

THE WILDCAT



1954



Tohey Allaman



John Allaman



Barbara Baehler



Gladys Baehler



Marlene Barton



Bernice Basgall



Yvonne Bieker



Shirley Bolen



Kenneth Crosby



Orval Fry



Larry Gawith



Robert Hill



Beryl Kennedy



Max Kriegh



John Larson



Shirley Leiker



Georgia Lock



William Mai



John Mantey



Vern Moore



Erma Morse



Beverly Pearce



Lewan Reinhardt



Roberta Shurtz



Howard Siebert



Jean Stewart



Jerry Wertz



James Wostenberg



PRESIDENT



VICE PRESIDENT

ROBERTA SHURTZ
Pep Club 1-2-3-4; Glee Club 2; President 4;
Vice President 3; Typing (50); Shorthand (70);
Class Play 4; One Act Play 3; Homecoming
Queen Attendant 4; Volleyball 2-3; Band 1-
2-3-4; Yearbook Freshmen Initiation Editor

JOHN MANTEY
Yearbook Business Manager; Vice President 4;
Class Play 3-4; Football 3-4; Band 2-3-4;
One Act Play 2-3; Baseball 3; Boy's Glee 1-2;
Instrumental Solo 2-4; Mixed Chorus 1-2;
Typing (50)



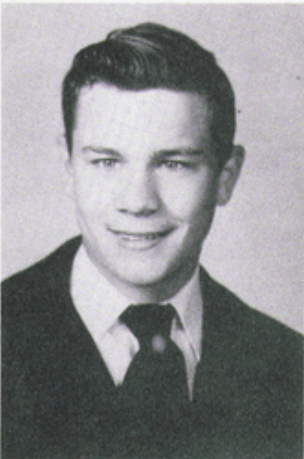
TREASURER



SECRETARY

BEVERLY PEARCE
Class Treasurer 2-4; Band 2-3-4; Vocal Solo
1-3; Class Play 3-4; One Act Play 2-3;
Typing Team 3; Shorthand (100); Yearbook
Underclass Editor; Glee Club 1-2-3-4; Pep
Club 1-2-3-4, President 4, Treasurer 3;
Twirling 1; Boy's Glee Club Accompanist 3;
Girl's Glee Club Accompanist 2-4; Girl's
Sextette 4; Homecoming Queen 4

BERNIECE BASGALL
Pep Club 1-2-3-4; Glee Club 1-2-3-4; Mixed
Chorus 2-3; Volleyball 3; One Act Play 2;
Class Play 3-4; Vocal Sextette 4; Typing (50);
Secretary 4; Cheerleader 4; Drum Majorette
3; Twirling 1-2-3; Brass Sextette 3; Band
2-3-4; Girls State Representative 3; Yearbook
Pep Club Editor; Contest Reading 3



TOOHEY ALLAMAN
Yearbook Academics Co-editor; Typing (40)



JOHN ALLAMAN
Yearbook Baseball Co-editor

GLADYS BAEHLER
Typing (50); Shorthand (100); One Act Play 3;
Class Play 3-4; Pep Club 1-2-3-4; Class
Treasurer 3; Typing Team 3; Yearbook Assistant
Editor



BENJAMIN FINLEY
Yearbook Baseball Co-editor; Baseball 3

ORVAL FRY
Yearbook Football Co-editor; Football 2-3-4;
Football Captain 4



HARLIE HAHN
Yearbook Music Co-editor; Transferred from
Kanorado, Kansas 2; Spelling Team 4

BERYLE KENNEDY
Yearbook Track Co-editor; Class Play 3;
Track 3; Typing (30); Football 3-4

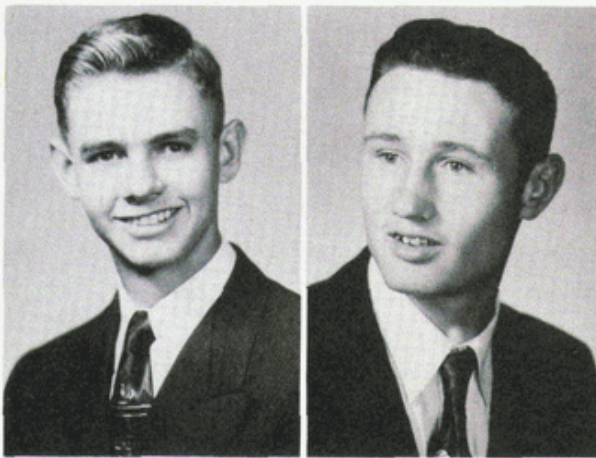


JOHN LARSON
Yearbook Music Co-editor; Football 4; Band
3-4



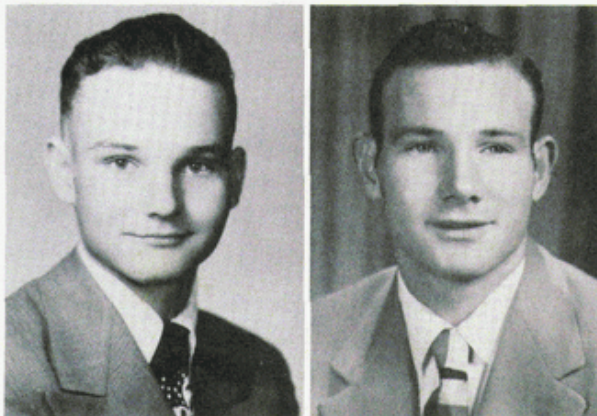
SHIRLEY LEIKER
Pep Club 1-2-3-4; Yearbook Art Editor

GEORGIA LOCK
Yearbook Senior Editor; Volleyball 1-2-3;
Pep Club 1-2-3-4; Typing Team 3; Typing (50)



BILL MAI
Class President 1; Mixed Chorus 1-2-4; One
Act Play 2-3; Band 2-3; Boy's Glee 1-2-4;
Class Play 3-4; Yearbook Editor; District
Vocal Solo 1; Typing (40)

CAYLE McALLISTER
Transferred from Kanorado, Kansas 2; Class
Play 3; Yearbook Football Co-editor; Track
2-3; Football 1-2-3; Typing (30); Basketball
3

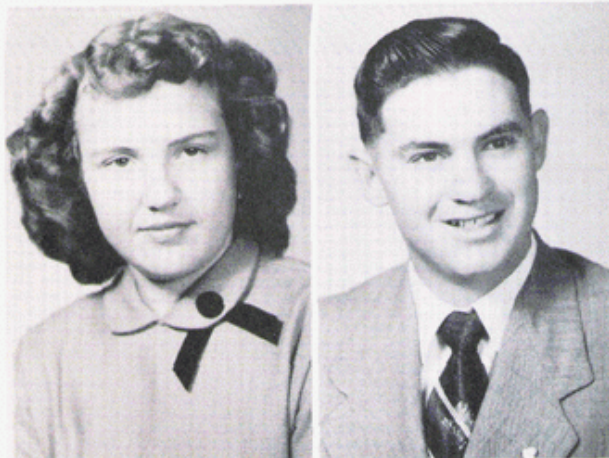


VERN MOORE
Track 3; Football 4; Typing (30); Yearbook
Track Co-editor

JAY LEE MORRIS
Tranferred from Sulphur, Oklahoma 4; Class
Reporter 2; Secretary and Treasurer 1-2-3;
Yearbook Typing Contest Editor

ERMA MORSE

Pep Club 1-2-3-4; Glee Club 2; Typing (50);
Shorthand (90); Class Play 3-4; One Act Play
2-3; Cheerleader 3-4; Yearbook Assistant
Business Manager; Volleyball 1-2-3; Home-
coming Queen Attendant 3



GERALD PRICE

Tranferred from Poteau, Oklahoma 3; Class
Play 3-4; Yearbook Homecoming Editor

HOWARD SEIBERT

Yearbook Senior Trip Editor; Football 2-3;
Track 3

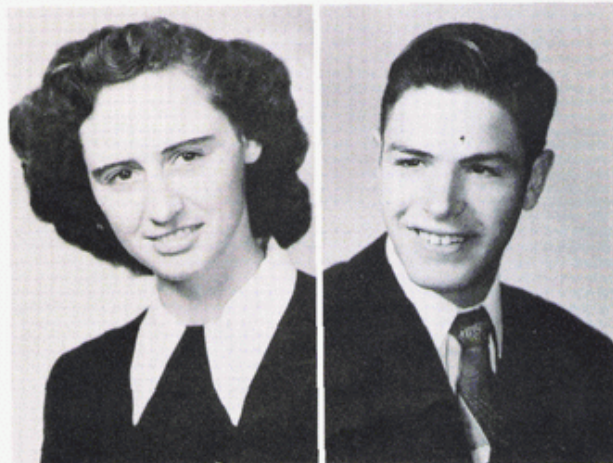


DEAN SIVEY

Transferred from Kanorado, Kansas 2; Band
1-2-3; Boy's Glee 1-2; Mixed Chorus 1-2;
Football 1; Basketball 1; Baseball 1;
Yearbook Photography Editor

DIXIE SMYTH

Yearbook Senior Co-editor; Pep Club 1-2-4;
Class President 1; Secretary 2; Pep Club
Treasurer 4



JIM WOSTENBERG

Yearbook Basketball Co-editor; Baseball 3;
Football 2-3

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FORWARD

Thanks to all the members of the Class of 1954 who provided pictures and biographical information about themselves and their families. They were edited when received so are in a random order. Some of the stories have been condensed. It is very difficult to write about one's self, and all have done a good job telling about what they have done and where they have been. Some may think what they accomplished was of little significance, but who can say that a simple life has less meaning or impact than one who has fame and recognition. In the end, each piece of work, small or large may have made for a better world.

THE WILDCAT editor 1954, Bill Mai

MIKE GAWITH

Stockton, Kansas

Mike was a member of the class of '54 through his junior year when his family moved to Colby where he finished his senior year and graduated.

From graduation until March of 1955 Mike was a desk clerk for Cooper Hotel in Colby, KS. In March he started working as a field employee for the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service, Colby. In July he began working in the office and in 1960 moved to Leavenworth as Chief Clerk in that county office. In March of 1960 he moved to Oberlin to work in that office as the county executive director. In 1985 he moved to Stockton, KS to be the district director for eleven counties in that area. He retired in 1992 from ASCS after 36 1/2 years of government service.

In July of 1955 Mike married Bernita Duffey. The Gawiths have three children, Gary, Peggy Ream and Scott and have five grandchildren and one deceased. The Gawith home is ten miles west and one and one half miles north of Stockton.

JERRY WERTZ

Cheyenne, Wyoming

Jerry left Sharon Springs in August of 1952 and moved to Longmont, Colorado, where he graduated from high school. He married Joann July 2 1954. They have 4 great sons and 7 grandchildren. After serving 2 years in the military they returned to Longmont. In 1972 they moved to Cheyenne, Wyoming, where they started an auto service business. He retired in 2002 and is now just goofing off. Jerry says, "Sorry I don't have an up to date picture, but we all look like we did back then, don't we?" Jerry had always reserved Father's Day weekend for this reunion, but this year it was changed. He won't be able to be here since he'll be in Wichita that week ("anybody got a fast plane?"). "I just want to say that my years growing up with all of you gave me some of the best memories of my life and I wish more kids could grow up in a small town like Sharon Springs. Take care and you all have a great time."

CAYLE MCALLISTER

Brighton, Colorado

After graduating from WCCHS Cayle moved to Denver, Colorado, where he worked at two different jobs and Rodeo'd some. He hooked up with two other lads and found himself in California in 1955. He worked with show horses until 1960 then moved back to Denver where he worked for the City of Greenwood Village for eight years. After that he worked in construction, trained horses, taught kids to ride and built houses for a while. He drove an 18-wheeler until he retired at age 65. He enjoys his current position as a supervisor for a security company.

He got married and had a boy and girl then was divorced in 1974. He has been married to Freda for 18 years.

YVONNE BIEKER (GENE) HILEMAN

Niangua, Missouri

After high school, Yvonne and Gene lived in Colorado for 7 years, near Climax, Leadville and Bjuena Vista. After that they moved to Missouri where they lived a year at Marshfield, milking cows and she cooked at a country school for one year. They sold that farm and purchased their present one near Niangua, where she eventually went to work for the Office of Economic Development as an Aide for a couple of years, then as a First Start aide for a year, and then worked at Zenith Electronics in Springfield for 20 years making color televisions. They then purchased dairy cows and milked for 5 more years before selling the milk cows and now just raise baby calves (Holsteins) from about 2 days old to around 500-700 lbs.



The Hilemans live on a 95 acre farm near Conway, MO. have the calves, some chickens and cats. They like the Manx cats as the kittens are easy to give away.

Yvonne and Gene have raised 9 children and have 21 grandchildren and 5 great grand children. They spend at least 3 days a week at the Conway Senior Center, where she is a member



of the Board of Directors, Secretary of the Board, Activities and Publicity Chairman and anything else that they find for her to do. She also writes the Conway News for 3 papers weekly, and the

Senior News for these same 3 papers, and attends the Conway City Council meetings where she take notes and writes the news for the Conway Chronicle, a paper published by the local High School weekly.

She is a member of Sacred Heart Church, and a member of the Parish Council and Secretary of the Altar Society.

They also keep in touch with many of their former Zenith friends and attend get-togethers at the Union Hall in Springfield, Mo. once a month.

The Hilemans are only a 2 hour drive from Branson, and about an hour's drive from Lake of the Ozarks. They say "come see us if you are out this way".

BEVERLY PEARCE ANDREWS

SanDimas, California

Beverly has enjoyed various levels of success in many endeavors. Following graduation she had a morning radio disc jockey show, worked as a secretary for banks, an insurance company, an independent insurance investigator, General Artists Corporation (TV & movie stars agents) and then as a legal secretary.



She has lived in PA, CO, CA, KS and AZ where she recently built a new home. She attended Kansas University, Pasadena City College, LA City College and UCLA.

Beverly had an acting part in the stage production “At War With The Army” in the Carousel Theatre in Hollywood; modeled for hair styling competitions, women’s fashions on TV, and was a fashion show runway model for “Mr. Blackwell”. She was the editor of the “Glendale Today” magazine; Chairman of the “All-California Open Championship Domino Tournament”, Elementary School Board member; actively involved in civic organizations and appointed Parking Commissioner for the City of Glendale, CA. During the Bicentennial, she was appointed Supervisor of the “Western White House” office staff to work with the Advance Team for President Gerald Ford’s official visit.

She competed in the Soldier of Fortune 3-Gun Shoot in Las Vegas and held the high score in the “Sniper” rifle competition until the final day.

She took lessons in: English style riding; cake decorating; machine knitting (won LA County Fair ribbons, including a Blue Ribbon for Southern Pecan Pie); and do you believe this belly dancing lessons?; bowling lessons raised her score, and occasionally can bowl above 200; motorcycle lessons in 1997 (she now rides a big Harley Davidson Heritage).

1983-84 the year she was Governor of Toastmasters International’s District 52, their District was 2nd out of 72 Districts worldwide!

She travels between Arizona, California (where her tax-attorney son lives), Kansas and New England (where her Social Worker daughter lives).

For the past several years she has been sharing the all-natural product, Tahitian Noni Juice, which strengthens the immune system and allows the body to heal itself. And, of course, she welcome inquiries: nonistheanswer@aol.com or www.tahitiannoni.com/bev.

JOHN MANTEY

Boulder, Colorado

From September of 1954 through May 1960 John was a student at the University of Notre Dame, receiving a BS degree in electrical engineering in June 1958 and an MS degree in EE in June 1960. In Sept 1960 he enrolled at Stanford University and received his Ph.D. degree in January 1965. His primary area of interest was the control of electromechanical systems.



The Mantey family

Summer employment while in college included two summers with General Electric in Erie, PA, a summer at the US Naval Proving Ground in Dahlgren, VA, two summers with Bendix in South Bend, IN, and a summer with IBM in San Jose, CA. When he graduated from Stanford he went to work for IBM in White Plains, NY. During the three years in NY John worked on computer hardware and algorithms for the processing of seismic data and, almost as a side-line, developed a pattern size-grading program for the apparel industry. In 1967 IBM moved him to Houston where he continued working on some of the hardware and software for seismic processing. In 1969, IBM offered him the opportunity to move to Boulder where he worked on a wide variety of hardware and software projects. Most of the first 18 years was spent working on the control of electromechanical systems for tape drives, disk files, copiers, and printers; a two year portion was spent in computer system architecture. From 1987 through 1991 he worked in the IBM's federal system division in Boulder developing algorithms for satellite data processing. John retired from IBM at the end of 1991 and went to work for StorageTek the following week. At StorageTek he worked on power systems for their computer products and then on the development of a new tape drive. He retired from StorageTek at the end of June 1999.

While at Stanford, John met Elizabeth Aitchison; they married in July 1961. Their first daughter, Lisa, arrived while they were still at Stanford. Paul was born while they lived in Houston, and Eileen arrived shortly after they moved to Boulder. Lisa graduated from the U. of Colorado and is now a school teacher in the Boulder area. She and her husband, Chris, have two daughters: Lauren, 16 and Savannah, 9. Paul graduated from Notre Dame with a BA in history and then from the U. of Colorado with an MS in electrical engineering. He is currently working for HP in the Houston area. Paul and his wife, Christine, have three children: Carolyn, 7, Sonja, 4 1/2, and Ryan, 1 1/2. Eileen graduated from Dalhousie University with a BA in English and a masters in information technology education. She is currently working as a consultant in information technology. Eileen and her husband, Mike, have two children: Jack, 2 yrs, and Katheryn, 6 months. In 1991 Liz decided she would rather live with her parents, filed for divorce, and moved to Nova Scotia. However, there is a happy ending, John met Erma Lynch and they were married in 1997.

John's initial volunteer activities were primarily small tasks for their church or for some of the children's school or athletic activities. When Paul joined the boy scouts, John also joined as an

assistant scoutmaster. That activity has continued as he has served that troop for 25 years including three as the scoutmaster. Some of their more memorable activities were one and two week backpack trips in the Colorado and New Mexico mountains and a two week canoe trip in the boundary waters of northern Minnesota and southern Ontario. One of the other activities he especially enjoyed was support of the Fairview High School marching band and the jazz bands.

What's next? He hopes he'll be ready when the final day for this life arrives. Meanwhile, John and Erma plan to enjoy their children and grandchildren and see some more of the United States and Canada.

JIM WOSTENBERG

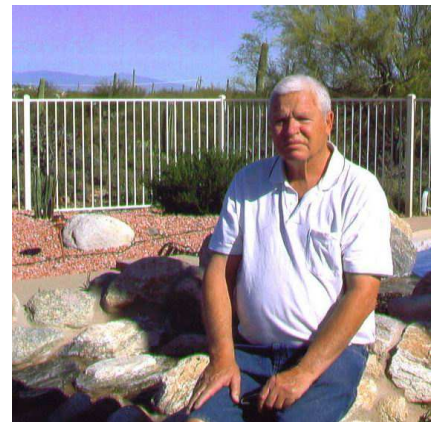
Tucson, Arizona

Right after high school, Jim moved to Colorado with his parents. He worked as a farm hand and in the sugar beet factory until January 1955. By then he realized this was not his life ambition so he decided to further his education and improve his opportunity for a better future.

Jim enlisted in the navy in order to qualify for the GI Bill to help finance his education and spent his first nine weeks at Great Lakes Naval Station in boot camp. Thanks to Mr. Seigle's physics class he passed a test, which qualified him for a 52-week electronics school. On completion of this schooling he was assigned to report aboard a destroyer stationed out of San Diego. He spent the next three years aboard this ship where we visited many seaports in the Pacific Ocean. Which included Australia, Japan, Philippines, Hong Kong, and many small islands. During this time he met Linda whom he married in 1957.

January 1959 he was discharged and they moved to Colorado where Jim started his college education at CU. After one year, it became obvious that the GI Bill and the low wages Linda could earn in Boulder were not sufficient to support the family. At that time they had the first two of four children. They decided to move to California where Jim got a job working in the aerospace industry working nights and going to school in the day time.

He obtained his BS in Electrical Engineering and continued working in the aerospace industry until his retirement in 1992. They spent the next five years deciding where they wanted to spend their retirement years. They chose Tucson, Arizona, and had their home built there. They have spent the last few years touring the U.S.A. by car and enjoy visiting both the Civil and Revolution war sites.



GLADYS BAEHLER (NORMAN) SUNDERLUND

Delta, Colorado

After graduation Gladys worked at Mom Dickson's cafe most of the time until she married Norman Sunderland on Sept. 18, 1955. Norman had moved to Sharon Springs from Kiowa following his 1954 graduation to work for his brother, Calvin, who owned the Sharon Springs newspaper at that time.



The first two years of marriage they lived in Southeastern Kansas; first at Medicine Lodge and then Cedarvale. Their oldest son, Randy, was born in Cedarvale. They then headed north; first making a stop in Malta, Montana, where daughter, Roxanne, was born. Their next destination was Fairbanks, Alaska, by way of the mostly gravel ALCAN Highway, where Norman worked for the Fairbanks Daily News Miner, along with two older brothers already in Alaska. After three years in the then newest state of the union, they headed back down to Montana. This time they made their home in Columbia Falls, Libby and Conrad before returning to Sedan Kansas in 1964. Their youngest son, Ronnie, was born there. Their next move took them back to Norman's hometown of Kiowa, then Hoisington and finally Wellington.

Norman worked in the newspaper business in these towns, usually learning a different phase of the newspaper business at each location. Gladys was a stay-at-home mom during this time, occasionally babysitting, sewing doll clothes to sell, decorating cakes and occasionally doing work for the newspapers. In 1971 after the youngest son was in school full time, she went to work at the Wellington Daily News as the proofreader. She also learned, with some difficulty, to read the lead type backwards and upside down so she could insert the corrections into the galleys of type.

In early 1972, Gladys and Norman decided they were ready to own their own newspaper and became part owners of The Limon Leader in eastern Colorado in June. A few years later they were able to assume complete ownership. As co-publisher, Gladys quickly became proofreader, bookkeeper, janitor or whichever position needed filled. Within a few years they were one of the last newspapers in Colorado still using the hot lead and linotypes. Everyone else was changing to the new photographic-type machines. Eventually they were forced to learn the new methods and changed to Compugraphics for setting the type. Norman had worked with the linotypes, both as typesetter and mechanic, ever since he started in the newspaper business at the age of 12 and it was a hard conversion for him. Gladys never learned to set type on the linotypes, but became one of the main typesetters on the Compugraphic.

All three of their children graduated from Limon High School. Randy and Roxanne went on to college, but eventually both came back to join the family newspaper business. Youngest son, Ron, started working full time as soon as he graduated from high school as darkroom technician and in production.

Norman and Gladys purchased North Fork Times in Paonia in 1984 and added an office-art supply store. In 1987 they purchased the larger newspaper in the county, the Delta County Independent and converted it to a computer system. A son and daughter and their families stayed in Limon to continue operating that Limon Leader until the 1990 Limon tornado almost totally destroyed it. They had to rebuild from scratch and sold it soon after. They combined the Delta County papers and all three of their children and grandchildren now work in the family newspaper business. The Delta paper is now the largest weekly in Colorado, employing about 25 including some part-timers in offices in Paonia, Cedaredge and Delta.

Though still co-publishers in name only, Norman and Gladys retired in June 1998 after 27 years in the newspaper business for her and 50 years for him. After they retired, they took off on an eight-week trip up the now paved ALCAN Hwy. to Alaska in their 38-ft. motorhome, accompanied by her sister Janet and her husband in their motorhome. Since then the four of them have enjoyed several trips together, including a six-week one up through the Great Lakes area, a couple winter trips to Texas and to Yuma, Ariz. this past winter plus a cruise through the Panama Canal. This was the third cruise for Norman and Gladys, and they love that method of traveling. In addition to family and traveling, they enjoy being involved in their church, reading, gardening, antiquing and other hobbies. They have also been able to spend more time with her family and friends in Sharon Springs.

WILLIAM V MAI

Sharon Springs, Kansas

Bill earned a Bachelor of Science degree in 1958, from Bethany College, Lindsborg, Kansas with studies in the sciences, history and religion. After graduation he continued farming with his father until 1960 when he married Wilma Seilheimer of Fort Worth, Texas. In 1980 they formed a farming corporation, Mai Farms Inc. The farm now specializes in the production of "Identity Assured" hard white winter wheat for delivery to Farmer Direct Foods and production, processing and sale of certified seed wheat.



Bill's farming practices were innovative from the beginning with his experiments with different tillage practices and tools that were aimed at making more efficient use of irrigation water and labor. In the early years he raised pigs and fed a few cattle. As his irrigated acreage increased he quit the livestock and concentrated on crop production and at different times grew wheat, sorghum, corn, sugar beets, sunflowers, edible beans and soybeans. When it became apparent that the water supply was being depleted, he began experimenting with dryland farming techniques and unconventional cropping systems. He worked closely with Ag engineers, agronomists and other scientists at Kansas State University and with the USDA Soil Conserva-

tion Service to prove and promote a non-irrigated crop rotation system that included corn and wheat.

Bill has been a panel member or presenter at the Annual No-till Conference of the Plains, Salina, Kansas; Interterm at Bethany College, Lindsborg, Kansas; the North American Agricultural Equipment Conference, Chicago, Illinois and various other KSU Extension Service and Soil Conservation seminars in Western Kansas. Various tour groups have made a stop at the farm to observe.

Bill has been active off the farm as well, having served in many capacities in his Church, state and county Extension Service, and state and county Farm Bureau. He was voting delegate to the American Farm Bureau Convention, Los Angeles in 1972 and voting member of the Churchwide Assembly, Indianapolis, 2001. He was appointed by governors to three four-year terms to the Kansas Corn Commission and elected to three three-year terms to the Kansas State Board of Agriculture and Kansas State Fair Board and served as president of each. He served on the Water Committee of Governor Bill Graves Vision 21st Century Task Force 2000 and is an outspoken advocate against the use of water from the Ogallala Aquifer for the production of low value crops. He is currently board secretary of Farmer Direct Foods and has been vice-president and escrow officer. He and Wilma are board members of Western Plains Arts Association and publish and print an 8 page newsletter three times per year. Bill is a past president and Wilma has been secretary of the board.

The family was named a Kansas Master Farmer Master Homemaker family in 1992. They were named Kansas Agricultural Engineering Innovator of the Year by the Western Association in 1990 and received the 1990 Ag Innovator of the Year Award from the Kansas State University Department of Agricultural Engineering. They received the Kansas Seed Industry's Kansas Premier Seed Grower award in 1998 and Farmer Direct Foods' Outstanding Producer award in 2004. Bill was the recipient of the Alumni Award of Merit from Bethany College in 1997.

Bill was Kansas Farm Bureau district Man Leader of the Year in 1976 and as such was one of 12 farm leaders on a trip to Washington D.C. Besides meeting with Secretary of Agriculture Earl Butz and legislators, the group participated in a farm bill signing ceremony in the Rose Garden and was invited by President Ford to the Oval Office after a meeting in the cabinet room with the President.

Bill and Wilma have two daughters, Cheryl, Laramie, WY, and Rebecca, Peabody, KS and a son, Carl. They have one granddaughter and six grandsons. They have traveled to every state except those in New England, Hawaii and Alaska. Bill actively assists son Carl in the farming operation and enjoys building things. There are many pieces of equipment and structures designed and built by Bill assisted by other family members. www.maifarms.com

HOWARD SIEBERT

Sharon Springs, Kansas

Following graduation Howard took employment in Leoti working in the construction of the new Wichita County School. He next went to work with Sunflower Telephone Co. He received schooling at Northwest Kansas Area Vocational-Technical School, which consisted of Telephone Technology I and II. Over the years he received PABX training at Automatic Electric Training Center, Northlake, Illinois; fiber optics schooling at Oklahoma State University; telephone engineering from Michigan State University and DCO Maintenance and Administration schooling with Stromburg-Carlson, Orlando, Florida.



In the summer of 1955 Howard and Norma Geyer were united in marriage. They are the parents of 3 children and have 6 granddaughters and 1 grandson. They have 2 great grandsons. Their 3 children and 6 granddaughters all graduated from Wallace County High School.

In 1987 Howard was offered early retirement, which he accepted. They have enjoyed traveling, which has included trips to Alaska, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, and the north-east and northwest states of the USA.

ERMA MORSE (GARY) TORSKE

Cheyenne, Wyoming

After graduating in 1954, Erma attended college in Ft. Hays. She dropped out of college to get married in 1955 and moved to Nebraska. They were blessed with 4 children, Rex, Joni, Mark, and Michelle. While living in Nebraska she was active in school functions, Cub Scouts, and junior softball (she coached for her son's team for one summer). She did lots of sewing for her children, and a lot for some of her friends. Also while living there she worked outside the home for several years.



After her divorce, she lived in California where she married Gary Torske. While living there, they had 2 children, Kim and David. The fast life and all the kooks were too much for a couple of country kids, so they headed back to Colorado, where their 3rd child, Sabrina, was born. They lived in Colorado for a year, and then moved to Wyoming, because Gary had gone to work for Union Pacific railroad. They have been in Cheyenne ever since. Gary retired 2 1/2 years ago.

They were active in the presidency of PTO of their schools for many years while the 3 youngest children were in school. They were also very busy with the Title One Program for the

state of Wyoming. It is a federal program for certain target schools in the state. In that capacity they traveled throughout the state assisting other schools with that program. They were sent to Washington D.C. to represent the state of Wyoming at a national conference. They were delighted to have the opportunity to meet the educational delegates from China who attended the conference and also many officials of the Department of Education, both state and federal. They met many state PTO and PTA presidents and also met Rev. Jesse Jackson, one of many speakers at the conference.

One of Erma's activities was to set up a working library in their neighborhood school where their children attended. She also worked as a teacher's aide for several years, and then was chosen to work with a blind child in the kindergarten class, as her one-on-one teacher. She says, "Believe me, that was quite an experience, and taught me to appreciate my eye-sight".

After their children had graduated, they scattered like quail. Their oldest, Rex, is in Cheyenne and works for the Union Pacific RR. He has 2 children. Joni lives in Casper, and has 3 children and 4 stepchildren. Her husband, Chuck, also works for Union Pacific. Mark lives in Mesquite New Mexico and has 3 children. He works for Primex Plastics. Michelle resides in Ohio and has one child. She works as a shift supervisor in a factory. Kimi and her husband, Kevin, live in Cheyenne and have 3 children. She works out of her home, doing quilts, and crafts and sells Avon. David and wife Deb live in Albuquerque, N.M. and have 4 children. He's a computer tech. for the government. Last but not least, Sabrina and her husband Mark, live in Wichita, Kansas. They have 2 children. Sabrina works as a guard for the courthouse complex. They also have a son, Mike,(Erma's stepson), who owns a construction company in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Gary has lost 2 children in different accidents. Between Gary and Erma, they had 10 children, 25 grandchildren, and 16 great grandchildren. Whew! Erma worked for an orthodontist until he retired, then had a day-care in her home for 4 years.

In her church, she worked with the Youth Programs, was in the presidency of the Women's Program and also the Young Women's Program. She taught Sunday School and worked as the compassionate service representative.

I guess you could say Erma has had a very busy life, and says she loved most of it. Now she's just enjoying her husband, family, and visiting her Mom in Sharon Springs, as often as possible.

BERNIECE BASGALL BOYLE

Scribner, Nebraska

Following graduation in 1954, Berniece worked for Glen Huffman at The Sharon Springs Market grocery store for 2 years. She then attended Fort Hays Kansas State College for 2 years majoring in Elementary Education. After getting her teacher certificate she taught grades 1-2-3 at Wallace Grade School for 2 years.



On June 13, 1960, she married Chuck Boyle from O'Neill, Nebraska, and 2 months later moved to Scribner, where Nebraska Public Power employed him. They lived in town, rented a farm later, and bought their own farm 2 miles west of Scribner in February of 1968.

For the next 20 years, Berniece was very busy raising a family of 3 boys and 3 girls. After they were older, she worked part time at several jobs, Lee's Market, Scribner Pharmacy, Morris Oil Co and The Depot in Hooper. In 1988 she moved to town and has lived there ever since. Chuck passed away in January of 1996.

One of her hobbies is enjoying and spending time with her children and their families; Bob; Cathie and family, Crete; Kerry, Beth and family, Scribner; Sandy, Chris and family, Ranchester, WY; Linda, Randy and family, Columbus, NE; Julie, Rich and family, Charlotte, NC and Duane, Patti and family, Ponca, NE. Berniece has 16 grandchildren, ranging in age from 2 to 16. She has always enjoyed music and spends much time playing her guitar, and singing with different groups of children at various occasions. She also loves to work in her yard and plants many flowers. She currently works part time at The Elkhorn Valley Villa, an assisted living center, as a senior companion.

She says, her last 50 years have been really full and rewarding, but that she'll never forget the wonderful times and all the fun she had with her classmates and friends at "Good ol; Sharon High. Wwhat a great memory!"

GEORGIA LOCK (JACK) PANCAKE

Sharon Springs, Kansas

After graduation Georgia worked for two years as a waitress in a cafe in Kit Carson, Colorado, then moved to Oakley, where she worked as a waitress and cook. In November of 1958 she went to Dodge City, where she attended Wilcox Beauty Academy for six months of schooling. In May of 1959 she received her Cosmetology license. She and her aunt opened the Lovely Lady Beauty Shop in Sharon Springs, where she worked until September of 1964. She moved to the



shop next to their home and opened Georgia's Beauty Shop. She is still operating her shop, and does hair care at nursing homes, hospitals, clients' homes, and funeral homes. She served a 3-year term on the Advisory Board of the Cosmetology department at the Northwest Kansas Area Vocational-Technical School, Goodland KS.



On February 23, 1963, she married Jack Pancake, a Wallace County farmer. They have one son, Gary, who farms with Jack and works with the Wallace County Police Department. He married Amy Elmore from Goodland, KS. They have one grandson, Cody, who is

in the 7th grade this year. She and Jack enjoy their one and only Grandson.

For fun, she is a member of the Goodland Women's Bowling Association, bowling once a week in the women's Monday afternoon league. She received her 35-year pin of participation at the State Bowling tournament this year. On June 28 she will be participating in the National Bowling tournament in Wichita Ks.

She also enjoys working in her yard with the flowers and gardening. Someday when the work's all done she and Jack will be able to travel.

GERALD PRICE

Tribune, Kansas

After high school Gerald went to Garden City Juco for two years, taking a pre-engineering course. After that he couldn't decide if he should further his education and find a cure for cancer, come up with an inexpensive fuel that would triple the miles a car could get on a gallon of fuel, or discover negative gravity. Instead he returned home to Tribune to farm & ranch, and became a shepherd. The shepherding was a short venture of about six years.



In April of 1958 he married Donna Armstrong. They have four very fine daughters, all of which were teenagers at the same time for about 16 months. They also have 3 great son-in-laws. and have 11 living grandchildren, 7 boys and 4 girls, that range from 11/2 to 24 years of age. They lost one grandson in Jan. of 1996 when he was 3 years of age.

In 1988 he decided to no longer rely on farming & ranching for a living, and started to work for the Federal Government at the Soil Conservation Service, which is now the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). As of March 2004 he still works at the same job, and still tries to farm a few acres. Donna works for the State of Kansas in the Social Rehabilitation Service, a job she has had about 14 years. Since about the first of the year she is working in the legal department. They are looking forward to the reunion and hope that everyone is healthy and can attend.

TOOHEY (BUDDY) ALLAMAN

Wallace, Kansas

After graduation Buddy worked around the area for a couple of years. In 1955 he went to Leoti to work on a farm and while there met the girl who would later become his wife. In 1956 he went into the Army and spent 16 months in Korea. When he came back he still had one year left in the Army. While still in the Army at Ft. Carson, Colorado, he



and Glenda got married. When he got out in 1959 he went to work at the John Deere dealer in Leoti where he spent 33 years.

They bought the Fairchild place west of Wallace in 1988, and moved there in 1992. They started building a new house in 2000, a work still in progress as they are doing it themselves. They also bought the old Robidoux house in Wallace and are restoring it, doing the work themselves. It will be open for tours in May of this year.

They have 4 children, 2 girls and 2 boys. Linda lives in Ordway, CO. and has 2 girls and a boy. Peggy lives in Sharon Springs, and has 1 boy and 1 girl. Adam lives in Ordway, CO. and has 2 girls. Riley lives in Leoti and has 1 boy and 1 girl. They have 8 great grandchildren, with the newest being twin boys born in April. Buddy and Glenda will be married 46 years this year. "It has been a good life".

ROBERTA SHURTZ WARD

Peralta, New Mexico

On May 27th of 1954 Roberta married, Jimmie Hill. During their 20-year marriage they were blessed with 4 sons. They moved to Pine Bluffs, Wyoming, where they lived a short time and then moved to Sharon Springs and the Goodland area. She went to work at the Koons Theater for a while and also Floyd's Snack Bar. She and Jim and went into business and operated the Hill Pontiac for 8 years until 1970. Roberta worked for Prairie Manor Rest Home, as a cook, and later worked for Wehner Grocery as a butcher. In 1974 she 'ran away from home' and with her two school aged sons, moved to Gila, New Mexico, where she divorced Jim and started a new life. In 1975 she met Bud Ward and they were married in Palomas, Mexico. He also had a son, Henry.



Sons Rodney, Henry and Robbie

They started their new married life together in Tyrone, New Mexico. In 1976 they moved to Los Lunas, New Mexico, and then to Peralta in 1977, where she is living today. She took a job at a Pontiac dealership in Belen, and then applied and got the job at NM Motor Vehicle Division. She was a driver's license examiner and issued driver's licenses, titles and registration.

She retired in 1997 and she and Bud took care of his ailing mother until she passed away that same year. Bud's father had passed away in 1984. She lost her husband Bud after a long illness in September 1998 and then her son Ricky in September 2002. She had already lost her dad in 1971 of cancer and her mother in 1989 to Alzheimer's. In June of 2002 she decided to go back to work and got a fun job cashing checks and credit cards at the Isleta Casino on the Isleta Indian Reservation, which is 9 miles from her home. During October 2002, she developed cancer that started in her mouth. She underwent



Sons Randy and Robbie

chemotherapy and radiation until May 2003 and so far is cancer free and doing fine. In February, 2004, she quit her job and took an extended vacation and traveled to Oklahoma to visit with her son Randy and then to San Antonio area to visit with her brother Robert and his wife. She has 11 grandchildren and 1 great grandchild. She loves to travel and her hobbies are ceramics and glass painting.

SHIRLEY LEIKER (RAYMOND) BUSSEN

Wallace, Kansas

Shirley married Raymond Bussen in the summer of 1954 and moved to his farm six miles east of Wallace. They have had an interesting and wonderful life together in the same home on the same farm. They raised six children, five of them adopted. The three sons are Tom, Brian and Joe; the three daughters are Rhonda, Julie and Celeste, D.O. According to Shirley, the challenges were sometimes a bit much, but they did all survive. They had nieces, nephews and neighbor kids around most of the time. They have wonderful memories of the time spent at the Bussen farm. Raymond made sure there was every kind of entertainment available.



Shirley's hobbies include the continuous support of four children, from various countries through the Christian Children's Fund and the Catholic Relief for Children. They have sponsored at least 10 children through the years. She also feeds and watches birds and feeds squirrels. She has made a couple of quilts and bakes and decorates wedding cakes, but her favorite pastimes are reading and babysitting grandchildren.

They've traveled some covering most of the western states, but Raymond's farming and ranching have always been his hobby and still is even though retired.

They've had some health problems; the monthly pill bill is greater than the grocery bill. Their good humor about all the "upkeep and repairs" of maturity, and their faith, get them through all the tough times. They point out that having a great family and good neighbors have been a blessing and their 20 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren have brought much fun and joy into their lives.

Shirley says; "We've been through tragedies and seen a miracle or two. I hope each of you former classmates have had a wonderful life too".

BEN FINLEY

Sharon Springs, Kansas

Following graduation, Ben worked on the grain elevator at Monument, Kansas, and for Great Plains Electric in Wallace and Logan Counties. He worked on the Union Pacific Railroad as a "gandy dancer" so he could go back to school. He went to Kansas Wesleyan



University, Salina, as a freshman, and then transferred as a sophomore to Fort Hays State where he earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree in 1959.

Ben worked for Heyl Motor Co. for a while, then for twelve years at Witzel & Rhea Implement Co as a bookkeeper and part time salesman. In the summer of 1972 he purchased the Phillips 66 service station from Edgar Heyl and operated that for about ten years. He then worked for Charles Pearce for about a year then for the Department of Transportation for a couple of years. In about 1987 he went to work for Heyl Motor Co as parts salesman and part time mechanic until his retirement in October 2000.

In 1964 he got married and lived on the farm and ranch two miles east of Sharon Springs, raising cattle and wheat. He has three children, Danny, Coleen and Steven. They sold the cattle herd when he operated the "66" Station. After his father died in 1999 he bought a few head of cattle to restock his pastures. Steven returned home at that time and has been managing the cattle since then. The drought has prevented planned expansion of the cowherd.

The oldest son, Danny, and wife Karan have two girls, Casey who is in college and Kelly. He is a rancher and takes in other people's livestock.

Daughter Coleen Dautel of Goodland has four children: Wyatt, Whitney, Preston and Tether. They are a sports family. She works at Mr. Jim's as a seamstress. She has remodeled and decorated a home and yard in west Goodland.

The youngest son, Steven and his wife Amy built a home two miles east of Sharon Springs. They have a son Kade who is five. Steve is a cowboy and horse trainer.

DIXIE SMYTH KENNEDY BERYLE KENNEDY

Goodman, Missouri

Dixie Smyth and Beryle Kennedy were married June 6, 1954. They lived in Monument for one month where Beryle worked as a cement finisher on the grain elevator. They bought a small trailer house, set it in Oakley and Beryle worked on elevators until early 1955 when he fell and injured his back. He then worked at the furniture store in Oakley with other jobs on the side. In 1956 they bought a house in South Oakley, then in 1959 Beryle built them a new house in Oakley. They really wanted a farm in Missouri, so in the fall of 1959 they had the opportunity to buy a place. They sold their new home and new car and moved to the Ozarks in southwest Missouri, 20 miles south of Joplin. They have lived there for almost 45 years

The house and the farm have both grown in size. They operated a dairy for about 3 years, then sold the cows and dairy equipment. Beryle bought into a small livestock sale barn and started doing a lot of cattle trading. In the mid 70's he and two other partners built and operated the 4-State Livestock Auction, just north of Diamond, MO. They sold the sale barn in



1979. Since then he has worked as a livestock order buyer for customers in 5 states. He also runs several cattle on their own (Circle K over Lazy Bar) Ranch. He puts up several hundred big round bales of hay every year and sometimes cuts fescue seed as a cash crop.

They owned and managed 15 apartments in Diamond for about 25 years. They sold those



Kennedy family picture

a year and a half ago. It was a good business but not missed now. With 5 children, 13 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren, Dixie manages to keep busy. Ken lives in Joplin, Debby, Sandy and Nina live on their own places with their families on the Kennedy farm. Jonny has been teaching foreign language at Miller, MO for the past 2 years. He has an apartment there, coming home on weekends. Their family is close and like to take vacations together in the summer.

ORVAL FRY

Sharon Springs, Kansas

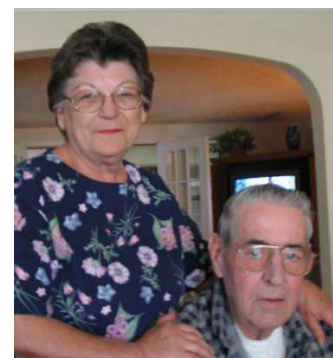
Following High School Orval went to Los Angeles to a trade school where got an Airframe and Power plant License. He was in the Air Force from March, 1956 to March, 1960. He then farmed with his father until September of 1966 when he went to work as mechanic at Van Allen Implement in Sharon Springs. He retired from the shop as head mechanic in April of 1996. Since then he is employed at Van Allen Farms.



SHIRLEY BOLEN (HAROLD) DREILING

Sharon Springs, Kansas

Shirley married Harold Dreiling in 1954 and raised 4 children and have 5 grand children and 4 great granddaughters. Shirley has enjoyed being a mother, grandma and great grandma as well as homemaker and an Avon representative. Harold was a Great Plains Electric lineman and later ran a trenching business in Sharon Springs.



MAX KRIEGH

Winona, Kansas

Max spent two years in the army including duty in Germany. He married and had two sons, Shane and Justin and later divorced. Over the years Max has ranched, drove truck and built trikes. He might be called a “jack of all trades”. Two of his trikes stand out having caught the eye of the crowds at Sturgis. One was built from a 1917 Star body and the other was built with a 455 Tornado. Max married his second wife, Scoop, while living in Wallace County.



Since then they have lived in Wyoming, Arizona, Missouri and now in retirement near Winona, KS. Their two grand daughters, Jenna and Cassidy, keep them on their toes. Max has had some major health problems but has recovered from each episode. He looks forward to each day and plans to build at least one more trike, remodel their home at Winona and keep on raising a little hell!

MARLENE BARTON (GUY) BOLEN

Wallace, Kansas

Marlene Barton married Guy Bolen, June 8, 1952, at the First Christian Church in Sharon Springs. Gail Peterson was the minister; Dean Barton and Donna Mather were attendants.

Guy and Marlene lived on a farm southeast of Wallace when Bryan was born in 1953 and Bruce in 1955. In October they moved to Denver where Guy worked for Gates Rubber Co. and later as a welder for Colorado Building Supply. It was the first time for regular 8-hour working shifts!



In 1958 Guy’s dad, Lester Bolen, was in a serious auto accident during a dirt storm. The family moved back to take care of Lester. In the fall of 1958 they moved to Lester and Georgia’s farm. They started farming and drilled several irrigation wells. They did dryland and irrigation farming, as well as some livestock.

A daughter, Belinda, was born in 1960. One of the advantages of living on the farm was having the children with them while they worked. They ALWAYS had a sack with food, small toys and books (the Christmas catalog was the favorite book). When Lester retired, they sold the cattle, and the Bolens concentrated on dryland and irrigation farming.

Anyone connected with agriculture knows the ups and downs!! Trying to withstand hailstorms, windstorms, freezes, blizzards and price swings. In 1973 the Guy Bolen and Lester Bolen families were selected for the Wallace Co. Soil Conservation award. Ruth Jackson told them: “The most important crop you have raised is your 3 children. The most important job you have ever had is to teach your children responsibility. You have done that!” They have

never forgotten those kind words. In 2003 their daughter, Belinda and husband Gary Cox received the same award.

In 1979 Guy and Marlene opened an American Agriculture Movement office in Sharon Springs where Marlene served as office manager. They organized tractorcades to many towns. With the help of many farmers and farmwives they went to Topeka and on to Washington DC, later organizing a group from several states to lobby Congress.

In 1991 the Bolens purchased mountain property near Florissant, CO, and now have a modular home for vacationing. In 2000 the Bolens retired from active farming and leased their ground to Belinda and Gary. Belinda and Gary bought Mom Bolen's farm home when she moved to town, following Dad Bolen's death. Both houses are on the same farmstead.

Marlene's great grandparents Barton homesteaded the Bolen farm. Her dad, Emery, farmed it until the 1930's when they lost the farm. In early 1940 Guy's parents bought the farm. Marlene has always teased Guy that she would do whatever necessary to get the farm back!! Six generations have lived on this farm—something to be proud of.

Guy and Marlene have 10 grandchildren, ranging from 17 to 25. They have one great granddaughter. Bryan and Edna's children are: Danny, Kimberly, twins Melissa and Miranda and Brandon. Bruce and Emily's children are: Lester and Tamela. Gary and Belinda's children are: Ryan, Braden and Joel. Melissa's daughter Adriana Brook is the great grandchild.

The Bolen farm is the gathering place for special occasions. During the last 52 years they have added on to their house 5 times. They feel fortunate to have their children and families close by.

Both Guy and Marlene have been active in the Dinas Church. They have served as Building Committee chairman and secretary, respectively. In 1969 a new church was built, but Guy and Marlene still serve in the same capacities. "It is hard for us to keep a job! Ha."

They feel truly blessed to have lived in Wallace County for their 52 years of married life and to be near their families. "Hello to all the class of 1954 and thanks to all who have planned and worked for the 50th reunion".

Those being missed!

A response was not received or contact could not be made with the following classmates: Harlie Hahn, John Larson, Vern Moore, Dean Sivey, Lewan Reinhardt, Jean Stewart, Sylvester Engle, Connie McCready, William Mann and Barbara Baehler Akers,

IN MEMORIAM

JAY LEE MORRIS

NAAA Past President Jay Morris, Emmett, ID, died in a plane crash on Tuesday, March 12, 2002. Jay was flying for the Idaho State Department of Aeronautics transporting a state corrections officer and a 16-year-old inmate from Idaho Falls to Boise. The twin-engine Piper Navaho was last seen on radar Tuesday afternoon 53 miles northeast of Boise.



Rescue teams were hampered by severe snow conditions in the Sawtooth Mountains, but did manage to reach the downed plane on Friday. No survivors were found. The funeral was held on Tuesday, March 19th, 2 pm at the Potter Funeral Chapel with internment at the Emmett Cemetery. He is survived by his Mother, Alice Will and daughter Jennifer Crank of Emmett, daughter and son-in-law Christine and Ivan Salstrom, grandson Andrew Jay Salstrom, former wife Judith Morris all of Chubbuck, ID and sister Rita Speaks of Chadron, NE. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Boise State University Delta Chi Chapter, or to the Shriners Crippled Children's Hospital.

Jay Lee Morris was born in Quinlan, OK and attended schools in Sulphur, OK and Sharon Spring, KS. He began flying in Ardmore, OK where he pumped gas, swept hangers, and waxed airplanes in return for lessons and obtained his license while in high school. After a stint in the Army, his marriage to Judy, and time spent working for others, he worked for Dick Davidson. By 1964 he had created Morris Flying Service – serving as Emmett's FBO with fuel, maintenance and aerial application. The business was sold in 1994 but Jay did not retire. He managed property in California, was employed as a pilot by the Idaho Department of Aeronautics, and piloted for local aerial applicators as needed.

Jay had been an Idaho state search and rescue coordinator and involved in the Idaho Safe Pilot Program, logging over two million miles and 20,000 hours in 48 years without incident. He served as vice president and president of the Idaho AAA in 1998 and 1989, and as president of the PNAAA in 1991. Jay was elected as President of the NAAA in 1997 and continued to be active on its Board.

When interviewed for *Agricultural Aviation* magazine, (Jan/Feb 1997), Jay noted that that kind of commitment takes effort and expense, but those who do it are rewarded by long-term benefits to the industry. "If you take from an industry, you should give something back," he said. As president of the NAAA he hoped to encourage members to improve the image of aerial application in their communities, by getting involved in local politics...."

Jay was known as a strong supporter of the aerial application industry and a good friend to all who knew him. *From Agricultural Aviation magazine May/June 2002*

JOHN L. (JACK) ALLAMAN

John L. Allaman, son of John Francis Allaman and Blanche Rains, was born August 27, 1935 on a farm south of Wallace. John died August 8, 2000.

He attended grade school in Wallace, KS and high school in Sharon Springs, KS. After graduating he joined the U.S. army and was stationed in Germany approximately 3 years. Upon returning he married Mary Charles of Weskan. To this union 3 sons were born: Larry Dean of Atwood, Gary Wayne of Scott City, and Brian Lee of Sharon Springs. John had 2 brothers, Delphin Darrel who died in 1992 and Robert Lyn of Hays, KS.

He worked at the Wallace County Coop Shop as a mechanic and had retired shortly before his death. He enjoyed fishing and hunting

John leaves to mourn his mother Blanche Dechant of Wallace; brother Rick; his three sons and one daughter-in-law Linda; one grandson Tyne; and three step-grand daughters, Danielle, Charity and Shabree; two uncles; five aunts; and numerous cousins. Graveside services were held on Friday, August 11, at 2 p.m. Pastor Paul McNall officiated the services.

BOBBIE DAVID HILL

Bobbie David Hill, 64, of Hope, AR, died May 11, 2000 in Dallas, TX. He was born April 26, 1936 in Wallace County, Kansas, the son of Paul A. Hill and Ethel David Hill Kisner. He was a disabled Navy veteran.

Mr. Hill was a member of the Unity Baptist Church and a long-time volunteer for the school of Hope.

He was preceded in death by his father, Paul Hill, and a brother, Jimmy Hill.

Survivors include his wife Beunola Hill of Hope; two daughters, Tina Lynn Musgrove of Carmi, IL and Kimber Lee Ott of Arlington, TX; his mother Ethel Kisner of Sharon Springs; two brothers, Billy Hill of Sharon Springs and Dea Hill of Lubbock, TX, four grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

Services were held May 14 at the Unity Baptist Church with burial following at Memory Gardens Cemetery. The family suggests memorials be made to Unity Baptist Church.

Undated News Story

“When the Doc first told me I couldn’t walk, he said, ‘Bobbie, if you don’t want to make anything of your life, you’ve got a built-in excuse. You can be a bum, feel sorry for yourself and indulge in pity -or you can make up your mind to do whatever you want!’ ”

Bobbie Hill, confined in a wheelchair since a peace-time accident in the Navy in 1960, chose the latter. Currently, he is one of the most active volunteers at the School of Hope in Hope, Arkansas, teaching handicapped youngsters athletics and sign language, but probably most importantly, a sense of independence.

One instructor at the Hope “special” school, a United Way agency, said of the transplanted Kansan, “Mr. Hill is an



BOBBIE HILL, right, works with Frederick Thomas, a deaf student at the School of Hope.

inspiration to us all. The time and patience he devotes to the clients is tremendous. We all love him here.” After being injured Bobbie attended the rehabilitation program at the Veterans Hospital in Long Beach, California, and watch and jewelry repair school before moving to Arizona. In Tucson, Arizona he participated in wheelchair track, field events and basketball. Later he moved to Kansas and learned to drive a tractor, a combine in custom farming, and drove a chemical truck throughout the Plains States. He moved to Hope, Arkansas in 1976, and after visiting the School of Hope he felt a need to contribute something to their cause.

“All of us need to feel like we’re needed,” Bobbie said. “The school gives me that feeling, that I am contributing something to society. These people share a little bit of their life with me. They all give me so much.”

Bobbie works with several of the clients on an individual basis using alphabet flash cards to strengthen alphabet recognition. He works with the children in the gym on isometric and calisthenics exercises, stressing the importance of good sportsmanship. He also supervises several of the clients in basketball and races. Because of a strong desire to communicate with all of the children, Bobbie took a course in sign language and as a result he is able to reinforce sign communication with those students who are deaf.

In June of 1980, Bobbie Hill received one of the eight KARK Community Service Awards given for his personal interest in the care and entertainment for the clients at the School of Hope. At the awards banquet it was said of Bobbie, “...there is nothing he cannot do or does not do for the students and teachers alike. He works with the students on a personal level teaching them all he can in the areas of woodworking, handicraft skills, auto mechanics and any other craft or skill in which the students show an interest or a curiosity. Bob Hill is a constant source of inspiration for those around him.”

Another recipient at the banquet said, “Without any exception, every eagle that ever flew was pushed out of its nest.” Bobbie, above all, teaches children how to fly.

(Article provided by Ethel Hill. Note: Portions of this article were reprinted courtesy of the Hope Star.)

KENNETH D CROSBY

Kenneth D. Crosby, 64, of Twin Falls, ID, went home to be with his Lord, Thursday, December 30, 1999, at his home with his wife by his side.

He was born May 3, 1935, in Rexford, Kansas, son of Frank and Mary Huber Crosby. Kenneth proudly served his country in the US Army. He enjoyed spending time with his family, fishing, camping, hunting, reading and doing the best he could to help anyone in time of need. Kenneth was a very loving and generous person. We will miss his laughter, joy of life, and his love of a good joke. He will be forever in our hearts. He married JoAnne VanDonge in 1957 and had four children. They later divorced. And he married Ruby Jordan in 1981 and gained another daughter.

He is survived by his loving wife, Ruby Crosby, his children, Jay (Julie) Crosby, June Crosby, Dawn (Eddie) Boyd, Sean Crosby and Dora (Mike) Sykora; his brothers, Don (Helen) Crosby, Verle (Connie) Crosby and Florence (Ronald) Guenther; sisters-in-law, Kathleen Crosby and Jackie Crosby; grandchildren, Naomi Boyd, Ryan Boyd, Crystal Boyd, David Crosby, Miranda Crosby and Lance Sykora; great grandson, Alex; many nieces and nephews; special family and friends, Mabel Modlin, Michelle Featherston and Scott Featherston. Kenneth was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Francis and Clyde Crosby; and his best friend, Jim Featherston.

Funeral services for Kenneth were held January 4, 2000 in Twin Falls, ID. Burial was at Sunset Memorial Park Cemetery in Twin Falls.

Faculty



William Seigle
Principal, Science



Joan Fink
Business



Bill Sullivan
Business, Basketball



Bill Ison
Music, Mathematics



Boyd Talley
Football and Track
Social Science



Gene Oates
Science, Shop
Assistant Coach



Eunice Lundberg
English



Juanita Hoke
Librarian, Home Ec.

JOAN FINK (DICK) WILSON

Lawrence, Kansas

Following her year of teaching business classes, yearbook sponsor and senior class sponsor Miss Fink took a job as business teacher at Santa Ana High School, California. She was also Pep Squad sponsor while there.



On July 15, 1956 she married her college sweetheart, Dick Wilson, and moved to Ft. Lee, Virginia. In September of that year they moved to Albany, New York, for 8 years where Dick worked for The Travelers Ins. Co. JoAn was a substitute teacher and homemaker. The next 12 years they lived in Palatine, Illinois when Dick was transferred to the Travelers Chicago office. JoAn still a homemaker and now mother of 3 was a continuing education business teacher at the district high school. In 1976 Dick was transferred to the Indianapolis, Indiana, office of The Travelers, where they lived for 14 years. JoAn quit teaching and held various part time jobs. When their youngest child graduated from high school in 1984, JoAn accepted full time employment in the executive offices of a Xerox Company as Executive Secretary to the CEO and conducted training seminars in each of the six regions of the company.

In 1992 they both retired and moved to Lawrence, KS where they still live. Dick is a master runner in long distance races (mostly 10K and half marathons) and holds several Kansas, USA and world-class records for his age group. JoAn continues to be a homemaker and they enjoy the families of their 2 sons, 1 daughter and ten grandchildren scattered in Indianapolis, IN, Overland Park, KS and Glendale, CA.

JoAn says, "In all of my teaching experiences, I hold up the Sharon Springs Class of '54 as the best example of student cooperation and achievement. There IS a definite "Midwest value system" that demonstrates the qualities that reflect what is best about America. I am proud to have been a recipient of and participant in that culture which we each share".

EUNICE LUNDBERG (ART) MAI

Sharon Springs, Kansas

Eunice taught English at WCCHS until 1955. In 1956 she was elected county superintendent and held that position until 1967 when school unification legislation created the current system of Unified School Districts each with its own superintendent employed by the school board.



In 1957 she married Arthur Mai. They raised two children, Brent and Celia. Brent, his wife Lisa and 3 children live near Portland Oregon. Brent is Librarian for Concordia University-Portland Libraries and an Associate Professor of Library and Information Management. Celia, her three children and husband Lonnie Charles live on a farm

south of Sharon Springs.

Eunice and Art have been in active church, community and many volunteer organizations. Eunice has been busy in various church activities, especially as organist and in the women's group. One of their interesting activities was Art's term as District Governor of Rotary International. Art was office manager for the ASCS Office for 28 years and also operated a good size wheat farm at the same time. They still operate an extensive dryland wheat and corn farm with the help of one farmhand.

BOYD TALLEY

Tulsa, Oklahoma

Mr Talley is retired from the Tulsa Area Agency on Aging, City of Tulsa Oklahoma. His wife, Dot, is a retired Executive Secretary. They have four children, - DeWayne (52), Diane Clubine (51), Robert (44), and Harvey Lee (40). They have three grandchildren- Kirsten Talley (24), Tallie Murphy (24), and Ben Murphy (22). He taught and coached in Sharon Springs for four years (1951-1954).



Memorable moments were; winning State Medley Relay; winning share of AA Football Championship; winning Track Championship and driving the school bus up to "Cave of The Winds" on the Senior Trip. He spent 21 years as a teacher, coach, counselor and administrator in Kansas High Schools and Dean of the College at Independence Community College. He was Director of Tulsa Head Start for two years and Director of Tulsa Area Agency on Aging for fifteen years. He retired as a Lt. Colonel in the Army Reserves. He worked closely with United Way agencies, served on Agency Board, attended the White House Conference on Aging, and is a member of the Oklahoma State Council on Aging. They are members of the Asbury United Methodist Church in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

In retirement they share time with family and friends between their lake home at Grove, Oklahoma on Grand Lake and in Tulsa. Boyd was very humbled by being voted into the "Braves Hall of Fame".

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| Kriegh | Max | 25 |
| Wertz | Jerry | 9 |

Deceased

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| Allaman | Jack | 28 |
| Crosby | Kenneth | 29 |
| Hill | Bobby | 28 |
| Morris | Jay Lee | 27 |

Faculty

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| | | 30 |
| Fink | JoAn | 31 |
| Lundberg | Eunice | 31 |
| Talley | Boyd | 32 |

