushing, NE. 1960 grad. St. Paul HS. Grad. Hastings College and Iowa State University. Teacher (in Iowa). Died Sun. 18 Mar 2007 at Lead, SD. Service: Sat., United Methodist Church, St. Paul, NE. Burial: St. Paul Cemetery. Arrangements by Aldinger Funeral Home, Spearfish, SD. Survivors: 2 sons, 2 gch.; 3 brothers. Predeceased by her parents. Memorials to Hospice of the Northern Hills, the Adams House and Museum and the Lead YMCA preschool

Columbus Telegram - Sun./Mon. 25/26 Mar 2007; Grand Island Independent - Mon. 26 Mar 2007

**Thomas E. CUNNINGHAM, 34**

Born 5 Apr 1972, Lexington, NE. Parents: Terry & Karolyn Cunningham. 1991 grad. Medicine Valley HS, Curtis, NE. Attended WyoTech in Laramie, WY. Lived in Lincoln, NE; moved to Silver Creek in 2002. Died Fri., 23 Mar 2007 near Chapman, NE. Service: Tues., McKown Funeral Home, Columbus, NE. Burial: All Saints Catholic Cemetery, Columbus, NE. Survivors: His parents, finance, a son and a daughter; a sister, 2 brothers. Predeceased by his grandparents and 2 nephews.

Fremont Tribune - Mon. 26 Mar 2007; Grand Island Independent - Tues. 27 Mar 2007

**Donald A. HRUZA, 80**

Born 3 Aug 1926, Chapman, NE. Parents: Alois Hruza & Marie Vogel. Grad. of St. Mary's HS, Grand Island, NE. WW II and Korean War: US Navy. 5 Oct 1946: Married Juanita Parr at Louisville, KY. Farmed near St. Paul, NE. 1958: employed in SD, IA and IL. 1969: Started career as nursing home administrator - worked in NE, OK, and MI. 1984: moved to North Bend, NE. 2003: Moved to Fremont, NE. Mr. Hruza died Sun. 25 Mar 2007 at hospital in Omaha, NE. Service: Thurs., St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Fremont, NE. Burial:

Calvary Cemetery, Fremont, NE. Arrangements: Moser Memorial Chapel, Fremont. Survivors: 2 daughters, 8 gch., 7 g-gch.; 2 brothers, and a sister. Predeceased by his wife (died 22 May 2004); a daughter & a son. Memorials: St. Patrick's Elementary School Fund.

Note: See 1930 Fed. Census Chapman Twp, Merrick, NE ED61-4 p4a D75 F76 (w/p)

Grand Island Independent (photo) - Mon. 26 Mar 2007; Aurora News Register - Tues. 27 Mar 2007; Polk County Newspaper - Fri. 30 Mar 2007

**RoJean A. NECKER, 72**

Born 31 Jan 1935, Osceola, NE. Parents: Edwin Gerhart Nelson & Alice Leona McClure. 1954 grad. Polk HS. 5 Jun 1953: Married Loyal Necker. They lived near Hordville (Hamilton Co.), NE. Mrs. Necker died Sun. 25 Mar 2007 at Central City, NE. Visitation: Wed., Solt Funeral Home, Central City. Service: Thurs. 29 March at First Baptist Church, Hordville. Burial in Lindale Cemetery. Survivors: Her husband, 4 sons, 2 daughters, 17 gch.; 3 sisters. Predeceased by her parents and a brother-in-law, Fred Smith.

Grand Island Independent and Aurora News Register - Tues. 27 Mar 2007

**Einer Gustaf JOHNSON, 91** (photo)

Born 26 Oct 1915 near Marquette, NE. Parents: Gust F. Johnson & Ella M. Carlson. 1935 grad. CCHS. 12 Aug 1936: married Ethel Andersen. They farmed near Marquette; moved to Central City in 1984. Mr. Johnson died Sun. 25 Mar 2007, Central City, NE. Service: Wed. Solt Funeral Home, Central City. Burial: Mamre Church Cemetery near Marquette, NE. Survivors: A daughter, a son, 4 gch, 11 g-gch. 5 g-gch.; a brother-in-law, a sister-in-law. Predeceased by his wife (18 Jan 2004); daughter Cheryl Ann Johnson; granddaughter Libby Fay Johnson Richards; grandson Mitchell Ray Kleve; 2 sisters - Norma Matthes and Edna Matthes.

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 28 Mar 2007

**Gene E. Schleichardt, 79**

Resident of Chapman, NE. Died Mon., 26 Mar 2007. Visitation: Thurs., Kleine Funeral Home. Graveside service: Thurs., Grand Island City Cemetery. Survivors: a son, a daughter; a brother, 3 sisters. Predeceased by his wife Sharon.

Note: Wife Sharon Sample Schleichardt, died 11 Feb 1998.

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 29 Mar 2007

**Mary I. LEAMONS, 80** (photo)

Born 1 Nov 1926, Arlington (Washington Co.), NE. Parents: Jessie O'Connar & Minnie Mae Swearingin. Grew up at Viola, TN and North Loup, NE. 1948 grad. Grand Island SHS. 14 Oct 1950: Married Lloyd Leamons Jr. at Osceola, NE. They farmed at Chapman, NE. 1960: Moved to Cairo, NE. 1963: Moved to Grand Island, NE. Mrs. Leamons died Mon. 26 Mar 2007 at Grand Island, NE. Service: Sat., Apfel Funeral Home. Burial: Chapman Cemetery. Survivors: 2 daughters, a son, 2 gch.; 2 sister. Predeceased by her husband (1971); her parents; a sister Alice Wight; a granddaughter. Memorials to National Kidney Foundation.

Note: For husband, see History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I p271 (Leamons); 1930 Fed. Census, Chapman Twp, Merrick, NE - ED61-4 p3a D54 F54 (w/p); Chapman Cemetery extracts.

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 31 Mar 2007

**Florene R. DOREMUS, 88**

Born 10 Jan 1919 near Silver Creek, NE. Parents: Frank Miller & Mary Cremeen. Married Victor Doremus (he is deceased). Mrs. Doremus died Thurs. 29 Mar 2007 at hospital in Lincoln, NE. Service: Mon., Dubas Funeral Home, Osceola, NE. Burial in Osceola Cemetery. Survivors: 2 daughters, a sister-in-law.

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 31 Mar 2007

**Donald D. KAMPER, 80** (photo)

Born 21 Feb 1927, Archer, NE. Parents: Herman Kamper & Lydia Luebke. Attended school in St. Paul, NE. 1950-56 (Korean War time): US Army. 27 Dec 1958: married Theresa Prorok at Grand Island, NE. She died

9 May 1964. 6 Aug 1966: married Donna Eastman. Mr. Kamper died Thurs., 29 Mar 2007 at Grand Island, NE. Service: Mon., St. Mary's Cathedral. Inurnment: Westlawn Memorial Park Cemetery, Grand Island. Survivors: A son; 3 brothers, 3 sisters; a sister-in-law. Predeceased by both wives; his parents. Memorials: St. Mary's Cathedral, Parkinsons Disease or the Leukemia Society of America.

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Grand Island Independent - Sun. 1 Apr 2007; Aurora News Register - Tues. 3 Apr 2007; Polk County Newspaper - Fri. 6 Apr 2007

**Eldon Outten HUTCHISON Sr., 73** (photo)

Born 10 Dec 1933, Osceola, NE. Parents: Theodore Hutchison & Emma Wilcox. Attended HS in Monroe, NE. 9 May 1953: married Patsy at Silver Creek, NE. Served in US Army. Lived in Grand Island and Columbus, NE. Resident of Aurora, NE. Died Fri. 20 Mar 2007 at Grand Island, NE. Service: Tues., United Methodist Church, Silver Creek, NE. Burial: Silver Creek Cemetery. Arrangements: Dubas Funeral Home of Osceola & Stromsburg. Survivors: His wife, 3 daughters, a son, 7 gch.; a sister and a brother. Predeceased by his parents; a son Barry; a brother Terrance Hutchinson.

Grand Island Independent (abbrev.) - Sun. 1 Apr 2007; Polk County Newspaper - Fri. 6 Apr 2007

**Laird J. McCORMICK Sr., 76**

Born 29 Jan 1931, Silver Creek, NE. Parents: Lester Marion McCormick & Florence Bernice Hendrickson. 1948 grad. CCHS. 1948-52: US Marine Corps. Married in Washington, DC. Teacher, musician. Died Fri. 20 Mar 2007 at Lincoln, NE. Memorial service: Wed., Christ United Methodist Church, Lincoln, NE. Burial: Tues. at Osceola Cemetery. Arrangements: Dubas Funeral Home of Osceola & Stromsburg. Survivors: His wife, 4 daughters, 2 sons. Also surviving: 5 sisters and a sister-in-law. Predeceased by his parents, and a brother Neal McCormick.

Note: see History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I p295.

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 4 Apr 2007

**L. June WEBB, 95** (photo)

Born 23 Jun 1911, Scott City, KS. Parents: Herbert Jonathan Mott & Lillie Jane Watkins. 1934 grad. NE Central College, Central City, NE. 1949 grad. USC. Teacher, occupational therapist. June 1949: Married Weston Harry Bauerle Webb at Colorado Springs (died in 2002). Mrs. Webb died 27 Mar 2007, Central City, NE. Celebration of Life: Fri., 6 Apr at Friends "Quaker" meeting. Cremated. Survivors: A daughter, a son, 6 gch., 23 g-gch., 5 gg-gch. Predeceased by her husband and 5 older siblings - "Mary Hazel Mott, who died at 13 years old, David Wilfred or "Bill" Mott, Iona AraBelle Mott (Patrick), Jessie Evelyn Mott (Schutz), and Horace Greenleaf Mott." Memorials to Central City Friends Meeting (c/o Selma Mesner, 2611 Bader Drive, Central City, NE 68826).

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 7 Apr 2007

**Raymond A. MEINKE, 84**

Born 18 Jun 1922, St. Libory (Howard Co.), NE. Parents: Fritz Meinke & Martha Tuenge. 17 Dec 1954: Married Minnie Boersen at Grand Island. They farmed in Merrick County; then moved to Grand Island, NE. He died Thurs. 5 Apr 2007 at Grand Island, NE. Service: Mon., Apfel Funeral Home. Burial: Woodlawn Memorial Park Cemetery, Grand Island. Survivors: in-laws, nieces and nephews. Predeceased by his wife (1 Sep 2006). Also deceased are his parents; 5 brothers - Ervin, Carl, Fred, Walter & Edward Meinke; 4 sisters - Lydia Gulzow, Gertrude Schroeder, Milda Crabtree & Myrtle Reimers.

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 7 Apr 2007; Aurora News Register - Tues. 10 Apr 2007

**Ralph Lewis RITTA, 83**

Born 18 Mar 1924, Waukegan, IL. Parents: Lewis Earl Ritta & Emma Katherine Kuebker. 1942 grad. Lake Zurich HS. 20 Mar 1943: Married Dorothy at Ivanhoe, IL. Apr 1962: family moved to Central City, NE. Farmer. Mr. Ritta died Thurs., 5 Apr 2007 at hospital in Omaha, NE. Visitation: Sun., Solt Funeral Home, Central City. Service: Mon., Community Bible Church. Burial: Central City Cemetery. Survivors: wife, 5 sons,

a daughter, 13 gch. Also surviving: a brother and a half-sister. Predeceased by his parents; daughter Elizabeth Mae (died Apr 2002), son-in-law Larry J. Conn (died Jul 2001). Memorials to the church.

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 10 Apr 2007

**Edna M. LAUTENSCHLAGER, 78** (photo)

Born 29 Aug 1928, Dannebrog, NE. Parents: Thomas Reimers & Nellie Wilson. 10 Dec 1946: Married Leonard Lautenschlager at Palmer, NE. They lived on his family's farm. She died Sun. 8 Apr 2007 at Grand Island, NE. Visitation: Tues., Palmer Funeral Home, Palmer, NE. Service: Wed., St. John's Lutheran Church. Burial in Rose Hill Cemetery, Palmer, NE. Survivors: Her husband, 3 sons, 4 daughters, 18 gch., etc. Also surviving: 2 brothers & 2 sisters. Predeceased by 2 infant brothers, and a sister Dora Jean Fries; a daughter-in-law.

Grand Island Independent - Fri. 13 Apr 2007

**M. Madolyn JOHNSON, 85** (photo)

Born 19 Apr 1921, Grand Island, NE. Parents: Elmer David Heuring & Florence Hazel Nason. Family lived in various places before setting near Marquette, NE. 1939 grad CCHS. 12 Jan 1941: Married Carl Adolf Johnson at her parents home. They farmed west of Hordville. Employed as receptionist & office nurse. 1981: They retired to Lincoln, NE. Oct 2003: Moved to Central City, NE. Carl died 17 Jan 2006. Mrs. Johnson died Wed., 11 Apr 2007 at Central City. Visitation: Fri., Wagner Funeral Home, Central City. Service: Sat., at Fridhem Lutheran Church, Hordville. Burial: Hordville Cemetery. Survivors: 3 sons & their spouses, 9 gch., 12 g-gch. Predeceased by her husband; brother Glenn Heuring and his wife Ilene; sister Berneice and her husband Oscar Cram. Memorials: Litzenberg Long Term Care or Fridhem Lutheran Church. Note: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I p248; 19 Jan 2006: Grand Island Independent obit of husband

Columbus Telegram - Fri. 13 Apr 2007

**John R. "Jack" LINCOLN, 71**

Born 5 Feb 1936, Beatrice, NE. Parents: Ross Lincoln & Irene Hill. 1954 grad Beatrice HS. 1959 grad NE Wesleyan. 8 Oct 1961: Married Patricia at Central City, NE. They lived in Lincoln and Grand Island, NE. 1959-65: US Army Reserve. Business manager. Died Wed., 11 Apr 2007 at Grand Island, NE. Visitation: Today at All Faiths Funeral Home, Grand Island. Service: Sat., First Presbyterian Church. Burial: Grand Island City Cemetery. Survivors: His wife, 2 daughters and a son, 6 gch. Predeceased by his parents; a sister Shirley Abbott. Memorials to Edith Abbott Memorial Library, First Presbyterian Church, the Humane Society.

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 12 Apr 2007

**Thaddeus S. "Ted" PALU, 79**

Born 14 Feb 1928, Loup City, NE. Parents: Edward Palu and Bertha Kosmicki. 25 Nov 1947: married Marcella Michalski at Loup City, NE. 1956: moved to Central City, NE. Mrs. Palu died 23 Aug 2002. Mr. Palu died Tues. 10 Apr 2007 at Central City, NE. Visitation: Thurs., Wagner Funeral Home, Central City. Service: Fri., St. Michael's Catholic Church. Burial: Central City Cemetery. Survivors: 2 sons, 3 daughters, 8 gch., 7 g-gch. Also surviving: 3 brothers, a sister. Predeceased by his parents, and 2 sons-in-law - Howard Hubka and Mervin Luschei. Memorials: to the church. Note: see History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I p240 (Hubka).

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 17 Apr 2007

**Forrest D. CHURCH, 83**

Born 27 Aug 1923, Merrick Co., NE. Parents: Walter T. Church & Marie Dickman. 24 Sep 1954: Married Henrietta L. Greger at Central City, NE. They lived south of Clarks, NE until 1982, then moved into town. Henrietta died 28 Nov 2006. Mr. Church died Mon., 16 Apr 2007 at Grand Island, NE. Service: Wed., at chapel of Solt Funeral Home, Central City. Burial: Clarks Cemetery. Survivors: A daughter & son-in-law; 8 sisters, 2 brothers. Predeceased by his wife; his parents, sister Betty Gulbrandson, 4 brothers - Arnold, Ron, Melvin & Milford Church.

Note: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I pp 157-8 (w/p); 1930 Fed. Census NE ED61-6 p7a D155

F155 (w/p); Bureau Cemetery Obits (w/mother).

Norfolk Daily News - Wed. 18 Apr 2007; Columbus Telegram - Thurs. 19 Apr 2007

**Ewald H. HAKE, 92**

Born 17 Jun 1914, Merrick Co., NE. Parents: Edward Hake & Elise Korte. Attended school in Platte County, NE. 26 Mar 1939: Married Lola at Zion Lutheran Church. They farmed near Creston, NE; then moved to Leigh in 1953. Mr. Hake died Mon., 16 Apr 2007 at Columbus, NE. Service: Today, Zion Lutheran Church. Burial: church cemetery. Arrangements: Gass Haney Funeral Home, Columbus, NE. Survivors: wife, 2 daughters, 2 sons, grandchildren; 2 sisters. Predeceased by his parents, son-in-law, Robert Steele; brothers Elmer & Vernon Hake; brother-in-law, Victor Malasek.

Note: See Leigh Centennial, 100 Years p41 (Callies); 1920 Fed. Census NE ED189 Creston Twp, Platte, NE p5a D14 F7 (w/p)

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 19 Apr 2007

**Edward L. "Ed" JOHNS, 81** (photo)

Born 21 Nov 1925, Catawissa, MO. Parents: William Elasco Johns & Emma Lolita Johnson. Grad. of Herculaneum HS. Served during WW II. Attended college in Emporia, KS. 24 Nov 1949: Married Alverta at Emporia, KS. Teacher, coach, farmer. 1969-1978: taught in Nebraska. Farmed in KS. 1999: moved to Central City, NE. Died Wed., 18 Apr 2007 at Central City. Memorial service: Sat., Heartland Evangelical Free Church, Central City. Burial: at later date, Fort McPherson National Cemetery, near Maxwell, NE. Arrangements: Solt Funeral Home. Survivors: wife, 3 daughters, 3 gch., 12 g-gch.; a brother. Predeceased by his parents.

Grand Island Independent - Fri. 20 Apr 2007

**Duane A. DEERTZ, 80**

Born 20 Feb 1927, Palmer, NE. Parents: George Deertz & Mary Glause. 1945 grad. Grand Island HS. Retired from OP Skaggs Co./ Skagway Discount Dept. Stores after 37 years. Died Thurs. 19 Apr 2007 at Grand Island, NE. No visitation. Graveside service: Sat., Rosehill Cemetery, Palmer, NE. Arrangements: Apfel Funeral Home, Grand Island, NE. Survivors: a brother and a sister. Predeceased by his parents, and his sister Colleen Smith. Memorials: Grand Island Humane Society.

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 24 Apr 2007

**Dixie Davis LOCK, 91**

Born 14 Oct 1915, Central City, NE. Parents: Fred & Ethel Davis. Grad. of CCHS (salutatorian). Teacher. 1936: Married Herbert Lock. They lived in Omaha, NE; Washington, DC, Paris, France; Florida. Died 21 Feb 2007 at Palm Bay, Florida. Memorial service held at that place. Graveside service: Thurs., 26 Apr at Central City Cemetery, NE. Survivors: Her husband, a son, a daughter, 2 gch., 4 g-gch. Predeceased by her parents and her brother Fred A. Davis Jr.

Columbus Telegram and Grand Island Independent (photo) - Fri. 27 Apr 2007

**Shirley M. GARRETT, 66**

Born 26 Jun 1940, Columbus, NE. Parents: Edward Hilmer & Pearl Adams. About 1946, family moved to Central City, NE. 1959 grad CCHS. 28 Jun 1959: Married Melvin Garrett at Fairview United Methodist Church. They lived in Oakland, CA while husband was in Navy. Returned to farm in Merrick County. Mrs. Garrett died Wed. 25 Apr 2007 at Kearney (Buffalo Co.), NE. Visitation: Sun., Wagner Funeral Home, Central City, NE. Service: Mon., Fairview United Methodist Church near Central City. Burial: Bureau Cemetery at Pierce Chapel near Clarks, NE. Survivors: husband, 3 sons, a daughter, 7 gch., 2 step-gch; a brother & a half-brother, other relatives. Predeceased by her parents; stepfather, Armin Luschei; half brother, Mervin Luschei; and half sister, Janet Luschei. Memorials: Litzenberg Memorial County Hospital, Archer Park or Fairview United Methodist Church.

Note: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I p203 (Garrett); History of Merrick Co., NE Vol II p168 (Garrett)

Columbus Telegram and Grand Island Independent - Mon. 30 Apr 2007

**Mary V. BURRUSS, 103**

Born 8 Mar 1904 on farm near Fairfield, IA. Parents: Frank L. West & Jennie C. Dana. Family moved to farm northwest of Clarks when Mary was one year old. 1921 grad Clarks HS. Attended Kearney State College; teacher. 24 Dec 1923: married Hubert M. Burruss at Osceola, Iowa. They farmed near Clarks, NE. Mr. Burruss died 27 Dec 1970. Mrs. Burruss died Sat., 28 Apr 2007 at Central City, NE. Visitation: today at Solt Funeral Home, Central City. Service: Tues. at United Methodist Church, Clarks, NE. Burial: Clarks Cemetery. Survivors: a son & his wife, 3 gch., 5 g-gch. Predeceased by her husband, her parents, and a sister Hazel Dittmer. Memorials: United Methodist Church at Clarks.

Notes: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I p400 (w/p); Dittmer Scrapbook p46 (newsclip); 1920 Fed. Census NE ED156 p5A D130 F132 (w/p); 1930 Fed. Census NE ED61-6 p6a D126 F126

Grand Island Independent - Mon. 30 Apr 2007

**Richard Ernst SPIRES, 75**

Born 7 Jun 1931, Clarks, NE. Parents: Nanette & Robert Spires Sr. Grad. of Clarks HS. Served in US Navy. 1958 grad. Denver University. Married Jean of Burwell, NE. Resided in Omaha, NE. Died Sun., 22 Apr 2007. Memorial service: Wed. at Countryside Community Church, Omaha. Arrangements: Heafey-Heafey-Hoffmann-Dworak-Cutler. Survivors: His wife, 2 daughters, a son, 7 gch.; 2 sisters, 3 brothers. Predeceased by his parents; his sister Imogene Abbot, and a brother Frank Spires. Memorials to Clarks HS. Endowment Fund, or Countryside Community Church, Omaha, NE.

Note: Grand Island Independent - Fri. 1 Jun 2007 service notice "Memorial services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Countryside Community Church in Omaha."

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Grand Island Independent - Tues. 1 May 2007

**Portia REEVES, 101** (photo)

Born 26 Sep 1905, Central City, NE. Parents: Fred A. Marsh & Virginia I. Crites. 1923 grad of NE Central Academy. 1929 grad. of NE Central College. Teacher. 24 Dec 1929: Married Ted Reeves at Archer, NE. They farmed near Chapman. Mrs. Reeves died Sun. 29 Apr 2007 at Central City, NE. Visitation: Tues., Solt Funeral Home, Central City. Service: Wed., First Baptist Church, Chapman. Burial in Central City Cemetery. Survivors: 2 sons, 2 daughters, 16 gtch., 22 g-gch., 2 gg-gch.; a sister-in-law. Predeceased by her husband and her parents; 3 sisters - Dorothy Marsh (infancy), Erma Mesner and Elizabeth Jensen; 3 brothers -Earl, Marion, and Warren Marsh; 3 grandsons, Paul Jon Fraser, Daniel John Reeves and Randy Francis; and a great-grandson, Elliott Michael Reeves. Memorials: Merrick County Historical Museum and Chapman Baptist Church.

Note: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I pp 282 (Marsh), 316 (Owens), 332 (Reeves); Nebraskana p766 (w/p); 1920 Fed. Census Midland Twp, Merrick, NE - ED161 p3B F18 (w/p); 1930 Fed. Census Chapman Twp, Merrick, NE ED61-4 p4a D80 F81; Marriage Records Book I p452 #I-452

Grand Island Independent - Fri. 4 May 2007

**Dianne Marie DANKERT, 56** (photo)

Born 5 Jun 1950, Auburn (Nemaha Co.), NE. Parents: Herman & Neva Koester. 1968 grad. Deshler HS. Attended Grand Island School of Business. 8 Mar 1970: married Dennis Dankert. Lived in Central City, NE. 2002: moved to MO. 2004: moved to Hutchinson, KS. Died Tues., 1 May 2007 at Hutchinson. Service: Sat., Solt Funeral Home, Central City, NE. Burial in Central City Cemetery. Survivors: 2 sons, a daughter; her parents, a brother & a sister.

Grand Island Independent - Fri. 4 May 2007

**Evert D. OLSON, 81** (photo)

Born 23 Jan 1926 in Spring Creek area southwest of Comstock (Custer Co.), NE. 1944 grad. Dry Valley HS. 1944-46: US Navy. Farmer - near Berwyn, and Loup City, NE. 1991: Retired near Kearney, NE. 1995: Moved near Palmer, NE. Died Tues. 1 May 2007, St. Paul, NE. Visitation: Fri., Peters Funeral Home, St. Paul, NE. Service: Sat. at Palmer Wesleyan Church. Burial: Douglas Grove Cemetery near Comstock, NE.



Survivors: A sister & her spouse. Predeceased by his parents, a sister Elvera Rivers, five brothers - Harry, Emil, Vernon, Bertil and an infant. Memorials to Palmer Wesleyan Church or the Howard County Community Hospital.

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 5 May 2007

**Wilma Ruth UDEN, 80** (photo)

Born 4 Jan 1927 south of Palmer, NE. Parents: Herber Dankert & Anna Nietfeld. Married Paul Uden. Mrs. Uden died Thurs., 3 May 2007 at home in Hastings, NE. Visitation: Sun., Livingston-Butler-Volland Funeral Home & Cremation Center. Service: Tues., Faith Lutheran Church. Burial: Concordia Cemetery near Juniata, NE. Survivors: a daughter, 3 sons. Predeceased by her husband and a son Roy.

Note: See 1930 Fed. Census Prairie Creek Twp, Merrick, NE - ED61-12 p3a D49 F50 (w/p). Her parents - Merrick Co. Marriage Records Book G p405 #2939. Grand Island Independent obit of husband published 18 Mar 2003.

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 5 May 2007

**Ruby C. SCHULTZ, 90** (photo)

Born 13 Feb 1917, Merrick Co., NE. Parents: William Pressler & Goldie Culbertson. Attended school at Archer; grad of CCHS. 22 Dec 1944: married Arnold Schultz at her parents home, Cairo, NE. They farmed northeast of Cairo. She taught school in Merrick, Nance, Hall & Howard Counties. Arnold died 31 Oct 1986. Mrs. Schultz died Thurs., 3 May 2007 at Grand Island, NE. Visitation: Sun., Apfel Funeral Home, Cairo. Service: Mon., Christ Lutheran Church, Cairo. Burial: Mount Pleasant Cemetery, Cairo. Survivors: A son, 3 daughters, 7 gch., 10 g-gch.; 2 brothers. Predeceased by her husband; a son-in-law, Dennis Lindell, granddaughter, Sherry Lindell; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Opal and Dorsey Gay and Lucille and Elwin Ferris; an infant brother. Memorials to the church.

Note: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I p324 (D Pressler); 1920 Fed. Census Mead Twp, Merrick, NE - ED160 p3B F48 (w/p); 1930 Fed. Census Mead Twp, Merrick, NE - ED61-10 p1a D10 F10 (w/p). Obit of sister Lucile published 15 Feb 2007 in GI Independent.

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 8 May 2007

**Betty L. SMITH, 79** (photo)

Born 39 July 1927 near Palmer, NE. Parents: William Starkey & Clara Samuelson. 4 Feb 1946: Married Calvin "Spike" Smith at Smith Center, KS. Died Mon. 7 May 2007 at Heritage Living Center, St. Paul, NE. Service: Thurs., Jacobsen-Greenway Funeral Home, St. Paul. Burial in Elmwood Cemetery. Survivors: Her husband, 2 sons, a daughter, 8 gch., 6 g-gch.; 3 sisters. Predeceased by her parents; a brother LaVern; 2 sisters - Leila Hansen and Lucille Grause. Memorials: Alzheimer's Association.

Note: For her family, see 1920 Fed. Census NE ED159 p9A D56 F58: Loup Twp, Merrick, NE; and Rose Hill Cemetery extracts (Palmer, Merrick, NE).

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 12 May 2007

**Jenna Mae TROTTER, 16** (photo)

Born 23 Nov 1990 at Grand Island, NE. Parents: Gary L. & Janie Trotter. Resident of Clarks, NE. Died Wed. 9 May 2007 in auto accident. Service: Mon., United Methodist Church, Central City, NE. Arrangements by Solt Funeral Home, Central City. Survivors: her father & step-mother, her mother & step-father, 3 sisters (one is her twin), a brother; 3 step-brothers; several grandparents & some great-grandparents. Predeceased by several relatives.

Grand Island Independent - Mon. 14 May 2007

**Bennie E. KNUTSON, 84** (photo)

Born 21 Nov 1922, Pennock, MN. Parents: Thomas Knutson & Anna Grande. 1945-46: US Army. 3 May 1947: Married Lorraine G. Tjernagel at Spicer, MN. They farmed; then he went into construction work and they moved about. Nov 1966: Family settled at Aurora, South Dakota where he started a business. Mrs. Knutson died 17 Nov 1998 at Brookings, SD. Mr. Knutson died Sun. 13 May 2007 at Central City, NE. Service: Tues. at Wagner Funeral Home, Central City. Burial: First Lutheran Norway Lake Cemetery near Spicer, MN.

Survivors: 2 sons, 4 daughters, 23 gch., 18 g-gch.; 2 sisters. Predeceased by his wife, his parents, 2 brothers - Harold & Arthur Knutson; 2 sisters - Bergloit & Agnes.

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 17 May 2007

**Stella E. ULLSTROM, 97**

Born 26 Jan 1910, Merrick Co., NE. Parents: Jacob & Mabel Mohr. Grad. of CCHS. Married Kenneth Ullstrom. Died Mon. 14 May 2007, at hospital in Omaha, NE. Graveside service: Fri., Central City Cemetery. Arrangements: Wagner Funeral Home, Central City. Survivors: a sister & 2 nephews. Predeceased by her husband; her parents and 3 brothers - Asa, Charles and Gerald.

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 19 May 2007; Columbus Telegram - Sun. 20 May 2007

**Victor N. CERNY, 84**

Born 30 Oct 1922, Polk Co., NE. Parents: John Leo Cerny & Mary Ziemba. Lived on farm near Osceola, NE. WW II: US Army Air Corps. 8 Oct 1946: Married Regina near Duncan, NE. They lived near Osceola. Later lived in Central City and in Grand Island, NE. Mr. Cerny died Thurs., 17 May 2007 at Veteran's Home, Norfolk, NE. Service: Mon., St. Michael's Catholic Church, Central City. Interment at later date in Osceola Cemetery. Arrangements: Solt Funeral Home, Central City. Survivors: His wife, 4 children, 7 gch., 3 g-gch.; a brother & 2 sisters. Predeceased by his parents; a brother - Donald; 2 sisters - Barbara Anderson & Elizabeth "Elsie" Cerny.

Grand Island Independent - Fri. 25 May 2007

**Gary LeRoy LEECE, 60 (photo)**

Born 29 Aug 1946, Grand Island, NE. Parents: Billy L. Leece & Maxine Galusha. 1964 grad. Central City High School. Attended CO State Univ. at Fort Collins, CO. 22 Jun 1968: Married Marlene at Grand Island, NE. Insurance, real estate. Died Wed. 23 May 2007 at Grand island, NE. Service: Fri., Solt Funeral Home Chapel, Central City, NE. Burial: Central City Cemetery. Survivors: wife, 2 daughters, a son, 7 gch. Predeceased by his parents, and a brother Ronny; his grandparents - Clyde and Edith Leece, Fred Galusha, Jess and Edith Austin.

Note: Obit of father - GI Independent, 31 Mar 2005

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Grand Island Independent - Sun. 3 Jun 2007

**Marjorie V. BRAASCH, 95 (photo)**

Born 12 Dec 1911, Merrick Co., NE. Parents: Jacob Mohr & Mabel Olson. Married Gilbert Braasch; lived in Central City, NE. Gilbert died in Sep 1981. Marjorie died Thurs. 31 May 2007 at Omaha, NE. Service: Tues., Christ Episcopal Church, Central City, NE. Burial: Central City Cemetery. Arrangements by Wagner Funeral Home, Central City. Survivors: A son and his wife, 2 grandsons, a g-gch. Predeceased by her husband, her parents; a sister - Stella Ullstrom; and 3 brothers - Asa, Charles & Gerald Mohr

Columbus Telegram and Grand Island Independent - Tues. 5 Jun 2007; Polk Co. Newspaper - Wed. 6 Jun 2007

**Asa L. POLLARD, 64**

Born 13 Apr 1943 Columbus, Platte, NE. Parents: Avard Asa & Roma G. Pollard. Grew up at Clarks, NE. 1961 grad. Clarks Public School. 1962-66: USAF. 1 Jun 1968: Married Mary at Clarks, NE. They lived at Clarks, NE. 1973: with brother Rod, purchased Pollard Oil & Propane from their father. Asa died Sun., 3 Jun 2007 at Lincoln, NE. Service: Thurs., St. Peters Catholic Church, Clarks. Burial: Calvary Cemetery, Clarks. Arrangements: Palmer Funeral Home, Fullerton, NE. Survivors: wife, 1 son, 2 daughters, 4 gch.; mother and 3 brothers.

Note: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I p321.

Columbus Telegram and Grand Island Independent (photo) - Tues. 5 Jun 2007

**Arvid Emanuel STRANBERG, 95**

Born 4 Dec 1911, Hordville (Hamilton Co.), NE. Parents: John E. Stranberg & Mary Swenson. 1930 grad. Hordville HS. 20 Sep 1938: married Edna V. Dahlberg at Omaha, NE. They lived at Central City, NE. WW II: US Navy Seabees. 1946: opened Stranberg Carburetor and Electrical Service. "Arvid was named as the Outstanding Citizen by the Central City Chamber of Commerce in 1964." Died 3 Jun 2007 at David City, NE. Visitation: Today, Solt Funeral Home, Central City, NE. Service: Wed., Mamre Evangelical Free Church near Marquette, NE. Burial in the church cemetery. Survivors: 2 sons, 4 gch.; a sister and a brother. Predeceased by his wife (1 May 2000); his parents; sister, Elvira Nyberg; and brother, Alvin Stranberg.  
Note: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I p378.

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 12 Jun 2007

**Olga L. SEIM, 91** (photo)

Born 23 Nov 1915, Steger, IL. Parents: Rev. H. William Meyer & Emma Kruse. 1932 grad. Oxford HS. 23 Jul 1936: Married Reynold Seim at Zion Lutheran Church, Worms, NE. They lived in Utah for 10 years, returned to farm near Worms, NE. 1984: Retired to St. Paul, NE. Mr. Seim died in 1986. Thereafter Mrs. Seim lived in St. Paul, Grand Island and Papillion; a few months ago moved to Adams, NE. She died at Adams Sat., 9 Jun 2007. Service: Thurs., Zion Lutheran Church, Worms, NE. Burial in church cemetery. Arrangements: Peters Funeral Home, St. Paul, NE. Survivors: 2 daughters, a son, 17 gch., 27 g-gch.; 3 sisters and a brother. Predeceased by her husband & 2 sons - Jerry and Robert; her parents, 4 sisters, 5 brothers. Memorials to Zion Lutheran Church.

Note: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I pp 288 (Meyer), 359 (Seim). Obit of son Robert, Nov 2003.

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 13 Jun 2007

**Dean A. SIDDEERS, 76** (photo)

Born 16 Nov 1930, Merrick Co., NE. Parents: Vernon Sidders & Iva Waggoner. Grad of CCHS. 10 Feb 1952: Married at Central City, NE. 1952-54: US Marine Corps. Farmed north of Central City. Died Mon. 11 Jun 2007 at hospital in Omaha, NE. Private family service at later date. Burial: Central City Cemetery. Arrangements by Wagner Funeral Home. Survivors: His wife, son, 3 daughters, 14 gch., 2 ggch; 2 sisters, 2 brothers. Predeceased by his parents, his father-in-law Lawrence Watkins; and 2 brothers-in-law. Memorials: Central City Fitness Center.

Note: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I pp 258 (King), 364 (Sidders)

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 14 Jun 2007

**Dr. Emmanuel "Chuma" WADIBIA, 48**

Born 21 Mar 1959, Aba, Nigeria. Parents Fredrick & Gladys Wadibia. Resident of Daphne, Alabama. Died 23 May 2007 at Fairhope, Alabama. Service: Fri., at Life Church, Mobile, Alabama. Graveside service: Tues., Bureau Cemetery near Clarks, NE. Local arrangements by Solt Funeral Home, Central City, NE. Survivors: His wife & 3 children; his mother, 5 sisters and 2 brothers. Also surviving are members of his wife's family living in Nebraska.

Polk County Newspaper

Fri. 22 Jun 2007

**Bertha "Bea" CURRY, 85**

Born 15 Jun 1921, Silver Creek, NE. Parents: Alvin F. Anderson & Amanda E. Larson. Grad. of Osceola HS. Teacher. 3 Oct 1946: married Harold James Curry at Swede Home, NE. Died Fri. 25 May 2007, Overland Park, Kansas. Burial: D.W. Newcomer's Sons Johnson County Memorial Gardens. Survivors: Her husband, 4 children, 10 gch, 1 g-gch. Memorials to Altar Guild at Atonement Lutheran Church.

Grand Island Independent - Fri. 22 Jun 2007

**Marilyn L. RADEMACHER, 67**

Born 19 Aug 1939, Adams Co., NE. Parents: George & Berniece Harrifield. Grew up in Webster County. Attended Kearney State College. Taught mostly in Central City, NE. 14 Aug 1960: Married Paul B. Collison at Blue Hill, NE. Later married Roger Rademacher. Died Wed., 29 Jun 2007 at Hastings, NE. Service: Sat., 23 Jun at Wagner Funeral Home, Central City, NE. Burial: Trinity Lutheran Cemetery near Blue Hill NE. Survivors:

2 children, 2 gch.; her mother, 2 sisters.

Columbus Telegram - Sun. 24 Jun 2007

**Emil Carl "Toby" TOBIASON, 79**

Born 10 Jun 1928, Chapman, NE. Parents: Harry Tobiason & Anna Hamer. 1946 grad Silver Creek HS. 1950-52: Military service in Korea. 5 Jun 1955: married at Genoa, NE. "He was employed by the Nebraska Department of Roads for 34 years, retiring as maintenance supervisor in 1989." Died Fri., 22 Jun 2007 at Columbus, NE. Visitation: Today, at McKown Funeral Home. Service: Mon., Highland Park Evangelical Free Church. Burial: Columbus Cemetery. Survivors: wife, 1 daughter, 3 sons, 8 gch., 2 g-gch.; a sister in Iowa. Predeceased by his parents, and grandparents; grandson Theodore Tobiason; brother-in-law Maurice Greek. Memorials to Columbus Christian School.

Aurora News Register, Grand Island Independent - Tues. 26 Jun 2007

**Vickie J. CLINE, 50** (photo)

Born 2 Aug 1956, Sherman, TX. Parents: Ernest Soard & Barbara Twigger. Grew up in Joplin, MO. 3 Aug 1974: Married Robert Cline in Oklahoma. They lived in Central City, NE. Mrs. Cline died Sun. 24 Jun 2007. Service: Wed., Wagner Funeral Home, Central City. Burial in Central City Cemetery. Survivors: Her husband, son, 2 daughters, 4 gch. Predeceased by her mother.

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 28 Jun 2007

**Wendy McCARROLL, 40**

Born 7 Nov 1966, Grand Island, NE. Parents: Kenneth L. & Shirley McDonald. Died Tues., 26 Jun 2007 at Omaha, NE. Service: Fri., Solt Funeral Home, Central City. Burial: Fri., Grand Island City Cemetery. Survivors: 4 daughters and a son; her parents & 3 sisters.

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Grand Island Independent - Sun. 1 Jul 2007; Aurora News Register - Tues. 3 Jul 2007

**Merlyn Ray FOWLER, 74** (photo)

Born 22 Oct 1932, Marquette (Hamilton Co.), NE. Parents: Joseph G. Fowler and Margaret R. Wilson. 1952 grad. of Hordville HS. 1953-55: US Army. 20 Nov 1955: Married Darlene at Archer, NE. Custodian for Hordville schools. "He and Darlene have managed the food stand at the Merrick County Fair for over 30 years." Resident of Hordville, NE. Died Fri. 29 Jun 2007 at hospital in Grand Island, NE. Service: Tues., chapel of Solt Funeral Home, Central City, NE. Burial: Hordville Cemetery. Survivors: His wife, 3 sons, a daughter, 10 gch. Predeceased by his parents; 2 brothers, Melvin & Gene Fowler; a sister, Clover Jones.

The Oregonian, Portland, OR - Sun. 1 July 2007

**Mildred L. SHIVELY, 90**

Born 14 Jan 1917, North Platte (Lincoln Co.), NE. Maiden name: Soderman. 1946: Married Harold Shively. Harold died in 2006. Mildred died 22 Jun 2007, Portland, OR. Arrangements: Portland Memorial. Survivors: 3 step daughters and a step-son, 9 step gch., 14 g-gch.

Note: Husband was born in Central City, NE. Alternative marriage date: 29 Mar 1937, Vancouver, WA. Obit gives no information about service or burial place.

Columbus Telegram and Grand Island Independent (abbrev) - Tues. 3 Jul 2007

**Wanda L. TEMME, 70**

Born 26 Aug 1936, Elgin, NE. Parents: Louis F. Ganskow & Lulu A. Koinzen. 1954 grad. Neligh HS. 1956-1971: lived in CO. 20 Apr 1971: Married Donald G. Temme. They lived in Petersburg, NE. 1976: Moved to Clarks, NE. Mrs. Temme died Thurs., at hospital in Lincoln, NE. Service will be private. Arrangements by Solt Funeral Home, Central City, NE. Survivors: Her husband, a daughter, a son, a gch.; 2 brothers & 3 sisters-in-law. Predeceased by her parents; 2 infant sisters (Bonnie & Dion Ganskow); 3 brothers: Keith, Bob and Gene Ganskow.

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 5 Jul 2007

**Alma "Peggy" GOINS, 93**

Born 8 Sep 1913 near Chapman, NE. Parents: William Jerome and Lila Zeitler. Also lived near Palmer, NE and in Central City. Attended CCHS. Moved to Grand Island, NE. 6 Aug 1949: Married Russel Goins at Grand Island, NE. They owned & operated a diner. Mrs. Goins died Mon., 2 Jul 2007 at Grand Island. Service: Sat., Apfel Funeral Home. Burial: Westslawn Memorial Park Cemetery, Grand Island. Survivors: 3 daughters, 4 gch., 5 g-gch.; 2 sisters, a sister-in-law. Predeceased by her husband, and a brother Glen Jerome.

Grand Island Independent - Sun. 15 Jul 2007

**Edna Viola BELL, 84**

Born 14 Jan 1924, Worms, NE. 18 Jul 1943: Married Leo C. Bell at Ann Arbor, MI. 1945: They moved to Grand Island, NE. Mrs. Bell died there Sat., 14 Jul 2007. Service: Mon., Apfel Funeral Home, Grand Island. Burial at later date. Survived by 3 sons, 7 gch. Predeceased by her parents (not named), her husband and a son Richard.

Grand Island Independent - Sun. 15 Jul 2007

**Glen HINKLE Jr., 63**

Born 12 Nov, 1943, Palmer, NE. Parents: Glen H. Hinkle & Mabel Smyers. Grad. of CCHS (when 45 yrs of age). 20 May 1967: married Dee at Sargent, NE. They lived at Sargent and Bassett, NE. Opened a construction business in Central City, NE. Moved to Grand Island in 1980. Mr. Hinkle died Fri., 13 Jul 2007 at Grand Island. Service: Wed., Apfel Funeral Home, Grand Island. Burial: Central City Cemetery. Survivors: His wife, a son & 2 daughters, 4 gch.; a sister & brother-in-law, a sister-in-law. Predeceased by his parents; two sisters & a brother-in-law, Dorothy Miller and Bette and Keith Bailey; brother, Jimmy Hinkle. Note: For parents - see 1930 Fed. Census NE ED61-13 p1A D3 F3: Prairie Island Twp, Merrick, NE; and extracts of Rose Hill Cemetery, Palmer, NE.

Grand Island Independent - Mon. 16 Jul 2007

**Lily D. KUCERA, 72**

Born 9 Aug 1934, Ogallala, NE. Parents: Thomas L. Schuler & Fern Allen. Married Jimmie Kucera (he is deceased). Died Thurs. 12 Jul 2007 at hospital in Grand Island, NE. Service: Tues., First Church of Christ, Palmer, NE. Burial: Rose Hill Cemetery, Palmer. Arrangements; Palmer Funeral Home, Palmer, NE. Survivors: A daughter, a son, 2 stepsons and a stepdaughter; 2 sisters & a brother. Predeceased by her husband; daughter Cathy, son Danny; step-daughter Sherry Caputo.

Grand Island Independent - Mon. 16 Jul 2007

**Merlyn W. SOLT, 76**

Born 4 Oct 1930, Central City, NE. Parents: Leslie Wain "L.W." Solt & Beulah M. Turney. 1948 grad. CCHS. Attended Hastings College, Univ. of Iowa and Univ. of CO. Chemist. 1952-54: US Army. 1 Mar 1968: married Violette at Knoxville, TN. They lived at Golden, CO. Died there Sat. 14 Jul 2007. Service: Wed., chapel of Solt Funeral Home. Burial: Central City Cemetery. Survivors: His wife, many relatives. Predeceased by his parents and a brother Ronald; 2 nephews: Les & Lindle Morris.

Grand Island Independent - Fri. 20 Jul 2007

**William "Bill" KRUSE, 75**

Born 28 Sep 1931, Chapman, NE. Parents: George Kruse & Rose M. Stueven. 1949 grad. Grand Island HS. Korean era: USAF (Spain & Germany). Never married. Farmed with father & brother; worked at feed store. Died Wed., 18 Jul 2007 at GI Veterans Home. Service: Satt., Livingstone-Sondermann Funeral Home. Burial in Westlawn Memorial Park Cemetery, Grand Island, NE. Predeceased by his parents; brother Ernest; nephew, James Kruse; great-niece Nitaya Kruse.

Note: For parents & brother see 1930 Fed. Census NE ED61-4 p3a D57 F57: Chapman Twp, Merrick, NE.

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 24 Jul 2007

**Wauneta Lavonne McBRIDE, 82** (photo)

Born 13 Oct 1924, Archer, NE. Parents: Louis Wegner & Lydia Weller. Grad. of Archer HS. Cartographer. 23 Sep 1950: Married Warren McBride at Denver, CO. They lived there, and in Glendale, CA; returned to Archer, NE in 1954. 1992: Retired to Bayou Vista, TX. She died Sat. 21 Jul 2007 at hospital in Sugarland, TX. Service: Wed., Moody Memorial First United Methodist Church, Galveston, TX. Survivors: A daughter, a son, 2 gch.; a brother & 2 sisters. Predeceased by her husband (died 2004). "Memorials may be sent to Moody Memorial First United Methodist Church, 2803 53rd St., Galveston, TX 77551."

Note: See 1930 Fed. Census NE ED61-11 p5b D116 F116: Midland Twp, Merrick, NE

Grand Island Independent - Fri. 27 Jul 2007

**Gerald Leroy "Jerry" BETTS, 67** (photo)

Born 7 Nov 1939, Central City, NE. Parents: Roy Betts & Frances Hilderbrand. 1957 grad. CCHS. 2 Jun 1958: Married Charlene C. Eckstrom at Palmer, NE. They farmed near Palmer, then owned a business in Central City. Charlene died 14 Dec 2004. 17 Mar 2006: Jerry married Melba Jones Minich in Long Beach, CA. He died Wed., 25 Jul 2007 at hospital in Omaha, NE. Visitation: Fri., Solt Funeral Home, Central City. Service: Sat., United Methodist Church, Central City. Burial: Bureau Cemetery, Pierce Chapel near Clarks, NE. Survivors: his second wife; 2 sons, a daughter, a step-daughter; a brother and a sister. Predeceased by his first wife and a daughter Becky Betts (died 19 July 1981); his parents and an infant sister Barbara.

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 25 Jul 2007

**Janice GRAY, 72** (photo)

Born 9 Feb 1935, Hastings, NE. Parents: Michael R. Geren & Della E. McGowen. Grad. of Central City HS. Catholic. 26 Jan 1957: Married Gerald P. Gray at Central City. They lived in Riverside, CA and Broomfield CO; moved to Loveland, CO in 1976. Mrs. Gray died 28 May 2007. Service was held 31 May at Viegut Funeral Home, Loveland, CO. Survivors: Her husband, 2 sons, 3 daughters, 12 gch., 1 g-gch.; 2 brothers & a sister. Predeceased by her parents; a brother, Joe Geren. "Memorials may be made to the Hospice of Larimer County in care of Viegut Funeral Home, 1440 N. Boise Ave., Loveland, CO 80538."

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 28 Jul 2007

**Janet E. HEDGLIN, 58** (photo)

Born 21 Dec 1948, Grand Island, NE. Parents: Merle Brittain & Alice Brown. Attended Wood River HS. Methodist. 9 May 1964: Married Levi Hedglin at Wood River, NE. They lived in Wood River, and then MO. 1984: moved to Central City, NE. Levi died 17 Jul 2006. Mrs. Hedglin died Thurs., 26 Jul 2007 at Central City. Service: Tues., Wagner Funeral Home, Central City. Burial: Central City Cemetery. Survivors: 5 sons & 4 daughters-in-law, 21 gch.; 5 brothers & a sister. Predeceased by her husband, her parents; brother Norman Brittain; sisters Lela West & Mary Brittain.

The Oregonian, Portland, OR - Mon. 30 July 2007

**Eugene H. THURSTONSON, 80**

Born 25 May 1927, Silver Creek, NE. Served in US Army. Early 1950's: Moved to Portland, OR. 1961: Married Gertrude "Trudy" Goodin (dec. 1979). Lived in Tigard & Wilsonville, farmed near Canby. Mr. Thurstonson died 28 Jun 2007, farming accident. Memorial service: Thurs., 2 Aug 2007, Canby Funeral Chapel. Survivors: 2 sisters, nieces & nephews.

Note: For family see 1920 Census, Silver Creek Twp, Merrick, NE ED162 p9B D18 F18 (parents & 2 sisters listed). 1930 Census, Silver Creek Twp, Merrick, NE ED61-15 p3a D57 F57 (parents, Eugene & 3 sisters listed). Sister Irene Frizell's obit - Columbus Telegram, Thurs. 14 Mar 2002

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Grand Island Independent - Sat. 4 Aug 2007; Aurora News Register - 7 Aug 2007

**Heber C. WAGNER, 90** (photo)

Born 8 Apr 1917, Merrick County, NE. Parents: August J. Wagner & Johanna Sierks. Attended Archer HS. 1942-1945: US Air Force. 21 Mar 1942: Married Alma at Lincoln, NE. They farmed west of Central City until

1972, moved into town. Mr. Wagner died Fri., 3 Aug 2007 in Fullerton, NE. Service: Mon., Wagner Funeral Home, Central City. Burial: Central City Cemetery. Survivors: His wife, 2 sons and their spouses, 4 gch, 4 g-gch; a sister. Predeceased by 6 sisters - Silda Stelk, Lydia Wagner, Frances Hanna, Clara Summerville, Erma White & Edna Wagner; 4 brothers - Roy, Claus, Glen & Howard Wagner. Memorials: American Legion Baseball program.

Note: See 1920 Fed. Census NE ED157 p4B D89 F89: Lone Tree Twp, Merrick, NE; 1930 Fed. Census NE ED61-7 p3b D64 F66: Lone Tree Twp, Merrick, NE; and History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I pp 394-5 (Wagner)

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 9 Aug 2007

**Lowen D. LEMBURG, 67**

Born 26 Dec 1939 near Dannebrog, NE. Parents: Gustav Lemburg & Dora Becker. Resident of Palmer, NE. Died Tues., 7 Aug 2007 at Grand Island, NE. Service: Fri., Wesleyan Church, Palmer. Burial: Oak Ridge Cemetery, Dannebrog, NE. Survivors: A sister & a brother.

Grand Island Independent - Sun. 12 Aug 2007

**Rodney L. GLATTER, 58** (photo)

Born 20 Jul 1949, Stromsburg, NE. Parents: Walter Glatter and Virginia A. Green. Attended school in Central City, NE. 1967-69: US Navy. Lived in Denver, CO. Oct 2006: Returned to Central City, NE. Died Fri. 10 Aug 2007 at hospital. Graveside service: Wed. Central City Cemetery. Survivors: 2 sisters & their husbands; 5 aunts, a niece & 4 nephews. Predeceased by his parents & grandparents.

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 14 Aug 2007

**Patricia"Pat" WILSON, 72**

Born 10 Jul 1935, Schuyler, NE. Parents: Burt & Agnes McGee. 1952 grad. Chapman HS. 3 Jan 1959: married Robeert Wilson at Chapman. They lived in Edmund, OK. "She taught school in the Edmund area for over 25 years, receiving Teacher of the Year in 1976-77, and then received the State of Oklahoma Teacher of the Year award in 1978." She died 1 Aug 2007. Service held 6 Aug. at Edmund First United Methodist Church. Survivors: husband, a daughter, a son, 2 gch.; 2 sisters, a brother. Predeceased by her parents, a brother Dennis McGee.

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 15 Aug 2007

**Ella G. CUPITA, 91**(photo)

Born 10 Jun 1916, Verdigre, NE. Parents: Frank Dobry and Chrisina Rytarich. 1934 grad. Crete HS. 16 Oct 1933: Married Edward F. Souhrada in South Dakota. They lived in Wymore, then Syracuse, NE. Mr. Souhrada died in 1968. She married second to Tom Cupita. They lived in Omaha, NE. She moved to Central City to live with a son, and they recently moved to Burwell, NE. Mrs. Cupita died Sun. 12 Aug 2007 at Burwell. Service: Thurs., Wagner Funeral Home, Central City. Burial: Hillcrest Cemetery, Omaha, NE. Survivors: 2 sons, 6 gch., 8 g-gch, 1 gg-gch. Predeceased by both husbands; 3 sisters - Blanche Ambrose, Irene Williams & Clarice Best.

Grand Island Independent - Fri. 17 Aug 2007; Aurora News Register - 21 Aug 2007

**David L. BOTTORF, 53** (photo)

Born 2 Jun 1954, Grand Island, NE. Parents: Freman E. and Shirley Bottorf. 1973 grad. of Aurora HS (Hamilton Co.). 23 Sep 1973: Married Mary Ann at Aurora, NE. Resident of Clarks, NE. Died Mon., 13 Aug 2007. Memorial service: Sat. at Curran Funeral Chapel, (Grand Island). Cremated. Survivors: 2 sons, a daughter, 7 gch.; his parents, 2 brothers, 3 sisters. Predeceased by brother Lonnie.

Grand Island Independent - Sun. 19 Aug 2007

**Patricia KUNZE, 64** (photo)

Born 8 Jul 1943, Phoenix, AZ. Parents: James Allen and Hazel Irene Kimes. 29 May 1962: Married Warren Kunze at Las Vegas, NV. 1968: settled in North Platte, NE. 1989: Moved to farm east of St. Paul, NE. Mrs. Kunze died Fri. 17 Aug 2007 at hospital in Grand Island, NE. Visitation: Mon., Jacobsen-Greenway Funeral

Home, St. Paul. Service: Tues., St. Mark's Lutheran Church, St. Paul, NE. Burial: Rose Hill Cemetery, Palmer, NE. Survivors: Her husband, a son, 2 daughters, 3 gch.; 3 brothers. Predeceased by her parents and 2 sisters: Elsie Mae Ferguson & Carol Jean Brown. Memorials ... "to the local chapter of the American Red Cross in support of Blood Drives or to St. Francis Medical Center in Grand Island."

Grand Island Independent - Mon. 20 Aug 2007

**Earl A. DANKERT, 77**

Born 23 Feb 1930, Merrick Co., NE. Parents: Arthur and Alice Hamann Dankert. Grew up on farm near Dannebrog, NE. 1953-55: US Army. 11 Jul 1954: Married Donna. Continued on farm until 1977 when moved to Grand Island, NE. He died Sat., 19 Aug 2007 at Grand Island. Service: Fri., Trinity Lutheran Church. Cremains will be interred at Cairo Cemetery, later. Arrangements: All Faiths Funeral Home. Survivors: His wife, a son a daughter; a sister. Predeceased by his parents, a sister Marion Schultz; a sister-in-law. Note: See 1930 Fed. Census NE ED61-12 p2b D43 F44: Prairie Creek Twp, Merrick, NE (w/p)

Grand Island Independent - Mon. 20 Aug 2007

**Alice Mae FREDRICKSON, 89**

Born 17 Nov 1917 on farm near Clarks, NE. Parents: Herman H. and Stella Eugene Hipke Kohl. Married Wallace Fredrickson; he is deceased. Resident of Stromsburg, NE. She died Sun., 19 Aug 2007 at hospital in Lincoln, NE. Service: Wed., Salem Lutheran Church, Polk Co., NE Burial: Stromsburg Cemetery. Survivors: 2 sons, and a brother.

Note: See 1920 Fed. Census NE ED156 p13B D154 F161: Clarksville Twp, Merrick, NE (w/p); 1930 Fed. Census NE ED61-6 p3a D53 F53: Clarksville Twp, Merrick, NE (w/p).

Grand Island Independent - Mon. 20 Aug 2007

**Nathan H. LUTES, 79** (photo)

Born 24 Jan 1928, Sidney, NE. Parents: Louis & Ernestine Hanna Lutes. Abt 1937: Family moved to Stapleton, NE. 1950-52: US Army. 28 Dec 1952: Married Joyce at Bethel Assembly of God Church in Thedford. Lived in Minneapolis, MN, then Lyons, NE as Assembly of God Church pastor. 1969: Moved to Central City, NE. Died Sat., 18 Aug 2007, Central City, NE. Visitation: Mon., Wagner Funeral Home. Service: Tues., Fairview United Methodist Church, Central City, NE. Burial: Lone Star Cemetery, Ringgold, NE. Survivors: His wife, 2 sons, 2 daughters, 9 gch.; 4 brothers, 5 sisters. Predeceased by his parents; 2 brothers - Martin & Stephen; a sister, Flora Connell. Memorials to Nebraska Christian Schools.

Grand Island Independent -Thurs. 23 Aug 2007

**Raymond Paul PETZOLDT, 80**

Born 1 Feb 1927, Worms, NE. Parents: Henry Petzoldt and Ella Mettenbrink. 20 Feb 1955: Married Laverna at Grand Island, NE., Died Fri. 17 Aug 2007 at Hastings, NE. Service: Thurs., First St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Hastings. Burial: Parkview Cemetery. Arrangements: Brand-Wilson Funeral Home Cremation Service. Survivors: His wife, 2 sons, 2 daughters, 11 gch., a g-gch; a brother & his wife, a sister-in-law. Predeceased by his parents; a brother Clarence. Memorials: First St. Paul's Lutheran Church, the American Diabetes Foundation or the Adams County Cancer Association.

Note: See 1930 Fed. Census NE ED61-16 p2B D34 F34: Vieregg Twp, Merrick, NE (w/p).

Grand Island Independent - Fri. 24 Aug 2007

**James Dee "Jim" GILLAN, 73** (photo)

Born 1 Jan 1934, York, NE. Parents: Leland and Cecil Griffie Gillan. 1953 grad. of CCHS. 21 Nov 1954: Married Ruth. 24 Nov 1982: Married second to Wendi at Denver, CO. (Wife is Methodist minister.) Currently was a resident of Northwood, IA. Mr. Gillan died Wed., 22 Aug 2007 at hospice in Mason City, IA. Services at Northwood, Iowa and Central City, NE. Arrangements in NE by Wagner Funeral Home. Survivors: His wife, 2 children; a brother, his in-laws, and other relatives. Predeceased by his parents and grandparents; 2 brothers, Bill and Sam Gillan; 2 sisters, Lauree Lorensen & Norma Haith; nephew, Jim Lorensen; sister-in-law, Sally Persons-Beck.



Grand Island Independent - Sat. 25 Aug 2007

**Arnold H. BEYERSDORF, 75** (photo)

Born 8 Jan 1932, St. Libory (Howard Co.), NE. Parents: Max & Sadie Hostler Beyersdorf. 15 Oct 1952: Married Doris (of Palmer, NE) at Zion Lutheran Church, Worms, NE. Served during Korean War in USAF. Farmed near Worms, NE. Teacher. Lived in St. Paul and Kearney area. Died 13 Aug 2007 at Tucson, AZ. 1 Sep 2007: Cremains to Westlawn Memorial Park Cemetery in Grand Island, NE. Survivors: His wife, a daughter, 2 sons, 10 gch., 5 g-gch.; 2 brothers. Predeceased by his parents, son Bruce (18 Mar 2004), and a grandchild, Sarah. Memorials: Muscular Dystrophy Association.

Columbus Telegram - Mon. 27 Aug 2007

**Cecil IRWIN, 89**

Born 16 Jul 1918, Palmer, NE. Parents: Raymond Irwin and Anna Yonk. 10 Sep 1939: Married Mary Ellen Greser. They lived in Columbus, NE; Villa Park, IL; St. Louis, MO; and Kentucky. Worked with horses; retired to Columbus, NE. Died there Fri., 24 Aug 2007. Service. Tues., McKown Funeral Home. Burial: Roselawn Cemetery. Survivors: A daughter and grandchildren; a brother; other relatives. Predeceased by his wife (1 Oct 2003); his parents; sisters - Ruth Hack, Rene Skank, Hazel Swanson; brothers - Art, Bob, Fred & Ralph Irwin; August & Earl Rickner.

Columbus Telegram - Wed. 29 Aug 2007

**Donald W. KORCEK, 50**

Born 10 Dec 1956, Maywood, CA. Parents: Herb & Pat Korcek. Grew up in Central City and Columbus, NE. Served 10 years in US Navy. Worked as electronic technician in Mesa, AZ. Died there Fri., 24 Aug 2007. Memorial service will be private. Survivors: 2 daughters; his mother, his father and his step-mother, 3 brothers & a sister.

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 30 Aug 2007

**Deloris L. NORGARD, 76** (photo)

Born 19 May 1931, Central City, NE. Parents: Lisle & Sophia Mason. Grad. of CCHS. Married Robert Norgard. Lived in Central City. Telephone operator. 1958: They moved to Sacramento, CA. She died 22 Aug 2007 in CA. Memorial services will be later. Survivors: a daughter, 1 gch., 1 g-gch; 3 brothers, 2 sisters. Predeceased by her husband.

Note: Her parents - see History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I p 415 (Zlomke)

Columbus Telegram, Fremont Tribune - Fri. 31 Aug 2007

**Laun E. HINKLE Jr., 72**

Born 12 Jul 1935, Silver Creek, NE. Parents: Laun E. Hinkle St. and Helen Staniec. 1951 grad. of Silver Creek HS. 1950-55: US Navy. Communication technician. 13 Feb 1958: Married Virginia in Columbus, NE. They had lived in numerous places - overseas, in NE, in MO and recently Wellsville, KS. Laun died there, Wed., 29 Aug 2007. Memorial service Sat. at A.J. Merrick Manor Chapel, Fremont, NE. Survivors: His wife, 3 sons, 2 daughters, 19 gch., 11 g-gch., 1 gg-gch. Predeceased by his father. Memorials: Hospice Care of Kansas or the American Cancer Society, c/o Dengel & Son Mortuary, 235 S. Hickory, Ottawa, KS 66067. Note: His father, see 1920 Fed. Census NE ED162 p5B D16 F19: Silver Creek Village, Merrick, NE; and 1930 Fed. Census NE ED61-14 p2b D35 F35: Silver Creek Village, Merrick, NE.

Columbus Telegram & Grand Island Independent - Fri. 31 Aug 2007

**Olivia Jean Koza, infant**

Daughter of Brad and Jodi Koza died 23 Aug 2007, at UN Medical Center, Omaha, NE. Family services were held Thursday. Burial: St. Lawrence Cemetery in Silver Creek. Arrangements: McKown Funeral Home.

Grand Island Independent obit - Fri. 31 Aug 2007

**Mamie Gertrude "Gertie" WILLIAMS, 91**

Born 11 Aug 1916. Parents: John & Pearl Curtis Rawlings. Died Wed. 29 Aug 2007 at North Platte, NE. Visitation: Fri., Carpenter Memorial Chapel. Graveside service: Sat., North Platte Cemetery. Survivors: 4 sons;

2 sisters. Predeceased by her husband Orville L. Williams.

Notes: Her family, see History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I pp 329-3030 (Rawlings), 396 (Watkins); 1920 Fed. Census NE ED161 p5A F48: Midland Twp, Merrick, NE; 1930 Fed. Census NE ED61-11 p3a D49 F49: Midland Twp, Merrick, NE.

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Grand Island Independent - Sat. 1 Sep 2007, Aurora News Register - 6 Sep 2007

**Roy M. KNUTSON, 85** (photo)

Born 24 Sep 1921 near Hordville, NE. Parents: C. Henry Knutson & Purle Donelson. 1939 grad. of Hordville HS. WW II: USAF. Returned to family farm. 21 May 1987: Married Nadine Guilford. They retired to Central City, NE. Nadine died 3 May 2005. Mr. Knutson died Fri. 31 Aug 2007 at Central City, NE. Service: Tues., Wagner Funeral Home. Burial: Aurora Cemetery. Survivors: 4 step-children, 7 step-gch; a sister & her husband; 2 sisters-in-law. Predeceased by his parents; 2 brothers - Harvey & Roger Knutson; a sister Dorothy Quick. Memorials to American Legion.

Columbus Telegram - Sun. 9 Sep 2007

**Bernice HANEY, 101**

Born 16 Jun 1906 Krakow, Poland. Parents: Andrew Szostak & Catherine Boro. Grew up near Platte Center, NE. 28 Oct 1926: Married Howard Haney at Platte Center. Died Thurs., 6 Sep 2007 at Central City Care Center. Visitation: Sun./Mon. McKown Funeral Home, Columbus, NE. Service: Mon., St. Isidore Catholic Church, Columbus. Burial: Roselawn Memorial Cemetery, Columbus. Survivors: a son, a daughter, 7 gch., 16 g-gch. Predeceased by her parents, her husband, a daughter Roberta; 2 brothers - Frank and Louis Schostak; 3 sisters - Victoria Ryba, Agnes Sorensen and Mary Szostak; a son-in-law, Roger Larson.

Note: Two spellings for her maiden name.

Columbus Telegram and Grand Island Independent - Tues. 11 Sep 2007

**Lucille Agnes CHOHON, 85**

Born 1 May 1922, Leigh, NE. Parents: William Steiner & Erna Thomas. Grew up at Humphrey, NE. 16 Oct 1944: Married Henry Chohon at Humphrey, NE. They farmed near Tarnov, and then in Merrick County. 1984: They retired to Columbus, NE. After Henry died, she moved to the Grand Island Veteran's Home. Lucille died Sat. 8 Sep 2007 at hospital in Grand Island. Visitation: Tues./Wed. at McKown Funeral Home. Service: Wed., St. Anthony Catholic Church, Columbus, NE. Burial: St. Bonaventure Catholic Cemetery. Survivors: 3 sons, 3 daughters; 6 sisters, 3 brothers, a sister-in-law, a brother-in-law, etc. Predeceased by her husband, her parents, 2 sisters - Esther Tworek & Wilma Recek; a brother, Ralph Steiner; a grandson, Joshua Chohon.

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 12 Sep 2007

**Glennys H. MADDOX, 88** (photo)

Born 18 Apr 1919, Deshler, NE. Parents: Conrad Seitz & Anna Hongerson. Grew up in Cairo, NE. "She worked for 25 years at TRW in Ogallala as an infiller." 30 Nov 1974: Married Kenneth Maddox at Central City, NE. They lived in Grand Island, NE. Mrs. Maddox died there Tues., 11 Sep 2007. Service: Thurs., Apfel Funeral Home, Grand Island. Burial: Fort McPherson National Cemetery (Maxwell, NE). Survivors: Her husband, 2 sons (surname: BORING), 3 daughters, a step-son and 2 step-daughters; 16 gch., 22 g-gch.; a sister. Predeceased by her parents, a brother & a sister; step-son Marshall Maddox, 2 gch., a son-in-law. Memorials to St. Francis Hospice.

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 13 Sep 2007

**S. Robert GILPIN, 73** (photo)

Born 23 Nov 1933, Carson, Iowa. Parents: Roy Gilpin & Elma Morris. 1952 grad. of Carson HS. 21 Mar 1953: Married Shirley at Carson, IA. Served in US Navy and USAF. 26 Dec 1974: Married Bonnie at St. Paul, NE. Farmer, trucker. Resident of Palmer, NE. Died Wed., 12 Sep 2007 at St. Paul, NE. No service. Burial: Hillside Cemetery, Wolbach, NE. Arrangements: Jacobsen-Greenway Funeral Home, Wolbach. Survivors: A son, a

daughter, 2 step-sons, 3 step-daughters; 23 gch., 14 g-gch. Also surviving - a brother & a sister. Predeceased by a granddaughter; his parents, & 2 brothers - Jack & Nick Gilpin.

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 22 Sep 2007

**Patricia D. KUNZE, 82**

Born 23 Apr 1925, St. Paul, NE. Parents: Edward Scull & Anna Suponchick. 1943 grad. of St. Paul HS. Grad of St. Francis School of Nursing. 23 May 1947: Married Reinhardt Kunze at St. Paul. They farmed near Palmer, NE until 1976 when moved into town. 2004: moved to St. Paul, NE. Mr. Kunze died 30 May 2007. Mrs. Kunze died Thurs., 20 Sep 2007 at St. Paul. Visitation: Sun., Palmer Funeral Home, Palmer. Service: Mon., United Methodist Church, Palmer, NE. Burial: Rose Hill Cemetery, Palmer. Survivors: 2 sons, 2 daughters, 5 gch., 2 g-gch. Predeceased by her husband; her parents, & 2 brothers - Richard and Arthur Scull. Memorials to Matelyn Retirement Community or Howard County Community Hospital. Note: Didn't find husband's obit.

Columbus Telegram - Mon. 24 Sep 2007; Grand Island Independent - Tues. 25 Sep 2007

**Kathryn PROSOSKI, 94**

Born 3 Jun 1913 on farm south of Genoa, NE. Parents: Thomas Tomasiewicz and Julia Iwan. Family moved to a farm in Merrick County, northeast of Clarks. 1931 grad. of Clarks HS. Taught in Nance County schools. 8 Jun 1936: Married Albin Prososki at Silver Creek. They farmed northeast of Osceola, NE. May 1974: Retired into town. Mrs. Prososki died Sun., 23 Sep 2007 at Osceola. Service: Wed., St. Vincent's Catholic Church, Osceola. Burial at Osceola Cemetery. Arrangements: Dubas Funeral Home. Survivors: 4 sons, a daughter, 17 gch., 39 g-gch. Predeceased by her husband and her parents; 5 brothers - Joe, Francis, Frank, Tony and Louis; 3 sisters - Mary, Anna and Helen Sellers; one gch., one g-gch.

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Grand Island Independent - Tues. 2 Oct 2007

**Norma MARIMAN, 68**

Born 6 May 1939, Riverton, WY. Parents: William Skala & Irene Schuller. 1956 grad. of Litchfield HS (Sherman Co, NE). 30 Jun 1959: married Edward Mariman at Geneseo, IL. They lived at Grand Island and Polk, NE. Mr. Mariman died in 1997. Mrs. Mariman was currently a resident of Central City, NE. She died Sat., 29 Sep 2007 at Colby, KS. Service: Wed., Livingston-Sondermann Funeral Home, Grand Island, NE. Burial: Westlawn Memorial Park Cemetery. Grand Island. Survivors: 3 sons, 6 daughters, 22 gch., 7 g-gch.; 2 sisters. Predeceased by her husband; 2 sons - Christopher & Joseph. Also deceased, her parents; a brother, Bill Skala; & a sister, Anna Yeager.

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 3 Oct 2007

**Dudley "Dud" Fossberg, 76**

Born: 5 Oct 1930, Clarks, NE. Parents: Irvin Fossberg and Aleta Youmans. Died Sun. 30 Sep 2007 at Nebraska City (Otoe Co.), NE. Service: Wed. at First Christian Church, Nebraska City. Burial "with military honors" at Wyuka Cemetery. Survivors: His wife, a daughter, a son, 3 siblings. Predeceased by a daughter, Sonia Renee Fossberg (1958), and a son, Steven Dudley Fossberg (Oct. 1, 1984).

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 4 Oct 2007

**Verna P. ERICKSON, 98 (photo)**

Born 7 Mar 1909 near Hordville, NE. Parents: Victor Erickson & Emily Nicholson. 1927 grad. of Hordville HS. Teacher, principal. Died Tues., 2 Oct 2007 at Central City, NE. Visitation: Fri. Solt Funeral Home, Central City. Service: Sat., First Baptist Church, Hordville. Burial: Lindale Cemetery near Hordville. Survivors: 2 sisters & a brother. Predeceased by her parents, 3 sisters - Blanche Johnson, Margaret Larson & Pearl White; 5 brothers-in-law - Lennart Johnson, Adrian Larson, Orwin White, Ronald Solt & Dwight King.

Fremont Tribune - Mon. 8 Oct 2007

**Adelyne F. O'HARA, 94** (photo)

Born 6 Dec 1912, Chapman, NE. Parents: John Hruza & Aloise Musilek. 1924: family moved to Central City, NE. 1930 grad. of CCHS. Teacher. 16 Aug 1944: Married William R. O'Hara at Central City, NE. They farmed near North Bend, NE. Mr. O'Hara died 1 Apr 1967. Adelyne farmed with her son until 1977 when she moved into town. 2006: Moved to Gretna, NE. Died Sat. 6 Oct 2007 at Gretna. Visitation: Tues., Moser Funeral Chapel, North Bend. Service: Wed., St. Charles Catholic Church, North Bend. Burial: Woodland Cemetery, North Bend. Survivors: A son, a daughter, 8 gch., 10 g-gch. Predeceased by her husband, 4 brothers & 4 sisters. Memorials to North Bend Senior Center and North Bend Library Fund.  
Note: For her family see 1920 Fed. Census NE ED155 p6A D48 F48: Chapman Twp, Merrick, NE; 1930 Fed. Census NE ED61-7 p7a D151 F153: Lone Tree Twp, Merrick, NE

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 10 Oct 2007

**Edna A. BEETEM, 98** (photo)

Born 21 Jun 1909, Julian, NE. Parents: Theodore J. Lux & Ruby M. Ghumm. 1927 grad. of Nebraska City HS. 1930: Married E. Phil Morris. They lived in Lincoln, and then Omaha, NE. She became "an ordained elder minister for the Free Methodist Church. Her first pastorate was at the Free Methodist Church in Central City in 1945." Lived at McCook, NE and in California, always returned to Central City, NE. 15 Oct 1971: Married Leonard Beetem. They lived in Central City and managed the hospital's thrift shop. Mrs. Beetem died Tues., 9 Oct 2007 at Litzenberg Memorial County Hospital, Central City. Visitation: Thurs., Solt Funeral Home. Service: Fri., Heartland Evangelical Free Church. Burial in Central City Cemetery. Survivors: Her husband, a daughter, a son, 8 gch, 14 g-gch., 3 gg-gch.; a sister. Predeceased by her parents; brother, Ted Lux; 2 sisters, Josephine Smith & Beth Smith; a grandson.

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 10 Oct 2007

**Lyman WEDEMEYER, 85**

Born 1 Oct 1922 on farm south of Ravenna, NE. Parents: Henry Wedemeyer & Anna Heesch. 1940 grad. of Ravenna HS. 25 Aug 1946: Married Ellen at Worms, NE. They farmed on family place near Ravenna. Died Sun. 7 Oct 2007 at Kearney, NE. Service: Thurs., Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Ravenna, NE. Burial in Highland Park Cemetery, Ravenna. Survivors: His wife, a son, a daughter, 5 gch., 4 g-gch. Predeceased by his parents, sister Hattie Keilig; a grandson, Nicolas Wedemeyer.  
Note: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I page 111.

Columbus Telegram - Tues. 23 Oct 2007; Grand Island Independent (photo) - Wed. 24 Oct 2007

**John F. KOHL Sr., 86**

Born 20 Sep 1921 at Clarks, NE. Parents: William G. Kohl & Catherine Hansen. Served in US Army. Farmed with his family. 25 Jan 1944: married Paula. They farmed northwest of Clarks, NE. Died Sun. 21 Oct 2007 at Lincoln, NE. Service: Thurs., St. Peter's Catholic Church, Clarks, NE. Burial in Calvary Cemetery, Clarks, NE. Arrangements by Solt Funeral Home, Central City, NE. Survivors: His wife, 5 sons, 2 daughters, 17 gch., 16 g-gch.; 3 sisters & 1 brother. Predeceased by his parents; a brother, Arthur Kohl; two sisters, Martha Darnell & Elsie Grosch; a great grandson.

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 24 Oct 2007

**Willard BADER, 86** (photo)

Born 3 Nov 1920, Merrick Co., NE. Parents: John L. Bader & Elizabeth Lautenschlager. 1945-1946: US Navy. 27 Mar 1949: Married Margaret Lockard at Osceola, NE. They farmed near Palmer, raised livestock. Margaret died 8 Jan 2003. Willard moved to Heritage Living Center in 2006, died Sat. 20 Oct 2007 at St. Paul, NE. Visitation: Tues., Palmer Funeral Home, Palmer. Service: Wed., St. John's Lutheran Church, Palmer. Burial in Rose Hill Cemetery, Palmer. Survivors: his twin brother & his wife. Predeceased by his wife Margaret; 5 brothers - John, Henry, Albert, Carl and George Bader; 2 sisters - Lilly Bosselman and Tilly Bader.  
Note: For his family, see 1900 Fed. Census NE ED139 p7b D125 F126: Prairie Creek, Merrick, NE; and 1920 Fed. Census NE ED226 p2B D35 F35: Prairie Creek Twp, Merrick, NE.

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 27 Oct 2007

**Michael L. BROEKEMEIER, 48** (photo)

Born 22 Oct 1959: Burke, SD. Parents: Delbert Dean & Juliette Broekemeier. 1978 grad. of CCHS. 1981: Married Shelly. 1983: Grad. of UN Kearney. 1986-89: US Army. Farmer, US Postal worker. Died Wed., 24 Oct 2007 at Central City, NE. Service: Mon., St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Central City. Burial: Prairie Creek Cemetery near Archers. Arrangements by Solt Funeral Home, Central City. Survivors: A daughter, a son; his mother, a sister, 4 brothers. His father & grandparents are deceased.

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 27 Oct 2007

**Robert C. "Bob" Lee, 45** (photo)

Born 10 Apr 1962, El Paso, TX. Parents: Robert & Trudy Lee. 1980 grad. of Silver Creek HS, NE. Was involved in horse racing, farrier, youth care worker. Resident of Franklin, PA. Died Tues., 23 Oct 2007 at Wilson, NC. Service: Mon., Curran Funeral Chapel. Burial: Silver Creek Methodist Cemetery. Survivors: His parents, a brother, a sister. Predeceased by his grandparents: Lewis & Gladys Lee, and E.V. Carroll & Mary Ellen Bryant.

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 27 Oct 2007

**Beverly J. OSTRANDER, 73** (photo)

Born 7 Jun 1934, Central City, NE. Parents: Leslie Martin & Nina Dughman. Grad. of CCHS. Married Donald Ostrander. They lived in Central City, Belgrade and Grand Island, NE. Died Thurs. 25 Oct 2007 at Grand Island. Service Tues., All Faiths Funeral Home. Burial: Westlawn Memorial Park Cemetery. Survivors: Her husband, 4 daughters, 3 sons, 11 gch., 4 g-gch.; a brother & a sister. Predeceased by her parents; a brother Orville & a sister Joyce.

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 30 Oct 2007

**Randall L. "Randy" Davis, 52** (photo)

Born 27 Jun 1955, North Platte, NE. Parents: Willis Davis & Bonnie Dempcy. 1973 grad. of Maywood HS. 1 Oct 1985: Married Susan M. Daniel at North Platte, NE. They lived in Grand Island, Central City and Clarks, NE. Mr. Davis died Sat., 27 Oct 2007 in auto accident near Osceola, NE. Service: Thurs. at Community Bible Church. Burial: Thurs., Maywood Cemetery. Arrangements: Wagner Funeral Home, Central City & Clarks. Survivors: A son, 2 daughters; a brother, 3 sisters. Predeceased by his wife, his parents, an infant brother David.

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Grand Island Independent - Fri. 2 Nov 2007

**Erma McHARGUE, 79** (photo)

Born 1 Jan 1928, Giltner, NE. Parents: Albert Gannon and Mabel Thayer. 1947: Married Stanley Anderson at Grand Island, NE; had 2 children. 1971: Married Kenny McHargue at Central City, NE. Mrs. McHargue died Thurs., 1 Nov 2007 at Omaha, NE. Graveside service: Sat., Central City Cemetery. Arrangements: Wagner Funeral Home. Survivors: Her husband; 5 sons and 2 daughters; 18 gch., and 25 g-gch. Also surviving - a sister and a brother. Predeceased by her parents and 8 siblings. Memorials to Christ Episcopal Church, Central City, NE.

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 3 Nov 2007

**Shirley Ann EDWARDS, 78** (photo)

Born 1 May 1929 on farm near Palmer, NE. Parents: John Bader & Florence Bosselman. 1946 grad. St. Paul HS; attended college at Kearney. Teacher. 5 Jan 1958: Married Harry C. Edwards at St. Paul. They farmed near Cushing, and then east of Worms. Retired to live at St. Paul, NE. Mr. Edwards died Thurs., 1 Nov 2007 at St. Paul. Service: Mon., Christ Lutheran Church, St. Paul. Burial: Elmwood Cemetery. Arrangements: Peters Funeral Home. Survivors: her husband & 4 daughters; 10 gch., 2 g-gch.; 2 sisters & a sister-in-law. Predeceased by her parents and 2 brothers - Robert & Donald Bader. Memorials to the church.

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 6 Nov 2007

**Nancy I. FICKEN, 65**

Born 25 Oct 1942, Enid, OK. Parents: Alfred & Thelma Ficken. 1960: grad. of Marshall HS, in OK. Attended OK College for Women in Chichasha, OK; trained at Hillcrest Hospital in Tulsa, OK. Pathologist. Resident of Clarks, NE. Died Sat. 3 Nov 2007 at UN Medical Center, Omaha, NE. Memorial service: Thurs, Wagner Funeral Home, Central City, NE. Burial at later date. Survivors: Her parents, a sister, 3 nieces and a nephew. Predeceased by her grandparents; a sister Frances Henrietta Ficken; and a great-nephew, Martin Miller.

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 8 Nov 2007

**Sylvia Ellen CARUTHERS, 87**

Born 5 Apr 1920, Chapman, NE. Parents: David & Ethel Magnuson. Grad. of NE Wesleyan Univsity. 19 Aug 1941: Married Marion F. "Buck" Caruthers. Lived all over the world as husband was in USAF. Sylvia died Sun., 4 Nov 2007 in Tallahassee, FL. Service: Thurs., Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Tallahassee. Burial: Culley Meadow Wood Memorial Park. Survivors: A daughter, 2 sons, 20 gch, 20 g-gch. Predeceased by her husband, Col. Caruthers in 2005. Memorials: Red Cross, 187 Office Plaza Drive, Tallahassee, FL 32301.

Note: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I pp 279 (Magnuson-Ogden), 280 (w/p); 1930 Fed. Census Chapman Village, Merrick, NE ED61-3 p1b D11 F11 (w/p)

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 8 Nov 2007

**Eugene "Chick" DAVIS, 81**

Born 11 Oct 1926, Shelby, NE. Parents: Austin Davis & Susan Belle McMillin. Attended school at St. Edward & Belgrade, NE. 1952-54: US Army. Truck driver. 8 Dec 1975: Married at St. Paul, NE. They lived at Worms, NE; moved to Grand Island in 1997. Mr. Davis died Tues., 6 Nov 2007 at Grand Island. Service: Sat., Apfel Funeral Home, Grand Island. Burial in Rosehill Cemetery, Palmer, NE. Survivors: His wife, 2 sons, 4 daughters, a step-daughter & 4 step-sons; 22 gch., etc. Also surviving: 3 brothers, 2 sisters-in-law, 1 brother-in-law. Predeceased by his parents; 2 brothers - Calvin & Wallace; a sister - Lola Rieken; a granddaughter and 2 step great-grandchildren.

Grand Island Independent - Fri. 9 Nov 2007

**Shirley Ann BUCK, 72** (photo)

Born 7 Aug 1935, Palmer, NE. Parents: Paul & Bernice Ewers. Grew up on farm south of St. Paul, NE. 1953 grad. of St. Paul HS. Teacher. 12 Jul 1954: Married Kenneth Buck in Colorado. They lived in St. Paul until 1956 when moved to Grand Island, NE. Mrs. Buck died Tues., 6 Nov 2007 at Grand Island. Visitation: Sun., All Faiths Funeral Home. Service: Mon., Gollaher Chapel of Trinity United Methodist Church. Burial: Westlawn Memorial Park Cemetery. Survivors: her husband, 3 sons, 11 gch., 2 g-gch; her mother, 2 sisters, 2 brothers. Predeceased by her father, and a son Michael Joseph Buck. Memorials to the church or to American Cancer Society.

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 10 Nov 2007

**Linden R. BOCKMANN, 82** (photo)

Born 27 Feb 1925, Palmer, NE. Parents: William Bockmann and Marie Carstens. Attended country school. 27 Dec 1950: Married at Grand Island, NE. 1951: US Army. Later farmed in Gage Valley, near Palmer. Retired in 2004 to St. Paul, NE. Died Thurs., 8 Nov 2007 at St. Paul. Service: Mon., St. Mark's Lutheran Church, St. Paul. Burial: Westlawn Memorial Park Cemetery, Grand Island, NE. Survivors: His wife, a daughter, a son, 4 gch. Predeceased by his parents, and 2 brothers - Delbert and Harry Bockmann. Memorials to the church.

Grand Island Independent - Mon. 12 Nov 2007

**Gertrude E. ANDREWS, 87** (photo)

Born 27 Jul 1920, Palmer, NE. Parents: Truman Alvah Bee and Etoile Colburn. 1937 grad. of Palmer HS. Attended American School of Business, Omaha. WW II: WAC. 2 Jun 1946: Married Thomas L. Andrews at Palmer. They lived in Colorado. Retired in 1977, moved to Palmer, NE. Moved to Central City in 1997. Mr. Andrews died 17 Sep 2005. Mrs. Andrews died Thurs., 8 Nov 2007 at Sandy, Utah. Service: Fri., Solt

Funeral Home, Central City, NE. Burial: Rose Hill Cemetery, Palmer, NE. Survivors: 2 sons, a daughter, 9 gch., 4 g-gch.; 2 sisters, 2 brothers. Predeceased by her husband, and twin daughters - Betty Jane & Bonnie June.

Note: See 1930 Fed. Census Loup Twp, Merrick, NE ED61-9 p3b

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 13 Nov 2007

**Jack Henry KORTUM, 91** (photo)

Born 15 Mar 1916, near Chapman, NE. Parents: Henry Kortum and Nellie Landon. Grad. of Chapman HS. WW II: US Army. 24 Apr 1944: Married Margaret A. Green at Grand Island, NE. They lived near Chapman, NE. He worked for UPRR, Bader's Garage, & farmed. Methodist. Margaret died 25 Sep 2003. Mr. Kortum died Mon., 12 Nov 2007 at Central City, NE. Service: Fri., Solt Funeral Home, Central City. Burial in Chapman Cemetery. Survivors: A daughter, a son, 3 gch., 3 g-gch.; a sister. Predeceased by his wife; his parents; brother, Jim Kortum; sister, Edna Rogers; and an infant grandchild.

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 14 Nov 2007

**Frank A. CERNY Jr., 92**

Born 24 Nov 1914, Clarks, NE. Parents: Frank A. Cerny Sr. and Julia Chalupa. Resident of Sargent, NE. Died Mon. 12 Nov 2007 at Ord, NE. Service: Wed., Rhoad Funeral Chapel, Sargent. Burial: National Cemetery east of Sargent. Survivors: His wife Mary; 2 sisters.

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 14 Nov 2007

**Ervin C. SCHEER, 87** (photo)

Born 19 Dec 1919, Merrick Co., NE. Parents: Otto Scheer & Mamie Peters. Grew up north of Chapman, NE. Completed 8 grades at Zion Lutheran School. 23 Jun 1940: Married Lorena. They farmed in Merrick & Howard Counties. 1988: moved to Grand Island, NE. Died Sun. 11 Nov 2007. Service: Wed., Curran Funeral Chapel. Burial: Grand Island City Cemetery. Survivors: His wife, a son & his wife; a brother, 2 sisters-in-law; a sister & her spouse. Also surviving, 4 gch. & 12 g-gch. Predeceased by his parents and a daughter-in-law Sandra K. Scheer.

Note: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I p349 (w/p); 1920 Fed. Census Prairie Creek Twp, Merrick, NE ED226 p8A D143 F143 (w/p) and 1930 Fed. Census Prairie Creek Twp, Merrick, NE ED61-12 p4b D86 F81 (w/p)

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 17 Nov 2007

**Charles Emery MENDENHALL, 96**

Born 16 Nov 1910, Central City, NE. Parents: Charles L. Mendenhall and Martha A. L. Schultz. 1927 grad. of Duncan HS (Platte County). 1931 grad. of Grand Island Business College. 25 Mar 1931: Married Merle Vipperman at Mankato, KS. They lived in Chapman, and then Auburn, NE. Moved to California. Worked for Army Corps of Engineers. Served during WW II in infantry. Lived in Los Angeles, CA; India; Iran; California; Huntsville, AL; Grand Island, NE. Moved to Bella Vista Arkansas following death of wife (date not given). Mr. Mendenhall died Wed., 14 Nov 2007 at Rogers, Ark. Service: Mon., Livingston-Sondermann Funeral Home. Burial: Westlawn Memorial Park Cemetery, Grand Island, NE. Survivors: A daughter and a son. Predeceased by his wife and a grandson, Jon. Memorials to Chapman United Methodist Church.

Note: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I pp 285-6.

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 20 Nov 2007

**Ruth Emily (Erickson) KING, 90** (photo)

Born 27 Feb 1917, Hordville, NE. Parents: Victor Erickson and Emily Nicholson. 1935 grad. of Hordville HS. Attended NE Central College and UNL. Teacher. 20 Jan 1946: Married H. Dwight King. They lived at Kearney, NE; New Kensington, PA; and Central City, NE. 1957: Moved to Holdrege, NE. She died Fri. 16 Nov 2007 at Holdrege. Service: Wed., First United Methodist Church. Burial: Prairie Home Cemetery, Holdrege, NE. Survivors: A son; a brother & a sister; a niece. Predeceased by her husband (1995); sister Verna; 3 additional sisters & their spouses - Blanche & Lennart Johnson, Margaret & Adrian Larson, Pearl & Orwin White. Also deceased - a brother-in-law, Ronald Solt; a nephew, Les Solt.

Columbus Telegram - Tues. 20 Nov 2007; Grand Island Independent - Wed. 21 Nov 2007

**Robert Lisco POWERS, 79**

Born 26 Jun 1928, Silver Creek, NE. Parents: Charles Ned Powers & Madeline Pennington. 1946 grad. of Silver Creek HS. 26 Oct 1947: Married Bethel at Silver Creek. They lived at Silver Creek. Trucker. Died Mon., 19 Nov 2007 at Columbus, NE. Service: Fri., United Methodist Church, Silver Creek. Burial at Silver Creek Cemetery. Arrangements by McKown Funeral Home. Survivors: His wife, 2 daughters, a son, 6 gch., 7 g-gch; a sister, a brother. Predeceased by his parents; sister Peggy Rice, infant sister Jeannette; brother Ned Powers; brother-in-law Robert Cyza.

Note: For his family, see History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I p318 (Pennington); and 1930 Fed. Census NE ED61-14 p2b D51 F52: Silver Creek Village, Merrick, NE

Columbus Telegram - Wed. 28 Nov 2007

**Elizabeth "Liz" MICEK, 75**

Born 9 Dec 1931 near Clarks, NE. Parents: Charles Laska and Catherine Stanczyk. Attended school in Platte County. 1 May 1965: Married Norman Micek at Duncan, NE. Died Mon., 26 Nov 2007 at Columbus, NE. Visitation: Thurs., McKown Funeral Home. Service: Fri., St. Anthony Catholic Church, Columbus. Burial: "... St. Mary's Pilsno Cemetery southwest of Columbus." Survivors: Her husband; 2 sisters; a brother-in-law; 2 sisters-in-law. Predeceased by her parents; a son Paul Micek; 3 sisters - Alvina Laska, Emelia Laska & Helen Nickolite; 2 brothers - Phillip & Sylvester Laska.

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Grand Island Independent - Wed. 12 Dec 2007

**Donald Robert McHARGUE, 96** (photo)

Born 5 Feb 1911, Central City, NE. Parents: Sol & Lucy (Jones) McHargue. 1928 Grad. CCHS. Attended Lincoln School of Commerce. 5 May 1939: Married Lucille Martin at St Paul, MN. Farmed near Central City, NE. Active in church & community affairs. Died Mon. 10 Dec 2007 at Central City, NE. Visitation: Thurs., Solt Funeral Home, Central City. Service: Fri., United Presbyterian Church. Burial: Central City Cemetery. Survivors: 5 children, 12 gch., 5 g-gch.; a sister. Predeceased by 2 brothers - Oscar & Walter McHargue; a sister, Elsie Lock. Memorials to United Presbyterian Church or to Long Term Care, Central City, NE. Note: See - History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I pp 296-7; 1920 Fed. Census Lone Tree Twp, Merrick, NE ED157 p4B D80 F80; 1930 Fed. Census Lone Tree Twp, Merrick, NE ED61-7 p5b D117 F119 (w/p). Wife died 8 Mar 2004.

Grand Island Independent - Fri. 21 Dec 2007

**Edna M. FEDDERSEN, 93** (photo)

Born 7 Sep 1914 west of Palmer, NE. Parents: Richard B. & Wilhelmina (Kruse) Burkhardt, Sr. Attended a school between Palmer and St. Paul, NE. 30 Oct 1949: Married Ernest Feddersen at Grand Island, NE. They farmed near Dannebrog, NE. 1970: Retired to Nysted, NE. 1983: moved to Chapman, NE. Ernest died 8 Aug 1993. Edna later moved to St. Paul, NE; she died there Wed. 19 Dec 2007. Visitation: Fri., Jacobsen-Greenway Funeral Home, St. Paul. Service: Sat., Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, Dannebrog. Burial: Nysted Cemetery. Survivors: A daughter-in-law, 3 gch., 3 g-gch. Predeceased by her husband; her son Daniel (10 Jun 1990). Also deceased are her parents; 7 brothers - Hugo, Fredrick, Arthur, Harry, Otto, Bruno & Richard Burkhardt; 2 sisters - Clara Eckstrom & Meta Lawrence.

Note: For members of her family, see cemetery extracts for Rose Hill Cemetery, Palmer, NE.

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 26 Dec 2007

**Lillie E. KOHTZ, 102**

Born 15 Aug 1905 near Boelus, NE. Parents: Carl & Anna (Paulman) Bremer. Grad. of Boelus HS. 16 Apr 1932: Married Elmer Kohtz in Howard Co., NE. They farmed in Hamilton County until 1940; then in Merrick County. 1948: Retired to Central City, NE. Elmer died 20 Mar 1977. Lutheran. Lillie died Mon., 24 Dec 2007 at Central City, NE. Graveside service: Thurs., Central City Cemetery. Arrangements by Solt Funeral Home.



Survivors: Nieces & nephews. Predeceased by her parents & her husband; 5 brothers - Louis, Emil, Carl, Edward & Walter Bremer; 4 sisters - Clara Palmbeck, Alma Carstens, Esther Carstens & Martha Siebler.

Columbus Telegram & Fremont Tribune (death notice) - Thurs. 27 Dec 2007

**Helen Eva HINKLE, 98**

Born 31 Jan 1909, Nance Co., NE. Parents: Bartley & Julia (Marficia) Staniec. Grew up in Nance County; attended schools at Silver Creek, NE. 4 Oct 1930: Married Laun Hinkle at Columbus, NE. They lived at Silver Creek, NE. Died Tues., 25 Dec 2007 at Fremont, NE. Service: Sat., United Methodist Church, Silver Creek. Burial: Silver Creek Cemetery. Survivors: Five gch., 16 g-gch., 11 gg-gch.; 3 sisters. Predeceased by her husband, her son Laun Jr.; her parents, 4 brothers & 2 sisters.

Grand Island Independent - Fri. 28 Dec 2007

**James Arthur DAHLKE, 78** (photo)

Born 9 Apr 1929, York, NE. Parents: Arthur & Mabel (Faustman) Dahlke. 1947: Grad. of Benedict Consolidated Schools. 1952: Grad. of UN Ag College. US Army. 1953: Married at Fairbury, NE. Attended UNL. Teacher, school principal. Died Wed., 26 Dec 2007 at Central City, NE. Visitation: Sun., Solt Funeral Home, Central City. Service: Mon., St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Central City. Burial: Greenwood Cemetery, York, NE. Survivors: His wife, a daughter, a son; 2 gch. Predeceased by his parents; sister Jean Steinke, and her husband, Leonard.

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 29 Dec 2007

**Jean Caroline TAGGGE, 88** (photo)

Born 25 Jul 1929, Merrick Co., NE. Parents: Albert & Lena (Springsguth) Stratman. Grad. of GISH. Beautician. 1948: Married Donald Beery. They had 4 children. 1976: Married Gerald Tagge. Died Fri. 28 Dec 2007 at Grand Island, NE. Visitation: Sun., All Faiths Funeral Home, Grand Island. Service: Mon., Gollaher Chapel of Trinity United Methodist Church. Burial: Grand Island City Cem. Survivors: Her second husband; 2 daughters, a son; a step-son and a step-daughter; 20 gch., 27 g-gch. Also surviving: 2 brothers. Predeceased by her first husband; a son Don Berry Jr. Memorials to the church.

Note: See 1930 Fed. Census NE ED61-16 p3B D80 F80: Vieregg Twp, Merrick, NE (w/p).

## 2008 - Obits

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Columbus Telegram - Sat. 5 Jan 2008; Grand Island Independent - Sun. 6 Jan 2008

**Regina M. CERNY, 85** (photo)

Born 4 Apr 1922 near Osceola (Polk Co.), NE. Parents: Anton & Rose (Cich) Iwan. 8 Oct 1946: Married Victor Cerny. They lived at Osceola; retired to Central City, NE. About 2001, they moved to the Norfolk Veteran's Home. Victor died 17 May 2007. In September, Mrs. Cerny moved to the Grand Island Veteran's Home. She died there Fri., 7 Jan 2008. Visitation: Tues., Solt Funeral Home, Central City. Service: Wed., St. Michael's Catholic Church, Central City. Burial will be at later date. Survivors: 4 children, 7 gch., 7 g-gch.; 4 sisters. Predeceased by her husband; her parents; 4 brothers - Anthony, Raymond, Richard and Leonard Iwan.

Columbus Telegram & Grand Island Independent (photo) - Fri. 11 Jan 2008

**Dale BECK, 82** (photo)

Born 28 Oct 1925, Clarks, NE. Parents: Raymond W. & Ruth A. (Wolfe) Beck. 11 Feb 1949: Married at Pierce Chapel near Clarks, NE. They farmed near Clarks until 1964 when purchased land north of Silver Creek. Mr. Beck died Thurs., 10 Jan 2008 at hospital in Genoa, NE. Service: Sat., United Methodist Church, Silver Creek, NE. Burial: Clarks Cemetery. Survivors: his wife, 5 children, 15 gch., 8 g-gch.; 2 brothers. Predeceased by his parents & his step-mother Elsie Beck. Also deceased - 3 brothers, Wesley, Roger & Phil Beck; a sister Doris Neel. Memorials: the United Methodist Church, Silver Creek.

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 15 Jan 2008

**Lyle LARSON, 86**

Born 1 Jan 1922, Motley, MN. Adopted by Mary & Nels Larson. WW II: US Army. 10 Oct 1950: Married at Browns Valley, MN. They lived in Michigan and Minnesota. RR worker, creamery worker, furniture maker. Retired to Chapman, NE. Died Sun. 13 Jan 2008 at Grand Island Veterans Home. Visitation: Tues., Klein Funeral Home. Service: Wed., at the home. Burial: Burkett Cemetery. Survivors: his wife, a daughter, 8 gch., 3 g-gch. Also surviving 5 brothers & 3 sisters. Predeceased by his parents & an infant brother.

Grand Island Independent - Fri. 18 Jan 2008

**Maria BAUER, 89**

Born 16 Oct 1918, Monteagle, TN. Parents: Andrew & Callie Wells. Married Paul Bauer. Mrs. Bauer died Mon., 14 Jan 2008 at Central City, NE. Graveside service: Thurs., Central City Cemetery. Survivors: 3 daughters. Predeceased by husband (died 31 Aug 1993); daughter Phyllis Johnson (died 1 Feb 1982); son Wilber Andrew Knigh (deid 6 Aug 1941); son Chuck Bauer (died 25 Dec 1981).

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 19 Jan 2008

**Leroy "Pee Wee" KNEPPER, 70**

Born 8 Apr 1937, O'Neil, NE. Parents: Leslie & Lena (Jensen) Knepper. Grad. of Kearney HS. Married Ginger; they lived in Wichita, KS. Construction worker, house painter. Lived in Kansas City and TX. 1995: Moved to Central City, NE. Died Thurs., 17 Jan 2008 at Central City. Service: Sat., Solt Funeral Home. Survivors: his wife, 2 daughters, a son, 3 gch., 2 g-gch.; 3 sisters & 2 brothers. Predeceased by his parents.

Fremont Tribune - Wed. 23 Jan 2008

**Della MILLER, 92**

Born 9 Mar 1915, Chapman, NE. Parents: Elza & Fairy Dell (Shreves) Ury. Worked in her father's store. 4 Feb 1934: Married Ray Miller. They lived at Valley, NE. She died Mon., 21 Jan 2008 at Valley. Visitation: Thurs., Reichmuth Funeral Home in Elkhorn. Memorial service: Fri., United Faith Community Church, Valley. Private graveside service planned. Survivors: 2 sons, 2 daughters, 11 gch., 11 g-gch., 2 gg-gch. Also surviving is one brother. Predeceased by her husband, 2 brothers & 2 sisters.

Note: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I p390 (Ury); 1930 Fed. Census NE ED61-3 p3a D52 F53: Chapman Village, Merrick, NE.

Grand Island Independent - Fri. 25 Jan 2008

**Helen M. DAILEY, 85** (photo)

Born 16 Feb 1922, Hannibal, MO. Parents: George E. & Clara E. (Johnson) Ledbetter. Both parents died & she grew up in a children's home in Quincy, IL. Married & had a daughter. Married second to Val Marr and had 4 children. Mr. Marr died in 1956. She married (third) to James J. Dailey. They lived in Central City; had a daughter. Member of LDS Church. Helen died Thurs., 24 Jan 2008 at hospital in Grand Island, NE. Service: Sat., Solt Funeral Home, Central City. Burial: Hazard City Cemetery. Survivors: her third husband, her 6 children, 4 gch., 7 g-gch. Also surviving, a sister in Illinois. Predeceased by her parents; her second husband; 4 sisters - Ruby Wheeler, Mary Van Horn, Rose Mudd & June Thomas; a brother - Calvin Ledbetter.

Note: For her second husband, Val Marr - see History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I p284; 1920 Fed. Census Central City Ward 1, Merrick Co., NE ED158 p6B H1138 D148 F155 (w/p)

Grand Island Independent (photo missing) - Sat. 26 Jan 2008

**LaVonne YEAGER, 75**

Born 9 Dec 1932, Grand Island, NE. Parents: Francis H. & Anna (Wagner) Holtorf. Family moved 6 mos later near Worms, NE. 1941: Family moved to St. Libory, NE. 1950 grad. of St. Paul HS. 1955 grad. of Concordia University, Seward, NE. 13 Feb 1956: Married Charles A. Yeager at Nashua, Iowa. They lived at White Bear Lake, MN. 1962: Moved to Bloomfield, NE. Teacher. Mrs. Yeager died Thurs., 24 Jan 2008 at Bloomfield. Visitation: Sun., Brockhaus Funeral Home. Service: Mon., First Trinity Lutheran Church, Bloomfield. Burial: Bloomfield City Cemetery. Survivors: a son; a sister & her family. Predeceased by her husband; her parents.

Grand Island Independent - Mon. 28 Jan 2008

**Lydia STEPHENSON, 96** (photo)

Born 22 Mar, 1911, Atlantic, IA. 1929 grad. of Atlantic HS. 1 Apr 1933: Married Earl Thomas Stephenson. They lived 20 years in Ravenna, NE and 20 years in Geneva, NE. Earl died in Jan 1971. Lydia moved to Central City in 1981. She died Sat., 26 Jan 2008 at Central City, NE. Service: Tues., St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Central City. Burial: Atlantic Cemetery, Atlantic, Iowa. Arrangements: Solt Funeral Home. Survivors: a daughter, 2 sons, 4 gch., 2 g-gch. Predeceased by her husband, her parents, 3 sisters & 4 brothers. Note: Maiden name not given; parents not identified.

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 29 Jan 2008

**Alma L. SPILGER, 86**

Born 16 Jan 1922, Torrington, WY. Parents: Murl Ross & Lottie Marie (Marsh) Coen. Married Paul Spilger, who died 19 Oct 2001. Resident of Brighton, IA. Died Sat. 26 Jan 2008 at Washington (IA?). Service: Tues., Gould Funeral Home, Brighton, IA. Burial: Wed., Rose Hill Cemetery, Palmer, NE. Survivors: a daughter, a son; 2 sisters.

Columbus Telegram - Thurs. 31 Jan 2008

**Joan J. MAURER, 82**

Born 22 Feb 1925, Lincoln, NE. Parents: Leonard "Pete" & Myrtle (Squier) Crellin. RN. 4 Sep 1949: Married Edward Maurer at Clarinda, IA. They lived on farm near Silver Creek, NE. Joan died Wed., 30 Jan 2008 at Stromsburg, NE. Service: Fri., United Methodist Church, Silver Creek. Burial at later date at Silver Creek Cemetery. Arrangements: McKown Funeral Home. Survivors: a daughter, 2 sons, a gch.; a brother, & a sister-in-law. Predeceased by her husband; her parents, a brother Jim Crellin. Also deceased, a granddaughter Parker Maurer.

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 31 Jan 2008

**Mary Ann PAVELKA STOURAL, 84** (photo)

Born 29 Jul 1923, Grand Island, NE. Parents: Joseph & Anna (Musilek) Janovec. Family farm was near Chapman, NE. 4 Jun 1946: Married Clarence Pavelka; he died 13 Sep 1974. 14 Feb 1976: Married John F. Stoural at Verdigre, NE. Mr. Stoural died 6 Sep 1995. Resident of Verdigre. Mrs. Stoural died 24 Jan 2008 at Grand Island, NE. Visitation: Thurs., Brockhaus Funeral Home, Verdigre. Service: Fri., St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church, Verdigre. Burial: Church cemetery. Survivors: nieces & nephews. Predeceased by two husbands; her parents; sister Sylvia Cordes; 3 brothers - Francis, Edmund & Joseph Janovec. Memorials: Notre Dame Sisters at 3501 State St., Omaha, NE 68112.

Note: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I p 245 (J Janovec); 1930 Fed. Census Chapman Twp, Merrick, NE ED61-4 p1b D13 F13 (w/p)

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Grand Island Independent - Sat. 2 Feb 2008

**Ina R. JEFFERES, 91** (photo)

Born 22 Nov 1916, Berthoud, CO. Parents: Fin & Mary (Kelly) Dortch. 11 Aug 1938: Married Clyde Jefferes at Cheyenne, WY. They lived in Denver, CO until 1983, moved to Grand Island, NE. Died Thurs., 31 Jan 2008 at Grand Island, NE. Visitation: Sun., Apfel Funeral Home, Grand Island. Graveside service: Mon., Chapman

Cemetery. Survivors: a daughter, 2 gch.; a brother. Predeceased by her husband; her parents, 2 brothers, a sister; a son-in-law. Memorial: Heartland Lutheran High School.

Note: see gravestone extracts for Chapman Cemetery.

Grand Island Independent - Mon. 4 Feb 2008

**Helen D. LINCOLN JOHNSON, 95** (photo)

Born 23 Nov 1912, York Co., NE. Parents: John & Anna (Carlson) Johnson. 1930 grad. of Bradshaw HS. 1936: Married Melvin Lincoln. He died in 1966. Feb 1972: Married Milfred Johnson; they lived in Polk, NE. Mr. Johnson died in 21 Apr 1975. In 2005, she moved to Merrick Manor in Central City, NE. Died Sun., 3 Feb 2008 at Central City. Visitation: Tues., Solt Funeral Home, Polk, NE. Service: Wed., Immanuel Lutheran Church, Polk, NE. Burial: Plainfield Cemetery near Bradshaw, NE. Survivors: 2 sons, 2 step-sons, 14 gch., 20 g-gch.; a sister. Predeceased by both her husbands; her parents; 2 brothers, Milton & Herman Johnson; a sister Ruth Shenk. Memorials: to the church.

Aurora News Register - On web Sat. 9 Feb 2008

**Edgar F. DJERNES, 85**

Born 15 Jun 1922 near Charitan, Iowa. Parents: Paul M. & Llewella (Ehram) Niday. About 1927, family moved to Rock County, NE. 1933: His mother married Lucas Djernes; they moved to Marquette, NE. 1941 grad. of Marquette HS. 4 Jun 1944: Married near Palmer, NE. They lived on farm west of Marquette, NE. 1965: Moved near Archer, NE. He died Sun. 27 Jan 2008 at Central City, NE. Service was Thurs., 31 Jan at Archer Zion United Methodist Church. Burial: Archer Evangelical Community Cemetery. Arrangements: Wagner Funeral Home. Survivors: His wife, 2 daughters, a gch.; a half-brother, a brother-in-law & his wife. Predeceased by his parents; a sister & her husband - Melvarae & Tom Briseno; a half brother - Emmert Niday. Memorials to the Cemetery's Perpetual Care Fund.

Note: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I p334

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 9 Feb 2008

**Sister Ann Francis SIDEL, 89**

Born Melina Wilhelmina Sidel, 22 Oct 1918, Palmer, NE. Parents: William & Anna (Lukasiewicz) Sidel. 14 Aug 1945: Became Sister of St. Joseph with name Ann Francis. Died Fri. 8 Feb 2008 at Mount Joseph Senior Village, Concordia, KS. Service: Tues., with burial at Nazareth Motherhouse Cemetery. Arrangements: Chaput-Buoy Mortuary, Concordia, KS.

Columbus Telegram - Sun. 17 Feb 2008

**Florence F. KOZIOL, 84** (photo)

Born 22 Sep 1923, Clarks, NE. Parents: Alois & Anna (Zoucha) Kiolbasa. Attended school at Clarks & Krakow (Nance Co.), NE. 26 Aug 1952: Married Stanley Koziol at Krakow. She died Fri., 15 Feb 2008 at Columbus, NE. Visitation: Mon., McKown Funeral Home, Columbus. Service: Tues., St. Isadore Catholic Church, Columbus. Burial: St. Bonaventure Catholic Cemetery. Survivors: her husband, 3 children; 4 gch.; a sister. Predeceased by her parents; a sister, Bernice Tarnick; 3 brothers - Dennis, Edwin & Leonard.

Note: Her family - see 1920 Fed. Census NE ED156 p15a D181 F188: Clarksville Twp, Merrick, NE; 1930 Fed. Census NE ED61-6 p2a D28 F28: Clarksville Twp, Merrick, NE.

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 21 Feb 2008

**Russell D. LUEBBE, 44** (photo)

Born 16 Feb 1964, Central City, NE. Parents: Kenneth & Dee Luebbe. 1982 grad. of CCHS. 14 Jun 1986: Married at Central City. Died Sun. 17 Feb 2008 at Melbourne, FL while on vacation. Visitation: Thurs., Wagner Funeral Home, Central City. Service: Fri., United Methodist Church. Burial: Central City Cemetery. Survivors: His wife, 2 sons & a daughter; his parents, a brother & a sister. (Other survivors are listed). Predeceased by a sister - Rita Couse; his grandparents.

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 21 Feb 2008

**Cloyde L. MAY, 89**

Born 1 Sep 1918, Chapman, NE. Parents: John & Mollie (Frimann) May. WW II: US Army. Was twice married - both wives are deceased. Died Sat., 16 Feb 2008 at Lincoln, NE. No service. Survivors: 3 daughters, 2 sons, several grandchildren. Predeceased by his parents, brothers & sisters. Memorials: Monarch Hospice, Lincoln, NE.

Note: See 1920 Fed. Census NE ED155 p5B D33 F33: Chapman Twp, Merrick, NE; 1930 Fed. Census NE ED61-4 p2b D48 F48: Chapman Twp, Merrick, NE. Parents - Marriage Records Book F p20 #2309: Central City, Merrick, NE; gravestone extracts of Chapman Cemetery.

Grand Island Independent - Fri. 22 Feb 2008

**Arnold F. "Pete" VIETH, 80** (photo)

Born 1 May 1927 in Merrick Co., NE. Parents: Henry & Clara (Bove) Vieth. Farmer. 24 Jul 1950: Married Irene. Resident of Grand Island, NE. Died Wed., 20 Feb 2008. Visitation: Sun., All Faiths Funeral Home. Service: Mon., St. Mary's Cathedral, Grand Island. Burial: Westlawn Memorial Park Cemetery. Survivors: His wife, 3 sons, 4 daughters, 17 gch., 3 g-gch; a brother and a sister. Predeceased by his parents; 2 sisters - Caroline Stolle, and an infant. Memorials - St. Mary's Cathedral, or St. Francis Hospice.

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 23 Feb 2008

**Dwain H. JOHN, 64**

Born 23 Jan 1944, Silver Creek, NE. Parents: Owen & Gladys (Cremeen) John. Family moved to Central City, NE. 1962 grad. of CCHS. Moved Monterey Park, CA. Married in 1963; in 1972 they moved to Central City, NE. In 1980: moved to Lincoln, NE. Mr. John died Thurs., 21 Feb 2008 at Lincoln. Service: Sun., Solt Funeral Home, Central City. Burial: Central City Cemetery. Survivors: His wife, 3 daughters; 3 sisters. Predeceased by his parents; 2 brothers - Darwin & Glenn John; 2 brothers-in-law.

Grand Island Independent - Sun. 24 Feb 2008

**Max P. KUNZE, 88** (photo)

Born 2 Sep 1919, Howard Co., NE. Parents: Paul & Ida (Wagner) Kunze. Family farm was near Palmer, NE. 1940 grad. of Palmer HS. WW II: US Army Air Corps (bomber crew, Europe). 26 Dec 1946: Married Fern at Grand Island. They lived near Palmer, then moved near Worms, NE. Farmer. 1991: Moved to Grand Island, NE. He died there Fri., 22 Feb 2008. Service: Tues., Trinity Lutheran Church. Burial: Rose Hill Cemetery, Palmer, NE. Arrangements: All Faiths Funeral Home. Survivors: His wife, 2 daughters, a son, 6 gch., 4 g-gch.; a sister. Predeceased by his parents; 4 sisters - Frieda Lautenschlager, Milda Kamper, Helen Bjorklund & Alma Kunze; 4 brothers - Albert, Walter, Ted, & Reinhardt Kunze.

Note: His parents marriage - Marriage Records Book D p315 #1669: Central City, Merrick, NE. See also gravestone extracts for Rose Hill Cemetery.

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Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 13 Mar 2008

**Pamela Denise Taylor HESKETT, 49**

Born 15 Jan 1959, Newark, NJ. Parents: Melvin & Thelma Taylor. Resident of Central City, NE. Died Tues., 11 Mar 2008 at hospital in Grand Island, NE. Service: Sat., Heartland Evangelical Free Church, Central City. Burial: Central City Cemetery. Arrangements: Wagner Funeral Home, Central City. Survivors: Her husband Ernest; her parents, a brother & a sister.

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 19 Mar 2008

**Jim O. LAMBERSON, 75**

Born 19 Feb 1933, Palmer, NE. Parents: Otis & Clarice (Hoback) Lamberson. Married Marlene; she died 2 Oct 1985. Resident of Palmer, NE. Jim died Sun., 16 Mar 2008 at Grand Island, NE. Service: Wed., First Church of Christ, Palmer. Burial: Rose Hill Cemetery. Arrangements: Palmer Funeral Home, Palmer, NE. Survivors: a daughter, 4 sons; a sister.

Note: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I pp 235 (Hoback), 268 (w/p).

Columbus Telegram - Fri. 21 Mar 2008

**Evelyn Marie STANCZYK, 76** (photo)

Born 8 Sep 1931 on farm west of Silver Creek, NE. Parents: James & Tillie (Koza) Stanczyk. Died Mon., 17 Mar 2008 at Central City, NE. Service: Mon., St. Lawrence Catholic Church, Silver Creek. Burial at church cemetery. Arrangements: McKown Funeral Home. Survivors: a sister, 2 nephews, 3 nieces. Predeceased by her parents; brother, Alphonse Stanczyk; brother-in-law, Paul Murphy; niece, Janet Wadsworth.

Note: Her parents, see 1930 Fed. Census NE ED61-15 p4a D74 F75: Silver Creek Twp, Merrick, NE.

Grand Island Independent - Fri. 28 Mar 2008

**Anna E. NOVOTNE, 93** (photo)

Born 28 Jun 1914, Buffalo Co., NE. Parents: John & Sophia (Pokorney) Kriha. 26 Jun 1930: Married Emil Novotne at Ravenna, NE. They farmed; later moved to Central City, NE. Mr. Novotne died in 1986. She moved to Grand Island in 1989; died there Thurs., 27 Mar 2008. Visitation: Sun., Livingston-Sondermann Funeral Home. Service: Monday, St. Mary's Cathedral, Grand Island. Burial: Central City Cemetery. Survivors: a daughter, a son, 5 gch.; a sister. Predeceased by her husband; 3 brothers, Joseph, Charles & John Kriha; a sister, Elizabeth Youngdahl.

Note: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I page 313.

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 29 Mar 2008

**Alfred R. FICKEN, 90**

Born 5 Sep 1917, Logan Co., OK. Parents: Frank H. & Emelia C. (Weber) Ficken). Grad. of Marshall HS (OK). 1938: Married at Marshall, OK. 1978: Moved to Clarks, NE. Died Thurs., 27 Mar 2008 at Clarks. Memorial service: Tues., Wagner Funeral Home, Central City, NE. Burial: Marshall, OK. Survivors: his wife, a daughter, 4 gch.; 2 sisters. Predeceased by 2 daughters: Frances Henrietta (infant) & Nancy Ficken; his parents, a brother, Leon Ficken.

Note: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I p288 (A Miller)

Grand Island Independent - Sun. 30 Mar 2008; Polk Co. Newspaper - 2 Apr 2008

**Catherine T. WILLITS, 88**

Born 23 Aug 1919, York Co., NE. Parents: August P., & Catherine (Schneider) Deprez. Died Mon., 24 Mar 2008 at Osceola, NE. Service: Wed., Metz Mortuary chapel, York, NE. Burial of cremains: Greenwood Cemetery, York, NE. Survivors: Her husband Virgil Willits of Clarks, 4 step-children.

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Columbus Telegram & Grand Island Independent (photo) - Fri. 4 Apr 2008

**Raymond J. HEULE, 87**

Born 25 Jul 1920, Nance Co, NE. Parents: John C. & Pearl (Dawson) Heule. Attended school in Nance & Merrick Counties. 1938 grad. of Clarks HS. 7 Feb 1942: Married at York, NE. Worked in California; 1945: US Army. Returned to NE. Farmer. Died Wed., 2 Apr 2008 at Central City, NE. Service: Mon., Wagner Funeral Home, Central City. Burial: Bureau Cemetery at Pierce Chapel, near Clarks, NE. Survivors: His wife; a son & 3 daughters; 10 gch., 16 g-gch. Predeceased by his parents; his sister & her husband - Melvia & Dale Steckel; gch. - Barry Hughes. Memorials: Clarks Fire Department (Ambulance Fund).

Note: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I pp 234 (Heule), 264 (Kuhn). Also, 1930 Fed. Census East Newman Twp, Nance, NE ED63-5 p3a D40 F40 (w/p)

Grand Island Independent - Fri. 4 Apr 2008

**Dale L. METTENBRINK, 76** (photo)

Born 28 MY 1931, Worms, NE. Parents: William & Rose (Mader) Mettenbrink. Grew up in Grand Island, NE. Employee of Rainbo Bread Company; truck driver. Aug 1951: Married Deloris Stelk. May 1969: Married Josie Ann McCune. Feb 2002: Married Edith Fox. Died Wed., 2 Apr 2008 at Grand Island, NE. Visitation: Fri., Apfel Funeral Home. Service: Sat., Trinity United Methodist Church. Burial: Grand Island Cemetery. Survivors: 4 children by his first marriage; a step-daughter of his second marriage; 4 step-children of his third marriage; assorted gch., etc.; 2 brothers. Memorials: American Red Cross or other charity.

Grand Island Independent - Fri. 4 Apr 2008

**Dorothy M. "Dot" PRINCE, 71**

Born 23 Feb 1937, St. Paul, NE. Parents: Oscar & Francis (Ewers) Reynolds. 17 Jun 1956: Married Donald G. Prince at St. Paul. They lived at York, NE. She worked at the school, and at the Pump & Pantry. Died Tues., 1 Apr 2008 at York, NE. Visitation: Fri., Metz Mortuary. Service: Sat., First United Methodist Church, York. Burial: Rose Hill Cemetery, Palmer, NE. Survivors: 2 sons, a daughter, 8 gch., 7 g-gch; 3 brothers, a sister. Predeceased by her parents & her husband.

Note: Her parents & her husband are buried at Rose Hill Cemetery, Palmer, NE.

Grand Island Independent - Sun. 6 Apr 2008

**Lois Ruth Cantrell BLACK, 88** (photo)

Born 3 Dec 1919, Grand Island, NE. Parents: Clyde Elmer Cantrell & Magdalena (Lena) Kutschat. 1928: Family moved to Central City, NE. 1938 grad. of CCHS. 1940: Family moved to Emporia, KS. 5 Jun 1943: Married Merlin Delos Black at Pittsburgh, KS. Husband was training as a pilot; when he went overseas Mrs. Black moved to Grand Island, NE & lived with her mother. Following husband's discharge the couple lived on a farm near Central City, NE. She worked as a secretary and as deputy county clerk. 2001: They moved to Alliance, NE. Mrs. Black died Fri. 4 Apr 2008 at Alliance, NE. Visitation: Mon., Solt Funeral Home, Central City, NE. Service: Tues., Fairview United Methodist Church, Central City, NE. Burial: Central City Cemetery. Survivors: Her husband, 3 daughters, gch. Predeceased by her parents; a sister, Magdalen Cantrell Rolfsmeier; 2 brothers - Clyde E. & infant Norman Cantrell. Memorials: Fairview United Methodist Church, 2398 13 Road, Central City NE, 68826; Merrick County Historical Museum, Inc., 211 E St., Central City, NE, 68826; or American Macular Degeneration Foundation, P.O. Box 515, Northampton, MA, 01061-0515. Note: See History of Merrick Co., NE Vol II pp 134-5 (Black).

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 9 Apr 2008

**Irene Elnora JENSEN, 88** (photo)

Born 7 Oct 1919, Nance Co., NE. Parents: Axel & Mary Ann (Lehinger) Johnson. 18 Feb 1939: Married Erven E. Jensen Jr. at Fullerton, NE. They lived in Central City until 1963; moved to Grand Island, NE. Mrs. Jensen died Mon. at Central City, NE. Service: Thurs., Solt Funeral Home, Central City. Burial: Central City Cemetery. Survivors: 3 daughters, 10 gch., 23 g-gch., 10 gg-gch.; a brother. Predeceased by her husband (died 24 Nov 1991); an infant son, Erven E. Jensen Jr.; her parents & 13 siblings.

Note: See 1920 Fed. Census Mead Twp, Merrick, NE ED160 p1B F12 (w/p); 1930 Fed. Census West Newman Twp, Nance, NE ED63-15 p3a D58 F58 (w/p)

Columbus Telegram - Fri. 11 Apr 2008

**Louise Rose KONWINSKI, 88** (photo)

Born 17 Jul 1919 on farm near Duncan, NE. Parents: Joseph & Mary Anna (Drozd) Ziemba. She was a twin to Louis Ziemba. 11 Feb 1942: Married John Frank Sock at Duncan, NE. John died 14 Sep 1975. 28 May 1979: Married second to Aloysius Joseph Konsinski at Omaha, NE. They lived in Omaha; then moved to Columbus, NE. Al died 31 Jul 1992. Mrs. Konwinski died Wed., 9 Apr 2008 at Columbus, NE. Visitation: Fri., McKown Funeral Home, Columbus. Service: Sat., St. Bonaventure Catholic Church. Burial: St. Lawrence Catholic Cemetery, Silver Creek, NE. Survivors: 2 sisters & a sister-in-law. Predeceased by both husbands; her parents; 4 brothers & 3 sisters.

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 12 Apr 2008

**Karen Ruth BLASE, 59**

Born in Central City, NE. Parents: Carl M. & Louise A. (Wilshusen) Blase. 1967 grad. of Hordville HS. Attended UNL. Teacher. Died Thurs., 10 Apr 2008 at Omaha, NE. Visitation: Sun., Heafey-Heafey-Hoffman-Dworak-Culter Mortuaries in Omaha. Service: Mon., Immanuel Lutheran Church, Polk; burial at church cemetery. Local arrangements by Solt Funeral Home. Survivors: 2 brothers, 2 sisters; other relatives. Predeceased by her parents - Carl Blase died 17 May 2000; Louise Blase died 30 Nov 2006. Also deceased are 2 brothers - Mark (infant, 1961) & Roger (1972).

Grand Island Independent (funeral notice) - Sat. 12 Apr 2008

**Addison Grace DJERNES, infant**

Graveside service Sat., Central City Cemetery. Survived by her parents Chad & Brittney Djernes; a twin sister; many other relatives.

Grand Island Independent - Sun. 13 Apr 2008

**Margaret K. BITTINGER, 86** (photo)

Born 21 Jan 1922, St. Paul, NE. Parents: Daniel & Catherine (Long) Hayes. Attended school in Polk County & Omaha, NE. 1940 grad. of Clarks HS. 20 Apr 1942: Married Vinson A. Bittinger at Omaha, NE. They lived in Clarks; were owners/managers of Clarks Telephone Company. She died Fri. 11 Apr 2008 at hospital in Lincoln, NE. Service: Tues., St. Peter's Catholic Church, Clarks. Burial: Calvary Cemetery, Clarks. Survivors: Her husband, 2 sons, 2 daughters, a daughter-in-law, 14 gch., 22 g-gch. siblings. Predeceased by her parents; a son Mike; a brother Don Hayes of Osceola, NE.

Grand Island Independent - Mon. 14 Apr 2008

**Stanley PELICAN, 90** (photo)

Born 19 Dec 1917 in Nance County (Loup River Valley, near Palmer). Parents: John & Anna (John) Pelican. 1935 grad. of Palmer HS. WW II: US Army Air Force. 15 Aug 1942: Married Irene at Champaign, IL. They farmed near Palmer. Served as a Nance County Supervisor; and on the school board at Palmer, NE. 2002: Moved to Grand Island, NE. Mr. Pelican died Fri., 11 Apr 2008 at Grand Island Veterans Home. Service Tues., United Methodist Church, Palmer. Burial: Rose Hill Cemetery. Arrangements: Palmer Funeral Home. Survivors: His wife; 3 children, 7 gch., 3 g-gch.; a brother. Predeceased by 2 brothers - Lumer & Louis Pelican; sister, Helen Grosch. Memorials: American Legion Post 120 & Auxiliary, or Palmer United Methodist Church.

Columbus Telegram & Fremont Tribune (death notice) - Mon. 14 Apr 2008

**Robert D. WESTADT, 62**

Born 10 Apr 1946, Central City, NE. Parents: Rev. Dale & Lois (Ankeny) Westadt. 1964 grad. of Blair HS. 1973: Law degree from UN Law School. 1973: Moved to Schuyler, NE. Had served as Colfax County Attorney and Schuyler City Attorney. Died Fri., 11 Apr 2008 at Schuyler, NE. Visitation: Thurs., Svoboda Funeral Home South Chapel. Service: Fri., Christ United Methodist Church, Schuyler. Burial: Concord Dixon Cemetery, Concord, NE. Survivors: His sister & 2 nephews. Memorials: the church or the Colfax Foundation.

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 15 Apr 2008

**Paul Allan AURAND, 46** (photo)

Born 13 Sep 1961, Grand Island, NE. Parents: James Sr. & Hazel Aurand. Grew up at Chapman, NE. Grad. of Connell School, Grand Island, NE. Died Mon. 14 Apr 2008 at Grand Island. Visitation: Wed., Solt Funeral Home, Central City. Service: Thurs., Chapman Baptist Church. Survivors: His parents; 3 brothers & 2 sisters. Also surviving: 2 aunts & 2 uncles; 9 nieces & nephews. Predeceased by his grandparents.

Columbus Telegram (photo) & Grand Island Independent (abbrev.) - Tues. 22 Apr 2008

**Edmund G. KONTOR, 95**

Born 7 Nov 1912, Polk County, NE. Parents: John & Dora (Hapday) Kontor. Jun 1942: Married at Silver Creek, NE. Farmed the "home place". Died Sun., 20 Apr 2008 at Stromsburg, NE. Service: Wed., St. Lawrence Catholic Church, Silver Creek, NE. Burial: Church cemetery. Survivors: His wife; a son, 4 gch., 8 g-gch.; 4 sisters & a brother; 2 sisters-in-law. Predeceased by his parents; 2 sisters - Helen Bojanski & Florence Konwinski; 4 brothers - John Jr., Clifford, Louie, & Raymond Kontor.

Note: Parents identified in old records as John Kontor and Theodosia Hepda.

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 24 Apr 2008

**Janice L. HESSELGESSER, 90**(photo)

Born 20 Aug 1917, Archer, NE. Parents: Arthur & Cora (Shepherd) Frazier. 14 Mar 1941: Married Ervin Eugene Hesselgesser at Omaha, NE. They lived in CA. Returned to Central City when husband was discharged from USAF. Business owners. She died Tues., 22 Apr 2008 at Central City. Visitation: Thurs.,



Wagner Funeral Home, Central City. Service: Fri., United Methodist Church. Burial: Central City Cemetery. Survivors: 2 sons, and other relatives. Predeceased by a son Jan; 3 brothers - Leonard, Donald & Raymond Frazier; 3 sisters - Mabel Hansen & Marie Mess. Memorials: Janice L. Hesselgesser Memorial Fund. Note: See 1920 Fed. Census Prairie Creek Twp, Merrick, NE ED226 p4B D76 F76 (w/p); 1930 Fed. Census Prairie Creek Twp, Merrick, NE ED61-12 p7b D162 F151 (w/p).

Polk County Newspaper - Thurs. 24 Apr 2008

**Patricia Ellen NICHOLSON, 63**

Resident of Silver Creek, NE. Died Tues. 15 Apr 2008 at Lincoln, NE. Service was Sat. 19 Apr, Metz Chapel, York, NE. Burial: Greenwood Cemetery, York, NE. Survivors: Her husband, Nick; a son; 3 brothers; 2 sisters. Predeceased by her parents (not named); 4 brothers - David, Tom, Art & Lloyd "Blacky" Moore.

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 24 Apr 2008

**Verna Jeanette SCHLONDORF, 101** (photo)

Born 28 Aug 1906, York, NE. Parents: George Eli & Emma May (Lumadue) Barker. 1925 grad. of York HS. Attended York College. Teacher. 6 Jul 1930: Married Arthur F. Schlondorf at York, NE. They lived at Clarks, NE where Art owned a garage. He died 28 May 1990. Verna died Wed., 23 Apr 2008 at Central City, NE. Service: Mon., Solt Funeral Home, Central City. Burial: Greenwood Cemetery, York, NE. Survivors: Nieces & nephews. Predeceased by her husband; her parents, 2 sisters & 2 brothers. Memorials: Pierce Chapel Methodist Church, Clarks.

Note: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I p352.

Grand Island Independent - Fri. 25 Apr 2008

**Delores A. McCLELLAN, 82**

Born 26 Apr 1925, Cushing (Howard Co.), NE. Parents: Robert & Alice (Jorgensen) Fairbairn. 1943 grad. of Elba HS. 22 Sep 1951: Married Don McClellan at St. Paul, NE. They farmed near Palmer, NE. Mrs. McClellan died Wed., 23 Apr 2008 near Grand Island, NE in an auto accident. Service: Sat., United Methodist Church, Palmer. Burial: Rose Hill Cemetery. Survivors: Her husband; 3 sons, 3 daughters, 15 gch.; 2 sisters. Predeceased by her parents; a son Roy; 3 infant brothers; a sister, Marjorie Schmidt.

Grand Island Independent - Fri. 25 Apr 2008

**Wesley C. "Wes" TRAUDT, 83** (photo)

Born 17 Apr 1923, Lincoln, NE. Parents: John & Katherine (Feuerstein) Traudt. WW II: US Army, paratrooper. Following discharge, he worked on relatives farm, Platteville, CO. Moved to parents farm near Central City, NE. 3 Aug 1947: Married at Central City, NE. They moved to Grand Island about 6 years ago. Mr. Traudt died Mon., 21 Apr 2008 at Grand Island. Service: Thurs., "at the Veterans Home All Faiths Chapel". Burial: Central City Cemetery. Survivors: His wife, 2 daughters, 5 gch., 5 ggch.

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 26 Apr 2008

**Verena Marie OBERLE, 86** (photo)

Born 4 Mar 1922, Crofton (Knox Co.), NE. Parents: Joseph & Mary (Eickhoff) Thunker. 4 Jun 1946: Married Roland C. Oberle at Crofton. They farmed near Coleridge for 10 years, then lived in other communities. 1970: Moved to Central City, NE. Mr. Oberle died 7 May 2004. Mrs. Oberle moved to Aurora, NE. She died there Fri., 25 Apr 2008. Service: Mon., St. Michael's Catholic Church, Central City. Burial: Central City Cemetery. Arrangements: Solt Funeral Home. Survivors: 2 daughters, 2 sons, 9 gch., 3 g-gch. Predeceased by her husband; her parents; 2 brothers, Harold & Virgil Thunker; a sister, Irma Schmoldt.

Columbus Telegram & Grand Island Independent - Sat. 26 Apr 2008

**Martha L. PULLEN, 89** (photo)

Born 7 Jul 1918, Merrick Co., NE. Parents: William C. & Henrietta (Rocnitz) Holtorf. 1 Mar 1939: Married Robert K. Pullen at Lincoln, NE. They farmed. Artist. Died Wed., 23 Apr 2008 at Central City, NE. Visitation: Today, Wagner Funeral Home, Central City. Service: Mon., United Methodist Church, Central City. Burial: Central City Cemetery. Survivors: 2 sons, 2 daughters; several grandchildren. Predeceased by her husband;

brothers - August, Robert & an infant; a sister-in-law, Prudence Pullen; a grandson, Scott. Memorials to the church.

Note: See 1930 Fed. Census Lone Tree Twp, Merrick, NE ED61-7 p6a D131 F133.

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 30 Apr 2008

**William Ellison "Bill" JOYNER, 44**

Born 6 Feb 1964, Lincoln, NE. Parents: Thomas & Dorothy (Reeves) Joyner. Died Fri. 25 Apr 2008 at Dallas.

Graveside service: Fri., Central City Cemetery. Arrangements: Solt Funeral Home. Survivors: His mother & her spouse, several siblings & their spouses.

See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I p333 (R Reeves).

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Grand Island Independent - Sat. 3 May 2008

**Lucille L. WIECK, 87** (photo)

Born 13 Aug 1920, Hall Co., NE. Parents: Nicholas & Ida (Niemoth) Helzer. Grew up in Howard County; attended Zion Lutheran School at Worms, NE. 17 May 1940: Married Lawrence H. Wieck at Worms, NE.

They farmed northeast of Worms until 1987. Retired to Grand Island, NE. Mrs. Wieck died Tues., 29 Apr 2008 at Grand Island. Visitation: Sun., Apfel Funeral Home, Grand Island. Service: Mon., Zion Lutheran Church, Worms. Burial at church cemetery. Survivors: 2 sons, 4 gch., 5 g-gch. Predeceased by her husband (6 Feb 1999); her parents; brother, Milton Helzer; sister, Norma Thede. Memorials: the church.

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 7 May 2008

**Merlin Delos BLACK, 85** (photo)

Born 4 Sep 1921, near Central City, NE. Parents: Earl Clifton & Bertha (Peregrine) Black. 1938 grad. CCHS. 1942 grad. of Nebraska Central College. WW II: US Army. 5 Jun 1943: Married Lois Ruth Cantrell at Pittsburg, KS. He farmed in partnership with his brother Willard. In 2001 Merlin & Lois moved to Alliance, NE. Merlin died Sat. 3 May 2008 at Alliance. Visitation: Thurs., Solt Funeral Home, Central City. Service: Fri., Fairview United Methodist Church, Central City. Burial at the city cemetery. Survivors: 3 daughters, gch. & g-gch.; a sister & her husband; 2 sisters-in-law. Predeceased by his wife (Apr 2008); his parents; brother, Willard. Memorials: "... Alzheimer's Association, 225 No. Michigan Avenue, F1 17, Chicago, IL 60601-7633, 1-800-272-3900, www.alz.org; Good Samaritan Society Alliance, P.O. Box 970, Alliance, NE 69301; or Fairview United Methodist Church, 2398 13 Road, Central City, NE 68826."

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 8 May 2008

**Hardin EOFF, 91**

Born 16 Feb 1917, Central City, NE. Parents: George & Mabel (Berryman) Eoff. 21 Jun 1936: Married Jessie Relph at Central City, NE. He was in printing business; lived in Omaha for some time. 1977: Moved to Arizona. He died Sat. 3 May 2008 at Sun City West, AZ. Service: Fri., Shepherd of the Hills United Methodist Church, Sun City West, AZ. Burial: Central City Cemetery, Central City, NE. Arrangements: Solt Funeral Home. Survivors: a daughter, 2 sons, 5 gch., 8 g-gch. Predeceased by his wife (2006), sister, Evelyn Grass; 2 brothers, Dale & Jamie Eoff; 2 step-brothers, Lee & George Eoff.

Note: See Who's Who in Nebraska Merrick p815 (w/p); 1920 Fed. Census Central City Ward 3 NE ED158 p15B H2214 D17 F17 (w/p); 1930 Fed. Census Central City, Lone Tree, Merrick, NE ED61-1 p25a H2204 D433 F480 (w/p)

Grand Island Independent (abbrev) - Thurs. 15 May 2008; Columbus Telegram - Fri. 16 May 2008

**Roma MEYER, 69**

Born 12 Jun 1938, Jefferson Co., NE. Parents: Stanley & Isla Irene Sukovaty. Grad. of Fairbury High School, & Midland College in Fremont, NE. Teacher. 25 Aug 1959: Married Lawrence D. Meyer at Helvey, NE. Fall 1960: They moved to Silver Creek, NE. She died Tues., 13 May 2008 at Brush, CO. Service: Tues., United Methodist Church, Silver Creek. Burial: Pleasant Hill Cemetery in Jefferson Co., NE. Arrangements: McKown Funeral Home. Survivors: her husband, 3 sons, 6 gch; a sister. Predeceased by her parents, a gch, Jack Lawrence Meyer; 2 brothers. Memorials: American Diabetes Association.

Grand Island Independent - Sun. 18 May 2008

**Sharon Kay BROWN, 65** (photo)

Born 9 Apr 1943, Central City, NE. Parents: Vernie & Audrey Smith. Grad. of CCHS. 10 Jun 1962: Married Edmund Brown at Central City. Resident of Wood River, NE. Died Fri. 16 May 2008 at hospital in Grand Island, NE. Service: Mon., Apfel Funeral Home, Grand Island. Cremation - burial of ashes at later date. Survivors: her husband; 4 children, 6 gch; her parents; 2 sisters. Predeceased by a brother, Jackie Smith. Note: For her parents, see History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I p369.

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 21 May 2008

**Pam L. (Kohtz) GARRETT, 55** (photo)

Born 8 May 1953, Aurora, NE. Parents: Lowell & Mildred Kohtz. 1971 grad. of Central City HS. Served 6 years in US Marine Corps. Died 13 May 2008 at Houston, TX of ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease.) Memorial service was held 17 May at Cypress Fairbanks Funeral Home, Houston. Survivors: her parents; a daughter, 2 brothers, and other relatives.

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 22 May 2008

**Mark Harvey McNEAL, 47**

Born 24 May 1960, Central City, NE. Parents: Harvey & Lola McNeal. Mark was a resident of Gothenburg, NE. He died Tues., 20 May 2008 at Central City, NE. Service: Fri., Solt Funeral Home, Central City. Survivors: his parents; 4 sisters.

Grand Island Independent - Fri. 23 May 2008

**Donald T. BROOKS Sr., 75** (photo)

Born 5 Jan 1933, Clarks, NE. Parents: James & Mildred (Peck) Brooks. 14 Oct 1950: Married Marilyn Holder. They lived in Grand Island, NE. Mrs. Brooks died 18 Mar 1985. Mr. Brooks died Wed., 21 May 2008 at Grand Island, NE. No visitation. Service: Sat., All Faiths Funeral Home, Grand Island. Burial: Westlawn Memorial Park Cemetery. Survivors: a son, 2 daughters, 12 gch., 18 g-gch.; 2 brothers. Predeceased by his wife; a daughter Gayle Kanter.

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 24 May 2008

**Iris Fae HEMMINGSEN, 57** (photo)

Born 12 Apr 1951, Grand Island, NE. Parents: Ira D. & Betty J. (Green) Reisener. Grew up in Chapman & Clarks, NE. 1969 grad. of Clarks HS. 1971 grad. of Curtis College of Agriculture. 26 Dec 1970: Married Ronald L. Hemmingsen at Clarks. They lived near Grand Island, NE. Methodist. Mrs. Hemmingsen died Thurs., 22 May 2008 at Grand Island. Service: Tues., Livingston-Sondermann Funeral Home. Burial: Chapman Cemetery. Survivors: 2 sons, a daughter, 7 gch.; a sister. Predeceased by her husband (Aug 1984); and her parents.

Note: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I p333.

Grand Island Independent - Fri. 30 May 2008; Polk County Newspaper - 4 Jun 2008

**Robert P. HOLMES, 80**

Born 18 Oct 1927, Cherokee, Iowa. Parents: Paul C. & Wilda M. (Williams) Holmes. 1944 grad. of Arcadia HS, NE. 1946-47: US Navy. Employee of Overland Sand & Gravel for 30+ years. Died Thurs., 29 May 2008 at Central City, NE. Service: Sat., Wagner Funeral Home, Central City. Burial: Arborville Cemetery near Polk, NE. Survivors: a brother, 2 sisters. Predeceased by his parents; infant sister, Doris Carol; brother, Gaylen Holmes; 2 brothers-in-law, Oliver Kempf & G.A. Machal.

Grand Island Independent - Fri. 30 May 2008

**Andrea Lynne "Andie" MARSH, 34** (photo)

Born 29 Jun 1973, Neligh, NE. Parents: Barry & Alta Marsh. 1991 grad. of Elkhorn Valley HS, Tilden, NE. 1996: "... degree in culinary arts from Southeast Community College...". Chef; worked in Lincoln, NE. Died Wed., 28 May 2008 at Central City, NE. Service: Sat., Solt Funeral Home. Survivors: her parents; her husband John Thorpe; a sister; her Marsh grandparents. Predeceased by her Fogarty grandparents.

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 31 May 2008; Aurora News Register - before 4 Jun 2008

**Birtie Marie BUSH, 88** (photo)

Born 6 Jan 1920, North Bend, NE. Parents: George & Alice (Gregory) Butcher. About 1925: Family moved to Fullerton, NE. They later lived at Columbus, Silver Creek, & Central City, NE. 1941 grad. of CCHS. Teacher. 1948: Married Howard Bush at Central City, NE. They lived near Hordville, NE. She had a stroke in 1979. Died Thurs., 29 May 2008 at Hamilton Manor in Aurora, NE. Visitation: Sun., Solt Funeral Home, Central City, NE. Service: Mon. at First Baptist Church, Hordville. Burial: Mount Zion Cemetery near Hordville. Survivors: her husband, a daughter, a brother. Predeceased by her parents; 2 sisters, Louise Stander & Erma Veed; 4 brothers, Clyde, Leo, Leonard and Harold Butcher. Memorials: First Baptist Church of Hordville or to American Heart Association for stroke research.

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 31 May 2008

**Erma M. HEMMERLING, 91**

Born 25 Sep 1916, Worms, NE. Parents: Herman & Emma (Petzoldt) Hasselmann. 17 May 1952: Married John A. Hemmerling at Kearney, NE. They lived in Grand Island, NE & Beloit, WI. 1979: Retired to St. Paul, NE. Mr. Hemmerling died in May 1988. Mrs. Hemmerling died Thurs., 29 May 2008 at Franklin, NE. Her ashes will be placed at Westlawn Memorial Park Cemetery, Grand Island, NE at later date. Arrangements: Peters Funeral Home, St. Paul. Survivors: Two step-sons & their families. Predeceased by her husband; a step-daughter Ramona Lockwood; a sister Helen Anderson; 5 brothers - Herman, Alfred, Carl, Ernie, & Chris Hasselmann.

Note: For her family, see 1920 Fed. Census Prairie Creek Twp, Merrick, NE ED226 p5B D95 F95.

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Columbus Telegram - Sun. 1 June 2008

**Lynette A. GOINS, 55** (photo)

Born 12 Jan 1953, Central City, NE. Parents: Robert & Alnetta (Kargas) Topinka. Grad. of Scotus HS (Columbus, NE?). Degree in Fashion Merchandising from Patricia Stevens Career College, Omaha, NE. 8 May 1976: Married Richard Goins. They lived in Sioux Falls, S.D.; Edmond, Okla.; Omaha, NE. 1989: Moved to Sioux City, IA. She died Thurs., 29 May 2008 at Sioux City. Visitation: Mon., Meyer Brothers Colonial Chapel. Service: Tues., St. Joseph Catholic Church. Burial: Calvary Cemetery. Memorials: June E. Nylen Cancer Center in Sioux City, Iowa. Survivors: Her husband; 3 sons, 1 daughter; a sister. Predeceased by her parents.

Grand Island Independent - Mon. 2 Jun 2008

**Twila M. WIDMAN, 60**

Born 18 Apr 1948, Osmond, NE. Parents: Leslie C. & Clara A. Brokaw. 1966 grad. of CCHS. 16 Aug 1970: Married Darrell Widman at Central City. They owned a popcorn business. She died Sat., 31 May 2008 at UN Medical Center, Omaha, NE. Visitation: Tues., Wagner Funeral Home, Central City. Service: Wed., United Methodist Church, Central City. Burial: Chapman Cemetery. Survivors: Her husband; 4 daughters, 14 gch.; her mother & step-father; 2 sisters, & 3 brothers. Predeceased by her father; sister, Karen Brokaw; brother, Randy Brokaw; her in-laws.

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 3 Jun 2008

**Vernie Henry SMITH, 89** (photo)

Born 28 Sep 1918, Central City, NE. Parents: Vern Henry & Ethel Pearl (Reynolds) Smith. WW II: US Army. 10 Apr 1941: Married at Central City, NE. They lived in Central City. Business owner. Died Mon., 2 Jun 2008 at NE Veterans Home, Grand Island, NE. Service: Thurs., Wagner Funeral Home. Burial: Central City Cemetery. Survivors: His wife, 2 daughters, 8 gch., 9 g-gch. Predeceased by his parents; 2 children: Jackie Lee Smith (infant) & Sharon Smith Brown. Also deceased are 4 brothers & 3 sisters. Memorials: United Methodist Church of Central City, the Central City Senior Center.

Columbus Telegram & Grand Island Independent - Fri. 6 June 2008

**Maxine SHELTON, 85** (photo)

Born 28 Aug 1922, Central City, NE. Parents: Edson & Gladys (Leamons) Chandler. 1939 grad. of CCHS. 18 Sep 1940: Married Max H. Shelton at Aurora, NE. They farmed in Merrick County. She worked in various offices. Jul 2007: Moved to Columbus, NE. Maxine died there Mon., 2 Jun 2008. Private services were held at Central City Cemetery. Arrangements: Solt Funeral Home, Central City. Survivors: 3 daughters, a son, 13 gch., 33 g-gch. Predeceased by her husband (14 Feb 1991); her parents; grandson, David Forbis; 2 brothers, Don & Charles Chandler. Memorials: Hospice Services of Columbus Community Hospital.  
Note: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I p271 (Leamons).

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 7 Jun 2008

**Betty BUTCHER, 77**

Born 9 Aug 1930, Archer, NE. Parents: John & Sylvia (Gries) Brandenburg. Married Lorence Butcher. They lived at Clarks, NE. She died Thurs., 5 Jun 2008 at Central City, NE. Service: Mon., Wagner Funeral Home, Central City. Burial will be at Burke Cemetery, later date. Survivors: Her husband, 3 sons, a daughter; 2 brothers, 1 sister. Predeceased by an infant daughter Debra Marie.

Grand Island Independent - Mon. 9 Jun 2008

**Adele ROGERS, 87**

Born 26 Sep 1920, Grand Island, NE. Parents: Theodore & Lena (Beberriss) Ehlers. Family lived at Chapman, NE until 1928; moved to sandhills north of Burwell, NE. 1938: She married Carl Rogers. They ranched in Burwell area of NE. Antique dealer. Adele died 25 May 2008 at Ord, NE. Memorial service will be held at later date. Survivors: 2 daughters, a son, 3 gch., 6 g-gch. Predeceased by her husband; her parents & her siblings.  
Note: Brother Theodore Ehlers died Dec 1999.

Grand Island Independent - Fri. 13 Jun 2008; Aurora News Register - before 18 Jun 2008

**Donald Dean WANDFLUH, 65** (photo)

Born 18 Dec 1942, St. Joseph, MO. Parents: Herbert C. & Wilma (Eisiminger) Wandfluh. Grew up at Amazonia, MO. 1960 grad. of Savannah HS. 28 Oct 1962: Married Jeanne Martindale. 1975: They moved to farm near Central City, NE. He also sold seed & worked as a machinist. Jeanne died 30 Nov 1984. 21 May 1988: He married a second time. Don died Wed., 11 Jun 2008 at Central City, NE. Visitation: Fri., Solt Funeral Home. Service: Sat., United Presbyterian Church, Central City. Burial at later date in Central City Cemetery. Survivors: His second wife; 2 sons, & a daughter; 2 step-sons; his first mother-in-law; a brother. Predeceased by his first wife & an infant daughter Sheila Jean Wandfluh. Also deceased: His parents, his first father-in-law; his second set of in-laws.

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 17 Jun 2008

**Harold A. LUEBBE, 91** (photo)

Born 1 Nov 1916, Grand Island, NE. Parents: August & Lillie (Moeller) Luebbe. Attended Dist. 42 School, Merrick County. Grad. of Grand Island Sr. HS. Married in Grand Island. They farmed until 1967; moved to Grand Island. He died Sun. 15 Jun 2008 at Kearney, NE. Visitation: Wed., All Faiths Funeral Home, Grand Island, NE. Service: Thurs., St. Pauls Lutheran Church. Burial: Grand Island City Cemetery. Survivors: His wife; a son; a daughter; several gch., g-gch. & gg-gch.; a brother. Predeceased by his parents; brother Arnold Luebbe.

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 21 Jun 2008

**Helen Lillian LENHART, 92** (photo)

Born 27 Apr 1916, Cresson, PA. Parents: Herbert & Sadie (Lechene) Stevens. 25 Sep 1935: Married Ralph Lenhart. 1951: Moved to NY. She moved to TN in 2004, and then to Central City in 2008. Helen died Thurs., 19 Jun 2008 at Central City, NE. Services will be private. Arrangements: Solt Funeral Home, Central City. Survivors: 2 sons, a daughter, a daughter-in-law, 14 gch., 22 g-gch., 1 gg-gch. Also surviving: a brother & a sister. Predeceased by her husband; her parents, etc.

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 21 Jun 2008; Columbus Telegram - Sun. 22 June 2008

**Stella C. GONSIOR, 88**

Born 4 Nov 1919, Clarks, NE. Parents: Metro & Mary (Drybala) Beck. 15 Jun 1946: Married Frank J. Gonsior at Clarks. They farmed in Nance, Polk and Merrick Counties. Mrs. Gonsior died Thurs., 19 Jun 2008 at Central City, NE. Service: Mon., St. Peter's Catholic Church, Clarks, NE. Burial: St. Peters/Calvary Cemetery, Clarks. Arrangements: Wagner Funeral Home, Central City, NE. Survivors: a son, a daughter, 5 gch., 14 g-gch; a brother, 3 sisters; nieces & nephews. Predeceased by her husband; her parents; infant son James. Also deceased: 5 brothers: Frank (infancy), Eddie, Charles, Walter & Albin Beck; 3 sisters: Anna Starostka, Catherine Konwinski & Josephine Beck; a daughter-in-law, Lana Gonsior.

Note: See 1920 Fed. Census Clarksville Twp, Merrick, NE ED156 p9A D50 F51 (w/p); 1930 Fed. Census Clarksville Twp, Merrick, NE ED61-6 p6b D141 F141 (w/p).

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 26 Jun 2008

**Helen Evelyn (Glause) FOSTER, 88** (photo)

Born 11 Jul 1919, Palmer, NE. Parents: George & Lizzie (Deertz) Glause. 26 Apr 1940: Married Raymond F. Dumont at Grand Island, NE. They lived in Detroit, MI. Had 6 children, 3 died in infancy. They divorced. The surviving children lived with Helen's parents. She married second to Frank Burkhardt. They lived in Grand Island, NE; had one son. Helen married third to Frank Hall; and moved to Los Angeles area, CA. Frank died 4 Feb 1969. Helen married the last time on 30 Dec 1972 at Los Angeles, to Leon Foster. They lived in Inglewood, CA. Leon died 20 Jan 1992. 1998: Helen moved to Lancaster, CA. She died there 18 Jun 2008. Burial will be at sea. Arrangements: Pierce Bros., Cunninham & O'Connor Mortuary of Los Angeles. Survivors: a daughter, a son, a granddaughter, a grandson; 6 g-gch. Predeceased by 2 husbands - Frank Hall & Leon Foster, an infant son, twin infant girls, son Johnny Lee Burkhardt (1957), son David Dumont (1995). Also deceased - her parents, 2 infant sisters; an infant brother; two adult sisters - Ruby Glause (1995) & Hazel Theene (2005).

Columbus Telegram - Thurs. 26 Jun 2008; Grand Island Independent - Fri., 27 Jun 2008; Polk County Newspaper - 2 Jul 2008

**Dorothy M. KONTOR, 86** (photo)

Born 5 Apr 1922, Duncan, NE. Parents: Tony & Agnes (Stopak) Starostka. Grew up in Polk County, NE. Jun 1942: Married Edmund Kontor at Silver Creek, NE. They farmed; & she was employee of Becton Dickinson. Mrs. Kontor died Tues., 24 Jan 2008 at Stromsburg, NE. Service: Sat., St. Lawrence Catholic Church, Silver Creek. Burial: Church cemetery. Arrangements: McKown Funeral Home. Survivors: a son, 4 gch., a brother-in-law. Predeceased by her husband; her parents; a brother Louis Staroska (WW II).

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 28 Jun 2008

**Eldon John DRUMMOND, 92**

Born 19 Oct 1915, Lyons, NE. Parents: Earl J. & Jennie (Ruhr) Drummond. 15 Jun 1938: Married Eva "Bernice" Case at Lyons, NE. They farmed near that place until 1951, moved to Central City, NE. He worked for auto dealers, built houses, and ran a creamery. Later was hospital maintenance man. Mr. Drummond died Thurs., 26 Jun 2008 at Central City, NE. Service: Mon., Solt Funeral Home, Central City. Burial: Central City Cemetery. Survivors: 3 sons, 6 gch., 14 g-gch., 7 gg-gch; 2 sisters & a brother. Predeceased by his wife; his parents; 2 brother,- Donnie & Harold; a sister, Ethel.

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Grand Island Independent - Fri. 4 Jul 2008

**Elmer G. BOLTZ, 99** (photo)

Born 13 Nov 1908 on farm south of Grand Island, NE. Parents: Henry & Dora (Boersen) Boltz. 28 Nov 1937: Married Leone Richmond at Palmer, NE. They lived at Wood River until 1944 when moved to Doniphan and farmed place of Lee Richmond (his father-in-law). Leone died 18 Jun 1983. 16 Feb 1985: Married a second time. He died Wed. 2 Jul 2008 at Grand Island, NE. Visitation: Sun, Apfel Funeral Home, Grand Island. Service: Mon., United Methodist Church, Doniphan. Burial: Cedarview Cemetery, Doniphan. Survivors: His

wife; 2 daughters, a son, 3 step-daughters, a step-son; a brother; a sister. Also living, 5 gch.; 7 g-gch., 12 step-gch. Predeceased by his first wife; his parents; 3 brothers: Louis, Delbert & Everett (infant); 2 sisters: Helen Henry & Ila Tesmer; an adopted sister, VirJean Hansen.

Grand Island Independent - Sun. 6 Jul 2008

**Ellen WEDEMEYER, 85**

Born 28 Oct 1922, Merrick Co., NE. Parents: August & Christina (Helzer) Bader. Grad. of Zion Lutheran School, Worms, NE. 25 Aug 1946: Married Lyman Wedemeyer at Worms. They lived on farm south of Ravenna, NE. She died Sat., 5 Jul 2008 at Ravenna. Service: Tues. at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Ravenna. Burial: Highland Park Cemetery. Arrangements: Rasmussen Funeral Home. Survivors: a son, a daughter, 5 gch., 4 g-gch. Predeceased by her husband; a brother, Harold; a grandson, Nicklas.

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 8 Jul 2008; Aurora News Register - before 12 Jul 2008

**Bette Ilene LUFF, 77** (photo)

Born 10 Nov 1930, Central City, NE. Parents: James T. & Harriet Fern (Manning) Hartford. 1949 grad. of CCHS. 10 Aug 1949: Married James Leroy Luff at Santa Ana, CA. She worked in Marquette, NE. Died Mon., 7 Jul 2008 at Aurora, NE. Visitation: Thurs., Higby-McQuiston Mortuary, Aurora. Service: Fri., St. John's Lutheran Church, Kronberg, NE. Burial: Church cemetery. Survivors: Her husband; 2 daughters, 2 sons, 12 gch., 12 g-gch.; 2 sisters, 2 brothers. Predeceased by 2 brothers, Gary & Barry Hartford.

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 8 Jul 2008

**Gerald Allan ROARK, 94**

Born 10 Oct 1913, Merrick Co., NE. Parents: Charles & Amy (Faught) Roark. Died Fri., 4 Jul 2008, Columbus, NE. Graveside service: Wed., Central City Cemetery. Arrangements: Solt Funeral Home. Survivors: His wife, a son, a daughter.

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 10 Jul 2008

**Josephine Mae McCONNELL, 86** (photo)

Born 24 May 1922, Hordville, NE. Parents: Erick Bernard & Anna Judith (Chader) Holmes. 1939 grad. of Hordville schools. 1942: Teacher's certificate from NE Central College. 22 Jun 1947: Married George Francis McConnell at Hordville. They farmed near Central City, NE. Her husband died 24 Oct 1990. In 2006 she moved to California; later moved to Lancaster Manor in Lincoln, NE. Mrs. McConnell died Tues., 8 Jul 2008 in Lincoln. Service: Sat., Solt Funeral Home, Central City. Burial: Bureau Cemetery near Pierce Chapel, Clarks, NE. Survivors: 2 daughters, 3 sons, 6 gch. Also living is one sister. Predeceased by her husband; her parents; 2 sisters, Annette Abbott & Carolyn Miescke; 2 brothers, Dr. Lee & Carroll Holmes.

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 12 Jul 2008; Aurora News Register - before 19 Jul 2008

**Mary Lucille DETTMAN, 55** (photo)

Born 1 Mar 1953, O'Neill, NE. Parents: Archie & Rose Marie (Hovey) Bright. Grad. of Aurora HS. Attended Kearney State College & Creighton University in Omaha. Occupational therapist. 1972: Married Larry Dettman at Central City, NE. Resident of Aurora, NE. Died Thurs., at UN Medical Center. Service: Mon., Higby-McQuiston Chapel, Aurora. Burial: Aurora Cemetery. Survivors: Her husband, a daughter, 3 gch. Also living - her father & 2 sisters. Predeceased by her mother, and a daughter Brandy Lynn (17 Aug 2005).

Grand Island Independent - Mon 14 Jul 2008

**Heber D. "Pete" PETERSEN, 80** (photo)

Born 12 Aug 1927, St. Paul, NE. Parents: Hilton & Lena Petersen. Construction worker. 12 Aug 1947: Married at St. Paul, NE. Resident of Chapman, NE. Died Fri., 11 Jul 2008 at Grand island, NE. Visitation: Mon., Solt Funeral Home, Central City. Service: Tues., United Presbyterian Church, Central City, NE. Burial: Chapman Cemetery. Survivors: His wife, 3 sons, 2 daughters, 10 gch., 11 g-gch.; a brother & 4 sisters. Predeceased by his parents; 2 brothers, Hilmer & Hillard; 2 sisters, Helen & Jerda.

Grand Island Independent - Mon 14 Jul 2008; Polk County Newspaper - Wed. 16 Jul 2008

**Col. Charles "Chick" PRESTON, 89** (photo)

Born 14 Oct 1918, Lincoln, NE. 1936 grad. of Hastings HS. 1937: Enlisted in US Navy. 1942: Married Thelma Meester. 1948: Commissioned in USAF. 1987: Married a second time; they moved to Central City in 1988. Col. Preston died Sat., 12 Jul 2008 at Central City. Service: Wed., United Methodist Church, Central City. Burial at later date. Arrangements: Solt Funeral Home. Survivors: His second wife; a grandson; 3 step-children (surname Harris). Predeceased by his only child, Steen Alan Preston; 2 brothers & a sister.

Columbus Telegram (death notice), Grand Island Independent and Polk Co. Newspaper - Thurs. 17 Jul 2008

**Harold Lloyd "Turk" CHURCH, 71**

Born 8 Sep 1936, near Clarks, NE. Parents: Walter Theodore & Marie Helen (Dickman) Church. 1958: Married at Osceola, NE. Farmer, construction work, etc. Died Tues., 15 Jul 2008 at Clarks. Visitation: Fri., Dubas Funeral Home, Osceola. Service: Sat., Evangelical Free Church, Stromsburg, NE. Burial: Cemetery at Pierce Chapel near Clarks, NE. Survivors: His wife, 2 daughters & a son, 12 gch., 3 g-gch. Also living - a brother, 8 sisters. Predeceased by his parents; a son Dick; 5 brothers: Arnold, Forest, Milford, Melvin & Ron; 1 sister, Betty Gulbrandson.

Note: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I p158.

Columbus Telegram - Sat. 19 Jul 2008; Grand Island Independent - Mon. 21 Jul 2008

**Walter David JOHNSTON, 88** (photo)

Born 1 Jul 1920, Macon, MI. Parents: Elmer P. & Daisy B. (Brightbill) Johnston. 1937 grad. of Macon HS. WW II: USAF. Thereafter lived in Tecumseh, Michigan. Married & had 3 daughters. 31 May 1986: Married Viola at Clarks, NE. They lived at Clarks, wintered in Texas. He died Fri., 18 Jul 2008 in Grand Island, NE. Service: Tues., Solt Funeral Home, Central City, NE. Burial: Bureau Cemetery at Pierce Chapel, Clarks. Survivors: His second wife; 3 daughters, 4 gch., 1 g-gch; a sister in California. Also surviving are his wife's children (surname Beck). Predeceased by 2 brothers & 2 sisters.

Grand Island Independent - Fri. 25 Jul 2008; Aurora News Register - before 4 Aug 2008

**George H. STEINKE, 85** (photo)

Born 12 Jan 1923, Loup City, NE. Parents: Henry William & Rosa (Luebs) Steinke. Family moved to Montana when he was about 5 yrs old. Returned to Nebraska & lived in Howard, Nance & Merrick Counties. He lived in Clarks as teenager. WW II: US Marine Corps. 5 Oct 1946: Married at Smith Center, KS. Worked for gas company. Mr. Steinke died Thurs., 24 Jul 2008 at Grand Island, NE. Service: Mon., Solt Funeral Home, Central City, NE. Burial: Rose Hill Cemetery, Palmer, NE. Survivors: His wife, a daughter, 3 sons, 10 gch., 12 g-gch.; 3 sisters. Predeceased by his parents; 4 brothers - Walter & Emil Steinke, and two infant brothers; 4 sisters: Marie Pierce, Delores Gustafson, Dorothy & Alice Steinke

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 30 Jul 2008; Aurora News Register - before 16 Aug 2008

**Elaine Maxine ANDERSON, 85**

Born 29 Jan 1923, Central City, NE. Parents: Henry Arthur & Ermyl Delores (Fogland) Roark. Grad. of CCHS. 1944: US Army. 14 Jun 1947: Married Marion "Bud" Anderson at Central City. She worked in Central City, Grand Island & Aurora, NE. Her husband died 14 Nov 1991. Mrs. Anderson died Mon., 28 Jul 2008 at Aurora, NE. Visitation: Thurs., Higby-McQuiston Mortuary. Graveside service Fri., Aurora Cemetery. Survivors: a son, 4 gch. Predeceased by her husband, and a son Larry Anderson; her parents, and her brother Tom; a grandson, Tyler Thomas Anderson.

Note: See 1930 Fed. Census Central City, Merrick, NE ED61-1 p17b H2003 D227 F229 (w/p)

Columbus Telegram & Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 31 Jul 2008

**Charlene M. VETICK, 71** (photo)

Born 17 May 1937, Silver Creek, NE. Parents: Frank & Mabel (Brand) Carman. 1954 grad. of Silver Creek HS. 1981: Moved to Grand Island, NE. 2000: Moved to Columbus, NE. Died Tues., 20 Jul 2008 at hospital in Des Moines, IA. Service: Sat., 2 Aug at St. Anthony Catholic Church, Columbus, NE. Arrangements: McKown Funeral Home. Survivors: 4 sons, 6 daughters, 25 gch., 12 g-gch.; 2 brothers & 1 sister. Predeceased by her parents.



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Grand Island Independent - Sat. 2 Aug 2008; Aurora News Register - before 9 Aug 2008

**Raymona J. GRIGSBY, 78**

Born 28 Jul 1930 on Hord Home Ranch near Central City, NE. Parents: Raymond R. & Lucile E. (Campbell) Page. 1948 grad. of CCHS. 15 Oct 1950: Married Robert Lee Grigsby at Central City. They lived in Central City. Robert died 11 Nov 1998. Mrs. Grigsby died Thurs., 31 Jul 2008 at Central City. Visitation: Sun., Wagner Funeral Home. Service: Mon., United Methodist Church, Central City, with burial at city cemetery. Survivors: 2 sons, a daughter, 11 gch., 12 g-gch.; a brother. Predeceased by her husband, & her son Steven; her parents. Memorials: Central City Volunteer Fire Department or Asera Hospice of York.

Note: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I pp 213 (Robt Grigsby), 316 (RR Page), 398 (B Wells Family).

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 5 Aug 2008

**Donald ZICHEK, 88** (photo)

Born 9 Oct 1919, Lincoln, NE. Parents: Ed & Agnes (Varga) Zichek. Family moved to farm northeast of Central City, NE. WW II: US Army. 10 Jul 1942: Married. They lived in Central City & Grand Island, NE; Palo Alto, CA. Returned to Grand Island in the 1960's. He died Sun., 3 Aug 2008. No service will be held. Private burial of ashes at Central City Cemetery (date not stated). Arrangements: All Faiths Funeral Home, Grand Island, NE. Survivors: His wife Delores; a brother & a sister. Predeceased by his parents, and a brother Melvin.

Note: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I pp 265 (E Kuskie), 415 (Zichek); 1930 Fed. Census Lone Tree Twp, Merrick, NE ED 61-7 p7b D162 F164 (w/p).

Columbus Telegram, Grand Island Independent (photo), Norfolk Daily News - Thurs. 7 Aug 2008

**Richard D. CHOCHON, 67**

Born 19 Nov 1940, Humphrey, NE. Parents: Alois & Barbara (Kosiba) Chochon. 1958 grad. of Humphrey HS. 1962 grad. of Wayne State. Teacher/coach; principal. 11 Aug 1962: Married in Iowa. Resident of Palmer, NE. Died Mon., 4 Aug 2008 in Merrick County following 4 wheeler accident. Service: Fri., at Palmer HS. Burial: Rose Hill Cemetery, Palmer. Arrangements: Palmer Funeral Home. Survivors: His wife, 2 sons, a daughter, 5 gch.; a brother, 3 sisters. Predeceased by his parents. Memorials: Palmer Endowment Fund.

Grand Island Independent - Fri. 15 Aug 2008

**Anna M. WEBER, 88**

Born 24 May 1920, Merrick Co., NE. Parents: Arthur & Katherine (Holtz) Kanter. Raised on farm in Howard Co., NE. Grad. of Palmer HS. Jun 1943: Married Lynn Weber. They farmed south of Palmer until 1963; moved into town. Lynn died in 1966. She moved to Grand Island, NE. Mrs. Weber died in Grand Island, Wed., 13 Aug 2008. Service: Sat., Trinity Lutheran Church, Grand Island. Burial: Rose Hill Cemetery, Palmer, NE. Arrangements: All Faiths Funeral Home. Survivors: a daughter, 3 sons, 11 gch., 19 g-gch.; a brother. Predeceased by her husband; her parents; 3 brothers - Glen, Edwin and Harold; a grandson, Joshua Weber. Memorials: Central Plains Chapter of the American Red Cross or to the church.

Grand Island Independent - Mon. 18 Aug 2008

**Henry O. REPENN, 80** (photo)

Born 10 Jun 1928, Palmer, NE. Parents: Emil & Mabel H. (Green) Repenn. 1952-54: US Army. 22 Dec 1960: Married Marjorie Miller. They farmed near Palmer. Marjorie died 17 Aug 2002. Henry married a second time on 7 Aug 2008. He died Sat. 16 Aug 2008 at hospital in Grand Island, NE. Service: Wed. at Church of Christ, Palmer, NE. Burial: Rose Hill Cemetery, Palmer. Arrangements: Solt Funeral Home. Survivors: His second wife; a nephew; his stepchildren (surname Ehlers). Predeceased by his first wife; brother Frank Repenn; half-sister Gertrude Kock; half-brother Charles McFarland.

The Oregonian obit, Portland, OR - Thurs. 21 Aug 2008

Ruth Evelyn JACOBSEN, 92

Born 26 May 1916, Silver Creek, NE. 1942: Married Harold Jacobsen. They moved to Portland, OR. Harold died in 1987. In 2000, Ruth moved to Vancouver, WA. She died 18 Aug (at Portland?). Service: Fri. 22 Aug at Finley's Sunset Hills Memorial Park, Portland. Survivors: 2 sons, 2 gch.; a sister.

Grand Island Independent - Fri. 22 Aug 2008; Aurora News Register - before 2 Sep 2008

**Owen K. JONES, 50** (photo)

Born 15 Mar 1958, Aurora, NE. Parents: Victor & Carol Jones. 1977 grad. of Aurora HS. Meat cutter. Resident of Central City. Died Wed. 20 Aug 2008 at home. Service: Mon., Higby-McQuiston Chapel in Aurora, NE. Burial: Aurora Cemetery. Survivors: his mother, a son, a brother, 2 sisters. Predeceased by his father.

Grand Island Independent - Mon. 25 Aug 2008; Polk County Newspaper - 29 Aug 2008; Aurora News Register - before 2 Sep 2008

**Wayne H. "Bud" PERSON, 82** (photo)

Born 6 Jul 1926, Polk Co., NE. Parents: Hugo H. & Letha P. (Friend) Person. 1943 grad. of Hordville HS. 1945: US Army. 1949: Married Rosella at Immanuel Lutheran Church near Polk, NE. They farmed until 1998; moved to Central City, NE. He died Sat., 23 Aug 2008 at hospital in Central City, NE. Service: Wed., Immanuel Lutheran Church. Burial: Church cemetery. Arrangements: Solt Funeral Home. Survivors: His wife, 5 sons, 15 gch.; a sister. Predeceased by his parents; an infant daughter, Barbara; a brother, Ken Person; a sister, Jean Bjorkman.

Aurora News Register - before Mon. 25 Aug 2008

Ivan L. "Eli" SCHOENFELDER, 60

Born 28 Oct 1947, South Dakota. Parents: Leonard W. & Estella (Bohr) Schoenfelder. Worked in Utah before settled in Central City, NE. Died Mon. 18 Aug 2008 at Grand Island, NE. Service: Thurs. 21 Aug at St. Michael's Catholic Church, Central City. Burial on same date: St. Peter's Catholic Cemetery, White Lake, SD. Arrangements: Solt Funeral Home. Survivors: 9 siblings, 16 nieces & nephews. Predeceased by his parents; 2 infant sisters, Julie & Dawn; an infant brother, Benjamin.

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 27 Aug 2008

**Janis Rae BROCKEMIER, 71** (photo)

Born 13 Nov 1936, Lynch, NE. Parents: William John & Frieda (Statsmann) Blakkolb. 1954 grad. of Naper HS. Grad. of Lincoln General Hospital School of Nursing. Worked in California & South Dakota. Married Mac Stanley Broekemier in Sioux Falls, SD. He died in 1979; Janis moved to Central City, NE. She died Tues. 26 Aug 2008 at Central City, NE. Service: Sat., St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Central City. Burial: Knoll Crest Cemetery, Naper, NE. Survivors: a son, a daughter, 5 gch.; 2 sisters; 2 sisters-in-law. Predeceased by her parents, an infant brother, Don; three brothers-in-law: Dean Broekemeier, Verlyn Sieh and Bill O'Donoghue.

Columbus Telegram (photo) & Grand Island Independent - Wed. 27 Aug 200; Polk Co. Newspaper (abbrev.) - 2 Sep 2008

Mary LuElla FRITZ, 76

Born 17 Mar 1932 north of Central City, NE. Parents: Walter & Frankie (Good) Garrett. 1949 grad. of CCHS. 21 Jul 1949: Married Hubert Fritz at Aurora, NE. 1966: Purchased farm northwest of Clarks, NE. Mary died Mon., 25 Aug 2008 at home. Service: Fri., 29 Aug at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Central City. Burial: Bureau Cemetery at Pierce Chapel, Clarks, NE. Arrangements: Solt Funeral Home. Survivors: Her husband, 5 children, 17 gch., 12 g-gch.; 2 sisters, 2 brothers, etc. Predeceased by her parents; daughter, Nancy Kay; son, Joseph Bradley; 2 brothers, Warren & Wesley; sister, Helen Hoffman; 2 brothers-in-law, Howard Schroyer & Thayne Stalker.

Note: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I pp 197, 203. Her parents, see 1920 Fed. Census NE ED159 p7A D1 F1: Loup Twp, Merrick, NE.

Fremont Tribune - Wed. 27 Aug 2008

**Mary M. LaBENZ, 87**

Born 28 May 1921, Palmer, NE. Parents: Peter & Frances (Allison) Liss. Grew up near Fullerton, NE. 7 Apr 1937: Married Leonard N. LaBenz at Albion, NE. They farmed near Albion, Richland, David City & Columbus. 1954: Moved to Columbus. 1976: Moved to Fremont, NE. Mr. LaBenz died 23 Apr 1999. Mrs. LaBenz died Mon., 25 Aug 2008 in Omaha, NE. Visitation: Thurs. Moser Memorial Chapel in Fremont. Service: Fri., St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Fremont. Burial: St. Bonaventure Catholic Cemetery, Columbus, NE. Survivors: a son, 2 daughters, 13 gch., 8 g-gch.; 5 sisters; some in-laws. Predeceased by her husband; her parents; 2 infant sons; 2 brothers, Adolph & Peter Liss; "sisters and brothers-in-law, Pauline (Labenz) Hellbusch, Sylvester Labenz, Elizabeth and Dusty Miller, Viola and Nelce Martinsen, Frances and John Underwood, Rose Liss, Raymond Labenz, Wilfred Karmann and Ed Kodad."

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 27 Aug 2008

**George F. JANKY, 83** (photo)

Born 27 Feb 1925 near Chapman, NE. Parents: Frank J. & Frances (Nabity) Janky. 1943 grad. of Chapman HS. 30 Sep 1947: Married at Grand Island, NE. They lived in Grand Island. Advertising, band leader. He died Mon. 25 Aug 2008 in Grand Island. Service: Fri., Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church. Burial: Grand Island City Cemetery. Arrangements: Apfel Funeral Home. Survivors: His wife, a son, a daughter, 4 gch.; a sister. Predeceased by his parents; 2 brothers, Francis & Joe Janky; a sister Rose Mary Mullen. Memorials: Alzheimer's Association, Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church or American Cancer Society.  
Note: See 1930 Fed. Census NE ED61-4 p1a D9 F9: Chapman Twp, Merrick, NE.

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Grand Island Independent - Fri. 5 Sep 2008

**Jerry J. HASSELMANN, 59**

Born 11 Apr 1949, Grand Island, NE. Parents: Ernest & Adeline Hasselmann. 1967 grad. of Northwest HS, Grand Island. 1967-77: USAF. Married in May, 2008. (Second marriage?) Died Wed., 3 Sep 2008 at Central City, NE. Service: Sat., Wagner Funeral Home, Central City. Burial at later date. Survivors: His wife; his mother; 3 sons, a daughter, 3 gch.; a brother. Predeceased by his father & his step-father.

Grand Island Independent - Fri. 5 Sep 2008; Columbus Telegram - Sun. 7 Sep 2008

**Harvey D. CORDSEN, 77**

Born 5 Jun 1931, Marshall Co., KS. Parents: John & Minnie (Leseberg) Cordsen. 1949 grad. of Central City HS. 1951-55: US Navy. Carpenter. 1981: Married in Columbus, NE. Died Wed. 3 Sep 2008 at Columbus, NE. Visitation: Sun., McKown Funeral Home. Mass of Christian Burial: Mon., St. Isidore Catholic Church. Burial: St. Bonaventure Catholic Cemetery. Survived by his wife & 2 grandsons. Predeceased by his parents; 2 son, Larry & Tim Cordsen; brother Alvin Cordsen.

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 9 Sep 2008

**Esther A. LARSEN, 88** (photo)

Born 27 Dec 1919, Cotesfield, NE. Parents: Watson & Annice (VanPelt) Hesselgesser. 1937 grad. of Archer HS (Merrick Co). 30 Jun 1940: Married William Larsen. They lived primarily in Grand Island, NE. William died 11 Feb 1994. Esther died Sun. 7 Sep 2008 at Grand Island, NE. Visitation: Wed., All Faiths Funeral Home. Service: Thurs., Gollaher Chapel of Trinity United Methodist Church. Burial: Grand Island City Cemetery. Survivors: A son & his wife; a sister. Predeceased by her husband and 3 infants. Memorials: To the church, or Shrine Hospital Transportation Fund.

Note: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I p234 (Hesselgesser).

Columbus Telegram - Thurs. 11 Sep 2008; Grand Island Independent - Fri. 12 Sep 2008

**Nancy SHANKS, 70** (photo)

Born 18 Dec 1937, Silver Creek, NE. Parents: Theodore & Emma (Wilcox) Hutchinson. Grad. of Silver Creek HS. 13 Jan 1956: Married Dexter Martin; had 6 children. 7 Dec 1979: Married Walter Shanks at Silver Creek. In 2006: Owned cafe with her daughter. Nancy died Wed. 10 Sep 2008 at Lincoln, NE. Service: Sat., 13 Sep at United Methodist Church, Silver Creek. Burial: Silver Creek Cemetery. Survived by her husband, 3 sons, 2

daughters, 21 gch., 17 g-gch.; step-children; a brother. Predeceased by her parents; daughter, Becky Sue Martin; step-son, Walter Eugene Shanks; brothers, Eldon & Terrance Hutchison.

Columbus Telegram - Fri. 12 Sep 2008

**Daxx VanBUSKIRK, 6 mos.** (photo)

Born 16 Feb 2008, Omaha, NE. Parents: Todd & Morgan Van Buskirk of Silver Creek, NE. Died Mon., 8 Sep 2008 at Children's Hospital in St. Louis. Visitation: Fri., Gass-Haney Funeral Home, Columbus, NE. Service: Sat., 13 Sep 2008, Highland Park Evangelical Free Church. Burial: Friends Cemetery near Genoa, NE. Survivors: His parents, 2 brothers, 5 sisters; a grandmother. Predeceased by a brother Maxson VanBuskirk; grandparents, Lester and Betty VanBuskirk.

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 13 Sep 2008; Fremont Tribune - Mon. 15 Sep 2008

**Glynnis A. GREEN, 56**

Born 2 Dec 1951, Central City, NE. Parents: Leonard & Glendora (Petersen) Martens. 1970 grad. of Fremont HS. 18 Sep 1975: Married Fred Green at Rapid City, SD. Fred died 17 Apr 2005. Mrs. Green died Fri. 12 Sep 2008 at Fremont, NE. Visitation: Mon., Moser Memorial Chapel. Service: Tues., Church of the Nazarene. Burial: Ridge Cemetery, Fremont, NE. Survivors: A son, 2 gch.; 3 brothers; a sister. Predeceased by her husband; her parents, a brother Gary Martens.

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 16 Sep 2008

**Mona J. BRAY, 96** (photo)

Born 26 Dec 1911, near Creston, NE. Parents: Willis Grover & Louisa Anna (Engelbart) Decker. 23 Jul 1929: Married George Hall; they lived in Colorado. George died 17 Feb 1943. Mona moved to Omaha, NE. 20 Oct 1950: Married Lester Fishler; they dairy farmed east of Central City, NE. Lester died 29 Sep 1964. 1966: Mona married Steven Bray. 1979-89: They lived Grand Island; otherwise lived in Central City, NE. Mrs. Bray died Sat. 13 Sep 2008 at Central City. Service: Wed., United Presbyterian Church, Central City. Burial will be later at Leigh Cemetery. Arrangements: Solt Funeral Home, Central City, NE. Survivors: Her husband, a son, 2 daughters, a step-son, 2 step-daughters, 17 gch, etc; a brother, 2 sisters. Predeceased by two husbands; a daughter, Bonnie Jean (Hall) McDonald; a brother, a sister, a gch.

Note: See Creston Centennial History: 1890-1990, p189 (w/p); 1920 Fed. Census NE ED192 p1a D3 F4: Humphrey Twp, Platte, NE (w/p).

Columbus Telegram - Tues. 16 Sep 2008; Grand Island Independent (w/photo) - Wed. 17 Sep 2008

**Emil Alex ZELASNEY, 67**

Born 9 Sep 1941, Genoa, NE. Parents: Alex & Helen (Dush) Zelasney. 1959 grad. of Clarks HS. 1959-61: US Army. 1962: Married at Columbus, NE. Horse trainer, owner, breeder. Died Mon. 15 Sep 2008 at hospital in Columbus, NE. Service: Thurs. 18 Sep, St. Lawrence Catholic Church, Silver Creek, NE. Burial: Church cemetery. Survivors: His wife; 3 sons, a daughter, several g-gch.; 3 sisters & a brother. Predeceased by his parents; a brother Leonard "Butch".

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 18 Sep 2008

**Garry P. RODEWALD, 69** (photo)

Born 24 Oct 1938, Merrick Co., NE. Parents: Glenn L. & Lucille M. (McClure) Rodewald. 1956 grad. of Chapman HS. 1957-63: USAF. 1959: Married at Pipestone, MN. They lived in Holdrege, Alma & Grand Island, NE. He died Tues., 16 Sep 2008, Grand Island, NE. Visitation: Friday at Apfel Funeral Home, Grand Island. Graveside service: Fri., Westlawn Memorial Park Cemetery. Survivors: His wife, 2 sons, 5 gch. Predeceased by his parents; & a sister, Ila Nadine Knutson; a daughter, Karri Dee Rodewald. Memorials: American Diabetes Association.

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 23 Sep 2008

**Katherine Lea (Frain) MUNDT, 55**

Born 21 Jun 1953, Palmer, NE. Parents: Lloyd E. & Frances A. (Kersenbrock) Mundt. Resident of York, NE. Katherine died Mon. 22 Sep 2008 at Grand Island, NE. Service: Fri., Metz Chapel, York, NE. Burial: Fri.,

Westlawn Memorial Park Cemetery, Grand Island. Survivors: A daughter; 2 sisters, nieces & nephews. Predeceased by her parents; sister, Lucille Mundt; brother, Duane Dawes. Memorials: American Cancer Society or the Nebraska National Kidney Foundation.

Grand Island Independent - Fri. 26 Sep 2008; Aurora News Register - 5 Oct 2008

**Cody Ryan HARDEN, 24** (photo)

Born 24 Jun 1984 Grand Island, NE. Parents: Alan E. & Sharon K. Harden. Grew up in Grand Island & Chapman, NE. 2002 grad. of Northwest High School in Grand Island. Died Wed., 24 Sep 2008 at Central City, NE. Service: Sat., Solt Funeral Home, Central City. Burial: Chapman Cemetery. Survivors: His parents, Bill & Sharon Brooks; a sister, 3 brothers; other relatives. Predeceased by his father Alan Harden, and his grandmother Caroline Harden.

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 27 Sep 2008

**Edna Mae WISELY, 78** (photo)

Born 9 Sep 1930, Central City, NE. Parents: Herman & Anna (Schwenk) Ruge. Grad. of CCHS. 20 Jan 1949: Married Kenneth Wisely. They farmed near Fullerton & Archer, NE; moved to Grand Island, NE. She died Thurs. 25 Sep 2008 at GI Veterans Home. Service: Mon., Gollaher Chapel of Trinity United Methodist Church. Burial: Westlawn Memorial Park Cemetery, Grand Island. Survivors: a grandson, 3 g-gch. Predeceased by her husband, son Vernal; her parents & 4 sisters: Helen, Dorothy, Mildred and Erma.

Grand Island Independent Tues. 30 Sep 2008

**Justin Jorge BOELTS, 35** (photo)

Born 24 Aug 1973, Central City, NE. Parents: Doyle D. & Sharyl L. Boelts. 1992 grad. of CCHS. US Navy (13 yrs). Married. Died Sun. 28 Sep 2008 at Central City, NE. Service: Thurs., Solt Funeral Home. Burial: Richland Cemetery near Marquette, NE. Survivors: His wife, 2 sons; his parents, a brother & a sister. Also surviving are 2 grandparents. Predeceased by his father Chris Nielsen; grandparents - Frank & Gertrude Russell, Dwight Boelts, Peggy Nielsen.

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 30 Sep 2008

**Kenneth M. "Kenny" LOEFFELBEIN, 67** (photo)

Born 9 Mar 1941, Palmer, NE. Parents: Milton & Frieda (Helzer) Loeffelbein. Attended Zion Lutheran School at Worms, NE. Grad. of Palmer HS. Served in National Guard. Farmer. 1963: Married at Grand Island, NE; had 3 children. 1964: Moved to farm near Loup City, NE. Owned a business. Married a second time in 1979. They had 2 children. He died Sun. 28 Sep 2008 at hospital in Kearney, NE. Service: Wed., Immanuel Lutheran Church, Loup City. Burial: Evergreen Cemetery. Arrangements: Higgins Funeral Home, Loup City, NE. Survivors: His second wife, 2 sons, 3 daughters, 4 gch.; a sister-in-law and an aunt. Predeceased by his parents, and a brother Dean. Memorials: the church; Loup City EMT's, Sherman County Community Foundation.

Note: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I p272 (w/p).

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Grand Island Independent - Fri. 3 Oct 2008

**Howard A. DINSDALE, 78** (photo)

Died 30 Sep 2008 at Lincoln, NE. Attended Palmer HS, UNL & UN College of Medicine. Ophthalmologist. Intern in MN. Served 2 years in US Army. Practiced in St. Paul, MN and Lincoln, NE. Auto accident "in May 1989 that left him a quadriplegic." Retired. Service: Tues. Westminster Presbyterian Church. Inurnment at later date in church's columbarium. Survivors: His wife of 54 years, 2 children, 6 gch.; 2 brothers. Predeceased by his "parents, George and Rena Dinsdale; brother, George T. Dinsdale; and nephew, John C. Dickson. Memorials: Westminster Presbyterian Church Foundation, 2110 Sheridan Blvd., Lincoln, NE 68502 or University of Nebraska Foundation Fund 10273 in support of the Low Vision Center, 8712 W. Dodge, Suite 100, Omaha, NE 68114.

Note: See Who's Who in Nebraska Merrick Co Chapter, p815. For his family - see Merrick Co. Marriage

Records Book G p23 #2565; 1920 Fed. Census NE ED159 p4B D94 F97: Palmer Village, Loup Twp, Merrick, NE; 1930 Fed. Census NE ED61-8 p3a D44 F44: Palmer Village, Merrick, NE; Rose Hill Cemetery extracts: Palmer, Merrick, NE

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 8 Oct 2008

**William D. "Bill" RETZLAFF, 73** (photo)

Born 3 Apr 1935, Grand Island, NE. Parents: William A. & Clara (Miller) Retzlaff. Following his mother's death (1948), he lived with Norman & Fern Miller (cousins). 1952 grad. of Palmer HS. 1957: Married in Howard Co., NE. They farmed south of Palmer, NE. 1986: Moved into town & opened Retzlaff Feed & Seed Store. He was active in many civic organizations. Died Mon. 6 Oct 2008 at hospital in St. Paul, NE. Service: Thurs., Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church, St. Paul. Burial: Rose Hill Cemetery, Palmer, NE. Arrangements: Palmer Funeral Home. Survivors: His wife, 4 daughters, 2 gch. Predeceased by his parents; his (half) brother Aaron; Norman & Fern Miller; his in-laws - William and Kathryn Placke. Memorials: Rose Hill Cemetery; Sts. Peter & Paul Building Fund.

Note: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I p334.

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 8 Oct 2008

**Marie WIESE, 95**

Born 2 Apr 1913 on farm near Central City, NE. Parents: Mads Jepsen & Hansine (Smidth) Sorgenfrei. 1 Jan 1930: Married Henry Hoeltke at Columbus, NE. 1942: Married Harry Wiese. They lived in Grand Island. Lutheran. Harry is deceased. Marie died Sat. 4 Oct 2008 at Morrison, CO. Graveside service: Fri., Westlawn Memorial Park Cemetery, Grand Island, NE. Survivors: a daughter, 2 step-daughters, 2 gch., 6 g-gch. Predeceased by 4 brothers & 6 sisters.

Columbus Telegram - Thurs. 9 Oct 2008

**Gerald A. MICK, 67**

Born 24 Aug 1941, Silver Creek, NE. Parents: Joseph & Lydia (Gabel) Mick. 1959 grad. of Marietta HS. US Army Reserves. 31 Oct 1964: Married Patricia; they farmed near Bellwood, NE. Gerald died Thurs., 9 Oct 2008 at David City, NE. Service: Sat., 11 Oct, Krael Funeral Chapel, David City. Burial: Pleasant View Cemetery, Butler County, NE. Survivors: His wife, 3 daughters, 6 gch.; 2 brothers, 2 sisters. Predeceased by his parents; sister Joann Ebel.

Columbus Telegram (photo) & Grand Island Independent (abbrev.) - Mon. 13 Oct 2008

**Helen A. BIALAS, 96**

Born 22 Nov 1911, St. Edward, NE. Parents: George & Sophie (Gembica) Zona. 9 Sep 1946: Married Edward Bialas at Fullerton, NE. They farmed. Was resident of Silver Creek, NE. Helen died Sat. 11 Oct 2008, Columbus, NE. Service: Wed., St. Lawrence Catholic Church, Silver Creek, NE. Burial: St. Lawrence Cemetery. Survivors: a daughter, 3 gch.; a sister, a brother. Predeceased by her husband; her parents; 2 brothers, Stanley & Joe (infant).

Note: See 1930 Fed. Census NE ED63-2 p6a D111 F116: Cedar Twp, Nance, NE. Parents marriage - see Nance County Marriage Record Bk 3 p292.

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 14 Oct 2008

**Eva I. GREEN, 91** (photo)

Born 15 Feb 1917, Blair, NE. Parents: John & Mary (King) Reynolds. Was married 3 times, all 3 husbands are deceased. Married Lloyd Green in 1947 at Grand Island, NE. Eva died Sat. 11 Oct 2008 at Central City, NE. Visitation: Wed., Kleine Funeral Home, Grand Island, NE. Burial: Westlawn Memorial Park Cemetery, Grand Island. Survivors: a son (surname: Spanton), 2 daughters, 11 gch., 31 g-gch., 28 gg-gch. Predeceased by her parents; a sister Gladys Miller; a grandson Randall Giersdorf.

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 14 Oct 2008; Aurora News Register - Sun. 19 Oct 2008

**Alma L. WAGNER, 87** (photo)

Born 18 Apr 1921 Marquette, NE. Parents: Omar Laverne & Anna Marie (Eiltz) Travis. 1938 grad. of CCHS.

21 Mar 1942: Married Heber Wagner at Lincoln, NE. They farmed west of Central City, NE. She was a teacher. They moved into town in 1972. Mrs. Wagner died Sun, 12 Oct 2008 at Central City. Service: Wed., Wagner Funeral Home. Burial at city cemetery. Survivors: 2 sons & their wives, 4 gch., 5 g-gch. Predeceased by her husband (Aug 2007); her brother Clyde Travis; 3 sisters: Val Avery, Jean Zurfluh & Evelyn Kelsch. Memorials: Parkinson's Foundation.

Note: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I pp 394-5.

Grand Island Independent & Norfolk Daily News - Thurs. 16 Oct 2008

**Virginia M. MARSH, 95** (photo)

Born 23 Aprn 1913, Stanton, NE. Parents: Dr. W. R. & Maude E. (Tannehill) Peters. 1934 grad. of Doane College. Teacher. 24 Aug 1941: Married W. Warren Marsh at Lincoln, NE. They farmed/ranched near Archer, NE. 1981: Retired to live in Central City, NE. Mrs. Marsh died Mon. 13 Oct 2008 in Grand Island, NE. Service: Sat., Fairview United Methodist Church near Central City, NE. Burial: Central City Cemetery. Arrangements: Wagner Funeral Home, Central City. Survivors: a son & daughter-in-law, 2 gch. Predeceased by her husband, her parents & a brother Robert Peters. Memorials: Fairview United Methodist Church or the Merrick County Historical Society.

Note: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I pp 283-284

Grand Island Independent - Fri. 17 Oct 2008

**Dallas Dean MILLER, 92**

Born 4 Apr 1916 near Palmer, NE. Parents: Fred & Carrie (Harry) Miller. WW II: US Navy. Worked in custodial services of Lincoln schools for 30 years. He died Tues., 14 Oct 2008 at Lincoln, NE. Service: Sat., Lincoln Memorial Funeral Home. Cremated. Survivors: A son, a daughter, 4 gch., 4 g-gch. Memorials: Capital Humane Society and the Irene M. and Dallas D. Miller Scholarship Fund, UNL, Fund Number 07664.

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 18 Oct 2008

**Taylor Zane BRESLEY-COX, infant**

Born at rest 15 Oct 2008, Grand Island, NE. Private service at Central City Cemetery. Survivors: Her parents, grandparents, aunts & uncles, a cousin. Arrangements: Solt Funeral Home.

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 18 Oct 2008

**Loren James OGDEN, 85**

Born 21 Apr 1923, Grand Island, NE. Parents: Ernest S. & Edna R. (Laub) Ogden. 1940 grad. of Chapman HS. Attended UN Ag College for a year. 9 Jun 1944: Married. 1945-46: US Army. Farmer. Died Thurs. 16 Oct 2008 in Grand Island, NE. Service: Mon., First Baptist Church, Chapman, NE. Cremation, private burial. Survivors: His wife, 2 children, 4 gch., 3 g-gch. Predeceased by his parents; sister Royal Ogden; 2 grandchildren. Memorials: First Baptist Church of Chapman or Merrick County Historical Society's Building Fund.

Note: For his family, see History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I pp 271 (Laub), 313-14 (Ogden); Merrick Co. Marriage Records Book F p47 #2336; 1920 Fed. Census NE ED168 p10A D251 F263: Genoa, Nance, NE; 1920 Fed. Census NE ED155 p2A D47 F48: Chapman Village, Merrick, NE; 1930 Fed. Census NE ED61-3 p1a D9 F9: Chapman Village, Merrick, NE; Chapman Cemetery extracts.

Grand Island Independent - Sun. 19 Oct 2008

**LeRoy W. GREEN, 79**

Born 29 Apr 1929, Polk, NE. Parents: Keith E. & Ida N. (Kisler) Green. 1946-47: US Army Air Corps. 1 Mar 1949: Married Fayetta L. Carman in Torrington, WY. They lived in "Wood River, Rockford, Ill., Central City, Wolbach, Grand Island, then again in Central City, and in 1996 he moved to Polk." Currently a resident of Central City, NE. Died Wed., 15 Oct 2008 at home. Service: Tues., Wagner Funeral Home, Central City. Burial: Central City Cemetery. Survivors: 3 sons, 4 daughters, 29 gch., 30 g-gch.; his step-mother. Predeceased by his wife, his parents, 5 sisters, a son-in-law David Brondel.

Grand Island Independent - Fri. 24 Oct 2008

**Vincent E. KAMINSKI, 92** (photo)

Born 1 Oct 1916, Silver Creek, NE. Parents: Edward S. & Marie (Dixon) Kaminski. 1935 grad. of Spalding HS. Worked in Lincoln for 3 years. 23 May 1944: Married Josephine Zauha at Elba, NE. They lived in Grand Island, NE where he was policeman. His wife died 22 Sep 2008. Mr. Kaminski died Tues., 21 Oct 2008 at Grand Island, NE. Visitation: Fri., Curran Funeral Chapel. Service: Sat., Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church. Burial: Westlawn Memorial Park Cemetery. Survivors: 2 daughters, 5 gch.; a sister, a brother. Predeceased by his parents; brother Paul Kaminski; sister Genevieve Oelslager; grandson Gregory Ruzicka. Memorials: The church.

Grand Island Independent - Fri. 24 Oct 2008; Aurora News Register - 1 Nov 2008

**Verlene Catherine Anderson PETERSEN, 78** (photo)

Born 23 Jun 1930 near Clarks, NE. Parents: Ray B. & Martha C. (Kohl) Darnall. 1947 grad. of Clarks HS. 22 Apr 1951: Married Harold Anderson. They farmed near Polk, NE. Harold died 19 May 1983; Verlene moved into Polk in 1995. She later married Christian Petersen. Mrs. Petersen died Tues. 21 Oct 2008 at hospital in York, NE. Service: Sat., United Methodist Church, Polk, NE. Burial: Polk Cemetery. Arrangements: Solt Funeral Home. Survivors: Her husband; 4 sons, 9 gch.; 3 step-sons, a step-daughter, 7 step-gch.; 2 brothers. Predeceased by her parents, a granddaughter.

Note: For her parents see 1930 Fed. Census NE ED61-6 p5a D106 F106: Clarksville Twp, Merrick, NE.

Columbus Telegram - Fri. 24 Oct 2008

**Lester E. VANEK, 69**

Born 17 Feb 1939, Comstock, NE. Parents: Edward & Lilian (Kuklish) Vanek. Attended school in Custer County. 1958 grad. of Silver Creek HS. 1962-64: US Army. 1968: Married at Silver Creek, NE. Lester died Wed. 22 Oct 2008 at Silver Creek. Service: Sat., McKown Funeral Home, Silver Creek. Burial: St. Lawrence Cemetery. Survivors: His wife; a brother, a sister; 5 nephews, a niece. Predeceased by his parents and his wife's parents; a niece.

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 25 Oct 2008

**Harold Robson MACE, 87**

Born 21 Nov 1920, Kimball Co., NE. Parents: Rolla M. & Evylin (Robson) Mace. Died Thurs., 23 Oct 2008 at Central City, NE. Service: Sat., Dubas Funeral Home, Osceola, NE. Burial: Osceola Cemetery. Survivors: His wife, Elise; 3 daughters, 1 son.

Note: Published 11 Feb 2004: York News Times article "Anniversary..." indicates he married 21 Feb 1949 at Central City, NE. His sister was Gladys Kanter who died 26 Jul 2000 (obit in GI Independent).

Grand Island Independent (photo) - Sun. 26 Oct 2008 - Aurora News Register - 1 Nov 2008

**Wilbur Lloyd "Bill" LeSUER, 79**

Born 19 Jun 1929, Clarks, NE. Parents: Wilbert G. & Eva Mae (Kohlhoff) LeSuer. "...attended school in Clarks and Benedict, York High School and the Grand Island School of Business. 1951: Married at Central City, NE. Retired to Hordville in 1994. Died Fri. 24 Oct 2008 at Central City, NE. Service: Tues., Solt Funeral Home, Central City. Burial: Arborville Cemetery near Polk, NE. Survivors: His wife, a daughter, a son, 2 gch.; 2 sisters, 2 brothers. Predeceased by his parents; stepmother Eunice (Anderson) LeSuer; stepfather Elmer Piper; sister Patricia Nickels; brother Deloss LeSuer.

Note: See 1930 Fed. Census NE ED61-5 p4a D92 F94: Clarks Village, Merrick, NE.

Grand Island Independent - Mon. 27 Oct 2008; Fremont Tribune - Tues. 28 Oct 2008

**Devin Lee SMITH, 19** (photo)

Born 20 Jan 1989, Aurora, NE. Parents: Daniel & Kathleen Smith. Attended Central City schools. HS grad. at Chadron, NE. Died in auto accident on Sat. 25 Oct 2008, Merrick Co., NE. Also deceased, his infant daughter Keyliah Shae Mills-Smith. Service: Wed., Community Bible Church, Central City, NE. Burial at city cemetery. Arrangements: Wagner Funeral Home. Survivors: His parents, 2 brothers, a sister, etc. Memorials: Devin Smith Memorial Fund.



Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 30 Oct 2008

**Lola Smith MICKELSEN, 88** (photo)

Born 6 Aug 1920, Howard Co., NE. Parents: Frank & Ruth (Gammon) Helser. 1939 grad. of Palmer HS. 16 May 1941: Married Eldon C. Smith at Hastings, NE. They lived at Cushing & Palmer, NE. Eldon died 9 Jul 1976. She moved to Grand Island. 16 Oct 1999: Married M. Mickelsen there. Lola died Mon., 27 Oct 2008 at Grand Island. Visitation: Thurs., Apfel Funeral Home. Service: Fri., Calvary Lutheran Church. Burial at Rosehill Cemetery, Palmer, NE. Survivors: Her husband; a son, 2 daughters, 8 gch., 9 g-gch.; a brother & a sister. Predeceased by her first husband and her parents.

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Grand Island Independent - Sat. 1 Nov 2008

**Ardis Mae MARSHALL, 87**

Born 22 Jun 1921, Palmer, NE. Parents: Stanley & Ethelyn (Clark) Maddox. Married William Marshall. "Ardis retired from the Bureau of Naval Personnel in Alexandria, Va., after 27 years of dedicated service." She died Thurs., 30 Oct 2008 at Lincoln, NE. Service: Mo., Lincoln Memorial Funeral Home. Burial: Lincoln Memorial Park. Survivors: 2 sons, 2 gch., some g-gch; 2 brothers. Predeceased by her husband, and her parents. Note: See 1930 Fed. Census NE ED63-3 p2b D39 F40: Cottonwood Twp, Nance, NE.

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 5 Nov 2008

**Margaret L. ANDERSEN, 95**

Born 27 Jul 1913, Chapman, NE. Parents Emil & Margaret Volkman. Married Howard Morton; married second to Dextor Andersen. Both are deceased. Lived in Omaha & then Lincoln, NE. Died Tues., 4 Nov 2008 at Lincoln. Service: Fri. Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, Omaha, NE. Burial: Calvary Cemetery. Survivors: 3 children, 15 gch., 43 g-gch., 3 gg-gch. Predeceased by her parents, two husbands; 4 sisters & 3 brothers. Memorials: To the church.

Note: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I p393; 1920 Fed. Census Chapman Village, Merrick, NE ED155 p2A D31 F32 (w/p); 1930 Fed. Census Chapman Village, Merrick, NE ED61-3 p3a D53 F54 (w/mother)

Grand Island Independent and Sidney Sun Telegram - Fri. 7 Nov 2008

**Mabel Marie KREIDER, 86** (photo)

Born 14 Jun 1922, on farm near Chappell, NE. Parents: Herman C. & Anna H. (Wellman) Stahr. 1940 grad. of Chappell HS. Married Lee Harold Kreider. They lived at Lodgepole, NE. He died 21 Sep 1989. Mabel was living at Central City, NE. She died Tues. 4 Nov 2008 at St. Francis Medical Center in Grand Island, NE. Service: Mon., Peace Lutheran Church, Grand Island, NE. Burial: Fort McPherson Cemetery, Maxwell, NE. Arrangements: Wagner Funeral Home. Survivors: 2 daughters, a son, 8 gch.; a sister, a brother. Predeceased by her husband; her parents; 3 sisters: Hilda Rahe, Florence Nelson & Ruby Leachman; a brother, Lloyd Stahr. Memorials: Peace Lutheran Church, the American Heart Association or the WW II Memorial.

Grand Island Independent - Mon. 10 Nov 2008

**LeRoy M. "Pete" SMITH, 66**

Born 11 Oct 1942, Shelton, NE. Parents: William L. & Evelyn (Dubbs) Smith. Vietnam War: US Army. 19 Nov 1969: Married at Grand Island, NE. They moved to Chapman in 1995. Welder. Died Fri. 7 Nov 2008 at Chapman. Service: Mon., Apfel Funeral Home, Grand Island, NE. Survivors: His wife, a son, 3 gch.; 2 brothers, 4 sisters. Predeceased by his parents & a brother William Smith Jr.

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 11 Nov 2008

**Cecil Ray GLAUSE, 92** (photo)

Born 31 Oct 1916, North Loup, NE. Parents: Charles William & Ida (Blauhorn) Glause. Grew up near Archer, NE. 15 Aug 1939: Married at the Methodist Church in Archer. They farmed nearby. Retired to El Paso, TX. Returned to Grand Island, Nebraska. He died Sat., 8 Nov 2008 at Wood River, NE. Service: Thurs., Gollaher Chapel of Trinity United Methodist Church. Burial: Grand Island City Cemetery. Survivors: His wife, a

daughter & her family. Predeceased by his parents; a brother Kenneth Lyle Glause. Memorials: Good Samaritan Nursing Home, Wood River, NE.

Columbus Telegram - Fri. 14 Nov 2008

**Frances E. PENNINGTON, 92**

Born 23 Jan 1916, Columbus, NE. Parents: Orbra & Isabelle (Lisco) Pennington. 1934 grad. of Silver Creek HS. Grad. of Wayne State College & University of Northern CO, Greeley, CO. 1955: Teacher at Hastings, NE. She died there Wed., 12 Nov 2008. Memorial service: Mon., First United Methodist Church. Burial at Silver Creek Cemetery at later date. Survivors: Nieces & nephews. Memorials: First United Methodist Church in Hastings or Tehama Temple Hospital Transportation Fund.

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 15 Nov 2008

**Lorraine Arlene WINKELMAN, 81** (photo)

Born 16 Sep 1927, Grand Island, NE. Parents: Edward & Lula (Tyler) Ruge. Attended Chapman HS. 29 Jan 1944: Married Ray O. Winkelman at Gainesville, FL. They lived in Grand Island & Cairo, NE before moved to Aurora, NE in 1957. Mr. Winkelman died 4 Oct 2002. Mrs. Winkelman died Thurs. 13 Nov 2008 at Aurora. Service: Mon., Higby-McQuiston Chapel, Aurora. Burial: Westlawn Cemetery, Grand Island, NE. Survivors: 2 daughters, 4 gch., 9 g-gch. Predeceased by her husband & a daughter Raylene.

Grand Island Independent - Mon. 17 Nov 2008; Aurora News Register - 22 Nov 2008

**Rachel Ann BRUMMUND, 50** (photo)

Born 18 Mar 1958, Central City, NE. Parents: Nels & Frances Christensen. 1976 grad. of Marquette HS. Married L. L. Djernes; they lived in Hastings, NE. 1989: Moved to Grand Island, NE. 2007: Married second to Stacey Brummund. Rachel died Sat. 15 Nov 2008 at Grand Island. Service: Sat., St. John Lutheran Church, Kronborg, NE. Burial: Church cemetery. Arrangements: Higby Mortuary. Survivors: Her husband; 2 children; her parents, a brother & 2 sisters. Also living, a grandson and her in-laws.

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 18 Nov 2008

**Laurette E. SANTIN, 85**

Born 29 Jun 1923, Kansas City, MO. Parents: Hector & Grace (Lauver) Gravel. Family moved to Rising City, NE where she grad. from HS in 1931. 29 Apr 1942: Married Joseph Santin. They farmed near Palmer, NE. Mr. Santin died 4 Feb 2004. Mrs. Santin died Mon., 17 Nov 2008 at Grand Island, NE. Service: Wed., Palmer United Methodist Church. Burial: Rose Hill Cemetery, Palmer. Arrangements: Palmer Funeral Home, Fullerton, NE. Survivors: a son, a daughter, 8 gch. 15 g-gch.; a brother & 2 sisters. Predeceased by her husband; her parents; a brother Robert Gravel.

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 20 Nov 2008

**Tony PACZOSA, 71** (photo)

Born 8 Jul 1937, Duncan, NE. Parents: Stanley & Mary (Markiewicz) Paczosa. Grad. of HS in Duncan, NE. Attended telegraphy school in MN. Served 6 years in National Guard. Worked for UPRR. 1961: Married at Krakow, NE (near Genoa). Lived in Elba, Spalding & Silver Creek, NE. Died Mon. 17 Nov 2008 at hospital in Columbus, NE. Service: Fri. St. Lawrence Catholic Church, Silver Creek. Burial: St. Stanislaus Catholic Cemetery, Duncan, NE. Arrangements: McKown Funeral Home. Survivors: His wife, 2 sons, 5 daughters, gch.; 2 sisters, 3 brothers. Predeceased by his parents and his brothers - Stanley, Albin, Ben, Dennis & Ted Paczosa.

Grand Island Independent - Fri. 21 Nov 2008

**Ethel M. SWEET, 95** (photo)

Born 20 Sep 1913 Clarks, NE. Parents: Alfred G. & Sarah E. (Sharman) Sweet. 1931 grad. of Clarks HS. Attended Wayne State College & UN, Lincoln. Teacher. Died Wed. 19 Nov 2008 at Central City, NE. Service: Sat., Congregational Church, Clarks. Burial: Clarks Cemetery. Arrangements: Wagner Funeral Home. Survivors: A sister-in-law; nieces & nephews. Predeceased by her parents; her brothers - Ed, Frank, Joe, George & Al; her sisters - Ellen Sloan, Florence Morgan, Alice Hirschbach & Fern Sweet (infancy).

Note: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I p383 (w/p); 1920 Fed. Census Clarksville Twp, Merrick, NE ED156 p9B D63 F64 (w/p); 1930 Fed. Census Clarksville Twp, Merrick, NE ED61-6 p1a D2 F2 (w/p)

Grand Island Independent - Mon. 24 Nov 2008

**Irene S. Botker Barnes ELLIOTT, 94** (photo)

Born 21 Jul 1914 on farm near Clarks, NE. Parents: August J. & Lennie Mae (Church) Botker. Methodist. 1932 grad. of Clarks HS. 19 Feb 1938: Married Clifford F. Barnes. They farmed. Teacher. 1964 grad. of UN. Clifford died 8 May 1998. Irene married Hanson S. Elliott. They lived at Clarks. Irene died Sun. 23 Nov 2008 at Aurora, NE. Service: Wed., Solt Funeral Home, Central City, NE. Burial: Bureau Cemetery at Pierce Chapel near Clarks, NE. Memorials: Bureau Cemetery or the Pierce Chapel United Methodist Church.

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 27 Nov 2008

**Beulah "Kay" GALLANT, 83**

Born 10 Oct 1925, Merrick Co., NE. Parents: Clarence & Mina (Edwards) Clark. Grad. of Palmer HS. Worked 3 yrs in Omaha, NE; then 15 years in California. 1974: Married in CA to Skip Gallant. They lived 8 yrs. at Kwajalein, Marshall Islands. 1988: Moved to Palmer, NE. She died Tues. 25 Nov at Palmer. Service: Sun., Palmer Wesleyan Church. Burial: Rose Hill Cemetery, Palmer. Survivors: her husband, a step-son, 2 step-daughters, step=gch, etc. Predeceased by her brother Ralph & 3 sisters - Leota, Florence & Emma.

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 27 Nov 2008

**Janice Ann Sundberg SAYLOR, 77**

Born 7 Jun 1931, Polk, NE. Parents: Oscar & Violet (Zuver) Sundberg. Grad. of Polk HS & NE Wesleyan University, Lincoln, NE. Teacher. 25 Sep 1955: Married Edward Saylor. Edward died 19 Nov 1984. She worked in her family's business (hardware). Janice died Tues. 25 Nov 2005, Omaha, NE. Service: Mon., United Methodist Church, Polk, NE. Burial: Central City Cemetery. Arrangements: Solt Funeral Home. Survivors: a daughter, a son, 3 gch.; a sister, a sister-in-law. Predeceased by her husband; a son Jon; her parents; a brother Jim. Memorials: Polk United Methodist Church, the Polk American Legion Auxiliary, or the Polk Library.

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Grand Island Independent - Sat. 6 Dec 2008

**Craig A. McClURE, 57** (photo)

Born 12 Mar 1951, Grand Island, NE. Parents: Daniel "Ted" & Mildred (Barnes) McClure. 1969 grad. of CCHS. 12 Sep 1987: Married at Grand Island, NE. Died Wed., 3 Dec 2008 at hospital in Lincoln, NE. Service: Sun., Wagner Funeral Home, Central City, NE. Burial at later date in city cemetery. Survivors: a sister & her husband, 3 nephews & a niece. Predeceased by his parents.

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 9 Dec 2008

**Kenneth H. McHARGUE, 80** (photo)

Born 17 Aug 1928, Central City, NE. Parents: Hiram & Eula McHargue. 1947: Married Virginia Stromberg. They had 5 children. 1972: Married Erma Anderson at Central City. They lived in Central City. Business owner. Kenneth died Sun. 7 Dec 2008 at medical center in Lincoln, NE. Service: Sat. 20 Dec., Wagner Funeral Home, Central City. Burial at city cemetery. Survivors: 5 sons & their wives; 2 daughters & their husbands; 18 gch., 26 g-gch.; a brother & 2 sisters; relatives of his wife. Predeceased by his 2nd wife Erma; his parents; a sister-in-law. Memorials: Christ Episcopal Church, Central City.

Note: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I pp 214 (Guilford), 296 (w/p), 321 (Polzkill), 407 (Wilhoft); and 1930 Fed. Census NE ED61-7 p9b D200 F202: Lone Tree Twp, Merrick, NE. Mother's maiden name: Wilhoft.

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 9 Dec 2008

**Arden M. WILLIAMS, 74** (photo)

Born 31 Aug 1934, Womer, KS. Parents: Ralph & Audrey (Kugler) Williams. Raised by his siblings following

death of his parents. 1952 grad. of Smith Center HS, KS. 3 Oct 1954: Married Patricia R. Carlson at Palmer, NE. She died 29 Jul 1991. Manager of power plants. 1991: Moved to Central City, NE. Arden died Sat. 6 Dec 2008 at Central City, NE. Service: Wed., Wagner Funeral Home. Burial: Rose Hill Cemetery, Palmer, NE. Survivors: 2 sons, 2 daughters, 13 gch., 8 g-gch.; 5 sisters, 2 brothers. Predeceased by his parents.

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 10 Dec 2008

**Loretta BECKER, 82**

Born 16 Aug 1926, north of Worms, NE. Parents: Arthur & Alice (Hamann) Dankert. About 1932: Family moved to Cairo, NE. Grad. of Dannebrog HS (Howard County). 9 Sep 1945: Married Virgil Becker at Fort Sill, OK. Later moved to St. Paul, NE. She died Sun. 7 Dec 2008 at St. Paul. Service: Sat., Christ Lutheran Church, St. Paul. Burial: Elmwood Cemetery. Arrangements: Jacobsen-Greenway Funeral Home, St. Paul. Survivors: Her husband; 3 gch., one g-gch.; a sister-in-law. Predeceased by daughter Linda Kay Becker & son Gayle Becker; her parents; sister Marian Schultz & brother Earl Dankert.

Note: See 1930 Fed. Census NE ED61-12 p2b D43 F44: Prairie Creek Twp, Merrick, NE.

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 13 Dec 2008

**Larry CODR, 84** (photo)

Born in Custer Co., NE. 26 Dec 2003: Married at Central City, NE. Former resident of Central City, NE. Died Sat. 6 Dec 2008 at Portland, OR. Service: Mon., United Presbyterian Church, Central City. Burial at later date. Survivors: His wife; a daughter & a son. Predeceased by his first wife & a son.

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 18 Dec 2008

**Dorothy D. BADER, 77** (photo)

Born 3 Dec 1931, Webster Co., NE. Parents: Clarence & Josephine (Cloud) Baker. Grad. of Cushing HS. 2 Oct 1950: Married Wilmer Bader at Cushing. They farmed south of Palmer, NE. She died Mon. 15 Dec 2008. Service: Fri., St. John's Lutheran Church, Palmer, NE. Burial: Rose Hill Cemetery. Arrangements: Palmer Funeral Home. Survivors: Her husband, 2 sons, 4 daughters, 17 gch., 9 g-gch.; 4 brothers, a sister. Predeceased by her parents.

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 18 Dec 2008; Aurora News Register - 26 Dec 2008

**Donald L. HOLZ, 79** (photo)

Born 22 Oct 1929, Clarks, NE. Parents: Otto & Anna (Emgarten) Holz. 1947-51: US Navy. 4 Oct 1951: Married in Aurora, NE. They lived in Central City. Postmaster, business owner. Died Tues. 16 Dec 2008, Central City. Visitation: Fri., Wagner Funeral Home, Central City. Service: Sat. United Methodist Church. Burial at city cemetery. Survivors: His wife, 2 sons, 5 gch.; a brother & 2 sisters. Predeceased by his parents & a brother Kenneth Holz.

Note: See 1930 Fed. Census NE ED 61-2 p2a D31 F31: Central Twp, Merrick, NE

Grand Island Independent - Fri. 19 Dec 2008

**May L. THEDE, 87**

Born 16 May 1921, Palmer, NE. Parents: Martin C. & Georgia Ethel (Brown) Christensen. Grew up in Nance County; grad. of Palmer HS. 16 Aug 1940: Married E.W. Thede at Palmer. They farmed until 1978. Resident of Palmer. Died Wed. 17 Dec 2008 at hospital in Grand Island, NE. Service: Sa., St. John's Lutheran Church, Palmer. Burial: Rose Hill Cemetery. Arrangements: Palmer Funeral Home. Survivors: 3 sons, 2 daughters, 12 gch., 21 g-gch.; 2 sisters. Predeceased by her husband (14 Jun 1980); her parents; 3 brother: Chris, Carl & Albert Christensen; sister Julia Riley; grandson Gale Pearson. Memorials: To the church.

Note: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I pp 383-4; 1930 Fed. Census NE ED63-3 p2b D34 F35: Cottonwood Twp, Nance, NE (w/p).

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 20 Dec 2008

**Agnes Anna SPANEL, 97**

Born 29 Jan 1911, Clarks, NE. Parents: Frank & Julia (Chalupa) Cermey. Married Rudolph Spanel; he is deceased. Agnes died Thurs., 18 Dec 2008 at home in Broken Bow, NE. Service: Tues., St. Anselm's Catholic

Church, Anselmo, NE. Arrangements: Govier Brothers Mortuary & Crematory. Survivors: 2 sons; 3 daughters; a sister; a sister-in-law.

Grand Island Independent - Mon. 22 Dec 2008

**Michael G. (Low) POTTER, 60** (photo)

Born 27 May 1948 Lexington, NE. Parents: Harold & Wilma Low. "In 1962, he was adopted by his stepfather, Earl Potter." 1966 Grad. of Cozad HS. 1968: Married. They lived in North Platte, Elba, and then Palmer, NE. He died Wed. 17 Dec 1998 at Palmer. Service: 2 Jan 2009 at Jacobsen-Greeway Funeral Home, St. Paul, NE. Burial at later date, Greenwood Cemetery, Lexington, NE. Survivors: His wife, 2 daughters, a son, 8 gch.; his parents; a sister. Predeceased by his father; grandparents - John & Ruth Pedersen, Earl & Blanch Potter Sr. and M/M Arthur Low

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 24 Dec 2008

**Allen D. SIMONSON, 81** (photo)

Born 18 Jan 1927 near Worms, NE. Parents: Thorval & Anna (Luebke) Simonson. Attended Palmer HS. WW II: US Army. July 1948: Married at Palmer, NE. They farmed south of Palmer since 1954; retired in 1993. He died Mon., 22 Dec 2008 at St. Paul, NE. Service: Fri., St. John's Lutheran Church, Palmer. Burial: Rose Hill Cemetery. Arrangements: Palmer Funeral Home. Survivors: His wife, a son, 2 daughters, 11 gch., 2 step-gch.; 8 g-gch & 3 step-g-gch.; a sister. Predeceased by his parents, his step-mother Sophia Veckert Simonson; brother, Oliver; son-in-law, Mike Buhrman.

Note: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I p367; 1930 Fed. Census NE ED61-12 p2a D31 F31: Prairie Creek Twp, Merrick, NE.

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 27 Dec 2008; Aurora News Register - 2 Jan 2009

**Jean NIELSEN, 83** (photo)

Born 12 May 1923 on farm west of Central City, NE. Parents: Hubert & Mary (Reeves) McMillan. 16 Apr 1943: Married Walter C. Nielsen at the chapel of NE Central College, Central City, NE. Teacher at Loup City, Hordville & Polk, NE. She died Thurs., 25 Dec 2008 at Central City, NE. Service: Mon., United Methodist Church, Polk, NE. Burial: Central City Cemetery. Arrangements: Wagner Funeral Home. Survivors: Her husband, a son, a daughter; grandchildren & g-gch. Predeceased by her parents; brother Dale, sister Mary "Helen" Ericksen. Memorials: American Legion Auxiliary; the Polk and State Library boards.

Note: See 1930 Fed. Census NE ED 61-4 p3b D67 F67: Chapman Twp, Merrick, NE.

Columbus Telegram - Mon. 29 Dec 2008

**Patricia A. GRAFF, 73**

Born 10 Jan 1935, Silver Creek, NE. Parents: Albert & Mildred (Mundt) Bishop. About 1938: Family moved to Greeley, NE. 10 Sep 1953: Married Verlin Graff at Grand Island. They lived in Grand Island. 1977: Moved to Columbus, NE. Pat died Fri. 26 Dec 2008 at Columbus, NE. Graveside service: Wed., 31 Dec 2008 at Columbus Cemetery. Survivors: 2 sons, ... many grandchildren. Predeceased by her husband, her parents & siblings.

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 31 Dec 2008

**Gloria Marie CYR, 73**

Born 13 Oct 1935, Central City, NE. Parents: Arthur M. & Frances Holtz. Grad. of "... Lincoln Northeast High School and Nebraska Wesleyan University." 23 Dec 1956: Married Howard "Jim" Cyr at Central City, NE. She died Tues., 20 Dec. 2008 at Aurora, NE. Service: Fri., Aurora United Methodist Church. Burial: Greenwood Cemetery, Franklin, NE. Arrangements: Higby Mortuary. Memorials: Dorcas Circle of the church.

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 31 Dec 2008

**Mae O'NELE, 94** (photo)

Born 27 Oct 1914, Grand Island, NE. Parents: Albert T. & Emilie (Falldorf) Hein. 1933 grad. of CCHS. 4 Jan 1934: Married Lloyd E. O'Nele at York, NE. They lived at Central City, and then Chapman, NE. 1951: Moved to Falldorf homestead near Grand Island, NE. Lloyd died 11 May 1986. Mae died Sat. 27 Dec 2008 at Grand

Island, NE. Visitation: Thurs. Livingston-Sondermann Funeral Home. Service: Fri., Chapel of Trinity Lutheran Church. Burial: Grand Island Cemetery. Survivors: 2 sons, 3 gch., 3 g-gch.. Predeceased by her husband & her parents. Memorials: Trinity Lutheran Church.

Note: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I p230; 1930 Fed. Census NE ED61-7 p1a D7 F8: Lone Tree Twp, Merrick, NE.

## 2009 - Obits

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The following extract list is NOT complete. Most of these obits were found on-line, assorted websites.

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Grand Island Independent - Sun. 4 Jan 2009

**Louise M. HARLOW, 93** (photo)

Born 6 Dec 1915, Washington Co., NE. Parents: C. Henry & Mary W. (Voss) Petersen. 1933 grad. of CCHS. 17 May 1941: Married Wallace Harlow at Wahoo, NE. They lived in Clarks, NE. Wally left for the service; Louise moved to Central City, NE. Louise died Wed., 31 Dec 2008 at Central City, NE. Service: Sat., Grace Lutheran Church, Central City. Private burial: Bureau Cemetery (Pierce Chapel) near Clarks, NE. Survivors: Nieces & nephews. Predeceased by her husband (d. 15 Jul 1994); her parents; 3 brothers - Karl, Herbert & Otto Petersen; 6 sisters - Kathryn Holtorf, Lorraine Williams, Alvena Wrich, Dora Fitch, Clara Rasmussen, & Celia Rasmussen.

Note: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I p320; 1930 Fed. Census NE ED61-10 p4b D91 F92: Mead Twp, Merrick, NE.

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 8 Jan 2009

**Mae S. KRANCE, 96** (photo)

Born 2 May 1912, Sherman Co., NE. Parents Rupert & Mary (Kaslon) Kowalewski. 23 Jul 1934: Married Lawrence Krance at Ashton, NE. They farmed the Krance place until 1949; moved to Central City, NE. Eventually owned Krance Korner on Hwy 92. In 1980, they moved to St. Paul, NE. Lawrence died in 1987. Mae broke a hip in 2005, moved to Heritage Living Center in St. Paul, NE. She died there Tues. 6 Jan 2009. Service: Sat., Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church, St. Paul. Burial: Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Cemetery, Paplin, NE. Arrangements: Jacobsen-Greenway Funeral Home, St. Paul. Survivors: 2 sons, 2 daughters, 14 gch., 27 g-gch. Predeceased by her husband; her parents, a brother Albert & 2 infant siblings; a gch.

Note: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I pp 261-262 (Krance)

Grand Island Independent - Fri. 9 Jan 2009

**Ruth Goldie GILLHAM, 94** (photo)

Born 14 Feb 1914, Marquette, NE. Parents: Henry B. & Amanda S. (Simpson) Shaneyfelt. 4 Sep 1936: Married Weldon Carlson who died 30 Aug 1948. 28 May 1949: Married Orville F. Gillham. They lived at Central City. Orville died 15 Dec 1982. Ruth died Wed., 7 Jan 2009 at Central City, NE. Service: Mon. Solt Funeral Home, Central City. Burial: Central City Cemetery. Survivors: A son, a daughter, 7 gch., 12 g-gch.; a sister in Iowa. Predeceased by both husbands; her parents; 6 brothers - Art, Clark, Walter, Ralph, Charlie, and an infant.

Note: Both husband's appear in files of Central City Cemetery.

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 10 Jan 2009

**Jack RAWLINGS, 80** (photo)

Born 27 Dec 1928, Archer, NE. Parents: Cecil & Mildred (Suck) Rawlings. Attended schools in Nance & Merrick Counties. 1946 grad. of CCHS. 1949: Married at Archer, NE. Farmer, businss owner. Visitation: Sun., Jacobsen-Greenway Funeral Home, St. Paul. Service: Mon. 12 Jan 2009 at United Methodist Church, St. Paul, NE. Burial: Archer Evangelical Community Cemetery near Archer, NE. Survivors: His wife; 3 sons, 3 daughters, 21 gch., 11 g-gch; 3 brothers, 3 sisters. Predeceased by his parents & an infant brother, LeRoy Rawlings.

Note: Jacobsen-Greenway Funeral Home "memorial" shows he died Thurs. 8 Jan 2009 at Grand Island, NE. See: History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I pp 329 (J Rawlings), 342 (Rudolf), 380 (Suck); 1930 Fed. Census NE ED61-11 p4a D73 F73: Midland Twp, Merrick, NE.

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 14 Jan 2009

**Norma A. LORENZEN, 87** (photo)

Born 28 Jan 1921, Worms, NE. Parents: Henry & Meta (Wiegert) Meyer. 12 Mar 1944: Married Max Lorenzen at Worms, NE. They lived on farm in Hall County. Norma died Tues. 13 Jan 2009 at Grand Island, NE. Visitation: Thurs., Livingston-Sondermann Funeral Home. Service: Fri. Messiah Lutheran Church. Burial: Wiegert Cemetery (in Hall Co., adjacent to Merrick Co. line). Survivors: Her husband; 4 sons, a daughter, 11 gch., 13 g-gch.; a sister, & a sister-in-law. Predeceased by her parents; 4 brothers - Elmer, Marvin, Robert & Earl; sister, Edna Quandt. Memorials: Messiah Lutheran Church.

Note: Her parents marriage, see Merrick County Marriage Records Book G p16 #2558.

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 15 Jan 2009

**William H. "Chuck" LEMMERMAN, 86** (photo)

Born 21 Dec 1922, Palmer, NE. Parents: Walter & Mamie (Caudill) Lemmerman. 1940 grad. of Palmer HS. WW II: USAF, 40th Fighter Sqd. Returned to family's poultry farm in Merrick County. 1947: Married Mary Cady at Palmer, NE. They lived in Palmer. Mr. Lemmerman died Wed., 14 Jan 2009 at St. Paul, NE. Service: Sat., United Methodist Church, Palmer. Burial: Rose Hill Cemetery, Palmer. Arrangements: Jacobsen-Greenway Funeral Home in St. Paul. Survivors: a son & his wife; a daughter-in-law, a brother, a sister. Predeceased by his wife; his parents; a son Bob and a brother Bob. Memorials: United Methodist Church in Palmer.

Note: See 1930 Fed. Census NE ED61-8 p2b D42 F42: Palmer Village, Merrick, NE (w/p).

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 20 Jan 2009

**Paul J. GROSSHANS, 75** (photo)

Born 30 Dec 1933, Harvard, NE (Clay Co.) Parents: Victor Paul & Meta Magdealene (Wieland) Grosshans. 1951 grad. of CCHS. 1954: Married in Grand Island, NE. They lived in Central City, NE. Business owner. Died Sun., 18 Jan 2009 at medical center in Lincoln, NE. Visitation: Wed., Wagner Funeral Home, Central City. Service: Thurs., Presbyterian Church, Central City, NE. Burial: CC Cemetery. Survivors: His wife, 2 sons, a daughter, 8 gch.; a sister. Predeceased by his parents & a brother Thomas Grosshans. Memorials: Paul J. Grosshans Memorial Fund.

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 20 Jan 2009

**Irwin W. STRATMAN, 93** (photo)

Born 17 Jul 1915, Grand Island, NE. Parents: Carl H. & Lillian (Schaaf) Stratman. Attended rural school in

Merrick County. WW II: US Army. Returned to live in Merrick Co., NE. Died Mon. 19 Jan 2009 at NE Veterans Home, Grand Island. Service: Thurs., Apfel Funeral Home, Grand Island. Burial: Grand Island Cemetery. Survivors: a sister, a brother-in-law, a sister-in-law; nieces & nephews. Predeceased by his brother Clarence; sister Evelyn Wells; brother-in-law, Lawrence Fauquier.  
Note: See 1920 Fed. Census NE ED163 p4B D78 F78: Vieregg Twp, Merrick, NE (w/p); and 1930 Fed. Census NE ED61-16 p3B D79 F79: Vieregg Twp, Merrick, NE (w/p).

Grand Island Independent - Fri. 23 Jan 2009

**Levora Ellen COOK, 88** (photo)

Born 2 Dec 1920, Palmer, NE. Parents: William & Lena (Swaim) Fuehrer. Grad. of Palmer HS. 18 Jun 1941: Married Frederick Cook at St. Paul, NE. They lived in Texas until 1945, moved to Grand Island, NE. She worked at Hedsted's & Country Kitchen. Mrs. Cook died Wed., 21 Jan 2009 at GI Veterans Home. Service: Mon., Apfel Funeral Home, Grand Island. Burial: Westlawn Memorial Park Cemetery. Survivors: 2 daughters, a son, 3 gch., 4 g-gch.; 2 sisters. Predeceased by her husband; her parents, sister, Chris Cady; 2 gch: James Hendrickson Jr. & William Hendrickson. Memorials: Make A Wish Foundation or the Cystic Fibrosis Association.

Note: See 1930 Fed. Census NE ED61-9 p1a D8 F8: Loup Twp, Merrick, NE.

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 28 Jan 2009

**Roxane Marie ANDERSEN, 48**

Born 5 Apr 1960, Central City, NE. Parents: Elwood & Ramona (Roper) Andersen. 1978 grad. of Marquette HS. 1983 grad. of Chadron State College. Worked in Omaha, NE. Died 9 Jan 2009 at Omaha, NE. Memorial: 16 Jan at Kremer Funeral Home, Omaha, NE. Cremated. Survivors: 2 sisters, her stepmother, 3 step-sisters, a step-brother. Predeceased by her parents; grandparents - Sigvard & Julia (Kaae) Andersen; Frank Roper & Blanche (Hardnock) Roper Kirk Nicolas; stepgrandfathers - William Kirk and Vern Nicholas.

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 29 Jan 2009

**James A. "Jim" KUNZE, 68** (photo)

Born 12 Jun 1940 on farm near St. Paul, NE. Parents: Albert & Twila (Weber) Kunze. 1958 grad. of St. Paul HS. 1962-65: US Army. 1965: Married at Grand Island, NE. They lived south of St. Paul. Trucker. Later lived in Lincoln, NE; Cleveland, OH; and St. Louis, MO. 2006: Moved to Grand Island, NE. Died Tues., 28 Jan 2009 at home. Service: Sat., Christ Lutheran Church, St. Paul, NE. Burial: Rose Hill Cemetery, Palmer, NE. Arrangements: Jacobsen-Greenway Funeral Home. Survivors: His wife, 2 sons, 2 daughters; 5 brothers, 2 sisters. Predeceased by his parents; son Roger; sister Diane Klinginsmith; an infant brother.

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 31 Jan 2009

**Ronald A. BELITZ, 76** (photo)

Born 5 Jun 1932 on farm in Nance Co., NE. Parents: August F. Belitz & Anna J. Neemeyer. 1949 grad. of Fullerton HS. 1953-55: US Army. 8 Aug 1959: Married at Aurora, NE. They farmed near Central City, NE. Died Thurs. 29 Jan 2009 at home. Visitation: Tues., Wagner Funeral Home. Service: Wed., St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Central City. Burial: Central City Cemetery. Survivors: His wife, 2 sons 5 gch.; a brother & a sister. Predeceased by his parents; a granddaughter & a nephew, Larry Trosper. Memorials: St. Paul's Lutheran Church or the American Cancer Society.

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Columbus Telegram - Mon. 2 Feb 2009

**Kennith M. "Poco" REESE, 55**

Born 18 Jun 1953, Columbus, NE. Parents: Henry & Eula Reese. 1971 grad. of CCHS. Moved back to Columbus, NE. Truck driver. Died Sat. 31 Jan 2009 at Columbus. Service: Wed. 4 Feb at Gass Haney Funeral Home. Survivors: His daughter, his mother, a sister, 2 brothers, a half-sister. Predeceased by his father; brother Chuck Reese; half-sister Gwen Tester. Memorials: American Cancer Society, or Columbus Hospice.



The Oregonian, Portland, OR - Monday, Feb. 2, 2009.

**Leonard W. Smith** Born 26 May 1919, Central City, NE. Truck driver. Died 29 Jan 2009. Service: Tues., 3 Feb at Lincoln Memorial Funeral Home. Survivors: His wife & 2 sons.

Note: See 1920 Fed. Census NE ED161 p7B F100: Midland Twp, Merrick, NE; 1920 Fed. Census NE ED157 p5A D91 F91: Lone Tree Twp, Merrick, NE; 1930 Fed. Census NE ED61-7 p4b D96 F98: Lone Tree Twp, Merrick, NE.

Grand Island Independent - Fri. 6 Feb 2009; Columbus Telegram - Mon. 9 Feb 2009

**Audrey LaVone STUART, 90**

Born 24 Dec 1918, Fullerton, NE. Parents: Henry & Effie (Scott) Bishop. Grad. of Fullerton HS. 19 Feb 1939: Married Robert T. Stuart at Central City, NE. They farmed. Mr. Stuart died 20 Oct 1969. Mrs. Stuart died Thurs., 5 Feb 2009, Central City. Service: Mon., Solt Funeral Home Chapel. Burial: Central City Cemetery. Survivors: 3 sons, a daughter, 10 gch., 24 g-gch.; 2 brothers. Predeceased by her husband; daughter Carol Stuart (1 Nov 1995), a gch. Terry Stuart; sister Thelma Webb; & brother Richard Bishop.

Note: See 1930 Fed. Census NE ED63-14 p5b D109 F109: Timber Creek Twp, Nance, NE.

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 7 Feb 2009

**Marcia FRUIT, 55**

Born Marcia McAndrews on 19 Jun 1953 at Maxwell AFB, Montgomery, Alabama. 1971 grad. of Bellevue HS. 1973: Married Craig Fruit at Grand Island, NE. Worked at GI Veteran's Home. Died Wed. 4 Feb 2009 at Grand Island, NE. Service & burial at later date. Arrangements: Apfel Funeral Hom. Survivors: Her husband, 2 daughters, a son, grandchildren; her parents, a brother, 2 sisters. Predeceased by her grandparents: Mary Kathleen & Lucine Calle.

Columbus Telegram & Grand Island Independent - Sun. 8 Feb 2009

**Marjorie J. HEULE, 83** (photo)

Born 15 Sep 1925 Merrick Co, NE. Parents: George W. & Bertha Mae (Leeson) Kuhn. 7 Feb 1942: Married Raymond John Heule at York, NE. They lived in San Diego, CA briefly, returned to Merrick County, NE Lived at Clarks & Central City areas. She died Fri. 6 Feb 2009 at Columbus, NE. Service: Wed., Wagner Funeral Home, Central City, NE. Burial: Bureau Cemetery (Pierce Chapel) near Clarks, NE. Survivors: a son, 3 daughters, 10 gch., 17 g-gch.; a brother-in-law. Predeceased by her husband (2 Apr 2008); her parents, 2 brothers - Harvey & Gerald; 4 sisters - Ila Mae Lovejoy, Edith Phelps, Verna Bartlett & Doris Miller (4 Feb 2009); 1 grandchild. Memorials: Clarks Ambulance & Rescue Fund, or Pierce Chapel Church and Bureau Cemetery.

Note: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I pp 234 (R Heule), 264 (w/p, & HW Kuhn); 1930 Fed. Census Mead Twp, Merrick, NE ED61-10 p2b D40 F40 (w/p); 4 Apr 2008: Columbus Telegram obit of husband; Bureau Cemetery Lot List (Old) Lot 30 (SE 1/4)

Columbus Telegram & Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 12 Feb 2009

**Connie Marie CARLSON, 60** (photo)

Born 1 Jul 1948. Parents: Ralph L. & Betty L. (Douglas) Cook. 1966 grad. of Clarks HS. Catholic. 1967: Married Donald L. Carlson at Clarks. They lived in Central City, and then in Grand Island, NE. Connie died Tues., 10 Feb 2009 at hospital in Lincoln, NE. Service: Fri. Solt Funeral Home, Central City. Burial: Clarks Cemetery. Survivors: Her husband, 2 sons a daughter, 2 gch. Predeceased by her parents.

Note: Her father - see 1930 Fed. Census Loup Ferry Twp, Nance, NE ED63-10 p1b D14 F15

Grand Island Independent - Fri. 13 Feb 2009

**Gerald E. "Jerry" MANNING, 66** (photo)

Born 29 Oct 1942, Central City, NE. Parents: Andrew & Erma (Ruge) Manning. 1960 grad. of CCHS. Served in US Navy. 12 Mar 1961: Married. They lived in Grand Island, NE. Retired from Nash Finch Co. after 29 years of driving. He died Wed. 11 Feb 2009 at Grand Island. Service: Sat., Kleine Funeral Home. Burial: Westlawn Memorial Park Cemetery, Grand Island. Survivors: His wife, a son, 3 gch; siblings of his wife. Predeceased by son Craig.

Note: Mother's obit, see 16 Mar 2006 of Grand Island Independent. Son Criag's obit, see 2 Jul 2006 of Grand Island Independent.

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 14 Feb 2009

**Marjorie A. "Dolly" FERRY, 93** (photo)

Born 22 May 1915 north of Long Pine (Brown Co.), NE. Parents: John & Bertha (Grant) King. Married Everett Case, Giles Brooks and Les Combs. Nov. 18, 1958: Married John Ferry in Missouri. He died 24 Feb 2008. Thereafter she moved to the Central City Care Center. She died Wed., 11 Feb 2009 at Central City, NE. Service: Mon., First Baptist Church, Dannebrog (Howard Co.), NE. Burial: Oakridge Cemetery, Dannebrog. Arrangements: Peters Funeral Home. Survivors: 4 sons, 2 daughters, 23 gch., 47 g-gch., 18 gg-gch. Predeceased by her 4 husbands; her parents, 3 sisters - Marie Anderson, Helen Anderson, Florence Vetter; an infant brother.

Columbus Telegram - Fri. 13 Feb 2009

**Hilbert Joseph ROBAK, 92**

Born 26 Mar 1916, Polk Co., NE. Parents: John & Thelma "Dolly" (Stanczyk) Robak. 1933 grad. Fullerton HS. WW II: US Army. 20 Sep 1948: Married Frances Laska at Silver Creek, NE. They lived at Silver Creek where he owned a gas station & was a bus depot agent. Mr. Robak died Wed. at hospital in Genoa, NE. Visitation: Sun./Mon. at St. Lawrence Catholic Church, Silver Creek. Burial at church cemetery. Arrangements: McKown Funeral Home. Survivors: 4 daughters, 1 son, 8 gch, 6 g-gch. Predeceased by his wife; his parents, an infant sister, 3 brothers - Theodore, Leonard & Elmer Robak; a son -in-law, Mike Morrison. Note: See 1920 Fed. Census Newman Twp, Nance, NE ED170 p3A D51 F52 (w/p); 1930 Fed. Census East Newman Twp, Nance, NE ED63-5 p4b D72 F72 (w/p); 13 Sep 2005: Columbus Telegram obit of brother Leonard.

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 26 Feb 2009

**Donald A. J. MEYER, 88** (photo)

Born 24 Dec 1920 near Palmer, NE. Parents: Herman & Helen Meyer. Attended school at Worms, NE. 1940: Married Selma; had 4 children. 1943: Moved to UT. 1943-46: US Navy. 1981: Married a second time. Donald died Sat., 21 Feb 2009. Service: Sat., Washington Heights Baptist Church, Ogden, UT. Survivors: His wife, 2 sons, 2 daughters, 5 step-children; 27 gch., 14 g-gch.; a sister & a brother. Memorial donations: Pregnancy Care Center of Ogden or Summit Chapel, Ogden, UT. Note: See 1930 Fed. Census NE ED61-12 p4b D93 F88: Prairie Creek Twp, Merrick, NE (w/p).

Grand Island Independent - Fri. 27 Feb 2009

**Constance Mildred "Connie" MATTSON, 98** (photo)

Born 31 Oct 1910, Merrick Co, NE. Parents: Oscar & Meda (Hall) Ruben. 1927 grad. of Chapman HS. 14 Jun 1939: Married Harry T. Mattson. They lived at Chapman, NE. She died Wed., 25 Feb 2009 at Grand Island, NE. Service: Sat., First Baptist Church, Chapman. Burial: Chapman Cemetery. Arrangements: Solt Funeral Home. Survivors: 2 sons, a daughter, 4 gch., 5 g-gch. Predeceased by her husband; 4 brothers - Osborne, Theodore & infant twins Ruben.

Note: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I pp 285 (E Mattson), 341 (Ruben-Hall-Mattson); 1920 Fed. Census Chapman Village, Merrick, NE ED155 p2B D63 F65 (w/p); 1930 Fed. Census Chapman Village, Merrick, NE ED61-3 p3b D64 F67 (w/father); extracts for Chapman Cemetery.

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Grand Island Independent - Sun. 1 Mar 2009

**Marcia Ann (Rubesh) EARNHART, 50**

Born 21 Feb 1959, Iowa Falls, IA. Parents: Carroll & Margaret (O'Hern) Rubesh. 1966: Family moved to Palmer, NE. 1977: She moved to Fort Smith, Arkansas. 1991: Returned to NE and in 1997 moved to Sargent. Died Thurs., 26 Feb 2009 at Sargent. Service: Mon., Rhoad Funeral Chapel, Sargent. Burial: Mount Hope Cemetery, Sargent. Survivors: her fiancé; a brother, 2 sisters and a sister-in-law. Predeceased by her parents,

& a brother Anthony Rubesh.

Note: See Rose Hill Cemetery extracts, Palmer, NE for parents & brother.

Columbus Telegram (photo) and Grand Island Independent - Sun. 1 Mar 2009

**William Hans KOHL, 89**

Born 22 Dec 1919, near Clarks, NE. Parents: William G. & Catherine (Hansen) Kohl. 20 Feb 1943: Married Barbara J. Wurtz at Beatrice, NE. They farmed near Clarks, moved into town in 1968. Barbara died 17 Jul 2004. William died Fri. 27 Feb 2009 at Central City, NE. Visitation: Wed., Solt Funeral Home, Central City, NE. Service: Thurs., Congregational Church, Clarks. Burial: Clarks Cemetery. Survivors: 2 daughters, 1 son, 5 gch., 2 g-gch; 3 sisters. Predeceased by his wife; his parents; 2 brothers - Arthur & John Kohl; 2 sisters - Martha Darnall & Elsie Grosch; a son-in-law Hubert Klocek; a daughter-in-law Bonnie Kohl, an infant g-daughter.

Note: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I p261; 1920 Fed. Census NE ED156 p13B D157 F164: Clarksville Twp, Merrick, NE; 1930 Fed. Census NE ED61-6 p3a D51 F51: Clarksville Twp, Merrick, NE

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 4 Mar 2009

**Jean Marie JOHNSON, 88** (photo)

Born 30 Nov 1920, Omaha, NE. Parents: James L. & DeLima (Sullivan) Hughes. 1940 grad. of CCHS. 24 Mar 1943: Married Ray A. Johnson in Las Vegas. They lived in Grand Island, NE. She died Mon., 2 Mar 2009 at Grand Island. Visitation: Wed., Apfel Funeral Home. Service: Thurs., St. Mary's Cathedral. Private burial at Westlawn Memorial Park Cemetery. Survivors: Her husband, 2 daughters, 2 sons, 18 gch., 7 g-gch; 2 brothers. Predeceased by her parents; a brother James Richard Hughes; a gch.

Columbus Telegram & Grand Island Independent - Wed. 4 Mar 2009; Aurora News Register - 9-17 Mar 2009\*

**Hollis Dever STROMBERG, 89** (photo)

Born 24 May 1919 on farm near Polk, NE. Parents: Ossian Elving "Pete" & Florence (Rodene) Stromsberg. 1937: Family moved to Clarks, NE; he graduated from Clarks HS the next year. 11 Apr 1942: Married at Grand Island, NE. They lived in Wichita, KS. 1944-45: US Navy. Returned from service to live at Clarks. Drove fuel truck; later worked the school. Methodist. Dec 2007: Moved to Central City, NE. Hollis died Sun. 1 Mar 2009 at Central City. Service: Fri., 6 Mar at Solt Funeral Home. Burial: Swede Home Cemetery near Stromsberg, NE. Survivors: His wife, 3 daughters, 1 son, 13 gch., 22 g-gch.; 2 sisters. Predeceased by 2 brothers, Mervin & Wayne Stromberg; his sister Joyce Marker West; a daughter-in-law.

\* Aurora News Register obits do not have publication dates.

Note: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I pp 378-9.

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 5 Mar 2009

**Hazel Irene PYSCZYNSKI, 88** (photo)

Born 20 Aug 1920. Parents: Guy & Katherine (Sevier) Hall. 1938: Grad. of Beaver City HS. 4 Mar 1946: Married Frank Pyszynski at Grand Island, NE. They lived in Grand Island. Frank died in 1995. Hazel died Mon. 3 Mar 2009 at Central City Care Center. Service: Sat., Livingston-Sondermann Funeral Home. Burial of ashes at later date. Survivors: a daughter & her husband; a grandson & his wife. Predeceased by her parents. Memorials: St. Mary's Cathedral Building Fund.

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 11 Mar 2009; Aurora News Register - Sun. 22 Mar 2009

**Herman SCHUETT, 77**(photo)

Born 3 Apr 1931 near Chapman, NE. Parents: Henry & Bertha (Kruse) Schuett. Attended Zion Lutheran School. 1948 grad. of Grand Island HS. Married in 1966. They farmed. Herman died Sun. 8 Mar 2009 at home near Chapman. Visitation: Thurs., All Faiths Funeral Home, Grand Island, NE. Service: Fri., Zion Lutheran Church, Worms, NE. Burial: Church cemetery. Survivors: His wife, 2 sons; a sister & a brother. Predeceased by his parents & his brother Herbert.

Note: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I p355. Brother Herbert died 30 Sep 1998.

Grand Island Independent - Sun. 15 Mar 2009

**June WERTZ, 82** (photo)

Born 7 Oct 1926, Fleming, CO. 1944 grad. of Fleming HS. 10 Dec 1944: Married Kenneth Wertz. Mrs. Wertz died Thurs., 12 Mar 2009 at Central City, NE. Visitation: Mon, Tennant Funeral Home, Sterling, CO. Service: Tues., United Methodist Church, Fleming, CO. Burial at city cemetery. Survivors: 3 sons, 4 daughters, 12 gch. & 8 g-gch; a sister. Predeceased by her husband, and a son Kendell. Also deceased "a sister, Kathryn Green, and a brother, Henry Hulse." Memorials: Alzheimer's Association.

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 17 Mar 2009

**Jennie Alberta Shaw KUHL, 94**

Born 3 Aug 1914, Stapleton, NE. Parents: Lewis Orval & Ella Mae (Rundle) Andrews. Married (2nd) Burl Kuhl, who died 20 Dec 2002. She died Sat. 14 Mar 2009 at Central City, NE. Service: Wed., St. John's Lutheran Church, Oxford, NE. Burial: Fort McPherson National Cemetery. Survivors: 3 sons (surnamed SHAW).

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 18 Mar 2009

**Robert Grant WILLETS, 86**

Born 1 Jan 1923 west of Clarks, NE. Parents: Grant & Mildred (Johnson) Willits. 1940 grad. of High Prairie HS. 1942: Married at Swede Home, Polk Co., NE. 1948: Moved to Willets farm near Polk, NE. He died Mon. 16 Mar 2009 at Grand Island, NE. Visitation: Fri., Dubas Funeral Home, Stromsburg, NE. Service: Sat., Calvary Lutheran Church, Swede Home. Burial at church cemetery. Survivors: His wife, 4 daughters, 1 son, 12 gch., 2 step-gch., 13 g-gch., 3 step-ggch. Predeceased by his parents.

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 19 Mar 2009

**Maxine Lucille O'HERN, 78** (photo)

Born 26 Jun 1930, Merrick Co., NE. Parents: Max & Elsie (Ostermeier) Frauen. Attended Zion Lutheran Church & School at Worms, NE. 15 Jun 1947: Married Dean Simonson at Worms. They farmed; later owned a hardware & grocery store. Moved to Palmer, NE. Dean died 10 Dec 1967. In 1973, Maxine married "Barney" O'Hern. She died Tues., 17 Mar 2009 at Lincoln, NE. Service: Fri. Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church, St. Paul, NE. Burial: Rose Hill Cemetery, Palmer. Survivors: Her second husband, 4 sons, 2 daughters, 16 gch., 7 g-gch; a sister-in-law; a brother-in-law. Predeceased by her first husband; her parents; "brother, Robert Frauen; in-laws, Onon and Freida Simonson and Roberta O'Hern; and brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Carroll and Margaret Ann Rubesh."

Note: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I pp 365 (w/sp), 366 (R Simonson); 18 Dec 2006: Grand Island Independent obit of mother

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 21 Mar 2009

**Naomi R. SAMUELSON, 94** (photo)

Born 4 Sep 1914, Mount Jude, Arkansas. Parents: Thomas & Cente (Aden) Pratt. Abt 1920, family "returned to Rising City." 4 Jun 1933: Married Carl Samuelson at Rising City, NE. They lived & farmed near Palmer, NE. She died Thurs, 19 Mar 2009 at Grand Island, NE. Service: Mon., United Methodist Church, Palmer. Burial: Rose Hill Cemetery. Arrangements: Palmer Funeral Home. Survivors: a daughter, a daughter-in-law, 6 gch., 14 g-gch., 2 gg-gch.; a sister & a brother. Predeceased by her husband (Oct 1986); a son Daniel (Aug 2000); her parents, a brother Lillard.

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 25 Mar 2009

**Paul James "Festus" PULLINS, 45** (photo)

Born 15 Dec 1963, Grand Island, NE. Parents: James & LaVon Pullins. 1983 grad. of Grand Island HS. 2003: Married in Grand Island. They lived in Central City, moved to Grand Island and then returned to Central City. He died Sun. 22 Mar 2009 at Central City. Service: Thurs., Apfel Funeral Home Grand Island. Cremation will follow. Survivors: His wife, 3 step-children, his mother, 3 sisters, 2 brothers, and numerous other relatives. Predeceased by his father; 3 uncles - Ronald Williams, Les & Luther Pullins Jr; a sister Valerie Pullins; 3 grandmothers - Leveta Williams, Laurina Pullins, Kendra Williams; his father-in-law & a stepson.

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Grand Island Independent - Wed. 1 Apr 2009

**Lois L. STEGER, 81**

Born 4 Jun 1927, Clarks, NE. Parents: John J. & Clara M. Langhorst Steger. 1945 grad. of Clarks HS. Teacher, bookkeeper. She died Mon. 30 Mar 2009 at hospital in Grand Island, NE. Visitation: Wed., Wagner Funeral Home, Central City, NE. Service: Thurs., St. Peter's Catholic Church, Clarks, NE. Burial: St. Mary's Cemetery, David City, NE. Survivors: 5 nieces, 2 nephews. Predeceased by her parents, 4 sisters, 3 brothers, a nephew & a niece. Memorials: St. Peter's Catholic Church, Clarks, NE.

Grand Island Independent - Fri. 3 Apr 2009

**Norma A. WEGNER, 79** (photo)

Born 17 Jul 1929, Palmer, NE. Parents: Raymond & Wilma (Lawson) Wegner. Grew up at Palmer, & on farm near Scotia, NE. Later lived in Oregon. 1978: Returned to NE with her mother and lived at Scotia. Died Wed., 1 Apr 2009 at Ord, NE. Service: Sat., Ord Memorial Chapel. Burial: Rose Hill Cemetery, Palmer, NE (adjacent to her mother). Survivors: a sister in Oregon; 2 step-brothers; nephews & nieces. Predeceased by her parents, her step-father Merle Edwards; her brother Victor & his wife Jackie.

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 4 Apr 2009

**Mary Ann (Sample) EARL, 72**

Born 29 Dec 1936, North Loup, NE. Parents: Clifford & Julia (Vincent) Sample. 13 Nov 1952: Married Sam Earl at Loup City, NE. "... spent most of her life in the Merrick County area." Resident of Palmer, NE. She died Wed., 1 Apr 2009 at hospital in Lincoln, NE. Service: Mon., Wesleyan Church, Palmer, NE. Burial: Central City Cemetery. Survivors: 11 children, 26 gch., 13 g-gch.; a sister & her husband; a brother & his wife. Predeceased by her husband; her parents; a sister; an infant daughter ...

Note: Husband appears in Central City Cemetery files.

Columbus Telegram (death notice); Grand Island Independent (obit w/photo) - Tues. 7 Apr 2009

**Kim I. SHIVELY, 50**

Born 6 May 1958, Central City, NE. Parents: Larry L. & Lois Mason. Attended school in Central City. 1979: Began work for Beatrice Construction. 17 Jul 1982: Married Gerry Shively at Fullerton, NE. They moved to Fullerton the next year. Kim died Sun., 5 Apr 2009 at Grand Island, NE. Visitation: Tues., Palmer Funeral Home, Fullerton. Service: Wed., First United Methodist Church, Fullerton, NE. Burial: Bureau Cemetery at Pierce Chapel, near Clarks, NE. Survivors: her husband, a son, a daughter; her parents, 3 brothers, five sisters. 2 gch. Also surviving, her in-laws of Clarks.

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 8 Apr 2009

**Effie VALONIS, 85**

Born 15 Mar 1924, Grand Island, NE. Parents: Gus & Fannie Valonis. Worked at Grand Island Candy Co. Resident of Central City, NE. Died Mon., 6 Apr 2009 at Central City. Service: Fri., Apfel Funeral Home, Grand Island. Burial: Grand Island City Cemeter. Survived by cousins. Predeceased by her parents & a sister Kathryn.

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 9 Apr 2009

**Leatha I. BARTH, 76** (photo)

Born 11 Nov 1932, Palmer, NE. Parents: Floyd & Bessie (Thompson) Peterson. Completed 8th grade in Merrick Co. 13 May 1951, Married Robert Barth at Omaha, NE. They farmed near Kenesaw, and then near Dannevirke, NE. Abt 1993: Moved to St. Paul, NE. Robert died 9 Sep 1993. Leatha died Mon., 6 Apr 2009 at St. Paul. Visitation: Thurs., Jacobsen-Greenway Funeral Home in St. Paul. Service: Fri., St. Mark's Lutheran Church, St. Paul. Burial: Elmwood Cemetery. Survivors: 3 sons & their wives, 3 gch., 3 step-gch., 2 g-gch, 5 step-g-gch.; a brother & 2 sisters. Predeceased by her husband; her parents; a step-gch; 3 sisters - Betty Pedersen, Bernice Steinke & Beulah Jensen.

Note: For her parents graves see Rose Hill Cemetery, Palmer, NE.

Columbus Telegram - Thurs. 16 Apr 2009

**Virginia G. NELSON, 89**

Born 25 Sep 1919, Monroe, NE. Parents: Fred & Violet (Anderson) Peach. Married George Stanley Nelson. She died Tues. 7 Apr 2009 in Lincoln, NE. Cremation. Graveside service: Fri., 17 Apr at Central City Cemetery. Arrangements: Lincoln Memorial Funeral Home. Survivors: 2 children, gch. & g-gch.; a brother-in-law. Predeceased by her husband; her son Darrel G. Nelson; her parents & her siblings (w/spouses) - Maxine & Bill Smolinski, Marjorie & Richard Lockard, Lila Clausen.

Columbus Telegram - Sun. 19 Apr 2009

**Max Russell MERRILL, 67** (photo)

Born 1 Jun 1941, Silver Creek, NE. Parents: Clifford J. & Grace (Dick) Merrill. 1961: Married at Genoa, NE. Truck/heavy equipment operator. Died Thurs 16 Apr 2009 at Alliance, NE. Service: Tues., 21 Apr 2009, St. Bridget's Catholic Church, Hemingford, NE. Burial at Hemingford Cemetery. Arrangements: Bates-Gould Funeral Home. Survivors: 7 children, 4 gch.; 2 sisters & 2 brothers. Predeceased by his parents, 2 brothers & a sister.

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 21 Apr 2009

**Alma Mae (Gilley) BENSON, 87** (photo)

Born 16 Oct 1921, Central City, NE. Parents: Bert & Ella Mae (Wilson) Gilley. 1940 grad. of CCHS. 16 Oct 1942: Married Verner H. Benson at Hordville, NE. Teacher. 1945: Moved to Grand Island, NE. Alma died Mon. 20 Apr 2009 at Grand Island, NE. Service: Wed., Solt Funeral Home, Central City, NE. Burial at Central City Cemetery. Survivors: 2 son, a daughter, 7 gch.; 1 g-gch.; a sister, 3 sisters-in-law; 2 brothers-in-law. Predeceased by her husband; her parents; 2 brothers - Robert Gilley, James Gilley (infancy). Note: For her family, see History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I p 408 (Wilson); 1920 Fed. Census NE ED157 p3A D44 F44: Lone Tree Twp, Merrick, NE; 1930 Fed. Census NE ED61-10 p2b D45 F45: Mead Twp, Merrick, NE. Her husband - Grand Island Independent obit (publ. 18 Aug 2003).

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 21 Apr 2009

**Bernice G. EWERS, 93** (photo)

Born 3 Jul 1915, Palmer, NE. Parents: Clifford & Effie (Edwards) Burkman. 1933 grad. of Palmer HS. 17 Oct 1934: Married Paul Ewers at Smith Center, KS. They farmed near St. Paul, NE. She worked as a cook. Bernice died Mon. 20 Apr 2009 at Grand Island, NE. Visitation: Wed., Peters Funeral Home, St. Paul. Service: Thurs., United Methodist Church, St. Paul. Inurnment at Elmwood Cemetery, St. Paul. Survivors: 2 daughters, 2 sons, a son-in-law; 19 gch., 40 g-gch., 6 gg-gch. Predeceased by her husband; her parents, a daughter Shirley Buck; a grandson Michael Buck; son-in-law Richard Jepson, daughter-in-law Pat Ewers, brother "Doc" Burkman.

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 21 Apr 2009

**Betty J. MICHALSKI, 65** (photo)

Born 23 Sep 1943, Grand Island, NE. Parents: Mervin & Gertrude (Meinke) Schroeder. Educated in Grand Island. Resident of Chapman, NE. Died Fri., 17 Apr 2009 at Grand Island. Service: Thurs., Livingston-Sondermann Funeral Home, Grand Island, NE. Burial: Chapman Cemetery. Survivors: a son, 2 daughters, 6 gch., 2 g-gch.; 2 brothers & their wives. Predeceased by her parents, & a brother "Shorty" Schroeder.

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 23 Apr 2009

**Milda M. ECKSTROM, 90**

Born 26 Dec 1918, Howard Co., NE. Parents: Paul & Hildegard (Heinzig) Burkhardt. 26 Dec 1940: Married Leonard Herbert Eckstrom in Howard County. They farmed in Howard County for 40 years, then moved to Palmer, NE. Mr. Eckstrom died 30 May 2000. Mrs. Eckstrom died Sun. 19 Apr 2009 at Albuquerque, NM. Service: Fri., St. John's Lutheran Church, Palmer, NE. Burial: Rose Hill Cemetery, Palmer. Survivors: a son, a daughter, a daughter-in-law, 6 gch., 10 g-gch., ...; a brother. Predeceased by her husband, and a son Walter E. Eckstrom; her parents; 4 brothers - Max, Herman, William & Christian Burkhardt; 3 sisters - Martha Kellogg, Lena Burkhardt & Frieda Zimbelman.

Grand Island Independent - Mon. 27 Apr 2009

**Richard R. BIERBAUM, 66**

Born 17 Mar 1943, Clay Center, Kansas. Parents: Louis & Clara (Lang) Bierbaum. 1961 grad. of Linn HS, Linn, KS. 1961-69: KS National Guard. 1964: Married at Worms, NE. They farmed east of St. Libory, NE. He died Fri., 24 Apr 2009 at home. Service: Tues., Zion Lutheran Church, Worms, NE. Burial: Church cemetery. Arrangements: Peters Funeral Home, St. Paul, NE. Survivors: His wife, a son, 2 gch.; a brother, a sister. Predeceased by his parents & parents-in-law; his son Daryl.

Grand Island Independent - Mon. 27 Apr 2009; Columbus Telegram (photo) - Tues. 28 Apr 2009

**Irene Mae SCHULTZ, 87**

Born 16 May 1921 near Clarks, NE. Parents: Gustave & Catherine (Gorgen) Schultz. Grad. of Clarks HS. Lived on family farm. Babysitter. Died Sun. 26 Apr 2009 at Central City, NE. Service: Today, Pierce Chapel United Methodist Church near Clarks. Burial: Bureau Cemetery at Pierce Chapel. Arrangements: Solt Funeral Home. Survivors: A sister-in-law, nieces & nephews. Predeceased by her parents; 4 brothers - Henry, Frank, LeRoy & Raymond; 3 sisters - Caroline Craig, Clara Graves, Barbara Phelps.

Note: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I p355 (w/p); 1930 Fed. Census Clarksville Twp, Merrick, NE ED61-6 p7b D164 F164 (w/p)

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Grand Island Independent - Tues. 5 May 2009

**Opal D. BICE, 100** (photo)

Born 16 Mar 1909, Merrick Co., NE. Parents: Bean D. & Emily (Roark) Daniels. 1928 grad. of CCHS. 19 Jul 11931: Married Stanley Bice at Papillion, NE. They lived in Central City; moved to Colorado, and then to Washington. Bought a home in Denver, CO and lived there until 1978. Moved to Central City, NE. Member of First Christian Church. Stanley died in 1996. Opal later moved to Colorado to be near son. Died at Longmont, CO on Sun. 3 May 2009. Service: Thurs. Solt Funeral Home, Central City, NE. Burial: Central City Cemetery. Survivors: A son & his wife, 2 gch., 4 g-gch., 1 gg-gch. Predeceased by her parents & her brother Newell Daniels. Memorial to the church or any animal humane society.

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 9 May 2009

**Donald V. NIETFELD, 85**

Born 4 Jan 1924 on farm southeast of St. Libory, NE. Parents: Ferdinand F. & Ida (Noffke) Nietfeld. 23 Jun 1944: Married Esther at Worms, NE. 1944-46: US Navy. They had a dairy farm north of Grand Island, NE. Later moved to farm where he was born. He died Wed., 6 May 2009 at Grand Island Veterans Home. Service: Sat., Zion Lutheran Church, Worms, NE. Burial: Church cemetery. Arrangements: Peters Funeral Home. Survivors: His wife, 2 sons, 3 daughters; a brother, 3 sisters-in-law. Predeceased by his parents & 2 brothers - LeRoy & Robert. Memorials: To the Church or to Lutheran Hour Ministries.

Grand Island Independent (death notice) - Sat. 9 May 2009; Columbus Telegram - Sun. 10 May 2009

**Delores "Dee" KOZA, 73** (photo)

Born 13 Feb 1936, Silver Creek, NE. Parents: Albert & Domicella "Dony" (Robeck) Cutsor. Grad. of Silver Creek HS. 12 May 1956: Married Lawrence Koza at Silver Creek. They lived in Omaha until 1959; returned to Silver Creek, NE. She died Thurs., 7 May 2009 at Columbus, NE. Service: Tues., St. Lawrence Catholic Church, Silver Creek, NE. Burial at church cemetery. Arrangements: McKown Funeral Home, Silver Creek. Survivors: a daughter, 2 gch.; 2 brothers, 2 sisters. Predeceased by her husband; her parents; a daughter Linda Prososki; 3 brothers - Jack, Raymond & Karl Cutsor.

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 14 May 2009

**Martha Louise HUMMEL, 100** (photo)

Born 24 Mar 1909 on farm west of Clarks, NE. Parents: William & Anna (Goerl) Sandeman. Family moved to Central City when she was about 14 yrs. old. 1928 grad. of CCHS. 30 Jun 1930: Married Clarence Hummel. They ran a grocery store. Clarence died in 1967. In 2000 Martha moved to a retirement village in Omaha, NE.

2007: She moved to "Mission (Kansas City), Kansas". She died there Tues., 12 May 2009. Graveside service: Sat., Central City Cemetery. Arrangements: Solt Funeral Home. Survivors: a son, a daughter-in-law, 4 gch., 7 g-gch. Predeceased by her husband, and a son Robert (2005). Also deceased - her parents, a brother Will, a gch.; a daughter-in-law in 1998.

Grand Island Independent - Mon. 18 May 2009

**Linda Kaye WANDFLUH, 65** (photo)

Born 13 Mar 1944, Osceola, NE. Parents: Roger W. & Shirley A. (Peterson) Gustafson. Grew up between Hordville & Polk, NE. 1962 grad. of Hordville HS. RN. Married Joseph L. Tyler and had 2 sons. 21 May 1988: Married Donald D. Wandfluh. They lived on farm near Central City, NE. Director of nursing; "master of Reiki". She died Sat. 16 May 2009 at UN Medical Center, Omaha, NE. Visitation: Tues., Solt Funeral Home. Service: Wed., United Presbyterian Church, Central City. Burial at later date in Central City Cemetery. Survivors: 2 sons & their wife; her step-children; a brother; 3 sisters. Also living - 13 gch. and 2 g-gch. Predeceased by her husband (11 Jun 2008), her parents, and a brother-in-law Lou Nauert.

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 19 May 2009

**George W. STOPPKOTTE, 80** (photo)

Born 1 Jul 1928 east of Grand Island, NE. Parents: Henry & Anna (Clausen) Stoppkotte. Attended schools in Merrick & Hall Counties. 1947 grad. of Grand Island HS. 1953-57: USA. Farmer. He died Sun. 17 May 2020 at Grand Island Veterans Home. Graveside service: Wed., Grand Island Cemetery. Arrangements: Livingston-Sondermann Funeral Home. Survivors: A brother & his wife; a sister-in-law, 2 nieces & 4 nephews. Predeceased by his parents, and a brother Harold. Memorials: Salvation Army. Note: See 1930 Fed. Census NE ED61-16 p3B D64 F64: Vieregg Twp, Merrick, NE (w/p).

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 19 May 2009

**Harvey E. ZICHEK, 83** (photo)

Born 25 Jun 1925, Lincoln, NE. Parents: Ed & Agnes (Varga) Zichek. Grew up at Central City, NE. 14 Aug 1950: Married. They lived in Palmer until 1960; moved to Grand Island, NE. Farmer, welder, business owner. He died Thurs. 14 May 2009 at Grand Island, NE. Service: Monday, All Faiths Funeral Home Chapel, Grand Island. Burial: Central City Cemetery. Survivors: His wife, a son, a daughter & her husband, a gch., a g-gch. Also surviving - a sister. Predeceased by his parents; infant daughter Gayle Diane; his brother Donald and brother/sister-in-law Melvin & Dorothy Zichek; a brother-in-law, Elmer Kuskie. Memorials: Nebraska Arthritis Foundation.

Note: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I p415 (w/p); and 1930 Fed. Census NE ED61-7 p7b D162 F164: Lone Tree Twp, Merrick, NE (w/p)

Grand Island Independent - Sun. 24 May 2009

**Alan BRANDENBURG, 52** (photo)

Born 23 Apr 1957, Central City, NE. Parents: Glen & Ruth (Ruge) Brandenburg. 1975 grad. of CCHS. 8 Oct 1977: Married at Central City, NE. Worked for Bonnavilla & Top Flite. Resident of Aurora, NE. Died Fri. 22 May 2009 at hospital in Lincoln, NE. Service: Wed., Assembly of God Church, Aurora, NE. Burial: Burke Cemetery near Central City, NE. Survivors: His wife, 2 sons, a daughter, 2 gch.; 2 brothers, 2 sisters. Predeceased by his parents, sister Oleata Riblett; his in-laws, Opal & Stanley Chadwick; niece Barbie Simms.

Columbus Telegram & Grand Island Independent - Tues. 26 May 2009

**Laurine P. ZELAZNY, 88**(photo)

Born 20 Aug 1920, Cedar Rapids, NE. Parents: John & Anna (Sutko) Niedzwiecki. Family moved to Silver Creek area. Grad. of Clarks HS. 22 Sep 1948: Married Phil V. Zelazny at Clarks. They farmed north of town. Mr. Zelazny died 27 Aug 1990; Laurine moved to Fullerton, NE. She died Sat., 23 May 2009 at hospital in Central City, NE. Service: Wed., St. Peters Catholic Church, Fullerton. Burial at Calvary Cemetery, Clarks, NE. Arrangements: Palmer Funeral Home, Fullerton. Survivors: a daughter & her husband, 3 gch., 2 g-gch; a sister. Predeceased by her husband; her parents; & an infant son John. Memorials: St. Peters Catholic Church Renovation Fullerton or Fullerton Ambulance.



Note: See 1930 Fed. Census NE ED61-6 p3a D48 F48: Clarksville Twp, Merrick, NE (w/p).

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 27 May 2009

**Ruby Edith COX, 93** (photo)

Born 17 Apr 1916, Loretto (Boone Co), NE. Parents: J.A. & Olive Hannah (Groom) Jennings. 1934 grad. of Cedar Rapids HS. Teacher. 8 Mar 1941: Married James Vernon Cox in Lincoln, NE. They farmed near Palmer, NE. Vernon died 12 Dec 1968; Ruby remained on the farm until 1975, then moved into town. She died Sun., 24 May 2009 at Grand Island, NE. Service: Thurs., Palmer Funeral Home, Palmer. Burial: Rose Hill Cemetery, Palmer. Survivors: a daughter & her husband, 3 gch. Predeceased by her husband; her parents; 5 brothers - Horace, Victor, Vernon, Wesley & Fredrick Jennings; 5 sisters - Fern Rasmussen, Mildred Jennings, Iva Lunceford, Ida Belle Keepes & Ruth Stueben.

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 28 May 2009

**Max Henry LORENZEN, 91** (photo)

Born 13 Dec 1917, Merrick Co., NE. Parents: Cornelius & Marie (Blohm) Lorenzen. Educated in Hall County. WW II: Served in US Army. 12 Mar 1944: Married Norma Meyers at Worms, NE. They lived on his family's farm. Norma died 13 Jan 2009. Max died Tues., 26 May 2009 at Grand Island, NE. Visitation: Thurs., Livingston-Sondermann Funeral Home. Service: Fri., Messiah Lutheran Church. Burial: Wiegert Cemetery (located in Hall Co., on county line with Merrick. Survivors: 4 sons, 3 daughters-in-law, 11 gch., 13 g-gch.; a niece. Predeceased by his wife; his parents; sister Ella Heins Bollesen & her first husband Fred Heins; nephew Kenneth Heins. Memorials: Messiah Lutheran Church, Worms, NE

Grand Island Independent - Fri. 29 May 2009

**Theodore R. "Ted" BOSSELMAN, 90**

Born 30 Oct 1918 near Worms, NE. Previously lived at Bartlett, NE. Resident of Utica, SD. Died 19 Dec 2008. Graveside service: Sat., Wiegart Cemetery near Worms, NE. Arrangements: Wintz & Ray Funeral Home, Yankton, S.D. Survivors: a son & a daughter.

Note: See 1920 Fed. Census NE ED226 p4A D68 F68: Prairie Creek Twp, Merrick, NE.

Grand Island Independent - Fri. 29 May 2009

**Wilhelmina P. "Minnie" STARKEY, 92** (photo)

Born 13 May 1917, Leigh, NE. Parents: Fredrick M. & Lena K. (Donscheski) Hild. 1934 grad. of St. Paul HS. 31 Dec 1938: Married Bruce Herbert Starkey at Fullerton, NE. They lived at Palmer, NE. She died Wed., 27 May 2009 at Park Place, Grand Island NE. Service: Sat., United Methodist Church, Palmer. Burial: Rose Hill Cemetery, Palmer, NE. Arrangements: Palmer Funeral Home. Survivors: 2 sons, a daughter, 12 gch., 25 g-gch, 4 gg-gch.; a brother & his wife. Predeceased by her husband (3 Oct 1976); a daughter Margaret Meyer & her husband LeRoy Meyer; 2 gch.; her parents.

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Grand Island Independent - Fri. 5 Jun 2009

**Phyllis C. BROWN, 65** (photo)

Born 9 Jun 1943, Central City, NE. Parents: Erven & Irene (Johnson) Jensen. 1961 grad. of CCHS. 18 Mar 1962: Married Larry Brown at Central City, NE. They farmed west of Central City until 1975; moved to home farm. Phyllis opened a tea room with a friend. She died Wed., 3 Jun 2009 at Hospice House, Omaha, NE. Service: Mon., Archer Zion United Methodist Church. Burial: Central City Cemetery. Arrangements: Wagner Funeral Home. Survivors: Her husband; 3 sons.; 2 sisters & their spouses. Predeceased by her parents; infant brother Erven Jensen; father-in-law Richard L. Brown. Memorials: Archer Zion United Methodist Church.

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 10 Jun 2009

**Raymond OTTEMOELLER, 88**

Born 20 Nov 1920, Grand Island, NE. Parents: John & Bertha (Vogel) Ottemoeller. Grew up on farm northeast

of Grand Island. 11 Oct 1942: Married Lillian; they farmed until 1965, moved to Grand Island. He died Mon., 8 Jun 2009 at Grand Island, NE. Service: Thurs., Gollaher Chapel of Trinity United Methodist Church. Ashes will be buried at Wiegert Cemetery. Arrangements: All Faiths. Survivors: His wife, 2 sons, a daughter, 5 gch., 8 g-gch. Predeceased by his parents; an infant son Billy; a gch. Brian Ottemoeller; brother Elmer & sister Marie Mohr. Memorials: AseraCare Hospice.

Note: See extracts for Wiegert Cemetery.

Grand Island Independent - Fri. 12 Jun 2009

**Jacob Robert RUDOLF, 16** (photo)

Born 18 Dec 1992, Central City, NE. Parents: Terry & Connie Rudolf. Baptized at United Methodist Church, Chapman. Attended school in Aurora. Chapman and Ewing, NE. Died Sat. 6 Jun 2009 in accident. Service Fri., Ewing Public HS gym. Burial: Fri., Chapman Cemetery. Arrangements: Seger Funeral Home, Atkinson, NE. Survivors: His parents, a sister, a brother & his wife & 3 children; 3 grandparents. Predeceased by grandfather Lawrence Rudolf & his great great-grandparents.

Grand Island Independent - Sun. 14 Jun 2009

**Jay GEE, 81**

Born 27 Jul 1927, Palmer, NE. Parents: Truman Alvah Jr. & Etoile (Colburn) Gee. 1944 grad. of Palmer HS. 18 Sep 1949: Married Laree Butt. They farmed in Howard County, and near Clarks; then on farm north of Central City in 1956. 1969: Moved to farm near Archer, NE. Abt 1989: Retired to Central City, NE. 27 Apr 1991: Jay married Billie R. Rogers. They lived in Central City. Jay died Sat. 13 Jun 2009 at Central City. Visitation: Mon., Solt Funeral Home. Service: Tues, 16 Jun at United Presbyterian Church, Central City. Burial: Central City Cemetery. Survivors: His second wife; 3 sons, a step-daughter, 13 gch.; a brother; 2 sisters & their spouses; a brother-in-law; 2 sisters-in-law. Predeceased by his first wife; his parents; a son Larry (1972; 2 brothers - Wayne & Richard Gee; 2 sisters - Gertrude Andrews & Virginia Leth; 2 stepsons - Bill Prochaska, II & Monte Prochaska; a sister-in-law, Marion Gee; a brother-in-law, Tom Andrews; brother-in-law and sister-in-law Dr. E.A. and Helen Rogers. Memorials: the United Presbyterian Church or the Merrick Foundation.

Grand Island Independent death notice - Mon. 22 Jun 2009

**Lorene H. SCHAUMBURG, 82**

Former resident of Palmer, NE. Died 24 Mar 2009 at Westminster, CO. Graveside service: Tues., Rose Hill Cemetery, Palmer, NE. Arrangements: Jacobsen-Greenway Funeral Home, St. Paul, NE.

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 24 Jun 2009

**Timothy A. "TK" KOLAR, 48** (photo)

Born 9 Apr 1961, St. Paul, NE. Parents: Edward & Donna (Hinkle) Kolar. Attended school in Chapman, NE. 1979 grad. of Grand Island Northwest HS. Married in 2008. Owner/operator of TK Body Shop in Grand Island. He died Mon. 22 Jun 2009. Service: Fri., All Faiths Funeral Home Chapel. Burial: Chapman Cemetery. Survivors: His wife; 2 sons; 2 sisters; his mother & step-father; his in-laws.

Columbus Telegram (death notice), Grand Island Independent - Wed. 24 Jun 2009

**Reynold Lee TROSPER, 90**

Born 15 Aug 1918, Central City, NE. Parents: Albert Lee & Inez Naomi (Kinney) Trosper. Died Sun. 21 Jun 2009 at Plattsmouth, NE. Service: Thurs., United Methodist Church, Fullerton, NE. Burial: Scotia Cemetery, Scotia, NE. Arrangements: Roby Funeral Home. Survivors: 3 children; 4 sisters. Predeceased by his wife Fern.

Note: Obit of wife Fern D. Schoemaker Trosper published 19 Jan 2007 in Columbus Telegram.

Grand Island Independent - Sun. 28 Jun 2009

**Brandon M. FENTON, 26** (photo)

Born 21 Jun 1983, Grand Island, NE. Parents: Donald & Ann (Struss) Fenton. 2002 grad. of Platte Valley Academy. Worked as painter in Lincoln; and then took classes & was a welder in Grand Island, NE. 2007:

Became a diver. Moved to Chapman, NE where he died Thurs., 23 Jun 2009. Service: Mon., 7th Day Adventist Church, Grand Island. Burial: Westlawn Memorial Park Cemetery, Grand Island. Survivors: Two brothers; his grandparents; 2 step-grandmothers; an aunt & uncle living in Chapman. Predeceased by his father & his Struss grandparents.

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 30 Jun 2009

**Ray McKNIGHT, 74**

Born 30 Oct 1934, Salem, IN. Parents: Walter & Dora Lee (Hoskins) McKnight. Served in USAF. Truck driver. 22 Dec 1987: Married Patricia L. Trompke at Maryville, MO. Ray died Fri. 26 Jun 2009 at Clarinda, IA. Graveside service: Wed., Central City Cemetery, NE. Survivors: a sister; a niece; an aunt & uncle in St. Paul, NE. Predeceased by his wife Patricia; his parents.

Note: Wife's obit published 9 Jan 2007 in Aurora News Register.

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Columbus Telegram death notice - Wed. 1 Jul 2009

**Judy R. TSCHANTRE, 69**

Resident of Silver Creek, NE. Died Mon. 29 Jun 2009 at Genoa, NE. Service: Thurs., United Methodist Church, Silver Creek, NE. Burial at Silver Creek Cemetery. Arrangements:: McKown Funeral Home.

Grand Island Independent - Fri. 3 Jul 2009

**Leila Viola GOERL, 100** (photo)

Born 1 Jan 1909 near Palmer, NE. Parents: Robert & Mary (Retzlaff) Wegner. Grad. of Palmer HS. May 1946: Married Joseph Goerl. They farmed southeast of Palmer. Methodist. She died Wed. 1 Jul 2009 at Central City, NE. Service: Sat., Palmer Funeral Home, Palmer, NE. Burial: Rose Hill Cemetery, Palmer. Survivors: A daughter-in-law, a son-in-law, 3 gch. Predeceased by her husband (23 Aug 1996); her son Robert and her daughter Bette Tashy; her parents & a sister Hazel Wegner.

Grand Island Independent - Fri. 3 Jul 2009

**Wayne L. RUDOLF, 68** (photo)

Born 18 Jan 1941, Palmer, NE. Parents: Albert P. & Esterh A. (Zlomke) Rudolf. 1958 grad. of Palmer HS. Attended Kearney State College. 20 Oct 1962: Married at Lincoln, NE. They moved to Hastings, NE. He died Wed., 1 Jul 2009 at hospital in Hastings. Visitation: Fri., DeWitt Funeral Home & Cremation Service, Hastings. Service: Fri., All Saints Chapel, Good Samaritan Village, Hastings. Survivors: His wife, 4 daughters, 6 gch.; 2 brothers; a sister. Predeceased by his parents, and brother-in-law Jack Rawlings.

Columbus Telegram (death notice) - Sun. 5 Jul 2009; Grand Island Independent (photo) - Mon. 6 Jul 2009

**Henry "Bud" SANTIN, Jr. 53**

Born 23 Jul 1955, Grand Island, NE. Parents: Henry "Hank" Sr. & Eley (Koziol) Santin. 1973 grad. of Paler HS. 9 Aug 1974: Married at Fullerton, NE. They farmed & raised cattle in Merrick & Nance Counties, NE. He died Wed., 2 Jul 2009 at hospital in Central City, NE. Service: Wed., St. Peters Catholic Church, Fullerton, NE. Burial: Rose Hill Cemetery, Palmer, NE. Arrangements: Palmer Funeral Home. Survivors: His wife, a daughter, a son, 2 gch.; a brother & 2 sisters. Predeceased by his fathe. Memorials: St. Peters Catholic Church, Palmer Public School Endowment, the Palmer American Legion, the Palmer Rescue Squad.

Grand Island Independent - Mon. 20 Jul 2009

**Jeanette D. COUCH, 73** (photo)

Born 21 Nov 1936, Grand Island, NE. Parents: Wray & Dora (Schuller) Lacy. Grad. of Chapman HS. 5 Sep 1954: Married Francis "Junior" Perkins at Grand Island, NE. They had 6 children. 1 Mar 1986: Married Eugene Couch at Inman, NE. Gene died in Mar 1997. Jeanette died Sat., 18 Jul 2009 at St. Paul, NE. Service: Thurs. 22 Jul 2009, St. Mark's Lutheran Church, St. Paul. Burial: Grand Island City Cemetery. Arrangements: Jacobsen Greenway Funeral Home. Survivors: 2 sons, 3 daughters, 14 gch., 7 g-gch.; a brother, 2 sisters. She was predeceased by her parents; a daughter Cynthia; brother Melvin Lacy; brother-in-law Virgil Husman.

Columbus Telegram - Mon. 20 Jul 2009

**Gilbert Earl HINKLE, 88**

Born 10 Jul 1921, Polk Co., NE. Parents: Andrew William & Mabel C (Wamsley) Hinkle. WW II: US Army 2819th Army Quarter Master Gasoline Supply Co., Pacific Theater. 11 Oct 1947: Married in Central City, NE. They farmed, & he worked at other jobs. Gilbert died 10 Jun 2009 at Central City, NE. Service: Tues., Calvary Lutheran Church, Swede Home (Polk Co.), NE. Burial: Silver Creek Cemetery. Arrangements: Dubas Funeral Home of Osceola & Stromsburg. Survivors: His wife, 4 children, 7 gch., 5 g-gch., 4 step-gch & 5 step-g-gch. Predeceased by his parents; 2 sisters - Myrtle Aye & Eleanor Nystrom; 1 brother - Charles Hinkle; a son-in-law Brad Booker.

Columbus Telegram & Grand Island Independent - Tues. 21 Jul 2009

**William H. KOHL, Jr. 63**

Born 6 Oct 1945, Osceola, NE. Parents: William & Barbara (Wurtz) Kohl. Grew up on a farm near Clarks, NE. 1963 grad. of Clarks HS. Attended UN for a yr; farmed with father. Dec 1965: Enlisted in USAF; served 21 years. 24 Sep 1966: Married Bonnie Marie Fairbairn. William died Thurs., 16 Jul 2009 at Clarks, NE. Service: Sat., 15 Aug at Solt Funeral Home, Central City, NE. Burial: Clarks Cemetery. Survivors: 2 sons, 2 gch.; 2 sisters; some in-laws. Predeceased by his wife; his parents & his wife's parents (Ethel and Robert Fairbairn) ... Memorials: Bonnie Kohl Memorial Scholarship Fund at the Merrick Foundation or to a hospice.

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 22 Jul 2009

**Ivan Frank KING, 93 (photo)**

Born 10 Oct 1915, Amboy, IL. Parents: Frank N. & Carrie B. (Lyman) King. Attended school in Merrick Co., NE. Grad. of Hordville HS. 23 Feb 1937: Married at Central City, NE. They lived in Grand Island & Central City, NE; Lee County & Dixon County, IL. 1944: Moved to Jamesville, WI. 1945-46: Ivan served in the US Army. 1946: Ivan started farming north of Central City, NE. 1958: Moved into town, then moved to Grand Island, NE. Ivan died Mon. 20 Jul 2009 at Central City, NE. Memorial service: Sat., United Methodist Church, Clarks, NE. Burial: Central City Cemetery. Arrangements: Solt Funeral Home. Survivors: His wife, 2 daughters, a son. 10 gch., 18 g-gch, 4 step-g-gch. His parents are deceased; also 5 brothers - George, Lee, Bruce, Ray, and Dean (infant) King.

Note: See 1920 Fed. Census NE ED157 p1A D10 F10: Lone Tree Twp, Merrick, NE and 1930 Fed. Census NE ED61-7 p3b D67 F69: Lone Tree Twp, Merrick, NE.

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 25 Jul 2009

**Barbara MALM, 75**

Born 6 Jun 1934, Central City, NE. Parents: Laurence & Ethel Sinsel. Grad. of CCHS. Married Roger Malm. She died Wed., 22 Jul 2009 at Roswell, GA. Service: Sun., Roswell Funeral Home. Survivors: Her husband, 5 daughters, 12 gch.; 3 sisters & a brother. Predeceased by her parents; a brother - Bob Sinsel; a sister - Marilyn Cohen. Memorials: St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 25 Jul 2009

**Heyward WELLER, 82**

Born 20 Jul 1927 on farm near Worms, NE. Parents: Calvin Sr. & Anna (Luebbe) Weller. Korean War: US Army. He farmed the family place after military service. 19 Nov 1967: Married Alice Dickman. They moved to Nampa, ID. Heyward died Thurs., 23 Jul 2009 at Nampa, ID. Service: Mon., Nampa First Church of the Nazarene. Arrangements: Alsig & Persons Funeral Chapel, Nampa, ID. Survivors: His wife, a daughter, a step-son, 2 gch. Predeceased by his parents: 3 brothers - Glen, Calvin Jr., & Quentin; 4 sisters - Helen Dankert, Frances Maglecic, Eldeen Leuthaeser, Phylliss Brown. Memorials: Hands of Hope, P.O. Box 161, Nampa, ID 83653; or the Nampa Senior Center, 207 Constitution Way, Nampa, ID 83686.

Grand Island Independent & Norfolk Daily News (death notice) - Mon. 27 Jul 2009

**Kathryn Rose KURZENBERGER, 90**

Born 15 Jan 1919 near Ainsworth, NE. Parents: William E. & Gretchen (Eule) VonHeeder. Resident of Central City, NE. Married Grayton Kurzenberger. He died 25 Jan 2004. Kathryn died Fri. 24 Jul 2009 at Central City,

NE. Service: Tues., Heartland Evangelical Free Church, Central City. Second service: New Hope Community Church, Springview, NE. Burial: Mount Hope Cemetery, Springview, NE. Arrangements: Wagner Funeral Home, Central City. Survivors: 2 daughters & a son.

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 28 Jul 2009

**Joyce A. COOK, 72** (photo)

Born 9 Jan 1937, near Palmer, NE. Parents: Robert & Effie (Goerl) Nedrig. Attended school at Palmer and in Howard Co., NE. 1956 grad. of Palmer HS. 25 Sep 1960: Married Dick Cook at Palmer, NE. They lived in Howard County for 5 years; moved to Palmer in 1965. She worked as school cook. Joyce died Fri. 24 Jul 2009 in Colorado Springs, CO. Visitation: at Greenway Funeral Home, Palmer, NE. Service: Thurs., St. John's Lutheran Church, Palmer. Burial: Rose Hill Cemetery. Survivors: Her husband, a daughter, 3 sons, 7 gch., one gg-gch.; 3 brothers, 3 sisters; 2 aunts. Predeceased by her parents, and her step-father George Sachtjen, Sr.

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 30 Jul 2009

**H.R. "Dick" LIPPINCOTT, 86**

Born 27 Nov 1922, Lyman, NE. Parents: Harvey R. & Ena F. (Kellums) Lippincott. Grad of Lyman Public Schools and NE School of Agriculture, Curtis, NE. WW II: US Army 3rd Infantry Div. (Europe). 27 Nov 1946: Married at Shelton, NE. They farmed in Merrick County, NE. Pilot. " In 1964, Dick was named Farmer of the Year by the Central City Chamber of Commerce. In 1974, he was made an Admiral in the Nebraska Navy, and he received the Ak-Sar-Ben Good Neighbor Award in 1988. He earned the Farm Bureau Grassroots Award in 2002." He died Tues., 28 Jul 2009 at Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Grand Island, NE. Service: Fri., Fairview United Methodist Church near Central City. Burial: Central City Cemetery. Arrangements: Wagner Funeral Home. Survivors: His wife, 3 sons, a daughter, 9 gch. 2 g-gch; his step-mother. Predeceased by his parents and a brother Dale Lippincott. Memorials: Merrick County Historical Museum or Fairview Foundation. Note: See History of Merrick Co. NE, Vol I p274; & History of Merrick Co., NE Vol II p131 (Anderson)

Grand Island Independent - Fri. 31 Jul 2009

**John Arnold BAKER, 79**

Born 23 Mar 1930, Littlefield, TX. Resident of Central City, NE. Died Wed. 22 Jul 2009 at Omaha, NE. Memorial service: Wed., Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, Grand Island, NE. He had been minister of that denomination for 58 years. Survivors: His wife, a son, a daughter, 6 gch. Predeceased by daughter Pamela Kay Brix.

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Aurora News Register - 31 Jul 2009; Grand Island Independent (photo) - Tues. 4 Aug 2009

**Bernice R. LARSEN, 89**

Born 29 Nov 1919, Central City, NE. Parents: Herman A. & Ruby G. (Sigman) Johns. 1937 grad. of CCHS. 1939: Married Orvis Larsen at Seattle, WA. They farmed north of Central City about 7 years, moved to Scottsbluff, NE. 1951: Returned to Merrick County & operated a business. 1984: Retired to Grand Island, NE. Bernice died there Fri., 31 Jul 2009. Service: Sat., Solt Funeral Home, Central City. Burial: St. John's Lutheran Church Cemetery, Kronborg (Hamilton Co), NE. Survivors: Her husband, 2 sons, a daughter., 9 gch., 9 g-gch; a sister. Predeceased by her parents, and a brother Roy Johns.

Columbus Telegram - Sun. 9 Aug 2009

**Julia S. STANIEC, 91**

Born 12 Nov 1917, Silver Creek, NE. Parents: Bartley & Julia (Marfica) Staniec. Attended school in Nance County, NE. Resident of Silver Creek. Died Thurs. at Osceola, NE. Service: Mon. St. Lawrence Catholic Church, Silver Creek. Burial: Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Cemetery, Krakow (Nance Co.), NE. Arrangements: McKown Funeral Home. Survivors: A sister. Predeceased by her parents; 4 sisters - Mary Graham, Helen Hinkle, Rose McKay & Vera McMenemy; 4 brothers - Louis, Frank, John & Tome Staniec. Note: See 1930 Fed. Census NE ED63-11 p5b F106: Prairie Creek Twp, Nance, NE (w/p).

Grand Island Independent - Fri. 7 Aug 2009; Columbus Telegram - Sun. 9 Aug 2009

**Marian J. WEMHOFF, 86** (photo)

Born 22 Aug 1922, Humphrey, NE. Parents: Joseph & Bernadette (Halm) Melcher. 1941 grad. of Humphrey HS. 30 Apr 1946: Married Clarence Wemhoff. They farmed in Platte County until 1958; then farmed near Clarks, NE. She worked at the hospital in Central City. Mr. Wemhoff died 27 Aug 1994. Mrs. Wemhoff died Thurs., 6 Aug 2009 at Columbus, NE. Service: Mon., St. Peter's Catholic Church, Clarks. Burial: Calvary Cemetery, Clarks, NE. Arrangements: Solt Funeral Home. Survivors: 12 children, 32 gch., 14 g-gch. Predeceased by her husband; her parents; a son-in-law Mack Nickel; a sister & a brother.

Grand Island Independent - Mon. 10 Aug 2009

**Linda B. PERKINS, 63** (photo)

Born 4 Mar 1946, Central City, NE. Parents: Lumier & Erma (VanPelt) Kucera. Family lived in Archer, NE. 3 Aug 1963: Married Charles Perkins. They owned a business. Lived in Grand Island. She died Sat. 8 Aug 2009 at home. Service: Wed., Trinity United Methodist church. Ashes will be buried at Westlawn Memorial Park Cemetery. Arrangements: All Faiths. Survivors: Her husband, 4 daughters, a son, 5 gch.; 2 brothers. Predeceased by her parents. Memorials to the church.

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 22 Aug 2009

**Mary J. "Janet" ENGEL, 75** (photo)

Born 22 Sep 1933, Clarks, NE. Parents: Basil & Maude (Byrd) Douglas. 1951 grad. of Clarks HS. 23 Oct 1951: Married Fritz Engel. They lived in Clarks/Silver Creek area. 1964: Bought Fullerton Livestock Market. Fritz died 22 Mar 2004. Janet died Thurs., 20 Aug 2009 at Clarks. Service: Sat., St. Peter's Catholic Church, Clarks. Burial: Calvary Cemetery, Clarks. Arrangements: Palmer Funeral Home. Survivors: 3 sons, 3 daughters, 22 gch., 12 g-gch. Predeceased by her husband and a daughter Patricia Engel; "... a sister, Jean, and four brothers, Don, Bill, Dewayne and twin brother, Jim. Memorials are suggested to the Clarks EMTs, hospice or the Nebraska Children's Home Society."

Grand Island Independent - Sun. 23 Aug 2009

**Sandra M. Van DYKE, 55**

Born 6 May 1954, Grand Island, NE. Parents: Donzel & Emily Van Dyke. Sandra had lived in Grand Island, Kearney, Pleasanton & Cairo areas, returned to Grand Island, NE. Died Thurs., 20 Aug 2009 at Central City, NE. Memorial service: Wed., Apfel Funeral Home, Grand Island. Inurnment: Grand Island Cemetery. Survivors: Her mother, 5 brothers. Predeceased by her father. Memorials: Huntington Disease Clinic, 9340 East Central, Suite L. Wichita, KS 67206.

Aurora News Register - Sun. 23 Aug 2009; Grand Island Independent - Tues. 25 Aug 2009

**Douglas L. BRANDENBURG, 57** (photo)

Born 20 Oct 1951, Central City, NE. Parents: Leo H. & Sharon L. (Harlow) Brandenburg. Educated in Central City, NE. 12 Mar 1971: Married at Central City; they lived in town. Construction worker. He died Sun., 23 Aug 2009 at Central City. Service: Wed., Wagner Funeral Home. Burial at Burke Cemetery near Central City. Survivors: His wife, 3 sons, a daughter, 10 gch.; 2 brothers & a sister. Predeceased by his parents, a brother Steven, a son Ryan.

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 25 Aug 2009

**Hazel L. ECKLES, 95**

Born 3 Nov 1913, Merrick Co., NE. Parents: Henry & Pauline (Schwartz) Wagner. She attended Zion Lutheran School at Worms. 13 Apr 1939: Married James O. Eckles at Columbus, NE. They farmed in Merrick County. James died in 1962. 1981: She moved to Grand Island, NE. Hazel died there Sun. 23 Aug 2009. Service: Wed., Trinity Lutheran Church. Burial: Worms Cemetery (Zion Lutheran). Arrangements: Apfel Funeral Home, Grand Island. Survivors: a son & his wife; a daughter-in-law; 9 gch., 6 g-gch. Predeceased by her husband; son Ronald; 4 brothers - Theodore, Rudolph, Ora & Walter Wagner; 2 sisters - Alma Jensen & Bertha Sievers. Memorials to the church.

Note: See 1920 Fed. Census NE ED226 p6B D111 F111: Prairie Creek Twp, Merrick, NE (w/p). Also - 1930

Fed. Census NE ED61-12 p1a D19 F19 Prairie Creek Twp, Merrick, NE (w/mother).

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 26 Aug 2009

**Raymond "Jerry" POWER, 79**

Born near Chapman, NE. Parents: Daniel & Clara (Summerville) Power. Moved to Grand Island, NE. Served during Korean War in US Navy. Moved to California. Barber, real estate business. Resident of El Monte, CA. Died at home 13 Aug 2009. Survivors: His wife; 2 daughters, 3 sons, 10 gch., 2 g-gch.; 2 sisters, a brother. Predeceased by his parents & 2 brothers - Dennis & William.

Fremont Tribune - Fri. 28 Aug 2009

**Frederick W. HATTEN, 76** (photo)

Born 7 Mar 1933, Central City, NE. Parents: Fred & Leta (King) Hatten. Grad. of Grand Island HS. 1952-55: US Navy. Attended Kearney State. Employee of UPRR. 27 Dec 1953: Married at Grand Island, NE. They lived at Millard, NE; moved to Fremont in 1961. Fred died Wed., 26 Aug 2009 at Fremont, NE. Service: Sat., Presbyterian Church, Fremont. Burial: Memorial Cemetery. Arrangements: Moser Memorial Chapel. Survivors: His wife, a daughter, 2 gch., 4 g-gch. Predeceased by his parents.

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 29 Aug 2009

**Donald E. "Don" HANSEN, 86** (photo)

Born 23 Feb 1923, Clarks, NE. Parents: George J. & Anna K (Anderson) Hansen. 1942 grad. of CCHS. WWII: US Army. 2 Jan 1949: Married. They lived in Central City where he owned Hansen TV. July 2008: Went to Washington DC on Heartland Flight. He died Thurs., 27 Aug 2009 at Central City. Service: Mon, Grace Lutheran Church. Burial at the city cemetery. Arrangements: Solt Funeral Home. Survivors: His wife; twin daughters & their families. Predeceased by his parents; 2 sons - Richard (infant) and Gary (2 Dec 1967); a grandson; 2 sisters - Irene Hansen & Elva Cosner; 2 brothers - Howard & Thorwald Hansen.

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Grand Island Independent - Tues. 1 Sep 2009

**Dorothy N. JONES, 89** (photo)

Born 4 Nov 1919, Wymore (Gage Co.), NE. Parents: Frederick K. & Marguerite (Deeter) Neumann. 1938 grad. of Wymore HS. Married in 1938 (husband not named). Former resident of Lincoln, NE. Was "... secretary to the Nebraska Attorney General and held the position for 38 years ...". Died 22 Aug 2009 at Central City, NE. Graveside service Sat., Lincoln Memorial Park, Lincoln, NE. Arrangements: Roper & Sons. Survivors: A son & his wife, 3 gch. Predeceased by her parents; a sister Mary Jane Burbank; an infant brother Max Neumann.

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 1 Sep 2009

**Harold Eugene "Gene" TREBILCOCK, 68** (photo)

Born 14 May 1941, Palmer, NE. Parents: Harold Elwin & Doris Helen (Barnes) Trebilcock. 1960 grad. of Palmer HS. 1 Aug 1961: Married Charlotte Ann Knapp at Camdenton, MO. Employee of Swift Packing House in Grand Island, NE. 1979: Moved to Longview, WA. His wife died in 2004. Gene died Sat., 29 Aug 2009 at Longview, WA. No service. Arrangements: Steele Chapel, Longview Memorial Park & Crematory. Survivors: 2 sons, 9 gch.; his mother Doris Wimp; a sister. His wife & his father are deceased. Memorials: "Community Hospice, P.O. Box 2067, Longview, WA 98632."

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 3 Sep 2009

**Adeline R. GREEN, 89**

Born 17 Nov 1919, Central City, NE. Parents: Harry B. & Emma Jane (Reeves) Foglond. Grew up at Palmer. Grad. of CCHS. Teacher, librarian. 1944: Married Billy O. Green. They farmed near Archer, NE. 1988: Moved to Grand Island, NE. 1997: Moved to Lincoln, NE. Billy died in 2002. Adeline died Tues., 1 Sep 2009 at Lincoln, NE. Graveside service will be at Central City Cemetery (private). Arrangements: Solt Funeral Home. Survivors: 2 daughters, 4 gch.; a sister. Predeceased by her husband & her parents. Memorials: Aseracare Hospice, 1600 S. 70th St., Suite 201, Lincoln, NE 68506.

Note: See 1930 Fed. Census NE ED61-9 p5a: Loup Twp, Merrick, NE (w/p).

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 3 Sep 2009

**Alice M. SCHUBERT, 89** (photo)

Born 16 Nov 1919, St. Paul, NE. Parents: Bohumiel & Agnes (Moravec) Puncochar. Lived on farm near Dannebrog, NE. 11 Feb 1941: Married Fritz A. Schubert at Palmer, NE. They farmed near Palmer. Fritz died 1 Jan 1983. Alice died Tues., 1 Sep 2009 at St. Paul, NE. Visitation: Fri., Greenway Funeral Home, Palmer, NE. Service: Sat., St. John's Lutheran Church, Palmer. Burial: Rose Hill Cemetery. Survivors: 2 sons, 6 gch., 9 g-gch.; a sister. Predeceased by her husband; her parents; a sister Mildred Keep.

Grand Island Independent - Mon. 7 Sep 2009; Columbus Telegram - Wed. 9 Sep 2009

**Teddie Martin DITTMER, 86** (photo)

Born 18 Feb 1923, Clarks, NE. Parents: Otto & Mary (Hansen) Dittmer. WW II: US Army Air Corps. 7 Dec 1947: Married Mary L. Ferguson. They farmed in Polk County, NE; retired to Clarks, NE. Mary died 15 Mar 1996. Teddie died Fri. 4 Sep 2009 at Clarks, NE. Service: Wed., United Methodist Church, Clarks. Burial: Clarks Cemetery. Arrangements: Solt Funeral Home. Survivors: 2 sons, a daughter, 7 gch, 7 g-gch.; 4 sisters and a sister-in-law. Predeceased by his wife; an infant son - Danny Joe; 2 brothers - Robert C. & Jack Dittmer; a g-son & a g-g-son.

Note: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I pp 175 (O Dittmer), 187 (A Ferguson).

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 10 Sep 2009

**Vernon Albert BRUNS, 77** (photo)

Born 20 Dec 1931 on farm in Merrick Co., NE. Parents: Albert & Anna (Kaiser) Bruns. 1952-54: US Army. Farmer. 1957: Married at Grand Island, NE. He died Tues., 8 Sep 2009 at Grand Island Veterans Hospital. Service: Fri., Zion Lutheran Church, Worms, NE. Burial at church cemetery. Arrangements: All Faiths Funeral Home, Grand Island, NE. Survivors: His wife, 3 sons, a daughter, 6 gch.; a sister & a brother. Predeceased by his parents; 2 daughters-in-law, a brother-in-law. Memorials to Zion Lutheran Church.

Grand Island Independent - Mon. 21 Sep 2009

**R. Vernon RICE, 85** (photo)

Born 29 Jun 1924, Chapman, NE. Parents: R. Vernon & Edna (Mader) Rice. 1941 grad. of Grand Island HS. WW II: US Navy. 4 Feb 1946: Married at Hernado, Mississippi. They lived at Memphis, TN. 1955: Returned to live at Chapman, NE. Farmer, Baptist minister since 1990. He died Fri., 18 Sep 2009 at Chapman, NE. Service: Wed., 23 Sep. at Apfel Funeral Home, Grand Island, NE. Burial: Chapman Cemetery. Survivors: 3 sons, 2 daughters; 13 gch., 14 g-gch. Predeceased by his parents; a sister Geraldene Jones; a brother Orlan Rice. Memorials: Bethel Baptist Church in Grand Island.

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 22 Sep 2009

**L. Deverle COOPER, 82** (photo)

Born 19 Aug 1927, Springfield, CO. Parents: William & Nina (Morris) Cooper. 1945 grad of Springfield HS. 1947: Married at Springfield, CO. 1957 grad. of Biola Bible College, CA. 1961 grad. of Dallas Seminary, TX. 1962: Ordained at Kendrick Bible Church in Colorado. Pastored at Kendrick, Kutch & Snyder, CO; Central City, NE; Denison, KS; Chambers & Chamberlain, S.D. He died Sat., 19 Sep 2009. Visitation: Tues., Solt Funeral Home. Service: Wed., Community Bible Church, Central City, NE. Burial: Central City Cemetery. Survivors: His wife, 4 sons, 2 daughters, 29 gch., 19 g-gch.; 2 brothers & a sister. Predeceased by his parents, & a brother Cecil. Memorials: Rio Grande Bible Institute or the Nebraska Christian Foundation.

Grand Island Independent - Fri. 25 Sep 2009

**Rosalyn D. "Babe" BARTLETT, 73**

Born 8 Apr 1936, near Worms, Merrick, NE. Parents: Alfred & Esther (Trampe) Wagner. Attended schools at Zion Lutheran (Worms) & St. Libory, NE. 1954 grad. of St. Paul HS. Worked for the gas & the telephone companies. 22 Mar 1986: Married James W. Bartlett. 1988: They moved to St. Paul, NE. She died Wed., 23 Sep 2009 at medical center in Omaha, NE. Service: Sat., 3 Oct at Peters Funeral Home, St. Paul. Burial will



be private - at columbarium of Westlawn Memorial Park, Grand Island, NE. Survivors: step-children; grandchildren. Predeceased by her husband; her parents; a sister & her husband - Donna and Eugene "Bud" Oakeson. Memorials: Howard County Community Hospital Foundation.

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 30 Sep 2009

**Barbara Elizabeth DANDURAND, 73** (photo)

Born 20 Sep 1935, Chicago, IL. Parents: Anthony & Lillain LoBue. Married Bill Phillips & had 6 children; divorced. Married second to Maynard Dandurand of Grand Island, NE. They had one son. She died 11 Sep 2009. Service: Sat., St. Leo's Catholic church. Burial (cremains): Chapman City Cemetery. Survivors: 7 children; many gch. & g-gch; 2 brothers, a sister-in-law. Predeceased by her 2nd husband; her son Bill Phillips Jr.; her parents.

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 30 Sep 2009

**Martha MEYER, 101**

Born 17 Mar 1908 on farm south of Palmer, NE. Parents: Dietrich & Lillie (Schiebe) Von Aschwege. Married Ted Meyer. She died 16 Sep 2009 at Cave Junction, OR. Inurnment: Grandview Memorial Park, Glendale, CA. She had lived in Palmer, NE and Burbank, CA. Survivors: a daughter, a son, 4 gch., 7 g-gch. Predeceased by her husband (1990); 2 sisters - Sophia Simonson & Mildred Meyer; 2 brothers - John & Henrich Von Aschwege; her son-in-law. Memorials: Good Shepard Lutheran Church, Cave Junction, OR.

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 30 Sep 2009

**Doris Valentina VEED, 86**

Born 14 Feb 1923, Osceola, NE. Parents: Carl & Dora (Johnson) Burgeson. 1941: Married Walter W. Veed at York, NE. They lived in Central City, NE. Mrs. Veed died Sun., 27 Sep 2009 at hospital in Lincoln, NE. Body has been donated to science. Arrangements: Solt Funeral Home. Survivors: a daughter & her husband, 2 gch., 3 g-gch. Predeceased by her husband (1986), son Larry (2006); her parents, 3 brothers & 3 sisters. Memorials: "Charley's Fund (Fighting Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy), 20 Stockbridge Road, Suite 3, Great Barrington, MA 01230."

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Grand Island Independent - Wed. 7 Oct 2009

**Jackie L. PETTY, 48**

Born 15 Oct, 1960 at Chicago, IL. Parents: Jack & Janis (Winsler) Petty. Resident of Palmer, NE for about 3 years. Died Sat., 3 Oct 2009 at hospital in St. Paul, NE. Survivors: a brother & 3 sisters; her gaurdian of North Platte, NE. Cremated. Memorial service: Thurs., United Methodist Church, Palmer, NE. Arrangements: Greenway Funeral Home.

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 8 Oct 2009

**Frieda Marie PULLEN, 77**

Born 15 Mar 1932, Olpe, KS. Parents: Herman & Minnie (Kreuger) Hugh. Grad. of Herington HS. Moved to Hutchinson KS. 18 Oct 1953: Married David Earl Pullen at Central City, NE. They lived at Central City. She worked for telephone company, in family business, and at the schools. Frieda died Wed., 7 Oct 2009 at hospital in Grand Island, NE. Visitation: Fri., Solt Funeral Home, Central City. Service: Sat., St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Central City. Burial at city cemetery. Survivors: A daughter, a son, a daughter-in-law; 2 gch.; a sister & a brother. Predeceased by her husband (13 Jan 2004); her parents; 5 brothers - Edwin, Richard, Teddie, Luis and Walter. Memorials to the church.

Grand Island Independent - Sun. 11 Oct 2009

**Donald F. WEGNER, 99**

Born 18 Sep 1910, Merrick Co., NE. Parents: John W. & Emma (Zamzow) Wegner. 1936: Married. They farmed in Merrick Co., NE. 1992: Retired to live in Central City, NE. 2002: Moved to St. Paul, NE. Mr. Wegner died Fri., 9 Oct 2009 at St. Paul. Service: Tues., Zion United Methodist Church near Archer, NE. Burial:

Central City Cemetery. Arrangements: Solt Funeral Home. Survived by his wife; nieces & nephews. Predeceased by his parents; 6 brothers - Lawrence, Leonard, Vernon, Harold, Clinton & Junior; 5 sisters - Louise Weller, Irene Gilmont, Alice Hettrick, Helen Green, & Iris DeBord.

Grand Island Independent - Mon. 12 Oct 2009

**Donovan G. CRANDELL, 78** (photo)

Born 9 Apr 1931, Columbus, NE. Parents: Mark L. & Buena M. (Jackson) Crandell. About 1937, family moved to Central City, NE. 1949 grad. of CCHS. 1951-55: US Navy. Attended UN for degree in music education. Was music director for Central City Schools. Moved to Chicago area. 1984: Returned to Central City, NE. Died Sat. 10 Oct 2009 at Grand Island, NE. Visitation: Tues., Solt Funeral Home, Central City. Service: Wed., United Presbyterian Church. Burial: Central City Cemetery. Survivors: 2 sisters, a nephew & a niece. Predeceased by his parents.

Grand Island Independent - Mon. 12 Oct 2009

**Gerald E. HENSLEY, 79** (photo)

Born 24 Mar 1930, Central City, NE. Parents: Joseph E. & Jesse C. (Breckon) Hensley. 1948 grad. of CCHS. Attended NE Christian College (2 yrs). 1951-55: US Navy. 1956: Married. Attended Kearney State College. Teacher, principal, superintendent. Resident of Wood River, NE. He died Fri., 9 Oct at Grand Island, NE. Visitation: Tues., Apfel Funerall Home, Wood River. Service: Wed., First United Methodist Church, Wood River. Burial at Grand Island Cemetery. Survivors: His wife, a son, 2 daughters, gch.; a sister & 2 brothers. Predeceased by his parents; sister - Amy Smith; 4 brothers - Murel, Wendell, Russell, and Neal Hensley. Note: See 1930 Fed. Census NE ED61-7 p7a D154 F156: Lone Tree Twp, Merrick, NE; History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I p232

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 13 Oct 2009

**Verona L. SEIM, 78** (photo)

Born 23 Oct 1930 near Worms, NE. Parents: Philip Wm. & Stella (Wagner) Glause. Attended Zion Lutheran School at Worms, Concordia Lutheran HS (Seward) and St. Paul HS; then NE Teachers College at Central City, NE. 2 Oct 1949: Married LeRoy Seim at Worms. They farmed. Currently living at Chapman, NE. She died Sat., 10 Oct 2009 at hospital in Lincoln, NE. Service: Thurs., Zion Lutheran Church, Worms. Burial at church cemetery. Arrangements: Apfel Funeral Home. Survivors: Her husband; 3 sons, a daughter; 13 gch., 6 g-gch.; 4 brothers; a sister. Predeceased by her parents; 3 brothers, - William, Clayton & Gene Glause; and a granddaughter. Memorials: Zion Lutheran Church or to Heartland Lutheran High School.

Grand Island Independent - Fri. 16 Oct 2009

**Anna Belle Ruth (Branting) SWANSON, 93** (photo)

Born 4 Apr 1916, Clarks, NE. Parents: Clifford & Iva (Beck) Branting. 1933 grad. of Polk HS. 4 Apr 1937: Married Reuben Swanson. They moved to California in 1947, returned to live at Polk, NE in 1973. Reuben died 21 Jul 1989. Mrs. Swanson died Mon., 12 Oct 2009 at York, NE. Service: Sat., Solt Funeral Home chapel, Polk, NE. Burial at Swede Home Cemetery in Polk County. Survivors: a son, a daughter, 7 gch., 21 g-gch, 17 gg-gch.; 2 brothers; a sister-in-law. Predeceased by her husband; 2 gch.; a g-gch.; 2 sons-in-law; 4 brothers - Willard, Maurice, Mervin "Silver" and Lorrel Branting; 2 sisters - Frances Stromberg & Betty Hancock.

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 24 Oct 2009

**Richard W. "Dick" LEMMERMAN, 88** (photo)

Born 5 Oct 1921, Palmer, NE. Parents: Walter & Mamie (Caudle) Lemmerman. 1937 grad. of Palmer HS. 1942-45: US Coast Guard. Hatchery business with father & brother. 1946: Married at Palmer, NE. Retired in 1980. Died Fri. 23 Oct 2009 at Central City, NE. Service: Mon., United Methodist Church, Palmer. Burial: Rose Hill Cemetery, Palmer. Arrangements: Greenway Funeral Home, Palmer. Survivors: His wife; 3 daughters, a son; 7 gch., g-gch.; a sister. Predeceased by son Ronald Lee (13 May 1986); his parents; 2 brothers - Robert & Bill Lemmerman; nephew - Robert Lemmerman, sister-in-law - Mary Lemmerman; brother-in-law - Bill Greenway.

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 28 Oct 2009

**Marietta "Janet" McMAHON, 94**

Born 21 Sep 1915, Merrick Co., NE. Parents: Lloyd Thomas & Winnifred Pearl (Farnham) Willeman. Grew up in Fairview Community. 1933 grad. of CCHS. Attended NE Central College. Teacher. 18 Jun 1938: Married James B. McMahon at Central City. They farmed southwest of Central City. She died Tues. 27 Oct 2009 at Central City, NE. Service: Sat., St. Michael's Catholic Church. Burial: Central City Cemetery. Arrangements: Wagner Funeral Home. Survivors: 2 sons; 2 daughter; 14 gch., 12 g-gch. Predeceased by her husband; twin daughters Agnes & Theresa McMahon; 2 g-daughters. Also deceased are her parents; 6 sisters - Vera Daniels, Pat Ryan, Maxine Erickson, Betty Johnston, Marjorie Chesarek, Etta Ward; a brother - Tom Willema. Memorials to American Legion Baseball Program.

Note: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I pp 299-300 (JF & JB McMahon), 406 (L Willeman); 1920 Fed. Census NE ED160 p2B F29: Mead Twp, Merrick, NE; 1930 Fed. Census NE ED61-10 p2b D47 F47: Mead Twp, Merrick, NE.

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Sidney Sun Telegraph - Wed. 4 Nov 2009

**Carl Richard BEEBE, 75**

Born Silver Creek, NE. 1953 grad. of Sidney HS. Served in US Army. Aeronautical engr. 1960: Married. Died 20 Oct 2009, Miami, Oklahoma. Survivors: His wife, a son, a daughter, 6 gch., 5 step-gch., sev. g-gch.; a sister in Kearney, NE. Predeceased by his parents (not named); 2 brothers - Ward of North Platte, NE; Kenneth of Denver, CO; a sister - Gwen Knight of Columbus, NE> Body donated to UO Health Science Center. 22 Oct 2009: Memorial Service held at First Christian Church, Miami, OK. Memorials to Integris Baptist Hospice or First Christian Church, Miami, OK.

Aurora News Register - Thurs. 5 Nov 2009; Grand Island Independent - Sat. 7 Nov 2009; Columbus Telegram - Sun. 8 Nov 2009

**Viola Marie JOHNSTON, 89**

Born 5 Jun 1920, Merrick Co., NE. Parents: Leslie Lloyd & Jessie May (Hanks) Tyler. Grad. of Hordville HS. 1 May 1942: Married Harold L. Beck at Inglewood, CA. They farmed near Clarks, NE. Harold Died 23 Mar 1980. On 31 May 1986: Viola married Walter Johnston. Walter died 18 Jul 2008. Viola moved to Grand Island in Dec 2006, and died there Thurs., 5 Nov 2009. Service: Mon. 9 Nov 2009 Solt Funeral Home, Central City. Burial: Pierce Chapel Cemetery (Bureau Cemetery) near Clarks, NE. Survivors: 5 children, 12 gch., 24 g-gch.; 2 brothers. Predeceased by two husbands; her parents; a brother & his wife - Wayne & Lucile Tyler.

Note: See - History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I pp 116 & 388 (w/p); 1930 Fed. Census NE ED61-13 p1A D13 F13: Prairie Island Twp, Merrick, NE; Bureau Cemetery Lot List.

Grand Island Independent - Fri. 13 Nov 2009

**Elvin Dwayne MOODY, 83 (photo)**

Born 13 Jul 1926 Ansley, NE. Parents: Merle & Mary (Hyatt) Moody. 1944 grad. of Ansley HS. 1945-46: US Army. 27 Feb 1947: Married at Ansley, NE. They farmed nearby; moved to Lincoln, NE. Farmer, salesman, mechanic. Later lived at Arcadia & Ainsworth, NE. 2004: Moved to Central City, NE. He died Thurs., 12 Nov 2009 at Central City. Visitation: Monday, Wagner Funeral Home, Central City, NE. Service: Tues., First Baptist Church, Loup City, NE. Burial: Kinston Cemetery, Ansley, NE. Survivors: his wife, 3 daughters, 2 sons, 14 gch., 28 g-gch.; 2 sisters. Predeceased by his parents; infant son, Marvin Lee; brother, Robert Moody.

Grand Island Independent - Sun. 15 Nov 2009

**Ella Jean JOSEPH, 90**

Born 14 Jul 1919, Palmer, NE. Parents: Arthur A. & Ella (Gee) Liberty. Grad. of Palmer HS. 10 Mar 1940: Married Lloyd A. Joseph at Grand Island, NE. They farmed near Palmer, NE. Methodist. She died Thurs., 12 Nov 2009 at hospital in Lincoln, NE. Graveside service: Tues., Rose Hill Cemetery, Palmer, NE. Arrangements: Palmer Funeral Home, Fullerton, NE. Survivors: A son; a grandson, 2 g-gch. Predeceased by her husband; her brother, Paul Liberty; a daughter-in-law, Carole Joseph. Memorials: Palmer United

Methodist Church or Palmer Ambulance Fund.

Note: See 1920 Fed. Census NE ED159 p4B D100 F104: Palmer Village, Loup Twp, Merrick, NE (w/p); 1930 Fed. Census NE ED61-9 p4b: Loup Twp, Merrick, NE (w/Gee grandparents).

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 18 Nov 2009

**Raymond L. BEAL, 77**

Born 1 Dec 1931, Genoa, NE. Parents: Fred & Irene (Steele) Beal. Died Sun., 15 Nov 2009 at Genoa, NE. Memorial service: Thurs., Wagner Funeral Home, Central City. Burial: Central City Cemetery. Survivors: A son, 2 daughters; a brother & a sister. Predeceased by his wife Mary; & an infant son, Freddie Beal.

Aurora News Register - 20 Nov 2009; Grand Island Independent - Wed. 18 Nov 2009

**Lorance E. "Butch" BUTCHER, 82**

Born 9 Nov 1927, Silver Creek, NE. Parents: George W.F. & Alice M.M. (Mills) Butcher. 1937: Family moved to Central City, NE. 1945-47: US Marine Corps. Married Betty Brandenburg at Grand Island, NE. They lived in Central City, NE. Welder. Later lived at Marquette, Central City & then at Clarks, NE. He moved to Central City last January. He died Mon. 16 Nov 2009 at Central City. Service: Fri., Wagner Funeral Home, Central City. Burial at later date, Burke Cemetery. Survivors: 3 sons, a daughter, 9 gch., 5 g-gch. Predeceased by his wife; and an infant daughter Debra Marie; his parents, 3 brothers - Clyde, Leo and Leanard; 3 sisters - Birdie Bush, Louise Stander & Erma Veed.

Note: Obits of 2 of his sisters identify their mother as Alice Gregory, not Alice Mills.

Grand Island Independent - Fri. 20 Nov 2009

**Robert L. METTENBRINK, Sr. 85** (photo)

Born 23 Jan 1924, Grand Island, NE. Parents: Charles & Carolina "Lena" (Fischer) Mettenbrink. Grew up on farm north of Grand Island, NE. 16 Sep 1945: Married at Zion Lutheran Church, Worms, NE. Farmer. He died Wed., 18 Nov 2009 at Grand Island, NE. Visitation: Fri., All Faiths Funeral Home. Service: Sat., Trinity Lutheran Church, Grand Island, NE. Burial: Grand Island City Cemetery. Survivors: His wife, 5 sons, a daughter. gch. & g-gch.; a sister. Predeceased by his parents & 2 sisters - Wilma Belangie & Carolyn Emery. Memorials: Trinity Lutheran School or Heartland Lutheran High School.

Note: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I page 366.

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 21 Nov 2009

**Alice M. DRUMMOND, 66** (photo)

Born 2 Jul 1943, Ord, NE. Parents: A.J. & Donna A. (Cox) Wetzel. 7 Feb 1960: Married Arlis Drummond at Central City, NE. They lived in Central City. She died Thurs., 19 Nov 2009 at Central City. Service: Mon., Wagner Funeral Home. Burial: Central City Cemetery. Survivors: Her husband, a son, a daughter, 9 gch., 9 g-gch.; 2 brothers & their wives. Predeceased by her parents, her in-laws - Eldon & Bernice Drummond, and Carolyn & Ronald Rawson; an infant son Anthony; a granddaughter.

Aurora News Register - Sun. 22 Nov 2009; Grand Island Independent (photo) - Tues. 24 Nov 2009

**Troy Ervin EPPERT, 54**

Born 5 May 1955, Central City, NE. Parents: Bill & Pat Eppert. Family moved to Grand Island when Troy was five years old. Grad. of GISH, and UNL. He married in 1977. They lived in Grand Island. Horse trainer. 1996: Moved to Central City. He died there Sun., 22 Nov 2009. Memorial service Wed., Trinity United Methodist Church, Grand Island. Survivors: His wife, 2 children, his mother and a sister.

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 28 Nov 2009

**Gerald E. "Jerry" MERITHEW, 81** (photo)

Born 21 Dec 1927, Grand Island, NE. Parents: Frederick A. & Frances A. (Roark) Merithew. 1946-47: US Army. 1948: Married Dorothy Kelsey. 1970: Married a second time. Employee of Luther & Maddox Sand & Gravel. Resident of Chapman, NE. He died Thurs., 26 Nov 2009 at Chapman, NE. Visitation: Sun., Curran Funeral Chapel. Service: Mon., St. Mary's Cathedral, Grand Island. Burial: Westlawn Memorial Park Cemetery, Grand Island. Survivors: His second wife; 5 daughters, 4 sons, 22 gch., 12 g-gch.; a brother & 2

sisters. Predeceased by daughter Lorri Soden; brother Charles "Bud" Merithew. Memorials: St. Mary's Cathedral Square or Grand Island Central Catholic Foundation.

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Grand Island Independent - Wed. 9 Dec 2009

**Maurice O. "Bill" TOLINE, 86** (photo)

Born 14 Oct 1923 at Ames, IA. Parents: Raymond & Octavia (Kicken) Toline. Family moved to western Nebraska when he was young. WW II: US Army (medic). 28 Feb 1949: Married at Alliance, NE. They ranched in western Nebraska, and then in Missouri. 1985: Moved to Central City, NE. He died Mon., 7 Dec 2009 at Central City. Service: Mon., St. Michael's Catholic Church, Central City. Burial: Fort McPherson National Cemetery, Maxwell, NE. Arrangements: Solt Funeral Home. Survivors: His wife, 2 sons, 2 daughters, 11 gch. Predeceased by his parents; a sister Olive Barton; 2 brothers - George & Francis Toline.

Columbus Telegram - Sun. 6 Dec 2009

**Fern Elizabeth EGGER, 88**

Born 5 Dec 1920, Duncan, NE. Parents: Fred & Betha (Johansen) Engel. 1938 grad. at Duncan; attended business college in Omaha, NE. Civil service employee during WW II. 1950: Married Norris A. Egger. They lived in Columbus, NE. Worked for Saunders Archery Co.; taught organ & piano. Resident of Silver Creek, NE. She died Wed., 2 Dec 2009 at Genoa, NE. Service: Mon., United Methodist Church, Silver Creek. Burial: Jackson Cemetery, Duncan, NE. Arrangements: McKown Funeral Home. Survivors: 2 sons, 1 daughter, 9 gch., 22 g-gch.; a sister. Predeceased by her parents; sister - Elaine Sokol; brothers - Lee (Tubby), Donald, Drexel (Andy) & Fred (Fritz) Engel.

Note: See Polk Co. Heritage, Our p113 (H Johansen).

Grand Island Independent - Fri. 11 Dec 2009

**Elnora C. TSCHUDY, 80**

Born 18 Aug 1929, Gage Valley, NE. Parents: Charles & Esther (Fullert) DeMary. 1 Jan 1950: Married Donald R. Tschudy at St. Paul, NE. They farmed near Archer until 1967; moved to St. Paul. She died Tues. 8 Dec 2009 at St. Paul, NE. Visitation: Fri., Jacobsen-Greenway Funeral Home, St. Paul. Service: Sat., United Methodist Church, St. Paul. Burial: Elmwood Cemetery. Survivors: Three daughters, 4 gch., 4 g-gch.; 5 brothers, 3 sisters. Predeceased by her parents; her husband (25 Oct 1999); a son - Robert Tschudy; son-in-law Keith A. Miller, grandson, Keith D. Miller, sister, Alice Grim; brother, Sonny DeMary.

Columbus Telegram - Sun. 13 Dec 2009 (photo); Grand Island Independent - Mon. 14 Dec 2009

**Dr. Emily Jane UZENDOSKI, 67**

Born 17 Jan 1942, Palmer, NE. Parents: Michael Stanley & Rose Kathryn (Choyeski) Uzendoski. 1959 grad. of Fullerton HS (valedictorian). Grad. of College of St. Mary, Omaha, NE. PhD from UNL. Teacher, author. 1964: Married George Baca at Omaha, NE. They later divorced. She died Mon., 7 Dec 2009 at Columbus, NE. Service: Thurs., 17 Dec at First United Methodist Church, Columbus. Burial at later date. Survivors: A daughter, 2 brothers, 2 sisters. Predeceased by her parents. Memorials: Central Community College Foundation, 2727 West 2nd, Suite 211, Hastings, NE 68901; Nebraska Center for the Book, c/o Mary Jo Ryan, 1200 N Street, Suite 120, Lincoln, NE 68508.

Grand Island Independent - Mon. 14 Dec 2009

**Doris Mardell BODEMAN, 91** (photo)

Born 8 Jul 1918, Hamilton Co., NE. Parents: Charles M. & Dorothy (Lock) Nielsen. 1935 grad. of CCHS. Lived in Denver, CO. 1941: Married C. Robert Bodeman; later divorced. She returned to Central City to live. She died Fri. 11 Dec 2009 at Lincoln, NE. Memorial service at later date. Arrangements: Solt Funeral Home. Survivors: 2 daughters, a son, 7 gch., 10 g-gch.; 2 brothers. Predeceased by her parents, 2 sisters - Ileen Johnson & Virginia Shively.

Note: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I pp275 (C Lock), 310 (P&E Nielsen).

Grand Island Independent - Mon. 14 Dec 2009

**David M. CHRISP, 81**

Born 22 Feb 1928, Central City, NE. Parents: Frank Milton & Ruby Inez (McCollister) Chrisp. 1946 grad. of CCHS. 1950: Married in Grand Island, NE. About 1955: Moved to CO. Mid-1990's: Returned to Central City, NE. He died Thurs., 10 Dec 2009 at Central City. Graveside service at Central City Cemetery. Arrangements: Wagner Funeral Home. Survivors: His wife, a son, a daughter, 3 gch & 1 g-gch. Predeceased by his parents, and a brother-in-law. Memorials: Arthritis Foundation.

Note: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I pp152 & 340 (Ross).

Grand Island Independent - Mon. 21 Dec 2009

**Michael J. KELLEY, 57** (photo)

Born 16 Aug 1952, Central City, NE. Parents: Cliff & Lillian (Veed) Kelley. 1970 grad. of CCHS. 1971-78: US Army. 5 Apr 1975. Married Juanita. 28 Mar 2003: Married Janie at Central City, NE. He died Sat., 19 Dec 2009 at hospital in Central City. Service: Tues., Solt Funeral Home. Survivors: His second wife; 2 children, 2 step-children, and several gch.; 3 sisters, 2 brothers, a sister-in-law. Predeceased by his parents & a brother Dennis; his step-daughter Jenna Trotter.

Note: For his parents & his brother Dennis, see the directory for Central City Cemetery.

Grand Island Independent - Mon. 28 Dec 2009; Aurora News Register - Tues. 29 Dec 2009

**Karl F. SCHWARZ, 88**

Born 21 Oct 1921, Binzwagen, Germany. Parents: Anton & Maria (Grum) Schwarz. Immigrated with his wife in 1952 to Denver, CO. Pastry chef. Aug 2007: They moved to Central City, NE. He died there Sat., 26 Dec 2009. Service: Wed. St. Michael's Catholic Church, Central City. Burial: Arborville Cemetery, near Polk, NE. Arrangements: Solt Funeral Home. Survivors: His wife, a daughter, a son, 5 gch., 10 g-gch.; 3 siblings in Germany. Predeceased by 3 siblings; an infant daughter Elizabeth Mary Schwarz, and an infant gch.

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 30 Dec 2009

**Dorothy June GRAVENGAARD, 87** (photo)

Born 5 Dec 1923, Trumbull (Clay Co.), NE. Parents: Chester Arthur & Liva Pearl (Rader) Munn. 1942 grad. of CCHS. Married Harold Gravengaard at Central City, NE. They lived in Central City & Grand Island, NE. Beauty operator, business owner. Moved to Sutherland Care Center early in 2009. Died there Thurs., 24 Dec. Body was donated to NE Anatomical Board. Memorial service will be held later at Kronberg Lutheran Cemetery. Arrangements: Odean Colonial Chapel. Survivors: A son, a daughter, 2 gch.; 5 sisters, a brother. Predeceased by her husband; her parents, 5 brothers - Bill, Clarence, Elbert, Jack and Frank Munn. Memorials: Leukemia Foundation.

Note: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I p292 (LP Rader Munn); and 25 Jun 1999: Grand Island independent obit of husband.

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 31 Dec 2009

**Eleanor SCHUTTE, 95**

Born 14 Jul 1914 at Lawrence, NE. Parents: Ferdinand & Madgelene (Kathman) Brockman. 10 Aug 1937: Married George Schutte at St. Stephen's Church near Lawrence, NE. They lived in Hastings; then Columbus, OH; and then Omaha, NE. 1945: Moved to farm near Clarks, NE. 1975: Moved to Grand Island, NE. Mr. Schutte died 17 Jan 2003. Mrs. Schutte died Sun. 27 Dec 2009 at medical center in Lincoln, NE. Service: Sat., Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church. Burial: Westlawn Memorial Park Cemetery, Grand Island, NE. Arrangements: Apfel Funeral Home. Survivors: 2 sons, a daughter, 6 gch., 13 g-gch.; a brother & a sister. Predeceased by her husband; her parents, 5 sisters, 2 brothers (one was an infant). Memorials: To the church.

## 2010 - Obits

### 'Related to Merrick Co., NE'

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Grand Island Independent - Tues. 5 Jan 2010

**Paul Eugene REEVES, 83** (photo)

Born 3 Feb 1926, Central City, NE. Parents: Brover Cleveland & Anna (McMahon) Reeves. 1943 grad. of CCHS. Enlisted in US Navy in 1943. 1967: Married at Port Orchard, WA. Was resident of Chesapeake Beach, MD. Died Sun. 3 Jan 2010 at hospital in Prince Frederick, MD. Service: Thurs., St. Anthony's Catholic church, North Beach, MD. Entombment: National Memorial Park. Survivors: His wife, 3 children, 11 gch., 9 g-gch.; a brother. Predeceased by his parents; son, Carl Reeves; daughter, Sheryl Blancett. Memorials: U.S. Navy Memorial Fund. 701 Pennsylvania Ave. NW Suite 123, Washington, DC 20004.

Note: See 1930 Fed. Census NE ED61-4 p4a D84 F85: Chapman Twp, Merrick, NE.

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 6 Jan 2010

**Ralph A. RUDOLF, 76** (photo)

Born 4 Oct 1933 on farm near Palmer, NE. Parents: Albert Paul & Esther (Zlomke) Rudolf. Grad. of Palmer HS. Farmer. 16 Nov 1952: Married at Palmer, NE. They lived at Palmer until 2000 when moved to St. Paul, NE. He died Mon. 4 Jan 2010 at St. Paul. Memorial service: Sat., St. John's Lutheran Church, Palmer. Inurnment at later date, Rose Hill Cemetery, Palmer, NE. Survivors: His wife, a son, 2 daughters, 5 gch., 2 g-gch.; a sister & a brother; 2 sisters-in-law. Predeceased by his parents; sister - Shirley Ann Rudolf (infant); brother - Wayne Rudolf; son-in-law - Henry "Bud" Santin; brother-in-law - Jack Rawlings.

Grand Island Independent - Fri. 8 Jan 2010

**Kenneth "Butch" LILIENTHAL, 69** (photo)

Born 23 Sep 1940, Laramie, WY. Parents: Ray & Pauline (May) Lilienthal. Grew up at Father Flanagan's Boys Town, Omaha, NE. Moved to Chapman, NE when in HS to live with an aunt & uncle. 1959 grad. of GISH. 1961: Married at Chapman, NE. They lived in Greeley, CO and Chapman, NE. 1973: Moved to Grand Island, NE. He died there, Wed., 6 Jan 2010. Memorial service: Sat., All Faiths Funeral Home Chapel. Burial of ashes will be 10 Apr at Chapman Cemetery. Survivors: His wife, 2 daughters, a son, 4 gch.; a brother. Predeceased by his parents. Memorials: National Niemann-Pick Disease Foundation for Dementia or the National Multiple Sclerosis Society.

Columbus Telegram & Grand Island Independent - Wed. 13 Jan 2010

**Louise Caroline HANNAPPEL, 93** (photo)

Born 8 Oct 1916, Burrows Twp., Platte, NE. Parents: Nicolas & Caroline (Gronenthal) Schroeder. 1933 grad. of Platte Center HS. 1940: Married John Hannappel, a widower with 4 children. They had 6 children. 1972: Moved into Clarks, NE. Louise died Sun., 10 Jan 2010 at Grand Island, NE. Service: Fri., St. Peters Catholic Church, Clarks. Burial: Calvary Cemetery, Clarks, NE. Arrangements: Solt Funeral Home, Central City, NE. Survivors: Nine children, 32 gch., 42 g-gch., 2 gg-gch.; 2 sisters & a brother. Predeceased by her parents; her husband John (1977); son Gerald; daughter-in-law Lila; a gch. & a g-gch.; 2 brothers - Alfred & Harold; 4 sisters - Evelyn, Mary, Audrey & Helen. Memorials: Catholic Relief Service.

Grand Island Independent - Fri. 15 Jan 2010

**Roy Clifford ORTEGREN, 91** (photo)

Born 2 Jul 1918, near Marquette, NE. Parents: Martine E. & Lillie E. (Anderson) Ortogren. 1935 grad. of Hordville HS. 17 Mar 1940: Married Ruby M. Sawyers at Central City, NE. They farmed in area of Marquette/Hordville until 1982; then moved to Central City, NE. Ruby died 3 Dec 1996. Roy died Tues., 12 Jan 2010, Central City, NE. Visitation: Fri., Solt Funeral Home, Central City. Service: Sat., Mamre Evangelical Free Church near Marquette, NE. Burial at the church cemetery. Survivors: 3 sons, 7 gch, 17 g-gch.; a sister.

Predeceased by his wife, his parents, and a brother Carrol Ortegren.  
Note: His brother Carrol, resident of Stromsburg, NE - died 9 Jan 2010 at York, NE.

Columbus Telegram - Sun. 17 Jan 2010

**Fern NANSEL, 90**

Born 16 Apr 1919, Clarks, NE. Parents: William & Emma (Lambertus) Warner. Grad. of Greeley HS. 14 Oct 1944: Married Mike Nansel at Columbus, NE. They lived at Monroe, NE. She died Thurs., 14 Jan 2010 at Monroe. Visitation: Today, Patrick's Funeral Chapel. Service: Mon., United Methodist Church, Monroe. Burial: New Hope Cemetery. Survivors: a son, a daughter, 10 gch., 12 g-gch.; a brother & his wife, & 2 sisters- in-law. Predeceased by her husband; a daughter Joyce Pratt.

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 19 Jan 2010

**Gary R. SCHANK, 67**

Born 5 Jan 1943, Central City, NE. Parents: Raymond & Jeanette Schank. 1960 grad. of CCHS. Worked on Schank Mink Ranch. Member of Fairview United Methodist Church near Central City. Later lived at Genoa. Fall 2009 he moved to Fullerton, NE. Died there Sat. 16 Jan 2010. Visitation: Tues., Solt Funeral Home, Central City. Graveside service: Wed., Central City Cemetery. Survivors: His parents, a brother, a sister; 2 uncles. Predeceased by an infant son - Brian Dean Schank.  
Note: No marriage mentioned.

Grand Island Independent - Mon. 25 Jan 2010

**Helen Florence SMITH, 94**

Born 18 Sep 1915, Newbern, IA. Parents: Lewis I. & Anna C. (Hunerdosse) Graves. 1934 grad. of West Des Moines HS. Attended Moody Bible Institute for 2 yrs. 28 Sep 1937: Married Ward R. Smith. Missionaries. 1960: Moved to Central City, NE. to work at NE Christian HS. Mr. Smith died 4 Feb 2007. Mrs. Smith died Sun., 24 Jan 2010 at Central City, NE. Visitation: Tues., Solt Funeral Home. Service: Wed., Community Bible Church, Central City, NE. Burial: Chambers Cemetery (Holt County), NE. Survivors: A daughter, a son, a daughter-in-law, 10 gch. Predeceased by her husband; 2 sons - Warren & Russell (infant); brother - Willis Graves; 2 sisters - Gladys Rose & Alice Williamson; a great-grandson, Dylan VanPelt. Memorials: Nebraska Christian in Central City.

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 26 Jan 2010

**Lorena M. SCHEER, 90**

Born 15 Feb 1919 in Platte Co., NE. Parents: Henry & Alma (Michaelson) Cattau. 23 Jun 1940: Married Ervin Scheer at Worms, NE. They farmed north of Chapman, NE; 1947. Moved to farm southeast of St. Libory (Howard Co.), NE. Member of Zion Lutheran Church. Mr. Scheer died 11 Nov 2007. Mrs. Scheer died Sun., 24 Jan 2010 at Grand Island, NE. Service will be private (Curran Funeral Chapel). Burial: Grand Island City Cemetery. Survivors: a son & his wife; 4 gch., 12 g-gch., a gg-gch.; a sister; 2 brothers of husband & their wives. Predeceased by her husband, & daughter-in-law Sandra K. Scheer.

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 26 Jan 2010

**Edna Mae STOLTENBERG, 95** (photo)

Born 9 Feb 1914, near Osmund, NE. Parents: Edward & Laura (Bowling) Vipperman. 7 Feb 1931: Married Ralph H. Stoltenberg at Council Bluffs, IA. They lived in Tucson, AZ & Denver, CO. Late 1930's moved to farm northwest of Chapman, NE. Mr. Stoltenberg died 14 May 1989. Mrs. Stoltenberg died Mon. 25 Jan 2010 at Chapman, NE. Service will be at later date. Arrangements: Solt Funeral Home, Central City, NE. Survivors: 7 children; 23 gch., 39 g-gch., 4 gg-gch; 2 sisters. Predeceased by her parents & her step-father Lloyd Daniels; her husband & 2 sons - Ronald & David; 2 sons-in-law - Sid Burch & Max Brantley; a brother & his wife - Fred & June (Knight) Vipperman; 2 sisters & 3 brothers-in-law - Merle & Charles Mendenhall, Mildred & Douglas Huggard, Charles Stockdale. Memorials: Chapman Baptist Church.

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 28 Jan 2010

**Nellie T. WEGNER 97** (photo)



Born 25 Jun 1912, Archer, NE. Parents: Captain & Nina Mae (Kronkright) Stalker. 3 Jun 1936: Married Donald F. Wegner. Mr. Wegner died 9 Oct 2009. Mrs. Wegner died Mon., 25 Jan 2010 at St. Paul, NE. Service: Sat., Zion United Methodist Church near Archer, NE. Burial: Central City Cemetery. Arrangements: Greenway Funeral Home, Palmer. Survivors: Nieces & nephews. She was predeceased by her husband; her parents; 4 sisters - Margaret Willits, Dorothy Johnston, Inez Speed & Mabel Moore; 5 brothers - Paul, Tom, Thayne, Archie and Cap Stalker. Memorials: Zion United Methodist Church, Palmer United Methodist Church or Palmer Public School

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 30 Jan 2010

**Virginia Mae NITZEL, 82** (photo)

Born at Rogers (Colfax Co.), NE. Parents: Grover & Pearl (Starmer) Coleman. 1945 grad of Hordville HS (Hamilton Co.). 24 May 1945: Married Morris Nitzel at Belleville, KS. They lived on dairy farm near Central City, NE. Member of Pierce Chapel United Methodist Church near Clarks, NE. Virginia died Fri., 29 Jan 2010 at Central City. Service: Tues., Solt Funeral Home, Central City. Burial at city cemetery. Survivors: 2 sons, 2 daughters, 10 gch., 16 g-gch. 1 gg-gch. Predeceased by her husband; her parents; sister Vernice Olsen, & brothers Virgil & Vic Coleman.

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Grand Island Independent - Sun. 7 Feb 2010

**Melvin W. "Mel" BURKHARDT, Sr. 69** (photo)

Born 14 Apr 1940, Palmer, NE. Parents: Herman O. & Mae E. Burkhardt. Attended Palmer HS. Served in US Navy. 24 Mar 1962: Married at Winterhaven, CA. They lived in Central City, NE where he worked for the city street department. He died Fri., 5 Feb 2010 at Central City, NE. Visitation: Mon, Solt Funeral Home, Service: Tues., St. Paul's Lutheran Church. Burial in city cemetery. Survivors: His wife; 3 children, 12 gch., 2 g-gch; his mother & 7 siblings; his mother-in-law. Predeceased by his father (1998). Memorials: Kernel Baseball Field in Central City or St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 9 Feb 2010

**Rita Dorothy HOUDEK, 80** (photo)

Born 3 May 1929, Dwight, NE. Attended school in Butler Co., NE. Abt. 1965: Moved to Central City, NE with her parents. She later moved to Grand Island, NE where she died Mon., 8 Feb 2010. Visitation: Fri., Solt Funeral Home, Central City, NE. Service: Fri. St. Michael's Catholic Church, Central City, NE. Burial at the city cemetery. Survivors: A sister & 4 brothers; a sister-in-law. Predeceased by her parents; 3 brothers - Joseph, Jerome & Charles Houdek; 2 sisters - Charlotte Houdek & Margaret Hotovy.

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 10 Feb 2010

**Gerald "Jake" REMBOLT, 86** (photo)

Born 11 Mar 1923, Chapman, NE. Parents: Fred Rembolt Sr. & Mae Urwiller Rembolt. 1941 grad. of GISH. 1943-46: US Navy. 8 Oct 1949: Married Viola Strohl at Grand Island, NE. They lived at Grand Island. Mrs. Rembolt died 16 Dec 2009. Mr. Rembolt died Mon., 8 Feb 2010. Graveside service: Thurs., Westlawn Memorial Park Cemetery, Grand Island. Survivors: A daughter & her husband, 2 gch.; a sister. Predeceased by his wife, his parents & four brothers - Harvey, Earl, Marvin & Fred Rembolt.

Note: See 1930 Fed. Census NE ED61-16 p1A D10 F10: Vieregg Twp, Merrick, NE (w/p).

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 11 Feb 2010

**Eldene E. "Jeep" ZAMZOW, 91** (photo)

Born 28 Jul 1918, Archer, NE. Parents: John P. and Della (Fuehrer) Zamzow. 1920: Family moved to Grand Island, NE. WW II: USAF. 13 Aug 1950: Married at St. Paul, NE. Business owner, banker. Died Mon., 8 Feb 2010 at Grand Island, NE. Visitation: Fri., All Faiths Funeral Home. Service: Sat., Faith United Methodist Church. Burial before service, at Westlawn Memorial Park Cemetery. Survivors: His wife; nieces & nephews. Predeceased by his parents; brother Curtis. Memorials: The church, or Stuhr Museum.

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 13 Feb 2010

**Lisle F. MANGELSEN, 82**

Born 13 Aug 1927, Nance Co., NE. Parents: Oscar & Lowie (Moses) Mangelsen. Worked in Illinois. 1967: Married at Blair, N; they lived at Central City, NE. Worked for Merrick Co. Roads Dept. He died 30 Jan 2010 at Central City, NE. Memorial service: Tues., Central City Care Center. Burial: Clarks Cemetery at later date. Survivors: His wife, a sister & 2 brothers. Predeceased by daughter Jolene Rachel Mangelsen; his parents, 2 sisters & a brother.

Columbus Telegram - Fri. 19 Feb 2010

**Mary Ann LISS, 76**

Born 31 Aug 1933, Fullerton, NE. Parents: John & Donicelela (Smolinski) Stopak. Grad. of Fullerton HS. 23 Oct 1954: Married Donald M. Liss at Krakow. They lived at Silver Creek, NE. Cook for school. She died Wed., 17 Feb 2010 in Columbus, NE. Service: Sat., St. Lawrence Catholic Church, Silver Creek, NE. Burial in church cemetery. Arrangements: McKown Funeral Home. Survivors: 3 sons, 8 gch., 8 g-gch.; 2 sisters (one is her twin). Predeceased by her husband, her parents, a son James. & brother Louis.

Grand Island Independent - Mon. 22 Feb 2010

**Marjorie R. SOBER, 92** (photo)

Born 16 May 1917 Central City, NE. Parents: Benjamin & Lucille (Jerome) Beetem. 1935: Married Cornell S. Sober in Central City. They farmed near Shelton, NE; moved into town. 1959: Moved to Grand Island. In 1965 Marjorie moved to CA; returned to Grand Island in 1992. She died Sat. 20 Feb 2010 at home. Visitation: Fri., Livingston-Sondermann Funeral Home. Service: Sat., Grand Island Family Church. Burial at the city cemetery. Survivors: 4 sons, 3 daughters, 23 gch., 48 g-gch., 10 gg-gch.; a brother. Predeceased by her husband & 2 sons, Cornell & Arthur Sober; a brother & a sister.

Columbus Telegram & Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 25 Feb 2010

**Hazel W. OSTRANDER, 100**

Born 2 Jul 1909, Butler Co., NE. Parents: Edward C. & Della (Smith) Lawver. 6 Aug 1928: Married Fred C. Ostrander in Julesburg, CO. They farmed in Polk Co., NE. Fred died in 1973; Hazel moved to Central City, NE. She died there Tues., 23 Feb 2010. Service: Fri., Wagner Funeral Home, Central City. Luncheon: United Methodist Church, Central City. Burial: Clarks Cemetery. Survivors: 2 sons, 2 daughters, 17 gch., 27 g-gch., 4 gg-gch. Predeceased by her parents; her husband; 3 sisters - Helen Van Meter, Mildred Schutt, & Irene Barlett; 2 brothers - Earl Lawver & Lewis Lawver. Memorials: Litzenberg Long Term Care or Merrick Manor.

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 27 Feb 2010

**Doralene June KAMPER, 74** (photo)

Born 17 Apr 1935, Grand Island, NE. Parents: Harry & Wilma (Hurley) Lilienthal. Grad. of GISH. 24 Jun 1955: Married Lyle Kamper at Grand Island, NE. She died Wed., 24 Feb 2010 at Grand Island, NE. Service: Mon., Assembly of God Church in Grand Island. Burial of ashes: Tues. at Rose Hill Cemetery, Palmer, NE. Arrangements: All Faiths Funeral Home. Survivors: Her husband, a son, 2 daughters, 7 gch., 2 g-gch.; 4 brothers, a sister & a sister-in-law. Predeceased by her parents, 2 brothers, a brother-in-law. Memorials: Doralene Kamper Educational Fund for her grandchildren through Wells Fargo Bank, 3404 W. 13th Street, Grand Island, NE.

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Grand Island Independent - Tues. 2 Mar 2010

**Jean TYLER, 79** (photo)

Born 7 Apr 1930, Central City, NE. Parents: Harry V. & Margaret G. (Brown) Persons. 1947 grad. of CCHS. 13 Feb 1949: Married Paul Tyler. They farmed in Prairie Island Twp. of Merrick County. In 1993 she moved to Central City. Jean died Sat. 27 Feb 2010 in Grand Island, NE. Service: Wed., Solt Funeral Home, Central City. Burial at the city cemetery. Survivors: A daughter, two sons, 6 gch., g-gch.; a brother, a sister; a special friend. Predeceased by her parents. Memorials: Long Term Care in Central City.

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 10 Mar 2010

**Phyllis SCHRUNK, 85** (photo)

Born 21 Nov 1924, on farm near Zumbrota, MN. Parents: Carl & Lessie (Greer) Budensiek. Teacher. 24 Nov 1950: Married Thomas Schrunk at Zumbrota, MN. They farmed near Lynch, NE. 1981: Moved to Palmer, NE. Mr. Schrunk died 14 Feb 1990 in auto accident. Mrs. Schrunk died Mon., 8 Mar 2010 at hospital in Grand Island, NE. Visitation: Wed., Greenway Funeral Home, Palmer, NE. Service: Thurs., Wesleyan Church, Palmer, NE. Burial: Rose Hill Cemetery, Palmer, NE. Survivors: a son, a daughter, 2 gch. Predeceased by her husband, her parents, 2 brothers - David & Morris. Memorials: The church.

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 11 Mar 2010

**Marjorie Alice CARLSON, 93** (photo)

Born 30 Aug 1916, Central City, NE. Parents: Walter & Ollie (Whakely) Dredge. Grad. of CCHS. 31 Dec 1939: Married Edward O. Carlson. They lived in CA. Sales clerk, bookkeeper. 1992: They moved to Grand Island, NE. Mr. Carlson died 31 Dec 2000. Mrs. Carlson died Tues., 9 Mar 2010 at Grand Island, NE. Graveside service: Fri., Central City Cemetery. Arrangements: Solt Funeral Home. Survivors: a nephew & his family; other relatives. Predeceased by her husband; her parents; a sister & brother-in-law Kathleen & Roy Ehn; half-brother Don Young.

Note: See 1920 Fed. Census NE ED154 p1B D12 F12: Prairie Island Twp, Merrick, NE (w/p); and 1930 Fed. Census NE ED61-10 p2a D24 F24: Mead Twp, Merrick, NE (w/p).

Grand Island Independent - Fri. 12 Mar 2010

**Timothy John O'HERN, 72**

Born 11 Feb 1928, Palmer, NE. Parents: Bernard Michael & Roberta Ann O'Hern. Died 6 Mar 2010 at home in Denver, CO. Service: Mon., St. Ignatius Loyola Church, Denver. Survivors: A brother & a sister, nieces & nephews. Memorial donations to Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation, 1332 North Halsted Street., Suite 201, Chicago, IL 60642-2642.

Grand Island Independent - Mon. 15 Mar 2010

**Phyllis R. LEMBURG, 86** (photo)

Born 22 May 1923, Worms, NE. Parents: William & Christina (Mortensen) Beyersdorf. 12 Aug 1941: Married Charley Lemburg at Worms, NE. They farmed in Howard Co. 1944: Moved to Nysted, NE. Charley died 3 Nov 2008. Mrs. Lemburg was a resident of Dannebrog, NE. Phyllis died Sat., 13 Mar 2010 at St. Paul, NE. Visitation: Tues., Jacobsen-Greenway Funeral Home in St. Paul. Service: Wed., Christ Lutheran Church, Cairo, NE. Burial: Loup Fork Cemetery near Boelus, NE. Survivors: 3 sons, 10 gch., 31 g-gch.; 4 gg-gch. Predeceased by her husband; her parents; son Ronald; a g-daughter & a g-gdau.; a daughter-in-law; 2 brothers, Ray & Robert.

Columbus Telegram - Thurs. 18 Mar 2010

**Charles E. BOND, 94** (photo)

Born 16 Oct 1914, Silver Creek, NE. Parents: Harold & Lorna (Powers) Bond. 1934 grad. of Silver Creek HS. Married Bernice McDaniel, moved to Chicago, IL. Truck driver. Following death of Bernice he married Inez Frederick. They were together 29 years, had 3 children. 1944-46: US Army. Married a third time, to Mollie Clark. Retired. Married fourth time at Everett, WA to a woman from Silver Creek. 2008: They moved to Columbus, NE. Charles died Thurs., 11 Mar 2010 at Columbus. Memorial service: Sat., McKown Funeral Home, Columbus. Burial: Silver Creek Cemetery at later date. Survivors: His 4th wife, 2 sons, a daughter, a step daughter & a step-son, 20 gch., 27 g-gch., 5 gg-gch. Predeceased by his parents; sister Carolyn; daughter-in-law Leah Bond.

Note: Burial notice appeared in Columbus Telegram on 10 Apr 2010 (Sat). He was buried the following Tues.

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 18 Mar 2010

**Nancy A. NORVELL, 76** (photo)

Born 29 May 1933, Humboldt, NE. Parents: Clifford & Marjorie (Strain) Ross. 1951 grad. of Auburn HS. 1 Mar 1953: Married Robert E. Norvell at Auburn, NE. They lived in CA while he was in military; then lived in

Nebraska towns - particularly Adams & Clarks, NE. She died Tues., 16 Mar 2010 at hospital in Lincoln, NE. Visitation: Fri., Wagner Funeral Home, Central City, NE. Service: Sat., St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Grand Island, NE. Burial: Nemaha Cemetery east of Auburn, NE. Survivors: Her husband of Clarks; 3 sons, 2 daughters, 15 gch. and some step gch., etc. Predeceased by her parents, aunts & uncles. Memorials: St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Grand Island, Hope Harbor or the Humane Society in Grand Island.

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 24 Mar 2010

**Leon R. "Pete" GUSTAFSON, 93**

Born 17 Jul 1916, Kansas City, MO. Parents: Emil & Nellie (Johnson) Gustafson. Family moved to Stromsburg, NE. 22 Aug 1938: Married Elna M. "Nan" Larson at Sidney, NE. They moved to Chicago. WW II: US Army Air Corps. After war they moved to Central City, NE. 1956: Moved to Grand Island, NE. Elna died 18 Jan 2009. Pete died Tues., 23 Mar 2010 at Grand Island. Graveside service: Fri., Stromsburg Cemetery. Arrangements: Wagner Funeral Home, Central City. Survivors: a nephew, a niece. Predeceased by his wife, 2 infant sons; his parents, a brother & his spouse - Theodore & Jesse Johnson. Memorials: Nebraska Boys Ranch, P.O. Box 639, Alliance, NE 69301.

Grand Island Independent - Sun. 25 Apr 2010

**Sheryl J. BECKER, 48** (photo)

Born 2 Nov 1961, Central City, NE. Parents: Marvin & Clarice (Eckstrom) Addison. Family lived at Palmer & Central City, NE. 19 Oct 1979: Married Randall Becker. They lived at Phillips, NE. She died Fri., 23 Apr 2010 at Grand Island, NE. Service: Wed., Pleasant View Bible Church, Aurora, NE. Burial at Aurora Cemetery. Arrangements: All Faiths Funeral Home. Survivors: Her husband, 2 sons; her father & stepmother; 3 brothers, 2 sisters. Predeceased by her mother, grandparents, an aunt & uncle.

Columbus Telegram - Thurs. 25 Mar 2010; Grand Island Independent - Fri. 26 Mar 2010

**Rex GRAHAM, 88** (photo)

Born 29 Nov 1922 on farm south of Silver Creek, NE. Parents: Sidney & Colie (Brooks) Graham. 1939 grad. of Silver Creek Public School. 19 Dec 1941: Married at Yuma, AZ. WW II: US Army (Europe). Returned to live at Silver Creek. Welder; business owner. 24 Apr 2009: Honor Flight to Washington, D.C. for WW II Vets. He died Tues., 23 Mar 2010 at home. Service: Sat., United Methodist Church, Silver Creek, NE. Burial: Silver Creek Cemetery. Arrangements: McKown Funeral Home. Survivors: His wife, 7 children, 10 gch., 23 g-gch. Predeceased by his parents and a daughter-in-law.

Grand Island Independent - Fri. 26 Mar 2010

**Lloyd A. BACON, 99**

Born 26 Jun 1910 on farm near Overton, NE. Parents: Noel & Mae (Holsclaw) Bacon. 1927 grad. of Overton HS. Family moved north of Lexington, NE. 24 Oct 1932: Married Naomi Metcalf at Lyons, NE. Business owner. 1942-46: US Army. Banker. Farmer after "retired". Naomi died in 1999; Lloyd moved to Central City, NE. Died 15 Mar 2010 at Central City, NE. Graveside service: Fri., 9 Apr 2010 at Fort McPherson National Cemetery, Maxwell, NE. Arrangements: Solt Funeral Home. Survivors: A daughter & her husband, 2 gch., 3 g-gch.; a sister, a brother. Predeceased by his wife; 2 infant gch.; a brother, Carl Bacon; a sister, Laura Mille; a nephew.

Columbus Telegram & Norfolk Daily News - Tues. 30 Mar 2010; Grand Island Independent - Wed. 31 Mar 2010

**Barbara J. URKOSKI, 97** (photo)

Born 7 Jun 1912 on farm NW of Tarnov (Platte Co.), NE. Parents: Charles & Pauline (Barnes) Zoucha. 5 Jan 1937: Married Andrew P. Urkoski at Omaha, NE. They farmed north of Clarks, NE. Andrew died 22 Jul 1984. 2004: Barbara moved to Fullerton, NE. 2009: Moved to St. Edward, NE. She died there Sun., 28 Mar 2010. Service: Thurs., Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church, Krakow (Nance Co.), NE. Burial at church cemetery. Arrangements: Palmer Funeral Home in Fullerton, NE. Survivors: 3 sons, 2 daughters, 25 gch, 49 g-gch. Predeceased by her husband; her parents, 4 brothers & their wives - Joe B. & Anna Zoucha, Louie & Frances Zoucha, Florian & Eva Zoucha, Dominic & Lillian Zoucha; 4 sisters & their spouses - Bell & Florian Placzek,

Mary & Joe Zoucha, Anna & Joe Urkoski, Cecelia & Tony Lassek.

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Los Angeles Times - Fri. 2 Apr 2010

**Rhoda Grace CARDOZO**

Born 23 Mar 1914, Central City, NE. Grad. of Manuel Arts HS, Los Angeles, CA. 1935: Married Harold Cardozo. They retired to San Juan Capistrano, CA. She died 29 Mar 2010 at Newport Beach, CA. Survivors: a daughter & son-in-law; 2 sons, 3 gch.

Note: Possibly Rhoda G. Farrand - who appears in 1920 Fed. Census NE ED158 p3B H510 D63 F70: Central City Ward 1, Merrick, NE (w/p).

Grand Island Independent - Fri. 2 Apr 2010

**Melissa Marie JOHNSTON**

Born 11 Aug 1969, Grand Island, NE. Parents: Kenneth & Shirley McDonald. 1987: Grad. of Central City HS. 1991: Married William Johnston. Resident of Columbus, NE. Died Wed. 31 Mar 2010 at Central City, NE. Service: Sat., Solt Funeral Home, Central City. Burial: Grand Island Cemetery. Survivors: Two children; her parents, 2 sisters. Predeceased by her sister Wendy; and her grandparents.

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 7 Apr 2010

**Helen JANKY, 90** (photo)

Born 27 Jul 1919, Loma (Butler Co.), NE. Parents: Alois J. & Mary A. (Coufal) Ruzicka. 1925: Family moved to Polk County, NE. Attended Assumption HS at Dwight, NE. 2 Jun 1937: Married Joseph Janky at Central City, NE. They farmed NW of Chapman, NE. Mr. Janky died in 1977. 17 Jan 1987: Helen married Harold Albee. They lived in Grand Island, NE. Mr. Albee died 9 Feb 2001. Helen died Sat., 3 Apr 2010 at Grand Island, NE. Visitation: Thurs., Curran Funeral Chapel. Service: Fri., St. Mary's Cathedral, Grand Island. Burial: Westlawn Memorial Park Cemetery, Grand Island. Survivors: Seven sons, seven daughters, 44 gch., 50 g-gch.; 3 sisters-in-law. Predeceased by both husbands; her parents; a daughter Karen Roberts; gch. Joey Janky; 4 brothers - Louis, Joseph, Gerald & Victor Ruzicka; 2 sisters - Mary Houdek & Agnes Jisa; a daughter-in-law; a son-in-law. Memorials: St. Mary's Cathedral Square.

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 8 Apr 2010

**Lida E. FRIEDRICHSEN, 76** (photo)

Born 11 Oct 1933, Palmer, NE. Parents: George & Ella (Freeland) Verplank. 1951 grad. of school at Palmer, NE. Teacher. 1 Jul 1962: Married Donald Friedrichsen at Palmer, NE. Certified medical assistant. She died Mon., 5 Apr 2010 at Central City, NE. Visitation: Thurs., Greenway Funeral Home, Palmer. Service: Fri., First Church of Christ, Palmer. Burial: Rose Hill Cemetery. Survivors: Seven children, 17 gch., 8 g-gch.; 3 sisters, a brother. Predeceased by her parents; a brother Layton Verpland, a gch.

Note: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I p391.

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 14 Apr 2010

**Loy E. GLAUSE, 77** (photo)

Born 28 Oct 1932 near St. Libory NE. Parents: Philip William & Stella (Wagner) Glause. 1950 grad. of St. Paul HS. 1953-55: US Army. 2 Mar 1957: Married at Trinity Lutheran Church, Grand Island, NE. They lived near Worms, NE. 1962: They moved to Palmer, NE and farmed. Died Mon. 12 Apr 2010 at Palmer, NE. Service: Fri., Zion Lutheran Church, Worms, NE. Burial at church cemetery. Arrangements: Peters Funeral Home, St. Paul, NE. Survivors: His wife, 7 sons, 6 daughters, 36 gch., 3 step gch.; 3 brothers, 1 sister. Predeceased by his parents, 3 brothers - Billy, Clayton & Gene Glause; 1 sister - Verona Seim; his in-laws, Henry & Ruby (Schmidt) Homfeld. Memorials: Zion Lutheran Church or Heartland Lutheran High School.

Columbus Telegram & Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 22 Apr 2010

**Darrell P. WILLOUGHBY, 85** (photo)

Born 11 Jun 1924 west of Central City, NE. Parents: Perry Everett & Myrtle Leona (Fleek) Willoughby. 1942

grad. of CCHS. WW II: US Army 82nd All American Airborne. 1 Jun 1946: Married Esther Thomsen, who died in Sep 1947. 4 Nov 1948: Married a second time. They lived in Central City NE. Newspaperman. Methodist. He died Tues., 20 Apr 2010 at Fullerton, NE. Service: Sat., Wagner Funeral Home, Central City, NE. Burial at city cemetery. Survivors: His wife, a son, 2 gch., 6 g-gch. Predeceased by his parents, an infant brother, a son David Lee (3 Dec 1993). Memorials: American Legion Club Improvement.

Grand Island Independent - Mon. 26 Apr 2010

**Marion M. RITTA, 83** (photo)

Born 11 May 1926, Glenview, IL. Parents: Gustav J. & Mary (Wadel) Geffe. Family moved to Lake Zurich, IL where Marion grad. from HS. She worked as secretary in Chicago. IL. 7 Jun 1947: Married David Ritta at Lake Zurich. They farmed at Grayslake, IL. 1962: Moved to Marquette, NE. She died Sun., 25 Apr 2010 at hospital in Central City. Service: Wed., St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Central City, NE. Burial at the city cemetery. Arrangements: Solt Funeral Home, Central City, NE. Survivors: Her husband, 3 children, 3 gch., 4 step-gch., 7 step-ggch. Predeceased by her parents; 3 brothers - Hank, Ray & Elmer Gaffe; a sister Hilda Welk. Memorials: Alzheimer's Association.

Columbus Telegram - Fri. 30 Apr 2010

**Theodore Alan CARLSON, 60**

Born 14 Aug 1950, Stromsburg, NE. Parents: Robert & Betty Gonnerman) Carlson. 1955: Family moved to Hanley Falls, MN where he grad. from HS in 1968. 1972: He married in MN; they farmed at Silver Creek, NE. 2003: He moved to Donna, TX where he died 23 Apr 2010. Graveside service: Sat., Stromsburg Cemetery, Stromsburg, NE. Arrangements: Dubas Funeral Home of Osceola & Stromsburg. Survivors: Two children, 5 gch.; a sister & a brother (both in MN). Predeceased by his parents.

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Grand Island Independent - Sun. 2 May 2010

**Cecelia F. WARNEKE, 91** (photo)

Born 20 Sep 1918, Merrick Co., NE. Parents: Otto & Louisa (Oberschulte) Frauen. Attended Lutheran school at Worms, NE. 1 Mar 1942: Married Carl H. Warneke at Worms, NE. They lived in Baltimore, MD; Chapman, Ralston & Grand Island, NE. Carl died in 1995. Mrs. Warneke died Fri., 30 Apr 2010 at Grand Island, NE. Visitation: Tues., Apfel Funeral Home. Service: Wed., Grace Lutheran Church. Burial at Grand Island City Cemetery. Survivors: 2 sons, a daughter, 2 gch. Predeceased by her husband, and an infant son; 3 brothers - Max, Herman & Otto Frauen; 3 sisters - Elsie Schutt, Marie Nelson, & Louise Benson. Memorials: Grace Lutheran Church.

Note: See 1920 Fed. Census NE ED226 p6A D106 F106: Prairie Creek Twp, Merrick, NE; 1930 Fed. Census NE ED61-12 p1a D3 F3: Prairie Creek Twp, Merrick, NE - both with her parents.

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 4 May 2010

**Esther M. FRAUEN, 90** (photo)

Born 7 Jan 1920 on farm in Merrick Co., NE. Parents: Karl Ludwig & Dorothea Maria (Peters) Kurz. Her stepmother was Martha Kurz. Attended Zion Lutheran School (Worms). 10 Aug 1941: Married Herman C. Frauen at Worms. They farmed near Grand Island, NE. Herman died 6 Mar 1978. Mrs. Frauen died Sun., 2 May 2010 at Grand Island, NE. Service: Thurs., Zion Lutheran Church, Worms. Burial at the church cemetery. Arrangements: All Faiths Funeral Home, Grand Island, NE. Survivors: 3 daughters, 10 gch., 18 g-gch.; 3 sisters, 2 brothers. Predeceased by her parents; her husband, & son Ron Frauen. Memorials: Zion Lutheran Church and School.

Note: See 1930 Fed. Census NE ED61-12 p2b D49 F49: Prairie Creek Twp, Merrick, NE (w/father & step-mother)

Grand Island Independent - Mon. 10 May 2010

**Ada PELICAN, 92**

Born 12 Mar 1918 in Glenwood area north of Palmer, NE. Parents: Benjamin C. & Inez (Gates) Brown. Grad.

of Fullerton HS. Normal training at Kearney, NE. Teacher. 12 Sep 1940: Married Leonard Pelican at Grand Island, NE. They lived near Palmer, NE. She died Sun. 9 May 2010 at Fullerton, NE. Service: Wed., United Methodist Church, Palmer, NE. Burial at Rose Hill Cemetery, Palmer. Arrangments: Greenway Funeral Home at Palmer. Survivors: Her husband, a daughter, 3 gch., 11 g-gch.; a sister, a sister-in-law. Predeceased by her parents; 2 brothers - Buren & Benjamin Brown; a half sister Mildred Wheelon. Memorials to the church. Note: See Fullerton's 1st 100 Years 1879-1979 p175 (Brown); 1930 Fed. Census NE ED63-3 p5a D92 F93: Cottonwood Twp, Nance, NE (w/p).

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 11 May 2010

**Brother Thomas NABITY, 79**

Born Gerard Nabity, 12 Apr 1931, Central City, NE. Parents: Anton & Mayme Nabity. Resident of the The Trappist Monastery of the Holy Spirit, Conyers, GA. Died there on Mon., 10 May 2010. Service: Fri. at the Chapel, with burial in the Trappist Monastery Cemetery. Survivors: 3 brothers & a sister. Predeceased by his parents, 3 brothers & a sister.

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 11 May 2010

**Viola M. OHLMAN, 99** (photo)

Born 4 Jul 1910 near Crookston, NE. Parents: William & Minnie (Lade) Holtz. Abt. 1914 her family moved to a farm N of Shelton, NE. Grad. of Shelton HS & Kearney College. Teacher. 5 Jun 1932: Married Fred Ohlman at Zion Lutheran Church north of Shelton, NE. They farmed in Buffalo, Merrick & Hamilton Counties. 1995: Moved to Central City, NE. She died Mon., 10 May 2010 at Central City. Visitation: Thurs., Wagner Funeral Home, Central City. Service: Fri., St. Paul's Lutheran Church. Burial at the city cemetery. Survivors: 3 sons, 3 daughters, 11 gch., 30 g-gch., 3 gg-gch.; 2 sisters. Predeceased by her husband (10 May 2005), an infant daughter, a gch., a daughter-in-law; her parents, 4 sisters - Vera Lange, Lydia Stohs, Ella Bremer & Imogene Holtz. Memorials: St. Pauls Lutheran Church, Lutheran Hour Ministries or Heartland Lutheran High School in Grand Island.

Note: Write for copy of History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I pp 314-5 (Ohlman).

Grand Island Independent = Tues. 11 May 2010

**Mary A. SNELL, 91** (photo)

Born 4 Jan 1919, near Central City, NE. Parents: Bert & Ella (Wilson) Gilley. 1936 grad. of CCHS. Attended NE Central College for 2 years. Teacher. 5 Mar 1944: Married Victor Snell at Topeka, KS (husband was in military at the time). After WW II they lived in TX. 1989: They moved to Central City, NE. Mary died 30 Apr 2010 at Central City NE. Memorial service: Fri., Solt Funeral HOme, Central City. Private burial at the city cemetery. Survivors: Her husband, a daughter & her spouse; a sister-in-law. Predeceased by her parents, 2 brothers - James Wilson Gilley (infant) & Robert Gilley; her sister, Alma Benson & spouse Verner Benson. Memorials: Nebraska Christian Foundation, 1847 Inskip Avenue, Central City, NE 68826.

Note: See 1920 Fed. Census NE ED157 p3A D44 F44: Lone Tree Twp, Merrick, NE; & 1930 Fed. Census NE ED61-10 p2b D45 F45: Mead Twp, Merrick, NE (Both with her parents.)

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 15 May 2010

**Jim GROETZINGER, 63** (photo)

Born 14 Nov 1946, Grand Island, NE. Parents: Bryce & Helen Groetzinger. Attended Central City Schools. Abt. 1970: Moved to Colorado. Resident of Aurora, CO. Died 6 May 2010. "A farewell gathering will be ... May 17 at The Fraternal Order of Eagles Club, 1715 17th Ave., Central City". Survivors: His wife, a daughter 2 gch. Predeceased by his parents, & a brother Gary.

Grand Island Independent - Mon. 17 May 2010

**M. "Irene" RICE, 81** (photo)

Born 24 Nov 1928, Memphis, TN. Parents: James & Mamie (Campbell) Powell. Educated at Memphis, TN. 4 Feb 1946: Eloped to Hernando, MS to marry Vern Rice. Summer 1946: They moved to farm at Chapman, NE. Vern died "8 months ago". Irene died Wed., 12 May 2010 at Chapman, NE. Service: Tues., Apfel Funeral Home, Grand Island, NE. Burial at Chapman Cemetery. Survivors: 2 daughters, 3 sons, 13 gch., 14 g-gch.; 2

sisters & a brother. Predeceased by her husband; her parents; 2 sisters - Frances Marie & Sarah Pauline. Memorials: Nebraska Christian School in Central City.

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 20 May 2010

**Barbara M. MODELSKI, 84** (photo)

Born 9 Jun 1925, Central City, NE. Parents: Daniel & Clara (Wagner) Power. 1943 grad. of Palmer HS. Married Richard Morrison. 1979: Married Leo E. Modelski at Grand Island, NE. They lived in Grand Island, NE. She was employed by Skagway, State Farm, and Farmers Insurance. Leo died 10 Nov 2001. Barbara died Tues., 18 May 2010 at NE Veterans Home, Grand Island. Cremated. Burial will be at Fort McPherson National Cemetery. Arrangements: Livingston-Sondermann Funeral Home. Survivors: 2 daughters, a step-daughter, 3 gch., 11 g-gch., 2 gg-gch.; a brother & a sister. Predeceased by both husbands; her parents; 3 brothers - Dennis, Bill & Jerry Power; a sister - Mary Ann Power (infant).

Note: See 1930 Fed. Census NE ED61-4 p3b D71 F72: Chapman Twp, Merrick, NE (w/p)

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 27 May 2010

**Arnold W. "Pete" von Aschwege, 90**

Born 12 Sep 1919 on farm near Palmer, NE. Parents: Harman Christian & Meta K. (Hardekophf) von Aschwege. Grad. of Palmer HS. 15 Feb 1942: Married; they lived on the family farm. Elevator mgr. He died Sun., 23 May 2010 at Central City, NE. Services (private) at Wagner Funeral Home, Central City, NE. Burial: Rose Hill Cemetery, Palmer, NE. Survivors: His wife, 2 sons, 5 gch., 1 g-gch. Memorials: Litzenberg Long Term Care, Central City, NE.

Note: See - with parents in the 1920 Fed. Census NE ED226 p2A D30 F30: Prairie Creek Twp, Merrick, NE; 1930 Fed. Census NE ED61-12 p4b D92 F87: Prairie Creek Twp, Merrick, NE

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Grand Island Independent - Wed. 2 Jun 2010

**Delbert Earl Johnson, 68**

Born 3 Apr 1942, Stromsburg, Polk, NE. Parents: Freeman E. & Leona M. (Zwiebel) Johnson. Attended Central City schools. Methodist. Died Mon. 31 May 2010. Graveside service: Sat., Central City Cemetery. Arrangements: Solt Funeral Home. Survivors: 2 sisters, a brother & his wife; a sister-in-law. Predeceased by his parents; 3 brothers - Lewellen, Donald & Kenneth; 2 brothers-in-law - Vernon Omer & Glenn John; a nephew, Steven Johnson.

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 5 Jun 2010

**Sylvia Marie SENKBILE, 88** (photo)

Born 23 Jun 1921 near Chapman, NE. Parents: Joseph & Mary (Nabity) Zmek. 1939 grad. of Catholic HS in Dwight, NE. Teacher. 9 Apr 1950: Married Donald J. Senkbile. They lived near Central City, NE. 1997: They retired to San Antonio, TX. Don died 20 Jul 2004, Sylvia moved to Merrick Manor in Central City, NE. She died Thurs., 3 Jun 2010. Visitation: Sun., Solt Funeral Home, Central City. Service: Mon., United Methodist Church. Burial at the city cemetery. Survivors: 4 children, 6 gch., 4 g-gch. Predeceased by her husband; her parents; 3 sisters - Agnes Tuma, Christina Helzer, Ann Reha; 4 brothers - James, Joseph, Matthew & Lewis Zmek.

Note: See 1920 Fed. Census NE ED157 p5B D103 F103: Lone Tree Twp, Merrick, NE (parents); 1930 Fed. Census NE ED61-16 p1A D2 F2: Vieregg Twp, Merrick, NE (w/p).

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 5 Jun 2010

**Phillip A. SUNDBERG, 73**

Born 5 Jul 1936 near Stromsburg, NE. Parents: Richard T. & Avis (Beatty) Sundberg. 1954 grad. of Stromsburg HS. 6 Sep 1959: Married at Stromsburg, NE. They farmed near Stromsburg; 1964: Moved to farm near Clarks, NE. Phillip died Thurs., 3 Jun 2010 at Osceola following a farm accident. Memorial service at later date. Arrangements: Dubas Funeral Home. Survivors: His wives & 2 sons, 5 gch.; a sister. Predeceased by his parents.



Grand Island Independent - Wed. 9 Jun 2010

**Elizabeth Ann "Betty" DUNCAN, 84** (photo)

Born 9 Apr 1926, Archer, NE. Parents: Leonard & Vera (Woodward) VanPelt. Grad. of Archer HS. 26 Jan 1949: Married L. Myron Duncan. They farmed at Wood River, NE. Teacher. Methodist. Myron died in 1991. She lived at Grand Island, NE. Betty died Mon., 7 Jun 2010 at hospital in Omaha, NE. Service: Thurs., All Faiths Funeral Home. Burial at Wood River Cemetery. Survivors: 2 sons, 5 daughters, 11 gch., 6 g-gch.; 4 brothers & 4 sisters. Predeceased by her husband; her parents; 2 gch.

Columbus Telegram - Fri. 11 Jun 2010

**Richard P. ZEGAR, 69** (photo)

Born 4 Mar 1941 on farm near Clarks, NE. Parents: Henry & Helen (Gonsior) Zegar. 1959 grad. of Clarks HS. Served in National Guard. 7 Nov 1964: Married at Genoa, NE. They farmed near Clarks; and then near Silver Creek, NE. He died Thurs., 10 Jun 2010 at hospital in Central City, NE. Service: Mon., St. Lawrence Catholic Church, Silver Creek. Burial at the parish cemetery. Arrangements: McKown Funeral Home. Survivors: His wife, a son, 2 daughters, 8 gch., 1 gg-gch; 2 brothers. Predeceased by his parents.

Columbus Telegram - Sat. 12 Jun 2010; Grand Island Independent - Sun. 13 Jun 2010

**David N. KOHL, 43** (photo)

Born 6 Jun 1967, Paso Robles, CA. Parents: "Ken and Carolynn (Lovejoy) Kohl and Don and Sandy (Butler) Bragg." 1979: Family moved to Central City, NE. 1985 grad. of Central City HS. 29 Apr 1995: Married at Lindsay, NE. They lived in Central City. Home construction worker, business owner. He died Fri., 11 Jun 2010 at Central City. Service: Wed. 16 Jun at St. Michael's Catholic Church. Burial: Central City Cemetery. Arrangements: Wagner Funeral Home. Survivors: His parents; his wife, 2 sons, 2 daughters; 2 brothers, 2 sisters; a grandmother & assorted in-laws. Predeceased by grandparents - LaVerne Kohl; and Howard & Ila Kuhn Lovejoy.

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 16 Jun 2010

**Joan R. (EGGLI) MILLER, 65** (photo)

Born 15 Feb 1925 Council Bluff, IA. Parents: Chris & Jean Sorensen. 1929: Family moved to Marquette, NE; & later to Fullerton, NE. 7 Oct 1961: Married Dwane Eggli. They lived in Fullerton, NE. 1969: Moved to Central City, NE. 31 Mar 2000: Joan married Frank Miller; they lived in Central City, NE. Joan died Mon., 14 Jun 2010 at hospital in Lincoln, NE. Visitation: Thurs., Solt Funeral Home, Central City. Service: Fri., United Methodist Church. Survivors: Her second husband; her mother, 2 sons, a daughter, 14 gch., 2 g-gch; step-children; 2 brother & a sister. Predeceased by her father (2003); her former husband Dwane Eggli (2004); a g-son (2010).

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 17 Jun 2010

**Henry "Hank" SHIPMAN, 85**

Born 13 Feb 1925, Grand Island, NE. Parents: William & Minnie (Hargens) Shipman. Attended District 32 School, Merrick Co., NE. 1944-46: US Army. Farmed in Merrick Co., NE. Trucker. Died Tues., 15 Jun 2010, Grand Island, NE. Service, Mon., Messiah Lutheran Church. Burial: Grand Island City Cemetery. Arrangements: Livingston-Sondermann Funeral Home. Survivors: A sister & a sister-in-law. Predeceased by his parents; 4 brothers - Peter, John, Albert, Harry Shipman; 3 sisters - Ann Dickman, Olga Dickman, Alvina Shipman. Memorials to the church.

Notes: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I p361; 1930 Fed. Census NE ED61-16 p2a D31 F31: Vieregg Twp, Merrick, NE.

Grand Island Independent - Fri. 18 Jun 2010

**Jerry L. SOUHRADA, 70** (photo)

Born 10 Sep 1939, Syracuse, NE. Parents: Edward & Ella (Dobrey) Souhrada. 1957 grad. of Verdigre HS. 6 May 1961: Married Judy Bartling at Creighton, NE. They lived near Verdigre until 1970 when moved to Chapman, NE. 1973: Moved to Central City, NE. Judy died 29 Mar 1997. 2005: Jerry moved to Burwell, NE. He died at his home. Service: Sat., Wagner Funeral Home, Central City. Burial at the city cemetery. Survivors: 2 sons, a daughter, 7 gch.; a brother. Predeceased by his wife & his parents.

Note: Death date not given.

Grand Island Independent - Sun. 20 Jun 2010

**Effie T. TORPIN, 95** (photo)

Born 23 Dec 1914 near Marathon, IA. Parents: Erick B. & Anna J. (Chader) Holmes. Family moved to Hordville, NE where she graduated from HS in 1933. Attended NE Central College at Central City & UNL. Teacher. Pianist, organist. 28 Dec 1940: Married R. Stanley Torpin at Onawa, IA. They lived in Central City, NE. She died Fri., 18 Jun 2010 at Elkhorn, NE. Service: Tues., United Methodist Church, Central City. Burial at the city cemetery. Arrangements: Solt Funeral Home. Survivors: 2 daughters, a son, 4 gch.; a brother-in-law. Predeceased by her husband (19 Jan 2003); her parents; 2 brothers - Lee & Carroll Holmes; 3 sisters - Annette Abbott, Josephine McConnell, & Carolyn Miescke. Memorials: Central City United Methodist Church Foundation or the Merrick Foundation.

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 23 Jun 2010

**Mae Esther BURKHARDT, 94** (photo)

Born 1 Jun 1916 near Burwell, NE. Parents: Amel R. & Eliza C. (Suntken) Zlomke. Attended a rural school in Valley County. 31 Aug 1934: Married Herman O. Burkhardt at Grand Island, NE. They farmed near Palmer, NE. 1954: Moved into Palmer, and in 1961 moved to Central City, NE. Herman died 6 Nov 1998. Mae died Mon. 21 Jun 2010 at Central City. Visitation: Thurs., Solt Funeral Home. Service: Fri., St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Central City. Burial at the city cemetery. Survivors: 7 children, 23 gch., g-gch & gg-gch. Predeceased by her husband; an infant sister Elsie; 2 brothers - LaVern & Ed Zlomke.

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 30 Jun 2010

**Donald NOUZOVSKY, 80** (photo)

Born 30 Jan 1930, Archer, NE. Parents: Joseph & Rose (Klepetko) Nouzovsky. 1949 grad. of CCHS. 1951-53: US Army 28th Inf. (Germany) Farmed in Merrick County. 2003: Moved to Central City, NE. Died Mon., 28 Jun 2010 at Lincoln, NE. Service: Thurs., Solt Funeral Home, Central City. Burial at the city cemetery. Survivors: 3 brothers, 2 sisters, nieces & nephews. Predeceased by his parents; 2 sisters - Erma Traudt & Charlene Shenk; brother Melvin; 4 brothers-in-law - Glen Traudt, Robert Nordstrom, Carroll Shenk & Paul Rinke; 2 sisters-in-law - Inge and Colleen.

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Grand Island Independent - Fri. 2 Jul 2010

**Clifford G. SOLL, 89**

Born 19 Mar 1921, Irvington, NE. Parents: Henry & Katie (Hagedorn) Soll. Farmer. WW II: US Army. 3 Aug 1947: Married at Clarks, NE. They farmed. In 1957 settled on farm near Clarks, NE. 1991: They moved to Central City, NE. He died there Thurs., 1 Jul 2010. Service: Sat., 3 July, Solt Funeral Home, Central City, NE. Burial in Swede Home Cemetery, Polk County, NE. Survivors: His wife, 3 children, 9 gch., 15 g-gch, 3 gg-gch.; 2 brothers. Predeceased by his parents; 4 brothers - Bill, Ed, Charles & Lester Soll; a sister, Louise Dyer.

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 6 Jul 2010

**Rhonda K. BRIDGER, 55** (photo)

Born 12 Aug 1954, Central City, NE. Parents: Bobbie Ray & Shirley Mae (Swanson) Broshers. 1972 grad. of CCHS. Attended Grand Island Beauty School. 4 Jun 1973: Married William Bridger at Belleville, KS. They lived at Hastings, NE. She died there Sun. 4 Jul 2010. Service Thurs., North Shore Assembly of God. Burial: Central City Cemetery. Arrangements: Livingston-Butler-Volland Funeral Home and Cremation Center. Survivors: Her husband, a son; a sister, a brother; her in-laws. Predeceased by father Bobby; parents Shirley & Vern Von Ohlen, grandparents; a brother-in-law. Memorials: American Cancer Society, North Shore Assembly of God.

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 8 Jul 2010

**Linda Marie TATUM, 51** (photo)

Born 26 Nov 1958, Central City, NE. Parents: Jerry & Ruth Larson. 1977 grad. of Hordville HS. Attended UN. 1983: Moved to TX. Business manager. She died Thurs., 1 Jul 2010, Fort Worth, TX. Service: Mon., United Methodist Church, Central City. Burial will be at Lindale Cemetery near Hordville at later date. Survivors: Her husband Brent Tatum, a daughter, a step-child; her parents, 2 brothers & a sister. Predeceased by her grandparents. Ivan & Ellen Anderson; Clarence & Florence Larson.

Grand Island Independent obit - Tues. 13 Jul 2010

**Lillie M. KINGSLEY, 98** (photo)

Born 5 Nov 1911, Polk Co., NE. Parents: August & Clara (Johnson) Sandberg. 15 Apr 1931: Married William Kingsley at York, NE. They farmed in Polk County. 1964: Moved to Central City, NE. Lillie died Sat. 10 Jul 2010 at Central City, NE. Service: Thurs., Solt Funeral Home, Central City. Burial in Swede Home Cemetery near Stromsburg, NE. Survivors: 5 gch., 9 g-gch. Predeceased by her husband; 2 daughters - Vernetta Schlondorf & Maxine Altstadt; an infant son Dennis; her parents; a brother Elmer Sandberg; 3 gch.; son-in-law, William Altstadt.

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 13 Jul 2010

**Esther A. NIETFELD, 83**

Born 20 Nov 1926 near Chapman, NE. Parents: Julius & Hattie (Kaiser) Scheer. Attended Merrick Co. schools & Zion Lutheran School at Worms, NE. 23 Jun 1944: Married Donald V. Niefert at Zion Lutheran Church, Worms. They farmed north of Grand Island, and then on Niefert family farm SE of St. Libory, NE. She died Sun., 11 Jul 2010 at Grand Island, NE. Service: Thurs., Zion Lutheran Church, Worms, NE. Burial in the church cemetery. Arrangements: Peters Funeral Home. Survivors: 2 sons, 3 daughters, 7 gch., 8 g-gch.; a sister & 2 sisters-in-law. Predeceased by her husband (6 May 2009); her parents; 2 brothers - Harold & Robert Scheer; a sister, Lilly Lundquist. Also deceased - son-in-law, John Doehling.

Columbus Telegram - Sat. 24 Jul 2010; Grand Island Independent - Sun. 25 Jul 2010

**Lucille HANSON, 90**

Born 24 Dec 1919 near Silver Creek, NE. Parents: Nels & Esther (Gustafson) Johnson. 1938 grad. of Silver Creek HS. Lived in Central City & Chapman, NE. 1972: Married Leon Manning. 1983: Moved to Central City following Leon's death. 1986: Married Derrel Hanson who died in 1989. She lived in Fullerton, NE. Mrs. Hanson died Fri., 23 Jul 2010 at Boone County Medical Center, Albion, NE. Service: Tues., 27 Jul at Wagner Funeral Home, Central City. Burial in the city cemetery. Survivors: A daughter, 6 gch., 15 g-gch., 8 step-gch., 9 gg-gch. Predeceased by her husbands; 4 brothers - Harold, Leslie, Walter & Vernon Johnson. Note: See 1920 Fed. Census NE ED162 p9B D14 F14: Silver Creek Twp, Merrick, NE (w/p).

Grand Island Independent - Sun. 25 Jul 2010

**Larry L. KUCERA, 66**

Born 23 Oct 1943, Central City, NE. Parents: Lumier & Erma (VanPelt) Kucera. Schooled in Archer & Central City, NE. Married 43 years ago. They later moved to Grand Island, NE where he died Thurs., 22 Jul 2010. Service: Tues., All Faiths Funeral Home. Cremation. Survivors: His wife, 3 sons, a daughter, a daughter-in-law, 3 gch.; a brother, a sister, a brother-in-law. Predeceased by daughter Yolanda Kucera; sister Linda Perkins.

Note: His parents appear in 1930 Fed. Census NE ED61-12 p7a D153 F144: Prairie Creek Twp, Merrick, NE.

Grand Island Independent - Mon. 26 Jul 2010

**Richard B. "Dick" RAMAGE, 76**

Born 10 Mar 1934, Central City, NE. Parents: Richard & Sybil (Perett) Ramage. Attended UNL. Journalist, newspaper man. Married Hildegard A. Wellauer in Germany. They lived primarily in St. Louis area. Mrs. Ramage died in 2002. Mr. Ramage died Sat., 24 Jul 2010 at Ballwin, MO. Service will be Tues. in Ballwin, MO. Graveside service Fri. at Central City Cemetery (NE). Arrangements: Solt Funeral Home. Survivors: A son, 4 gch., 3 g-gch.; a sister. "Memorials are suggested to the Wishing Well Foundation ... " founded by Mr. Ramage in 1983. It's purpose - "...fulfills the wishes of St. Louis area chronically and terminally ill children." Note: See Central City Cemetery Directory for his wife, parents & grandparents.

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Grand Island Independent - Tues. 3 Aug 2010

**Joseph Anthony "Joe" PARACHINI, 63**(photo)

Born 24 May 1947, Fort Morgan, CO. Parents: Tony & Andrena (Covelli) Parachini. Attended school in CO. 4 Sep 1982: Married at Worms, NE. Farmed with his father-in-law near Chapman, NE. He died 31 Jul 2010 at St. Paul, NE. Service: Wed., St. Libory Catholic Church. Burial in Zion Lutheran Cemetery, Worms, NE. Arrangements: Solt Funeral Home. Survivors: His wife; 3 sisters; nieces & nephews. Predeceased by his parents & his father-in-law.

Sidney Sun Telegraph - Wed. 4 Aug 2010

**Jeanne Arlene CARLSON, 91**

Born 16 Aug 1918, Central City, NE. Parents: Arthur Earl & Lillian Flora (Pease) Wright. Family lived in McCook & Sidney, NE. 1936 grad. of Sidney HS. 12 Jul 1936: Married Lyle R. Carlson at Fort Collins, CO. They lived briefly in California, then returned to Sidney, NE. In 1945 they moved to Cheyenne, WY. Lyle worked for UPRR & Jeanne was a store clerk. Lyle died in 2007. Jeanne died Mon., 2 Aug 2010 at Cheyenne, WY. Methodist. Graveside service Thurs. at Cheyenne Memorial Gardens. Survivors: 2 sons, one daughter, 6 gch., 7 g-gch. Predeceased by her husband; her parents; a brother - Richard; a gch. Note: For her parents, see History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I p318; Merrick Co., NE Marriage Records Book G p29 #2571.

Grand Island Independent - Sun. 8 Aug 2010

**Dale "Butch" EDDY, 64** (photo)

Born 15 Nov 1945, St. Paul, NE. Parents: Dale R. & Gloria "Dot" (Fuller) Eddy. Attended school in Grand Island, NE. 1965-69: US Navy. 7 Feb 1971: Married at Grand Island. Drywaller. Abt 1990, they moved to Archer, NE. He died Thurs., 5 Aug 2010 at Archer, NE. Visitation: Sun., Apfel Funeral Home, Grand Island. Service: Mon., Christ Lutheran Church, Grand Island, NE. Burial in Naponee Cemetery (Franklin Co.). Survivors: His wife, 2 daughters, 6 sons, 23 gch., 1 g-gch.; 2 sisters & a brother. His father is living; also his wife's father & step-mother. Predeceased by his mother & his step-mother; his mother-in-law. Note: See "Silver Salute" for Thurs. 17 Nov 2009 in GI Independent.

Grand Island Independent - Sun. 8 Aug 2010

**Julia Frances GRONEWALD, 94** (photo)

Born 1 Dec 1915, St. Libory, NE. Parents: George & Anna (Franssen) Behen. 1935 grad. of CCHS. 5 Jul 1942: Married Jake E. Gronewald at Columbus, Georgia. He died 15 Aug 1990. Julis died Fri., 6 Aug 2010 at Central City, NE. Service: Tues., St. Michael's Catholic Church, Central City. Burial in the city cemetery. Arrangements: Solt Funeral Home. Survivors: Her care givers. Predeceased by her husband; her parents; 3 sisters - Rose Behen, Frances Weeks & Nellie Schoreder; 4 brothers - Leo Maaik, Harold, Howard & William Weeks.

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 14 Aug 2010

**Gary J. A. FRAUEN, 68** (photo)

Born 13 Mar 1942, Merrick Co., NE. Parents: John & Velaura (Ueckert) Frauen. Farmed with his father. 21 Sep 1963: Married; they lived in Grand Island where he was a well driller. Gary died Tues., 10 Aug 2010 at Grand Island, NE. Visitation: Sun., Kleine Funeral Home. Service: Mon., Gallagher Chapel, Trinity United Methodist Church. Burial in the city cemetery. Survivors: His wife, 3 daughters, 8 gch. Predeceased by 2 gch.

Grand Island Independent - Mon. 16 Aug 2010

**Harvey Junior HOLBROOK, 85** (photo)

Born 20 May 1925 near Page, NE. Parents: Harvey Jonathon & Burnetta Mae (Hoag) Holbrook. 1942 grad. of Orchard HS. 1949 grad. of York College, York, NE. Teacher, coach, superintendent, bus driver at Elba Public School. 1954: Farmer near Orchard, NE. 20 Nov 1957: Married at Orchard. Returned to teaching & coaching. Later owned a business in Central City. He died Fri., 13 Aug 2010, Central City, NE. Visitation: Tues., Solt

Funeral Home. Service: Wed., United Methodist Church. Burial in the cemetery at Orchard, NE. Survivors: His wife, 2 daughters, 1 gch.; 2 brothers & a sister. Predeceased by his parents, and a son Joel.  
Note: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I p237 (H Holbrook); Grand Island Independent obit of son Joel appeared 16 Oct 1999.

Columbus Telegram & Grand Island Independent - Wed. 18 Aug 2010

**George Francis FINLEY, 91** (photo)

Born 18 Jul 1919, Richland, NE. Parents: George W. & Rose T. (Wlaschin) Finley. Grad. of St. Edward HS. WW II: US Army, 9th Armored Div. UPRR depot agent. 13 Jan 1943: Married Betty J. Verhaege at St. Edward. They lived in Gothenburg, Brady, and other NE locations. His last assignment was at Clarks, NE. He died at Norfolk Veteran's Home, Mon. 16 Aug 2010. Service: Sat., Solt Funeral Home, Central City. Burial in Clarks Cemetery. Survivors: 6 children, 16 gch., 17 g-gch.; 2 sisters, a sister-in-law. Predeceased by his wife (2001); son Jim (2005); his parents; 2 brothers - James & Bud; 2 sisters - Charlotte Herman & Marge Wells.

Grand Island Independent - Fri. 27 Aug 2010

**Vincent Anthony GERGEN, 71** (photo)

Born 13 Oct 1938, Huron, SD. Parents: Joseph M. & Thelma L. (LaBrie) Gergen. 1956 grad. of St. Cecelia HS, Hastings, NE. 1956-60: USAF. Worked in advertising. 1990: Moved to Central City, NE. Died there Wed., 25 Aug 2010. Memorial service: Mon., Solt Funeral Home, Central City. Survivors: A son, 3 daughters, 5 gch., 2 g-gch.; 3 sisters. Predeceased by his parents.

Grand Island Independent - Mon. 30 Aug 2010

**Patty A. SIMONSON, 78** (photo)

Born 24 Jul 1932, Palmer, NE. Parents: Cranson & Eatheal (Manka) Robinson. 30 Jul 1948: Married Allen D. Simonson at Palmer. They lived near Palmer until Aug 2007; moved to retirement center in St Paul, NE. Patty died Sat., 28 Aug 2010 at St. Paul, NE. Service: Thurs., St. John's Lutheran Church, Palmer, NE. Burial in Rose Hill Cemetery, Palmer. Arrangements: Greenway Funeral Home, Palmer. Survivors: 3 children, 11 gch., 2 step-gch., 8 g-gch. & 3 step-g-gch. Predeceased by her husband; her parents & her step-father Vic Blase; a sister Bonnie Wunderlich; a son-in-law Mike Buhrman.

Columbus Telegram & Polk County Newspaper (abbrev.) - Tues. 31 Aug 2010

**Kevin D. ROBB, 52**

Born 20 Dec 1957, Julesburg, CO. Parents: Bob & Betty (Keefer) Robb. Grad. of schools in Big Springs, NE. Farmer, Trucker. 1975: Married at Silver Creek, NE. 1990: Moved to Silver Creek, NE. Died 29 Aug 2010 at Columbus, NE. Memorial service 1 Sep 2010 at United Methodist Church, Silver Creek. Arrangements: McKown Funeral Home, Columbus, NE. Survivors: His wife, 2 sons, a daughter. Predeceased by his parents; an infant son Jason Robb.

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Columbus Telegram - Wed. 1 Sep 2010

**Joseph "Jammer" KONWINSKI, 44** (photo)

Born 4 Aug 1966, Silver Creek, NE. Parents: Joseph & Elaine Konwinski. 1985 grad. of Silver Creek HS. Mechanic, truck driver. He died Tues., 31 Aug 2010 at Genoa, NE. Service: Fri., St. Lawrence Catholic Church, Silver Creek, NE. Burial in the church cemetery. Arrangements: McKown Funeral Home. Survivors: A son & a daughter; his parents, 3 sisters, 2 brothers. Predeceased by both sets of grandparents.

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 2 Sep 2010

**Florence W. RUGE, 88** (photo)

Born 13 Feb 1922, St. Libory, NE. Parents: John & Marie (Reher) Petzoldt. She attended school at Worms, NE. 6 Aug 1944: Married Harry Ruge at Seattle, WA. They farmed at Worms, NE. Mr. Ruge died in 1985. Mrs. Ruge moved to Grand Island, NE in 1988. She died Tues., 31 Aug 2010 at the GI Veteran's Home. Service: Sat. Zion Lutheran Church, Worms. Burial in the church cemetery. Survivors: A daughter, 2 gch., a step-gch.,

3 g-gch.; 2 sisters-in-law. Memorials to the church.

Columbus Telegram & Grand Island Independent - Wed. 8 Sep 2010

**Edward James JARECKE, 83** (photo)

Born 5 Dec 1926 on farm near Fullerton, NE. Parents: Leo & Julia (Malek) Jarecke. 1944 grad. of Fullerton HS. Served in US Army. Returned to farm near Fullerton, NE. 30 Sep 1952: Married at Krakow, NE. They farmed near Fullerton & then near Clarks, NE. 1996: Moved into town. He died Mon. 6 Sep 2010 at hospital in Grand Island, NE. Service: Thurs., St. Peter's Catholic Church, Clarks, NE. Burial in Calvary Cemetery, Clarks. Survivors: His wife, 4 sons, 12 gch., 17 g-gch.; a brother & a sister. Predeceased by his parents, a brother, Richard.

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 8 Sep 2010

**Donald L. STALKER, 81**

Born 7 Dec 1928, Chapman, NE. Parents: Lloyd "Tom" & Elsie (Banish) Stalker. 1946 grad. of Archer HS. 1950-53: US Navy. Employee of Western Electric in Lincoln & then in Omaha, NE. 19 Jul 1958: Married. Resident of Millard, NE. He died Mon. 6 Sep 2010 at Omaha, NE. Visitation: Wed., Crosby-Kunold Burket Funeral Home, Omaha.. Service: Thurs., Faith Westwood United Methodist Church, Millard. Burial on Fri., in Burke Cemetery near Central City, NE. Survivors: His wife, 5 children, 16 gch., 2 g-gch.; 2 sisters, & a brother. Predeceased by his parents. Memorials - Millard VFW Post 8334, Faith Westwood United Methodist Church in Millard, or the Burke Cemetery.

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 18 Sep 2010

**Louis I. HANNAPPEL, 75** (photo)

Born 17 Jun 1935 near Clarks, NE. Parents: John & Irene (Supencheck) Hannappel. 1953 grad. of Clarks HS. 1955-56: US Army. 25 May 1957: Married Lila Anderson at Clarks, NE. They lived in Lincoln, Beatrice, Fairbury & Kearney, NE. He died Thurs., 16 Sep 2010 in Hastings, NE. Visitation: Sun., Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl Funeral and Cremation Services, Kearney. Service: Mon., 20 Sep at St. James Catholic Church. Burial in the cemetery at Fairbury, NE. Survivors: 2 daughters, 5 gch.; 5 brothers & 3 sisters. Predeceased by his wife; son Douglas & brother Jerry.

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 22 Sep 2010

**Mary L. BOOTH, 87** (photo)

Born 20 Nov 1922 near Pierce Chapel Church, Clarks, NE. Parents: Walter L. & Mable L. (Trullinger) Beck. 1940 grad. of Clarks HS. 1942: Married James William Booth. They lived at Highland Falls, NY for 2 years, returned to Clarks, NE. Mrs. Booth died Mon. 20 Sep 2010 at Central City, NE. Service: Fri., Wagner Funeral Home, Centeal City. Burial in Bureau Cemetery at Pierce Chapel, Clarks, NE. Survivors: 2 daughters, a son, 6 gch.; 2 sisters, a brother, a sister-in-law. Predeceased by her husband (1976); her parents; 2 brothers - Russell & Bill Beck; a gch.

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 23 Sep 2010

**Raymond "Vern" BEMAN, 91**

Born 18 Sep 1919 on farm south of Chapman, NE. Parents: Abram Pratt & Eva (Wiesner) Beman. Family moved in 1932 to farm near Burwell, NE; and in 1939 to a farm near Cairo, NE. 1951: Moved to North Platte, NE. He was a city employee. Mr. Beman died Wed., 22 Sep 2010 at North Platte. Service will be Mon., Adams & Swanson Funeral Home. Burial in Grand Island City Cemetery. Survivors: Nieces & nephews. Predeceased by his parents and his brother Orval.

Note: See 1920 Fed. Census NE ED155 p8A D90 F91: Chapman Twp, Merrick, NE; and 1930 Fed. Census NE ED61-4 p2a D35 F35: Chapman Twp, Merrick, NE

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Columbus Telegram & Grand Island Independent - Fri. 1 Oct 2010

**Carroll Fredrick JOHNSTON, 92** (photo)

Born 20 Dec 1917, Merrick Co, NE. Parents: Charles & Bertha (Brandner) Johnston. 1935 grad. of CCHS. 24 Apr 1949: Married at Pawnee City, NE. They farmed NW of Central City; moved into town in 1987. In 2004 the couple moved to Lincoln, NE. Carroll died there Tues., 28 Sep 2010. Service will be at a later date, with burial at Burke Cemetery near Central City. Survivors: His wife, a son, a daughter, 3 gch., 4 g-gch., 2 gg-gch.; 2 brothers. Predeceased by his parents; 2 brothers - Milton (infant) & Orville. Memorials to Fairview United Methodist Church. Arrangements by Solt Funeral Home, Central City, NE.

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 6 Oct 2010

**Orel "Bud" HEFNER, 87** (photo)

Born 19 Oct 1922, Sugar Valley, GA. Parents: Thad & Daisy (Holsomback) Hefner. WW II: US Army. 10 Dec 1943: Married at Worms, NE. They farmed NE of St. Libory. He later worked at the Palmer Coop Elevator. Bud died Tues., 5 Oct 2010 at Grand Island, NE. Service: Fri., Zion Lutheran Church, Worms, NE. Burial in Norwegian Cemetery (NW of Worms). Arrangements: Peters Funeral Home. Survivors: His wife, 2 sons, 6 gch., g-gch. Predeceased by a son Lyle Hefner; his parents, 4 sisters - Doris, Lois, Herlen & Nancy; 5 brothers - Beck, Tom, Glen, Rudolph & Norman. Memorials to the church.

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 6 Oct 2010

**Steven C. STECKMYER, 59** (photo)

Born 30 Dec 1950. Parents: Jean & Joyce Steckmyer. Grew up in Central City, NE. 1971: US Army. Grad. of Oregon State University. Engineer. 10 May 2004: Married in Australia. He died 29 Sep 2010 on Tiger Mountain, (near Issaquah, WA?). Memorial service will be Sunday, Hilton Garden Inn, Issaquah. Survivors: His wife & 3 step-children; his parents; a sister & her spouse. Note: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I p376.

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 9 Oct 2010

**Oren Lavern ABBOTT, 88** (photo)

Born 3 Jul 1922 Mascot, NE. Parents: Lawrence & Margaret (Pachlmen) Abbott. Family moved near Lexington, NE. In 1940, he moved to Cozad, NE. 21 Oct 1942: Married at Lexington, NE. WW II: US Army. Beekeeper since 1952, living mostly at Palmer, NE. He died Thurs., 7 Oct 2010 at St. Paul, NE. Service: Mon., United Methodist Church, Palmer, NE. Burial in Rose Hill Cemetery. Arrangements: Greenway Funeral Home, Palmer, NE. Survivors: His wife, 3 daughters, 8 gch., 11 g-gch.; a sister. Predeceased by his parents; 5 brothers - Earnest, Clifford, Clarence, Chester & Amos Abott; a sister Altra Patton; a son-in-law Jack Schlueter.

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 9 Oct 2010

**Joe STANISLAV Jr. 88** (photo)

Born in Linwood, NE. Parents: Joe Sr. & Emma (Johannes) Stanislav. WW II: US Army (3 Purple Hearts & 2 Bronze Stars). 22 Feb 1946: Married at Central City, NE. They farmed NW of Central City. Retired to Aurora for 14 years; and in 2009 moved to Grand Island. He died Thurs., 7 Oct 2010 at Veteran's Medical Center, Grand Island, NE. Service: Mon., Solt Funeral Home, Central City. Burial in the city cemetery. Survivors: His wife, a son, 2 daughters, 5 gch., 5 g-gch. Predeceased by his parents; a daughter Pamela Jo. Memorials to Aurora Memorial Hospital.

Note: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I p300. He was subject of Silver Salute article published 19 Oct 2006 in Grand Island Independent "Joe Stanislav, decorated World War II veteran".

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 9 Oct 2010

**Marvin D. WATSON, 85** (photo)

Born 7 Aug 1925, Central City, NE. Parents: Phillip & Geneva (Campell) Watson. 1943 grad. of Hordville HS. 24 Aug 1946: Married at Grand Island, NE. Salesman. Baptist. He died Wed., 6 Oct 2010 at Grand Island Veterans Home. Service: Mon., Apfel Funeral Home, Grand Island. Burial in the city cemetery. Survivors: A daughter & her spouse; a brother & his wife; a sister-in-law. Predeceased by his wife; his parents; a brother Wayne; 2 sons - Marline Lavern (infant) & Robert. Memorials to American Parkinson Disease Association.

Columbus Telegram - Tues. 12 Oct 2010

**Helen B. MURPHY, 83** (photo)

Born 9 Jun 1927 on farm west of Silver Creek, NE. Parents: James & Tillie (Koza) Stanczyk. 1945 grad. of HS. Secretary. 27 Aug 1949: Married Paul Murphy at Krakow, NE. They lived in Columbus, Lincoln and Hastings, NE. 1960: They moved to Watertown, SD. Helen died Sun., 10 Oct 2010 at Watertown, SD, Service will be Thurs., Holy Name Catholic Church, Watertown, SD. Burial in St. Mary's Cemetery. Survivors: 2 sons, 3 daughters, 17 gch, 10 g-gch.; a daughter-in-law; a son-in-law. Predeceased by her husband Paul (2003); daughter Janet Wadsworth; her parents.

Note: See 1930 Fed. Census NE ED61-15 p4a D74 F75: Silver Creek Twp, Merrick, NE (w/p).

Columbus Telegram & Grand Island Independent (photo) - Thurs. 14 Oct 2010

**Robert Lee "Bob" STAROSTKA, 81**

Born 19 Dec 1928, Clarks, NE. Parents: Leo & Eva (Stopak) Starostka. 1946 grad. of Clarks HS. Korean War Vet. 4 Oct 1954: Married at Columbus, NE. They farmed at Clarks until 1993; moved to Grand Island, NE. He died Wed., 13 Oct 2010 at Grand Island. Service: Fri., St. Leo's Catholic church. Burial in St. Peters Cemetery at Clarks, NE. Arrangements: Apfel Funeral Home, Grand Island. Survivors: His wife; 3 sons, 3 daughters, 14 gch., 6 g-gch.; 2 brothers & other relatives. Predeceased by his parents; son Tommy; brother-in-law Bobby Geier.

Sidney Sun Telegraph - Sat. 16 Oct 2010

**John W. DIDIER, 86** (photo)

Born 21 Apr 1924, Clarks, NE. Parents: Ferdinand & Lydia (Cerny) Didier. WW II: US Army. 18 Aug 1945: Married Lucille Barnard. They lived at Central City until 1951, moved to Sidney, NE. Mechanic. 1954: Opened his own shop in Bridgeport, NE. 1972: Moved to Scottsbluff, NE. 1973: Married Mary Crouse who died in 2003. He moved back to Bridgeport, NE. John died Mon., 11 Oct 2010 at Bridgeport. Service: Today, Bridgeport Memorial Chapel. Burial in Sunset Memorial Park, Bridgeport. Survivors: 8 children, 22 gch., 19 g-gch.; a brother; a sister-in-law. Predeceased by both wives; his parents, 2 sisters & 2 brothers.

Note: See 1930 Fed. Census NE ED61-6 p7a D148 F148: Clarksville Twp, Merrick, NE (w/p).

Grand Island Independent - Mon. 18 Oct 2010

**Winona May KING, 91** (photo)

Born 1 Dec 1918, Central City, NE. Parents: Earl & Bertha (Peregrine) Black. 23 Feb 1937: Married Ivan F. Black. They lived in Grand Island, NE; Lee Center & Dixon, IL; Jamesville & Beloit, WI. After WW II they farmed N of Central City, NE. 1962: Moved to Grand Island, NE. After retiring they lived at Clarks & then Central City, NE. Ivan died 20 Jul 2009. Winona died Sat. 16 Oct 2010 at Central City. Service: Fri., Solt Funeral Home, Central City. Burial in the city cemetery. Survivors: 3 children, 10 gch., 19 g-gch., 5 step-g-gch.; a sister-in-law. Predeceased by her husband; her parents; 2 brothers - Willard & Merlin. Memorials: Clarks United Methodist Church.

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 19 Oct 2010

**George W. SASS, Jr, 94** (photo)

Born 13 Feb 1916, Merrick Co., NE. Parents George & Olga (Stratman) Sass. 1931 grad. of GISH. WW II: US Army Air Corps in the Pacific. Farmed with his father & his brother Albert. He died Thurs., 14 Oct 2010 at NE Veterans Home, Grand Island, NE. Service: Fri., St. Pauls Lutheran Church, Grand Island. Burial in the city cemetery. Arrangements: Apfel Funeral Home. Survivors: A sister-in-law; 4 nephews. Predeceased by his parents; 3 brothers - Albert, Billie & Leo Sass; 2 sisters, Marie Hutchings & Mildred Sass; a brother-in-law, John Hutchings. Memorials to St. Pauls Lutheran Church.

Note: His parents, see Merrick Co. Marriage Records Book F p86 #2375.

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 20 Oct 2010

**Cecilia V. ZOUCHA, 82** (photo)

Born 2 Dec 1927, Fullerton, NE. Parents: Leo & Belle (Micek) Czapla. Teacher. 14 Feb 1952: Married Adrian Zoucha at Grand Island, NE. They farmed near Clarks; then moved to Central City to own/operate Adrian's



One Stop. Adrian died 17 Apr 1994. Cecila died Sun. 17 Oct 2010 at Nye Legacy in Fremont, NE. Service: Sat., St. Michael's Catholic Church, Central City. Burial in Calvary Cemetery, Clarks. Arrangements: Solt Funeral Home. Survivors: A son, 2 daughters, 5 gch.; 2 brothers. Predeceased by her husband; her parents; 2 sisters - Eleanor Voichahoski & Clara Czaplá; a daughter-in-law. Memorials: Central City Senior Center.

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 21 Oct 2010

**Walter "Stan" LAHNERS, 79**

Born 19 Oct 1930, Palmer, NE. Parents: George & Velma (Burch) Lahners. Family moved to Grand Island, NE. 1948 grad. of GISH. 17 Jan 1947: Married first time. 28 Nov 1949: Married Bernadine Martinez. They lived in Lincoln, NE and later in CA. Bernadine died in 1997 and Stan moved to Grand Island, NE. He died there Sun. 17 Oct 2010. Service: Fri. All Faiths Funeral Home Chapel. Survivors: A daughter, 2 sons, 5 gch., 2 g-gch.; a sister & a brother; his first wife. Predeceased by his parents; his daughter Ginger; 3 brothers - Lyle, Don & Thomas.

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 21 Oct 2010

**Dolores "Dee" POWELL, 79** (photo)

Born 31 Jan 1931, Loup City, NE. Parents: Peter & Julia (Zielinski) Kosmicki. Grad. of Loup City HS. Lived in NY City & Denver, returned to live at Grand Island, NE. 1956: Married Raymond Warren Powell. They lived in Central City, NE. Owned advertising business. Raymond died in 1982. Dee moved to Grand Island, NE. She died there 14 Oct 2010. Service: Fri., O'Brien Straatmann Funeral Home, Kearney, NE. Inurnment at a later date. Survivors: 2 daughters, a son, 3 gch.; 2 brothers. Predeceased by 4 sisters - Irene Bruha, Dorothy Hiser, Loretta Pierczyk, & Evelyn Petrasor; a brother - Leo Kosmicki.

Note: Her husband is buried at Central City Cemetery.

Grand Island Independent - Fri. 22 Oct 2010

**Clarence Eugene WELLS, 83** (photo)

Born 9 Nov 1926, Orange City, IA. Parents: Earl S. & Sylvia J. (Rookstool) Wells. Worked for Swift Packing Co. in Sioux City, IA. Served in WW II and Korea. Later worked in NE, CO & Nev. 1971: Married at Kearney, NE. 2000: Moved to Central City, NE. 2007: Moved to Grand Island, NE. Presbyterian. He died Tues., 19 Oct 2010 at Veterans Medical Center, Grand Island. Service will be Fri. at the chapel there. Burial in Central City Cemetery. Arrangements: Solt Funeral Home, Central City. Survivors: His wife, 3 children; a step-daughter; 10 gch., 5 g-gch.; a sister & a brother. Predeceased by his parents & a gch.

Columbus Telegram & Grand Island Independent - Sun. 24 Oct 2010

**Beverly Jean GREDELL, 75**

Born 1 Sep 1935, Columbus, NE. Parents: Thomas C. & Martha (Dilley) Adams. 30 Nov 1952: Married William Kelsey Sr. 1957: She moved to California. 24 Mar 1968: Married Charles R. Gredell. 1992: She returned to Nebraska. Beverly died Fri. 22 Oct 2010 at Grand Island, NE. Graveside service: Mon. at Central City Cemetery. Arrangements: Solt Funeral Home. Survivors: 2 sisters, nieces & nephews. Predeceased by her son William Kelsey Jr (15 Nov 1999); (former) husband Willim Kelsey Sr. (28 Nov 2000); her parents & her step-father - Frank L. Kuk; 2 brothers - Donald L. & Wm. E. Adams; 3 sisters - Ethel Brown, Pearl Luschei, JoAnnn Paar.

Grand Island Independent - Sun. 24 Oct 2010

**Margaret Ann KLOKE, 96** (photo)

Born 26 May 1914, Crounce, NE. Parents: Martin J. & Caroline R. (Copperstone) Quinlan. 1933 grad. of Valparaiso HS. 12 Aug 1939: Married Otto F. Klope in Grand Island, NE. They lived in Duncan, Ames & Schuyler, NE. 1943: Moved to Central City, NE. Otto died 17 Jan 2003. Margaret died Sat. 23 Oct 2010 at Central City. Service: Tues., Solt Funeral Home, Central City, NE. Burial in the city cemetery. Survivor: A nephew. Predeceased by her husband; her parents; 2 brothers - Martin Quinlan and an infant. Memorials to OES Arbor Chapter 200, Central City.

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 26 Oct 2010

**Mary H. OBERMEIER, 90** (photo)

Born 20 Apr 1920, Palmer, NE. Parents: Ernst & Adele (Bielefeld) Meyer. 1938 grad. of GISH. Clerk/bookkeeper. 31 Oct 1942: Married Paul W. Obermeier at Leigh, NE. They lived in Grand Island & Aurora, NE, then farmed near Phillips, NE for 36 years. 1984: Moved to Grand Island. Paul died 14 Jan 1988. Mary died Sun., 24 Oct 2010 at Grand Island, NE. Service: Thurs., St. Pauls Lutheran Church. Burial in Westlawn Cemetery. Arrangements: All Faiths Funeral Home. Survivors: a son, a daughter; gch & step-gch.; a sister; 5 sisters-in-law, etc. Predeceased by her husband; her parents; a sister Sophia Meyer; 6 brothers - Ernest, Herman, Otto, Carl, Fred & Elmer.

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 27 Oct 2010

**Steven Lee BRAY, 89** (photo)

Born 1 Jan 1921, Bancroft, NE. Parents: Ernest F. & Etta (Bassett) Bray. WW II: US Marine Corps. Machinist. 6 Jan 1947: Married Florence Corriea. They lived at Central City, NE. Salesman. 28 Apr 1965: Florence died. 7 Jun 1966: He married Mona J. Decker-Fishler. Steve worked as meat inspector. Mona died 17 Sep 2008. Steve died Sun., 24 Oct 2010 at Central City, NE. Visitation: Wed., Solt Funeral Home. Service: Thurs., United Presbyterian Church. Burial in Leigh Cemetery (Colfax Co.) Survivors: 6 children, 18 gch., g-gch & gg-gch.; 2 brothers & 2 sisters. Predeceased by both wives; his parents, 2 sisters - Justyne Elliott & Myrna Marr; a gch.

Note: For his second wife, see Creston Centennial History: 1890-1990, p189. Obit list of 6 children includes his step-children.

Grand Island Independent obit - Wed. 27 Oct 2010

**William C. "Sam" DAVIS. 87** (photo)

Born 22 Feb 1923, Palmer, NE. Parents: Ben & Anna (Novotny) Davis. 1941 grad. of Palmer Public Schools. WW II: US Navy. 20 Aug 1946: Married at Central City, NE. They lived in Hastings, soon returned to Palmer, NE. He died Mon. 25 Oct 2010 at medical center in St. Paul, NE. Graveside service will be Fri. at Rose Hill Cemetery, Palmer, NE. Arrangements: Greenway Funeral Home, Palmer. Survivors: His wife; 3 sons, 2 daughters, 13 gch., 21 g-gch.; a brother. Predeceased by his daughter Carole Joseph; his parents; 5 sisters, 4 brothers. Memorials to Palmer Rescue Squad.

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 27 Oct 2010

**Gary W. WEBSTER, 64**

Born 10 Jun 1946, Rome, NY. Parents: Howard & Irene (Matson) Webster. Family to NE while he was still an infant. 1964 grad. of North Platte HS. 1970 grad. of Kearney State College. 23 Nov 1968: Married at North Platte, NE. They moved to Central City in 1970. Banker. Active in civic affairs. He died Mon. 25 Oct 2010 at hospital in Omaha, NE. Visitation: Thurs., Solt Funeral Home, Central City. Service: Fri., United Presbyterian Church, Central City, NE. Burial in the city cemetery. Survivors: His wife, 2 sons, 3 gch.; a sister & a brother. Predeceased by infant twin sons - Jason & Brent; his parents. Memorials: Litzenberg Memorial County Hospital Foundation.

Note: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I p397.

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 30 Oct 2010

**Lester L. PETZOLDT, 80** (photo)

Born 19 Feb 1930, Merrick Co., NE. Parents: Henry & Ella (Mettenbrink) Petzoldt. 1947 grad. of GISH. 1954-56: US Army. 28 Apr 1957: Married at Grand Island, NE. They lived on farm NW of Grand Island. Lester died Thurs., 28 Oct 2010 at Grand Island. Visitation: Sun., Apfel Funeral Home. Service: Mon. Messiah Lutheran Church. Burial in Westlawn Cemetery. Survivors: His wife; a son & a daughter, 7 gch., 2 g-gch. Predeceased by his parents; 3 brothers - Raymond, Clarence & William (infancy). Memorials: Messiah Lutheran Church or St. Francis Cancer Treatment Center.

Note: See 1930 Fed. Census NE ED61-16 p2B D34 F34: Vieregg Twp, Merrick, NE (w/p).

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Grand Island Independent - Wed. 3 Nov 2010

**Daniel J. GRYMES, 35**

Born 7 Mar 1975, Santa Fe, NM. Adopted by Glenn & Donna Grymes. 31 Jul 2008: Married at Central City, NE. He died Mon., 25 Oct 2010 at Hazard, NE. Service was 1 Nov at Wagner Funeral Home, Central City, NE. Burial at later date. Survivors: His wife & a child; 3 step-children; a brother & a sister.

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 6 Nov 2010

**Agnes J. MOSER, 88** (photo)

Born 7 May 1922 in Gage Co., NE. Parents: John G. & Sena (Henricks) Rickers. 30 Jun 1946: Married Ernst Moser at Hanover, KS. They farmed in KS; Gage & Jefferson Counties, NE. 1962: Moved to Wymore, NE. She worked in medical facilities. Agnes died Thurs., 4 Nov 2010 at Central City, NE. Visitation: Sun., Wagner Funeral Home, Central City. Service: Mon., St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Central City. Burial in Odell Cemetery. Survivors: A daughter, 2 gch., 4 g-gch.; 2 brothers. Predeceased by her husband & her parents.

Grand Island Independent - Mon. 8 Nov 2010

**Jane FIENHOLD, 76** (photo)

Born 3 Jun 1934 near Chapman, NE. Parents: Arnold "Jack" & Gladys (Kruse) Klingenberg. 1952 grad. of Chapman HS. Attended NE Central College, Central City. Teacher; decorator. 26 Dec 1953: Married Louis Fienhold at Grand Island, NE. Jane died Fri., 5 Nov 2010 at Chapman, NE. Visitation: Tues., Apfel Funeral Home, Grand Island, NE. Service: Wed., Trinity Lutheran Church, Grand Island. Burial in Chapman Cemetery. Survivors: Her husband, 4 children, 3 gch.; a brother & 2 sisters. Predeceased by her parents, 2 brothers-in-law, 2 sisters-in-law. Memorials to the church.  
Note: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I p259.

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 17 Nov 2010

**Jean D. COX, 87** (photo)

Born 9 May 1923, Central City, NE. Parents: Ross & Edith Cox 1940 grad. of Palmer HS. Moved to CA. She died Fri., 5 Nov 2010 in Costa Mesa, CA. Service: Sun., Greenway Funeral Home, Palmer, NE. Burial: Rose Hill Cemetery, Palmer. Survivors: 3 cousins. Predeceased by her parents; 2 brothers - Cameron & Taylor "Shorty" Cox. Memorials: "Palmer High School or to the McArdle Laboratory of Cancer Research, c/o James D. Shull, Director of McArdle Laboratory of Cancer Research, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 1400 University Ave., Madison, WI 53706-1599."

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 17 Nov 2010

**Clinton A. PETERSON, 80**

Born 16 Feb 1930, Nance Co., NE. Parents: Floyd & Bessie (Thompson) Peterson. Family also lived Merrick & Howard Counties. 1949-52: US Army. 9 Mar 1952: Married Marjorie L. "Bonnie" Nerly at Wolbach, NE. They farmed in Howard & Merrick Counties, NE. 1992: Moved to St. Paul, NE where he died Mon., 15 Nov 2010. Service: Thurs., United Methodist Church, Wolbach, NE. Inurnment Fri., Fort McPherson National Cemetery, Maxwell, NE. Arrangements: Jacobsen-Greenway Funeral Home, St. Paul. Survivors: A son, a daughter, 5 gch.; 2 sisters. Predeceased by his parents; 4 sisters - Betty Pedersen, Bernice Steinke, Beulah Jensen and Letha Barth. Memorials to St. Francis Hospice.

Note: Wife's obit published 4 Jul 2008 in Grand Island Independent.

Columbus Telegram - Thurs. 18 Nov 2010

**Joseph M. KOZA Jr., 78**

Born 19 Jan 1932, Nance Co., NE. Parents: Joseph & Josephine (Shemek) Koza. Attended school at Krakow, NE. 1953-55: US Army. Farmed the home place. Died Fri. 12 Nov 2010 at Central City, NE. Service was held Wed. with burial in St. Lawrence Cemetery, Silver Creek, NE. Survivors: 2 brothers & a sister. Predeceased by his parents.

Grand Island Independent - Sun. 21 Nov 2010

**Irma Fae AYCOCK, 85** (photo)

Born 8 Oct 1925, Schuyler, NE. Parents: James A. & Nellie E. (Adams) Stark. Raised in Alda, NE. Teacher. 15 Jan 1954: Married Ivan E. Aycok. They lived in - WY, CO, LA, TX. 1966: Moved to Central City, NE. Ivan died 16 May 1997. Irma died Fri., 19 Nov 2010 at hospital in Lincoln, NE. Service: Wed., Solt Funeral Home. Burial in Central City, NE. Survivors: A son, a daughter, 8 gch., 5 g-gch. Predeceased by her husband; her parents; 2 brothers - Glen & Clarence Stark; 3 sisters -Vera Payzant, Thelma Hensley, and Verna Price. Memorials to CC United Methodist Church.

Grand Island Independent - Mon. 22 Nov 2010

**Connie MARTI, 62** (photo)

Born 24 Feb 1948, Anmosa, Iowa. Parents: Burley L. & Bulah F. (Van Voltenburg) Dayton. 6 May 1967: Married Gary Marti in Iowa 1983: They moved to Central City, NE. She died Sun., 21 Nov 2010 at hospital in Grand Island, NE. Service: Wed., Solt Funeral Home, Central City, NE. Burial in the city cemetery. Survivors: Her husband, a daughter, 3 gch.; a brother & 6 sisters. Predeceased by a daughter Angela Marti Jepson (1 Oct 1992); son Shane (15 May 1993); her parents & her stepfather - Otto Gerjets; 2 brothers - Melvin & Ernie Dayton.

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 24 Nov 2010

**Jeannine A. SHAFER, 80** (photo)

Born 26 Sep 1930, Palmer, NE. Parents: George & Alma (Hake) Kamper. 3 Jun 1949: Married Kenneth Shafer at Grand Island, NE. They lived in Grand Island until 1957; moved to North Platte, NE. Lutheran. Nurse's aide. Following husband's death she lived in North Platte, Ord, and Elm Creek, NE. Jeannine died Sun. 21 Nov 2010 at Elm Creek, NE. Service: Wed., Our Redeemer Lutheran Church. Burial in Fort McPherson National Cemetery, Maxwell, NE. Arrangements: Adams & Swanson Funeral Home, North Platte. Survivors: 2 daughters, a son, gch. & g-gch.; 3 sisters. Predeceased by her husband, & a son Steve.

Grand Island Independent - Fri. 26 Nov 2010

**John Alfred "Jack" DINSDALE, 92** (photo)

Born 15 Aug 1918, Palmer, NE. Parents: George & Rena (Nicholas) Dinsdale. 1936 grad. of Palmer HS. Attended UN. WW II: US Army. Married in Mar 1945. Returned to Palmer to join family business with father, uncle & brother Roy. He died on Thanksgiving, 25 Nov 2010 at home in Grand Island, NE. Service: Tues., United Methodist Church, Palmer, NE. Burial in Rose Hill Cemetery, Palmer. Arrangements: Greenway Funeral Home. Survivors: His wife, a son, a daughter, 4 gch.; his brother, a sister-in-law. Predeceased by his parents, 2 brothers - George (& his wife Elizabeth) and Dr. Howard Dinsdale. Memorials "to The United Methodist Church in Palmer in care of the Merrick County Foundation, Central City, NE 68826 or The We Care Fund in care of Marcia Bolling, Box 275 Central City, NE 68826.

Note: See Who's Who in Nebraska Merrick p815 (w/p); 1920 Fed. Census NE ED159 p4B D94 F97: Palmer Village, Loup Twp, Merrick, NE (w/p); and 1930 Fed. Census NE ED61-8 p3a D44 F44: Palmer Village, Merrick (w/p).

Columbus Telegram - Sun. 28 Nov 2010

**Phyllis Beth PETERSON, 82**

Born 5 Jul 1928 near Central City, NE. Parents: Walter & Ruth (Smith) Huston. 1945 grad. of CCHS. 5 Sep 1948: Married Vernon Huston. They farmed SW of Silver Creek, NE until 2006, retired to Columbus, NE. She died Wed., 24 Nov 2010 at a nursing home in Omaha, NE. Service: Mon., United Methodist Church, Silver Creek, NE. Burial in the city cemetery. Arrangements: McKown Funeral Home. Survivors: Her husband & 3 children, 10 gch., 8 g-gch; a sister.

Note: See 1930 Fed. Census NE ED61-7 p7b D165 F167: Lone Tree Twp, Merrick, NE (w/p).

Columbus Telegram - Tues. 30 Nov 2010

**Jay L. RICHARDS, 57**

Born 4 Sep 1953. Adopted by David & Patricia Richards of Osceola. 1971 grad. of Osceola HS. Served in National Guard, & US Army (12 years). Law enforcement, truck driver. Moved to Silver Creek, NE 6 years ago. He died 26 Nov 2010 at hospital in Lincoln, NE. Service: Wed., United Methodist Church, Osceola. Burial in

the city cemetery. Arrangements: Dubas Funeral Home of Osceola. Survivors: His son; his father, 2 brothers. Predeceased by his mother; his birth sister Betty Lou Shaw ...  
Note: See Polk Co. Heritage, Our p113 (H Johansen).

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Columbus Telegram & Grand Island Independent (photo) - Thurs. 2 Dec 2010

**Nadine JOHNSTON, 83**

Born 15 Oct 1927, Summerfield, KS. Parents: Clarence & Ruth (Brown) Blodgett. 1945 grad. of Pawnee City HS (NE). 24 Apr 1949: Married Carroll Johnston at Pawnee City, NE. They farmed NW of Central City, NE; moved into town in 1987. In 2004, they moved to Lincoln, NE. Mr. Johnston died 28 Sep 2010. Nadine died Mon., 29 Nov 2010 at Lincoln. Burial will be private, at Burke Cemetery near Central City. Survivors: A son, a daughter, 3 gch., 4 g-gch., 2 gg-gch.; 3 sisters & a brother. Predeceased by her husband & her parents.

NOTES: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I p250.

13 Apr 2011: Grand Island Independent burial notice repeated much of obit and gave date of memorial service & burial as 16 Apr 2011.

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 4 Dec 2010

**Ruby L. SPENCER, 86** (photo)

Born 23 Feb 1924, Polk, NE. Parents: Walter & Esther (Ehn) Olson. Grad. of Polk HS. Took job in Central City, NE. 28 Apr 1946: Married Loyde Spencer. In 1959 they moved to California; and then to Fort Collins, CO in 1963. 1973: Returned to Central City, NE. Loyde died 5 May 1977. Ruby was school cafeteria manager. 2009: She moved to Lincoln, NE where she died Thurs., 2 Dec 2010. Visitation: Mon., Solt Funeral Home, Central City, NE. Service: Tues., Evangelical Free Church, Central City. Burial in the city cemetery. Survivors: 2 daughters, 2 sons, 10 gch., 9 g-gch.; a sister; a brother & his wife. Predeceased by her husband; a son Alan (2007); her parents; 2 brothers - Raymond & Richard Olson; a sister - Rachel Lampshire.

Aurora News Register - Dec 2010; GI Independent - Thurs. 9 Dec 2010; Polk County Newspaper - Tues. 14 Dec 2010

**David Glen "Mike" HARRIS, 96** (photo)

Born 25 Jul 1914, Chapman, NE. Parents: William D. & Josephine (Farrell) Harris. Mike lived primarily in Merrick County although spent some time in IA, CO & CA. 20 Feb 1952: Married. Worked as farm hand, and in numerous other jobs. Community volunteer. He died Wed., 8 Dec 2010 at Central City, NE. Service: Fri., St. Michael's Catholic Church. Burial in the city cemetery. Arrangements: Solt Funeral Home. Survivors: His wife; 4 daughters, a son, 12 gch., 13 g-gch. Predeceased by his parents; 6 brothers - James, Leo, Orville, Francis "Chick", John "Jack", & Clarence "Swede" Harris; 4 sisters - Hanora "Belle" Atwood, Iva Claire Widman, Mary Eleanor Frazier, & Helen "Tad" Harris. Memorials to Litzenberg Memorial County Hospital in Central City, St. Michael's Catholic Church, and American Legion Baseball.

Grand Island Independent - Fri. 10 Dec 2010; Polk County Newspaper - Tues. 14 Dec 2010

**Phyllis M. ERICKSON, 82** (photo)

Born 22 Mar 1928, Burke, SD. Parents: Earl O. & Martha M. (Heick) Clausen. 1933: Family moved to Bloomfield, NE. She attended Grace College of the Bible in Omaha; then moved to Lincoln, NE. 3 Jan 1959: Married Edward Erickson at Lincoln, NE. In 1964, they moved to Polk, NE. 2002: Moved to Central City, NE. Phyllis died Thurs., 9 Dec 2010 at Central City, NE. Service: Tues., Heartland Evangelical Free Church, Central City. Burial in Arborville Cemetery (near Polk, NE). Arrangements: Solt Funeral Home. Survivors: Her husband, 2 daughters, 5 gch.; a sister & brother-in-law; 2 sisters-in-law. Predeceased by her parents; brother Ken; sister-in-law Lois Clausen; 2 brothers-in-law - Norman & Don Erickson.

Aurora News Register - Dec 2010; Grand Island Independent - Mon. 13 Dec 2010

**Edgar "Sonny" RASMUSSEN, 78**

Born 4 Oct 1932, Central City, NE. Parents: Edgar & Vera (Parsons) Rasmussen. 1950 grad. of CCHS. 1951-55: US Navy. 10 Jun 1952: Married at Central City, NE. They lived in VA; then in Central City, NE &

eventually in Marquette, NE. Postal worker. Methodist. He died Sat., 11 Dec 2010 at hospital in Aurora, NE. Service: Wed., Wagner Funeral Home, Central City. Burial in the city cemetery. Survivors: His wife, a son, a daughter, gch.; a brother & a sister. Predeceased by his parents; a sister & her husband - Joan & Don Glantz; a gch.

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 16 Dec 2010

**Robert E. KYES, 80** (photo)

Born 6 Oct 1930, Grand Island, NE. Parents: Dean C. & Erma M. (Gleaso) Kyes. Family lived at Archer, & in the Fairview area. 1948 grad. of CCHS. 1950-54: USAF. 1957: Married at Central City, NE - where they continued to live. Electrician, insurance & bookkeeping business. He died Sun., 12 Dec 2010 at GI Veterans Home. Service: Sat., United Methodist Church, Central City. Burial at later date. Arrangements: Wagner Funeral Home. Survivors: His wife, 2 sons & a daughter, 6 gch. Memorials to the church, Lone Tree Masonic Lodge 36 or the Central City Volunteer Fire Department..

Notes: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I p266.

Graveside memorial service was held 13 Oct 2012 at Central City Cemetery.

Grand Island Independent - Sun. 19 Dec 2010

**Maxine Mae MALMSTROM, 80**

Born 22 Feb 1930, Palmer, NE. Parents: William & Lena (Swaim) Fuehrer. 1948 grad. of Central City HS. Family moved SW of Greeley, NE. Telephone operator, sales clerk. 25 Feb 1951: Married Lyle Malmstrom. They farmed NE of Scotia, NE; moved into town in 2005. Maxine died Thurs., 16 Dec 2010 at Scotia, NE. Visitation: Sun, Ord Memorial Chapel. Service: Mon. at Scotia United Methodist Church. Burial in Mount Hope Cemetery, Scotia. Survivor: 4 sons, 5 gch. Predeceased by her husband; her parents; 3 sisters. Memorials to the church.

Notes: Her parents can be found in Nance Co., NE Marriage Record Bk 4 p548; 1920 Fed. Census NE ED166 p4A D59 F61: Cottonwood Twp, Nance, NE; 1930 Fed. Census NE ED61-9 p1a D8 F8: Loup Twp, Merrick, NE. Her husband's obit published 4 Oct 2007 in GI Independent.

Grand Island Independent - Fri. 31 Dec 2010

**Barbara J. LEETCH, 59** (photo)

Born 29 Mar 1951, Winner, SD. Parents: Charles & Myrtle Leetch. Died Tues., 28 Dec 2010 at hospital in Ogallala, NE. Service: Mon., Greenway Funeral Home, Palmer, NE. Burial in Rose Hill Cemetery. Survivors: 6 brothers, 2 sisters, Predeceased by her parents; 3 brothers - Clinton, Charles & Curtis Leetch; a sister - Darlene Gish.

## 2011 - Obits

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Grand Island Independent - 2 Jan 2011

**Vance E. BOELTS, 91**

Born 5 Dec 1919 on farm near Chapman, NE. Parents: Gustav & Agda (Johnson) Boelts. 1938 grad. of CCHS. Attended George Washington Univ., Washington, DC. WW II: US Army Air Corps. 16 Jul 1943: Married. They farmed in Merrick County, NE. Retired in 1976 & spent a year in the Peace Corps (Iran). Returned to live at Central City, NE; then moved to Grand Island, NE. He died Fri., 31 Dec 2010 at Grand Island, NE. Visitation: Wed., Solt Funeral Home, Central City, NE. Burial in the city cemetery. Survivors: His wife; a son, 2 daughters, 2 gch., a g-gch. Predeceased by 2 sisters - Alice Truex and Pearl Bales; 2 brothers - Gus & John Boelts.

Note: See 1920 Fed. Census Prairie Creek Twp, Merrick, NE ED226 p4B D75 F75 (w/p); & 1930 Fed. Census Prairie Creek Twp, Merrick, NE ED61-12 p6a D125 F119 (w/p)

Columbus Telegram - Sun. 2 Jan 2011

**Mary Lou ROBB, 56**

Born 27 Apr 1954, Columbus, NE. Parents: Elmer & Therma (Rolfs) Powers. Grad. of Silver Creek HS & UNL. 29 Dec 1979: Married Kevin D. Robb at Silver Creek, NE. They lived at Big Springs,, NE. 1990: Moved to Silver Creek, NE where she worked for the post office. Mary Lou died Thurs., 30 Dec 2010 at Silver Creek. Service: Mon., United Methodist Church, Silver Creek. Burial in the city cemetery. Arrangements: McKown Funeral Home. Survivors: 2 sons, a daughter; her father; a brother; a sister. Predeceased by her husband; her mother; an infant son - Jason.

Note: Husband's obit published 31 Aug 2010 in Columbus Telegram.

Grand Island Independent - Mon. 3 Jan 2011

**Peter T. McMAHON, 88**

Born 7 Oct 1922, Central City, NE. Parents: Clyde V. & Gertrude (Farrell) McMahon. Educated at Chapman & Central City, NE. WW II: US Army. Returned to farm with his father, at Chapman. US Postal Service employee. Died Thurs., 30 Dec 2010 at Grand Island, NE. Service: Wed., St. Mary's Cathedral, Grand Island. Burial in Westlawn Memorial Park Cemetery. Arrangements: Apfel Funeral Home. Survivors: 2 sisters. Predeceased by his parents; a brother - Farrell; a sister - Elizabeth Ann.

Note: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I p299 (w/p); and 1930 Fed. Census NE ED61-4 p3b D72 F73: Chapman Twp, Merrick, NE (w/p).

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 6 Jan 2011

**Harry M. STEIMLE, 86**

Born 26 Jan 1924, Omaha, NE. Parents: Christopher & Anna Steimle. WW II: US Navy. 23 Jun 1945: Married Elinor Zimmerle at Omaha, NE; they lived there. She died in 1979. In 1980, he married a second time at Central City, NE. They lived at Aurora, NE and then at Central City, NE. Harry died Tues., 4 Jan 2011 at Central City. Memorial service: Sun., Grace Lutheran Church, Central City. Burial at later date. Arrangements: Wagner Funeral Home. Survivors: A son, 3 daughters, 5 gch., 7 g-gch. Predeceased by his first wife; his parents; a brother Clifford; 2 sons-in-law. Memorials to the church.

Grand Island Independent - Fri. 7 Jan 2011

**Theodora M. "Teddy"(Spiehs) OLTMAN, 81** (photo)

Born 22 Apr 1929, Palmer, NE. Parents: George & Mary (Glaus) Deertz. Abt 1943: Family moved to Grand Island, NE. Grad. of GISH. June 1949: Married Bradley R. Spiehs; they lived in Grand Island. Bradley died in 1973. 20 Jul 1984: She married Leo Oltman at Belleville, KS; they lived there. Leo died in 2010. "Teddy" returned to live in NE. She died Tues., 4 Jan 2011 at Grand Island, NE. Service: Mon., Apfel Funeral Home. Burial in Westlawn Memorial Park Cemetery. Survivors: 3 sons, 3 daughters, 10 gch., 8 g-gch.; a brother. Predeceased by both husbands; her parents; a brother & a sister.

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 8 Jan 2011

**Roy E. RUGE, 79** (photo)

Born 24 Aug 1931, Grand Island, NE. Parents: Edward & Lula (Tyler) Ruge. Educated at Chapman, NE. 16 Nov 1951: Married in Grand Island, NE. They later divorced. Farmer, Co-op employee. Baptist. He died Thurs., 6 Jan 2011 at home in Worms, NE. Service: Tues., Solt Funeral Home, Central City, NE. Burial in Chapman Cemetery. Survivors: A son, 3 daughters, 10 gch., 12 g-gch.; 2 nieces. Predeceased by his parents; his sisters & brother-in-law - Lorraine & Ray Winkelman; a grandch & a g-gch.; a niece. Raylene Steele.

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 11 Jan 2011

**George DAVIS, 85** (photo)

Born 21 Dec 1925 Palmer, NE. Parents: Benjamin & Anna (Novotny) Davis. Grad. of Palmer HS. WW II: US Navy. 21 Oct 1950: Married Jo Ann L. Carson at Palmer, NE. 1962: They moved to Wood River, NE. His wife died 28 Jan 1988. George died Sat. 8 Jan 2011 at NE Veterans Home, Grand Island, NE. Service: Fri., Wood River United Methodist Church. Burial in the city cemetery. Survivors: A daughter & her spouse; 9 gch., 17 g-gch. Predeceased by his wife & a daughter Sandy Bucy Davis. Also deceased are his 5 brothers - Harry,

Frank, Jim, William & Albert; 5 sisters - Elizabeth, Margaret, Dorothy, Marcella & Joan.

Grand Island Independent - Sun. 16 Jan 2011

**P. "Illene" HARLOW, 77** (photo)

Born 16 Apr 1933, Clarks, NE. Parents: Arthur E. & Pearle E. (Anderson) Land. 30 Dec 1950: Married Frank Harlow at Central City, NE. They lived in Central City, NE; San Diego, CA; Norfolk, VA. She died Fri. 14 Jan 2011 at Central City, NE. Service: Tues., Wagner Funeral Home, Central City. Burial in Bureau Cemetery, Pierce Chapel, near Clarks, NE. Survivors: Her husband. 4 sons, 2 daughters, 12 gch., 20 g-gch. Predeceased by her parents; 3 brothers - Roy, Wesley & Gene Land; 1 sister - Emma Osterman. Note: Her family - see 1920 Fed. Census NE ED158 p12A D91 F92: Central City Ward 2, Merrick, NE; 1930 Fed. Census NE ED61-6 p9a D191 F191: Clarksville Twp, Merrick, NE.

Columbus Telegram - Fri. 21 Jan 2011

**Frances B. MILLER 96** (photo)

Born 3 Jan 1915, Nance Co., NE. Parents: Bartley & Julia (Marficia) Staniec. 27 Sep 1938: Married Loren Miller at Krakow, NE. Lived at Silver Creek, NE. She died Wed., 19 Jan 2011 at David City, NE. Service: Sat., St. Lawrence Catholic Church, Silver Creek, NE. Burial in the parish cemetery. Survivors: A son, a daughter, a daughter-in-law, gch., step-gch., g-gch, gg-gch. Predeceased by her husband; her parents; "Leona Warnick and Diana Riley; son, Daniel Miller; five sisters; four brothers; four half-sisters; one half-brother; and two grandchildren."

Note: See 1930 Fed. Census Prairie Creek Twp, Nance, NE ED63-11 p5b F106 (w/p).

Grand Island Independent - Sun. 23 Jan 2011

**August "Augie" RETZLAFF, 77** (photo)

Born 22 Mar 1933 near Palmer, NE. Parents: Charles & Emma (Wegner) Retzlaff. 1951 grad. of Palmer HS. 9 Sep 1953: Married at Palmer, NE. 1953-55: US Army. Farmer, cattle raiser. Active in community affairs. He died Fri., 21 Jan 2011 at Grand Island, NE. Visitation: Sun., Greenway Funeral Home, Palmer, NE. Service: Mon., United Methodist Church, Palmer. Burial in Rose Hill Cemetery. Survivors: His wife, a daughter, 3 sons, 13 gch., 3 g-gch.; a sister. Predeceased by his parents; a brother Oliver; a gch. Memorials to Central Nebraska Humane Society, Palmer High School Endowment Fund.

Note: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I p334.

Columbus Telegram & Grand Island Independent - Wed. 26 Jan 2011

**Lucille A. WRUBLE, 93** (photo)

Born 14 Jul 1917, Columbus, NE. Parents: Anton & Anna (Buzynski) Krzycki. 28 May 1935: Married Emil Wruble at Genoa, NE. She died Mon., 24 Jan 2001 at Columbus, NE. Visitation: Fri., McKown Funeral Home. Service: Sat., St. Peter's Catholic Church, Clarks, NE. Burial in the church cemetery. Survivors: 3 sons, 2 daughters, 16 gch., 38 g-gch.; 3 sisters. Predeceased by her husband; her parents; a daughter-in-law Mary Wruble; 3 sisters - Elizabeth Fonda, Margaret Pavack & Rose Rosno; 3 brothers - William, Raymond and Robert Krzycki; a gch. & a g-gch.

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 27 Jan 2011

**Letha J. FRY, 79** (photo)

Born 19 May 1931, Bucktail (Arthur Co.), NE. Parents: James & Kathryn (Kirkpatrick) Leeper. Lived at Paxton, NE until was 14 years old - then lived at Children's Home, Lincoln, NE. 2 Jun 1950: Married Francis "Bud" Fry at Hebron, NE. They lived in Iowa & Nebraska. Eventually settled at Juaniata, then moved to Grand Island, NE. Later moved to Chapman, NE. She died Tues., 25 Jan 2011 at Chapman, NE. Visitation: Fri., Wagner Funeral Home. Service: Sat., First Baptist Church, Chapman. Burial in Chapman Cemetery. Survivors: 3 sons, a daughter, 12 gch., 11 g-gch., 1 gg-gch. Predeceased by her husband; sisters - Delia, Jessie, Dorothy & Laura; a brother Raymond.

Columbus Telegram - Thurs. 27 Jan 2011

**Rudolph PROSOSKI, 86**



Born 3 Dec 1924, Nance Co., NE. Parents: John & Helen (Opiela) Prososki. 10 Jun 1950: Married at Krakow, NE. They farmed in Merrick County & then in Nance County. 1967: Moved to Silver Creek, NE. He died there Wed., 26 Jan 2011/ Service: Fri. St. Lawrence Catholic Church, Silver Creek. Burial in the church cemetery. Arrangements: McKown Funeral Home. Survivors: His wife; 2 daughters; gch. & g-gch.; 2 brothers. Predeceased by his parents & a gch.

Grand Island Independent - Fri. 28 Jan 2011

**Verna "LaVone"McCONNELL, 73** (photo)

Born 19 Dec 1937, Clarks, NE. Parents: Martin & Irene (Killham) McConnell. Baptized at the Baptist Church in Hordville, NE. 1956 grad. of Hordville HS. Worked in Sioux Falls, SD, retired to Grand Island, NE. Died Wed., 26 Jan 2011 at Grand Island, NE. Visitation: Sun., Apfel Funeral Home. Service: Mon., United Congregational Church, Grand Island. Inurnment in Central City Cemetery. Survivors: A sister & her husband, nieces & nephews.

Grand Island Independent - Fri. 28 Jan 2011

**Violet Victoria WIEGERT, 86** (photo)

Born 30 Aug 1924 Howard Co., NE (near Worms). Parents: Arthur & Sophia (Von Aschwege) Ueckert. 14 Nov 1945: Married Raymond Wiegert at Marysville, KS. They lived in Merrick Co., NE. 1964: Moved to Grand Island, NE. She died Wed. 26 Jan 2011 at Grand Island, NE. Visitation: Fri., Apfel Funeral Home. Service: Sat., Faith United Methodist Church, Grand Island, NE. Burial in Wiegert Cemetery, Hall Co., NE. Survivors: a daughter, a son, 4 gch., a g-gch. Predeceased by her husband; a daughter & son-in-law - Marlene & Lance Loen; a sister & brother-in-law Velaura & John Frauen.

Note: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I p 404.

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Grand Island Independent - Wed. 2 Feb 2011

**Sandra WIESE, 62** (photo)

Born 31 Oct 1948, Plainview, NE. Parents: Lawrence "Jack" & Gloria (Hult) Sager. Attended school in Central City & Grand Island, NE. 20 Aug 1981: Married Dennis Wiese. They lived in Chapman & Grand Island, NE. Certified Care Assistant. Methodist. Sandra died Sun., 30 Jan 2011 at Grand Island, NE. Service: Fri., All Faiths Funeral Home, Grand Island. Burial in Chapman Cemetery. Survivors: Her husband, 4 daughters, 2 step-children, 8 gch.; 3 sisters. Predeceased by her parents & 2 brothers - Jackie & Billy.

Grand Island Independent obit - Thurs. 3 Feb 2011

**Nita WATKINS, 100**

Born 16 May 1910, Merrick Co., NE. Parents: John O. & Anna "Pearl" (Curtis) Rawlings. 1928 grad. of Archer HS. Attended GI Business School. 30 Apr 1931: Married Robert L. Watkins at Archer, NE. They farmed near Archer. She worked at the courthouse in various positions. Robert died 19 Jul 1973. Nita moved to Central City in 1974. She died Wed., 2 Feb 2011 at Central City, NE. Service: Sat., Solt Funeral Home, Central City. Burial in the city cemetery. Survivors: 3 daughters, 14 gch., 50 g-gch., 9 gg-gch.; a sister. Predeceased by her husband; a gch.; 2 sons-in-law - Dale King & Dean Sidders; 3 brothers - Cecil, Leonard, & John Rawlings; 4 sisters - Opal Neel, Lillie Stander, Gertrude Williams & Pauline Mapes. Memorials to Central City Senior Center or Eastern Star.

Fremont Tribune (photo), Grand Island Independent. Norfolk Daily News- Sat. 5 Feb 2011

**Julia M. FERGUSON, 92**

Born 16 Apr 1918 at Coleridge, NE. Worked in Yankton, SD. Moved to Central City, NE. 20 Aug 1939: Married Ralph Ferguson at Central City, NE. Lived on farm W of Clarks, NE. They moved into Clarks & ran a cafe. 1968: Moved to Norfolk, NE. She moved to Fremont in 2009; died there Wed., 2 Feb 2011. Service: Wed., Pierce Chapel, west of Clarks, NE. Burial in Bureau Cemetery. Survivors: 2 daughters & a son; 6 gch., 13 g-gch. Predeceased by her husband (May 1997); a gch. & a g-gch.

Note: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I p187.

Grand Island Independent - Mon. 7 Feb 2011

**Lyle Leroy KAMPER, 80** (photo)

Born 5 Aug 1930, Archer, NE. Parents: Herman & Lydia (Luebke) Kamper. 1950-54: US Navy. 24 Jun 1955: Married Doralene J. Lilienthal. Ironworker. He died Sat. 5 Feb 2011 at Grand Island, NE. Graveside service: Wed., Rose Hill Cemetery, Palmer, NE. Arrangements: Livingston-Sondermann Funeral Home. Survivors: A son, 2 daughters, 7 gch., 2 g-gch.; a brother & 3 sisters. Predeceased by his wife; his parents; 3 brothers - Marvin, Don & Jim Kamper.

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 9 Feb 2011

**Catherine C. MANNING, 98** (photo)

Born 3 Nov 1912, Chapman, NE. Parents: John & Clara (Hansjoster) Jansen. Family moved to St. Libory, NE. 1935: Married Henry Manning at St. Libory. They farmed near St. Libory, Palmer & Shelton, NE. Cook. She died Mon. 7 Feb 2011 at Grand Island, NE. Service: Fri., Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Shelton. Burial in Grand Island at Westlawn Memorial Park Cemetery. Arrangements: Apfel Funeral Home of Wood River, NE. Survivors: 2 sons, a daughter, 8 gch.; a brother. Predeceased by her husband (1998); a son Wayne; a gch.; a brother & 4 sisters.

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 9 Feb 2011

**Betty Jane WIESE, 83** (photo)

Born 2 May 1927 near Chapman, NE. Parents: Herbert & Martha (Giesler) Wagner. 7 Sep 1947: Married Glen E. Wiese at Grand Island, NE. She died Mon., 7 Feb 2011 at Grand Island, NE. Visitation: Thurs., All Faiths Funeral Home. Service: Fri., Messiah Evangelical Lutheran Church. Burial in Westlawn Memorial Park Cemetery. Survivors: Her husband, a daughter, a son; 5 gch., 7 g-gch.; 2 sisters & a brother. Predeceased by her parents; son - Randall Dean Wiese; a brother - Harold Wagner; 2 brothers-in-law, Hugo & Arnold Wiese. Note: See 1930 Fed. Census NE ED61-12 p1a D4 F4: Prairie Creek Twp, Merrick, NE.

Grand Island Independent & Fremont Tribune - Thurs. 10 Feb 2011

**Diane M. HORTON, 59** (photo)

Born 15 Sep 1951, San Diego, CA. Parents: Lester P. Smith & Ann L. (Snyder) Lampson. Grew up at Masonic Home in Fremont, NE. 19 Aug 1971: Married Thomas E. Horton Sr. at Fremont. They lived in Fremont; then St. Paul; & in 1982 moved to Central City, NE. She died Wed., 9 Feb 2011 at home. Service: Mon., Wagner Funeral Home, Central City. Burial in the city cemetery. Survivors: A son, a daughter, a step-daughter, 4 gch.; 4 sisters. Predeceased by her parents; a brother David L. Smith.

Fremont Tribune - Sat. 12 Feb 2011

**Joan EVERETT, 83** (photo)

Born 8 Jan 1928, Central City, NE. Parents: Lawrence & Ethel "Stahl" Sinsel. 1946 grad. of CCHS. 12 Aug 1951: Married Lin Everett at Central City, NE. Teacher; "director of the Opportunity Center for Trainable Children in Fremont..." She died Sun., 6 Feb 2011 at Fremont, NE. Memorial service Tues., First United Methodist Church, Fremont. Survivors: Her husband; a daughter 2 sons, 5 gch., 3 g-gch; 2 sisters, a brother. Predeceased by 2 sisters & a brother; a son-in-law. Memorials to the Special Olympics. Note: See 1930 Fed. Census NE ED61-1 p5a H315 D130 F130: Central City, Merrick, NE (w/p).

Grand Island Independent - Mon. 14 Feb 2011

**John L. FISHLER, 47** (photo)

Born 1 Aug 1963, Central City, NE. Parents: Laurence J. & Mary E. (Nelson) Fishler. 27 Mar 1981: Married at Central City, NE. They lived in Central City; then CA; Franklin, NE. Dairy farmer, machinist. 22 May 2004: Married a second time, at Central City, NE. John died Sat., 12 Feb 2011 Central City, NE. Visitation: Tues., Wagner Funeral Home. Service: Wed., Heartland Evangelical Free Church, Central City. Burial in the city cemetery. Survivors: His second wife; 3 sons; a step-son; 4 gch.; 2 brothers; 5 sisters. Predeceased by his parents; a gch.

Grand Island Independent - Fri. 18 Feb 2011

**Diann Elaine AUSTIN, 58** (photo)

Born 19 Jun 1952, St. Paul, NE. Parents: Arnold E. & Dorothy D. (Hinkle) Klein. 1970 grad. of Wolbach HS. 17 Jun 1972: Married Gary Taylor. They lived at Palmer, NE. 26 Oct 1985: Diann married Earl Austin. They lived at Palmer & Archer, NE; in Jun 2010 moved to Central City. She died Wed., 16 Feb 2011 at Columbus, NE. Memorial service: Mon., Solt Funeral Home, Central City, NE. Committal service will be private, at Rose Hill Cemetery, Palmer, NE. Survivors: Her husband Earl, a daughter, a son, 5 gch.; 5 brothers & 2 sisters; an aunt. Predeceased by her parents, 2 brothers - Gayland & Ronald Klein; a nephew - Nick Klein.

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 19 Feb 2011

**Karen Lynn WILLIAMS, 50**

Born 23 Sep 1960 Chapman, NE. Parents: Daniel & Estalene (Hunt) Michalski. Grad. of NWHS in Grand Island. NE State employee. Resident of Lincoln, NE. Died Thurs. 17 Feb 2011 at Lincoln. Service: Wed. at Lincoln Memorial Funeral Home. Burial in Lincoln Memorial Cemetery. Survivors: A daughter, a son (both surnamed Schroeder); 9 siblings. Predeceased by her son Cody Williams; her parents, & 4 siblings - Darwin, Gary, Sharon, Debra.

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 22 Feb 2011

**Peggy Jane MANGELSEN, 77** (photo)

Born 17 Dec 1933, Merrick Co., NE. Parents: Albert G. & Hazel L. (White) Jacobi. 21 Oct 1964: Married Lisle F. Mangelsen at Blair, NE. They lived at Cental City, NE. Lisle died 30 Jan 2010. Peggy died Wed., 16 Feb 2011 at Bryan LGH West, Lincoln, NE. Services will be at later date with burial at Clarks Cemetery. Arrangements: Solt Funeral Home. Survivors: A brother & his wife; 2 sisters-in-law. Predeceased by her husband; an infant daughter - Jolene Rachel (1959); 4 brothers - Merle, Raymond, Marvin, & Russell "Jim" Jacobi; a sister - Jeanette Salyers.

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 23 Feb 2011

**Bonnie L. DALLEGGE, 82** (photo)

Born 19 Dec 1928, Cairo, NE. Parents: James & Lula (Dibbern) Ruzicka. 1946 grad. of Cairo HS. Grand of Mary Janes School of Beauty - beautician. 18 Jan 1947: Married Virgil Dallegge at Smith Center, KS. They lived in Grand Island, NE. Methodist. After her husband died, Bonnie moved to Central City, NE. She died there Mon., 21 Feb 2011. Service: Fri., Apfel Funeral Home. Burial in Mount Pleasant Cemetery, Cairo, NE. Survivors: A son & his wife; 2 gch & 4 g-gch.; a sister. Predeceased by her husband and a son Merrill "Mick" Dallegge; her parents.

Note: Husband died 27 Jun 2004. Son Mick died in 2002.

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 23 Feb 2011

**Richard G. ECKSTROM, 88**

Born 27 Dec 1922, Palmer, NE. Parents: George & Mary (Deertz) Eckstrom. 15 Sep 1946: Married Charlotte Hawthorne at Fullerton, NE. They farmed near Palmer. 1964: Moved to Grand Island, NE. Custodian. His wife died 15 Aug 2000. Richard died Tues., 22 Feb 2011 at Grand Island. Service: Thurs., Apfel Funeral Home, Grand Island. Burial in Westlawn Memorial Park Cemetery. Survivors: A daughter, an adopted son; 4 gch., 3 g-gch. Predeceased by his wife; an adopted daughter - Sherry Giersdorff; his parents; 4 brothers - Walter, Charles, Leonard & Ervin Eckstrom.

Note: See 1930 Fed. Census NE ED61-9 p2a D24 F26: Loup Twp, Merrick, NE (w/p)

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 24 Feb 2011

**Evelyn Elenora "Chic" BUCKLEY, 90** (photo)

Born 2 Jun 1920 on farm near Brainard, NE. Parents: Wilhelm & Clara Bell (Porter) Witzel. 1928: Family moved to Fullerton, NE. 17 Dec 1948: Married William Ernest Buckley at Columbus, NE. They lived on farm near Clarks, NE. 1979: She moved to Omaha, NE. She died there Wed., 23 Feb 2011. Visitation: Fri., at Good Shepherd Funeral Home, Omaha, NE. Graveside service: Sat., Bureau Cemetery at Pierce Chapel, Clarks, NE. Arrangements: Solt Funeral Home, Central City, NE. Survived by nieces & nephews. Predeceased by her husband (Jun 1974); her daughter - Nancy Jo Buckley; her parents; a brother Carl (& his wife Edna); 7 sisters

- Ella (Mrs. Ted Allen), Florence (Mrs. Delmon Peck), LeOna Witzel, Laura (Mrs. Dale Patchen), Margaret (Mrs. Oliver Peck), Lila (Mrs. Vendon Barr) & Irene (Mrs. Bob Sherman).  
Note: See 1930 Fed. Census NE ED63-7 p2a D24 F24: Fullerton Twp, Nance, NE (w/mother & step-father)

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 26 Feb 2011

**Pat Michael GEREN, 73** (photo)

Born 3 Jun 1937, Hastings, NE. Parents: Michael Reuben & Della Elizabeth (McGowan) Geren. 1944: Family moved to Central City, NE. 1955 grad. of CCHS. 1960 grad. Creighton University, Omaha as registered pharmacist. Owned stores, and worked for Dept. of Veteran's Affairs. 20 Jun 1963: Married at Wahoo, NE. They lived in Central City, NE. He died Thurs., 24 Feb 211 at home. Service: Sat., 5 Mar at St. Michael's Catholic Church, Central City. Arrangements: Wagner Funeral Home. Inurnment at later date. Survivors: His wife; a daughter & 2 sons; 2 gch., 1 g-gch.; a brother & a sister. Predeceased by his father (Sep 1963); his mother (Nov 1997); sister - Janice Gray (May 2007); brother - Joseph Geren (October 1999); his in-laws.

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 26 Feb 2011

**Marie Christina SPRINGSGUTH, 92** (photo)

Born 18 Dec 1918 on farm near Chapman, NE. Parents: Henry & Eliza (Kuhl) Boersen. 8 Sep 1934: Married Oscar Springsguth. They lived in Grand Island, NE. Methodist. Oscar died 15 Mar 1976. Marie mved to daughter's home in 1999. She died Tues., 22 Feb 2011 at Bellevue, NE. Service: Mon. Livingston-Sondermann Funeral Home, Grand Island. Burial in the city cemetery. Survivors: 6 daughters, 2 sons, 14 gch., 23 g-gch., 7 gg-gch. Predeceased by her husband, 2 brothers - Max & Louis Boersen; a sister - Minnie Meinke; a son-in-law - Ronald Becker. Memorials to Down Syndrome Assoc. for Families of NE.

Grand Island Independent - Mon. 28 Feb 2011

**Ruth Anna FRIEDRICHSEN, 82** (photo)

Born 29 Feb 1928 in Merrick Co., NE. Parents: Albert & Anna (Kaiser) Bruns. 1953: Married Dean Friedrichsen at Worms, NE. They farmed SE of Palmer, NE. She died Sat., 26 Feb 2011 at Heritage Living Center, St. Paul, NE. Service: Tues., 1 March at Zion Lutheran Church, Worms, NE. Burial in Rose Hill Cemetery at Palmer, NE. Arrangements: Solt Funeral Home, Central City. Survivors: Her husband; 4 children, several gch. & g-gch.; a brother in Delaware; a sister-in-law. Predeceased by her parents: a brother Vern; a gch - Michael Johnson.

Note: See 1930 Fed. Census NE ED61-12 p6a D126 F120: Prairie Creek Twp, Merrick, NE (w/p).

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Grand Island Independent - Tues. 1 Mar 2011

**Clayton K. ERICKSON, 92** (photo)

Born 28 Dec 1918, Holdrege, NE. Parents: Lawrence A. & Kate (Keller) Erickson. 1938 grad. of CCHS. 1944-46: US Army Air Corps (gunner in B17). 13 May 1941: Married. Worked for Cessna; attended school in Wichita KS to become diesel mechanic. Returned to NE in 1956 & farmed on Prairie Island. He died Sun., 27 Feb 2011 at Memorial Community Care, Aurora, NE. Visitation: Tues., Wagner Funeral Home, Central City, NE. Service: Wed. at United Methodist Church. Burial in the city cemetery. Survivors: His wife; 5 sons, 1 daughter, 18 gch., 21 g-gch.; a brother & 2 sisters. Predeceased by his parents; 3 brothers - Leland, Warren, & Donald Erickson; a sister, - Elaine Hendrickson; a son, Clell Erickson. Memorials to the church.

Grand Island Independent - Fri. 4 Mar 2011

**Leslie "Darrell" MARTIN, 80** (photo)

Born 7 Jun 1930 in Central City, NE. Parents: Leslie William & Nina Grace (Dughman) Martin. 1948 grad. of CCHS. Truck driver. 1952-54: US Army. 6 Jun 1956: Married & moved to Grand Island, NE. He moved back to Central City in 1967. 1969: Married a second time; they lived at Central City. Darrell died Wed. 2 Mar 2011 at hospital in Grand Island, NE. Service: Sat., Solt Funeral Home, Central City. Burial in the city cemetery. Survivors: His second wife; 4 children. 3 gch., 2 g-gch; a sister & her husband; a brother-in-law. Predeceased by his parents; 2 sisters - Beverly Ostrander & Joyce Martin; an infant brother - Orville Martin; an infant son

David Lloyd Martin.

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 5 Mar 2011

**Vanda Lucille ZEHR, 95** (photo)

Born 27 Mar 1915, Merrick Co., NE. Parents: Benjamin E. & Sarah (Gould) Snodgrass. 1933 grad. of CCHS. 17 Dec 1939: Married Ervin L. Zehr. They farmed in the county; moved in 1963 into Central City. Seamstress. Ervin died 30 Apr 1968. Vanda died Thurs., 3 Mar 2011 at Central City. Visitation: Tues., Solt Funeral Home. Service Wed., First Christian Church. Burial in Bureau Cemetery at Pierce Chapel, Clarks, NE. Survivors: Two daughters, a son, 7 gch., 1 g-gch. Predeceased by her husband; her parents; daughter Darlene Van Ostrand & her husband Charles; son-in-law Chuma Wadibia; 4 brothers - Archie, Gerald & 2 infants Snodgrass; 3 sisters - Sylvan French, Vera Friedrichsen & Vivian Snodgrass.

Grand Island Independent - Sun. 6 Mar 2011

**Michael "Lee" JENSEN, 61** (photo)

Born 5 Aug 1949, Fairfield NE. Parents: Alfred W. & Annie M. (Downs) Jensen. 1968 grad of Clay Center HS. 1969-72: US Army. 31 Aug 1969: Married in Merrick Co., NE. They lived at Clay Center, then Archer; & in 1984 moved to Central City, NE. He worked for Christensen Cattle Co. Lee died Sat. 5 Mar 2011 at hospital in Central City, NE. Service: Tues., Solt Funeral Home, Central City. Burial in Archer Evangelical Community Cemetery. Survivors: His wife; a son; 3 brothers, 3 sisters; other relatives. Predeceased by his parents.

Grand Island Independent - Sun. 6 Mar 2011

**Margie C. WELLER, 79** (photo)

Born 20 Sep 1931, Phoenix City, Alabama. Parents: Fletcher B. & Adell (Mann) Bartee. Grew up in Smith Station, Alabama. Married Norman Myers & had 2 sons; divorced in 1960. Married Dawson Plott in 1968; divorced. 13 Nov 1973: Married Merton B. Weller at Columbus, Georgia. They farmed near Palmer, NE. Member of LDS Church. LPN. Merton died in 2002. She died Fri. 4 Mar 2011 at St. Paul, NE. Service: Mon., Archer Zion United Methodist Church. Burial in Archer Evangelical Community Cemetery. Survivors: A son, 3 step-children. Predeceased by her third husband; & a son - Larry Myers (1997). Memorials to the cemetery.

Grand Island Independent - Mon. 7 Mar 2011

**Jerry BURKHARDT, 75** (photo)

Born 18 Nov 1935 on farm NW of Palmer, in Howard Co., NE. Parents: Herman & Mae (Zlomke) Burkhardt. Lutheran. 15 Dec 1956: Married at Fullerton, NE. They lived on the farm where he was born - purchased that farm in 1966. He died Fri., 4 Mar 2011 at home. Service: Thurs., Jacobsen-Greenway Funeral Home, St. Paul, NE. Burial in Rose Hill Cemetery at Palmer, NE. Survivors: His wife; 7 children, 20 gch. & 10 g-gch.; a brother & 5 sisters. Predeceased by his parents; his grandparents - Emil & Elisa (Sunken) Zlomke, Paul & Hildegard (Heinzig) Burkhardt; an infant daughter - Jolene Mae; a brother Melvin Burkhardt; 2 brothers-in-law - Larry Kosch & Richard Miller.

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 8 Mar 2011

**Bethel SUTTON, 96** (photo)

Born 27 Apr 1914, Nance Co., NE. Parents: Derwood & Lula (Stearman) Milby. 1931 grad. of Fullerton HS. 23 Jun 1933: Married LaVerne Sutton of Silver Creek at Grand Island, NE. They lived on farm near Silver Creek. LaVerne died in 1962. 1963: Bethel moved to York, NE; worked there as housekeeper & then as police dispatcher. Methodist. 2005: She moved to Litzenberg Long-Term Care in Central City, NE. She died there Sun., 6 Mar 2011. Service: Wed., Palmer Funeral Home, Fullerton, NE. Burial in Silver Creek Cemetery. Survivors: A son-in-law in MN; a brother in KS; a sister. Predeceased by her husband; 3 children - Larry & Deelyn Sutton, Gloria John; her parents; a sister - Grace Russell; 3 brothers - Ralph, Ray & Dale Milby. Memorials to "Litzenberg Long-Term Care activities department in Central City".

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 9 Mar 2011

**Mildred E. MESNER, 83** (photo)

Born 14 Sep 1927, Merrick Co. NE. Parents: George H. & Elizabeth (Fish) McConnell. 1946 grad. of CCHS.

Teacher. 1946: Married Kenneth Mesner. Active in the Friends Meeting. She died Sat. 5 Mar 2011 at Monarch House in Lincoln, NE. Service: 19 Mar at Solt Funeral Home, Central City. Burial in the city cemetery. Survivors: Her husband, a daughter, 2 sons, 4 gch., 3 g-gch.; a brother & a sister. Predeceased by 3 infant children; 2 adult children - Janet Lynn & Martin Alan Mesner. Also deceased are her parents & her stepfather Fred Welsh; 2 brothers - George "Francis" & Lester McConnell. Memorials to the Merrick Co. Food Pantry. Note: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I pp 294-5 (w/p); & 1930 Fed. Census Lone Tree Twp, Merrick NE ED61-7 p8a D168 F170 (w/p).

Columbus Telegram - Thurs. 10 Mar 2011

**Adeline LAMB, 89**

Born 12 Dec 1921, Silver Creek, NE. Parents: William & Ever Ann (Dickson) Leith. 1940 grad. of Silver Creek HS. Teacher. 3 May 1947: Married Orville C. Lamb. She died Tues., 8 Mar 2011 at Waverly, NE. Service: Fri., United Methodist Church, Silver Creek, NE. Burial in Silver Creek Cemetery. Arrangements: McKown Funeral Home. Survivors: A daughter & her husband; a brother-in-law, 3 sisters-in-law; others. Predeceased by her husband; her parents & her step-father Alvin Roth; 3 brothers - Lester (infancy), Martin (1943, US Navy) & Harvey Leith; 2 sisters - Mildred Richardson, & Dorothy Whitaker; 3 brothers-in-law - Floyd Lamb, Russell Sherman & Louis Weber.

Note: See 1930 Fed. Census Silver Creek Village, Merrick, NE ED61-14 p2b D56 F57 (w/p). Surname Leith was VonderLeith at earlier time.

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 12 Mar 2011

**James Mountjoy SHELTON, 85** (photo)

Born 4 Aug 1925 Central City, NE. Parents: Max Haley & Isie Alice (Quisenberry) Shelton. Attended CCHS. 1 Nov 1950: Married at Hastings, NE. They lived at Grand Island. He died 8 Mar 2011 at Grand Island, NE. Life celebration Mon, All faiths Funeral Home Chapel. Body donated to UN Anatomical Center for medical research. Survivors: His wife, 5 sons, a daughter, gch. & g-gch.; 2 sisters. Predeceased by his parents, 2 brothers - Max & Cheney; a sister - Fern.

Note: See 1930 Fed. Census NE ED61-10 p3a D55 F56: Mead Twp, Merrick, NE (w/p).

Grand Island Independent - Sun. 13 Mar 2011

**Lillian "Catherine" BLODGETT, 81** (photo)

Born 18 Jul 1929 Merrick Co., NE. Parents: Henry W. & Eva M. (McMahon) Bolling. Grad. of CCHS; attended NE Central College. Teacher. 20 Aug 1949: Married Keith L. Blodgett at Central City, NE. They operated the State Theatre. Keith died 21 Aug 1983. Catherine died Fri. 11 Mar 2011 at NE Heart Institute, Lincoln, NE. Service: Tues., St. Michael's Cath Church, Central City. Burial in the city cemetery. Arrangements: Solt Funeral Home, Central City. Survivors: A daughter, 7 sons, 21 gch., 10 g-gch.; 4 sisters. Predeceased by her parents; her husband, 2 infant daughter - Marcia & Rnee; 2 brothers - Charles & Phillips Bolling.

Note: See 1930 Fed. Census NE ED61-11 p1a D6 F6: Midland Twp, Merrick, NE (w/p).

Columbus Telegram & Grand Island Independent - Tues. 15 Mar 2011

**Jean Belle SAVAGE, 98** (photo)

Born 29 Oct 1912, Polk Co., NE. Parents: John & Kathrine (Kontor) Lisko. 11 Sep 1935: Married Tony Savage at St. Mary's Catholic Church north of Osceola, NE. They lived in NE until 1941, Tony took a job in Washington, DC. 1977: They moved to Central City, NE. Tony died 15 May 1999. In 2002, Jean moved to Columbus, NE. Jean died Sun., 13 Mar 2011 at Columbus. Service: Fri., St. Michael's Catholic Church, Central City, NE. Burial in St. Lawrence Cemetery, Silver Creek, NE. Arrangements: Solt Funeral Home, Central City. Survivors: a daughter, 4 gch.; g-gch.; 2 sisters and a sister-in-law. Predeceased by her husband; her parents; 3 sisters - Dorothy Lisko, Melania Kubas & Alta Rakowski; 3 brothers - Ed, Leonard (died in WW II), & Clifford Liska.

Note: Savage is surname adopted by some members of the Tomasiewicz family.

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 16 Mar 2011

**Anne Elizabeth LARSEN, 72** (photo)

Born 17 Nov 1938 at Quakertown, PA. Parents: Dr. Harold & Barbara Burkholder. 2 Jun 1963: Married Gilbert Larssen at Omaha, NE. She died Fri. 11 Mar 2011, at home in Central City, NE. Service: Sat. at Community Bible Church, Central City. Burial in the city cemetery. Survivors: Her husband, 3 daughters, 7 gch.; 2 brothers, 3 sisters.

Aurora News Register - Tues. 15 Mar 2011; Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 17 Mar 2011

**Marcella Irene DETTMAN BURCH, 82** (photo)

Born 3 Feb 1929 near Central City, NE. Parents: Howard M. & Margarete A. (Franssen) Weeks. Attended CCHS. 30 Jun 1948: Married Lyle Dettman. They had 7 children. 27 Oct 1975: Married Milo Burch. They lived in South Dakota; later returned to Central City, NE. Marcella died Tues 15 Mar 2011 at hospital in Grand Island, Ne. Service: Thurs, 24 Mar at St. Michael's Catholic Church, Central City, NE. Arrangements: Solt Funeral Home. Survivors: 7 children, 7 gch, 7 g-gch.; 3 sisters. Predeceased by her first husband; a daughter-in-law - Mary Dettman; a gch.; her brothers-in-law.

Notes: See 1930 Fed. Census NE ED61-7 p9a D198 F200: Lone Tree Twp, Merrick, NE (w/p). Not mentioned in obit is the 7th child, b/d 1949.

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 19 Mar 2011

**Mildred Henrietta SHUCK, 99** (photo)

Born 1 Sep 1911, Ithaca (Saunders Co.), NE. Parents: Herman & Minnie (Zamzow) Hanke. Grad. of Mead HS. 1934: Married Edward E. Timm. They farmed near Ithaca until 1946, then farmed at Palmer, NE. Mr. Timm died in 1962. Mildred moved to Hastings, NE the next year. 1974: Married Stanley Shuck. Mr. Shuck died 7 Mar 1995. Mildred died Tues. 15 Mar 2011 at Hastings, NE. Visitation: Sat., Livingston-Butler-Volland Funeral Home & Cremation Center. Service: Mon., First Presbyterian Church, Hastings, NE. Burial Archer Evangelical Community Cemetery, Archer, NE. Survivors: A daughter & a son; 2 gch. Predeceased by her husbands; her parents; 5 siblings - Albert Hanke, Mae Smith, Mabel Scheuneman, Rev. Silas Hanke, & Clarence Hanke. Memorials to the church.

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 23 Mar 2011

**Mamie LEACH, 93**

Born 1918, Clarks, NE. Widow of Virgil Leach. Teacher, nurse, advocate for the handicapped. Died Fri. 18 Mar 2011 at Grand Island, NE. Body to NE Anatomical Board. Arrangements: All Faiths Funeral Home.

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Grand Island Independent - Fri. 1 Apr 2011

**E. Mikel "Mike" McILNAY, 74** (photo)

Born 30 Dec 1936, Midwest, WY. Parents: Archie J. & Mary Dorothy (Wright) McIlInay. 1942: Family moved to Central City, NE. Grad. of CCHS. Attended CO School of Mine a& UNL. Mechanical engineer. Twice married. Returned to Central City in 1964 to help run family business. Died Thurs., 31 Mar at home. Visitation: Sun., Solt Funeral Home. Service: Mon., United Presbyterian Church, Central City. Burial in the city cemetery. Survivors: His wife; 6 children/step-children, 19 gch., 3 g-gch.; a sister & her husband; a sister-in-law. Predeceased by his parents; a brother Ed; a gch.

Grand Island Independent = Tues. 5 Apr 2011

**Julia Rose PEARCE, 76** (photo)

Born 26 Feb 1935, Cleveland, OH. Parents: Belardino & Antoine (DiFranco) Antonelli. 28 Jan 1961: Married Charles W. Pearce at Cleveland, Ohio. They moved to Grand Island, NE; and then to Chapman, NE. Member of Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church in Grand Island; participant in Baptist & Methodist churches in Chapman, NE. Julia died Sun., 3 Apr 2011 at Grand Island, NE. Visitation: Tues., Kleine Funeral Home, Grand Island. Service: Wed. at Baptist Church, Chapman, NE. Burial in Chapman Cemetery. Survivors: 2 sons, 6 gch.; 3 sisters, a brother, a sister-in-law. Predeceased by her husband; 2 sons - Alan & Chuck.

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 6 Apr 2011

**Henry Fred SCHLIEKER, 76** (photo)

Born 25 Sep 1934 at Lisco (Garden Co.), NE. Parents: Fred & Grace (Campbell) Schlieker. 1952 grad. of GISH. Worked at Third City Livestock. Married in 1957. He died Sun. 3 Apr 2011 at home in Chapman, NE. Service: Fri., Chapman First Baptist Church. Burial in Grand Island City Cemetery. Arrangements by All Faiths Funeral Home. Survivors: His wife, a son, a daughter, 2 gch., 3 g-gch.; a sister. Predeceased by his parents; sister - Juna Marie; a son-in-law Lloyd Friedrichsen.

Grand Island Independent - Sun. 10 Apr 2011

**Helen A. SEIM, 88** (photo)

Born 16 Jan 1923. Parents: John & Amelia (Ehlers) Riss. Grew up on farm near Phillips, NE. Following her graduation, family moved to Palmer, NE. 23 Nov 1941: Married Alvin E. Seim. They farmed near Chapman, NE. Alvin died in 1969. Helen moved to Grand Island the next year. She died Fri. 8 Apr 2011 at Tiffany Square Center. Visitation: Tues., All Faiths Funeral Home. Service: Wed., Trinity Lutheran Church. Burial will be Wed. in Zion Lutheran Cemetery at Worms, NE. Survivors: 2 daughters, 2 sons, 14 gch., 28 g-gch.; a sister in SD; other relatives. Predeceased by her husband.

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 12 Apr 2011

**George H. FERRIS, 83** (photo)

Born 6 Dec 1927 near Archer, NE. Parents: Lee J. & Eva (Hathaway) Ferris. 1945 grad. of CCHS. Married in 1953. They farmed in Merrick Co. In 2000, they moved to Grand Island, NE. Mr. Ferris died Sat. 9 Apr 2011 at hospital in Grand Island, NE. Visitation: Wed., Wagner Funeral Home, Central City. Service: Thurs., Fairview United Methodist Church near Central City. Survivors: His wife; 2 daughters, 7 gch.; a sister in Oregon. Predeceased by his parents; 2 brothers - Rex & Elwin Ferris; a sister - Vivian Sander.

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 14 Apr 2011

**J. Oren HOBACK, 96** (photo)

Born 9 Mar 1915, Lodi, NE. Parents: John & Carrie (Mitchell) Hoback. 1934 grad. of Palmer HS. 1942-45: US Army 155th Infantry. 3 Sep 1950: Married Alice Virginia Benner at Central City. They farmed near Palmer & Central City, NE. Alice died 7 Jul 1961. On 7 Apr 1974, Oren married Lucy Sawyers. Lucy died 21 Feb 1999. Oren died Mon. 11 Apr 2011 at Central City, NE. Service: Sat., Wagner Funeral Home, Central City. Burial in the city cemetery. Survivors: One daughter & her husband; 2 gch. & 1 g-gch. Also surviving are 4 step-children & their descendents; 2 sisters-in-law. Previously deceased are Oren's two wives; his parents; 3 sisters - Alta (infant); Clarice Lamberson & Lorraine Dyer; 3 brothers & 2 sisters-in-law - Burt & Mazie Hoback, Newell Hoback, Ed & Lola Hoback; a brother-in-law - Charles Benner. Memorials to Noah's Assistance Dogs - Crete, NE, The Salvation Army, or Litzenberg Long Term Care Activities Department, Central City, NE.

Columbus Telegram & Grand Island Independent - Tues. 19 Apr 2011

**Dorothy Leona RUST, 88** (photo)

Born 21 Oct 1922 near Fullerton, NE. Parents: William "Guy" & Eva (Gottschall) Fox. Attended school in Nance & Merrick Counties. 17 Dec 1941: Married Louis T. Morris. After his military service they farmed near Clarks, NE. Louis died 5 Feb 1980. On 7 Sep 1986, she married Sam Rust, Jr. They lived in North Dakota. In 1986 Dorothy moved to Silver Creek, NE; and later to Stromsburg, NE. She died Sat. 16 Apr 2011 at hospital in Osceola, NE. Service: Thurs., Evangelical Covenant Church, Stromsburg. Burial in Calvary Cemetery near Clarks, NE. Arrangements by Solt Funeral Home. Survivors: 6 children, 2 step-children, 23 gch. 29 g-gch.; a sister. Predeceased by both husbands; 8 siblings - Delora Schmid, Bernita Dittmer, Joe Gier, Sylvan Fox, DeWayne Fox, Orville Fox, Murray Fox, & Hubert Fox.

Grand Island Independent - Fri. 22 Apr 2011

**Dorothy Francis FOUSEK, 83**

Born 5 Feb 1928, Genoa, NE. Parents: Peter & Leona (Wrubel) Speas. She grew up at Belgrade, NE then family moved to Chapman, NE. Grad. of Chapman HS. 5 Mar 1946: Married Loral A. Haddix. They farmed near Chapman. Loral died 26 Jan 1979. Dorothy married second on 19 Apr 1983 to Dale A. Fousek. Dale died 7 Jun 1996. Dorothy moved to Grand Island, NE. She died Wed. 20 Apr 2011 at Central City Care Center.



Service: Mon., Solt Funeral Home, Central City. Burial in Chapman Cemetery. Survivors: A daughter; 5 step-sons & 2 step-daughters. Predeceased by both husbands; her parents; a sister Francis Anderson; a brother Frank Speas. Memorials to AseraCare, York, NE.

Columbus Telegram & Grand Island Independent - Wed. 27 Apr 2011

**Jack D. BURGER, 92** (photo)

Born 6 Sep 1918 on farm N of Clarks, NE. Parents: William W. & Josephine (Black) Burger. 1937 grad. of Clarks HS. 1941: Teacher's certificate from NE Central College. Teacher & coach. Married in 1941. 1943-46: US Army. 1946: Moved to Denver, CO. 1949: Master's from Univ. of Denver. Returned to Nebraska. 1956: Moved to Silver Creek, NE. Superintendent of Schools. Also was crop adjuster & had tax business. He died Mon. 25 Apr 2011 at Central City, NE. Visitation: Fri., Solt Funeral Home, Central City. Service: Sat., Silver Creek United Methodist Church. Burial in Bureau Cemetery at Pierce Chapel, near Clarks, NE. Survivors: His wife, 3 children, 8 gch., 2 g-gch. Predeceased by his parents; 5 sisters - Margaret Parker, Genevieve Wegner, Alnetta Moomey, Ethel Grafe, & Doris Moody; a brother - George Burger. Memorials to Silver Creek United Methodist Church or the Merrick Foundation Scholarship Fund.

Note: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I pp142 (G Burger), 142-3 (J Burger), 143 (w/p), 411 (S Wyman). Also see 1920 Fed. Census NE ED156 p14B D176 F183: Clarksville Twp, Merrick, NE (w/p) and 1930 Fed. Census NE ED61-6 p7b D158 F158 Clarksville Twp, Merrick, NE (w/p).

Columbus Telegram - Sat. 30 Apr 2011

**Patsy Lou LESIAK, 79** (photo)

Born 23 May 1940, Havens, NE. Parents: Marvin & Marie (Larsen) Wilcox. Attended school at Silver Creek, NE. 14 Jan 1959: Married Alonzo Lesiak. They lived in Columbus, NE. She died Fri., 29 Apr 2011 at Columbus. Service: Tues. St. Anthony Catholic Church. Burial in All Saints Cemetery. Survivors: Her husband, 3 daughters, a son, 14 gch., 10 g-gch.; 7 brothers. Predeceased by her parents, Grace Wilcox and Alex & Rose Lesiak

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Fremont Tribune - Mon. 2 May 2011; Grand Island Independent - Tues. 3 May 2011

**Caroline Alyce SPEED, 85** (photo)

Born 30 May 1925, Chapman, NE. Parents: Theodore & Linda Husman. 1943 grad. of Chapman HS. Later moved to Denver. 1951: Married Fred Speed. They farmed near Chapman. Later moved to Minden, and have lived for 8 years at Fremont, NE. She died Sat. 30 Apr 2011 at Fremont, NE. Service: Thurs., Chapman Methodist Church, Chapman, NE. Arrangements by Dugan Funeral Chapel. Survivors: Her husband; a daughter, a son, a gch. Memorials to the church.

Note: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I p 242; 1930 Fed. Census NE ED61-4 p1a D3 F3: Chapman Twp, Merrick, NE (w/p). Parents are buried at Chapman Cemetery.

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 3 May 2011

**Reinhardt W. "Randy" KRUSE, 93** (photo)

Born 14 Nov 1917 on farm near Worms, NE. Parents: Herman & Bertha (Tuenge) Kruse. Attended Zion Lutheran School. Worked as machinist in California. 1942-43: US Army. 10 Jun 1945: Married Eileen E. Poehler. They owned Kruse Electric. Resident of Grand Island, NE. Eileen died 9 Dec 2010. Randy died Sun., 1 May 2011 at GI NE Veterans Hom. Visitation: Wed., All Faiths Funeral Home. Service: Thurs., Trinity Lutheran Church, Grand Island. Burial in Westlawn Memorial Park Cemetery. Survivors: 3 sons; several gch., 8 g-gch.; a brother; a sister; 2 sisters-in-law. Predeceased by his wife; his parents, 3 brothers & 8 sisters. Memorials to the church.

Grand Island Independent - Fri. 6 May 2011

Iva H. LARSON, 98 (photo)

Born 30 Jan 1913, Central City, NE. Parents: David Albert & Emma (Page) Lear. Grad. of CCHS. 10 Aug 1931: Married Roy A. Larson at Clay Center, NE. They lived at Central City, owned a business. Presbyterian. Roy died 8 Aug 2001. Iva died 6 Mar 2011 at Central City, NE. Graveside service will be Wed. at Central City Cemetery. Arrangements: Solt Funeral Home, Central City. Survivors: 2 sons, a daughter, 9 gch., 21 g-gch., 10 gg-gch. Predeceased by her husband; her parents; 3 brothers.

Columbus Telegram - Wed. 11 May 2011

**Eldon POTTER, 85**

Born 26 Oct 1925, Silver Creek, NE. Parents: Howard & Alvina (Mohlman) Potter. 1942 grad. of Kramer HS in Columbus, NE. WW II: US Army. 12 Jun 1949: Married Betty Weible at Winside, NE. They lived in Columbus, owned a Potters Food Market. Eldon died Sun., 8 May 2011 at Columbus. Private service held at Gass Haney Funeral Home. Survivors: 5 children, 19 gch., 2 g-gch.; 2 brothers, 3 sisters. Predeceased by his wife; his parents; 2 brothers - Marvin & Carroll Potter. Memorials to Nebraska Game & Parks Youth Mentoring Program or the Pleasant View Cemetery in Winside.

Note: See 1930 Fed. Census NE ED61-15 p5a D95 F96: Silver Creek Twp, Merrick, NE (w/p).

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 14 May 2011

**Mae Gilmont CROSBY, 88**

Born 1 Sep 1922, Palmer, NE. Parents: Lafayette & Irene (Wegnor) Gilmont. Married Ernest George Crosby Jr. who is deceased. Resident of James Island, SC. Mae died Wed., 11 May 2011. Graveside service: Mon., Beaufort National Cemetery. Arrangement: J. Henry Stuhr, Inc., Downtown Chapel. Survivors: A son, a daughter, 5 gch, 7 g-gch.; a sister-in-law.

Columbus Telegram - Tues. 17 May 2011

**William D. "Bill" STAROSTKA, 74**

Born 3 Dec 1936, Clarks, NE. Parents: Leo & Eva (Stopak) Starostka. Attended Clarks HS, Menominee MI Seminary & St. Procopius Seminary, Lisle, IL. Head counselor at Boys Town. Resident of Cedar Bluffs. He died Fri., 13 May 2011 at hospital in Fremont, NE. Service today at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Colon, NE. Burial in Clarks Cemetery, Clarks, NE. Arrangements: Moser Memorial Chapel, Cedar Bluffs. Survivors: A brother, a sister-in-law, a nephew. Memorials to Boys Town.

Note: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I p 375 (w/p).

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 18 May 2011

**Charlotte J. BAKER, 99** (photo)

Born 8 Nov 1911, West Point, NE. Parents: Edward & Charlotte Webb. 1922: Family moved to Wolbach, NE. Attended Palmer HS. 4 Aug 1933: Marrie Harold Baker at Neligh, NE. They lived at Central City, Blair, Kennard, Stanton, Meadow Grove and Mead, NE. 1952: Moved to Grand Island, and in 1968 retired south of St. Paul, NE. Harold died in 1986. Charlotte moved into St. Paul. She died Mon. 16 May 2011 at O'Neill, NE. Visitation: Mon, Jacobsen-Greenway Funeral Home, St. Paul. Service: Tues., St. Mark's Lutheran Church, St. Paul. Burial in Rose Hill Cemetery, Palmer, NE. Survivors: A son, 2 daughters, 4 gch., 10 g-gch.; a sister. Predeceased by a son-in-law; 4 brothers - Arthur, Alva, Edward & Elwood Webb; a sister Thelma Fox. Memorials to the church.

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 24 May 2011

**Frances THOMPSON, 94** (photo)

Born 21 Oct 1916, Esbon, KS. Parents: William F. & Mary E. (Atkins) Rogers. 10 Apr 1933: Married Richard H. Thompson at Smith Center, KS. They farmed near Esbon. 1953: Moved to farm near Aurora, NE. 1975: Moved near Clarks, NE. Richard died 2 May 2004. Frances moved to Aurora, and then to Central City, NE. She died Mon., 23 May 2011 at Central City. Service: Thurs., Solt Funeral Home, Central City. Burial in Aurora Cemetery. Survivors: A daughter, 2 sons, 7 gch., 21 g-gch. Predeceased by her husband; her parents; 4 sisters - Thelma Bell, Alma Kennedy, Elizabeth Keen & Alice Lewis; 2 brothers - Rex & Arden Rogers.

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Grand Island Independent - Wed. 1 Jun 2011

**Leonard B. BIEL, 65** (photo)

Born 21 Apr 1946, Omaha, NE. Parents: Bernard L. & Mildred (Bartels) Biel. 1964 grad. of Gretna HS. Attended SE Community College in Milford (diesel mechanics). 1965: Married at Millard, NE. They lived at Gretna until 1970, moved to Merrick Co., NE. Farmer. Leonard died Mon. 30 May 2011 at Central City, NE. Service: Fri., Wagner Funeral Home, Central City. Burial at Elkhorn Cemetery near Omaha, NE. Survivors: His wife, 2 daughters, 2 gch.; 2 sisters. Predeceased by his parents; a sister - Jodeen Rix; an infant brother - Ray Biel; 2 brothers-in law - Will Rix and Edwin Mowinkel. Memorials to the Clarks Rescue Squad.

Blair Pilot-Tribune & Enterprise - Thurs. 2 Jun 2011

**Frances Elizabeth "Liz" JOHNSON, 93** (photo)

Born 7 May 1918, Palmer, NE. Parents: Henry T. & Suvilla (Brendle) Zeller. 1924: Family moved to Hemmingford, NE. Grad. of Hemmingford HS. Liz died 26 May 2011. Service was 1 June at Hemmingford Methodist Church.

Grand Island Independent - Fri, 3 Jun 2011

**Wallace HANNAPPEL, 79**

Born 6 Jul 1931 Clarks, NE. Parents: John & Irene (Supancheck) Hannappel. 7 Jun 1955: Married at Central City, NE. Wallace died Wed. 1 Jun 2011 at Cozad, NE. Visitation: Fri., Berryman Funeral Home, Cozad. Service: Sat., Christ The King Catholic Church, Cozad. Burial in the city cemetery. Survivors: His wife, 3 sons, 3 daughters, 13 gch.; 7 siblings.

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 7 Jun 2011

**Eugene D. "Gene" LAVELLE, 84** (photo)

Born 29 Apr 1927, Genoa, NE. Parents: William H. & Nellie M. (Sherwood) Lavelle. In 1928, family moved to farm S of Clarks, NE. 1945 grad. of Clarks HS. 1950-53: US Army, Korea. 1953: Married in Rising Fawn, GA. They lived in CA until Oct., moved to Cartersville, Alabama. 1958: Moved back to the Lavelle farm near Clarks, NE. He died Fri., 3 Jun 2011 at home. Visitation: Wed., Solt Funeral Home, Central City, NE. Service: Thurs., Community Bible Church, Central City, NE. Burial in Osceola Cemetery. Survivors: His wife, 2 daughters, a son, 5 gch. Predeceased by his parents; 4 sisters - Neva Stander, Fern Lavelle & 2 infants; 2 brothers - Merl & an infant. Memorials: Nebraska Christian Schools in Central City or the Community Bible Church Awana Club.

Grand Island Independent - Fri. 10 Jun 2011

**Leonard C. KILLHAM, 85** (photo)

Born 5 Dec 1925, Nance Co., NE. Parents: Daniel C and Hazel I (Saline) Killham. Abt 1939, family moved to Merrick County, NE. Attended CCHS. WW II: US Navy. Construction worker, school custodian & bus driver. 1973: Married Patricia Holmes, who died in 1997. 1999: Married Mrs. Coover. Leonard died Wed., 8 Jun 2011 at Central City, NE. Service: Mon., Solt Funeral Home, Central City, NE. Burial in the city cemetery. Survivors: His second wife; a son & his family in Utah, 2 gch; a stepson & a step daughter; a sister-in-law. Predeceased by his first wife; his parents; sister - Violet Urban; brother - Melvin Killham.  
Note: See 1930 Fed. Census NE ED63-4 p3b D56 F56: Council Creek Twp, Nance, NE (w/p).

Grand Island Independent - Mon. 13 Jun 2011

**Roma D. FUEHRER, 81**

Born 23 Aug 1929, Grand Island, NE. Parents: Fred & Adelia M. (Harder) Ehlers. 1948 grad. of GISH. 23 Oct 1949: Married Charles Fuehrer at Grand Island, NE. They farmed near Worms, NE. 1993: Moved to Central City, NE. She died Sat. 11 Jun 2011 at Grand Island, NE. Visitation: Tues., Wagner Funeral Home, Central City, NE. Service: Wed., Archer Zion United Methodist Church. Burial in Westlawn Memorial Park Cemetery, Grand Island, NE. Survivors: 3 sons, 3 daughters, 11 gch., 5 g-gch. Also surviving are two people she considered her children; a brother & a sister, some in-laws. Predeceased by her husband; her parents; a

brother "Dutch" Ehlers. Memorials to Archer Zion United Methodist Church or the Central City Senior Center.

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 15 Jun 2011

**John A. SANDERSON, 91**(photo)

Born 8 Mar 1920 near Marquette, NE. Parents: Alfred & Amanda (Anderson) Sanderson. WW II: US Army. Abt 1946: Lived in Omaha, NE. 1956: Married. Lived in Central City. Construction business. He died Tues., 14 Jun 2011 at Central City, NE. Graveside service will be Fri. at Mamre Evangelical Church Cemetery near Marquette, NE. Arrangements: Solt Funeral Home. Survivors: His wife, a daughter; 3 sisters. Predeceased by his parents; 6 brothers - Carl, Leonard, Reuben, Harold, Albert & Kenneth Sanderson; 3 sisters - Christine Bunch, Anna McIntosh, & Carrie Lindbloom. Also surviving are 2 foster siblings.

Grand Island Independent - Mon. 27 Jun 2011

**Phyllis Gene DRYER, 81**(photo)

Born 27 Jul 1929, Merrick Co., NE. Parents: Julius & Christine (Gerlach) Daberkow. 1945 grad. of Grand Island HS. 2 Dec 1950: Married Robert Dryer at Grand Island. They lived in Grand Island. Educational aide. She died Fri. 24 Jun 2011 at Grand Island. Service: Tues., St. Mary's Cathedral. Burial in the city cemetery. Survivors: Her husband; 2 sons, 9 daughters, 27 gch.; 2 brothers, a sister. Predeceased by her parents; a gch.; a son-in-law, Joel Plettner. Memorials to St. Mary's Cathedral Square or Grand Island Central Catholic Foundation.

Grand Island Independent - Sun. 26 Jun 2011

**Ralph R. BRUNS, 62**(photo)

Born 25 Apr 1949, Palmer, NE. Parents: Harvey W. & Merle G. (Kaiser) Bruns. 1967 grad. of CCHS. 26 Aug 1973: Married at St. Paul, NE. They lived in Grand Island, NE. Worked for Petersen Farms. Ralph died Thurs., 23 Jun 2011 at Grand Island. Service: Tues., Trinity Lutheran Church, Grand Island. Burial in Zion Lutheran Cemetery, Worms, NE. Arrangements: Peters Funeral Home, St. Paul, NE. Survivors: His wife, a son, 2 daughters, 5 gch.; 2 brothers, a sister; his wife's mother. Predeceased by his parents; his wife's father, Delven Nelson. Memorials to Trinity Lutheran or Zion Lutheran Church.

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 28 Jun 2011

**Muriel Fern DOLL, 96** (photo)

Born 13 May 1915, Western, NE. Parents: William Fredrick & Minnie (Kelch) Schmidt. 9 Apr 1941: Married Ward Irvin Doll at Clay Center, NE. They lived in Fairfield, NE. Ward died in 1980. Muriel moved to Central City in 2006. Mrs. Doll died Sat., 25 Jun 2011 at Central City, NE. Graveside service Thurs. at Fairfield Cemetery. Arrangements: Wagner Funeral Home, Central City. Survivors: A son; a brother.

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 28 Jun 2011

**Bernhard H. "Bernie" PIEKO, 62**(photo)

Born 18 Feb 1946, Hanover, Germany. Parents: Herbert W. & Margarete (Mast) Pieko. 1949: Family immigrated to Iowa; later lived at Papillion, NE and then in Central City, NE. 1967 grad. of CCHS. 1969-70: US Army. He died Sat., 25 Jun 2011 at Chapman, NE. Service: Thurs., Solt Funeral Home, Central City. Burial in Chapman Cemetery. Survivors: His partner, a daughter; a sister. Predeceased by a son Bernhard James Pieko; his parents, a sister Elizabeth.

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Grand Island Independent - Fri. 1 Jul 2011

**Marie Mae HOLMES HOPPER, 86** (photo)

Born 27 Dec 1924, Central City, NE. Parents: Everett & Alma (Richards) Haskins. Grad. of CCHS. Moved to

California & worked at military base. Returned to Central City, NE. 1948: Married Carroll Holmes; they lived in NE. 1959: They returned to Central City. About 1982, she married E.T. Hopper; they lived in CA; AZ; Central City & Grand Island, NE. Marie died Wed., 29 Jun 2011 at hospital in Hastings, NE. Service: Tues., Solt Funeral Home, Central City, NE. Burial in the city cemetery. Survivors: 3 daughters, 9 gch., 18 g-gch.; a brother & his wife. Her parents are deceased.

Note: See 1930 Fed. Census NE ED61-7 p7a D156 F158: Lone Tree Twp, Merrick, NE (w/p). First husband died 30 May 2005.

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 6 Jul 2011

**Ken G. KOHL, 66** (photo)

Born 16 Apr 1945, Norfolk, NE. Parents: LaVerne & Marcella Kohl. Attended school at Beemer, NE. 1964-72: US Army. 1970: Married. They lived in California. 1979: Moved to Central City, NE. Ken died Mon., 4 Jul 2011 at Veterans Medical Center, Grand Island, NE. Service: Thurs., Wagner Funeral Home, Central City. Burial in Burke Cemetery near Central City. Survivors: His wife; a daughter, a son. 9 gch.; 4 sisters, etc. Predeceased by his father; a son David; a sister Sharon Reppert; his in-laws. Memorials to Grand Island Veterans Medical Center.

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 14 Jul 2011

**Arthur E. Palser, 89** (photo)

Born 11 Nov 1921, Valley Co., NE. Parents: John & Kate (Johnson) Palser. 15 Jun 1946: Married Thelma J. Collins at Mira Valley Evangelical United Brethren Church. They farmed at Davis Creek. 1961: Moved to Central City, NE. Operated a motel & service station on Hwy 30. Thelma died 27 Aug 2006. Art died Tues., 12 Jul 2011 at Central City, NE. Visitation: Fri., Solt Funeral Home. Service: Sat., United Methodist Church, Central City, NE. Burial in the city cemetery. Survivors: 2 sons, 4 gch., 7 g-gch.; 2 sisters. Predeceased by his wife; his parents; 2 sisters - Stella Kerr & Florence Wright; 6 brothers - John Weldon, Carroll, George, Harold, Richard & Paul Palser. Memorials to the United Methodist Church Foundation in Central City.

Fremont Tribune (photo); & Grand Island Independent - Tues. 19 Jul 2011

**Irene M. PHARES, 93**

Born 16 Nov 1917, Central City, NE. Parents: Sol & Lucy Bell (Jones McHargue. RN. Presbyterian. 1 Feb 1940: Married Charles H. Phares. They left Omaha to open husband's law office in Central City. Retired to Estes Park, CO. Charles died Feb 1990. Irene moved in 2000 to Storm Lake, IA. She died there Thurs., 14 Jul 2011. Private graveside service will be Thurs. at Central City Cemetery. Arrangments: Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home, Storm Lake, IA & Wagner Funeral Home, Central City, NE. Survivors: A daughter, 3 sons, 9 gch, 6 g-gch. Predeceased by her husband; her parents; a sister Elsie Lock; 3 brothers - Oscar, Donald & Walter McHargue.

Grand Island Independent - Fri. 29 Jul 2011

**Gregory Lee BOLLES, 52**(photo)

Born 26 Mar 1959, Grand Island, NE. Parents: Larry J. & Deanna R. (Steinwart) Bolles. 1977 grad. of GISH. Lived in Seattle, WA and California. Returned to NE about 1982. 1986: Married; they lived in Central City, NE. He died Wed., 27 Jul 2011. Service: Mon., Solt Funeral Home, Central City, NE. Burial in city cemetery at later date. Survivors: His wife; 2 children in Yuma, AZ; two children in Central City, NE; his father, 3 sisters, 2 brothers; his in-laws. Predeceased by his mother & his grandparents.

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 30 Jul 2011

**Leonard William BEETEM, 101** (photo doesn't load)

Born 24 Dec 1909, Central City, NE. Parents: Benjamin J. & Lucy G. (Jerome) Beetem. Grad. of CCHS. WW II: US Army. Employee of utility & of city. 22 Sept 1956: Married Lola Ford Roark. Lola died in 1970. 15 Oct 1971: Married Edna Morris. Edna died in 2007. Leonard died Thurs., 28 Jul 2011 at Central City, NE. Service: Tues., Heartland Evangelical Free Church, Central City, NE. Burial in the city cemetery. Survivors: A step-son, a step-daughter, 8 gch., 15 g-gch, etc. Predeceased by both of his wives, 3 sisters - Edna Jones, Marjorie

Sober & an infant; a brother James.

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 30 Jul 2011

**Kenneth Lyle MESNER, 85** (photo)

Born 12 Apr 1926 on farm near Central City, NE. Parents: Hugh P. & Lois G. (Watkins) Mesner. 1945 grad. of CCHS. Farmer. 28 Nov 1946: Married Mildred McConnell. Birthright Quaker; later a member of United Methodist Church. Mildred died 5 Mar 2011. Kenneth died Wed., 27 Jul 2011 at Lincoln, NE. Service: Sat., 6 Aug at Solt Funeral Home, Central City. Burial at Central City Cemetery at a later date. Survivors: A daughter, 2 sons, 4 gch.; nieces & nephews. Predeceased by his wife; an infant son; infant twin daughters; 2 adult children - Janet Lynn Mesner & Martin Alan Mesner; a brother Delbet. Memorials: Alzheimer's Association Great Plains Chapter, Lincoln.

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Grand Island Independent - Tues. 2 Aug 2011

**Marion Robert "Bob" MARSH, 88** (photo)

Born 30 Aug 1922 near Archer, NE. Parents: Marion Frederick & Lilly Belle (Mesner) Marsh. 7 Apr 1946: Married. They farmed near St. Libory and then near Ravenna, NE. 1964: They moved to Grand Island and he became an ag salesman. Later lived in Webster, IA; Colorado; and Cedar Rapids, Iowa. He died 29 Jul 2011 at Cedar Rapids, IA. Visitation: Tues., 2 Aug at Wagner Funeral Home, Central City, NE. Service: Wed. 3 Aug 2011 at Fairview United Methodist Church near Central City, NE. Burial in Burke Cemetery. Survivors: His wife; 3 children; gch. & step-gch.; 2 brothers. Predeceased by his parents; 2 brothers - Wayne and Norman. "Memorial contributions can be made to the Lewy Body Dementia Association and can be made online (<http://www.lbda.org>) or by mail to Wagner Funeral Home."

Grand Island Independent - Fri. 5 Aug 2011

**Velma D. RANDALL, 83** (photo)

Born 31 May 1928, Polk County, NE. Parents: George & Martha (Wright) Bush. Family moved in 1940 to Merrick County, NE. 1945 grad. of Clarks HS. 28 Nov 1947: Married Samuel Randall at Clarks. They lived in Clarks. She died Wed., 3 Aug 2011 at Grand Island, NE. Service: Sat., Wagner Funeral Home, Central City, NE. Burial at Bureau Cemetery near Clarks, NE. Survivors: Her husband; 2 daughters, gch. & g-gch.; a sister. Predeceased by her parents; a brother - Melvin Bush; 2 sisters & their spouses - Margaret & Harold Hewit, Doris & Glenn Wieseman. Also deceased is a brother-in-law, a son-in-law, and a gch. Memorials to Alzheimer's Association, Golden Living Center-Lakeview or AseraCare Hospice.

Columbus Telegram - Thurs. 11 Aug 2011

**Reginald "Geen" ZELAZNY, 75** (photo)

Born 14 Jan 1936 in Polk County, NE. Parents: Edward & Frances Zelazny. 1957: Moved to farm in Nance County, NE. Moved to Silver Creek, NE. He died Tues., 9 Aug 2011 at Central City, NE. Service: Sat., St. Lawrence Catholic Church, Silver Creek. Burial in the church cemetery. Survivors: His mother; 2 brothers. Predeceased by his father & his sister Maxine Tomasiewicz. Memorials to the church.

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 16 Aug 2011

**John P. TOOLEY, 71**

Born 15 Sep 1939, Grand Island, NE. Parents: John J. & Helen P. (Phelps) Tooley. Grad. of Grand Island Central Catholic and UNK. 1957-64: US Army. Lived in CA, WY & NV. 2001: Returned to Grand Island, NE. Died Wed, 27 Jul 2011 at Grand Island. Service: Fri., St. Mary's Cathedral. Ashes will be buried later at Central City, NE. Arrangements: Livingston-Sondermann Funeral Home. Survivors: A brother & his family. Predeceased by his parents. Memorials: American Cancer Society or the American Diabetes Association. Note: Parents are buried in Central City Cemetery.

Columbus Telegram - Wed. 17 Aug 2011

**Angeline Wilhelmina KING, 94**

Born 10 Feb 1917, Silver Creek, NE. Parents: Arthur Matthias & Anna Viola Engel. Grad. of 8th grade from Merrick Co. School #10. 20 Jul 1944: Married Bennie Lloyd King of Wilmington, KS. Husband was in military service. After his discharge they lived at Silver Creek. 1999: Moved to Alma, NE. Angie died Sun. 14 Aug 2011 at Alma. Burial of cremated remains will be later at Roselawn Cemetery, Columbus, NE. Arrangements: Banta-Torrey Funeral Home, Alma. Survivors: Her husband; 2 sons, 6 gch., 15 g-gch.; 2 sisters. Predeceased by her father (Nov 1953), her mother (18 Nov 1972); 4 sisters - Esther Gerber (and husband Eddie), Frances Tschantre (and husband Louis), Maxine Schweizer (and husband Walter), Genraldine Engel; 2 brothers - Warren Engle (and wife Gladys), Chester Engel; a brother-in-law Bruce Kershaw. Note: Burial was Sat. 8 Oct 2011.

Columbus Telegram (photo) - Mon. 22 Aug 2011; Polk County Newspaper (abbrev.) - Tues. 23 Aug 2011

**Leona A. KOZISEK, 91**

Born 16 Aug 1920, Cedar Rapids, NE. Parents: Nekolas (sic) & Mary Sauser. 1939 grad. of Cedar Rapids HS. 1945: Went to work in Omaha, NE. 19 Apr 1950: Married Jerry Kozisek in Omaha. They lived at Schuyler. 1961: Moved to farm near Silver Creek, NE. 1993: Leona moved to Central City; and in 2003 to Davidplace in David City, NE. She died there Sat., 20 Aug 2011. Service: Wed., St. Lawrence Catholic Church, Silver Creek. Burial in church cemetery. Survivors: Nieces & nephews. Predeceased by her husband; a son - Donald; her parents; 2 sisters - Catherine Hein & Julia Goeken. Memorials to the church.

Grand Island Independent - Sun. 28 Aug 2011

**Velma L. Glines STERN, 89**

Born 26 Feb 1922, Boelus, NE. Parents: Hans & Elvera Boesen. Grew up at Wolbach, NE. Married Floyd Glines., lived at Wolbach & Scotia. 1970: Married second to Ray Stern, they lived at Clarks, NE. She later lived in Scotia; then moved to Central City in 2008. She died Fri., 26 Aug 2011 at Central City, NE. Service: Mon., Solt Funeral Home, Central City. Burial in Scotia Cemetery. Survivors: 4 children, 9 gch., 9 g-gch.; a sister & a brother. Predeceased by 3 gch.; a sister Bernice Vance.

Grand Island Independent - Mon. 29 Aug 2011

**Marian F. FAUQUIER, 91**(photo)

Born 20 Jan 1920, Grand Island, NE. Parents: Fred & Tina (Rohweder) Schirkofsky. 21 Sep 1941: Married Clifford Fauquier at Grand Island. They lived in Independence, MO; later lived in Pickrell, Central City & Grand Island, NE. Marian died Sat., 27 Aug 2011 at Des Moines, IA. Visitation: Tues., Apfel Funeral Home, Grand Island, NE. Service: Wed., St. Pauls Lutheran Church, Grand Island, NE. Burial in Central City Cemetery, NE. Survivors: A son, 2 daughters, 7 gch, 1 g-gch. Predeceased by her husband, a gch; her parents, 3 sisters & a brother.

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 30 Aug 2011

**Alice F. "Sue" MALY, 61**(photo)

Born 25 Jul 1950, O'Neill, NE. Parents: William & Leona (Gilman) Rockford. 1965: Married Ken Ruff; later married Bill Middagh. 29 Aug 1998: Married Chuck Maley, they lived in Norfolk, NE. Following Chuck's death (5 Dec 2005), Sue moved to Central City, NE. She died there Sat. 27 Aug 2011. Has been cremated, no visitation. Service: Thurs., Heartland Evangelical Free Church, Central City. Survivors: A daughter, a son, 4 gch., 3 g-gch.; 6 brothers (some surnamed Walton), 3 sisters. Predeceased by her parents; "her birth mother, Elsie Walton"; a sister - Diane Latzel; 5 brothers - Benny, Alfred, William, Warren & Bob. Arrangements: All Faiths Funeral Home, Grand Island, NE.

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Grand Island Independent - Fri. 9 Sep 2011

**Kingly Dale "King" HANWAY**

Born 7 May 1945, Central City, NE. Parents: A. Jay & Lorraine (Magnuson) Hanley. Attended school at Alvo &

Wauneta, NE. 1963 grad. of Salinas HS, CA. 1967 grad. of San Francisco State University, CA. King died Fri. 2 Sep 2011 at Danville, CA. Memorial service Fri. 23 Sep at Cornerstone Fellowship Church, Livermore, CA. Survivors: His wife & her 2 sons; a sister & her husband. Predeceased by his parents; grandparents - A.J. & Bernice Hanway and Sam & Anna Magnuson.

Aurora News Register - Fri. 9 Sep 2011; Grand Island Independent (photo) - Sat. 10 Sep 2011

**Mary Elizabeth DOOLEY, 92**

Born 19 Jun 1919, Central City, NE. Parents: James Earl & Myrtle H. (Jerome) Rogers. Grad. of CCHS; attended NE Central College. 28 Jan 1939: Married Howard B. Dooley. They lived in Council Bluffs, IA and several places in NE. Husband is Presbyterian pastor. Mary died Fri., 9 Sep 2011 at Aurora, NE. Service: Tues., United Presbyterian Church, Central City, NE. Burial in the city cemetery. Arrangements: Solt Funeral Home. Survivors: Her husband; 3 children, 4 gch., 4 g-gch.; a sister. Predeceased by her parents & a brother Dr. Earl Rogers (& his wife Helen). Also deceased are 2 brothers-in-law.

Note: See 1920 Fed. Census NE ED158 p20A D136 F143: Central City Ward 3, Merrick, NE (w/p); 1930 Fed. Census NE ED61-1 p24a D400 F425: Central City, Lone Tree, Merrick, NE (w/p).

Grand Island Independent - Sun. 18 Sep 2011

**Yvonne C. FERRIS, 90**(photo)

Born 3 Feb 1921 at Dedrick, MO. Parents: Joel M. & Florence (Brim) Culbertson. 1938 grad. of Fort Scott HS, KS; 1940 grad of Fort Scott Jr. College, KS. Teacher. 8 Jan 1942: Married Lislynn Ferris at Fort Scott, KS. They farmed near Central City, NE. She died at home, Fri., 16 Sep 2011. Visitation: Tues., Solt Funeral Home, Central City. Service: Wed., Fairview United Methodist Church near Central City. Burial in Burke Cemetery. Survivors: Her husband; 2 sons, a daughter, 16 gch., 26 g-gch.; 2 sisters. Predeceased by her parents; an infant gch.; a daughter-in-law; 2 sisters - Jo Maxine Culbertson & Nadine Brandes.

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 21 Sep 2011

**Emily Jeraldine "Jerrie" HOLMES, 97**(photo)

Born 31 Mar 1914, Yankee, NM. Parents: Peter Charles & Ida (DeLong) Arnhold. 31 Dec 1949: Married Kenneth W. Holmes at Stockton, KS. 1947: Moved to farm near Odessa, NE. Later moved to Kearney & then to Chapman, NE. 1997: moved to Central City, NE where she died Tues., 20 Sep 2011. Service: Thurs., Solt Funeral Home. Burial in Chapman Cemetery. Survivors: A nephew, several cousins. Predeceased by her husband (2002); her daughter Patricia Killham (1997); her parents; a brother Sidney Arnhold.

Grand Island Independent - Fri. 23 Sep 2011

**Rosella Irene NIEMOTH, 88** (photo)

Born 14 Feb 1923 near Palmer, NE. Parents: Herman & Helen (Leuthaeuser) Meyer. Attended Zion Lutheran School at Worms, NE. 11 Jun 1950: Married Harold Niemoth. They farmed north of Grand Island until 1994, moved into town. Harold died in Nov of 2006. Rosella died Wed. 21 Sep 2011 at Grand Island, NE. Visitation: Sun., All Faiths Funeral Home. Service: Mon., Messiah Lutheran Church. Burial in Westlawn Memorial Park Cemetery, Grand Island, NE. Survivors: A son, 3 daughters, 7 gch.; a brother & his wife. Predeceased by her husband; her parents; a brother, Donald Meyer. a sister-in-law Mildred Gulzow. Memorials to Messiah Lutheran Church, or Zion Lutheran School at Worms.

Note: See 1930 Fed. Census NE ED61-12 p4b D93 F88: Prairie Creek Twp, Merrick, NE (w/p).

Grand Island Independent - Sun. 25 Sep 2011

**Charles Evans REEVES, 63**(photo)

Born 8 Feb 1948, Central City, NE. Parents: Bob & Alnetta (Cundiff) Reeves. 1966 grad. of CCHS. 1968-70: US Navy (Vietnam). 13 Feb 1973: Married; they lived in Central City, NE. 1979: Moved to family farm. Charles lived in Grand Island in the 1990's, moved to Arkansas in 2005. 2009: Returned to Central City, NE where he died Wed., 21 Sep 2011. Graveside service will be Tues. at Central City Cemetery. Arrangements by Solt Funeral Home. Survivors: 3 children, 4 gch.; 4 siblings. Predeceased by his parents; brother Richard Robert Reeves, a niece & a nephew.

Aurora News Register - Mon. 25 Sep 2011; Grand Island Independent (photo) - Tues. 27 Sep 2011



**Daniel Roy "Dan" SCHNEIDERHEINZ, 81**

Born 21 Oct 1929, Central City, NE. Parents: August & Sophie (Hoffman) Schneiderheinz. Grad of CCHS; attended Central College in Central City. 1951-53: US Army (Korea). 18 Apr 1952: Married at Central City. They lived in Colorado Springs until his discharge; moved back to Central City, NE to run locker business. Elected Merrick Co. Sheriff in 1963, & served until 1996. He died Mon. 26 Sep 2011 at VA Medical Center in Grand Island. Service: Thurs. St. Michael's Catholic Church, Central City. Burial in the city cemetery. Arrangements: Solt Funeral Home. Survivors: His wife; 2 sons, a daughter, 7 gch, 3 g-gch.; nieces & nephews. Predeceased by his parents; 2 brothers - Carl & Earl; 2 sisters - Louise Hutton & Grace Dankelson. Memorials to Central City American Legion Hospital Equipment Fund, Central City Fire Department or St. Michael's Catholic Church.

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 28 Sep 2011

**Jimmy Lee FLAGLE, 61**(photo)

Born 28 Aug 1950, Central City, NE. Parents: "Big" Jim & Helen (Larson) Flagle. 1970-72: US Army. Mechanic, business owner. Died Mon. 26 Sep 2011 at home in Central City, NE. No services. Arrangements: Wagner Funeral Home. Survivors: A son, a daughter, 6 gch.; 3 sisters; nieces & nephews.

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Grand Island Independent - Wed. 5 Oct 2011

**David Joseph JANOVEC, 60**(photo)

Born 19 May 1951, Washington, DC. Adopted by Joseph V. & Marcelline "Marcy" A. (Zoucha) Janovec. Grew up in Chapman, NE. 1969 grad. of Grand Island Central Catholic HS; 1974 grad of UNL. 30 May 1974: Married. Farmed with his family. 1974: Married a second time. Currently was living in Lincoln, NE. He died Sat. 1 Oct 2011 in trucking accident at Atlanta, Georgia. Service: Sat., St. Michael's Catholic Church, Central City, NE. Burial in the city cemetery. Arrangements by Solt Funeral Home. Survivors: 2 children, 5 gch; a brother & a sister. Predeceased by his parents & a brother-in-law. Memorials to Grand Island Central Catholic Foundation.

Grand Island Independent - Fri. 7 Oct 2011

**Carla J. EDDY, 62**(photo)

Born 26 Dec 1948 at Phillipsburg, KS. Parents: Donnie & Gertrude (Fisher) Muir. Family lived at Republican City & Grand Island, NE. 7 Feb 1971: Married Dale E. "Butch" Eddy at Grand Island, NE. They lived in Archer & Grand Island, NE. Carla died Thurs., 6 Oct 2011 at Grand Island. Visitation: Fri., Apfel Funeral Home. Service: Sat., Christ Lutheran Church, Grand Island, NE. Burial in Naponee Cemetery, Naponee, NE. Survivors: 2 daughters, 6 sons, 23 gch, 3 g-gch.; her father & step-mother; 3 brothers; her father-in-law; 2 sisters-in-law, a brother-in-law. Predeceased by her husband; and her mother.

Columbus Telegram (photo) & Grand Island Independent - Sat. 8 Oct 2011

**Ronald Joseph URKOSKI, 69**

Born 8 Mar 1942, Genoa, NE. Parents: Andrew & Barbara (Zoucha) Urkoski. 1960 grad of Clarks HS 1963: Married. Farmed at Silver Creek, NE. Ronald died Wed. 5 Oct 2011 in Columbus, NE. Service: Mon., St. Lawrence Catholic Church, Silver Creek. Burial in the church cemetery. Arrangements: McKown Funeral Home. Survivors: His wife, 4 children, gch.; 2 sisters; 2 brothers. Predeceased by his parents.

Columbus Telegram - Tues. 11 Oct 2011

**Melody Ranee CRANDALL, 45**

Born 26 Feb 1966, Grand Rapids, MI. Died 6 Oct 2011, Grand Island, NE. Resident of Central City, formerly lived at Ainsworth, NE. Celebration of Life will be Sat., Hoch Funeral Home, Ainsworth, NE. Survivors: Her husband Donald Hammock of Central City; 2 sons, 3 daughters, 12 gch.; her parents in OK; 12 half-brothers, 12 half-sisters; many other relatives & "adopted children".

Aurora News Register - Mon. 17 Oct 2011; Grand Island Independent (photo) - Wed. 19 Oct 2011

**Bernard Joseph McMAHON, 88**

Born 15 Dec 1922, Central City, NE. Parents: Joseph Peter & Vivienne Anna (Farrell) McMahon. 1940 grad. of CCHS. WW II: US Army. 8 Oct 1947: Married in Grand Island, NE. They lived in Grand Island; moved to farm in Merrick County. 1953: Moved to farm near Aurora. 1956: Moved to Giltner, NE where he died Mon. 17 Oct 2011. Service: Fri., St. Mary's Catholic Church in Aurora. Burial at St. Joseph's Catholic Cemetery in Giltner, NE. Survivors: His wife, 4 sons, 7 daughters, 31 gch., 20 g-gch.; a sister. Predeceased by his parents; a sister - Agnes Bricault; son-in-law - Barry Robertshaw; 2 brothers-in-law - Robert Bricault & Leonard Jisa. Note: See 1930 Fed. Census NE ED61-7 p2a D32 F34: Lone Tree Twp, Merrick, NE (w/p).

Columbus Telegram & Grand Island Independent (photo) - Fri. 28 Oct 2011

**Dale F. GRESS, 96**

Lived on farm NE of Palmer, NE until recently. Died Wed. 26 Oct 2011 at hospital in Grand Island, NE. Visitation was Thurs. at Greenway Funeral Home, Palmer. Service: Today, First Church of Christ, Palmer, NE. Burial in Rose Hill Cemetery. Survivors: 5 children, 11 gch., 13 g-gch.; a sister. Predeceased by his wife LaVonne; a daughter Darlene Ough; his parents; a sister Hattie Andersen; a brother Stanley Gress. Note: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I pp 211-12 (Gress) Gress), 412 (Wymer); 1930 Fed. Census NE ED61-9 p4b: Loup Twp, Merrick, NE (w/p).

Grand Island Independent - Fri. 28 Oct 2011

**Eldon L. ROOT, 88**

Born 10 Mar 1923, Holmesville (Gage Co), NE. Parents: Fred L. & Ida M. (Falwell) Root. In 1949, married at Holmesville; they farmed near Beatrice. 1987: Moved to Central City, NE. Eldon died Thurs., 27 Oct 2011 at Central City. Service: Mon., Heartland Evangelical Free Church, Central City. Burial at Brethren Cemetery near Holmesville. Arrangements: Wagner Funeral Home, Central City. Survivors: His wife; 3 sons & 2 daughters, 8 gch, 3 g-gch. Predeceased by his parents; a brother - Marion Root; 3 sisters - Ruth Mack, Addie Jenkins & Gertrude Rood. Memorials to Gideons or NE Christian Schools.

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Grand Island Independent - Wed. 9 Nov 2011; Norfolk Daily News - Thurs. 10 Nov 2011

**Dr. Terry P. GEE, 53**(photo)

Born 20 Oct 1958 St. Paul (Howard Co.), NE. Parents: Lyle & Darlene Gee. Physician. Died 5 Nov 2011 at Lincoln, NE. Celebration of Life Mon. 21 Nov 2011 at Chez Hay (210 N 14th St., Lincoln.) Burial at later date, Palmer, NE. Survivors: His wife; his parents; 2 sons; a sister & 4 brothers. Memorials to NBTS, the National Brain Tumor Society.

Columbus Telegram - Sat. 12 Nov 2011; Grand Island Independent - Sun. 13 Nov 2011

**Evelyn Fawn FLEEMAN, 85** (photo)

Born 22 Mar 1926 NW of Osceola (Polk Co.), NE. Parents: Oscar & Florence (Barker) Anderson. 1943 grad. of Silver Creek HS. Attended Kearney State. Teacher. 29 Oct 1945: Married Orrie "Bo" Fleeman at Kearney, NE. They lived at Clarks, NE. Bo died in 1980. Evelyn died Sat. 12 Nov 2011 at hospital in Central City, NE. Visitation: Mon. Solt Funeral Home, Central City. Service: Tues., United Methodist Church, Clarks, NE with burial in the city cemetery. Survivors: 4 sons, 4 daughters, 24 gch.; a brother & 2 sisters. Predeceased by her husband; her parents; a daughter Lorrie Harvey (2005); 2 brothers - Gilbert & Keith Anderson; a sister Lila Hannappel.

Grand Island Independent - Mon. 14 Nov 2011

**Gordon M. JENSEN, 84**(photo)

Born 15 Apr 1927, Palmer, NE. Parents: Horace V. & Christina (Williamsen) Jensen. 7 Jun 1950: Married Dorothy A. Shea at Oconto, NE. They lived at Callaway & Overton, NE. Dorothy died 5 Jun 2004. Gordon died Sat. 12 Nov 2011 at Grand Island, NE. Service: Wed., Holy Rosary Catholic Church, Overton, NE. Burial in Overton. Veteran. Arrangements: Reynolds-Love Funeral Home, Lexington, NE. Survivors: A son & a daughter, 4 gch; 2 brothers; 4 sisters-in-law. Memorials to Overton Military Monument Fund.

Grand Island Independent (photo), & Aurora News Register - Wed. 23 Nov 2011

**Edith I. ERICKSON, 90**

Born 17 Oct 1921, Central City, NE. Parents: Edward & Julia (Smith) Small. Grew up on Prairie Island. 1939 grad. of Hordville HS. 14 May 1941: Married Clayton K. Erickson at Wichita, KS. They lived in Wichita. 1956: They moved to farm on Prairie Island, NE. Moved to Central City NE. Edith died Tues. 22 Nov 2011 at home. Visitation: Fri., Wagner Funeral Home, Central City, NE. Service: Sat. at United Methodist Church. Burial in Central City Cemetery. Survivors: 4 sons, a daughter, 18 gch, 21 g-gch. Predeceased by her husband; 3 infant siblings (James, Thomas & Clara Small); 3 half-brothers - Glenn, Leland & Harold Small. Memorials to "Surprised By Hope" fund at the United Methodist Church in Central City, or the Hordville Event Center.

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 29 Nov 2011

**Gene A. SCHENK, 61**(photo)

Born 9 Jul 1950, Central City, NE. Parents: Fred & Anola (Kenyon) Schenk. Attended CCHS. 1 May 1976: Married Louise. Auto mechanic, business owner. 1999: Married as second time. Died Sun. 27 Nov 2011 at Central City. Visitation: Wed. Solt Funeral Home. Graveside service will be Thurs., Central City Cemetery. Survivors: 3 children, a gch.; a brother & 2 sisters. Predeceased by his parents & grandparents; a sister-in-law Connie Schenk.

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 30 Nov 2011

**Ronald E. FOULK, 70**

Born 10 Sep 1941 near Archer, NE. Parents: Percival P. & Marjorie J. (Sinsel) Foulk. 1959 grad. of CCHS. 1960-66: US Navy. 12 Aug 1967: Married at Fort Collins, CO. They lived in Marquette & Central City, NE. Farmer, land leveler. He died Mon. 28 Nov 2011 at Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Grand Island, NE. Visitation: Wed. Wagner Funeral Home, Central City. Service: Thurs. Archer Zion United Methodist Church near Archer. Burial in Prairie Creek Cemetery near Archer. Survivors: His wife, 3 sons, 7 gch., 1 g-gch.; 3 brothers, 4 sisters. Predeceased by his parents; 2 brothers - Myron & Dennis; 3 sisters - Shirley, Darlene & Linda.

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Columbus Telegram - Sat. 3 Dec 2011

**Joan SHEFCYK, 70**(photo)

Born 30 Oct 1941, Genoa, NE. Parents: Andrew & Dorothy (Sutko) Dush. Grad. of Clarks HS. 27 Aug 1960: Married Daniel Shefcyk at Silver Creek, NE. They lived in Columbus, NE. Joan died Fri. 2 Dec 2011 at home. Service: Mon. St. Anthony Catholic Church, Columbus, NE. Burial in St. Stanislaus Cemetery, Duncan, NE. Arrangements: McKown Funeral Home. Survivors: Her husband; 4 daughters, 4 sons, 13 gch.; a sister & a brother. Predeceased by her parents; a grandson Joshua Shefcyk.

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 7 Dec 2011

**Larry Lisle MASON, 74** (photo)

Born 1 Apr 1937, Central City, NE. Parents: Lisle L. & Sophie M. (Zlomke) Mason. 1955 grad. of CCHS. 10 Nov 1956: Married at Baptist Church in Central City. They lived in Central City. Trucker. Methodist. Died Tues. 6 Dec 2011 at hospital in Grand Island, NE. Service: Sat., Solt Funeral Home. Burial at later date in the city cemetery. Survivors: His wife; 3 sons, 5 daughters, a son-in-law, 28 gch., 38 g-gch.; a sister in CA. Predeceased by a daughter Kim Shively (2009); his parents; 2 sisters - Delores Norgard & Carol Rauer; 2 gch.

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 8 Dec 2011

**Robert E. WAGNER, 89**

Born 17 Nov 1922 at Milwaukee, WI. 20 Sep 1947: Married Elsie Klingenberg at Grand Island, NE. Served in US Army and USAF (WW II & Korean Wars). He lived in several NE towns including St. Paul & North Loup, NE. Lutheran. Died Mon. 28 Nov 2011 at Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Grand Island, NE. No service. Arrangements by Peters Funeral Home. Inurnment at Arlington National Cemetery. Predeceased by his wife

& a son David. Survived by 2 gch.  
Note: Gravestone at Chapman Cemetery.

Grand Island Independent - Fri. 9 Dec 2011

**Esther Frances GILLEY, 97**

Born 3 Jul 1914, near Farwell, NE. Parents: John & Mary (Rozmiarek) Wolinski. 11 Jul 1940: Married Robert Gilley. They farmed his family place. Moved to Central City in 1968. Robert died 8 Mar 2005. Esther died Wed. 7 Dec 2011 at Central City. Service: Mon. Solt Funeral Home, Central City. Burial in the city cemetery. Survivors: a nephew & his wife. Predeceased by her husband; 5 brothers - Anton, Leo, Alois, Stanley & Edward; 5 sisters - Anna Waltman, Martha Zurek, Maggie Lempke, Helen Geiger & Clara Kaiser.

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 13 Dec 2011

**Donald Lee GRACE, 84(photo)**

Born 29 Jan 1927, Palmer, NE. Parents: Cecil & Cernice (Eckles) Grace. 1949: Enlisted in US Army. 15 Oct 1950: Married at Palmer, NE. 1953: Moved to farm near Miller, SD. Later moved to St. Lawrence, SD. He died Thurs., 8 Dec 2011 at Miller, SD. Service was held 12 Dec at First United Methodist Church, Miller, SD. Burial in G.A.R. Cemetery at Miller. Arrangements: Reck Funeral Home. Survivors: His wife, 2 children, gch. Predeceased by his parents & 2 gch.

Note: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I pp 209 (P&D Grace), 108 (TW Anderson); 1930 Fed. Census NE ED61-11 p7a D154 F154: Archer, Midland Twp, Merrick, NE (w/p).

Columbus Telegram - Wed. 14 Dec 2011

**Alois ZYWIEC, 75 (photo)**

Born 29 Apr 1936 at Krakow, NE. Parents: Pete & Barbara (Dush) Zywiec. Attended school at Krakow & Columbus, NE. 1956-57: US Navy. Employee of UPRR. 21 Jul 1973: Married at Logan, Iowa. 1975: Moved to Silver Creek, NE. Alois died Sun. 11 Dec 2011 at hospital in Lincoln, NE. Service: Thurs., St. Isidore Catholic Church, Columbus, NE. Burial in All Saints Catholic Cemetery at Columbus. Survivors: His wife, a daughter, a gch.; 2 sisters, a brother. Predeceased by his parents; 5 sisters - Mary Borowiak, Clara Hanzel, Elaine Kurek, Elsie Prososki, Irene Stucznski; 4 brothers - Edward, Lonnie, Pete & Ray.

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 17 Dec 2011

**Suzanne OLSON, 72(photo)**

Born 29 May 1939, Marshalltown, IA. Parents: Ora & Agnes M. (Austin) Sparrow. 1957 grad. of Jeweell HS (Iowa). Grad. of Iowa State Teacher's College, Cedar Falls, IA. 17 Jun 1961: Married Richard G. Olson. Taught in IA and Merrick Co., NE. She died Tues., 13 Dec 2011 at home in Clarks, NE. Service: Mon. Clarks Congregational Church. Burial in Clarks Cemetery. Survivors: Her husband; 2 daughters, 3 sons, 6 gch.; 3 sisters, a brother. Predeceased by her parents & her step-father Carl Ingledue; 2 infant siblings - Rosemary & Daniel Shaw Sparrow.

Note: Her husband died the following day.

Grand Island Independent - Mon. 19 Dec 2011

**Richard G. OLSON, 78(photo)**

Born 6 Jan 1933 at DeWitt, IA. Parents: Ivan & Jessie D. (Grell) Olson. 1950 grad of DeWitt HS. 1953-55: US Army. Carpenter, teacher. 17 Jun 1961: Married Suzanne Sparrow at Juell, IA. 1963: Moved to Clarks, NE. Suzanne died 13 Dec 2011. Richard died Sun. 18 Dec 2011 at home. A joint funeral service will be Monday at the Congregational Church in Clarks, NE. Burial in Clarks Cemetery. Arrangements: Solt Funeral Home. Survivors: 6 children, 6 gch. Predeceased by his wife (see above), his parents, a sister - Shirley Wannepain.

Grand Island Independent - Mon. 19 Dec 2011

**Maymie M. FLESCH, 74(photo)**

Born 12 Jul 1937, Central City, NE. Parents: Henry W. & Eva M. (McMahon) Bolling. 1955 grad. of CCHS. 29 Dec 1960: Married Robert J. Flesch at Central City. They lived in numerous places (see obit). 1983: Returned to Central City, NE. Maymie died Sat. 17 Dec 2011 at Central City. Service: Wed., St. Michael Catholic Church,

Central City. Burial at later date. Arrangements: Solt Funeral Home. Survivors: Her husband; a son, 3 gch; 3 sisters. Predeceased by her parents: 2 brothers - Charles & Philip Bolling; a sister - Catherine Blodgett.

Columbus Telegram - Mon. 19 Dec 2011

**Shirley ZEGAR, 79**(photo)

Born 2 May 1932 at Columbus, NE. Parents: Edward & Esther (Engel) Gerber. 1950 grad. of Duncan HS. 29 Aug 1950: Married Virgil Zegar at Clarks, NE. They farmed in Merrick County. Shirley died Fri. 16 Dec 2011 at Columbus, NE. Service: Tues., St. Isidore Catholic Church, Columbus. Burial in St. Lawrence Catholic Cemetery, Silver Creek, NE. Arrangements by McKown Funeral Home. Survivors: 3 daughters, a son, 13 gch., 11 g-gch.; 3 sisters-in-law; 2 aunts & 1 uncle. Predeceased by her husband, & her parents.

Columbus Telegram & Grand Island Independent - Tues. 20 Dec 2011

**Leila 'Lee' CYZA**(photo)

Born 3 Dec 1926 at Palmer, NE. Parents: Hubert & Hattie (Stark) McCray. 15 May 1948: Married Clifford Cyza at Fullerton, NE. Resident of Alliance, NE. She died Sat. 17 Dec 2011 at Alliance. Service: Wed. Holy Rosary Catholic Church. Survivors: Her husband 3 children, 12 gch., 13 g-gch.; a sister, 2 brothers. Predeceased by her parents; sister - Doris Berney; brother - Everett McCray; a gch. Memorials to St. Agnes Academy Foundation or Prairie Haven Hospice.

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 20 Dec 2011

**Virgil E. KUSKIE, 90**(photo)

Born 3 Apr 1921 on farm near Central City, NE. Parents: William & Laura (Hilderbrand) Kuskie. 1942-43: US Army. 2 May 1942: Married Maxine E. Peters at Hastings, NE. They farmed near Central City. Methodist. Maxine died in Mar 2007. Virgil died Mon. 19 Dec 2011 at Aurora, NE. Service: Thurs., Wagner Funeral Home, Central City, NE. Burial in the city cemetery. Survivors: A son & his wife, 2 gch., 4 ggch.; a sister-in-law. Predeceased by his wife; his parents; 2 brothers - Elmer & George; 2 sisters - Marge & Donna. Memorials to Ddisabled American Veterans.

Columbus Telegram - Tues. 20 Dec 2011

**John Lee RILEY, 61**(photo)

Born 6 Dec 1950 at Central City, NE. Parents: Ralph & Janette Riley. Grad. of Albion HS. 1970-72: US Army. 17 Mar 1973: Married at Newman Grove, NE. He died Sat. 17 Dec 2011 at home in Columbus, NE. Service: Wed., St. John's Lutheran Church, Shell Creek. Burial in the church cemetery. Arrangements by Gass Haney Funeral Home. Survivors: His wife; 3 daughters, 7 gch.; his mother; 4 brothers & 1 sisters. Predeceased by his father.

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 22 Dec 2011

**Martha E. MADDOX, 103**(photo)

Born 25 Mar 1908 at Palmer, NE. Parents: Oliver & Lillian (Vandergrift) Keller. 1926 grad. of GISH. 14 Mar 1928: Married James "Elmer" Maddox at Palmer, NE. Piano teacher. They farmed, ran a dairy. Elmer died 8 May 1981. Martha died Tues. 20 Dec 2011 at St. Paul, NE. Visitation: Thurs., Jacobsen- Greenway Funeral Home, St. Paul. Service: Fri. First Church of Christ, Palmer, N. Burial in Rose Hill Cemetery, Palmer. Survivors: A son, 6 daughters, 23 gch., many g-gch & gg-gch. Predeceased by her parents; 2 sisters - Marie Walling & Velma Falk; 2 brothers - Lavern & Charles Keller; 3 sons-in-law - Ken Lewis, Allen Main, & Milton Swanson. Memorials to the church.

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 28 Dec 2011

**Margaret Lucille JOHNSON, 96** (photo)

Born 14 Oct 1915. Parents: Charles W. & Atha E. (Newlon) Riddlemoser. 1935 grad. of CCHS. 27 Oct 1937: Married Harlan E. Johnson. She worked in Polk and in Central City. Later owned a cafe at Polk, NE. She died Mon. 26 Dec 2011 at hospital in Aurora, NE. Service: Fri., United Methodist Church, Polk, NE. Burial in Swede Plain Cemetery near Polk. Survivors: 2 children; 8 gch., 5 step-gch.; Predeceased by her parents; brother - John; 22 sisters - Violet & Gertrude.

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 28 Dec 2011

**Harold W. MORRIS, 95**(photo)

Born 5 Apr 1916 in Nance Co., NE. Parents: Luther & Lula (Phillips) Morris. 11 Mar 1937: Married Dorothy Shirey at Phillipsburg, KS. He worked for the GI Independent, and then drove for trucking companies. They moved to Denver; later moved to CA. 1981: Moved to Palmer, NE. Dorothy died 15 Aug 2002. Harold died Sun 25 Dec 2011 at hospital in St. Paul, NE. Visitation: Wed., Greenway Funeral Home, Palmer. Service: Thurs., United Methodist Church, Palmer. Burial in Rose Hill Cemetery. Survivors: A daughter, a son, 11 gch., 25 g-gch, 7 gg-gch.; a sister-in-law in CA. Predeceased by his wife; his parents, a gch, a g-gch.; a daughter-in-law; 6 brothers - Ray, Roland, Vernon, Earl, Robert & Lee Morris; 3 sisters - Bessie Morris, May Schomburg, Grace Collins. Memorials to Palmer Senior Center or the Palmer Fire Department.

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 28 Dec 2011

**Margie D. MUNDT, 93**(photo)

Born 30 May 1918, Central City, NE. Parents: William & Birdie (Shively) Garrett. 4 Sep 1941: Married John Garrett. They farmed N of Central City. John died 12 May 1999. Margie died Sat. 24 Dec 2011 at Grand Island, NE. Service Thurs., Thurs. Curran Funeral Chapel. Burial in Bureau Cemetery, Pierce Chapel, near Clarks, NE. Survivors: 2 sons, a daughter, 11 gch., 23 g-gch., 1 gg-gch. Predeceased by her husband; her parents, one gch.

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 28 Dec 2011

**Rex E. STACK, 70**

Born 4 Sep 1941 near Chapman, NE. Parents: Orie & Augusta (Hansen) Stack. 1961 grad. of CCHS. Worked for a cattle company. He died Sat. 24 Dec 2011 at medical center in Grand Island, NE. Graveside service will be Thurs. at Chapman Cemetery. Survivors: A brother & a sister. Predeceased by his parents; a sister - Violet Sowl; 3 brothers - Ray, Roy & Danny Stack; an infant son - Steven Russell Stack.

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 29 Dec 2011

**Arthur D. "Ducky" DAVIS, 80**

Born 16 Dec 1931 in Shelby, NE. Parents: Austin E. & Susan B. (McMillen) Davis. 24 Mar 1957: Married at Palmer, NE. Farmer in Nance & Merrick Counties; business owner; trucker. Lived at Palmer, NE; Worms, NE Grand Island, NE. He died Tues. 27 Dec 2011 at Grand Island. Service: Fri., United Methodist Church, Palmer. Burial in Rose Hill Cemetery. Arrangements: Greenway Funeral Home, Palmer. Survivors: His wife, a son, 3 daughters, 13 gch., 5 g-gch; 2 brothers; 2 sisters. Predeceased by his parents; 3 brothers - Austin, Wallace & Eugene Davis; 2 sisters - Lola Rieken and Deva Van DeWalle. Memorials to the church or to the cemetery.

Grand Island Independent - Fri. 30 Dec 2011

**Lucille M. FECHTER, 85**

Born 11 Feb 1926, Merrick Co., NE. Parents: Frank & Minnie (Glause) Fechtner. 1944 grad. of Palmer HS. Family moved into Palmer in 1946. Worked in hospitals & rest homes, lived in Palmer. Celebrated her 80th birthday with ride on Harley with a nephew. She died Wed. 28 Dec 2011 at Grand Island, NE. Visitation: Fri. Greenway Funeral Home, Palmer, NE. Service will be Wed. at Church of Christ, Palmer. Burial in Rose Hill Cemetery at Palmer. Survivors: 2 sisters, a sister-in-law, nieces & nephews. Predeceased by her parents, 2 brothers - Harold & Donald Fechtner; a sister - Viola Shinn; 3 brothers-in-law - Melvin Dankert, Ed Shinn & Arnold Beyersdorf; a sister-in-law - Elsie Fechtner. Memorials to Palmer Senior Center, AseraCare Hospice. Note: See 1930 Fed. Census NE ED61-9 p4a: Loup Twp, Merrick, NE (w/p).

## 2012 - Obits

### 'Related to Merrick Co., NE'

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Grand Island Independent - Sun. 1 Jan 2012

**Marlin L. WELLS, 85** (photo)

Born 12 Dec 1926 at Palmer, NE. Parents: Lester & Della Mae (Dunn) Wells. Family lived near St. Paul, NE; moved to farm near Denman about 1930 & then to farm near Chapman about 1944. 1945-47: US Army. Worked mostly for Knight Brothers Construction. 11 Sep 1955: Married Lena Loats at Lennox, SD. They lived in Grand Island, NE; & then in Denver, CO. Thereafter lived in several NE communities. 1967: Moved to Central City, NE. Lena died in 2004. Marlin died Thurs., 29 Dec 2011 at hospital in Grand Island, NE following accident with antique tractor. Service will be Wed. at First Christian Church in Central City. Burial in the city cemetery. Survivors: 2 sons, 5 gch., 4 g-gch.; a brother in CO. Predeceased by his wife; his father (1965) & his mother (1994), his step-father, Arnold Frank.

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 4 Jan 2012

**Benjamin Thomas LINDNER**

Stillborn on Sun.. 1 Jan 2012 at Aurora, NE. Parents: Lance & Tina Lindner of Central City, NE. Private graveside service will be at Central City Cemetery. Arrangements by Wagner Funeral Home. Survivors include his parents, 4 siblings, grandparents & great-grandparents.

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 4 Jan 2012

**A. Yvonne MARSH** (photo)

Born 20 Jul 1926 near Archer, NE. Parents: Lloyd Immel & Lillian Kathrine (Condell) Nitzell. Grad. of CCHS - salutatorian. Attended UN Ag College for a year. Teacher. 7 Apr 1946: Married Robert Marsh at home of parents. They farmed near St. Libory. 1954: Moved to farm near Ravenna, NE. Yvonne taught piano. 1964: They moved to Grand Island, NE. 1970: Moved to Rensselaer, IN; and in 1971 to Webster City, IA. In 1984: Moved to Littleton, CO. In 2006: Moved to Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Robert died in Jul 2011. Yvonne died Fri. 30 Dec 2011. Visitation will be 5 Jan 2012 at Wagner Funeral Home, Central City, NE. Service 6 Jan at Fairview United Methodist Church near Central City, NE. Survivors: 3 children, 4 gch.; a brother. Predeceased by her husband; her parents; 2 brothers-in-law. Memorials to Alzheimer's Association or the Fairview United Methodist Church.

Note: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I p312; 1930 Fed. Census NE ED61-11 p3a D52 F52: Midland Twp, Merrick, NE (w/p).

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 4 Jan 2012

**William "Bill" RICE, 70**

Born 21 Jul 1941, Neligh, NE. Parents: Albert & Frances Rice. Grew up at Clarks, NE. Resident of Lakewood, CO. Bill died Thurs. 29 Dec 2011 in Wyoming - snowmobiling accident. Service will be Fri. at Mile High Church, Lakewood, CO. Arrangements by Wagner Funeral Home. Survivors: His wife, a son, a daughter, 3 gch. Memorial donations to DRAW (Drag Racing Association of Women), 4 Hance Dr., Charleston, IL 61920, [www.drawfasthelp.org](http://www.drawfasthelp.org).

Columbus Telegram & Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 5 Jan 2012; Polk County Newspaper - Tues. 10 Jan 2012

**Robert SPIRES Jr., 87**

Born 16 Aug 1924, Clarks, NE. Parents: Robert & Nettie I. (Ernst) Spires. Grad. of Clarks HS, 18 Nov 1937: Married Donna Mae Land at Central City, NE. WW II: US Army. Lived at Exeter & York, NE. NE State Patrol (27 yrs) & member NE Public Service Commission (10 years). He died 2 Jan 2012, at Lincoln, NE. Visitation today at Metz Mortuary in York, NE. Service will be Fri. at First United Methodist Church, York, NE. Burial in Greenwood Cemetery. Survivors: A son, 4 daughters, 9 gch., 18 g-gch.; 2 sisters, 2 brothers. Predeceased by

his wife; 2 brothers & a sister, 2 infant gch. and a g-gch.

Note: See 1930 Fed. Census NE ED61-5 p1a D8 F8: Clarks Village, Merrick, NE (w/p).

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 11 Jan 2012

**Shirley J. "Shushe" ZIEMBA, 64** (photo)

Born 27 Jan 1947 at Palmer, NE. Parents: James & Evelyn (Scott) Davis. 26 Oct 1969: Married Ronald Ziemba. They lived in Kansas City & Hastings. 1976: Moved to Grand Island, NE. Shirley died Mon. 9 Jan 2012 at Grand Island, NE. Service will be Thurs. at St. Leo's Catholic Church, Grand Island. Private inurnment at Westlawn Memorial Park. Survivors: Her husband; 2 daughters; gch.; a sister in CA; 3 brothers; other relatives & friends. Predeceased by her parents; a brother Ronald; a nephew Todd Davis.

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 14 Jan 2012

**Samuel R. RANDALL, 88** (photo)

Born 10 May 1923 near Forest City, MO. Parents: Samuel Hayes & Bertha Beatrice (Ross) Randall. Family moved to Merrick Co. NE in 1930. 1945-46: US Army. 28 Nov 1947: Married Velma D. Bush at Clarks, NE. They lived in Clarks. He worked for Overland Sand & Gravel from 1955 to 2007. Mr. Randall died Fri. 13 Jan 2012 at Central City, NE. Service will be Mon. at Wagner Funeral Home with burial at Bureau Cemetery, Pierce Chapel, near Clarks, NE. Survivors: 2 daughters and their families. Predeceased by his wife; his parents; 3 sisters - Madge Elliot, Dorothy McMillan & Margaret Randall; 7 brothers - Chalmer, Claude, Grandville, Donald, Joseph, Martin & Herbert. Also deceased are a son-in-law and a gch.

Note: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I p326.

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 21 Jan 2012; Polk County Newspaper - Tues. 24 Jan 2012

**Dale William LINDBURG, 83**(photo)

Born 6 Mar 1928 on farm N of Polk, NE. Parents: Maurice G. & Elva (Hahn) Lindburg. 1946 grad. of Polk HS. 1951: Married at Ong, NE. They farmed near Polk; retired to Central City, NE. Dale died Thurs. 19 Jan 2012 at NE Medical Center, Omaha, NE. Memorial service will be Sat. at First Baptist Church in Polk with burial at Leclde Cemetery. Survivors: His wife, 2 sons, 3 daughters, 14 gch., 2 g-gch.; a sister, 3 sisters-in-law. Predeceased by hs parents & 2 brothers.

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 24 Jan 2012

**Eleanora Grace JOHNSON, 85**

Born 1926 at Clarks, NE. Parents: Joseph & Annue (Walden) Gorgen. 1944 grad. of CCHS. Telephone operator. 1953: Married Maynard Johnson at Central City, NE. They lived at Hordville, Hampton and Aurora, NE. She died Sun. 22 Jan 2012 at Aurora, NE. Service will be private; burial later in Aurora Cemetery. Arrangements by Higby-McQuiston Mortuary. Survivors: Her husband; 3 sons, 4 gch.; a sister. Predeceased by her parents, a brother Gilbert Gorgen.

Notes: See 1930 Fed. Census NE ED61-6 p1b D17 F17: Clarksville Twp, Merrick, NE (w/p). Husband Andrew Maynard Johnson died 30 Sep 2012.

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 24 Jan 2012

**Robert "Bob" KORTUM, 57**(photo)

Born 28 Mar 1954, Central City, NE. Parents: James F. & Margaret (Collingwood) Kortum. Grew up on Prairie Island, NE. 1972 grad. of Hordville HS. 1982: Married; they lived in Central City, NE until 1999 when moved to Hordville. Later moved to Chapman, NE. Bob died Fri. 20 Jan 2012 at Chapman. Service will be Sat. at Solt Funeral Home, Central City, NE. Survivors: 2 sons, a daughter, 2 gch.; 2 sisters. Predeceased by his parents; a brother Russell; an infant brother James F. Kortum Jr.

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 24 Jan 2012

**James T. "Tom" McMAHON, 72**(photo)



Born 27 Nov 1939 at Central City, NE. Parents: James B. & Janet (Willeman) McMahon. 1957 grad. of CCHS. 14 Aug 1965: Married. They farmed at Central City, NE. Active in many civic groups. He died Sun. 22 Jan 2012 at hospital in Lincoln, NE. Service: Fri. 27 Jan at St. Michael's Catholic Church, Central City. Burial in the city cemetery. Arrangements by Wagner Funeral Home. Survivors: His wife, 3 sons, a daughter, 4 gch.; a brother, 2 sisters. Predeceased by his parents & 5 infant children - Maureen, Mary Therese, Jay, Jean, Jess. Memorials to St. Michael's Catholic Church, American Legion Baseball Program, Central City Senior Center, or Merrick County Child Development Center.

Note: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I p300.

Grand Island Independent - Fri. 27 Jan 2012

**Max W. CHRISP, 85**

Born 5 Jan 1927, Central City, NE. Parents: Elmer J. & Ernestine (Pearsons) Chrisp. Resident of Rogers, Arkansas. Died Wed. 25 Jan 2012 at home. Service will be Sat. at Sisco Funeral Home, Pea Ridge, Ark. Survivors: His wife, 2 sons, 6 daughters, many gch & g-gch.; 2 brothers; 2 sisters. Predeceased by 2 sons - Max William Jr. & Terry Lee Chrisp.

Fremont Tribune - Sat. 28 Jan 2012

**Homer Lloyd MYERS Sr., 76**

Born 28 Feb 1935, Clarks, NE. Parents: Bert & Rose (Morris) Myers. Attended Clarks HS. Served 4 yrs in US Navy. 6 Sep 1957: Married at Logan, IA. 1972: Moved to Fremont, NE. Worked 30 years for Valmont. He died Wed. 25 Jan 2012 at hospital in Omaha, NE. Service will be Mon. at Teichmuth Funeral Home, Elkhorn, NE. Burial in Prospect Hill Cemetery. Survivors: His wife, 4 children, 10 gch.; 14 g-gch.; a sister & a brother. Predeceased by his parents: 2 brothers - Marvin & Herb; an infant sister - Lois; a gch. Memorials to American Cancer Society or Calvary Methodist Church.

Note: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I p359 (RD Senkbile).

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 31 Jan 2012

**Lila Nadine COOK, 91**(photo)

Born 22 Nov 1920. Mitchell, NE. Parents: Parker & Lily (Cameron) Watson. In 1934 the family moved to CA. Lila grad. from Tracy HS in 1938. LPN. 4 Jun 1940: Married Denver Cook at Carson City, NV. Lived in California until 1970's when moved to farm in MO. Later returned to CA. 2000: Moved to NE. Denver died in 2000. Lila died Mon. 23 Jan 2012 at Central City, NE. Service will be Thurs at Solt Funeral Home, Central City. Survivors: A daughter; a son. 4 gch., 9 g-gch. Predeceased by 5 brothers & a sister. Memorials to "Help Us Animals' Fund through Archer Credit Union."

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 31 Jan 2012

**Beatrice Lillian Fenske Burbach TRAUDT, 96**(photo)

Born 22 Dec 1915, Martland Twp, Fillmore Co., NE. Parents: O.W. & Chrstine (Bermaster) Fenske. 1928: Family moved to Sutton (Clay Co.), NE. Teacher. 7 Jun 1939: Married Reuben A. Burbach at Minden, NE. He died 29 Jul 1964. 29 Aug 1976: Married Donald M. Traudt at Central City, NE. He died 27 Jan 1980. Beatrice moved to Aurora, NE. She died Sun. 29 Jan 2012 at Central City, NE. Service will be Thurs at Pleasant View Bible Church, Aurora, NE. Burial in the cemetery at Sutton, NE. Wagner Funeral Home in Central City is assisting with arrangements. Survivors: A son, a daughter, many grandchildren; a sister; step-children & their descendents. Predeceased by her parents; 2 husbands; a half brother Leonard Fenske; a sister Gretchen Hietbrink. Memorials to the church or Litzenberg Long Term Care, Central City, NE.

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Grand Island Independent - Sun. 5 Feb 2012

**Rogene Cora HOWE 90**(photo)

Born 2 Jun 1921, Central City, NE. Parents: Henry Arthur & Ermyl D. (Fogland) Roark. Educated at Central City, NE. 25 Nov 1938: Married Ronald C. Howe at Omaha, NE. They lived in Central City. WW II: Ronald served in US Army. They later lived in both Central City & Aurora, NE. Ronald died 12 Dec 1990. Rogene died

Fri. 3 Feb 2012 at Central City, NE. Visitation Tues. at Solt Funeral Home. Graveside service will be Tues. at Central City Cemetery. Survivors: 3 children, 6 gch., 14 g-gch.; a sister-in-law. Predeceased by her husband; her parents; a sister - Elaine Anderson; a brother Thomas Roark. a gch. Memorials to American Cancer Society, or Save Us Animals Shelter, Central Cty.

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 29 Feb 2012

**Erma M. KYES, 101** (photo)

Born 15 Sep 1910 at Central City, NE. Parents: Ernest B. & Ella N. (Langston) Gleason. 1928 grad. of CCHS. 23 Apr 1930: Married Dean C. Kyys at Fullerton, NE. They farmed at Archer & Fairview, NE. 1968: Moved to Central City, NE. Erma died Sun. 26 Feb 2012 at Central City. Visitation: Thurs., Wagner Funeral Home. Service will be Fri. at Fairview United Methodist Church near Central City. Burial in Central City Cemetery. Survivors: 3 sons, 4 daughters-in-law; 2 daughters & their spouses; 22 gch, 38 g-gch., 3 gg-gch.; 2 sisters; a brother. Predeceased by her husband; her parents; a son - Robert Kyes, a daughter and son-in-law, Dorla and LeRoy Schroeder, a brother, Harold Gleason, a sister, Dorothy Ferguson; a gch.

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Columbus Telegram - Wed. 7 Mar 2012; Polk County Newspaper (abbrev) - Thurs. 8 Mar 2012

**Dorene G. FRIZZELL-RODENE, 92**

Born 10 Oct 1910 in Merrick Co., NE. Parents: Irl & Gertrude (Laudder) Ward. 1937 grad. of Silver Creek HS. 23 Apr 1942: Married Dale Frizzell at Silver Creek, NE. They moved to Osceola, NE. Dale died 29 Nov 1987. Dorene married Devern Rodene 29 Jun 1996. Mr. Rodene died 13 Oct 2001. Dorene died Tues., 6 Mar 2012 at Osceola Good Samaritan Society. Service will be Fri. at United Methodist Church, Osceola. Burial in the city cemetery. Arrangements by Dubas Funeral Home, Osceola. Survivors: A daughter, 4 gch., 11 g-gch. Predeceased by her parents; both husbands, a son Ronald Frizzell; 2 sisters - Zelda "Zee" Van Winkle and Wilda ("Billy" Ward.

Note: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I p271 (W Lauder); 1920 Fed. Census NE ED162 p8B D15 F15: Silver Creek Twp, Merrick, NE (w/p); 1930 Fed. Census NE ED61-15 p4b D89 F90: Silver Creek Twp, Merrick, NE (w/p).

Aurora Daily Register - Thurs. 8 Mar 2012; Grand Island Independent - Sat. 10 Mar 2012

**Janice Kathryn "Jan" HENK, 75**(photo)

Born 21 May 1936, Harvard, NE. Parents: Floyd H. & Velma G. (Lomax) Hoffman. 1953 grad. of HS in Aurora, NE. 15 Jun 1958: Married Duane B. Henk in Aurora. They moved to Central City 4 years later. Jan died Thurs. 8 Mar 2012 at Central City. Service will be Tues., United Methodist Church, Central City. Burial at later date in the city cemetery. Arrangements by Solt Funeral Home. Survivors: Her husband, 3 daughters, 1 gch.; a brother. Predeceased by her parents and a brother Ronald. Memorials to ALS Association.

Aurora Daily Register - Wed. 7 Mar 2012; Grand Island Independent (photo) - Fri. 9 Mar 2012

**Frances Lynn "Fran" MOORE, 64**

Born 13 Sep 1947 at Hastings, NE. Parents: Frank & Verna (Daily) Hulme. 1965 grad. of Doniphan HS. 22 Mar 1968: Married Walter B. Moore at Kearney, NE. They lived in North Platte, Hansen and Central City, NE. Fran was dietary supervisor at Litzenberg Hospital for 15 yrs. She died Wed., 7 Mar 2012 at home. Service will be Sat. at Solt Funeral Home, Central City. Survivors: Her husband; a daughter, 2 sons, 8 gch. Predeceased by her parents; a sister - Margaret Smets.

Fremont Tribune - Mon. 12 Mar 2012

**Chester RYAN, 99**

Born 27 Sep 1912 at Central City, NE. Parents: Samuel & Fanny (Heuring) Ryan. Grad. of CCHS. 26 Jun 1938: Married Marguerite Barton at Central City. In 1949 they moved to Neligh, NE. 1986: Moved to Fremont, NE. He died Sat. 10 Mar 2012 at Fremont, NE. Visitation will be Thurs at Ludvigsen Mortuary in Fremont, NE.

Burial in Central City Cemetery. Survivors: A son, 3 gch., 8 g-gch., 2 gg-gch. Predeceased by his wife (1995); a gch.; a sister & a brother.

Aurora News Register - Tues. 13 Mar 2012; Grand Island Independent (photo) - Thurs. 15 Mar 2012

**Jean M. SCHANK, 87**

Born 28 Jul 1924 at York, NE. Parents: Clinton D. & Maude N. (Mathes) Davis. 1942 grad. of CCHS. 23 May 1942: Married Raymond J. Schank. They farmed near Archer, NE. Jean worked in the County Treasurer's office. She died Tues. 13 Mar 2012 at Central City, NE. Visitation will be Thurs. at Solt Funeral Home, Central City, NE. Graveside service: Fri. Central City Cemetery. Survivors: Her husband, a son, a daughter, 9 gch., 15 g-gch. Predeceased by her parents; 2 sisters - Alice Davis and Mable Fairchild; a brother - Jack Warren; a son Gary (2010).

Columbus Telegram - Fri. 16 Mar 2012

**Frances SHOTKOSKI, 91**

Born 16 May 1920, Clarks, NE. Parents: Joseph & Agatha (Zoucha) Gaver. 26 Jan 1949: Married Edwin J. Shotkoski at Clarks. They lived near Silver Creek, NE. About 2004 she moved to Omaha, NE. Frances died Wed. 14 Mar 2012 at Good Samaritan Home, Millard, NE. Service will be Sat. 17 Mar at St. Lawrence Catholic Church, Silver Creek, NE. Burial in the church cemetery. Arrangements by McKown Funeral Home. Survivors: A son, 2 daughters, 4 gch. 2 g-gch. Predeceased by her husband; her parents; 3 sisters - Kate Danielski, Barbara Hybner, Josephine Sliva; 4 brothers - Pete, Carl, Henry & Paul Gaver; a son-in-law, Jack Fajman.

Note: See 1930 Fed. Census NE ED61-6 p1b D18 F18: Clarksville Twp, Merrick, NE (w/mother & siblings).

Grand Island Independent - Sun. 18 Mar 2012

**Helen L. PETERSON, 91**

Born 15 Jan 1921 at Omaha, NE. Parents: August & Clara (Schupbach) Blase. Grew up at Silver Creek, NE where she graduated from HS in 1939. 9 Oct 1946: Married Virgil F. Peterson at Silver Creek. They lived at Dannebrog about a year, then moved to Grand Island. Helen moved to Omaha in 2004. She died there Thurs. 15 Mar 2012. Graveside service will be Tues. at Westlawn Cemetery in Grand Island, NE. Arrangements by Apfel Funeral Home. Survivors: 2 daughters; 6 gch., 6 g-gch.; a sister. Predeceased by her husband; her parents, 2 brothers & a sister.

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 20 Mar 2012

**Helen Irene BLAUHORN, 80(photo)**

Born 3 Dec 1931 at Palmer, NE. Parents: Frank & Rosa (Ray) Rowlett. 1949 grad. of Palmer HS. Married Wayne Peck in 1949; they lived on Prairie Island. Wayne died in 1951. Helen married Elmer Blauhorn in 1952; they farmed east of Palmer, NE. In 1980 they moved to Central City, NE. Elmer died in 2001. Helen died Sun. 18 Mar 2012 at Central City. Service will be Thurs. at Zion United Methodist Church near Archer NE. Burial in Zion Evangelical Community Cemetery. Arrangements by Solt Funeral Home. Survivors: A son, 2 daughters, 8 gch., 11 g-gch. Predeceased by both husbands; her parents; 3 brothers - Frank, David & Robert Rowlett; 3 sisters - Ida Rowlett, Lenora Booher & Ruby Schlueter; 2 sons-in-law. Memorials to the church.

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 20 Mar 2012

**Lucile HUDGENS, 99(photo)**

Born 6 Feb 1913 at Stockton, KS. Parents: H.A. (Ben) & Clara (Freeman) Butler. 19 Jul 1931: Married Al Hudgens at her parents home. They lived in Lamar, CO; Hays, KS; and McCook, NE. 1935: Moved to Central City, NE. They owned Hudgens Variety Store. Al died in 1981. Lucile died Sun. 18 Mar 2012 at Central City, NE. Her body will be donated to Creighton University School of Medicine. Later burial will be at Central City Cemetery. Arrangements by Solt Funeral Home. Survivors: 2 sons, a daughter; a sister. Predeceased by her husband; her parents; a brother Harold Butler; a daughter-in-law. Memorials to Central City United Methodist Church or the Central City Public Library.

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 27 Mar 2012

**Ronald G. HUEBNER, 77**

Born 14 Jan 1935 at Chapman, NE. Parents: Frank & Roseela (Lambert) Huebner. Grew up in Central City, living with grandparents Clem & Bertha Lambert. Later lived in Columbus and Fullerton, NE. 1953-55: US Army. 1933: Moved to Aurora, NE. Married 3 times. He died Mon. 26 Mar 2012 at Grand Island, NE. Body donated to NE Anatomical Board, Omaha. Arrangements by Apfel Funeral Home. Survivors: A daughter, a son; 3 gch., 2 g-gch.; a stepsister.

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 29 Mar 2012

**Wilma Faye BUTTS, 85**(photo)

Born 13 Dec 1926 at Wolbach, NE. Parents: Ralph Neale & Ethel M. (Prewitt) Sutton. 1944 grad. of Fullerton HS. Teacher, nursing assistant. Moved to Grand Island, NE. 9 Nov 1947: Married Max M. Butts at Grand Island, NE. They farmed at Clarks, NE. Max died 12 Jul 1997. Wilma died Tues., 27 Mar 2012 at hospital in Hastings, NE. Service will be Sat. at Solt Funeral Home, Central City. Burial in Bureau Cemetery, Pierce Chapel, near Clarks, NE. Survivors: 2 children, 4 gch., 6 g-gch.; a sister and a sister-in-law. Predeceased by her husband; her parents; a brother Ronald, a son-in-law & 2 sisters-in-law. Memorials to Pierce Chapel United Methodist Church or Second Presbyterian Church in Hastings.

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 29 Mar 2012

**Lyle Vernon RASER, 88**

born 6 Jan 1924 at Chapman, NE. Parents: Jesse and Gladys Raser. Farmer. WW II: US Marine Corps. 5 Mar 1950: Married Charlotte. Resident of Fort Collins, CO. Died at home Fri. 23 Mar 2012. Service will be Sat. at Bohlender Funeral Chapel with burial in Roselawn Cemetery. Survivors: His wife; 4 children, 9 gch., 3 g-gch.; a sister; other relatives. Predeceased by his brother Vic; sister Donna; 2 nephews and a niece.

Grand Island Independent - Fri. 30 Mar 2012

**James Chris KUENZEL, 73** (photo)

Born in Iowa City, IA and adopted at 2 weeks by Ernest C. & Ruth Kuenzel. Family lived in IA, IL and WI. 1950: Moved to Central City, NE. 1956 grad. of CCHS. Served in US Navy. 7 Feb 1959: Married at Central City, NE. They later lived in Lincoln, NE and Des Moines, IA; then in other locations. He lived in Raleigh, NC. He and wife separated, got back together in 1997 and lived in CO. In 2004 they moved to Surprise, AZ. James died 19 Mar 2012 at hospital in Sun City West, AZ. There will be no services. Body was cremated. Survivors include his wife; a step-daughter; his mother-in-law; gch and g-gch. Predeceased by his parents (step-mother, Louise); his father-in-law D. Ellsworth Reeves.

Grand Island Independent - Fri. 30 Mar 2012

**Lucille M. RUDOLF, 91**(photo)

Born 20 Jan 1921, Palmer, NE. Parents: George & Marie (Hake) Retzlaff. 1938 grad. of Archer HS. 7 May 1941: Married Harry G. Rudolf at Atcher, NE. They lived at Chapman, Palmmer and Archer. 1963: Moved to Central City, NE. She worked at Randy's Steaks, and Central Bank. Lucille died Wed. 28 Mar 2012 at Central City. Visitation: Fri., Wagner Funeral Home, Central City. Service will be Saturday at United Methodist Church with burial at later date in the city cemetery. Survivors: Two daughters; 2 gch., 4 g-gch.; a sister. Predeceased by her husband; her parents; a brother - Delbert "Bud" Retzlaff. Memorials to the church.

Columbus Telegram - Sat. 31 Mar 2012

**Thomas J. MEYSENBURG, 86**(photo)

Born 14 Jul 1925 at Clarks, NE. Parents: Leo & Anita (Koeller) Meysenburg. 1931: Family moved to Bellwood, NE. 1943 grad. of Marietta HS. WW II: US Navy. 28 Aug 1952: Married Anna "Pat" Burke at Coleridge, NE. They farmed in Platte & Boone Counties. 1978: Moved to Columbus, NE. He died Thurs., 29 Mar 2012 at Columbus. Visitation: Mon., McKown Funeral Home. Service will be Tues., St. Bonaventure Catholic Church. Burial will be in Presentation Cemetery near Bellwood, NE. Survivors: 2 sons, a daughter, 12 fch, 13 g-gch; 5 brothers and 2 sisters. Predeceased by his wife; his parents; a son Tom Jr.; a brother Jerome. Note: See 1930 Fed. Census NE ED61-2 p2a D24 F24: Central Twp, Merrick, NE (w/p).

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Grand Island Independent - Tues. 3 Apr 2012

**Gail GRAHAM, 42**(photo)

Born 21 May 1969 at Central City, NE. Parents: Duane & Jan (Hoffman) Henk. 1987 grad. of CCHS. 1991 grad Mary Lannings Nursing School. 14 Nov 1992: Married Rodney Graham at Central City. RN. Resident of Hastings, NE. Died Thurs., 29 Mar 2012 at Hastings. Service will be Tues at First Christian Church, Hastings. Burial in Central City Cemetery. Survivors: Her husband, her son; her father, two sisters. Predeceased by her mother & an uncle Ron. Condolences to [www.brandwilson.com](http://www.brandwilson.com).

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 3 Apr 2012

**Doris Louise MICHALSKI, 66**(photo)

Born 22 Apr 1945, at "Tilden in Antelope County", NE. Parents: Wesley L. & Jeanie E. (James) Sandquist. Married twice - to Rodney Beckman and Darwin Michalski. Resident of Chapman, NE. Doris died Sat. 31 Mar 2012 in Grand Island, NE. Service will be Wed. Apfel Funeral Home, Grand Island. Burial in Westlawn Memorial Park Cemetery, Grand Island., NE. Survivors: 3 sons; 4 sisters, many gch. Predeceased by both husbands; her parents; 3 siblings - Wesley S. Sandquist, Dwyla Osborn, Betty Truman.

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 4 Apr & Thurs. 5 Apr 2012

**Iva L. BURKIT, 80**

Born 30 June 1931 at Cirleville, OH. Parents: Marshall W. Sr. & Cleo G. (Parks) Green. 4 Oct 1947: Married Charles W. Burkit at Newport, Kent. Iva was resident of Central City, NE. She died Mon. 2 Apr 2012 at hospital in Grand Island, NE. Visitation: Thurs., Wagner Funeral Home. Service will be Fri. at Heartland Evangelical Free Church, Central City, NE. Burial at later date. Survivors: Her husband, 5 daughters, 3 sons, 35 gch., 26 g-gch.; a brother and 2 sisters.

Columbus Telegram - Sat. 14 Apr 2012

**Beverly A. BRANDENBURGER, 76**

Born 22 Sep 1935 at Silver Creek, NE. Parents: Clifford & Grace (Dick) Merrill. 1950: Married Ed Brandenburg at Silver Creek. Cook. Resident of Columbus, NE. She died Thurs., 12 Apr 2012 in Lincoln, NE. Service: Tues. St. Rose of Lima Church. Burial in Graceland Cemetery, Shelby, NE. Arrangements by Rice Funeral Home, Genoa, NE. Survivors: 6 daughters, 3 sons, 18 gch, 36 g-gch, 1 gg-gch.; 2 brothers, a sister, 2 sisters-in-law. Predeceased by her parents; sister Bonnie Merrill; 3 brothers - Paul Dean, Allen, and Max Merrill. Also deceased is special friend, Dave Johansen.

Grand Island Independent - Mon. 16 Apr 2012

**Shirley A. EDIC, 79** (photo)

Born 10 Jul 1932 at Silver Creek, NE. Parents: Lyle D. & Margarite (Dean) Himebaugh. 1949 grad. of Silver Creek HS. 1 Jun 1952: Married Richard J. Edic at Silver Creek. They lived in Chapman, NE; California; Clarks, Aurora & Central City, NE. Richard died 25 Aug 2002. Shirley was living in Chapman. She died Sat. 14 Apr 2012 at Grand Island, NE. Graveside service will be Wed. at Central City Cemetery. Arrangements by Wagner Funeral Home. Survivors: A son, a daughter, 5 gch. Predeceased by her husband; her parents, a brother Dean.

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 17 Apr 2012

**Ernest "Ernie" HUSMANN, 79**

Born 7 Jun 1932 at Chapman, NE. Parents: Otto & Ella Husmann. 1950 grad. of Chapman HS. 1952: Married while living in Grand Island, NE. Builder. He died Fri. 13 Apr 2012 at home in Muenster, TX. Service will be at Meador-Clement-Keel Chapel (no day or date given). Survivors: His wife; 5 children, 14 gch., 10 g-gch.; 2 sisters & a brother. Predeceased by his parents; a daughter Leanne Ferguson; a son Darrell Husmann; a brother Kenneth Husmann. Memorials to Cooke County Home Hospice, P.O. Box 936, Gainesville, TX 76241/ Note: No information in obit about burial place. See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I p242.

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 17 Apr 2012

**Hal L. MUSTARD, 80**(photo)

Born 28 Dec 1931 at Clarks, NE. Parents: Earl & Dorothy (Dittmer) Mustard. Attended Clarks HS. Married in Fremont, NE. Worked as mechanic, painter, farmer, building contractor. Lived in Clarks, Hastings, Buffalo and Overton, NE. 2009: Moved to Kearney, NE. He died Sun. 15 Apr 2012 at hospital in Kearney. Service will be Wed. at Zion Lutheran Church. Burial in Christ Lutheran Cemetery, Oconto, NE. Arrangements by O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home. Survivors: His wife, a son, 2 daughters, gch & g-gch.; a brother. Predeceased by his parents; 2 brothers - Earl & Lloyd; a sister - Faye Wagner.

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 18 Apr 2012

**Arthur L. SNYDER, 70**(photo)

Born 8 Dec 1941, Ewing, NE. Parents: Marcus & Ruby (Angus) Snyder. Attended Ewing HS. 1967-69: US Army. 13 Sep 1968: Married at Junction City, KS. Worked in Palmer more than 40 years. He died Mon. 16 Apr 2012 at Palmer. Service will be Fri. at United Methodist Church, Palmer with inurnment Sat. in Rose Hill Cemetery. Arrangements by Greenway Funeral Home, Palmer. Survivors: His wife; 2 sons, 5 daughters, 17 gch, 3 g-gch.; a sister. Predeceased by his parents.

Grand Island Independent / Wed. 18 Apr 2012

**Dennis L. WAGGONER, 74**(photo)

Born 1 May 1937 at Clarks, NE. Parents: Harvey & Eddra (Cambell) Waggoner. Family moved to farm near Central City, NE. 1955 grad. of CCHS. Servd in National Guard. 26 Oct 1963: Married at Grand Island, NE. They farmed SW of Central City. Dennis died Mon. 16 Apr 2012 at Central City, NE. Service will be Fri. at St. Michael's Catholic Church, Central City. Burial in the city cemetery. Arrangements by Higgins Funeral Home in Loup City. Survivors: His wife; 2 sons, 2 daughter, 6 gch., a sister. Predeceased by his parents & his stepmother, Leola Waggoner. Memorials to the church, American Heart Association or American Diabetes Association.

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 25 Apr 2012

**M. Wayne MAGNUSON, 86**(photo)

Born 7 Jul 1925 at Stapleton to A. Rex & Maude W. (Post) Magnuson. Grad. of Stratton HS. Attended NE Wesleyan Univ. at Lincoln for 2 years. 31 Aug 1957: Married Edythe M. Schmidt at Newton, KS. They lived in Eldorado, KS where Wayne was a chemist; then moved to a farm W of Central City, NE. Edythe died 29 Feb 2004. Wayne died Mon. 23 Apr 2012 at Central City, NE. Service will be Thurs., United Methodist Church, Central City, NE. Burial in the city cemetery. Arrangements by Wagner Funeral Home. Survivors A son, 2 daughters, 5 gch., 3 g-gch.; a sister. Predeceased by his wife & his parents. Memorials to Central City Senior Center or the Central City Library.

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 28 Apr 2012

**Darrel H. LOCKWOOD, 76**(photo)

Born 21 Jan 1936, Grand Meadow, MN. Parents: Charles H. & Evelyn H. (Norby) Lockwood. 1953 grad. of Grand Meadow HS. 1957 grad. of U. of MN. 1958-64: US Marine Corps. 1963: Married Dianna M. Kroll at Juniata, NE. They lived in North Platte, and then in Kenesaw. Later lived in IA (5 yrs), Grand Island & Alda, NE. 1973: Moved to Palmer, NE. Donna died in 2007. Darrel died Wed. 25 Apr 2012 at medical center in Omaha, NE. Visitation: Sun. at Greenway Funeral Home, Palmer. Service will be Mon., St. John's Lutheran Church, Palmer, NE. Burial at Rose Hill Cemetery. Survivors: A son, gch.; a sister & her husband; other relatives. Predeceased by his wife, & a daughter, Kristine; his parents & grandparents.

Grand Island Independent obit - Sun. 29 Apr 2012

**Virginia JONES, 89** (photo)

Born 1 Jun 192 at Grand Island, NE. Parents: Albert Hans Heinrich & Jennie (Fishburn) Hueneke. Grad. of Chapman HS. 1942: Married David Chester Jones at her parents home. Virginia died Sat., 21 Apr 2012 at Louisville, Colorado. Memorial service will be Sat. 12 ay 1t United Methodist Church, Chapman. Arrangements by M.P. Murphy and Associates Funeral Directors. Survivors: A son, 2 daughter, 2 gch. Predeceased by her husband; a sister - Shirley Thomas; a gch. Memorials to Alzheimer's Association Great Plains Chapter, 1500 S. 70th St., Suite 201, Lincoln, NE 68506; Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children, c/o administrator, Box 1327, Fremont, NE 68026, or HospiceCare of Boulder and Broomfield counties, 2594

Trailridge Drive East, Lafayette, CO 80026.

Note: See 1930 Fed. Census NE ED61-16 p3B D68 F68: Vieregg Twp, Merrick, NE (w/p). Parents are buried at Chapman, NE.

Grand Island Independent (photo) - Sun. 29 Apr 2012; Norfolk Daily News - Mon. 30 Apr 2012

**Fern E. BEED, 96**

Born 31 Mar 1916 at Orchard, NE. Parents: Isaac & Jennie (Lewis) Spar. Lived in New York when young; family moved to Battle Creek, NE. 22 Aug 1934: Married Charles Beed at Tilden, NE. They lived in New York, then returned to NE. Lived at Palmer, NE. Charles died 30 Nov 1988. Fern died Thurs., 26 Apr at hospital in Grand Island. Service will be Tues., United Methodist Church, Palmer. Burial in Rose Hill Cemetery. Arrangements by Jacobsen-Greenway Funeral Home, St. Paul, NE. Survivors: 9 sons, 3 daughters, 48 gch., 9 step-gch., 85 g-gch., 20 gg-gch. Predeceased by her husband; her parents, a daughter & son-in-law - Delores & Don Landauer; 3 gch.; 3 sons-in-law - Jim Kunze, Robert Seim, Ray Yerton. Also deceased are 2 brothers - Fred & Bryan Spar; 2 sisters, Lillian & Bessie (no surnames given for sisters).

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Grand Island Independent - Tues. 1 May 2012

**Harlan F. FRIEDRICHSEN, 89(photo)**

Born 28 Dec 1922 at Palmer, NE. Parents: Henry & Margaret (Wiecks) Friedrichsen. Married 29 Dec 1951 at Minden, NE. Resident of Cozad, NE. He died Fri. 27 Apr 2012 at hospital in Kearney, NE. Service will Tues., at O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home, Kearney. Burial in Highland Cemetery at Ravenna, NE. Survivors: His wife; 3 sons, 3 daughters, 20 gch., 21 g-gch.; in-laws. Predeceased by his parents, 3 brothers & a sister.

Note: See 1930 Fed. Census NE ED61-4 p5a D98 F99: Chapman Twp, Merrick, NE (w/p).

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 3 May 2012

**Dennis W. THEDE, 69(photo)**

Born 9 Jan 1943 near Palmer, NE. Parents: Walter & May (Christensen) Thede. 1961 grad. of Palmer Public Schools. Served in National Guard. Farmer in Merrick & Howard Counties; builder. 1964: Married at Grand Island, NE. 1980: Moved to WY. Married a second time in 1988 at Rock Springs, WY. They moved to Grand Island. 1999: Moved S of Alda, NE. Dennis died 30 Apr 2012 at Grand Island. Service will be Fri. at Greenway Funeral Home, Palmer, NE. Burial in Rose Hill Cemetery. Survivors: His wife, 2 daughters; 2 step-sons; 2 sisters, 2 brothers, gch. Predeceased by his parents.

Fremont Tribune - Fri. 4 May 2012

**Harry C. SANDERS Jr. , 89(photo)**

Born 23 Sep 1922 on farm in Platte Co., NE. Parents: Harry & Marie (Nielsen) Sanders Sr. 1942 grad. of Silver Creek HS. WW II: US Army. Worked for UPRR in UT. Attended auctioneering school in Denver, CO. 25 May 1950: Married Ruth May Hageman at Ithaca, NE. They lived in Fremont, NE. Harry died Thurs., 3 May 2012 at Fremont. Service will be Tues. at Evangelical Free Church, wit burial in Memorial Cemetery, Fremont. Arrangements by Ludvigsen Mortuary. Survivors: A son, 2 gch., 1 g-gch.; a brother, a sister, a sister-in-law. Predeceased by his wife (Dec 1988); his parents; 2 brothers - Jack & Don.

Note: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I p347; 1930 Fed. Census NE ED61-15 p1A D1 F1: Silver Creek Twp, Merrick, NE (w/p).

Grand Island Independent - Mon. 7 May 2012

**Jimmy D. FARMER, 64**

Born 16 Oct 1947 at Garden City, MO. Parents: Albert & Alice (Phillips) Farmer. 1965-69: US Army. Resident of Palmer, NE. Died Fri. 4 May 2012 at Palmer, NE. No service. Burial in Fort McPherson National Cemetery. Survivors: A brother & a sister. Arrangements by Greenway Funeral Home, Palmer.

Grand Island Independent - Mon. 7 May 2012

**Bonnie L. STEVENSON, 46**(photo)

Born 30 Sep 1965 at Central City, NE. Parents: George & Helen Harvey. 1984 grad of CCHS. Attended Wayne State (2 yrs). Employed by NE Veteran's Home, Grand Island. 14 Mar 2009: Married Scott Stevenson. They lived near St. Paul, NE. Bonnie died Sun. 6 May 2012 from auto accident. Service will be Thurs. at Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church, St. Paul. Arrangements by Jacobsen-Greenway Funeral Home. Survivors: Her mother; 2 step-children; her mother-in-law; 2 sisters; a brother. Predeceased by her husband (19 Jun 2011); her father; a brother -Andrew Harvey.

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 9 May 2012

**Maye E. LANG, 93**

Born 8 Apr 1919 at Bladen, NE. Parents: Otto & Ethelee (McNair) Schulz. 1937 grad. of Chapman HS. 29 Mar 1941: Married Burnam Lang at Grand Island, NE. They lived at Holstein, & later moved to Grand Island, NE. Mr. Lang died 22 Jan 1995. Maye died Mon. 7 May 2012 at home in Grand Island. Graveside service will be Thurs. at Westlawn Memorial Park Cemetery, Grand Island. Arrangements by Livingston-Sondermann Funeral Home. Survivors: A son, 2 daughters, 4 gch., 6 g-gch.; other relatives. Predeceased by her husband; her parents; an infant gch.; 3 sisters - Argyll Wood, Ardythe Haugh & Arlynne Buettgenback. Memorials to the American Cancer Society.

Columbus Telegram - Sat. 19 May 2012

**Virginia PACZOSA, 83**(photo)

Born 18 Feb 1929 in Merrick Co., NE. Parents: John & Mary (Czarnick) Starostka. Raised at Silver Creek, NE. 1 Jun 1949: Married Raymond Paczosa at Silver Creek. She died Fri. 18 May 2012 at home. Service: Tues., St. Lawrence Catholic Church, Silver Creek with burial in the church cemetery. Arrangements by McKown Funeral Home. Survivors: 2 sons, 6 daughters, 17 gch., 24 g-gch.; a sister & a brother. Predeceased by her husband; her parents; 2 brothers - Alfred & Joe Starostka.

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 24 May 2012

**James H. and Eleanor C. AYRES**(photo)

Graveside memorial service will be Sun. 27 May 2012 at Chapman Cemetery, Chapman, NE. Arrangements by All Faiths Funeral Home.

James H. Ayres, born 30 Sep 1916 at Bussey, IA. Parents: Royce W. & Elsie Hartness Ayres. WW II: US Army Air Corp. Salesman, business owner. Died 9 July 1998 at Colorado Springs, CO. Predeceased by his parents and a brother Elmer.

Eleanor C. Wagner Ayres, born 30 Oct 1920 on farm near Chapman, NE. Parents: Herbert & Martha (Giesler) Wagner. Beautician. Died 15 Oct 2011 at Denver, CO. Predeceased by her parents; a brother Harold; a sister Betty Wiese & her husband Glen Wiese; brother-in-law Leonard Wiese; other relatives.

15 Mar 1944: They married at Grand Island, NE. They lived in the Rio Grand Valley, TX; moved to Colorado Springs, CO. They are survived by a son and a daughter; 4 gch. Also surviving are a brother & a sister of Eleanor.

Columbus Telegram - Tues. 29 May 2012

**Vernon Dale PETERSON, 90**(photo)

Born 11 Sep 1921 at Ogallala, NE. Parents: Walter & Lulu (Benson) Peterson. Family moved to Silver Creek, NE in 1933. 1939 grad. of Silver Creek HS. WWII: US Army Air Force. 5 Sep 1948: Married Phyllis B. Huston at Central City, NE. They farmed near Silver Creek. Vernon died Sun. 27 May 2012 at Prairie Village Retirement Center, Columbus, NE. Service will be Thurs., 31 May 2012 at United Methodist Church, Silver Creek, NE with burial in the city cemetery. Arrangements by McKown Funeral Home. Survivors: 2 daughters, 1 son, 10 gch, 6 g-gch.; a brother. Predeceased by his wife; his parents; a brother Virgil, & a sister Ila Mae Klein. Memorials to the church.

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 30 May 2012

**Neva M. LONGSINE, 94**(photo)

Born 18 March 1918 at Hendley, NE. Parents: Robert & Louise (Kirste) Martin. 1935 grad. of Hendley HS. 9



Apr 1938: Married Floyd W. Longsine. They lived at Hendley and then Lebanon, NE. In 1958, moved to Central City, NE. Floyd died in 1977. Neva died Sun. 27 May 2012 at Lincoln, NE. Visitation: Wed. at Solt Funeral Home, Service will be Thurs. at United Methodist Church, Central City, NE with burial in the city cemetery. Survivors: 3 daughters, 11 gch., 10 g-gch; a brother & his wife; a son-in-law. Predeceased by her husband; her parents; a daughter Sharon Sitzman (Sep 2011); 3 sisters - Merna Smith, Irma Mart, Glenva Hinkle; a son-in-law, Dwain John.

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Grand Island Independent - Sat. 2 Jun 2012

**Alma Dorcas BREDHAUER, 79**(photo)

Born 14 Oct 1932 on Merrick Co. farm to Onen & Hedwig (Wagner) Simonson. Grad. of Palmer HS. 9 Sep 1951: Married Eugene Bredthauer at Worms, NE. They farmed S of Ord, NE. Alma died Wed., 30 May 2012 at St. Paul, NE. Visitation: Sun., Ord Memorial Chapel. Service will be Mon. at St. John's Lutheran Church, Ord., NE. Burial in the city cemetery. Survivors: Her husband, 3 sons, 1 daughter 13 gch., 14 g-gch.; 3 sisters, 2 sisters-in-law. Predeceased by her parents; a gch.; other relatives - Elmer & Wanda Bredthauer; Esther & Charlie Van Pelt; John Simonson, Harry Thede, Bob Mettenbrink; Fern & Bernard Bredthauer, Herbert Bredthauer; Ruth & Alva Pingel; Harvey Langrehr.

Note: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I p366.

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 2 Jun 2012

**Maribeth O'HERN, 40**(photo)

Born 23 Jan 1972 at Grand Island, NE to Deborah Dockhorn. 10 May 2011: Married Michael O'Hern. She died Wed., 30 May 2012 at hospital in Kearney, NE. Service will be Tues., All Faiths Funeral Home, Grand Island. Burial in Rose Hill Cemetery at Palmer, NE. Survivors: Her husband; a daughter, a stepdaughter; her parents, 3 brothers; her father-in-law; a grandfather. Predeceased by a grandmother, & an aunt Dotie Brandt.

Grand Island Independent & Norfolk Daily News - Tues. 5 Jun 2012

**Grace Ruthann GRAHAM, infant** (photo)

Died 31 May 2012. Parents: Isaiah & Emily Graham. Visitation: Wed. at Wagner Funeral Home, Central City. Service will be Thurs., at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Central City. Burial in the city cemetery. Survivors: Her parents & grandparents, other relatives.

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 5 Jun 2012; Sidney Sun Telegraph - Wed. 6 Jun 2012

**Linda G. GREEN, 65**(photo)

Born 11 Jan 1947, St. Paul, NE. Parents: Harold F. & Marie A. Joseph. 1965 grad. of Palmer HS. Attended Kearney State. 16 Oct 1965: Married Floyd Green at Aurora, NE. They lived in Grand Island and Sidney, NE. 1988: Returned to live at Grand Island. She died Sun. 3 Jun 2012. Service will be Thurs. at Faith United Methodist Church, Grand Island; with burial in Rose Hill Cemetery at Palmer. Arrangements by Apfel Funeral Home. Survivors: Her husband; two sons; her mother; 2 sisters. Predeceased by her father, a brother-in-law - James Green.

Columbus Telegram & Grand Island Independent - Wed., 6 Jun 2012

**Margaret B. GENTLEMAN, 87**(photo)

Born in Monroe, NE to Bert & Beda (Swanson) Clayburn. 1942 grad. of Monroe HS. 1 Sep 1953: Married Charles Gentleman at Genoa, NE. Business owner. Resident of Fullerton, NE. She died Mon. 4 Jun 2012 at hospital in Grand Island, NE. Service will be Thurs., 7 Jun 2012 at McKown Funeral Home, Silver Creek, NE with burial in St. Lawrence Cemetery, Silver Creek. Survivors: 4 children; 4 gch., one g-gch.; a sister in TN and a sister-in-law in NE. Predeceased by her husband, her parents; 4 brothers-in-law - Keith Sutton, Ward Beebe, James Gentleman & Edward Gentleman; a sister-in-law, Rachel Gentleman.

Note: Marriage Record Bk 7 p320: Fullerton, Nance, NE.

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 6 Jun 2012

**Frederick H. MUELLER**(photo)

Born 2 Apr 1928, Grand Island, NE. Parents: Henry & Ruth (Rousey) Mueller. Lived on farm in Merrick County until abt 1936, moved to Grand Island, NE. Grad. of GISH. 4 Feb 1949: Married in Buffalo Co., NE. They moved to Southern California. In 1990, they returned to Grand Island, NE. He died Sun. 3 Jun 2012. Service will be Thurs. at Trinity Lutheran Church, Grand Island; burial will be in the city cemetery. Survivors: His wife, 3 children, 11 gch. and 15 g-gch.; 2 sisters & a brother. Predeceased by his parents, other relatives. Memorial donations to National Parkinson Foundation, Gift Processing Center, PO Box 5018 Hagerstown, MD 21741-5018 or Trinity Lutheran Church, Grand Island.

Note: See 1930 Fed. Census NE ED61-16 p2a D27 F27: Vieregg Twp, Merrick, NE (w/p).

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 13 Jun 2012

**Barbara Lee McHARGUE, 72**(photo)

Born 29 Jan 1940 at Sabina, OH. Parents: Vaughan & Evelyn (Henderson) Bentley. 1958 grad. of HS located at Lees Creek, OH. 1962 grad. of Wilmington Friends College in OH. Teacher. 19 Jun 1964: Married Leslie Leon McHargue. They lived in Central City, NE. Barbara died Mon. 11 Jun 2012 at home. Service will be Thurs., Heartland Evangelical Free Church in Central City. Burial in the city cemetery. Arrangements by Solt Funeral Home. Survivors: Her husband; 4 sons, a daughter, 16 gch.; 2 brothers. Predeceased by her parents.

Columbus Telegram (photo) - Sat. 16 Jun 2012; Grand Island Independent (photo) - Sun. 17 Jun 2012; Polk County Newspaper - Tues. 19 Jun 2012

**Jeanette G. BECK, 82**

Born 1 Jul 1929 at Red Cloud, NE. Parents: Dwight & Gertrude (Adams) Kaminsky. Family moved about 1936 to Clarks, NE. Grad. from Clarks HS & attended NE Central College at Central City, NE. Teacher. 11 Feb 1949: Married Dale Beck at Pierce Chapel near Clarks. They lived near Silver Creek, NE. Dale died 10 Jan 2008. Jeanette died Fri. 15 Jun 2012 at Genoa, NE. Service will be Mon., United Methodist Church, Silver Creek with burial in the Clark's Cemetery. Arrangements by Solt Funeral Home. Survivors: 5 children, 17 gch., 13 g-gch.; 3 brothers-in-law; 4 sisters-in-law. Predeceased by her husband; her parents; 2 infant sisters - Phyllis & Charlotte Kaminsky; a sister Camille Johnson; brother Russell Kaminsky; other relatives.

Grand Island Independent - Mon. 18 Jun 2012

**Margaret "Peg" PARKS, 76**

Born 7 Sep 1935 at Sumner, NE to Lloyd & Laura (Summers) Potter. Worked in California and Tucson, AZ. 3 Sep 1983: Married D. L. Parks at Tonopha, NV. 1992: They moved to Palmer, NE. D.L. died 26 Oct 2001. Margaret died Fri.; 15 Jun 2012 at St. Paul, NE. Service will be Thurs. at Greenway Funeral Home, Palmer, NE with burial in Rose Hill Cemetery. Survivors: 2 brothers & 2 sisters. Predeceased by her husband & her parents. Memorials to Palmer American Legion Auxiliary or to the American Cancer Society.

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 20 Jun 2012

**Thomas S. "Tom" LAMB, 91**

Born 15 Oct 1920 at Clarks, NE to Mark & Eva (Ackerman) Lamb. 1938 grad. of Clarks HS. WW II: US Army Air Corps. Farmer. He died Sat. 16 Jun 2012 at Grand Island, NE. Service will be Wed. at St. Peters Catholic Church, Clarks, NE. Burial at Calvary Cemetery, Clarks. Attangements by Palmer Funeral Home, Fullerton. Survivors: A sister-in-law; nieces & nephews. Predeceased by his parents; 6 brothers - Mike, Rex, Robert, Gerald, Leo & John; a sister - Mary.

Grand Island Independent - Fri. 22 Jun 2012

**Lucille R. NEWLON, 86**(photo)

Born 16 Feb 1926 at Omaha, NE to Frank & Blanche (Wells) Buffington. Grad. of Benson HS. Dental assistant. 15 Jun 1952: Married James F. Newlon at Omaha. They later farmed near Palmer, NE; then moved to St. Paul, NE. James died 10 Feb 1995. Lucille died Wed., 20 Jun 2012 at Lincoln, NE. Service will be Mon., at Peters Funeral Home, St. Paul. Burial in Rose Hill Cemetery at Palmer, NE. Survivors: 1 daughter, 3 sons, 13 gch., 11 g-gch. Predeceased by her husband; her parents; 2 brothers - Melvin & George Buffington; 2

sisters - Louetta Millen & Margaret Crosby.

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 27 Jun 2012

**Leo T. SZATKO, 83**(photo)

Born 25 Jul 1928 at Wolbach, NE to Ignatius James & Victoria (Gembica) Szatko. 1946-48: US Navy. Dairy & hog farmer near Clarks, NE. 11 Aug 1951: Married Betty Konwinski. She died 30 Jun 1987. 2 Jun 1988: Married Isabel Kzionzek. Leo died Sun., 24 Jun 2012 in Central City, NE. Service will be Thurs., at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Clarks, NE. Burial in Clarks Cemetery. Arrangements by McKown Funeral Home. Survivors: His second wife; 3 daughters, 2 sons; step-children; 17 gch, 16 g-gch. Predeceased by his first wife; his parents; a sister - Rose Kazor; 5 brothers - Frank, Vincent, Steven, Ollie & Louis Szatko.

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 28 Jun 2012

**Rhoda Louise EDLUND, 89**(photo)

Born 28 Feb 1923, Central City, NE to Warren H. & Ella E. (Wegner) Riggs. 1941 grad. of CCHS. 4 Mar 1942: Married Raymond E. Edlund at Hastings, NE. They lived in Grand Island, NE and Midland TX while he was in service. 1946: Moved to Loveland, CO. 1983: Moved to Central City, NE. Ray died 11 Dec 1991. Rhoda died Mon. 25 Jun 2012 at Good Samaritan Society in Wood River, NE. Visitation: Thurs., Solt Funeral Home, Central City. Service will be Fri., United Methodist Church, Central City, NE. Survivors: 2 sons, 3 gch., 6 g-gch. Predeceased by her husband; her parents; 2 sisters - Naomi Clary & Rosemary Wilson; a brother - Orval Riggs.

Note: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I p337; 1930 Fed. Census NE ED 61-1 p12a H1026 D66 F67: Central City, Lone Tree, Merrick, NE (w/p).

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Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 5 Jul 2012

**Donald L. BARNES, 80**

Born 23 Nov 1931 near Greeley, NE to E.J. & Marie Barnes. Family moved to Central City, NE. 1951-55: US Navy. 16 Mar 1963: Married at the Friends Church in Central City. They lived in Omaha where Donald was a welder. 1969, returned to Central City area and dairy farmed. He died Tues. 3 Jul 2012 at Central City. Service will be Fri. at Heartland Evangelical Free Church. Burial in the city cemetery. Arrangements by Wagner Funeral Home. Survivors: His wife, 2 sons, a daughter, 3 gch.; 4 brothers, one sister. Predeceased by his parents; a brother - Gerald; 2 sisters - Helen Giesenhagen & Patricia Barnes. Memorials to Nebraska Christian Schools.

Grand Island Independent - Fri, 6 Jul 2012

**Robert J. Lambe, 90**

Born 9 Feb 1922 at Ulysses, NE to James & Clara (Reinders) Lambe. 1939 grad. of Ulysses HS. 27 Jul 1946: Married Nadine; they farmed at Shelby and Osceola until 1954, moved to Central City, NE. He worked for the county. Served on the city council, and as mayor. Member of St. Leo's Catholic Church, Grand Island, NE. Robert died Thurs 4 Jul at Grand Island, NE. Service will be at later date, with burial at Central City Cemetery. Arrangements by All Faiths Funeral Home. Survivors: His wife, 2 sons, 2 daughters, 10 gch., 20 g-gch. Predeceased by his daughter Judy; his parents; a brother Patrick; 2 sisters - Mary & Alice Lambe. Memorials to the church or the Alzheimer's Association.

Grand Island Independent - Sun. 8 Jul 2012

**Alice M. LANGREHR, 83**(photo)

Born 24 Sep 1928 on farm N of Worms, NE. Parents: Onen & Hedwig (Wagner) Simonson. Attended Zion Lutheran School at Worms, NE. 5 May 1945: Married Harvey H. Langrehr at Worms. They farmed SE of St. Libory, NE. Harvey died 18 Nov 1983. Alice died Sat. 7 Jul 2012 at St. Libory. Visitation: Mon., Peters Funeral Home, St. Paul, NE. Service will be Tues. at Zion Lutheran Church in Worms. Burial in Norwegian Cemetery, NW of Worms. Survivors: 2 sons, 2 daughters, 10 gch., 6 g-gch.; 2 sisters, a sister-in-law, a brother-in-law. Predeceased by her husband; her parents; 2 sisters - Esther Van Pelt and Alma Bredthauer; a brother John

Simonson; 2 brothers-in-law Charles Van Pelt and Bob Mettenbrink. Memorials to Zion Lutheran Church.

Grand Island Independent - Fri. 13 Jul 2012

**Brandy Lyn HUGHES, 36**

Born 22 Aug 1975 at Grand Island, NE to Gordon & Claire Schott. Grad. of Central City HS and UNL. 3 May 2003: Married Rustin Hughes. They lived in Fort Collins, CO; later moved to Kearney, NE. Brandy died Thurs. 12 Jul 2012 at Kearney. Service will be Mon. at First United Methodist Church, Kearney. Burial in Central City Cemetery. Arrangements by Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home, Kearney. Survivors: Her husband, her parents, 2 brothers & a sister. Predeceased by 3 grandfathers; and her stepfather - Nick Longly.

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 14 Jul 2012

**Beulah B. SCARBOROUGH, 95**(photo)

Born 3 Aug 1916 near Palmer, NE to Bert & Ruby (Campbell) Ross. 1936 grad. of St. Paul HS (Howard Co). Attended Kearney State College. Teacher in rural schools of Howard & Merrick Counties. 24 May 1939: Married Harold Scarborough. They lived on his family farm, then moved in 1948 to a farm between Palmer & Archer, NE. Beulah died Thurs., 12 Jun 2012 at hospital in Grand Island, NE. Service will be Tues. at United Methodist Church, St. Paul, NE. Burial in Rose Hill Cemetery at Palmer, NE. Arrangements by Jacobsen - Greenway Funeral Home, St. Paul. Survivors: A son & his wife; a granddaughter, 4 g-gch.; a sister; a sister-in-law. Predeceased by her husband (8 May 1998); her parents; a sister Dorothy Kanter.

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 17 Jul 2012

**Steven Paul McHARGUE, 47**(photo)

Born 20 Apr 1965 at Central City, NE to Leslie & Barbara (Bentley) McHargue. 1983 grad. of NE Christian HS, Central City, NE. 1987 grad. of UNL. 20 Feb 1988: Married. They lived in Battle Creek, NE; then Honolulu, Hawaii. Moved to Sioux City, IA and then to MN where he was "Director of Mobilization for Reign Ministries in Minneapolis, Minn." Steven died Thurs. 12 Jul 2012 at home in Plymouth, MN. Service will be Thurs. at Woodridge Church, Medina, MN. Survivors: His wife, 2 children; his father; 3 brothers & a sister. Predeceased by his mother.

Grand Island Independent - Sun. 22 Jul 2012; Columbus Telegram - Tues. 24 Jul 2012

**Audra E. BROWN, 39**(photo)

Born 8 Aug 1972 at Aurora, NE to Robert & Judith Brown. 1990 grad. of Clarks HS. Attended Joseph's College of Beauty. Cosmetologist. She died Fri. 20 Jul 2012 at hospital in Lincoln, NE. Memorial service will be Wed. at Wagner Funeral Home, Central City, NE. Burial at a later date. Survivors: A daughter; her mother; a brother, 3 sisters. a grandmother. Predeceased by her father; 3 grandparents. Memorials to a fund for her daughter.

Columbus Telegram & Grand Island Independent - Fri. 27 Jul 2012

**Wilbur L. 'Webb' CHURCH, 92**(photo)

Born 22 Mar 1920 at Clarks, NE to LeRoy "Roy" & Mabel (Branting) Church. Family lived on Prairie Island. Attended Clarks HS. WW II: US Army Air Corps. 23 Jun 1946: Married at Clarks, NE. Webb was employed by UPRR at Central City & Chappell, NE. He died Thurs. 26 Jul 2012 at Central City, NE. Visitation Sun. at Solt Funeral Home. Service will be Monday at United Methodist Church, Central City. Burial in Bureau Cemetery at Pierce Chapel, Clarks, NE. Survivors: His wife, 4 children, a "special daughter, Celia Cortez Luz, of Sao Paulo, Brazil"; 7 gch., 11 g-gch.; 3 sisters. Predeceased by his parents; an infant daughter - Diane; a grandchild - Adam Church; 3 brothers - Leonard, Russell & Cecil Church; 2 sisters-in-law, Marjorie Church & Laura Church.

Note: See 1930 Fed. Census NE ED61-13 p1B D19 F19: Prairie Island Twp, Merrick, NE (w/p); History of Merrick Co., NE Vol 1, p153.

Grand Island Independent - Sun. 29 Jul 2012

**Trueman H. MERRITT, 80**(photo)

Born 22 Jul 1932 at Walnut, NE (Knox Co) to Trueman H. & Phoebe M. (Webb) Merritt. Grad. of Verdigre HS. 1952-56: US Navy. 27 Jan 1962: Married in Council Bluffs, IA. They lived in Omaha, NE. 2001: Moved to

Central City, NE. Trueman died at Grand Island Veterans Home Sat., 28 Jul 2012. Service will be Tues. at Solt Funeral Home, Central City. Burial in Bureau Cemetery at Pierce Chapel, Clarks, NE. Survivors: His wife, a son, a daughter, 2 gch.; a sister; 2 sisters-in-law; a brother-in-law & his wife. Predeceased by his parents; a sister Rose Goedeker.

Grand Island Independent - Mon. 30 Jul 2012

**Nina J. RAUERT, 88**(photo)

Born 8 Jun 1924 at Palmer, NE to Olin & Ada (Sherman) Taylor. 1942 grad. of Rockville HS (Sherman Co). Attended St. Agnes Beauty School in Lincoln, then moved to Grand Island, NE & worked for relatives. 21 May 1950: Married Robert R. Rauert at Grand Island. They lived on farm NW of town. Bob died in Apr 2010. Nina died Sat. 28 Jul 2012 at Grand Island. Service will be Wed. at Gollaher Chapel of Trinity Methodist Church. Burial in the city cemetery. Arrangements by Apfel Funeral Home. Survivors: 2 daughters, 2 sons, gch. & g-gch. Predeceased by her husband; her parents; a sister Theoria Heise and a brother Lester Taylor. Note: See 1930 Fed. Census NE ED61-6 p8b D173 F173: Clarksville Twp, Merrick, NE (w/p).

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Grand Island Independent - Mon. 13 Aug 2012

**Victor W. SNELL, 92**(photo)

Born 15 Dec 1919 at Quincy, MA to Victor A. & Elsie E. (Nieminen) Snell. 1937 grad. of Quincy HS. 1941-45: USAF. 5 Mar 1944: Married Mary Gilley at Topeka, KS. 1950 grad. of UNL. Opened insurance office in TX. Retired to Central City, NE. Methodist. Active in civic affairs, fraternal groups. He died Sat. 11 Aug 2012 at Central City, NE. Service will be Wed. at Solt Funeral Home, Central City with burial in the city cemetery. Survivors: a daughter & her family; 2 nephews & a niece. Predeceased by his wife; his parents; two in-laws - Robert (Esther) Gilley and Alma (Verner) Benson. Memorials to Nebraska Christian Foundation c/o Snell Scholarship Fund; 1847 Inskip Avenue; Central City, NE 68826.

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 14 Aug 2012

**Theodore Dwaine BETTS, 87**

Born 6 Jan 1925 near Clarks, NE to Frank & Lillian (White) Betts. 1985: Moved to Elsie, Perkins Co., NE. He died Mon. 13 Aug 2012 at Grant, NE. Service will be Thurs at Bullock-Long Funeral Home in Grant. Burial will follow that afternoon at Central City Cemetery.

Columbus Telegram - Thurs. 16 Aug 2012

**Frank August CARMAN, Jr. 71** (photo)

Born 10 Aug 1941 at Silver Creek, NE to Frank & Mabel (Brand) Carman. Grad. of Silver Creek HS. Truck driver. He died Tues., 14 Aug 2012 at Midwest Covenant Home Hospice Care, Stromsburg, NE. Service will be Sat. at United Methodist Church, Silver Creek, NE. Survivors: A special friend; 3 daughters; 8 gch., 6 g-gch.; a sister & a brother. Predeceased by his parents; a gch., 2 g-gch.; a sister Charlene Vetick. Arrangements by McKown Funeral Home.

Grand Island Independent (photo) & Polk County Newspaper - 21 Aug 2012

**Rodney "Rod" BECKSTROM, 64**

Born 12 Jul 1948 at Central City, NE to Irvin M. & Maxine I. Beckstrom. Family lived in Polk County. 1966 grad. of Stromsburg HS. 1968-72: US Navy. 1974: Married Barbara and moved to Castle Rock, CO. He returned to NE, farmed with father, did electrical work. 10 Jul 1981: Married Judy Stueven; they lived in Grand Island. Judy died 9 Oct 2002. Rod died Sat. 18 Aug 2012 at VA Medical Center in Omaha, NE. Memorial service will be Sat. at Solt Funeral Home, Central City, NE. Interment at later date in cemetery of Swede Plain Methodist Church near Polk, NE. Survivors: a daughter & her family in KS; his parents; step-children; 2 sisters, one brother. Predeceased by his second wife; his grandparents - Verner and Lillie Beckstrom, McKinley and Faye Land.

Grand Island Independent - Fri. 24 Aug 2012

**Arlis E. DRUMMOND, 73**

Born 24 May 1939 at Lyons, NE to Eldon J. & Eva Berniece (Case) Drummond. 1957 grad. of Central City HS. 1957-59: USAF. 7 Feb 1960: Married Alice M. Wetzel at Central City, NE. Truck driver; employee of Atlantic Homes. Arlis died Wed. 22 Aug 2012 at Creighton University Medical Center, Omaha, NE. Service will be Sat. at Wagner Funeral Home, Central City. Burial in the city cemetery. Survivors: a son; a daughter. 9 gch., 11 g-gch.; 2 brothers. Predeceased by his wife; an infant son Anthony; his parents, a gch. April Drummond.

Grand Island Independent - Sun. 26 Aug 2012

**LaVonne Mae HELD, 86**

Born 1 Mar 1926 at Palmer, NE to George & Margaret (Ita) Weyers. 18 Mar 1949: Married Keith Held at Taylor, NE. Mrs. Held died Fri. 24 Aug 2012 at Neligh, NE. Service will be Tues., United Methodist Church, Ericson, NE. Burial in Pibel Cemetery. Arrangements by Hitchcock Funeral Home, Burwell, NE. Survivors: 3 children, 13 gch, 12 g-gch.; a sister and 2 brothers. Predeceased by her husband (1997).

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Grand Island Independent - Sat. 1 Sep 2012

**Margaret Ella HESSEL, 91(photo)**

Born 7 Apr 1921 at Richmond, NE to Herman D. & Reminnie d. (Michaelson) Schmidt. Family moved to farm "near Archer" / "outside Palmer" ... 1939 grad. of Palmer HS. 10 Oct 1940: Married Raymond Hessel. They lived at Grand Island, NE. Raymond died in 1997. Margaret died Thurs., 30 Aug 2012 at St. Paul, NE. Celebration of her life will be held at future date. Arrangements by All Faiths Funeral Home. Survivors: A daughter, a son, 6 gch., 2 g-gch. Predeceased by her husband; her parents; 2 brothers - Robert L. Schmidt (during WW II) and Arnold H. Svmidt (1948); her sister Rose Ann Jacobsen (2007).

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 13 Sep 2012

**Steven G. MYERS, 61(photo)**

Born 23 Nov 1950 at Lexington, NE to Clarence & Irene Emma Margaret (Holthus) Myers. 1969 grad. of Bertrand HS. 30 May 1969: Married at Bertrand, NE. 1972: They moved to Hoxie, KS. 1984: Moved to Clarks, NE; sold insurance. Has served on village board and as mayor. Steven died Tues. 11 Sep 2012 at hospital in Omaha, NE. Service will be Fri. 13 Sep at Grace Lutheran Church, Central City with burial at Highland Cemetery, Bertrand, NE. Arrangements: Wagner Funeral Home, Central City, NE. Survivors: His wife; 2 daughters, 6 gch.; 3 brothers, & 2 sisters. Predeceased by his parents; a daughter - Heather Myers; his father-in-law - Raymond Hanson.

Grand Island Independent - Fri. 14 Sep 2012

**Emma Jane Peterson BOWERS(photo)**

Born 16 Sep 1921 in Copeland, KS to Frank F. & Goldie C. (Burk) Wynn. Her family moved to CA where Emma grad. from Inglewood HS, Los Angeles, CA. She moved to KS & worked. 19 Jun 1955: Married Harlan E. Peterson at Wichita, KS. They farmed near Polk, NE and then at Hordville, NE. Harlan died in 1989. 17 Oct 1992: Emma married Lloyd K. Bowers; they lived at Central City, NE. They later moved to Aurora, NE. Emma died Wed. 12 Sep 2012 at Aurora, NE. Service will be Sat. at Solt Funeral Home, Central City. Burial in Mamre Evangelical Free Church Cemetery. Survivors: Her second husband; 2 step-children; 3 step-gch. She was predeceased by her first husband, her parents; a brother - Frazier Wynn; a sister - Catherine Kaplin; a niece. Memorials to the United Methodist Church Foundation in Central City.

Grand Island Independent - Fri. 14 Sep 2012

**Donald WARNER, 90(photo)**

Born in Ashland, NE to Arthur & Ruth (Carlson) Warner. Raised at Waverly, NE by relatives following death of his mother. Grad. of UN Agricultural College. 1947: Married on UN campus. They lived at Central City, NE. Elevator manager. 1986: Ordained Episcopalian Deacon. 2006: Moved to Owassa, OK. He died 28 Aug 2012. Memorial service will be Sat. 22 Sep 2012 at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Grand Island, NE. Arrangements by Mowery Funeral Service of Owasso, OK. Survivors: His wife, a son, a daughter, 4 gch., 3

g-gch. Predeceased by his parents; a sister & 2 brothers; a daughter Janis Rutth Warner. Memorial donations to St. Simeon's Episcopal Home in Tulsa, Okla., or St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Grand Island, NE.

Note: Appears in directory for Central City Cemetery, where daughter is buried.

Grand Island Independent - Mon. 17 Sep 2012

**Lloyd L. RIPPE, 69**(photo)

Born 26 Mar 1943, Linn, KS. Parents: Harry & Ida (Dierking) Rippe. 1961 grad. of Linn HS. Attended Grand Island Business School - accounting. 17 Feb 1967: Married. They lived at Grand Island & at Chapman, NE. Lloyd died Sat. 15 Sep 2012 at hospital in Grand Island, NE. Memorial service will be Wed., Grace Lutheran Church, Grand Island. Burial private, in Chapman Cemetery. Arrangements by Solt Funeral Home, Central City, NE. Survivors: His wife, 3 daughters, 3 gch.; a brother. Predeceased by his parents; 2 brothers - Clarence & Raymond Rippe; one sister - Lucille Stalder.

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 20 Sep 2012

**Margaret "Anne" CONNER, 84**(photo)

Born 10 May 1928 at Mankato, KS to Ross & Alice (Greek) Minor. Family moved to Central City, NE. 1946: Anne grad. of Grand Island HS. 26 May 1927: Married Leonard Conner at Smith Center, KS. They lived at Grand Island, NE. Anne died Fri. 14 Sep 2012 at Fort Collins, CO. Memorial service will be Sat. at Trinity United Methodist Church Gollaher Chapel. Burial in the city cemetery. Survivors: Her husband; 2 sons, a daughter, 3 gch. Predeceased by her parents; a brother - Millard Minor; a sister - Lucille Coakley.

Sidney Sun Telegraph - Tues. 25 Sep 2012

**Donald Richard ANDERSON, 90**

Born 14 Aug 1922 at Palmer, NE to Clyde & Bertha (Glause) Anderson. Family moved to the sandhills. Ranch worker. WW II: US Army paratrooper. Aug 1951: Married Deloris Evans; they lived in the sand hills until 1970 when they moved to Lodgepole, NE. Don died Sun. 23 Sep 2012 at hospital in Wichita, KS. Service will be Fri. 28 Sep at Lodgepole United Methodist Church. Burial in Whitman Cemetery at Whitman, NE. Arrangements by Holechek Funeral Home, Sidney. Survivors: 2 sons, 2 daughters, 5 gch., 2 g-gch. Predeceased by his wife; his parents; 3 brothers & 6 sisters. Memorials to the Book Mobile of Sidney Library. Note: Two sisters were born at Halsey, Thomas, NE (Esther in 1929 & Mary Ellen in 1939).

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 25 Sep 2012

**Everett Donald "Don" FORBES, 82**(photo)

Born 26 Oct 1929 near Palmer, NE to Everett D. & Carrie (Hiett) Forbes. Grew up in Glenwood area north of Palmer, NE. 1946 grad. of Palmer HS. 3 Aug 1949: Married Joan Davis at Palmer. They lived on a farm until 1958, moved to Los Angeles. 1967: Moved to Tulsa, OK. 1985: Retired from American Airlines; returned to Palmer the next year. Joan died 23 Jan 2000. Don died Mon. 24 Sep 2012 at Heritage Living Center, St. Paul, NE. Graveside service will be Tues. 2 Oct at Rose Hill Cemetery, Palmer. Arrangements by Greenway Funeral Home, Palmer. Survivors: 2 sons; 2 daughters, 15 gch., 12 g-gch; a brother & his wife; 2 sisters. Predeceased by his wife; his parents; a brother-in-law William Davis. Memorials to Palmer United Methodist Church Youth Group.

Note: See 1930 Fed. Census NE ED63-3 p5a D83 F84: Cottonwood Twp, Nance, NE (w/p).

Grand Island Independent obit - Tues. 25 Sep 2012

**Frances Marie HOLTZ, 101** (photo)

Born 16 Mar 1911 in Merrick Co., NE to James N. & Laverne (Weber) Johnston. 1929 grad. of CCHS. 4 Feb 1935: Married Arthur Holtz in Grand Island, NE. They lived in Central City until moved to Mount Pleasant, IA in 1942. The next year they moved to Lincoln, NE and remained until 1985 when they moved back to Central City. Arthur died in 13 Mar 1986. Frances died Sun. 23 Sep 2012 at Long Term Care, Central City, NE. Service will be Wed. at Solt Funeral Home, Central City; burial at Burke Cemetery near town. Survivors: A daughter & her husband; a son-in-law; a brother. Also living are a gdau & a g-gdau. Frances was predeceased by her husband; a daughter Gloria Cyr; a grandson - Leland Cyr; her parents; 3 brothers - Floyd, Lloyd, & Leonard Johnston; a sister Ruby Olsen; 4 infant siblings.

Columbus Telegram & Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 27 Sep 2012

**Bernard F. DUBAS, 89**(photo)

Born 16 Aug 1923 at Genoa, NE to William & Anna (Tworek) Dubas. Family lived near Krakow & near Clarks, NE. 21 Jun 1958: Married at Aurora, NE. They lived on farm north of Central City, NE. Bernard died Wed., 26 Sep 2012 at Central City. Service will be Sat. 29 Sep at St. Peters Catholic Church in Clarks, with burial at Calvary Cemetery, Clarks, NE. Survivors: His wife; a son, 3 daughters, 7 gch. Also living are two sisters & a brother. Predeceased by his parents; a brother - Conrad Dubas; a brother-in-law Ray Kula.

Columbus Telegram & Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 27 Sep 2012

**Donna Mae STEINKE, 80**(photo)

Born 18 May 1932, at Clarks, NE to Walter A. & Josephine (Shemek) Kluck. 1950 grad. of Clarks HS. Teacher's certificate from NE Central College in Central City, NE. 28 Oct 1952: Married Emil R. Steinke at Clarks. They lived at Central City, NE. Donna worked 30 yrs as a dental assistant. She died Tues. 25 Sep 2012 at hospital in Lincoln, NE. Service will be Sat. 29 Sep at St. Michael's Catholic Church, Central City. Burial in the city cemetery. Arrangements by Solt Funeral Home. Survivors: A son & his wife, a gch. & a g-gch.; 2 sisters. Predeceased by her husband (3 Jun 2002); her parents; a brother - Robert Kluck. Note: See the cemetery directory.

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Aurora News Register - Mon. 2 Oct 2012, Columbus Telegram & GI Independent - Wed. 4 Oct 2012

**Peggy Lee DITTMER, 80**(photo)

Born 5 Jan 1932 at Omaha, NE to Russell B. & Doris W. (Stege) Lee. 1950 grad of Kramer HS, Columbus, NE. 14 Apr 1952: Married Lester L. Dittmer at Columbus. They lived in CO & KS. 1953: Moved to farm south of Clarks, NE. She taught dance & exercise, swimming. In 2009, they moved to Aurora, NE. Peg died Tues., 2 Oct 2012 at Aurora, NE. Service will be Sat. 6 Oct at Solt Funeral Home, Central City. Burial in Clarks Cemetery. Survivors: Her husband; 3 children, 8 gch., 6 g-gch.; 2 sisters. Predeceased by her parents.

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 4 Oct 2012

**Bettie D. MONSON, 102** (photo)

Born 25 Oct 1909 at Clarks, NE to William & Catherine (Hansen) Kohl. 27 Dec 1928: Married Joseph Monson at Columbus, NE. They lived in Polk Co., NE. 1948: Moved to Clarks, NE. Bettie later moved to Central City, where she died Tues. 2 Oct 2012. Service will be Sat. at Clarks Congregational Church. Burial in Valley View Cemetery, Genoa, NE. Arrangements by Wagner Funeral Home, Central City, NE. Survivors: 2 sisters. Predeceased by her husband; her parents; 2 sisters - Martha Darnall & Elsie Grosch; 3 brothers - Arthur, John Sr. & Bill Kohl.

Notes: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I pp 261 (WG Kohl), 289 (J Monson); 1920 Fed. Census NE ED156 p13B D157 F164: Clarksville Twp, Merrick, NE (w/p).

Grand Island Independent - Fri. 5 Oct 2012

**Don L. "Bub" BRIDGER, 87**

Born 25 May 1925 at Fullerton, NE to Roy & Eulalia (Zuerlien) Bridger. 1946-48: US Army. Married in South Dakota. They farmed in Nance, Boone, Fillmore & Burt Counties. 1960: Moved to Central City, NE. Don died Wed. 3 Oct 2012 at Central City, NE. Service will be Sat. at Wagner Funeral Home, Central City. Burial will be in Evergreen Cemetery, St. Edward, NE. Survivors: His wife; 4 sons; 2 daughters; 13 gchh & 23 g-gch.; a brother & his wife. Predeceased by 2 sons - Richard & David Bridger; 2 sisters - Arnette Furby & Donna Coufal; a brother - Lynn Bridger; a gch & 2 g-gch.

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 9 Oct 2012

**Shirley Fae (Folbrecht) LARSON, 79**(photo)

Former resident of Central City, NE. Died Sun. 7 Oct 2012 at home in Lincoln, NE. Memorial service will be Wed. at St. Mark's United Methodist Church, Lincoln. Arrangements by Lincoln Memorial Funeral Home.



Memorials: Bethany Branch Library or Lincoln Public Schools Backpack Program.

Notes: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I p249 (R&LA Johnson). Maiden name was Thompson. Her second husband was Kenneth E. Larson who died 30 Oct 2001.

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 9 Oct 2012

**Elna Lorraine SCHNEIDERHEINZ, 77**(photo)

Born 24 Nov 1934 in Merrick Co. NE to Lyman & Vera (Rallens) Pierce. Lived in Marquette/Central City areas. 18 Apr 1952: Married Daniel R. Schneiderheinz. They lived at Central City, NE. Dan was the County Sheriff & Elna was dispatcher/cook for the department. Dan died 26 Sep 2011. Elna died Sat. 6 Oct 2012 at hospital in Grand Island, NE. Visitation: Tues. at Solt Funeral Home, Central City. Service will be Wed. at St. Michael's Catholic Church, Central City, NE. Burial in the city cemetery. Survivors: 2 sons, a daughter; 7 gch., 3 g-gch. Predeceased by her husband; her parents; a brother Lloyd Pierce.

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 11 Oct 2012

**Robert E. KYES, 80**

Died 12 Dec 2010 at Grand Island Veterans Home. He donated his body to science. Graveside memorial service will be held Sat. 13 Oct 2012 at Central City Cemetery. Arrangements by Wagner Funeral Home, Central City.

Columbus Telegram - Fri. 12 Oct 2012

**Arthur 'Bud' WISER, 84**(photo)

Born 28 Aug 1928 on farm near Chapman, NE to Arthur B. & Alice (Johnson) Wiser. Abt 1942 - dropped out of school after father had accident. Farmer. 1949: Married Lois Garretson at Kearney, NE. They farmed west of Osceola until 1971, moved to farm west of Columbus, NE. He also did custom haying, was a heavy equipment operator, and a welder. Bud died Wed., 10 Oct 2012 at Columbus, NE. Service will be Sat., 13 Oct at Trinity Lutheran Church, Columbus. Burial in Roselawn Memorial Cemetery, Columbus. Arrangements by Gass Haney Funeral Home. Survivors: A son, 3 daughters, 7 gch., 12 g-gch.; 2 sisters; assorted in-laws. Predeceased by his wife (4 Sep 2006); his parents; a sister - Geraldine Juhl; a grandson. Note: See 1930 Fed. Census NE ED61-12 p4b D85 F80: Prairie Creek Twp, Merrick, NE (w/p).

Aurora News Register - Wed. 17 Oct 2012; Grand Island Independent - Fri. 19 Oct 2012 (photo)

**Duane L. EATON, 79**

Born 26 Jun 1933 in Hamilton Co., NE to Cecil W. & Ella (Brondel) Eaton. Attended Central City HS. Worked in St. Edward, NE. Korean War: US Army. Returned to Central City, NE. 4 May 1958: Married Bernice E. Bender. He worked for lumber company, managed a concrete operation, owned/operated a cafe, etc. They lived in Central City, wintered in TX. Bernice died 27 Nov 2000. Duane died Wed., 17 Oct 2012 at GI Veterans Home. Visitation: Tues., at Solt Funeral Home, Central City. Service will be Wed. 24 Oct at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, with burial in the city cemetery. Survivors: A son, a daughter; a sister & her husband; a brother & his wife. Predeceased by his wife & his parents. Memorials to St. Paul's Lutheran Church or the Central City Volunteer Fire Department.

Columbus Telegram & Fremont Tribune - Fri. 19 Oct 2012

**Charles "Milton" WILCOX, 74**(photo)

Born 1 Jan 1938 at Columbus, NE to Marvin L. & Marie (Larson) Wilcox. 1957 grad. of Silver Creek HS. 16 Jul 1960: Married at Columbus, NE. They lived at Silver Creek until 1966, moved to O'Neill. Later lived at Arlington & North Bend, NE. Returned to Arlington. He died Wed. 17 Oct 2012 at hospital in Fremont, NE. Memorial service will be Sat. 20 Oct at McKown Funeral Home, Columbus, NE. Burial will be with his family at Silver Creek Cemetery. Survivors: His wife; 3 daughters, a son, several gch.; 5 brothers, a step-brother; many in-laws. Predeceased by his parents & his step-mother Grace Reed Wilcox; a sister Patsy Lesiak; a brother-in-law Ron Champoux; a sister-in-law Elaine Rasmussen; a brother-in-law Norman Stromberg. Memorial donations to Arlington Fire & Rescue, North Bend Fire & Rescue or the Arlington Community Church.

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 24 Oct 2012

**Roger D. PLATT, 73** (photo)

Born 25 Feb 1939 at Superior, NE to Cecil & Ida May (Newell) Platt. Grew up at Cadams, NE. 13 Aug 1960: Married Georgetta at Central City, NE. They lived in Central City, Palmer & Grand Island, NE. Georgetta survives, lives in Grand Island. Roger returned to live at Central City, NE. He died Mon. 22 Oct 2012 at hospital in Grand Island, NE. Service will be Thurs. at Wagner Funeral Home, Central City - with burial at Burke Cemetery, near town. Survivors: Five daughters, 12 gch., 13 g-gch., a companion - Karen W.; a brother & his wife; 2 sisters. Predeceased by his parents; 2 brothers - Bob & Brad; 2 sisters - Marie & Donna.

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 25 Oct 2012

**Irene M. SORENSEN, 92**(photo)

Born 24 Feb 1920 at Clarks, NE to Albin J. & Margaret (Dodds) Nelson. 1938 grad. of Hordville HS (Hamilton Co.). 14 Jun 1939: Married H. Ervin Sorensen at York, NE. They lived at Brush, CO, then at Hordville, NE. 1950: Moved to Grand Island, NE. They owned L&V Furnace Co. Mr. Sorensen died 11 Oct 2008. Mrs. Sorensen died Tues., 23 Oct 2012 at Grand Island. Service will be Fri. at Messiah Lutheran Church; burial in Westlawn Cemetery, Grand Island, NE. Survivors: 2 sons, a daughter; 5 gch., 3 g-gch. Predeceased by her husband; her parents, 2 brothers - Clarence (infancy) & Lee; a sister Mary Fishler. Memorials to the church.

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 31 Oct 2012

**Robert A. "Bob" BOCK, 86**(photo) /

Born 27 Sep 1926 on farm near Papillion, Sarpy, NE to Edward E. & Marie P. (Lamprecht) Bock. 1945-46: US Army. 1948: Moved to Kimball, NE & worked in oil fields, ranch hand. Bought a truck, & went into hauling business. 21 Nov 1981: Married Nellie. Went to work in Central City, NE. He died Mon. 29 Oct 2012 at hospital in Grand Island, NE. Service will be Fri. at First Christian Church, Central City with burial at Bureau Cemetery, Pierce Chapel, Clarks, NE. Arrangements by Solt Funeral Home. Survivors: His wife; a brother, 2 sisters. Predeceased by his parents, 3 sisters Elaine Smith (Harold), Bernice Hooper, Verna Villella (Tom); brother - Hans Bock; parents in law - Ervin & Vanda Zehr; other relatives.

Columbus Telegram - Wed. 31 Oct 2012

**Bonnie Mae GARRETSON, 73**(photo)

Born 8 Jun 1939 at Silver Creek, NE to Glenn Edmond & Mary E. (Hinkle) Mustard. 16 Jul 1954: Married Dennis Garretson at Columbus, NE. She died Tues. 30 Oct 2012 at home in Platte Center, NE. Visitation: Thurs., McKown Funeral Home, Columbus. Service will be Fri. at First United Methodist Church, Silver Creek with burial in Silver Creek Cemetery. Survivors: 2 sons, a daughter; 7 gch., 10 g-gch; a brother. Predeceased by her parents; a son Bruce Garretson. Memorials to the church.

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Grand Island Independent - Mon. 5 Nov 2012

**Barbara M. BURKE, 79**(photo)

Born 8 Jan 1933 at Arnold, NE to Adolphus H & Leona (Backes) Norgard. Family moved to Central City, NE. Married Dale Hedges; lived at Central City. 1983: Barbara moved to California & worked at para- educator for Sacramento City School district. Married Myron Burke. After Ron's death she moved back to Nebraska. She died Sat. 3 Nov 2012 at Kearney, NE. Memorial service will be Thurs. at Wagner Funeral Home, Central City. Survivors: 4 daughters, 10 gch., 4 g-gch.; a sister. Predeceased by 5 sisters - Marceil (age 6), Bonnie Carlson, Pat Stuart, Dorothy Brown & Shirley Martin; a brother - Robert Norgard; a gch. Memorials to AseraCare.

Grand Island Independent - Mon. 5 Nov 2012

**Anna Lee COBB, 85**(photo)

Born 19 Nov 1926 at Central City, NE to Lee & Grace (Wagoner) Clayton. Attended school at Central City & at Hordville, NE. 7 Nov 1948: Married Edwin E. Cobb at Central City. They farmed in Merrick County, then retired to Central City. Ed died 6 Jun 1994. Anna died Sat. 3 Nov 2012 at Central City. Service will be Wed. at Solt Funeral Home, Central City; burial in the city cemetery. Survivors: A son & his wife, 2 gch. Predeceased by her husband; her parents; 3 brothers - Gerald, Kenneth & Roger Clayton; a sister -

Gwendolyn Leach.

Note: See 1920 Fed. Census NE ED158 p18B H2115 D104 F110: Central City Ward 3, Merrick, NE (w/p).

Grand Island Independent - Sun. 11 Nov 2012

**Bernardine F. "Nana" Hedges, 79** (photo not linked)

Born 25 Dec 1932 in South Sioux City, IA to Bernard & Ruth (Irwin) Hack. Family moved to St. Paul, NE. She also attended school in Merrick County, NE. 23 Sep 1950: Married Philip E. Bolling at Central City. She owned a business, worked as teacher's aide. Philip died 17 Dec 1975. Bernardine married G. Dale Hedges on 11 Apr 1980. She died Fri. 9 Nov 2012 at Bryan Medical Center East, Lincoln, NE. Visitation: Mon., Wagner Funeral Home, Central City. Service will be Tues., St. Michael's Catholic Church, Central City; burial in the city cemetery. Survivors: Her 2nd husband, 5 sons, 5 daughters, 22 gch., 19 g-gch., 4 step-daughters. Also living are 5 brothers and 4 sisters. Predeceased by her first husband; a daughter Anita Bolling; 3 brothers - Arden, Bob & John Hack; a sister - Fern Meyer; a g-gch. Memorials to Central City Wrestling Program; Cancer Research; Central City Volunteer Fire Department; or Alcoholics Anonymous.

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 21 Nov 2012

**Eunice I. CEDER, 90**(photo)

Born 17 Aug 1922 in Platte County, NE to Anton & Alma (Larson) Peterson. 1930 grad of Genoa HS, NE. 29 Jul 1940: Married Howard Ceder at Fullerton, NE. They lived in CA until 1942, moved to Central City, NE. 1962: Started Ceder's Home Improvement. Eunice died Tues. 20 Nov 2012 at Central City. Service will be Fri. at Grace Lutheran Church, Central City, with burial in the city cemetery. Arrangements by Solt Funeral Home. Survivors: Her husband; 3 sons, 5 gch., 15 g-gch; a brother; her twin sister. Predeceased by her parents; a brother - Jim Peterson; a sister - Phyllis Schlesinger; a gch.

Note: 1940 Fed Census at Lindsay, Platte, NE.

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 21 Nov 2012

**Christina Dorothy KRUSE, 100**(photo)

Born 3 Aug 1912 at Farwell, NE to Chris & Martha (Lemburg) Knoepfel. Lived at Kelso, NE. 1930 grad. of Farwell HS. 27 Jun 1937: Married Herman J.C. Kruse at parents farm. They farmed SE of Worms, NE. 1970: Herman died in tractor accident. Christina moved to Grand Island in 1973. Did home care of elderly & worked in a bakery. She died Mon. 19 Nov 2012 at Grand Island, NE. Visitation Fri. at Apfel Funeral Home, Grand Island. Service will be Sat. at Trinity Lutheran Church (Grand Island) with burial at Zion Lutheran Cemetery, Worms, NE. Survivors: 4 daughters, a son, 10 gch., 23 g-gch., 10 gg-gch.; 3 brothers, a sister. Predeceased by her husband; her parents; 3 brothers - Clarence, Arnold, & Donald Knoepfel; a sister Elvena & her husband Loris Campbell; 2 sisters-in-law, a brother-in-law; a son-in-law. Memorials to Trinity Lutheran Church or Zion Lutheran Church.

Grand Island Independent - Wed. 21 Nov 2012

**Darrel V. "Pete" PETERSON, 71**

Born 25 Oct 1941 at Denver, CO to Lyle & Imogene (Hill) Peterson. Grad. of HS in Suitland, MD. Lived in Colorado. 31 Dec 1998: Married at Clarks, NE. Darrel died Sun. 18 Nov 2012 at Central City, NE. Family & friends will meet Mon. at Clarks VFW. Survivors: His wife, 3 sons, 5 gch., step-gch.; a brother & 2 half-sisters. Predeceased by his parents. Arrangements by Wagner Funeral Home, Central City, NE.

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 22 Nov 2012

**Douglas L. PETERSON, 86**

Born 27 Jun 1926 at Central City, NE to Carl & Winifred H. (Boehl) Peterson. Grad. of CCHS; attended UNL (Engr). 1944-46: US Navy. Died Tues., 20 Nov 2012 at Central City. Service will be Mon. at Apfel Funeral Home, Grand Island, NE. Burial in Westlawn Cemetery. Survivors: His cousins. Predeceased by his parents.

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 24 Nov 2012; Aurora News Register

**Marilyn J. DJERNES, 90**(photo)

Born 28 Mar 1922 on farm near Archer, NE to Charles H. & Emma Esther (Wegner) Retzlaff. 1940 grad. of CCHS. 4 Jun 1944: Married Edgar Djernes at the home of her parents. They lived on farm near Marquette,

NE for 21 years; moved (to Merrick County?). Teacher. Edgar died in 2008. Marilyn died Wed. 21 Nov 2012 at Central City, NE. Visitation: Mon. at Wagner Funeral Home. Service will be Tues. at Archer Zion United Methodist Church. Burial in Archer Evangelical Community Cemetery. Survivors: 2 daughters; a sister-in-law; a gch.; a g-gch. Predeceased by her husband; her parents; 2 brothers - August & Oliver Retzlaff. Memorials to the cemetery's perpetual care fund.

Grand Island Independent - Mon. 26 Nov 2012

**Clarence A. KANTER, 88**(photo)

Born 22 Jun 1924 at Palmer, NE to Arthur W. & Katherine D. (Holtz) Kanter. Grad. of Palmer HS. 1945-46: US Army. 24 Jun 1951: Married Katherine Butt at Central City, NE. In 1953 they moved onto family farm W of Palmer, NE. Katherine died 7 Aug 1998. Clarence died Sat. 24 Nov 2012 at Howard Co. Medical Center, St. Paul, NE. Service will be Wed. at St. John's Lutheran Church, with burial in Rose Hill Cemetery, Palmer, NE. Arrangements by Greenway Funeral Home, Palmer. Survivors: A son & his wife; a daughter-in-law; 10 gch., 17 g-gch., 1 gg-gch. Predeceased by his wife; his parents; a son Wayne Kanter; daughter-in-law Gayle Kanter; 2 g-gch.; 3 brothers - Glenn, Edwin & Harold Kanter; a sister Anna Weber.

Grand Island Independent - Mon. 26 Nov 2012

**Allen L. VERPLANK, 82**(photo)

Born 31 Aug 1930 at Palmer, NE to George W. & Ella M. (Freeland) Verplank. 1948 grad. of Palmer HS. Trucker, gas station operator. 25 Jun 1950: Married in Vermillion, SD. Allen died Fri. 23 Nov 2012 at hospital in Kearney, NE. Service will be Wed. at Jacobsen-Greenway Funeral Home, St. Paul, NE. Burial in Rose Hill Cemetery, Palmer, NE. Survivors: His wife of Kearney; 2 sons, a daughter, a son-in-law; 11 gch., 4 step-gch., 9 g-gch., 4 gg-gch.; 3 sisters, a sister-in-law, his mother-in-law. Predeceased by his parents; a daughter -Theresa Conway; a gch.; a sister - Lida Friedrichsen; a brother - Layton Verplank; his father-in-law - Adrian Stone. Memorials to Palmer HS Athletic Dept.

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Grand Island Independent - Mon. 3 Dec 2012

**Roland E. "Rollie" REYNOLDS, 81**(photo)

Born 11 Dec 1930 near Palmer, NE to Oscar & Marie Francies (Ewers) Reynolds. Grad. of St. Paul HS, & UN College of Agriculture. Served in USAF (2 yrs). 6 Aug 1952: Married. Salesman. Methodist. He died Fri. 30 Nov 2012 at home in Grand Island, NE. Private service will be held at later date. Arrangements by All Faiths Funeral Home, Grand Island. Survivors: His wife; a son, a daughter, 4 gch.

Grand Island Independent - Thurs. 6 Dec 2012

**Annie Olwen FERGUSON, 91**

Born 27 Jul 1921 north of Central City, NE to Owen G. & Elizabeth (Jones) Jones. 1961: Married Carl Ferguson. Carl died in 1990. Lived at Lincoln, NE. Annie died Tues. 4 Dec 2012 at Holdrege, NE. Memorial service will be Wed. 12 Dec at Holdrege Memorial Home Chapel. Inurnment at later date in Bureau Cemetery at Pierce Chapel, Clarks, NE. She is survived by a niece, a nephew, a brother-in-law. Note: See History of Merrick Co. Nebraska, Vol I p187 (Ferguson); Bureau Cemetery extracts.

Polk County Newspaper - Thurs. 6 Dec 2012

**Evelyn LISKU, 89**

Born 13 Mar 1923 at Clarks, NE to John & Eva (Shotkoski) Zelazny. 18 Nov 1952: Married Clifford Lisko at Clarks. They farmed near Osceola, NE. Clifford died in 1976. Evelyn moved Columbus, NE; and in 2008 moved to Omaha, NE. She died Wed. 28 Nov 2012 at Omaha, NE. Service will be Sat. 1 Dec at St. Isidore Catholic Church, Columbus, NE. Burial in St. Mary's Cemetery, Pilsno (near Osceola), NE. Survivors: 3 daughters, gch & step-gch.; 2 sisters-in-law. Predeceased by her husband & her parents; 2 sisters - Clara Voichoske and Jean Kula; 3 brothers - Edward, Hubert and Phil Zelazny.

Columbus Telegram - Fri. 7 Dec 2012

**Joseph A. KONWINSKI, 73**(photo)

Born 26 Feb 1939 at Silver Creek, NE to Joseph Sr. & Florence (Kantor) Konwinski. 1955 grad. of Silver Creek HS. 1956-58: US Navy. 2 Jul 1960: Married at Columbus, NE. 1966: Moved back to Silver Creek as owner/operator of Lil Joe's Bar. Farmer with additional jobs. He died Wed. 5 Dec 2012 at home in Silver Creek. Service will be Mon. 10 Dec at St. Lawrence Catholic Church with burial in the church cemetery. Survivors: His wife; 3 daughters, 2 sons; several gch. & g-gch.; a brother & 2 sisters. Predeceased by his parents; a son Joseph; a g-gch.

Grand Island Independent - Sun. 9 Dec 2012

**Wanda G. NELSON, 65**(photo)

Born 11 Mar 1947 at Huntsville, Alabama to Russell & Christine (Baron) Spears. Family lived in WY, Puerto Rico, & CA. Grad. of Atwater HS, CA. 1968: Married Mervyn Nelson at Castle AFB, CA. They lived in Modesto, CA. In 1980 moved to Grand Island, NE. About 2000, they moved to Jefferson City, MO; and in 2011 moved to Central City, NE. Wanda died Thurs. 6 Dec 2012 at Central City, NE. Service: Wed. at Solt Funeral Home. Burial at a later date. Survivors: Her husband; a son, a brother; 3 sisters-in-law. Predeceased by her parents; a brother - Ben Spears.

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 11 Dec 2012

**Diana Marie KELLY, 48**(photo)

Born in Salt Lake City, UT to Leslie Earl & Mary Blackwell. Family lived in UT, MT, ND and NE. 1983 grad. of Central City HS. She moved to York, NE. 18 Jun 1999: Married Ronald L. Kelly. 2005: They moved to Osceola, NE. She was an animal control officer for Columbus & Osceola. Diana died Sat. 8 Dec 2012 at hospital in Osceola, NE. Service will be Thurs at Solt Funeral Home, Central City. Burial in Burke Cemetery, Merrick Co. Survivors: Her husband, a daughter; her mother; 3 brothers & a sister. Predeceased by her father & her grandparents.

Grand Island Independent - Tues. 18 Dec 2012

(Lucile) **Lindy MURPHY, 96** (photo)

Born 19 Feb 1916 at Palmer, NE to Charles Rita "Rite" & Elsie (Davis) Linderman. 1922: Moved to Grand Island, NE. 9 Jul 1937: Married Jerry Murphy at Grand Island. Presbyterian. Jerry died in 2007. Lindy died Sat. 15 Dec 2012 at Grand Island, NE. Memorial service will be Tues. at Riverside Retirement Lodge. Private inurnment at later date. Arrangements by Livingston-Sondermann Funeral Home. Survivors: A son, 2 gch., 2 g-gch.; 2 sisters. Predeceased by her husband; her parents; her siblings - Bernice, Margaret & Lowell. Memorials to the church.

Note: Her family, see 1920 Fed. Census NE ED159 p6A D133 F138: Palmer Village, Loup Twp, Merrick, NE. Husband's obit published 27 Jan 2007 in GI Independent.

Gass Haney Funeral Home - Wed. 19 Dec 2012

**Eileen HANSHER, 85**

Born 19 Jun 1927 at Clarks, NE to Robert Sr. & Nanette (Ernst) Spires. Grad. of Clarks HS. Married Corbet "Corky" Hansher. At retirement they moved to Columbus, NE. Eileen died Wed. 19 Dec 2012 at Columbus. Service will be private, with burial at later date in Clarks Cemetery. Survivors: 3 daughters, 1 son; a daughter-in-law; 11 gch., several g-gch.; a sister; 2 brothers. Preceded in death by her husband; a son: Jim; a daughter and son-in-law - Ilene & David Booth; a son-in-law - Gordon Bergman. Also deceased are her parents; 3 brothers - Robert Spires Jr & his wife Donna, Richard Spires & Frank Spires; a sister - Imogene and her spouse, Rolland Abbott; a brother-in-law - Frank Schuele.

Grand Island Independent - Sat. 22 Dec 2012

**Dale M. TAYLOR, 89**(photo)

Born 3 Aug 1923 at Hoxie, KS to Elva & Jessie (Haskel) Taylor. WW II: US Army & Army Air Corps. 19 Apr 1944: Married at Fullerton, NE. Station owner. Resident of Palmer, NE. Dale died Wed. 19 Dec 2012 at hospital in Lincoln, NE. Visitation: Wed. at Greenway Funeral Home in Palmer. Memorial service will be Thurs. at Wesleyan Church, Palmer, NE. Inurnment at Rose Hill Cemetery, Palmer. Survivors: His wife (in Grand Island), 3 sons, 4 daughters, numerous gch. g-gch., gg-gch.; 3 brothers, 4 sisters; other relatives.

Predeceased by a son Howard; his parents; 2 sisters - Margie & Darlene. Memorials to Burton Beyer American Legion Post 120 of Palmer, NE.

Aurora News Register - Wed. 26 Dec 2012; Grand Island Independent & Norfolk Daily News (photo) - Fri. 28 Dec 2012

**Juliette M. BROEKEMEIER, 83**

Born 7 Jul 192 near Naper, NE to Jacob H. & Kathrina (Boes) Berg. 15 Nov 1947: Married Delbert Dean Broekemeier at Norfolk, NE. They lived at Norfolk; then Naper, NE. 1961: Moved to farm near Central City, NE. Delbert died 13 Sep 2002. Juliette died Wed. 26 Dec 2012 at Central City, NE. Service will be Sat. at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Central City with burial in the city cemetery. Arrangements by Solt Funeral Home, Central City. Survivors: 5 children; 19 gch; 12 g-gch. Predeceased by her husband; a son Michael (2007); her parents; 5 sisters - Alta Small, Eileen Webber, Dorothy Belcher, Vi Forsch & Durla Jean Berg (infant); 1 brother - Henry Berg.

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