

## Charles A. Blecha

Charles August Blecha, son of August and Christina Horak Blecha, was born June 10, 1917 on a farm west of Munden, KS and passed away on January 29, 2009 at Republic County Hospital, Belleville, KS at the age of 91 years, 7 months and 9 days. Charlie attended grade school in Munden, KS and graduated from Munden High School in 1938. He was a charter member of the Liberty Rose Creek 4-H started in 1932. He and cousin, Ben Blecha, won a state award giving a dairy demonstration giving them the opportunity to go to Chicago. Charlie and Ben also showed chickens all over the Midwest for about 5 years. In 1938, Charlie moved with his family to a farm south of Chester, NE.

Charlie served in the Republic and Thayer County areas in the conversion from crank-style phones to the automated dial-type phones. Charlie was known by everyone as "The Telephone Man." Charlie worked for the telephone company was 33½ years ending this work in 1981. During this time, Charlie also farmed and raised cattle. He was a member of St. George's Catholic Church, Munden, KS, American Legion, VFW.

in World War II, July 1, 1942. He was in the U.S. Army Air Corps receiving his basic training at Sheppard Field, TX. He was in the Military Police Squadron in Colorado Springs, CO for two years. In October, 1944 he was shipped overseas and served in the China-Burma-India Theater as a welder until the war was over. He received his Honorable Discharge in January, 1946.

When Charlie returned from the service, he helped his parents farm worked in the Republic County Shop as a mechanic in Belleville, KS.

On May 7, 1947, Charlie married Delores Meyer of Deshler, NE. No children were born to this union. Charlie began working for the local telephone company in 1948. Charlie installed switchboards in

by his parents, his wife, Delores, and his sister, Elizabeth. Charlie is survived by his brother, Henry and wife, Mildred Blecha of rural Belleville, KS and several nieces and nephews, other relatives and many friends.

Funeral services were held Ten Thirty AM, Monday, February 2, 2009, St. George's Catholic Church, Munden, KS, conducted by Father Cornelius Kyaw Khine. Vigil-Rosary service was 7:00 p.m., Sunday at Bachelor-Faulkner-Dart-Surber Chapel, Belleville, KS. Military Graveside services by William Fleming American Legion Post #345, Cuba, KS.

Interment was at St. George's Catholic Cemetery, Rural Munden, KS.

Memorials may be given to St. George's Catholic Cemetery fund or American Cancer Society.

## **Brian Blecha**

Brian Lynn Blecha, son of Lynn A. and Alice L. (Ruhlen) Blecha, was born February 9, 1986 in Manhattan, and died October 15, 2006.

He attended Manhattan Schools, Hutchinson Community College for two years and was currently attending Kansas State University majoring in civil engineering. He was also a part-time employee of Blecha Construction, Inc.

He was a member of the First United Methodist Church and active in the youth group. He was a member of the College Hill 4-H club for ten years. He played the violin in the Gold Orchestra and was active with hunting, fishing, woodworking, and cars.

Survivors include his parents; one sister, Laura Blecha of Somerville, MA; one brother, Justin Blecha of Manhattan; great-grandmother, Flossie Rasmussen of Belleville; grandfather, Ralph Ruhlen of Baldwin City; 16 aunts and uncles and 18 cousins.

Funeral services were held on October 20 at the First United Methodist Church in Manhattan with Rev. Jim Reed Officiating.

*A Granddaughter's Tribute*

Many recognized you as friend or neighbor and even just plain Ben, while others knew you as Uncle or Cousin, Husband or Daddy. For me it was simple, you were always Grandpa. You were my Grandpa on those hot summer days when you'd come from the field or quonset in overalls all stained from your work. You were my Grandpa when you sat at the table next to me as Grandma watched us gorge down her chicken dinners. And you were my Grandpa when your crooked fingers crept over to my plate and snatched the chicken scraps I had intended for the cats. And I was your granddaughter when I yelled at you for that. You were my Grandpa when you saved me from falls and independence by teaching me to tie my shoes in a particular sort of way. You were my Grandpa who shared his birthday cake and days of thistle cutting with my brother. Before you knew me you were my Grandpa who picked a wonderful woman for a wife and raised three happy children. You were my Grandpa who saved almost anything and threw away nothing. You were my Grandpa when you sat through every dance recital and most gymnastic meets. You were my Grandpa in so many ways. I never knew you in your days of youth and you never got to know me when I was truly old. Yet I know that when we looked at one another we saw the bits and pieces of the child we once had been and the grandparent we would someday become. You were my Grandpa before we met, you just never knew it. You were my Grandpa in all the days we were together. And you will always be my Grandpa now that we're apart.

*Written By Susan Bartak*

*In Memory Of  
Ben Blecha*

*Born* November 5, 1916 *Died* January 6, 1998

*At The Age Of*  
81 Years, 2 Months, 1 Day

*Funeral Services*  
Friday, January 9, 1998  
At 10:30 A.M.

United Methodist Church  
Munden, Kansas

*Conducted By*  
Reverend Marion Walker & Mr. Walter Molzahn  
*Organist* Mrs. Karol McChesney  
*Vocalist* Mrs. Sally Splichal

*Casket Bearers*  
Brad Bartak                      Bob Cline  
Lynn Blecha                      Don Dejmaj  
Mitch Blecha                      Cody Palecek  
Susan Bartak                      Don McChesney

*Honorary Casket Bearers*  
Amos Blecha                      Jay Jelinek  
Henry Blecha                      Rudy Rundus  
Arnold Blecha                      Ernest G. Blecha  
Charles Blecha                      Chester McChesney

*Interment*  
Mahaska City Cemetery

*Tibbetts-Fischer Funeral Home, Belleville, Kansas*

## Ben Blecha

Ben Blecha, son of Adolph and Mary Kolars Blecha, was born November 5, 1916, at Munden, Kansas, and died January 6, 1998, at the Long Term Care, Belleville, Kansas, at the age of 81 years.

He received his grammar education at the rural White Lock School and graduated from Munden High School in 1934.

He co-owned and operated a gasoline station and farm repair shop by Munden, Kansas, from 1941-1943. He then farmed full time.

He was united in marriage to Maxine Morey on May 26, 1940, and to this union three children were born.

He served on the Republic County Soil Conservation Board, the Rose Creek Township Board and the Mahaska Cemetery

Board. He was a founding member of the Republic County Museum Board. He was a member of the Munden United Methodist Church, Methodist Men, a 50 year member of the Fraternal Order of Odd Fellows of Munden, and a past member of the Munden Elks Lodge.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

He is survived by his wife, Maxine, two sons, Kay Blecha of Denver, Colorado, and Keith Blecha of Kansas City, Missouri, and a daughter, Kathryn Bartak of Lincoln, Nebraska, two brothers, Arnold Blecha of Derby, Kansas, and Amos Blecha of Munden, Kansas, and three grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, January 9, 1998, at the United Methodist Church, Munden, Kansas, with Rev. Marion Walker and Mr. Walter Molzahn officiating.

Burial was made in the Mahaska City Cemetery, Mahaska, Kansas.

My Jesus have mercy on the Soul of

## Albert Blecha

September 19, 1889

August 14, 1972

O gentlest heart of Jesus, ever present in the Blessed Sacrament, ever consumed with burning love for the poor captive souls, have mercy on the soul of Thy departed servant. Be not severe in Thy judgment but let some drops of Thy Precious Blood fall upon the devouring flames, and do Thou O Merciful Saviour, send Thy Angels to conduct Thy departed servant to a place of refreshment, light and peace. Amen.

Mary the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Merciful Jesus grant eternal rest.

HOLTE FUNERAL HOME INC.

709 Edgeley, North Dakota

God hath not promised  
Skies always blue,  
Flower-strewn pathways  
All our lives through  
God hath not promised  
Sun without rain,  
Joy without sorrow,  
Peace without pain.

But God hath promised  
Strength for the day,  
Rest for the labor,  
Light for the way,  
Grace for the trials,  
Help from above,  
Unfailing sympathy  
Undying love . . .

TIBBETTS BROS.  
Funeral Home  
Belleville, Kansas

### In Memory of Edward B. Blecha

Born  
May 23, 1890

Passed away  
July 5, 1959  
At the age of  
69 years, 1 month, 12 days

Memorial services  
Tuesday, July 7, 1959  
At 2:00 p.m.  
Tibbetts Bros. Chapel  
Belleville, Kansas

Conducted by  
The Rev. Amos Rundus

Music  
Amos Rundus  
Jerry Rundus  
Caroline Rundus

Pianist  
Mrs. Guy Snyder

CASKETBEARERS  
Charles Blecha Rudy Blecha  
Elmer Rundus Ben Blecha  
Arthur Brzon Henry Blecha

Interment  
Grace Hill Cemetery

## **Bill A. Blecha**

Bill A. Blecha, Springfield VA, son of Arnold and Blance Blecha of Derby died Wednesday, August 11, 2010.

He is survived by his wife, Judy Blecha; children Tracy McInnes (Craig) and Shelly Blecha; sisters Jane Thompson (Jack), Joann McDowell (Ron) and Jody Vogle.

Funeral services were at Jefferson Funeral Chapel, 5755 Castlewellan Dr. Alexandria, VA August 17. Interment Mt. Comfort Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to [www.caringbridge.org](http://www.caringbridge.org) or Capital Hospice.

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MEMORIAL RECORD  
for the  
FRIENDS & RELATIVES  
of  
**Anna Blecha**

January 4, 1878

January 5, 1962

**MEMORIAL SERVICES**

Bachelor-Faulkner-Dart  
Memorial Chapel  
Belleville, Kansas  
Monday, January 8, 1962  
Two o'clock

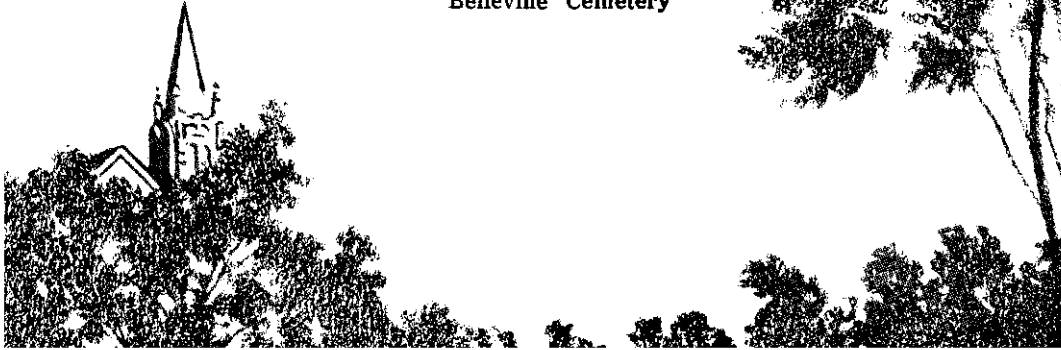
Conducted by  
The Reverend Amos Rundus

Singers  
Jerry Rundus  
Miss Caroline Rundus

Accompanist  
Eugene Horak

**CASKET BEARERS**  
Arthur Neubauer  
Glenn Hruza  
Jerry Strnad  
Ben Blecha  
Charles Blecha  
Ernest Blecha

Interment  
Belleville Cemetery



The Twenty-Third Psalm

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.  
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:  
He leadeth me beside the still waters.  
He restoreth my soul: He leadeth me in the  
paths of righteousness for His name's sake.  
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the  
shadow of death, I will fear no evil:  
For thou art with me: thy rod and  
thy staff they comfort me.  
Thou preparest a table before me in the  
presence of mine enemies:  
thou anointest my head with oil;  
my cup runneth over.  
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow  
me all the days of my life:  
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

**TIBBETTS BROS.**  
Funeral Home  
Belleville, Kansas

In Memory of  
**Anna Blecha**

Born  
June 11, 1886

Passed Away  
October 12, 1967

At the Age of  
81 Years, 4 Months, 1 Day

Funeral Services  
Saturday, October 14, 1967  
At 2:00 P.M.  
United Presbyterian Church  
Narka, Kansas

Conducted By  
The Reverend Fredrick Mansfield

Music  
Mrs. Glen Chaloupka

Organist  
Mrs. Marvin Shoemaker

Casket Bearers  
Charles Shara    Kenneth Claycamp  
Terry Shara     Alvin Lahodny  
Jimmie Blecha   Charles Chermak

Interment  
National Cemetery  
Narka, Kansas





THE MEMORIST



*As God sows and reaps  
Each tiny seed in the soil  
He cares for us from first light  
And far beyond our earthly toil.*

Tibbetts-Fischer Funeral Home  
Belleville, Kansas

*In Memory Of  
Amos Adolph Blecha*

*Date Of Birth*  
March 30, 1927

*Date Of Death*  
March 10, 2006

*At The Age Of*  
78 Years, 11 Months, 10 Days

*Celebration Of His Life*  
Thursday, March 16, 2006  
At 3:00 P.M.  
United Methodist Church  
Munden, Kansas

*Conducted By*  
Reverend William Brazil  
Reverend Shelby Bailey

*Organist*  
Mrs. Karol McChesney

*Vocalist*  
Mr. Paul Kuchera

*Casket Bearers*  
Eli Pierson  
Aaron McGuire  
Brandon Pierson  
Danielle Rowland

*Granddaughters As Honorary Bearers*  
Amanda Pierson

Brian Blecha  
Justin Blecha  
Charlie Popelka  
Laura Blecha

*Interment*  
Belleville City Cemetery  
Belleville, Kansas

Amos Adolph Blecha, son of Adolph and Mary (Kolars) Blecha was born Mar passed from this life on Friday, March 10, 2006 at Belleville at the age of 78 y born and raised on a farm northwest of Munden, Kansas. He was baptized Methodist Church. Amos received his elementary education at Whitelock Schoc graduate of Munden High School. In his youth, Amos was an active 4-H menr numerous county and state awards. He was a state 4-H Leadership Champion awarded a trip to Washington, D.C. After graduating from high school Amc aircraft company in Wichita, Kansas for a few months, where he learned to be Amos was united in marriage to Joyce Verlee Rasmussen on September 24, union three children were born: Verlee Anne, Lynn Amos, and Melinda Joyc farmer-stockman on a farm northwest of Munden, Kansas. He was also a metir remodeled the family home where he was raised, and could build or repair most was his favorite grain crop and raising hogs was a part of his life until the age of member of the United Methodist Church in Munden, was an active participant a church. Amos served on the Munden Community Hall Board and was an acti remodeling the hall kitchen and bathrooms. Amos founded the Munden 4-H Clu community 4-H club leader for 34 years, and received many awards for his dedicated service to 4-H. He spent many hours helping construct the interior of the building. Amos served on the Republic County Extension Council. He was an a the Kansas Pork Producers Council and received awards for outstanding pork Commissioner in all areas of pork production and education. He was the First Commissioner for 8 years. Amos served on the North Central Kansas Fair Boa was President for several years, and was President of the Kansas Fair Associati 1998, Amos was inducted into the Kansas Fairs Association Hall of Fame. An Kansas Master Farmer award recipient. Amos enjoyed going to auctions, trav pigs among other interesting items, and his favorite hobby was working with wood yet gentle, hands have hammered many nails, pulled hundreds of baby pigs, he fields, taken many fish off the hook for both his children and grandchildren, and he many a tear. Both his children and grandchildren have sat on his lap and listened read them stories. Amos was creative in many ways and had a witty sense of h his wife, children, and grandchildren with his drawings on packages and poetic n patience, and work ethic were qualities which Amos possessed, which he instilled his children, and will be forever remembered by his family and friends. He reside farm where he was born, until the time of his hospitalization in January 200 preceded in death by his wife Joyce, his parents, and his brothers Ben and Arn greatly missed, but forever remembered by his daughter Verlee and husband Je son Lynn and wife Mary Lou; daughter Melinda and husband Richard Pierson; Danielle Rowland and husband Nate; Aaron McGuire, wife Melissa, and song Blecha; Brian Blecha; Justin Blecha; Eli Pierson; Brandon Pierson; Amanda P grandchildren and 12 step great grandchildren; many relatives and a host of friends

### Amos Blecha

Amos Adolph Blecha, son of Adolph and Mary (Kolars) Blecha was born March 30, 1927, and passed from this life on Friday, March 10, 2006 at Republic County Hospital at the age of 78 years, 11 months, and 10 days. Amos was born and raised on a farm northwest of Munden, Republic County, Kansas. He was baptized in to the Munden Methodist Church. Amos received his elementary education at Whitelock School and was a 1944 graduate of Munden High School.

Amos was united in marriage to Joyce Verlee Rasmussen on September 24, 1950, and to this union three children were born: Verlee Anne, Lynn Amos, and Melinda Joyce.

Amos was a farmer-stockman on a farm northwest of Munden, Kansas.

Amos was a member of the United Methodist Church in Munden, the United Methodist Men's group, and the Munden Community Hall Board. Amos founded the Munden 4-H Club in 1946, was a community 4-H club leader for 34 years, and received many awards for his outstanding and dedicated service to 4-H, and served on the Republic County Extension Council.

Amos was an active member of the [redacted] and [redacted] outstanding pork production, and service in all areas of pork production and education.

Amos served as the First District County Commissioner for 8 years, served on the North Central Kansas Fair Board for 20 years, was President for several years, and was President of the Kansas Fair Association for 1 year. Amos was a 1996 Kansas Master Farmer award recipient.

Amos resided on the family farm where he was born, until the time of his hospitalization in January 2006.

Amos was preceded in death by his wife Joyce, his parents, and his brothers Ben and Arnold. He will be greatly missed, but forever remembered by his daughter Verlee and husband Jerald Snedden of Des Moines, Iowa; son Lynn and wife Mary Lou of Manhattan, Kansas; daughter Melinda and husband Richard Pierson of Belleville, Kansas; grandchildren Danielle Rowland and husband Nate of Des Moines; Aaron McGuire, wife Melissa, and son Jordan of Des Moines; Laura Blecha of Mount Pleasant, Cambridge, England; Brian Blecha of Hutchinson, Kansas; Justin Blecha of Manhattan; Eli Pierson of Curtis, Nebraska; Brandon Pierson of Manhattan; Amanda Pierson of Belleville; 7 step-granchildren and 12 step great grandchildren.

Funeral Services will be held Thursday, March 16, 2006 at the United Methodist Church of Munden, Kansas with Reverends William Brazil and Shelby Bailey officiating. Burial will be in the Belleville City Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Republic County Museum, United Methodist Church, Belleville. or American Lutheran Church, Belleville.

*A farmer's wife stands busy  
Chicken frying, snapped beans warming,  
Potatoes-battered, mashed  
Down blacktop pavement drive,  
Where golden grasses grow  
Turning onto graveled way,  
Just past her garden green  
We know we've found our way  
To visit, stay or share our holiday  
With open arms she meets us  
Old times to share, new memories to make  
At her table she says Grace  
To thank the Lord we've gathered near  
And while our visits here seem finished  
We hold these thoughts so dear  
That she remains within us  
In August's breeze and New Year's winds  
At country fairs, in prairie skies  
Away from sight but not from heart  
She's left to where her true love waits*

Written by Susan Osborne

Tibbetts-Fischer Funeral Home  
Belleville, Kansas

*In Memory Of  
Maxine Blecha*

*Date Of Birth*  
May 21, 1917

*Date Of Death*  
January 6, 2011

*At The Age Of*  
93 Years, 7 Months, 15 Days

*Celebration Of Her Life*  
Monday, January 10, 2011 at 10:00 A.M.  
Zion Evangelical Church  
Munden, Kansas

*Celebrant*  
Pastor Harvey Farnsworth

*Lector*  
Mr. Walter Molzhan

*Organist*  
Mrs. Karol McChesney

*Vocalist*  
Mrs. Sally Splichal

*Special Musical Selections*

"Star Dust"  
"How Great Thou Art" by the Congregation

*Casket Bearers*

Susan Osborne ~ Brad Bartak ~ Mitch Blecha  
Lynn Blecha ~ Larry Rundus ~ Cody Palecek

*Maxine's Bible Study & Club Ladies*

Huetta Derowitsch ~ Nellie McChesney ~ Aliene Jelinek  
Geraldine Hiatt ~ Margery Strnad ~ Josephine Strnad  
Betty Trzicky ~ Lavene Palecek ~ Evelyn Larkins

*Interment*

Mahaska City Cemetery  
Mahaska, Kansas

## In Memory

Alice Maxine Morey Blecha was born at her family home near Narka, Kansas on May 21, 1917, to Joseph F. and Viola Wolff Morey. Maxine passed from this life on Thursday, Jan. 6, 2011, at Republic Co. Hospital, at 93 years of age. She was the youngest of her family, having four brothers. She attended Horseshoe Rural Grade School and graduated from Haddam High School in 1935. She began teaching in rural schools of Republic and Washington Co., while also attending Kansas State University. On May 26, 1940 Maxine was united in marriage to Ben Blecha. To this union three children were born, Kay, Kathryn and Keith. From 1941 to 1943, Ben co-owned a gas station near their farm. When Ben began farming full time, Maxine took pride in assuming the roles and responsibilities of a farmer's wife. Their agriculture achievements included the Skelly Ag. Award and the Kansas Banker's Soil and Conversation Award. Maxine was active in her community, belonging to the Munden and Belleville Methodist Churches, teaching Sunday School, and serving as president of the United Methodist Women's group. She enjoyed serving as a 4-H leader, was a 50 year member of Eastern Star, and participated in MM Club, Sewing Club and Rebekah Lodge. Maxine saw many wondrous sights in her 93 years; from Native Americans passing through her father's farm to water their ponies to getting her own email address. Maxine was preceded in death by her husband of 57 years on Jan. 6, 1998, her parents Joseph and Viola Morey, brothers, Victor, Virgil, Ward, and Wade. Those remaining to cherish her memory are sons, Kay and Mary (Rooney) Blecha of Denver, CO; Keith and Carol (Johnson) Blecha of Pineville, LA; and daughter Kathryn and Dennis Bartak of Lincoln, NE; her grandchildren and great-grandchildren, Susan (Bartak) and Brett Osborne, Ben and Gretchen of Mechanicsburg, PA; Brad Bartak, Bronson and Erin of Lincoln, NE; and Mitchell Blecha of St. Louis, MO.; other relatives and a host of friends.

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#### **ADOLPH W. BLECHA**

Adolph W. Blecha, son of John and Mary Albrecht Blecha, was born September 13, 1895 at Riverside, Iowa, and died November 4, 1973, at the Republic County hospital in Belleville, Kansas, at the age of 78 years.

He attended the old Cuba school and the Cuba high school, and served in the armed forces during World War I. He lived in the Narka and Cuba communities nearly all his life; the past couple of years he spent at the Belle View Manor in Belleville.

He was a 55 year member of the American Legion, Post 345 of Cuba, and had belonged to Cuba Masonic Lodge No. 362 A.F. & A.M.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and by one brother.

Survivors include one sister, Elva Wiche of Cuba, one niece, Iola, Mrs. Rudolph Havel of Cuba; and two nephews, Eugene Wiche and his wife Betty of Cuba, and Melvin Blecha and his wife Florence of Mankato.

Memorial services were held on Tuesday, November 6 at the Tibbetts Brothers chapel in Belleville, with the Rev. Fred Mansfield officiating. Burial was at the National cemetery.

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He was a member of the Munden "Odd-Fellow" lodge for over 50 years and was a "Past Noble Grand".

In the fall of 1950 Adolph and Mary left the farm and moved to Belleville; not really retiring as Adolph remained active in buying, reconditioning and renting houses, until he was past 90 years of age.

In 1976, the couple celebrated their 63rd wedding anniversary. After the death of his wife, Mary, he lived in a retirement home in Belleville.

He was preceded in death by his wife Mary on March 12, 1978; his parents, seven brothers and two sisters.

Survivors are his sons: Arnold of Derby, Ben and Amos, both of Munden, two grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, October 5, from Tibbetts Bros. Chapel, Belleville, with Rev. Loren Silsby and Rev. Amos Rundus officiating.

Burial was in Belleville cemetery.

## Adolph Blecha

Adolph Blecha was born September 24, 1883 to Joseph and Louisa Blecha, near Humboldt, Nebr. in Richardson County, and died Oct. 2, 1977 at the Belleville Health Care Center, at the age of 94 years and eight days.

He received his education in Richardson County, Nebr., and at an early age worked on the family farm.

In 1907 the family moved from Nebraska to a farm located northwest of Munden.

Jan. 22, 1913 he and Mary Kolars were married. They moved across the road from his parents' home, where he had built their house. Their three sons, Arnold, Ben and Amos were born and raised on this farm. During these years he was engaged in farming, and assisted in many community farm operations, threshing, sawing wood, shelling corn, baling hay and combining grain. His chief delight was operating the early day steam engine.

The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul; He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me; Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies; Thou anointest my head with oil, my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.



**TIBBETTS BROS. FUNERAL HOME**  
Belleville, Kansas

*In Memory of*

**Mary Blecha**

BCRN DIED  
March 1, 1889 March 12, 1976

**AT THE AGE OF**  
87 Years, 11 Days

**FUNERAL SERVICES**  
Monday, March 15, 1976  
At 10:00 A.M.

Tibbetts Bros. Chapel  
Belleville, Kansas

**CONDUCTED BY**  
Reverend Alden Longwell  
Reverend Amos Rundus

**ORGANIST**  
Mrs. Paul Chopp

**MUSIC**  
Mr. Chester McChesney

**CASKET BEARERS**  
Joe Ceerle Wesley Kauer  
Ed Kolars Mike Novak  
Ernie Kolars Curtis Hansen

**GRAVESIDE SERVICES BY**  
Charity Rebekah Lodge No. 76  
Belleville, Kansas

**INTERMENT**  
Belleville, Cemetery



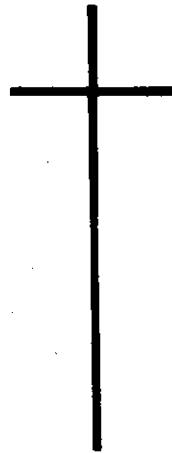
**MRS. ADOLPH BLECHA**

**BELLEVILLE** — The funeral for Mrs. Mary Blecha, 87, Belleville, will be at 10 am Monday at the Tibbetts Bros. funeral home, Belleville, the Revs. Alden Longwell and Amos Fundus officiating. Burial will be in Belleville cemetery.

Mrs. Blecha died Friday at Republic County hospital. She was born March 1, 1889, near Belleville and lived in the area all her life. She was a member of the Munden Methodist Church.

Survivors are the widower, 1 son, Arnold, of Derby, and Dan and Amos, Munden, 19 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

Friends may call at the funeral home.



*The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul; He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.*

*Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me; Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies; Thou anointest my head with oil, my cup runneth over.*

*Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.*



TIBBETTS BROS.  
Funeral Home  
Belleville, Kansas

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ADOLPH W. BLECHA**

Born  
September 13, 1895

Passed Away  
November 4, 1973

At the Age of  
78 years, 1 month, 21 days

Funeral Services  
Tuesday, November 6, 1973  
At 2:00 P.M.

Tibbetts Bros. Chapel  
Belleville, Kansas

Music  
Mrs. Laverne Kopsa

Organist  
Mrs. Eugene Hadacek

Casket Bearers

Charley Blecha  
Raymond Blecha  
Ernest Blecha

John Shara  
Glen Leshosky  
Bill Hanel

Interment  
National Cemetery  
Narka, Kansas

*God hath not promised  
Shies always blue,  
Flower-strewn pathways  
All our lives through;  
God hath not promised  
Sun without rain,  
Joy without sorrow,  
Peace without pain.*

*But God hath promised  
Strength for the day,  
Rest for the labor,  
Light for the way.  
Grace for the trials,  
Help from above,  
Unfailing sympathy  
Undying love . . .*

Tibbetts Bros. Funeral Home  
Belleville, Kansas

In Memory of

## Adolph Blecha

BORN

September 24, 1883

DIED

October 2, 1977

AT THE AGE OF  
94 Years, 8 Days

FUNERAL SERVICES  
Wednesday, October 5, 1977  
At 2:00 P.M.

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Belleville, Kansas

CONDUCTED BY  
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Reverend Amos Rundus

ORGANIST  
Mrs. Earl Janasek

MUSIC  
Mr. Chester McChesney

CASKET BEARERS  
Henry Blecha Paul Rundus  
Arthur Brzon Rudolph Blecha  
Ernest Blecha Charles Blecha

GRAVESIDE SERVICES BY  
I.O.O.F. Ida Lodge No. 147  
Munden, Kansas

INTERMENT  
Belleville Cemetery

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Adolph Blecha was born September 24, 1883 to Joseph and Louisa Blecha, near Humboldt, Nebr. in Richardson County, and died Oct. 2, 1977 at the Belleville Health Care Center, at the age of 94 years and eight days.

He received his education in Richardson County, Nebr., and at an early age worked on the family farm.

In 1907 the family moved from Nebraska to a farm located northwest of Munden.

Jan. 22, 1913 he and Mary Kolars were married. They moved across the road from his parents' home, where he had built their house. Their three sons, Arnold, Ben and Amos were born and raised on this farm. During these years he was engaged in farming, and assisted in many community farm operations, threshing, sawing wood, shelling corn, baling hay and combining grain. His chief delight was operating the early day steam engine.

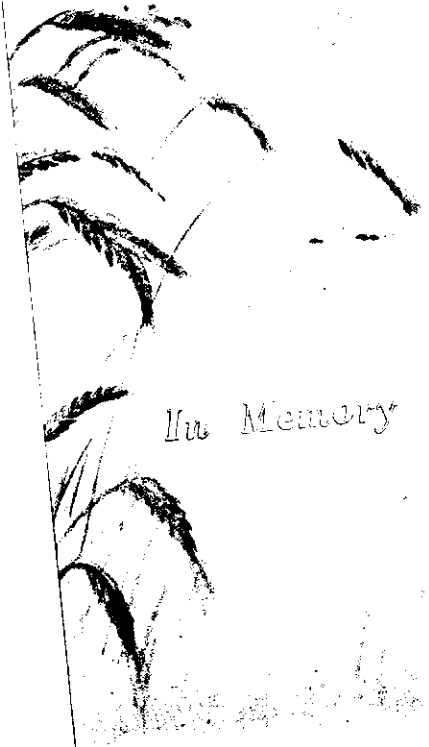
He was a member of the Munden "Odd-Fellow" lodge for over 50 years and was a "Past Noble Grand".

In the fall of 1950 Adolph and Mary left the farm and moved to Belleville; not really retiring as Adolph remained active in buying, reconditioning and renting houses until he was past 90 years of age.

In 1978 the couple celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary. After the death of his wife, Mary, he lived in a retirement home in Belleville.

He was preceded in death by his wife Mary on March 12, 1976; his parents, seven brothers and two sisters.

Survivors are his sons: Arnold of Derby, Ben and Amos, both of Munden, ten grandchildren and five great-



In Memory



### *The Twenty-Third Psalm*

*The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall  
not want. He maketh me to lie  
down in green pastures; He leadeth  
me beside the still waters. He  
restoreth my soul; He leadeth me  
in the paths of righteousness for  
His name's sake.*

*Yea, though I walk through the  
valley of the shadow of death, I will  
fear no evil; for Thou art with me;  
Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort  
me; Thou preparest a table before  
me in the presence of mine enemies;  
Thou anointest my head with oil,  
my cup runneth over.*

*Surely goodness and mercy shall  
follow me all the days of my life;  
and I will dwell in the house of the  
Lord forever.*

Bachelor-Surber Funeral Home  
Belleville, KS; Scandia, KS; Chester, NE

IN MEMORY OF

*Victoria D. Blazek*

July 21, 1910

November 18, 2006

FUNERAL SERVICE  
United Presbyterian Church  
Belleville, Kansas  
Friday, November 24, 2006  
Two o'clock PM

OFFICIATING  
Pastor Tim Maguffee  
Mr. Henry Strnad

MUSICIANS  
Mrs. Kathryn Gile-organist  
Mr. John Surber-vocalist

#### CASKET BEARERS

Blaine Blazek  
Joe Blazek  
Burt Morey  
Mike Pachta

Tom Blazek  
David Loring  
Barry Clute  
Brian Blazek

#### HONORARY CASKET BEARERS

Kim Loring  
Sue Condon

Jan Morey  
Tammy Pachta

Tina Cherney

INTERMENT  
Belleville Cemetery  
Belleville, Kansas

Obituary Of:

**Victoria I. Blazek**

Victoria Irene Blazek, the daughter of Charles Shimek and Frances (Shulda) Shimek, was born July 21, 1910 at Seiling, Oklahoma and passed away on November 18, 2006 at the Republic County Long Term Care at the age of 96 years, 3 months, and 28 days.

Victoria attended the Crescent rural public school and later attended Narka High School, Narka, Kansas until illness in the family forced her to leave school early. On January 1, 1936, she was united in marriage to Frank J. Blazek and this union was born: Gerald, Harold and Loren. The family lived on their farm four miles west of Cuba from 1936 until 1987, where she assisted in the farm operation. In 1988, the couple moved to Belleville, Kansas.

Victoria was a member of the Presbyterian Church, and was a correspondent for several years with the Scandia Journal. She was preceded in death by her husband-Frank in 1988, her parents Charlie and Frances Shimek, a sister Ila Blazek, two grandchildren, two great grandchildren, and six sisters and one infant brother.

Victoria is survived by three sons: Gerald Blazek and wife Illene of Belleville, KS, Harold and wife Jeanne of Belleville, KS, and Loren and wife Judy of Belleville, KS; 10 grandchildren, 16 great grandchildren, and one great grandchild, other relatives, and many friends.

Funeral services will be held at Two PM, Friday, November 24, 2006 at the United Presbyterian Church, Belleville, Kansas, conducted by Reverend Tim McGuffee and Mr. Henry Strnad.

Interment will be at the Belleville Cemetery, Belleville, Kansas.

Memorials are suggested to family choice.

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Memorials are suggested to family choice.

## **Sheri Blazek**

Sheri Lynn Blazek, the daughter of Robert E. Heapes and Mildred A. (Tuma) Heapes, was born August 12, 1946 at Belleville, and died December 28, 2012 at Republic County Hospital at the age of 66 years, four months, and 16 days.

She grew up and attended school in the Nowata, OK area, graduating from Caney High School, Caney, KS in 1964.



She returned to Belleville and worked at the L&M Café. She worked at the House Of Shoes in Belleville as a salesperson for 30 years.

In 1967, she was united in marriage to Robert Blazek and they had one son, Michael. The couple made their home in Belleville.

She was a member of the Wesleyan Church, Belleville, where she was active serving on Church Committees, Meals on Wheels, and dinner committees.

She was preceded in death by her brothers: Robert E. Heapes, Jr and Victor Heapes, sister: Mary Ann Carlock, and father: Robert E. Heapes.

She is survived by her husband Robert Blazek of Belleville, , son Michael Blazek of Belleville; mother: Mildred Heapes of Belleville; sister Judy (Dan) Cameron of Maud, TX, and brother Clayton Heapes of Belleville.

Funeral services were held December 31, 2012 at the Wesleyan Church, Belleville, with Rev. Fred Mikesell, officiating. Interment in Belleville Cemetery.

Memorials are suggested to the Belleville Highbanks Hall of Fame Museum or the Wesleyan Church.

The family may be contacted at 2022 J. Street, Belleville, KS. Online condolences and information at [www.bachelor-surber.com](http://www.bachelor-surber.com). Bachelor-Surber Funeral Home, Belleville, KS is in charge of the arrangements.

The Twenty-Third Psalm

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He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:  
He leadeth me beside the still waters.  
He restoreth my soul: He leadeth me in the  
paths of righteousness for His name's sake.  
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the  
shadow of death, I will fear no evil:  
for thou art with me; thy rod and  
thy staff they comfort me.  
Thou preparest a table before me in the  
presence of mine enemies:  
thou anointest my head with oil;  
my cup runneth over.  
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow  
me all the days of my life:  
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.



BACHELOR-FAULKNER-DART INC.  
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In Memory of  
**Robert Dean Blazek**

December 11, 1944—March 30, 1968

Memorial Service  
The Presbyterian Church  
Cuba, Kansas  
Monday, April 1, 1968  
2:00 P.M.

Minister  
The Reverend Fred Mansfield

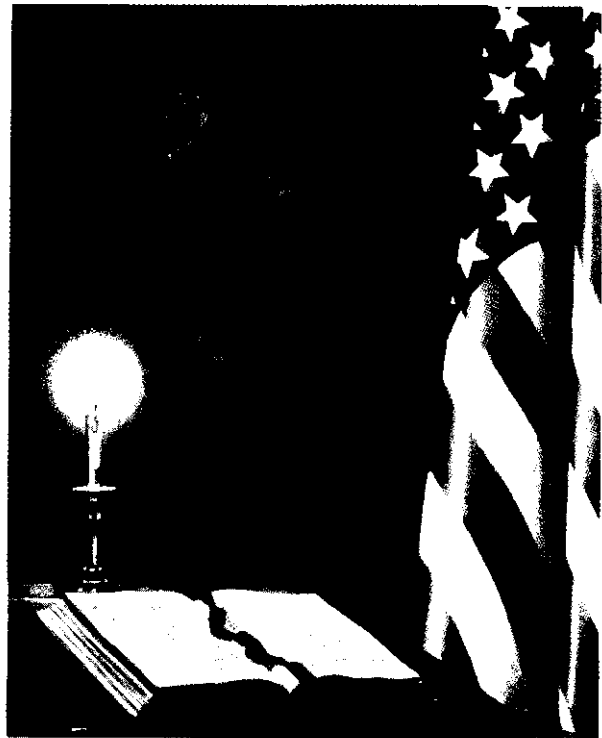
Singers  
Merle Hadachek      Randy Kopsa  
Joleen Havel        Edyth Shulda

Accompanist  
Mrs. Eugene Hadachek

Casket Bearers  
Lonnie Trecek      Burton Nondorf  
Dewayne Kalivoda      Calvin Benyshek  
Jerry Nekuda        Gene Barnett

Interment  
National Bohemian Cemetery  
(Kopsa)





*In Remembrance*



Loren L. Blazek age 72 of Belleville passed away Wednesday, December 18, 2013 in Salina, Kansas. He was born May 23, 1941 on a farm 4 miles west of Cuba, Kansas to Frank and Victoria (Shimek) Blazek. Loren completed his first eight grades at the Jefferson Grade School and then attended and graduated from Belleville High School in 1959. He was united in marriage to Judy (Francis) Clute on November 28, 1963 with her son Barry forming their new family. Their family grew when first Brian was born then Blaine. Loren and Judy spent most of their lives farming west of Cuba on the farm they purchased in 1967 before moving into Belleville. He loved the land and working with livestock and fulfilling his lifelong dream of raising pigs. He was the happiest living in the rural open space where he could see wildlife, especially deer and turkey, except when they were eating the crops or newly planted seeds. During the 1980 farm crisis, both Loren and Judy worked for Eldorado Manufacturing Company delivering buses and motor homes across the United States from one coast to the other. He sold crop insurance through the Golden Belt Insurance Agency and most recently owned and operated The Blazek Gleaner Combine and Combine Parts Company. Loren was preceded in death by his wife Judy in December 2010; brothers Harold in March 2011 and Gerald in March 2013 as well as his parents Frank and Victoria. He will be forever remembered by his sons, Barry and wife Kelly, Fort Worth, Texas, Brian, Perry, Georgia, and Blaine and wife Michelle of Belleville; sisters-in-law Ilene Blazek and Jeanne Blazek of Belleville; his special friend Barbara Willis of Salina; and several nieces and nephews. The boys wish to give a special thanks to Loren's cousin Beverly Reynolds for helping put together this information. Memorials may be made to the Republic County High School FFA.

## In Remembrance



## Robert D. Blazek



Robert Dale Blazek, son of William Blazek and Martha M (Reynolds) Blazek was born October 3, 1942 in Los Angeles, California and passed away on June 10, 2021 at Republic County Hospital, Belleville, Kansas at the age of 78.

After graduating from high school in 1960 he enlisted and served with the United States Air Force. After being discharged from active duty he worked at OK Tire in Belleville, KS, from 1964 to 2006.

Robert was united in marriage to Sheri Lynn Heapes on August 6, 1967. In 1979 Robert and Sheri expanded their family by adopting 17-month-old Michael Dale Blazek.

Robert was well known to the Belleville Community for his work as a curator for the High Banks Hall of Fame and National Midget Auto Racing Museum. He officially retired in 2016 but continued to follow his passion for racing with his son Michael for years to come.

He was preceded in death by his parents, William and Martha Blazek, wife, Sheri L. Blazek.

He is survived by his son, Michael (Kayla) Blazek of Belleville, Kansas, other relatives and many friends.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, June 15, 2021 at Bachelor-Surber Memorial Chapel, Belleville, Kansas, conducted by, Pastor Mark McGregor.

Military Graveside services by the McConnell Air Force Base Honor Guard.

Interment will be in Belleville Cemetery, Belleville, Kansas

Memorials may be given to High Banks Hall of Fame and National Midget Auto Racing Museum or the Robert Blazek Memorial Fund.

Online condolences and information at [www.bachelor-surber.com](http://www.bachelor-surber.com)

In Memory of  
**Josephine Blazek**

March 26, 1894 — October 30, 1969

Memorial Service  
The Presbyterian Church  
Cuba, Kansas  
Sunday, November 2, 1969  
Two o'clock

Conducted By  
The Reverend Fred Mansfield  
The Reverend Amos Rundus

Soloist  
Terry Baxa

Organist  
Mrs. Eugene Hadachek

Casket Bearers  
George Levendofsky  
Bill Beaumont  
Frank Palacek, Jr.

Raymond Baxa  
James Blazek  
Vincent Pachta

Interment  
National Bohemian (Kopsa)  
Cemetery

There is a home beyond  
this vale,  
A place where love and  
peace prevail,  
A house not made by  
human hands,  
Ever in the heavenly  
lands.



*In Memoriam*

## Joseph J. Blazek

Joseph J. Blazek, son of Joseph and Magdalena Havel Blazek, was born on October 16, 1888, southwest of Cuba, and died on July 15, at Belleville, at the age of 89 years 8 months and 29 days.

He received his education at the Silverthorne School and was united, in marriage to Emma Zacek on September 26, 1911, and four children were born to this union. He lived in the Cuba Community his entire life and was engaged in farming until his retirement.

He was baptized in the United Presbyterian Church. He was a member of the Czechoslovakia Society of America. He served on the school board of district number 84 for many years and was an overseer of the township roads for 18 years.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, Emma, one son William, 3 brothers, 1 sister, 6 infant sisters and brothers, 1 grandson, 1 granddaughter, 2 great grandsons and one great granddaughter.

He is survived by two sons, Frank J. Blazek of Cuba, Joe Blazek of Fountain, Colo.; one daughter, Mrs. Milek (Helen) Kolman of Cuba, three sisters, Mrs. Lany Havel of Belleville, Mrs. Frances Lesovsky of Cuba, and Mrs. Joe (Lottie) Morton of Marka, 9 grandchildren, 23 great grandchildren and 1 great-great-grandson.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, July 18, at 10:00 a.m., at the United Presbyterian church of Cuba, conducted by the Reverend Neil A. Bartley Jr.

Interment was made in National Bohemian (Kopsa) cemetery.

**James G. Blazek**

James G. Blazek, age 79, died Monday, May 6, 2019 at the Cloud County Health Center, Concordia, KS. He was born on October 3, 1939 in Republic County, KS Joseph and Gayle (Nemec) Blazek.



He was a 1957 graduate of Hillcrest High School, Cuba, KS, served in the US Army National Guard Unit.

On February 20, 1965 he married Marjorie Gieber at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church in Concordia, KS. They were married for 53 years.

Blazek was a member of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church, Knights of Columbus, past member of American Legion, Moose Lodge, and Elks Lodge all of Concordia, worked for the Cloud County Highway Department for 38 years before retiring.

He is survived by his wife, a daughter, Rhonda Fraser (Casey), Concordia; two sons, Jeff Blazek, Concordia; Jared Blazek (Jan), Columbia City, OR.; sister, Marilyn Levendofsky, Belleville, KS.; seven grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, and other relatives.

He was preceded in death by his parents, brother Robert Blazek

brother-in-law, George Levendofsky.

Visitation will be from 1:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m., Thursday, May 9, 2019 with a Rosary Service at 6:00 p.m., all at the Chaput-Buoy Funeral Home. Family will receive friends after the Rosary.

Memorial services will be held 10:00 a.m., Friday, May 10, 2019 at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church, Concordia with Fr. David Metz officiating.

Burial of the cremains will follow in the St. Concordia Cemetery, Concordia, KS.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Parkinson's Foundation c/o Chaput-Buoy Funeral Home. For online condolences, please visit [www.chaputbuoy.com](http://www.chaputbuoy.com) condolence please visit [www.pn-fh.com](http://www.pn-fh.com).



## Joe Blazek

Joe Blazek passed away September 5, 2009 in Colorado Springs. Born May 1, 1918 to the late J.J. and Emma (Zacek) Blazek, he lived in Fountain since 1958. Joe was a WWII Veteran and a Purple Heart recipient. He retired after 25 ½ years civil service. Joe is survived by his son Curtis, daughter-in-law Belinda and two grandsons, Chris and Nick. He is also survived by many nieces, nephews and cousins. Joe is preceded in death by his wife of 41 years, Geraldine (Groves) Blazek and son Morris Joe Blazek, sister Helen Kohman and two brothers, Frank and Bill Blazek. He loved fishing, hunting and watching the Broncos. He was the greatest father, grandfather and best friend anyone could have. We love you. We will miss you. Your loving family, God Bless.

Illene Mae (Rizek) Blazek, of Belleville, died on Sunday, May 14, 2017. She was born on Dec. 10, 1937 on a farm south of Munden, to Lewis and Clara (Novak) Rizek. Illene was united in marriage to Gerald Dean Blazek on June 3, 1958 at St. Edward Catholic Church in Belleville and to this union five children were born, twins, Kim and Kirk, Jan, Larry and Sue. Illene was a lifetime member of St. George Catholic Church, Munden. She was a 1955 graduate of Munden High School and a 1959 graduate of Kansas State University. Illene taught Physical Education and Home Economics along with coaching at Republic High School for one year. In 1968 Gerald and Illene purchased her parents farm south of Munden. Illene worked alongside Gerald to build a successful farrow to finish hog operation along with raising cattle and crops. They owned and operated The Gerald Blazek Meat Market, located on their farm. Illene worked as the Accounting Secretary at Belleville High school for 16 yrs. In 1983 they retired from farming and moved to Belleville. She was involved in the Munden 4-H Club as a youth and later as a Community Leader for many years. Illene was also involved in the Munden EHU, St. George's Altar Society, and the Belleville Bereavement Support Group. Her favorite activities included gardening, farm activities and going to her daughters' activities and later getting to attend some of the events her grandchildren were involved in. Always a KSU supporter, she was proud of her daughters and grandchildren that attended KSU. Illene is preceded in death by her husband of 55 yrs., Gerald, her parents, infant sons Kirk Jay and Larry Dean, granddaughter Hope Condon and her brother Dr. Eugene Rizek; brothers-in-law and sister-in-law Harold Blazek and Loren Blazek. Illene will be forever remembered by her daughters Kim and Judy Blazek. Illene will be forever remembered by her daughters Kim Lorine (Dave) Gardner, KS, Jan Morey (Burt) Tonganoxie, KS, Sue Condon (Brad) Montello, WI.; along with seven grandchildren. Illene also leaves behind her sister Evelyn (Jim) Hurley and sisters-in-law Jeannie Blazek (Harold) and Eleanor Rizek; other relatives and friends.

And He was called  
the Rose of Sharon  
This son, God gave us all  
And life like a rose,  
starts just a bud  
And toward its end,  
the petals fall

Bachelor-Faulkner-Dart Funeral Service  
Belleville, Ks., Scandia, Ks., Chester, Nebr.

IN MEMORY OF  
ILA C. BLAZEK  
September 30, 1912 March 16, 1990  
MEMORIAL SERVICE  
The Presbyterian Church  
Cuba, Kansas  
Tuesday, March 20, 1990  
Ten o'clock AM  
MINISTERS  
Reverend Tom Ballard  
Reverend Beverly Leonard  
SOLOIST  
Mrs. Shannon Anderson  
ORGANIST  
Mrs. Eugene Hadachek  
PIANIST  
Mrs. Leon Lesovsky  
CASKET BEARERS  
Todd Reynolds Shannon Anderson  
Gerald Blazek Carol Reynolds  
Gene Culver Kenneth Havel  
HONORARY CASKET BEARERS  
Loren Blazek Harold Blazek  
INTERMENT  
Belleville Cemetery

## Ila Blazek

Ila C. Shimek Blazek, daughter of Charles and Frances Shulda Shimek, was born September 30, 1912, at Seiling, Okla., and died March 16, 1990, at the Republic County Hospital in Belleville, at the age of 77 years, five months and 16 days.

She received her elementary education at Crescent Rural School and attended Narka High School for two years.

She was united in marriage to Ben J. Blazek, August 10, 1936, and to this union one daughter was born.

She grew up in the Narka community and after her marriage spent most of her time in the Cuba community. In 1961 they moved to Belleville.

She was a member of the Central Christian Church of Belleville.

She worked at various places in Belleville including Republic County Hospital, several motels and Dr. Jon Thayer's optometry office.

She was preceded in death by her parents, four infant brothers and three infant sisters.

She is survived by her husband, Ben; one daughter, Mrs. Ray (Beverly) Reynolds of Cuba; two grandchildren, Mrs. Shannon (Lori) Reynolds of San Antonio, Tex., Todd Reynolds of Fort Worth, Tex.; one sister, Mrs. Victoria Blazek of Belleville.

Funeral services were held March 20 at the Presbyterian Church of Cuba, conducted by Rev. Tom Ballard and Rev. Beverly Leonard. Interment was in Belleville Cemetery.

Thank God for little things.  
Thank you God for little things  
that often come our way.  
The things we take for granted  
but don't mention when we pray.  
The unexpected courtesy.  
The thoughtful kindly deed.  
A hand reached out to help us  
in the time of sudden need.  
So make us more aware dear God  
of little daily graces.  
That come to us with sweet surpris  
from never dreamed of places.

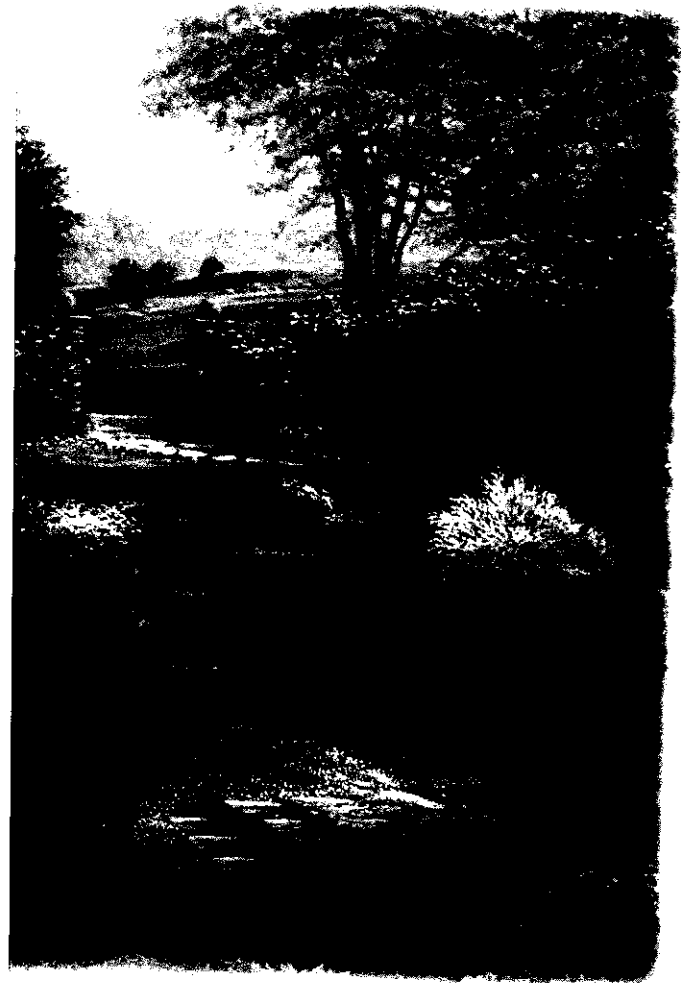
By Helen Steiner Rice



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Judy K. (Francis) Blazek was born at Pittsburg, Kansas on October 23, 1941. She passed away Tuesday, December 28, 2010 from a short bout with cancer at the age of 69 years. Judy spent 28 days at KU Medical Center and passed away at the Republic County Hospital in Belleville. Judy married Darrel Clute for a short time. With this union they had one son, Barry. She worked for Rexal Drug store and Food Mart. On November 27, 1963, Judy married Loren Blazek to become a farmer's wife and worked with the livestock and land which she loved the open spaces, kids, cats, birds, and the clouds. Together they had two sons. Judy was a very dedicated wife and mother. Judy was born when Pearl Harbor was bombed and on their honeymoon they listened to the radio and heard about JFK's funeral procession. She, we, liked JFK and passed away while the first black president was in office. In the middle 1970s, Judy was secretary/treasurer for the Belleville High School Alumni and for the Pan American Highway Association. During the 80s Farm Crisis as a couple, Judy and Loren went to work for Eldorado Manufacturing Co. and delivered buses and motor homes over many states including Hyannis Port and over the Golden Gate Bridge in California. In the late 1980s she worked for Republic County Hospital, and with Connie Walenta Ins. Agency then to Scott Specialties for 19 years until retirement on December 1, 2009. Judy was preceded in death by her mother (Dolly Bray-Francis), father (Ike Francis) and first husband. She will be forever remembered by her husband Loren of their home; sons: Barry (wife Kelly) of Ft. Worth, Texas, Brian of Perry, Georgia, and Blaine (wife Michelle) of Belleville; sister Pat (husband George) Schurr, Salina, Kansas; nieces and nephews and their families and many special friends and other relatives.



### JOSEPHINE BLAZEK

Josephine Blazek, youngest child of John and Josephine Flucar Kouba was born on a farm near Cuba March 28, 1894 and died at the Republic County Hospital October 30 at the age of 75 years, 7 months and 4 days.

She received her education at the Munden and Agenda schools. In 1926 she moved with her parents to Cuba.

June 21, 1927 she was united in marriage to George Blazek, sr. One daughter was born to this union. She was the step-mother to four step-children.

The family made their home on a farm three miles west of Cuba until the death of her husband in 1954. In 1957 she moved to Cuba with her daughter, Magdeline.

She was preceded in death by her husband; her parents; two brothers, John and Charles; one grandson, Robert Dean Blazek, March 30, 1968.

Survivors are: her daughter, Mrs. Magdeline Klaumann and husband, Clarence of Belleville; two step-sons, Joseph E. and wife, Gayle of Cuba, George, jr., Belleville; two step-daughters, Helen Klima and husband, Ernest of Narka; Elsie Nobert and husband, Norbert of Cuba; one sister, Marie Tuma and husband, Emil of Cuba; 13 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Sunday, November 2 at the United Presbyterian church in Cuba, 2 p.m. conducted by the Rev. Fred Mansfield and Rev. Amos Rundus. Interment was in National Bohemian (Kopsa) cemetery.

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*God hath not promised  
Skies always blue,  
Flower-strewn pathways  
All our lives through;  
God hath not promised  
Sun without rain,  
Joy without sorrow,  
Peace without pain.*

*But God hath promised  
Strength for the day,  
Rest for the labor,  
Light for the way.  
Grace for the trials,  
Help from above,  
Unfailing sympathy  
Undying love . . .*

Bachelor-Faulkner-Dart Funeral Service  
Belleville, Ks., Scandia, Ks., Chester, Nb.

*In Memory of*  
**Joseph J. Blazek, Sr.**

October 16, 1888 - July 15, 1978

**MEMORIAL SERVICE**  
United Presbyterian Church  
Cuba, Kansas  
Tuesday, July 18, 1978  
Ten o'clock A.M.

**CONDUCTED BY**  
Reverend Neil A. Bartley, Jr.

**SOLOIST**  
Robert Blecha

**ORGANIST**  
Mrs. Eugene Hadachek

**CASKET BEARERS**  
Bob Kolman  
Robert Blazek  
Gerald Blazek  
Harold Blazek  
Loren Blazek  
Curtis Blazek  
Fred Kolman  
Erwin Havel  
Georgie L. Bednar

**INTERMENT**  
National Bohemian Cemetery  
(Kopsa)



## Joseph J. Blazek

Joseph J. Blazek, son of Joseph and Magdalena Havel Blazek, was born on October 16, 1888, southwest of Cuba, and

20 days.

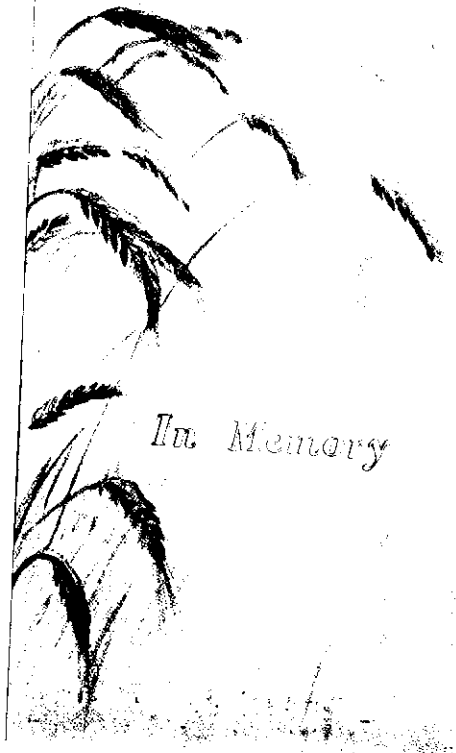
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He was baptized in the United Presbyterian Church. He was a member of the Czechoslovakia Society of America. He served on the school board of district number 34 for many years and was an overseer of the township roads for 18 years.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, Emma, one son William, 3 brothers, 1 sister, 6 infant sisters and brothers, 1 grandson, 1 granddaughter, 2 great grandsons and one great granddaughter.

He is survived by two sons, Frank J. Blazek of Cuba, Joe Blazek of Fountain, Colo.; one daughter, Mrs. Milek (Helen) Kolman of Cuba, three sisters, Mrs. Lany Havel of Belleville, Mrs. Frances Lesovsky of Cuba, and Mrs. Joe (Lottie) Morton of Narka, 9 grandchildren, 23 great grandchildren and 1 great-great-grandson.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, July 18, at 10:00 a.m., at the United Presbyterian church of Cuba, conducted by the Reverend Neil A. Bartley Jr.



## **Jeanne Blazek**

Jeanne Ann Odgers

Blazek, 73, was born January 22, 1949, to Joseph and Alice (Norgard) Odgers and died February 7, 2022,



at the Republic County Hospital in Belleville KS.

She attended Tabor school from kindergarten to 6th grade, McCune school for 7th and 8th grade, and graduated from Belleville High School in 1967.

She was united in marriage June 5, 1970, to Harold G. Blazek in Fairbury NE. They made their home in rural Cuba with their children, Tammy, Tina, Joseph and Thomas, until their retirement when they moved to Belleville. She was a farm wife and worked for M-C Industries and Walmart for many years.

She was a member of the American Lutheran

Church, the Red Hat Society, and the Belleville Supper Club.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Harold; son-in-law Mike Pachta; and infant sister Elaine Carol Odgers.

She is survived by her children Tammy Pachta of Riley, Tina Cherney of Concordia, Joe Blazek (Christi) of Belleville, and Tom Blazek (Kristi) of Cuba; 11 grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren; sister, Brenda Odgers (John McKee);

special friend Eldon Steba.

Funeral Services were held February 10 at the American Lutheran Church of Belleville. Burial at the Belleville City Cemetery.

Memorials are requested to the American Lutheran Church or to the Girl Scout Troop 20534 for benefit of the Belleville City Dog Park and may be sent in care of the funeral home, Tibbetts-Fischer Funeral Home, [www.tibbetts-fischer.funeralhome.com](http://www.tibbetts-fischer.funeralhome.com)



*He was bound to the land from the day of his birth  
His roots anchored deep in the fertile earth  
Nurtured, sustained, by the soil he grew.  
And his life, like his furrows, ran straight and true.  
In faith, each spring, he planted the seeds  
In hope, to reap his family's needs  
With patience, he waited for the harvest to come  
To gather the fruits of his labor home.  
Ever turning seasons, the years sped past  
Till the final harvest came at last  
Then claimed anew by beloved sod  
He was gathered home to be with God.*

*Barbara Weber*

Tibbetts-Fischer Funeral Home  
Belleville, Kansas

*In Memory Of*

*Harold G. Blazek*

*Date Of Birth*  
January 7, 1939

*Date Of Death*  
March 18, 2011

*At The Age Of*  
72 Years, 2 Months, 11 Days

*Celebration Of His Life*

Tuesday, March 22, 2011 at 10:00 A.M.  
Tibbetts-Fischer Chapel  
Belleville, Kansas

*Celebrant*

Pastor Delvin Strecker

*Eulogist*

Mr. Randy Paugh

*Organist*

Mrs. Marcia Hansen

*Congregational Selection*

"On Eagle's Wings"

*Casket Bearers*

Mikel Cherney ~ Kyle Cherney ~ Ed Ball  
Arvin Tuma ~ Max Coons ~ Tom Lesovsky

*Honorary Bearers*

Andrew Blazek ~ Jason Blazek ~ Bob Blazek ~ Michael Blazek  
C. L. Adams ~ Dale Vanous ~ Dale Hostinsky ~ Nick Reynolds  
Mike Koukol ~ Darwin Koukol ~ Don Benyshek ~ Si Kelly

*Interment*

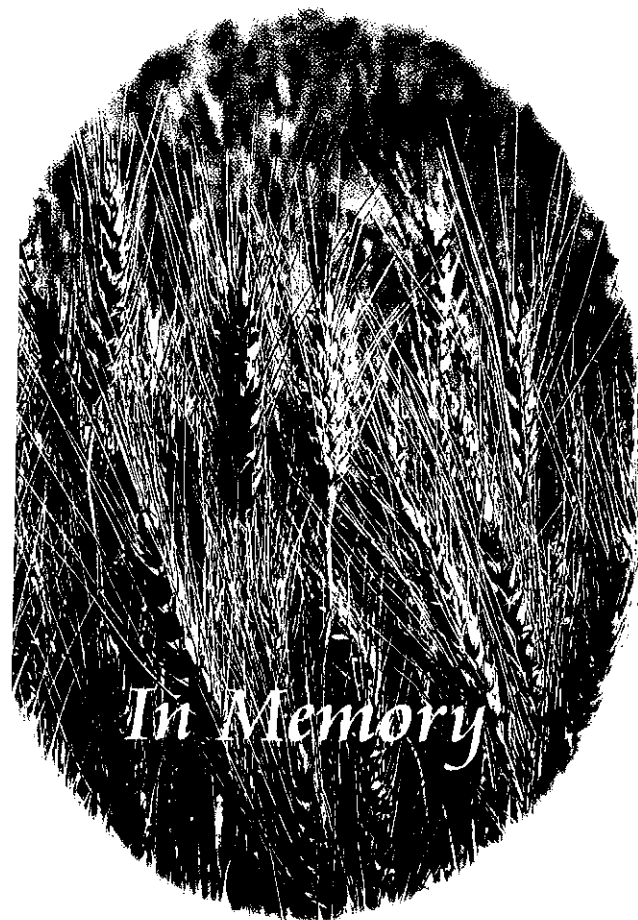
Belleville City Cemetery  
Belleville, Kansas

## Harold G. Blazek

Harold Gene Blazek, 72, was born January 7, 1939, rural Cuba, Kansas to Frank and Victoria (Shimek) Blazek. He was the middle of two brothers, Gerald and Loren. He passed from this life Friday, March 18, 2011 in Belleville Kansas at the Republic County Hospital. Harold attended grade school at Jefferson Center and graduated from Belleville High School in 1956. He served six months in the National Guard before being called to active duty on October 1, 1961. His active duty ended in April of 1962 due to his occupation as a farmer. On September 19, 1964 he married Brenda Brewer in Deshler, Nebraska. They had two daughters, Tammy Jean and Tina Marie. Brenda preceded him in death on September 21, 1969. Harold remarried on June 5, 1970 to Jeanne Odgers in Fairbury, Nebraska. To this union two sons were born, Joseph Frank and Thomas Gene. Harold was a lifelong farmer and lived on the farm in rural Cuba until moving to Belleville in 1993. He always enjoyed the printing business, first by working at the Belleville Telescope for several years until he started farming full-time. He returned to printing in 1988 when he purchased The Print Shop in Belleville and in 1995 started publishing The Scandia Journal until he retired in 2009. He continued farming as

his health allowed. He enjoyed being involved with and supporting many local organizations and clubs. Harold thoroughly enjoyed spending time outdoors, working with the farm and livestock and occasionally boating when the opportunity arose. He took the time to enjoy each of his grandchildren as often as he could they loved him dearly. Harold was preceded in death by his parents, his first wife Brenda and recently, a sister-in-law, Judy Blazek. He will forever be remembered by his wife Jeanne Blazek; four children, Tammy and husband Mike Pachta of Riley, Tina Cherney of Concordia, Joe Blazek and wife Christi of Belleville, and Tom Blazek and wife Kristi of Cuba; eleven grandchildren, Dayna & Stacy Pachta, Mikel & Kyle Cherney, Jaycee, Julia & Jordyn Blazek, Andrew, Lacie, Aubrey & Jason Blazek; two great-grandchildren Hailey & McKayla Cherney; his brothers Gerald Blazek and wife Illene of Belleville and Loren Blazek of Belleville, and many relatives and friends.

Funeral services held Tuesday, March 22, 2011 at Tibbetts-Fischer Chapel, Belleville, Kansas. Interment in the Belleville City Cemetery. Memorials to the Harold G. Blazek Memorial Fund to be decided by the family at a later date. Tibbetts-Fischer Funeral Home, Belleville, Kansas in charge of arrangements.



*In Memory*

*To everything there is a season,  
And a time to every purpose  
under the heaven.*

*A time to plant and  
a time to harvest . . .*

*Taken from Ecclesiastes, Chapter 3*

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*Each tiny seed in the soil,*

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*And far beyond our earthly toil.*

**Bachelor-Faulkner-Dart Funeral Service**  
Belleville, Ks. - Scandia, Ks. - Chester, Nebr.

In Memory of

**Frank J. Blazek**

July 13, 1912

April 12, 1988

**MEMORIAL SERVICE**  
The Presbyterian Church  
Cuba, Kansas  
Saturday, April 16, 1988  
Ten o'clock A.M.

**MINISTER**

Reverend Tom Ballard

**SINGERS**

Mrs. Tim Coonrod      Mrs. Rick Pierson  
Raymond Baxa

**ORGANIST**

Mrs. Eugene Hadachek

**CASKET BEARERS**

Joey Blazek                      Brian Blazek  
Tom Blazek                      Blaine Blazek  
Barry Clute                      David Loring

**HONORARY CASKET BEARERS**

Bob Blazek                      Will Krob  
Bob Kolman                      Warren Wallin  
Curtis Blazek                      Paul Handley  
Leon Lesovsky                      Glenn Loring  
Henry Baxa                      Orland Boyles  
Joe E. Blazek                      Wesley Coonrod

**INTERMENT**

Belleville Cemetery  
Belleville, Kansas

## Frank J Blazek

Birth: Jul. 13, 1912  
Republic County  
Kansas, USA  
Death: Apr. 12, 1988  
Republic County  
Kansas, USA

Frank J. Blazek, the son of Joseph and Emma Blazek, died Tuesday, April 12, 1988. Mr. Blazek was born July 13, 1912, near Cuba and was a lifetime resident of the area. He was a farmer. Survivors include his wife, Victoria of the home; three sons, Gerald of rural Munden, Harold of rural Cuba and Loren of rural Belleville; a brother, Joe of Colorado Springs, Colo.; a sister, Helen Kolman of Cuba; 10 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. Burial was in the Belleville Cemetery.

### Family links:

#### Parents:

Joseph Blazek (1884 - 1978)  
Emma Belle Blazek (1884 - 1974)

#### Spouse:

Victoria Blazek (1912 - 2013)

#### Children:

Harold Blazek (1937 - 2013)\*  
Gerald Blazek (1938 - 2011)\*  
Loren Blazek (1941 - 2011)\*

#### Siblings:

Frank Blazek (1912 - 1988)\*  
Victoria Blazek (1912 - 2013)\*  
Joe Blazek (1912 - 2011)\*  
Helen Blazek (1912 - 2011)\*

\*Relationship not confirmed

#### Burial:

Belleville Cemetery  
Belleville  
Republic County  
Kansas, USA  
Plot: B-43

Created by: [gms](#)

Record added: Dec 19, 2013

Find A Grave Memorial# 121935450



Added by: [jln](#)



Cemetery Photo

Added by: [Jason Holmes](#)



In Memory of  
**Jennie H. Blanding**

December 11, 1894

March 29, 1980

**MEMORIAL SERVICE**  
United Methodist Church  
Courtland, Kansas  
Wednesday, April 2, 1980  
Two o'clock

**MINISTER**  
Reverend Donald O'Hara

**SOLOIST**  
Mrs. Mary Jo Aurand

**ORGANIST**  
Mrs. John Blackburn

**CASKET BEARERS**  
Norman Hoard  
Robert Yanish  
Milford Anderson  
Bernard Samuelson  
Orvin Marquardt  
Ralph Sothers

**INTERMENT**  
Balch Cemetery





## Gerald Blazek

Gerald Dean Blazek, of Belleville, died on March 9, 2013.



He was born on Nov. 6, 1937 on a farm west of Cuba, to Frank and Victoria (Shimek) Blazek.

He was united in marriage to Illene Rizek on June 3, 1958 at St. Edward Catholic Church in Belleville. To this union five children were born, twins, Kim and Kirk, Jan, Larry and Sue.

He was a member of St. George Catholic Church, Munden for the past 44 years.

He was a 1955 graduate of Belleville High school and a 1959 graduate of Kansas State University, where he was a member of the Farmhouse Fraternity. He worked for the Soil Conservation Service in Mankato, Stockton and Beloit, KS. He served in the Army National Guard from 1959-1962.

The Blazeks bought her parent's farm south and east of Munden in 1968. They worked together to build a successful farrow to finish hog operation along with raising cattle and crops. They also sold meat from their hogs and cattle at the Gerald Blazek Meat Market located on their farm.

Munden State Bank as an agricultural loan officer. He later moved to Peoples and served as senior vice president and was in charge of agricultural loans.

He was on the board of directors for the Rolling Hills Electric Cooperative, Belleville Main Street, Rotary and Jaycee (Beloit), County Key Banker, RCDC Development Board of Directors, Belleville American Legion, Kansas Bankers Association. The Blazeks received the Soil Conservation Award for Republic Co. in 1976 and 1982. In 1993 they retired from farming and moved to Belleville.

He was a member of the Knights of Columbus for more than 50 years.

He is preceded in death by his parents; infant sons: Kirk Jay, and Larry Dean, infant granddaughter Hope Condon and his brother Harold.

He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Illene, his daughters Kim Loring (Dave) Gardner, KS, Jan Morey (Burt) Tonganoxie, KS and Sue Condon (Brad), Montello, WI.; his brother Loren Blazek, sister and brother-in-law Jim and Evelyn Hurley; seven grandchildren.

A Mass of Christian burial was held Mar. 13 at St. Edward Catholic Church, Belleville, KS.

with burial following at St. George Cemetery, Munden, KS.

Tibbetts-Fischer Funeral Home, Belleville, was in charge of these arrangements.

## Rock of Ages

Augustus M. Toplady, 1776

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Rock of Ages, cleft for me,  
Let me hide myself in thee;  
Let the water and the blood,  
From thy wounded side which flowed,  
Be of sin the double cure,  
Save from wrath and make me pure.

Could my tears forever flow,  
Could my zeal no languor know,  
These for sin could not atone:  
Thou must save and thou alone:  
In my hand no price I bring;  
Simply to thy cross I cling.

While I draw this fleeting breath,  
When my eyes shall close in death,  
When I rise to worlds unknown,  
And behold thee on thy throne,  
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,  
Let me hide myself in thee.

## In Memory of George Blazek, Sr.

Born  
January 14, 1893

Passed Away  
March 31, 1954

Memorial Service  
The Presbyterian Church  
Cuba, Kansas  
Saturday, April 3, 1954  
2:00 o'clock

Conducted by  
The Rev. Amos Rundus

Trio  
Miss Caroline Rundus  
Amos Rundus  
Jerry Rundus

Accompanist  
Mrs. Chas. Canfield

PALLBEARERS  
Vernon Bednar Charles Trecek  
Leon E. Havel Frank Trecek  
Wesley Rytch Donald Koukal

Interment  
National (Kopsa) Cemetery  
Cuba, Kansas



IN MEMORY OF

*Gayle I. Blazek*

June 7, 1917

September 20, 1995

FUNERAL SERVICE

Bachelor-Faulkner-Dart-Surber Memorial Chapel

Belleville, Kansas

Friday, September 22, 1995

Four o'clock PM

MINISTER

Father John Moeder

SOLOIST

Mrs. Tim Coonrod

ORGANIST

Mrs. Paul Chopp

CASKET BEARERS

Jared Blazek

Frank Levendofsky

Casey Fraser

Jeff Blazek

Brad Firley

Dan Renz

Lee Gould

INTERMENT

National Bohemian Cemetery

(Kopsa)

*The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall  
not want. He maketh me to lie  
down in green pastures; He leadeth  
me beside the still waters. He  
restoreth my soul; He leadeth me  
in the paths of righteousness for  
His name's sake.*

*Yea, though I walk through the  
valley of the shadow of death, I will  
fear no evil; for Thou art with me;  
Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort  
me; Thou preparest a table before  
me in the presence of mine enemies;  
Thou anointest my head with oil,  
my cup runneth over.*

*Surely goodness and mercy shall  
follow me all the days of my life;  
and I will dwell in the house of the  
Lord forever.*

Bachelor-Faulkner-Dart-Surber Funeral Home  
Belleville, KS., Scandia, KS., Chester, NE.

*To everything there is a season,  
And a time to every purpose  
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Bachelor-Faulkner-Dart Funeral Service  
Belleville, Ks., Scandia, Ks., Chester, Nebr.

IN MEMORY OF

BEN J. BLAZEK

May 10, 1912

March 20, 1990

MEMORIAL SERVICE

The Presbyterian Church

Cuba, Kansas

Thursday, March 22, 1990

Ten o'clock AM

MINISTERS

Reverend Tom Ballard

Reverend Beverly Leonard

SOLOIST

Mrs. Shannon Anderson

ORGANIST

Mrs. Eugene Hadachek

PIANIST

Mrs. Leon Lesovsky

CASKET BEARERS

Todd Reynolds

Shannon Anderson

Harold Blazek

James Blazek

Bob Blazek

Gene Culver

HONORARY CASKET BEARERS

Richard Blazek

Stuart Sutton

GRAVESIDE SERVICE BY

Cuba Lodge No. 362 AFSAM

INTERMENT

Belleville Cemetery

## Ben Blazek

Ben J. Blazek, son of Frank and Mary Zacek Blazek, was born May 10, 1912, at Cuba, and died March 20, 1990, at the Republic County Hospital in Belleville, at the age of 77 years, 10 months and 10 days.

He graduated from Cuba High School.

He was united in marriage to Ila C. Shimek, August 10, 1936, and to this union one daughter was born.

He spent most of his life in the Cuba community until 1961, when they retired from the farm and moved to Belleville.

He was the Republic County Weed Supervisor for 17 years, from 1961 to 1978. He also spent his summers from 1978 working for Sutton Spraying Service.

He was a 25-year member of Cuba Masonic Lodge #362, a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, #3281, and a Republic County ASCS county committeeman.

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

He is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Ray (Beverly) Reynolds of Cuba; two grandchildren, Mrs. Shannon (Lori) Anderson of San Antonio, Tex., and Todd Reynolds of Fort Worth, Tex.; six sisters, Mrs. Blanche Culver of McPherson, Mrs. Laura Dillehay of Belleville, Mrs. Keith (Leona) Baker of San Bruno, Calif., Mrs. Marcella Tobin of So. St. Paul, Minn., Mrs. Leonard (Louise) Greene of Orlando, Fla., and Mrs. Irene Stafford of Wichita.

Funeral services were held Thursday, March 22, at 10 a.m. in the Cuba Presbyterian Church, conducted by Rev. Tom Ballard and Rev. Beverly Leonard. Interment was in Belleville Cemetery. Graveside service was by the Cuba Lodge No. 362, AF&AM, Cuba.



**MICHAEL BLANCHARD**

Michael T. Blanchard was born Dec. 13, 1944 in Alhambra, Calif., and died Feb. 5, 1972 in San Francisco.

He served in the navy stationed aboard the USS Yorktown. He lived in Maui, Hawaii.

He was preceded in death by his father, C. O. Blanchard, jr.

Survivors are: his mother, Mrs. Polly Blanchard of Wilber, Neb.; brothers, Sam of USAF Academy, Colorado Springs, Greg and Scott of Wilber; grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Blanchard, sr., of Belleville, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Lisec of Bellevue, Neb., Mrs. Arthur Knieff of Deerwood, Minn.

Funeral services were held at the Zajicek Funeral Home in Wilber, Neb., Feb. 11, 1972 with burial in the Belleville, Kan., cemetery.

## Rex A. Blanding

Rex Alford Blanding, son of Leo and Cleo Briggs Blanding, was born December 12, 1937, and died December 21, 2003, at the Republic County Hospital, Belleville, at the age of 66.

He attended schools in Formoso, graduating from Formoso High School in 1955. He was active in the U.S. Air Force from 1955 to 1963, serving in Guam as well as on air bases in Texas. After his military service, he spent several years in Cisco, TX, involved in several occupations, including a carpenter, handyman, and retail sales. He then moved to St. John and worked at his brother Robert's service station.

Blanding was married to Drucilla Ann Townsend in December of 1957 in Cisco, TX. To this union three children were born. In April 1980, he married Verna Sechler in Courtland and became step-father to two daughters.

In 1973, he returned to the family farm near Formoso. In addition to farming, he built and refinished furniture at The Wood Shop in Courtland. After several years, the business developed into an antique

shop and cafe. After retiring from the business, he worked at a dude ranch in New Mexico, for Americorp at Lovewell State Park, as well as traveling for a modular home company, and managing a motel before retiring in Courtland in 2003.

Blanding was preceded in death by his parents and his sister Bernice Romero.

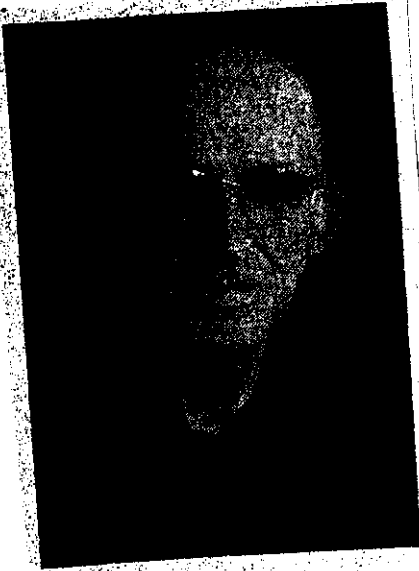
He is survived by his wife of their home; brothers Robert of St. John, and Max of Wichita; children Rex of Brentwood, MO, Athena Blanding of Abilene, TX, Leo of Courtland, Tracey Oltmanns of White City, and Jennie Thrash of Courtland; 15 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Funeral services were held December 24 at Tibbetts-Fischer Funeral Chapel in Belleville with Pastor Mark McGregg

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ILLE TELESCOPE, Thursday, January

officiating. Military rites were conducted by the American Legion Post 193 Scandia. Burial was in Balch Cemetery rural Formoso.



## **Max A. Blanding**

Max A. Blanding, 81, passed away Wednesday, October 6, 2010, at his home in Wichita after a long, valiant battle with failing health. A retired AT&SF railroad agent telegrapher, Max was born and raised in Formoso, Kansas. He served in the U.S. Army from 1951 to 1953 above the 38<sup>th</sup> parallel in Korea and was honorably discharged as a sergeant.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Leo and Cleo (Briggs) Blanding and his siblings, Robert and Rex Blanding and Bernice Romero.

An extraordinary, generous and faithful husband, father and grandfather, he will be lovingly missed by his wife of 56 years, Marylyn; children, Joni Garcia (Ron) and David Blanding; grandchildren, Amanda Blanding, Andrea Humphreys (Dwan), Justin Blanding, Joshua Blanding (Jennifer), Paul Garcia (Glynnis) and Lexi Garcia; great-grandchildren, Logan, Brynn, Nicholas, Shane, Evelyn and Christian.

A memorial service, was held Saturday, October 9, at Westlink Christian Church, 2001 N. Maize Rd., Wichita, Kansas.

A military graveside inurnment service followed at Hillcrest Cemetery in Florence.

Memorial established with Florence Historical Society-Santa Fe Depot Fund, P.O. Box 143, Florence, KS 66851. Downing & Lahey Mortuary West.

Tributes may be sent to the family via [www.dlwichita.com](http://www.dlwichita.com).



## Drucilla Blanding

Drucilla Blanding passed quietly into her Father's arms on April 18, 2017, in Eastland, Texas. She was born December 17, 1939 in Ranger, the third child of Andrew Jackson Townsend and Fannie Mae (Warren). She lived most of her early years in the Cisco area.



In December, 1957, she married Rex Blanding in Cisco, and became a homemaker and mother. After her marriage ended she attended Cisco Jr. College and received her certification as an LVN. She spent many years as a nurse at multiple facilities in the Cisco area and truly enjoyed caring for people and helping them through difficult times.

Drucilla was a truly gifted singer and artist. With the help of her pastel pencils she could turn ordinary white paperboard in a beautiful portrait or landscape. She enjoyed crocheting, caring for her gardens, and her family and friends. Most of all she loved her Lord.

She will be fondly remembered by her friends Chloe and Belle.

Drucilla was preceded in death by her parents, her brother Bob Townsend, sister Myra Scarborough, and sister Darlene Crumpler.

She is survived by her son Rex Blanding and wife Beverly of Brentwood, Missouri, daughter Athena Blanding of Arlington, and son Leo Blanding and wife Sheila of Courtland, Kansas, her brother Rex Townsend and wife Phyllis of Burleson, and brother-in-law Ronny Crumpler of Abilene, also her grandson Keith and wife Kristen, granddaughter Kayla, grandson Kameron, grandson Lowell and wife Julie, and granddaughter Susan and husband Casey, and eight great-grandchildren - Lily, Brandon, Seth, Nikolai, Vivi, Eli, Alice and Jonathan.

The family suggests memorial tributes for Alzheimer's or dementia research, or to the Cisco Cemetery Association.

Funeral services were held April 22, 2017 at Kimbrough Funeral Home in Cisco, Texas with Burial in Oakwood Cemetery.

## **Vincent Blanchat**

Vincent W. Blanchat, 73, of Wichita, died Saturday, June 12, 1993, at St. Francis Hospital in Wichita, following complications of open heart surgery.

He and his brother, Paul, were co-founders of Blanchat Machine Co. of Wichita, and Grand Junction, Colo. The corporation, founded in 1942, continues to operate as a sub-contractor of tool and die and machined parts for the military, aircraft and agricultural industries.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Drs. A. P. and Lola Blanchat; a brother, Paul J.; two sisters, Pauline Heerey and Clairece Ihde, all of Wichita.

Survivors include his wife, Marjorie, of the home; three sons, Vincent, Jr., Michael and Gregg, all of Wichita; three daughters, Denise Blanchat-Eden and Mary Danielle Rippel, both of Wichita, and Dana L. Ireland of Grass Valley, Calif.; one sister, Helen Thomasson of Belleville; 18 grandchildren.

Funeral Mass was held June 15 at St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Wichita, conducted by Rev. Donal O'Hare and Monsignor Thomas Malone. Interment was in Resurrection Ceremony, Wichita.

**CLARENCE BLANCHARD**

Clarence O. Blanchard, son of Samuel W. and Alma Oliver Blanchard, was born May 12, 1900, at Belleville and died June 7, 1972 at Republic County hospital, Belleville at the age of 72 years and 25 days.

He was a retired contractor and painter and had lived in Belleville most of his life. He was baptized at Tulare, Calif., in 1928.

He is survived by his wife, Myrtle Turner Blanchard of the home, daughter-in-law, Polly Ann Blanchard of Wilber, Nebr., grandsons, Greg and Scott Blanchard of Wilber, Nebr., Sam A. Blanchard, of the U.S.A.F. Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a son, Clarence O. Blanchard, jr. on Jan. 1, 1972,

grandson, Mike, on Feb. 5, 1972.

Funeral services were held, Tuesday, June 13, 1972, at 10:00 a.m. at the Bachelor-Faulkner-Dart Memorial Chapel, Belleville, conducted by the ministers, Robert F. Turner and Maurice Graham. Interment was made in Belleville cemetery, Belleville.

. Comfort .

The Power who pities man has shown  
A blessing for the eyes that weep.

The light of smiles shall fill again  
The lids that overflow with tears;  
And weary hours of woe and pain  
Are promises of happier years.

There is a day of sunny rest  
For every dark and troubled night;  
And grief may bide an evening quest,  
But joy shall come with early light.

For God hath marked each sorrowing day,  
And numbered every secret tear,  
And Heaven's long age of bliss shall pay  
For all His children suffer here.

WILLIAM CULLEN BRYANT



BACHELOR-FAULKNER-DART INC.  
BELLEVILLE • KANSAS

In Memory of  
**Amelia Ellen Blanchard**

April 7, 1877 — October 25, 1969

Memorial Service  
Bachelor-Faulkner-Dart  
Memorial Chapel  
Belleville, Kansas  
Tuesday, October 28, 1969  
Two o'clock

Clergymen In Charge  
Karl Schuster  
Maurice Graham

Soloist  
Mrs. Frances Graham

Organist  
Mrs. Bessie Krause

Casket Bearers  
Howard Lowell Leslie Rasmussen  
Royce Baldwin Howard Kelly  
Forrest Tallent Ernest Sanford

Graveside Service  
Charity Rebekah Lodge No. 76  
Belleville, Kansas

Interment  
Belleville Cemetery  
Belleville, Kansas

**AMELIA ELLEN BLANCHARD**

Amelia Ellen Blanchard, daughter of John and Margaret Basham was born April 7, 1877 at New Windsor, Ill., and died October 25 at the Republic County Hospital at the age of 82 years, 6 months and 18 days.

She married Nathan E. Blanchard August 1, 1897 and to this union five daughters were born.

She was a member of the Methodist church, Rebekah Lodge and a charter member of the Golden Wedding Club.

She was preceded in death by her husband, parents, one grandson, one great-grandson.

Survivors are: her daughters, Mrs. Fred Goodrich and husband, Mrs. Frank Janousek and husband, Mrs. Goldie Jones, all of Belleville, Mrs. James Dyorak and husband of Pana Rama City, Calif., Mrs. Ruth Hubert of North Patte, Neb.; 13 grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren; 5 great-grandchildren.

Funeral Services were held Tuesday, October 28 at 2 p.m. at the Bachelor - Faulkner - Dart Memorial Chapel conducted by the Rev. Karl Schuster and the Rev. Maurice Graham. Graveside services were by the Charity Rebekah Lodge No. 76. Interment was in Belleville Cemetery.



In Remembrance

## Helen Blakley

Helen Lorene Blakley, daughter of Herman and Mary Alice Harrison Reimers, was born September 16, 1901 at

Humboldt, Nebraska and died at her home in Beatrice, Nebr., March 20, 1977, at the age of 75 years, five months and 29 days.

She was united in marriage to Clyde D. Blakley January 14, 1917, they had two daughters, Lorene and Lucille. She moved to Belleville in 1945, in 1976 after the death of Mr. Blakley she moved to Beatrice, Nebr.

She was preceded in death by

her parents, her husband Clyde, one daughter, Lorene, and two sisters.

She is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Lucille Williams of Beatrice, Nebraska, 19 grandchildren, 29 great-grandchildren.

Graveside services were held at the Belleville cemetery Thursday, March 24, 1977, at 10:00 a.m., conducted by Dr.

Arthur Edwards.

Interment was made in Belleville cemetery.

In Memory of  
**Katherine Miller Blair**

Born  
June 20, 1891

Died  
September 2, 1970

At the Age of  
79 years, 2 months, 12 days

Funeral Services  
Saturday, September 5, 1970  
At 9:00 A.M.  
St. Edwards Church  
Belleville, Kansas

The Mass For the Deceased Will  
Be Offered by  
Father Maurice Dion

Casket Bearers

Harold Kasi  
Don McCarty  
Ralph Kueker

Elbert Henry  
Jim Arbuthnot  
Wilson Scott

Interment  
St. Katharine's Cemetery

As the roaring of a lion, so also  
is the anger of a king: and his  
cheerfulness as the dew upon  
the grass.

Proverbs 19-12

TIBBETTS BROS.  
Funeral Home  
Belleville, Kansas

## Daniel Blair

Dan Blair, son of Sam H. and Kathryn Blair was born March 1, 1917, in Mena, Ark., and died September 11, 1985, in Vancouver, Wash. He was 68.

He graduated from Belleville High School in 1933.

He was a retired field service engineer for the Motorola International Division, Chicago, Ill.

He is survived by his wife, Genevieve of the home; two sisters: Dorothy Peele and Sue Kimbrel, both of Wichita.

Funeral services were held September 13. Interment was in Evergreen Memorial Gardens Cemetery, Vancouver, Wash.



## **William F. "Bill" Blaha**

William F. "Bill" Blaha, son of Arthur Otto Blaha and Hattie Hajeck Blaha was born May 2, 1916 at Chicago, Illinois and passed away on August 9, 2003 at Republic County Hospital at the age of 87 years, 3 months, and 7 days.

Bill attended the Chicago school system. After graduation, he attended and graduated from Our Lady of Lourdes Business College in Chicago, Illinois. On October 16, 1942 at Enid, Oklahoma he was united in marriage to Mary M. Bureman. The couple made their home in Illinois and Wisconsin for most of their married life, moving to Belleville in 1997. Bill and Mary celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary last October.

Bill served with the U.S. Army Air Corps during W.W.II. He spent 54 months in the Army Air Corps, attaining the rank of Staff Sergeant. He was discharged on December 17, 1945.

Bill was a purchasing agent for a steel company for many years until his retirement in 1978.

He was a member of the First United Methodist Church, V.F.W. Post #3722, American Legion Post #133 where he was past commander, and the Republic County Czech Club.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one infant brother.

Bill is survived by his wife Mary of the home, Belleville, Kansas; one brother Arthur Blaha and his wife Gertrude of Willowbrook, Illinois; one sister Jayne Sayset and her husband Lonzo of Hickory Hills, Illinois; nieces and nephews, the Eugene Herrman family of Norway, Kansas; other relatives and many friends.

Funeral services were held at Ten Thirty AM, Wednesday, August 13, 2003 at the First United Methodist Church, Belleville, Kansas conducted by Pastors Bill Brazil and Mark Imel.

Interment was at the Pleasant Hill Cemetery, rural Belleville, Kansas with military graveside

rites conducted by the Ft. Riley Military Detachment.

Services were under the direction of Bachelor-Faulkner-Dart-Surber Funeral Home.

## **Mary M. (Bureman) Blaha**

Mary Maxine Blaha, the daughter of Andrew G. Bureman and May (Jensen) Bureman, was born March 28, 1922 at Belleville, KS and passed away on June 17, 2010 at the Belleville Health Care Center, Belleville, KS at the age of 88 years, 2 months and 19 days.

Mary attended the Belleville School system, graduating from high school in 1940. On October 16, 1942, she married Sgt. William F. Blaha in Enid, OK. Mary and Bill spent their adult life in Illinois, living in Mokena and Desplaines, IL. Mary was a buyer for the Woolworth Construction Department for 31 years, retiring in 1978 and moving to Marquette, WI and later to Randolph, WI, returning to Belleville in 1997.

Mary was a member of the Central Christian Church, American Legion Auxiliary Post 133, and the VFW Post 3722, and the Republic County Czech Club.

Mary was preceded in death by her parents, husband William (Bill) Blaha in August of 2003, five brothers, and two sisters.

Mary is survived by one brother: Carl G. Bureman and wife Elaine of Huntington Beach, CA, many nieces and nephews, other relatives and friends.

Cremation was selected and Memorial Graveside Services will be held at 10:00 AM, Friday, July 2, 2010, at the Pleasant Hill Cemetery, rural Belleville, KS with Pastor Mark Imel, officiating.

Inurnment followed the graveside services.

Memorials are suggested to the Humane Society of the United States.

Online condolences may be sent to [bachelorsurber@nckcn.com](mailto:bachelorsurber@nckcn.com).

Bachelor-Surber Funeral Home, Belleville, KS is in charge of the arrangements.

## Lois C. Blad

Lois Charlotte Blad was born December 5, 1927 on a farm near Clyde, eighth of 11 children of daughter of Carl August and Mildred Elizabeth Lundquist and died August 10, 2010 at the Long Term Care of Republic County Hospital.

She attended the Marcotte country one-room school After graduating from Clyde High School in 1944, she attended Normal Training at Kansas Wesleyan University in Salina. She taught school at Marcotte School and Agenda Grade School.

She met Robert W. Blad at Brantford Covenant Church where they both were active members. They were married August 1, 1948 and settled in Agenda. To this union, three children were born: Marcia, Randy and Ronnie.

She was a Den Mother, Girl Scout leader and Sunday School teacher. After moving to Belleville in 1957, the family became active members of the Belleville Wesleyan Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her parents-in-law Paul and Esther Blad, her husband Robert, two sons-in-law Taylor A. Davis II and Michael Stevenson, five brothers: Roland Lundquist, Verlin Lundquist, Quentin Lundquist, Clair Lundquist, and Leroy Lundquist, three sisters: Adeline Hammar, Bernice Horkman and Laura Ann McGee.

She is survived by her children: Marcia and husband Bill Lauck of Bonner Springs, Randall and wife Janette of Wichita, Ronald and wife Jana of Belleville; nine grandchildren: stepgrandchildren: 5 great grandchildren: five step greatgrandchildren; her sister Virgie and husband Dean Balderston and brother John Lundquist all of Overland Park,

Funeral services were August 13 at the Belleville Wesleyan Church with Pastor Mark McGregor, officiating. Interment was in Brantford Covenant Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to TFC (Teens for Christ) Connection c/o Janice Lundquist, Meadowlark Hospice, Belleville Wesleyan Church, or Brantford Covenant Church.

Bachelor-Surber Funeral Home, Belleville, is in charge of the arrangements.

T A P S

Day is done, gone the sun  
from the lake, from the hill,  
from the sky.

All is well, safely rest. God is nigh.

Thanks and praise for our days  
'neath the sun, 'neath the stars,  
'neath the sky.

As we go, this we know. God is nigh.

Bachelor-Faulkner-Dart Funeral Service  
Belleville, Ks., Scandia, Ks., Chester, Nebr.

IN MEMORY OF  
ENOCH PAUL BLAD

A VETERAN OF WORLD WAR ONE

May 11, 1893

October 3, 1988

MEMORIAL SERVICE  
Brantford Covenant Church  
Brantford, Kansas  
Thursday, October 6, 1988  
Ten o'clock AM

MINISTERS

Reverend John Haag  
Reverend John Wilkens

SINGERS

Herbert Blad  
Delbert Anderson

ORGANIST

Mrs. Neil Kalivoda

CASKET BEARERS

Randall Blad

David Lund

Ronald Blad

Robert Lund

Michael Stevenson

Gary Shorman

GRAVESIDE SERVICE BY

Robert E. Gordon Post No. 133

The American Legion  
Belleville, Kansas

INTERMENT

Brantford Covenant Cemetery

In Memory of  
**Selissia Ann Blackwood**

Born  
November 1, 1852

Passed Away  
February 9, 1946

Funeral Service  
The Methodist Church  
Talgo, Kansas  
Monday, February 11, 1946  
at 2:30 p.m.

Minister  
The Reverend H. E. Ross  
of Wayne, Kansas  
Singers  
Mrs. Arthur Smith  
Mrs. Harold Kelley

Accompanist  
Mrs. Kenneth Sherwood

PALLBEARERS  
Blaine Sherwood Carl Blackwood  
Kenneth Sherwood Harold Thomas  
Ivan Davis Floyd Dooley

Interment  
Zion Cemetery

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.  
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures, he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies; thou annointest my head with oil, my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

BACHELOR-FAULKNER SERVICE  
Funeral Directors  
Scandia, Kansas Chester, Nebraska  
Belleville, Kansas

*In Loving Memory Of*

This Aging Church  
By Sara Lee Blackwood Pettyjohn

Whispers of the past float through  
This space, drifting like dust motes  
Falling without sound. Each whisper  
Echos. Voices that spoke, notes  
That were sung, thoughts,  
Prayers, blessings all lay on the  
Floor draping the pews and altar  
Forever enshrined.

When the time is right, footsteps  
Break the silence. The dust motes  
Again float through the air,  
Repeating their silent dance.  
Capturing the worship, the wedding  
The baptism, final words as a  
Loved one is laid to rest.

Over the years each member leaves  
His legacy, his deeds, his words  
To add to the floating whispers  
Speaking both to his generation  
And to the worshipers  
Who will follow after him.

Mark well this hallowed hall for  
It holds your memories of special  
Events your prayers to your God  
At the special times of your life.

No matter how far you travel  
You can close your eyes to see this room.  
To hear the whispers floating like dust motes  
Falling without sound and  
Know they will live forever as you left them



*Sara Lee Blackwood-Pettyjohn*

*Entered This Life*

August 31, 1922

*Departed This Life*

March 7, 2017

94 Years ~ 6 Months ~ 6 Days

*Service of Remembrance*

Friday, March 31, 2017

At 1:00 P.M.

United Presbyterian Church  
Belleville, Kansas

*Celebrant*

Pastor Robert Frasier

*Eulogist*

C. Roy Blackwood

*Congregational Hymn*

Mrs. Kathryn Gile ~ Organist  
"Lord of the Dance"

*P.E.O. Recognition*

P.E.O. Chapter BM  
Belleville, Kansas

*Inurnment Service*

Belleville City Cemetery  
Belleville, Kansas

Tibbetts-Fischer Funeral Home  
Belleville, Kansas

Sara Lee Haege Blackwood Pettyjohn was born in St. Louis, MO., August 31, 1922, the daughter of William Roy Haege and Marguerite Collins Haege. Sara Lee died Tuesday, March 7, 2017, at the Richard Murphy Hospice House, Hammond, LA, from complications of pneumonia. She had been a resident of Hammond, LA, since January 2008. She is survived by her son Charles Roy Blackwood (Carolyn), Hammond, LA, and grandchildren: Sarah Sanford Meyer (Ryan), McAllen, TX; Crosby Blackwood, Hammond, LA; Major Colby Blackwood (Angela), Springfield, VA; and great-grandchildren: Reese and Landon Meyer; Charlotte, Annabelle, and Violet Blackwood. Also surviving are stepsons, Larry Pettyjohn (Cherie), Green Valley, AZ; Robert Pettyjohn (Beth), Englewood, CO; and four step-grandchildren. Additionally, she is survived by her nieces, nephew, and their families: Susan Rogers Flynn, Linda Rogers, Margo Jacquot, and Mark Jacquot. Sara Lee was preceded in death by her first husband, Charles Dwight "Blackie" Blackwood of Belleville, KS; her second husband, Louis Chapellear Pettyjohn of Phoenix, AZ; and daughter, Paula Blackwood Sanford, Evergreen, CO. Her parents and sisters, Betty Ann Haege Rogers and Marguerite Haege Jacquot, also preceded her in death, as well as a step-granddaughter and step-great-grandson. Sara Lee moved to Belleville with her mother and sisters at ten years of age and graduated from Belleville High School. She returned to Belleville at the end of WWII with Blackie to live and raise her family. She worked for the Agricultural Soil Conservation Service in Belleville for thirty years before retiring in 1984. In Belleville, she was a member of the United Presbyterian Church, P.E.O, a Past Worthy Matron of the Ophal Chapter #115 of the Order of Easter Star, a member of the American Legion Auxiliary, the Eagles Auxiliary, and the United Presbyterian Women. Sara Lee and Louis lived in Kansas, Nebraska, Colorado, and Arizona and enjoyed RV traveling. She was a prolific china painter and poet and served as a deacon of the Verde Valley Presbyterian Church in Cottonwood, AZ. In 2016, she was honored by the BE Chapter of P.E.O. with the Golden Girl Award for 75 years of membership.

The family suggests that memorials be made to the Meadowlark Hospice, 709 Liberty St., Clay Center, KS 67432; or the Solomon Valley Hospice, PO Box 399, Beloit, KS 67420.

*To every thing there is a season,  
and a time to every purpose  
under the heaven:*

*A time to be born,  
and a time to die...*

*A time to weep,  
and a time to laugh;*

*a time to mourn,  
and a time to dance.*

Ecclesiastes 3:1-2, 4



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## Obituary of *Luella Blackwood*

Luella Blackwood, daughter of Herman H. and Anna E. Holle Roever was born August 26, 1909 at Hanover, Kansas and passed away on March 7, 1997 at the Republic County Hospital, Belleville, Kansas at the age of 87 years, 6 months and 12 days.

Luella received her education at the Pleasant Ridge School, District #110 southeast of Hanover, Kansas. She was united in marriage to Alfred A. Blackwood on June 20, 1928 and to this union two children were born, Lola Mae and Duane A. She moved to Belleville, Kansas in August 1962.

Luella was a member of the American Lutheran Church of Belleville, Kansas, Good Sam's Camping Club.

She was preceded in death by her Parents, Herman and Anna Roever, Husband, Alfred A. Blackwood, Two Sisters, Alma Scheele, Elvira Roever, Six Brothers, Martin Roever, Paul Roever, Henry Roever, Norman Roever, Wilbur Roever, Frederick Roever.

She is survived by One Daughter, Lola Mae Schmidt and her husband, Ernest of Atchison, Kansas, One Son, Duane A. Blackwood and his wife, Lola Mae of Belleville, Kansas, Two Sisters, Nola Kraemer of Marysville, Kansas, Valeira Wassenberg of Topeka, Kansas, Seven Grandchildren, Sixteen Great Grandchildren, other relatives and many friends.

Bachelor-Surber Funeral Home

IN MEMORY OF

## *Luella Blackwood*

1909

March 7, 1997

FUNERAL SERVICE  
American Lutheran Church  
Belleville, Kansas  
Tuesday, March 11, 1997  
Two o'clock PM

MINISTER  
Pastor Rachael Hanson

MUSIC BY  
The Congregation

ORGANIST  
Mrs. Cherie Love

CASKET BEARERS  
Dennis Kraemer  
Jerry Roever  
Darrel Roever

HONORARY CASKET BEARERS  
Loren Roever  
Alfred Rombeck

INTERMENT  
Hanover Cemetery  
Hanover, Kansas



## **Jon Blackwood**

Jon Blackwood, son of Byron Blackwood and Helen (Clark) Blackwood Ross was born March 20, 1940 in Belleville, Kans. and died on June 23, 2018 in Norfolk, Va. at the age of 78

He joined the National Guard while in high school in 1957, the U.S. Army from 1958-1961 and finally the U.S. Navy in 1962. He served his country for 31 years before retiring as Master Chief. His time in the Navy took him many different places, but he made his home in Norfolk.

He was a life time member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #3160, Military Order of the Cooties, Fleet Reserve Association Branch 60 and Ocean View Democratic and Social Club.

He is survived by two daughters, Rachelle (Kenny) Rankin of Amsterdam, Mo., Darcie Blackwood of Harrisonville,, Mo., sister, Liz (Kent) Swancy of Derby, Kans. three grandsons, friend, Ann Hill of Norfolk, Va.

Cremation was chosen. There will be no visitation.

Graveside services will be held 11 a.m., Saturday, August 4 at the Belleville Cemetery. Military graveside services will be conducted by the U.S. Navy Honor Guard. Memorials may be given to the Jon B. Blackwood Memorial Fund. Online condolences at [www.bachelor-surber.com](http://www.bachelor-surber.com) Bachelor-Surber Funeral Home, Belleville.

And He was called  
the Rose of Sharon  
This son, God gave us all  
And life like a rose,  
starts just a bud  
And toward its end,  
the petals fall

Bachelor-Faulkner-Dart Funeral Service  
Belleville, Ks., Scandia, Ks., Chester, Nebr.

IN MEMORY OF  
MELBA J. BLACKMAN

August 1, 1899

April 16, 1988

MEMORIAL SERVICE  
First Baptist Church  
Belleville, Kansas  
Wednesday, April 20, 1988  
Nine Thirty AM

MINISTER  
Reverend Gene Swim

SOLOIST  
Mrs. Robert Freeman

ORGANIST  
Mrs. Dorothy Tallent

CASKET BEARERS

Kay Hiatt  
Larry Walter  
Duane Adams

Byron Erwin  
Jack Hill  
Ival Stutzman

GRAVESIDE SERVICE  
Memorial Park Cemetery  
Topeka, Kansas  
Wednesday, April 20, 1988  
Three PM

INTERMENT  
Memorial Park Cemetery



*A Memorial Tribute*



### HENRY C. BLACKWOOD

Henry Carl Blackwood, son of Robert W. and Adessa Norwood Blackwood, was born in Nuckolls County, Nebr. on July 16, 1901 and died in Republic County hospital on April 9, 1975 at the age of 73 years, eight months and 23 days.

He attended rural school in Nuckolls county.

On December 20, 1928 he was united in marriage to Ailee Stichka in Clay Center, Nebr. To this union three sons were born.

They lived in the Courtland and Formoso area for the last 45 years. Mr. Blackwood served as a member of the school board of the rural school district north of Courtland.

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

Survivors include his wife, his sons, Joseph P. Blackwood, of Barstow, Calif.; Richard W. of Castle Rock, Colo.; and Gene L. of Fargo, Okla. 12 grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, three sisters, Anne Snider, Courtland; Nellie Kauffman, Sacramento, Calif.

and Laura Kennedy, Tallahassee, Fla.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m., Saturday, April 12, 1975 from the Christian church, Courtland with the Reverend James Gorman officiating. Burial was in the Courtland cemetery.

## **Gene L. Blackwood**

Gene Laverne Blackwood, son of Henry Blackwood and Alice (Stichka) Blackwood was born July 7, 1937, at Courtland, Kansas and passed away on September 11, 2012, at Republic County Hospital, Belleville, Kansas, at the age of 75 years, 2 months and 4 days.

Gene received his education in the Courtland, public schools. He served with the United States Army in the 101<sup>st</sup> airborne division.

He was united in marriage to Rose M. Williams on October 8, 1988.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Henry and Alice Blackwood, two brothers, Pat and Richard, one step-son, Steve Higle.

He is survived by his wife, Rose M. Blackwood of Scandia, Kansas, two step-sons, Marty (Cheryl) Higle of Salina, and Bren Conn of Grand Island, Nebraska, three step-grandchildren, other relatives and many friends.

Funeral services were held Friday, September 14, 2012, at Bachelor-Surber Funeral Home, Scandia, Kansas, conducted by Pastor Charles Peters. Interment was made in Courtland Cemetery, Courtland. Memorials may be given to Family Choice.

Bachelor-Surber Funeral Home, Scandia, was in charge of arrangements.

In Memory of  
Florence Emma Blackwood

Born  
September 22, 1882

Passed away  
September 3, 1958  
At the age of  
75 years, 11 months, 11 days

Memorial services  
Saturday, September 6, 1958  
At 10:00 a.m.  
Methodist church  
Belleville, Kansas

Conducted by  
The Reverend D. N. McAllister

Music  
Donald Eickman Richard Williams  
Ival Stutzman Max Scofield

Organist  
Miss Nadine Stutzman

PALLBEARERS  
Kenneth Sherwood Wendell Cory  
Guy Dewey John Myers  
Eugene Danielson Dean Cousins

Interment  
Zion Cemetery  
Talgo, Kansas

The Twenty-Third Psalm

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.  
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:  
He leadeth me beside the still waters.  
He restoreth my soul: He leadeth me in the  
paths of righteousness for His name's sake.  
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the  
shadow of death, I will fear no evil:  
for thou art with me: thy rod and  
thy staff they comfort me.  
Thou preparest a table before me in the  
presence of mine enemies:  
thou anointest my head with oil;  
my cup runneth over.  
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow  
me all the days of my life:  
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

TIBBETTS BROS.  
FUNERAL HOME  
Belleville, Kansas

In Memory of

**Charles Dwight Blackwood**

February 1, 1922

February 19, 1980

AT THE AGE OF  
58 Years, 18 Days

FUNERAL SERVICES  
Saturday, February 23, 1980  
At 2:00 P.M.

United Presbyterian Church  
Belleville, Kansas

CONDUCTED BY — Pastor R. A. League

ORGANIST — Mrs. Cindie Snyder

MUSIC — Mrs. Glen Chaloupka

CASKET BEARERS

Ralph Kueker	Mickey Ferguson
Eldon Saylor	James C. Tibbetts
Robert Wells	Charles B. Johnson

HONORARY CASKET BEARERS

Paul Fahrback	Harry Ferguson
Guy Snyder	Mervin Johnson
Paul Housholder	Raymond Weaver

GRAVESIDE SERVICE BY

Belleville Lodge No. 129, A.F.&A.M.  
Belleville, Kansas

INTERMENT  
Belleville Cemetery

*God hath not promised  
Skies always blue ,  
Flower-strewn pathways  
All our lives through ;  
God hath not promised  
Sun without rain ,  
Joy without sorrow ,  
Peace without pain .*

*But God hath promised  
Strength for the day ,  
Rest for the labor ,  
Light for the way .  
Grace for the trials ,  
Help from above ,  
Unfailing sympathy  
Undying love . . .*

Tibbetts Bros. Funeral Home  
Belleville, Kansas





*In Memory*

## Alfred Blackwood

Alfred Albert Blackwood, son of Charles J. and Martha Lutz Blackwood, was born at Oketo, Kans., on August 27, 1902, and died at his home in Belleville, July 29, at the age of 75 years, 11 months and 2 days.

He received his education in rural schools near Oketo, and was united in marriage to Luella Roeber, on June 20, 1928. To this union one daughter and one son were born. Alfred was engaged in farming near Oketo until 1937. He moved to Marysville where he was engaged in the Produce Business and the Locker Business. He moved to Belleville in 1962, where he operated the Belleville Locker Plant until his retirement.

He was a member of the American Lutheran Church of Belleville and the Local Good Sam Camping Club.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles J. Blackwood, one sister, Mrs. Marth Ribble, and one infant daughter.

He is survived by his wife, Luella of the home, one daughter, Mrs. Ernest (Lola Mae) Schmidt of Atchison, one son, Duane of Belleville, Kansas, one brother, Gottfried C. Wiler of Beattie, one sister, Mrs. Emma Gronewald, of Fall Branch, Tennessee, seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, August 1, at 2:00 p.m., at the American Lutheran Church of Belleville, conducted by Pastor Henry A. Thorberg. Interment was made in Hanover cemetery, Hanover.

*The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall  
not want. He maketh me to lie  
down in green pastures; He leadeth  
me beside the still waters. He  
restoreth my soul; He leadeth me  
in the paths of righteousness for  
His name's sake.*

*Yea, though I walk through the  
valley of the shadow of death, I will  
fear no evil; for Thou art with me;  
Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort  
me; Thou preparest a table before  
me in the presence of mine enemies;  
Thou anointest my head with oil,  
my cup runneth over.*

*Surely goodness and mercy shall  
follow me all the days of my life;  
and I will dwell in the house of the  
Lord forever.*

Bachelor-Faulkner-Dart Funeral Service  
Belleville, Ks., Scandia, Ks., Chester,, Nebr

IN MEMORY OF

SYLVIA B. BLACKBURN

May 21, 1909

April 30, 1989

MEMORIAL SERVICE

Central Christian Church  
Belleville, Kansas  
Wednesday, May 3, 1989  
Ten o'clock AM

MINISTERS

Reverend David Haggard  
Dr. Maurice Graham

SOLOIST

Mrs. Sid Scofield

ORGANIST

Mrs. Tom Kieffer

CASKET BEARERS

Melvorn Cornett	Eric Blackburn
Jack Cornett	Layne Holmes
Rick Blackburn	Thad Boman

HONORARY CASKET BEARERS

Randy Blackburn	Ronny Blackburn
Gail Cornett	Ryan Holmes
Travis Boman	

INTERMENT

Belleville Cemetery

## Sylvia Blackburn

Sylvia Blanche Blackburn, daughter of Floyd Edward and Sylvia May Kelly Walter, was born May 21, 1909 near Rydal, and died April 30, 1989, at the Republic County Hospital in Belleville, at the age of 79 years, 11 months and nine days.

She received her education at the Lone Tree and Stony Point rural schools. As a child she attended the Presbyterian church. In May of 1957 she was baptised at the Central Christian Church where she continued as a member.

She was united in marriage to Roy Clifford Blackburn November 19, 1927, in Hebron, and to this union eight children were born.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, two sons, Donald in infancy, and Marvin; one brother, Lawrence.

She is survived by: two sons, Edward of Lebanon, Mo., Dale of Richland, Mo.; four daughters, Mrs. Charles (Freta) Cornett, Mrs. Glen (Erma) Cornett, both of Belleville; Mrs. Warren (Donna) Holmes of Hugoton, Mrs. LaVon (Delores) Boman of Hebron; 25 grandchildren; 29 great-grandchildren; one brother, Ralph Walter of Belleville; three sisters, Mrs. Owen (Edith) Wilber, Mrs. Doris Kathrineberg, both of Belleville, Mrs. Ray (Zella) Nelson of Courtland.

Funeral services were held at the Central Christian Church of Belleville, Wednesday, May 3, 10 a.m., conducted by Rev. David Haggard and Dr. Maurice Graham. Interment was in Belleville Cemetery.



*The Twenty Third Psalm*

*THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD; I SHALL NOT WANT.  
HE MAKETH ME TO LIE DOWN IN GREEN PASTURES:  
HE LEADETH ME BESIDE THE STILL WATERS.  
HE RESTORETH MY SOUL: HE LEADETH ME IN THE  
PATHS OF RIGHTEOUSNESS FOR HIS NAME'S SAKE..  
YEA, THOUGH I WALK THROUGH THE VALLEY OF  
THE SHADOW OF DEATH, I WILL FEAR NO EVIL:  
FOR THOU ART WITH ME; THY ROD AND THY STAFF  
THEY COMFORT ME. THOU PREPAREST A TABLE  
BEFORE ME IN THE PRESENCE OF MINE ENEMIES:  
THOU ANOINTEST MY HEAD WITH OIL; MY CUP  
RUNNETH OVER.. SURELY GOODNESS AND  
MERCY SHALL FOLLOW ME ALL THE DAYS  
OF MY LIFE: AND I WILL DWELL IN THE  
HOUSE OF THE LORD FOR EVER.....*

BACHELOR - FAULKNER - DART FUNERAL SERVICE  
Belleville, Kans. Scandia, Kans. Chester, Nebr.

In Memory of  
**Roy C. Blackburn**

March 23, 1908 — June 12, 1974

MEMORIAL SERVICE  
Central Christian Church  
Belleville, Kansas  
Friday, June 14, 1974  
2:00 p.m.

MINISTERS  
Maurice Graham  
Gary Brown

SOLOIST  
Lloyd Graham

ORGANIST  
Miss Lois Graham

CASKET BEARERS  
Larry Walter  
Kenneth Kathrineberg  
Clyde Mauk  
Floyd Nelson  
Charles Wilber  
Darell Janasek

INTERMENT  
Belleville Cemetery

**ROY BLACKBURN**

Roy Clifford Blackburn, son of John and Grace Blackburn was born March 23, 1908 east of Belleville and died at his home in Belleville June 12, 1974 at the age of 66 years, two months and 19 days of age.

He received his education at the McCune school and has spent his entire life in the Belleville area. Farming was his life's work and for the last few years worked at the Kansas Port of Entry.

On November 19, 1927 he was united in marriage to Sylvia Walter and eight children came to make up the family.

Mr. Blackburn was baptised on May 8, 1957.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two sons, infant Donald and Marvin in 1960, two brothers Harold and Merle, two sisters, Myrtle and Mable.

Survivors are his wife, Sylvia of the home, daughters; Freda Cornett, Erma Cornett of Scandia, Eddie of Garden City, Dale, Hillsboro, N. D., daughters Donna Homes, Hugoton, and Delores Boman of Hebron, Nebr. 27 grandchildren, three great-grandchildren.

Services were conducted from the Christian Church June 14, 1974 by ministers Maurice Graham and Gary Brown. Interment was in the Belleville cemetery.



*Loving Memory*

## Deaths

### Robert Blackburn <sup>(C)</sup>

Robert (Bob) Blackburn, 68, died Sunday, May 19.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, May 22, in the Courtland United Methodist Church, with Rev. Suze Anderson officiating. Burial is in Courtland Cemetery.

Tibbetts-Fischer Funeral Home is in charge. <sup>(C)</sup>

## Patricia Blackburn

Patricia Elaine Blackburn, middle daughter of Robert (Bob) and Eunice (Aspegen) Blackburn, was born June 5, 1950 in Concordia. She attended Kackley Grade School for eight years and then graduated from Courtland High School in 1968. She started working at Babe Houser Dealership soon after graduating and then became a teller at the 1<sup>st</sup> National Bank in Concordia, where she eventually was promoted to the head of the loan department.

Trish's love of art became a reality when she started working for Marion Walker at Gude Atelje in Scandinia. She eventually became the owner and moved the business to Courtland. Her artistic flare and attention to detail was evident in the number of cakes she decorated for people, always with much praise. She also worked numerous part time jobs including as a guide for the Pawnee Indian Village, Church secretary, and helping with Meals on Wheels.

Trish left this world on Wednesday, April 11, 2018 at Mt. Joseph Senior Center in Concordia, Kansas. She was preceded in death by her parents, sister Sam (Jack) and brother-in-law John. Trish will be forever remembered by her sister Carla, nephews Shane (Hannah) and Seth, nieces Nici (Ryan) and Tami (Mitch), great nieces and nephews, cousins, and friends. Her motto was "Be Courageous but Be Kind" which is how she lived her life.

According to Trish's wishes, direct cremation was chosen. A graveside memorial service was held Monday, April 16, 2018 at the Courtland Cemetery where she will be laid to rest by her parents. Pastor Richard Cox, Christian Church of Burr Oak, officiated. Memorials in Trish's honor may be made to the Pike Valley Foundation c/o Swedish-American Bank, Courtland. Tibbetts-Fischer Funeral Home, Belleville, Kansas was entrusted with these arrangements.



*John Charles Blackburn, youngest son of Clyde O. and Clara B. (Chadd) Blackburn, was born January 15, 1929, and passed from this life Wednesday, September 11, 2019, at the age of 90 years, 7 months, 28 days.*

*John was born one mile north and one mile west of Courtland, KS. He was proud to have been named for both of his grandfathers, John Chadd and Charles Blackburn. When John was six weeks old, he moved to the Blackburn farm one mile west of Courtland, KS.*

*John attended Courtland schools and graduated from Courtland High School in 1947, where he excelled in football, basketball and track. John lettered in all sports all four years of high school. His love of sports continued as John started refereeing junior high basketball while still in high school. John was a registered official with the Kansas State High School Activities Association for 29 years, calling basketball and football games all over the region. He was selected to serve as an official for two Kansas State High School Basketball Championship tournaments, in addition to community college and small college games. For decades, people would greet John in even the most obscure of places, telling stories of the many games he called in his years as an official.*

*John bought his first cow at the age of 16, which began a remarkable stretch of more than 70 years of raising cattle. In 1962, John bought his first registered American Quarter Horse mare and later added a stallion, to provide equine breeding services. John thoroughly enjoyed riding his horses for both cattle work and for pleasure. The family rode their horses in many parades in Republic and Jewell counties.*

*John served in the U.S. Army from July 1952 to June 1954. After leaving the military, John enjoyed dinners twice each year with eleven other young men from Republic County who were drafted into the military in 1952, and eventually, with their growing families.*

*On November 20th, 1955, John married Julia "Judy" Ann Gray, who he had met in the summer of 1950 at the Jewell, KS, Old Settlers celebration. Their marriage was blessed with four daughters: Nancy, Diane, Joan and Jana. In 1967 the Blackburns moved to the farmstead one mile west of Courtland where they lived for the next 40 years. In 2007, John and Judy moved off the farm and into Courtland.*

*John joined Courtland Methodist Church in high school, and later served as a leader of Methodist Youth Fellowship and was a Courtland UMC trustee for many years. He was a community 4-H leader for the Pawnee Indians and a 65-year member of American Legion Post #193.*

*Through his involvement in the community, John was active in supporting his girls and everyone else's children in the athletic and music programs at Courtland High School and later Pike Valley High School. He was a surrogate grandfather and father figure to countless young people in the community. Everyone knew "Johnny B." could be found driving a blue pick-up truck with a border collie riding in the back. He was known for being an ornery Irishman, prolific in the gift of nicknames, many of which could be shared publicly; others were best kept in the confines of the home.*

*John will be forever remembered by his wife of nearly 64 years, Judy; daughters Nancy Blackburn and husband John Cox of Columbus, NE, Diane Boman and husband Lonnie of Belleville, KS, Joni Blackburn of Columbus, NE, and Jana Calkins and husband Troy of Olathe, KS; grandchildren Chad Hallack, Belleville, KS, Mindy Oppriecht and husband Ethan of Derby, KS, Will Boman (Alyssa Covert) of Belleville, KS, Evan and Claire Calkins of Olathe, KS; and great-grandchildren Noah and Emmalee Oppriecht, and Cailyn Hallack, and many other dear family and close friends.*

*John was preceded in death by his parents, Clyde and Clara, and brothers Warren, Fay and Bob.*

***Tibbetts-Fischer Funeral Home  
Belleville, Kansas***

The Twenty-Third Psalm  
The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.  
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:  
He leadeth me beside the still waters.  
He restoreth my soul: He leadeth me in the  
paths of righteousness for His name's sake.  
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the  
shadow of death, I will fear no evil:  
For thou art with me: thy rod and  
thy staff they comfort me.  
Thou preparest a table before me in the  
presence of mine enemies:  
thou anointest my head with oil;  
my cup runneth over.  
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow  
me all the days of my life:  
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

BACHELOR - FAULKNER - DART FUNERAL SERVICE  
Belleville, Kansas Scandia, Kansas Chester, Nebr.

In Memory of  
The Reverend  
Harry K. Blackburn

Veteran of World War Two

November 3, 1926 — October 31, 1975

MEMORIAL SERVICE  
First United Methodist Church  
Belleville, Kansas  
Monday, November 3, 1975  
2:00 p.m.

CONDUCTED BY  
The Reverend J. Karl Jones

ORGANIST  
Nadine Stutzman

CASKET BEARERS  
Ralph Walter Guy Snyder  
Ray Salmon Ival Stutzman  
Kenneth Cook Harold Mitchell

INTERMENT  
Belleville Cemetery  
Belleville, Kansas

*The Twenty-Third Psalm*

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PATHS OF RIGHTEOUSNESS FOR HIS NAME'S SAKE..  
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THE SHADOW OF DEATH, I WILL FEAR NO EVIL:  
FOR THOU ART WITH ME; THY ROD AND THY STAFF  
THEY COMFORT ME. THOU PREPAREST A TABLE  
BEFORE ME IN THE PRESENCE OF MINE ENEMIES:  
THOU ANOINTEST MY HEAD WITH OIL; MY CUP  
RUNNETH OVER.. SURELY GOODNESS AND  
MERCY SHALL FOLLOW ME ALL THE DAYS  
OF MY LIFE: AND I WILL DWELL IN THE  
HOUSE OF THE LORD FOR EVER.....*

In Memory of  
**Harold Ray Blackburn**

December 21, 1899 — December 12, 1970

Memorial Service  
Bachelor-Faulkner-Dart  
Memorial Chapel  
Belleville, Kansas

Monday, December 14, 1970  
2:00 p.m.

Minister  
Maurice Graham

Soloist  
Henry Kieffer

Organist  
Mrs. George Dooley

Casket Bearers

Ben E. Kasl  
LaVerne Hanel  
Edward Vanous

Michael E. Kasl  
Clyde White  
Frances Baxa

Interment  
Belleville Cemetery  
Belleville, Kansas

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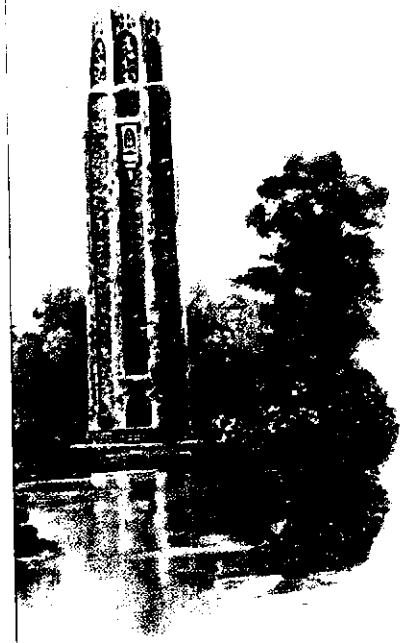
**HAROLD RAY BLACKBURN**  
Harold Ray Blackburn, son of John and Grace Blackburn was born December 21, 1899 at Belleville and died December 12, 1970 in a Salina hospital after several months illness at the age of 70 years, 11 months and 22 days.

He received his education in the McCune school east of Belleville. He spent his entire life in and around Belleville.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two sisters, Mabel and Myrtle and one brother, Merle.

He is survived by one brother, Roy of Belleville.

Funeral services were held December 14 at the Bachelor-Faulkner-Dart Memorial Chapel with Maurice Graham, minister in charge. Burial was in the Belleville cemetery.



*Loving Memory*

## **Edward Blackburn**

Edward Allen Blackburn, son of Roy and Sylvia Walters Blackburn, was born August 6, 1935, in Belleville, and died Friday, June 4, 1993, at his home in Lebanon.

March 18, 1955, he was united in marriage with Betty Lou Ball and to this union two children were born.

He and his family moved to Lebanon in October of 1980 from Garden City. He worked with irrigation most of his life. After moving to Lebanon he raised cattle.

Preceding him in death were his parents and two brothers, Donald in infancy, and Marvin.

He is survived by his wife, Betty Lou of the home; one daughter, Mrs. Lester (Debra Lou) Yoder of Nixa, Mo.; one son, Eric Edward Blackburn of Overland Park; one brother, Dale of Richland, Mo.; four sisters, Freta Cornett, Erma Cornett, both of Belleville, Donna Holmes of Hugoton, Delores Boman of Hebron; two grandsons: Timothy and Matthew Yoder of Nixa, Mo.

Funeral services were held June 7 at Colonial Funeral Chapel, conducted by Rev. Bennie Lemery. Burial was in Lebanon Cemetery.

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; he leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies; thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

In Memory of  
Edith Minnie Blackburn

Born  
November 18, 1897

Passed Away  
February 7, 1942

Funeral Services from  
The Methodist Church  
Courtland, Kansas  
Monday, February 9, 1942  
at 3:00 p. m.

Ministers  
Reverend Gertrude Pettibon  
Reverend Harry Riley

Singers  
Miss Mabel Osborne C. C. Green  
Mrs. C. L. McClure M. L. Van Gundy

Pianist  
Mrs. C. C. Green

PALLBEARERS

Wilber Hedges Clarence Aspegren  
L. R. Richards Arthur Jacobson  
Carl Peterson, Jr. Ralph Gunn

Final Resting Place  
Courtland Cemetery

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**BLACKBURN RITES TUESDAY**

Clara B. Blackburn, 79, died Sunday at Asbury Hospital in Salina. Services were held Tuesday, 2 p.m. at the Methodist church in Courtland with burial in the Courtland cemetery.

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**T**he Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.  
 He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.  
 He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.  
 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thou art my staff and my rod, thou art my comfort.  
 Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou crownest my head with oil, and my cup runneth over.  
 Surely thy goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

**TIBBETTS BROS.**  
 Funeral Home  
 Belleville, Kansas

In Memory of  
**Clara B. Blackburn**

Born  
 March 28, 1890

Passed Away  
 May 11, 1969

At the Age of  
 79 Years, 2 Months, 13 Days

Funeral Services  
 Tuesday, May 13, 1969  
 2:00 P.M.

Methodist Church  
 Courtland, Kansas

Conducted By  
 The Reverend Richard Near

Music  
 Mrs. Richard Spiegel  
 Mrs. H. E. Stone  
 Miss Carol Stone

Casket Bearers  
 Gene Spittler    George Chase  
 Norman Hoard    Theo. Garman  
 Orville Nondorf    Raymond Stewart

Interment  
 Courtland Cemetery  
 Courtland, Kansas



*The Twenty Third Psalm*

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BACHELOR-FAULKNER-DART INC.  
BELLEVILLE • KANSAS

In Memory of  
**Alberta Grace Blackburn**

Sept. 24, 1875 — Sept. 9, 1969

Memorial Service  
Bachelor-Faulkner-Dart  
Memorial Chapel  
Belleville, Kansas  
Thursday, September 11, 1969  
Two o'clock

Minister  
Maurice Graham

Soloist  
Mrs. Maurice Graham

Organist  
Nadine Stutzman

Casket Bearers  
W. C. Lynn      Virgil White  
Edward Vanous      Thornton Doctor  
Francis Baxa      Marion Murphy

Interment  
Belleville Cemetery  
Belleville, Kansas

*Wife of ages*  
*Old Buried*  
*Cross*

#### **ALBERTA BLACKBURN**

Alberta Grace Champion, daughter of I. N. and Lottie Champion was born September 24, 1875 at Lima, O., and died September 9 at the Belleville Rest Home at the age of 93 years, 11 months and 17 days.

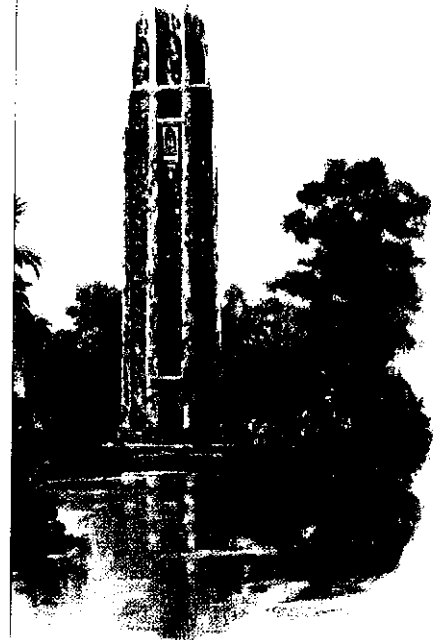
She married John E. Blackburn, March 7, 1899 and to this union were born three sons and two daughters. Mrs. Blackburn was one of the early pioneers of Republic county and came by covered wagon.

Her education was received at the Prairie Home and McCune schools. She was a member of the Methodist church.

Preceding her in death are her parents, her husband, one son, Merle, daughters, Mabel, Myrtle and an infant daughter.

Survivors are: two sons, Harold and Roy and wife, Sylvia of Belleville; nine grandchildren; 29 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Thursday, September 11, 2 p.m. at Bachelor-Faulkner-Dart Memorial Chapel conducted by Maurice Graham with interment in the Belleville cemetery.



*Loving Memory*



**RANNIE BLACK**

Rannie Tishue Patterson  
Black, daughter of Levinus

Walter Patterson and Mary  
Emily Towner Patterson was  
born in Cass County, Nebr.  
October 4, 1874, and died  
November 6, 1970 at the Car-  
penter Manor home in Smith  
Center at the age of 96 years,  
one month and two days.

At the age of seven she moved  
with her parents to a farm near  
Narka where she received her  
elementary education. April 6,  
1892 she was united to marriage  
to Albert Claud Black.

In 1905 they moved to Kansas  
City, Mo., where he was  
engaged in the building  
business. In 1945 they moved  
back to Narka where she  
resided until moving to a rest  
home several years ago.

She was preceded in death by  
her parents, one son who died in  
infancy, her husband, five  
sisters and two brothers.

Memorial services were held  
at the United Presbyterian  
church in Narka November 9  
with the Rev. Fred Mansfield  
officiating. Interment was at  
the Maple Grove cemetery.



Walter Patterson

### **JOHN BLACK DIES**

Funeral services will be held Thursday, July 22, 10 a.m. at the Presbyterian church for John Lee Black, 85 who died July 17 at the Republic County hospital. Interment will be at the Belleville cemetery.

### **JOHN LEE BLACK**

John Lee Black was born the only son of Stephen and Laura Davis Black August 28, 1885 in Republic County, Kan., and died July 17, 1971 at the Republic County hospital at the age of 85 years, 10 months, 19 days.

He grew up in Republic county where he received his education through high school. He was a graduate of the University of Kansas and did graduate work in other universities.

July 24, 1924 he married Gladys Funk and to them were born five children.

He was a member of the United Presbyterian church and A.F. & A.M. Lodge No. 129.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his wife in November 12, 1957.

Survivors are: his children, Henry of Huntington Park, Calif., Richard of Renton, Wash., Thomas of San Jose, Calif., Jean (Mrs. Robert Lindsay) of Gaithersburg, My., Bruce of Hastings, Neb.; five grandsons and three granddaughters.

Funeral services were Thursday, July 22, 10 a.m. at the United Presbyterian church conducted by the Rev. Paul Boaz. Interment was in the Belleville cemetery.

The Twenty-Third Psalm

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 Thou preparest a table before me in the  
 presence of mine enemies:  
 thou anointest my head with oil;  
 my cup runneth over.  
 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow  
 me all the days of my life:  
 and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

**BACHELOR - FAULKNER - DART FUNERAL SERVICE**  
 Belleville, Kans.    Scandia, Kans.    Chester, Nebr.

In Memory of  
**Frank R. Black**  
 Veteran of World War II  
 July 10, 1900 — May 1, 1974

**MEMORIAL SERVICE**  
 Bachelor - Faulkner - Dart  
 Memorial Chapel  
 Belleville, Kansas  
 Monday, May 6, 1974  
 2:00 p.m.

**CONDUCTED BY**  
 Pastor Howard L. Ray

**ORGANIST**  
 Mrs. Gene Waring

**CASKET BEARERS**

Leslie Nitcher	Wilbert Hall
Michael Kasl	Paul Rundus
Bob L. White	Harry Brown

**GRAVESIDE SERVICES BY**  
 The Robert E. Gordon Post No. 133  
 American Legion, Belleville, Kansas

**INTERMENT**  
 Belleville Cemetery

**FRANK R. BLACK**

Frank R. (Blackie) Black, son of George and Margaret Mills Black was born on July 10, 1900 at Frankfort, Kansas, and died at the V. A. hospital at Lincoln, Nebraska on May 1, 1974 at the age of 73 years, nine months and 21 days.

He received his education in the schools of Marshall County. He was united in marriage to Dorothy Whitman in 1961. He moved to Belleville in 1959.

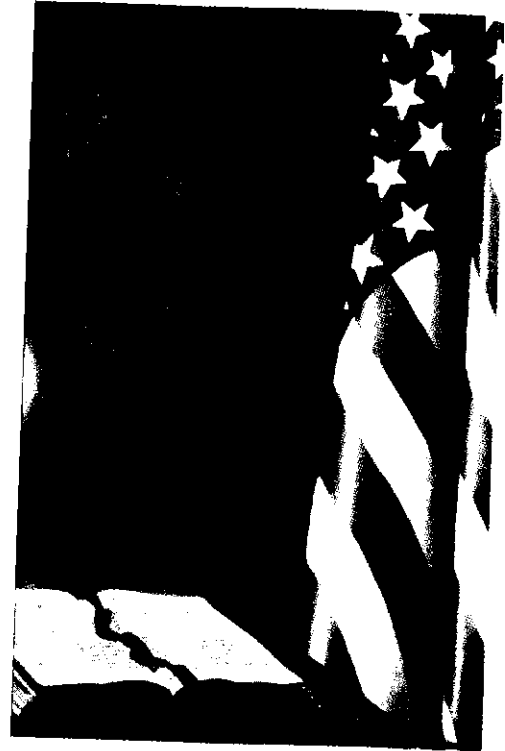
He was a member of the Robert E. Gordon Post No. 133, American Legion Belleville. He was a decorated veteran of World War Two.

He was preceded in death by his parents, one son, George B.

He is survived by his wife, Dorothy of the home, one son, Ray E. Black, of El Paso, Tex., two daughters, Francis Mlynarczyk, St. Paul Minn., Beverly James of Brighton, Colo., one brother, Fred of Marysville, three sisters, Mrs. Hazel Burton, Mrs. Cora Miller, both of Frankfort, Mrs. Vera Jenkins of Marysville, a number of grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Monday, May 6, 1974, at 2:00 p.m. at the Bachelor-Faultner-Dart Memorial Chapel of

Belleville, conducted by Pastor Howard L. Ray. Graveside services were conducted by the Robert E. Gordon Post No. 133, American Legion, Belleville. Interment was made in Belleville cemetery.



*In Remembrance*



### C. F. Black

Charles Finley Black, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob D. Black, was born September 5, 1886, in Olney, Ill., and died at a hospital in Topeka, April 30, 1943, at the age of 56 years, 7 months and 25 days.

He moved to Morganville when he was 18 years old, with his mother, brother and sister, and he and his sister operated a restaurant there for several years. He later worked for the Rock Island railroad, and was a conductor for a number of years. He was a member of the Order of Railway Conductors and the Methodist church.

After 15 years residence in Belleville, he moved from here in 1925, and he was living in Herington at the time of his death.

Surviving are his widow; one son, Lloyd Black, Mrs. Black and their daughter, Charlene Jo, of Topeka; two sisters, Mrs. Emma Asher of Clay Center and Mrs. Noah Johnson of Beeler; two brothers, Walter Black of Herington and George Black of Glendo, Wyo.; other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon in Topeka, and burial was made in Memorial Park cemetery there.

## Barry Black

Barry V. Black, 38, of Cottonwood Falls, was a drowning victim of the Cottonwood River and died at Newman Memorial County Hospital, Emporia, Monday, June 12, 1989.

He was the son of Gilbert Alan and LaVaughn Brown Black, born December 4, 1950, at Ellsworth.

He attended Kanapolis High School

three years until its consolidation with Ellsworth High School, where he graduated in 1968.

He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War.

He married Jeannette Ptacek September 20, 1969, at Ellsworth, and to this union were born four children, Jennifer, Carl, Frank and Katherine.

In 1975 he received his bachelor of science degree in geology from Fort Hays State University and in 1979 his master's degree in physical science from Fort Hays.

He worked one year for Dowell Chemical in Oklahoma. He taught at Hillcrest High School, Cuba, from 1978-1980, then at Chase County High School in Cottonwood Falls until 1989. He taught chemistry, physics and other earth sciences, and was head coach of the girls volleyball and track teams. He was assistant coach of boys basketball. He had recently accepted a position as head volleyball coach at Seward County Community College, Liberal.

He was a member of St. Anthony's Catholic Church, Kansas Volleyball Association, Kansas Coaches Association, Emporia Running Club, president of Chase County Track Club.

He was preceded in death by his father.

He is survived by his wife and four children of the home; his mother, LaVaughn Kubick of Ellsworth; two brothers, Bradley of Baldwin, Scotty of Otis; two sisters, Rita Gwinner and Bonny Black of Ellsworth.

A funeral Mass was held June 15 at the Chase County High School gymnasium, conducted by Rev. Louis Struble and Rev. Maurice Ptacek. A military graveside service was conducted at Memorial Cemetery, Ellsworth.

*A Little Step Away*  
To close the eye, to fall asleep, *ra*  
To draw a labored breath,  
To find release from daily cares  
In what we know as death...

Is this the crowning of a life,  
The aim or end thereof?  
The totaled sum of consciousness,  
The ripened fruit of love?

It cannot be, for works of God  
Are wrought for nobler ends,  
And those away continue on  
In the hearts of kin and friends.

It cannot be, for they live on  
A little step away. *~~~~~*  
The soul, in the everlasting life,  
Has found a better day. . . .

*O. J. HARRISON*

TIBBETTS BROTHERS  
Belleville, Kansas

In Memory of  
**Albert Claud Black**

Born  
August 1, 1870

Passed away  
February 4, 1953

At the age of  
82 years, 6 months, 3 days

Memorial Services  
Friday, February 6, 1953  
at 2:00 P.M.

Presbyterian Church, Narka, Kansas

Conducted by  
The Rev. John Gillesse

Music

Mr. Wayne Graham      Mrs. Sylvia Dovel  
Mr. W. D. Pucket        Mrs. Marie Ferris  
Accompanist — Mrs. Ada Feil

PALLBEARERS

Leigh Feil                Lloyd McAtee  
Roy Baker                Elmer Hardenburger  
William Shara            Frank Roubinek

Interment  
Maple Grove Cemetery

## **Mrs. Hattie Bixley**

Mrs. Hattie Bixley, 85 died May 8 at the Good Samaritan Home in Superior. She was a sister of Mrs. Vera Stafford of Belleville.

Funeral services will be held Friday, May 11, 2:00 p.m. at the Union church in Hardy.

## Edith I. Bisnette

Edith I. Bisnette, daughter of Elijah Lee Hughes and Pearl Jeanette Harris, was born September 19, 1912, at Protection, and died July 25, 2003, at Mount Joseph Senior Community, Concordia, at the age of 90.

She married John M. Bisnette on September 2, 1931, in Belleville.

Bisnette worked as a nurse's aid for St. Joseph Hospital and retired in 1985 at age 72.

She was a member of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church and The Women of the Moose, both of Concordia.

Bisnette was preceded in death by her husband; granddaughter; parents; sister Vera Tiekling; and brothers Glen Adams and Billie Hughes.

She is survived by her sons Charles Bisnette of Topeka, Dale Bisnette of Henderson, TX, Ed Bisnette of Laurel, MS; sisters Mildred Griffiths of Concordia, Louvena Larson of Brookings, SD; broth-

ers Charles Hughes of Simpson, Vernon Hughes of Concordia, Eddie Hughes of Downs, and David Hughes of Clyde; 16 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; five step-great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild.

Services were held July 29 at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church, Concordia, with Rev. Barry Brinkman officiating. Burial was at St. Concordia Cemetery, Concordia.

## Melvin R. Birrell

Melvin Robert Birrell, 89, of Belleville was born August 9, 1921 to Andrew and Lila (French) Birrell in Republic and died Friday, June 24 at Republic County Hospital in Belleville.

He grew up on the family farm, and served in the Army at the start of World War II. He went ashore on Omaha Beach in the first waves of the Normandy Invasion. His unit received a commendation for their role in the battle.

After the war he was honorably discharged, and returned to farm in Republic. He married Evelyn VerMaas on August 2, 1948, and in 1953 moved to Denver CO where he began a career as a truck driver.

By 1963 the family included three children, Christine, Craig, and Scott, when they moved to Warrenton, MO where they lived for many years.

In 2003 they moved back to Belleville.

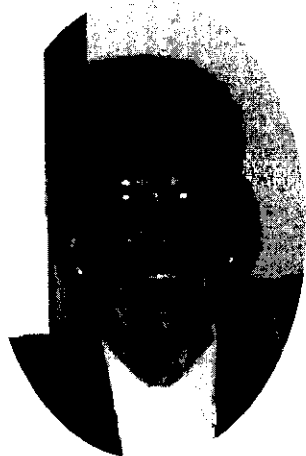
He was preceded in death by his parents, his sisters Vivian and Velma, and his

wife, Evelyn in March of this year.

He is survived by his brother, Darrell, of Republic; his three children, Christine, and husband Olin Boone of Lincoln NE, Craig Birrell and wife Eileen of Olympia WA and Scott Birrell of Belleville; five grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

Memorial services will be held Saturday, July 2, at the American Lutheran Church in Belleville, with Pastor Art Bliese officiating. Family inurnment will be held later at Washington Cemetery, rural Republic.

Military rites will be conducted by the Army Honor Guard of Fort Riley. Memorials may be made to the Shriner's Children's Hospital in care of Tibbetts-Fischer Funeral Home, Belleville.



*"Grieve not nor speak*

*Of me with tears,*

*But laugh and talk*

*Of me as if I were*

*Beside you there"*

Isla Paschal Richardson

*In Memory Of*

*Evelyn L. Birrell*

*Date Of Birth*  
February 13, 1927

*Date Of Death*  
March 20, 2011

*At The Age Of*  
84 Years, 1 Month, 7 Days

*Celebration Of Her Life*  
Saturday, March 26, 2011  
At 10:00 A.M.  
United Presbyterian Church  
Belleville, Kansas

*Celebrant*  
Pastor Denise Group

*Organist*  
Mrs. Kathryn Gile

*Musical Selections*  
"In The Garden" as sung by the congregation  
"Whispering Hope" recorded by Jim Reeves  
"I Can Only Imagine" recorded by Mercy Me

*Honorary Bearers*  
Ewan Birrell ~ Brian Boone ~ Greg Birrell  
Leonard VerMaas ~ Gary VerMaas ~ Wayne Clark

*Family Inurnment*  
At A Later Date  
Washington Cemetery  
South of Byron, Nebraska

## **Darrell A. Birrell**

Darrell Andrew Birrell, son of Andrew and Lila (French) Birrell was born April 23, 1923 at Republic, Kans.



and died Thursday, October 12, 2017 at home in Republic, at the age of 94 years.

He attended and graduated from Republic High School with the class of 1941.

He married Marilyn Kay (Gunn) Birrell on April 27, 1946 at Concordia, Kans. and together they raised four children: Greg, Michal, Kim, and Laura.

He served in the Merchant Marines during World War II and upon return settled on a farm in Republic.

He was preceded in death by his wife Marilyn; his parents; sisters Vivian Birrell and Velma Clark; brother Melvin Birrell; and grandson Eric Birrell.

He is survived by his children: son Greg Birrell and wife Joan, Republic; daughters Michal Herde and husband Darrell, Courtland; Kim Birrell, Republic; and Laura Leite and husband Pedro, Topeka; five grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

His wishes were for direct cremation services. A Memorial Service in remembrance

will be held 11 a.m. . Friday, October 20, at the United Methodist Church, Republic. A family inurnment will be later at Rosemound Cemetery, rural Hardy, Nebr. Memorials to the Disabled Veterans association. Tibbetts-Fischer Funeral Home, Belleville, in charge of arrangements.



### Andrew Birrell

Andrew Birrell, Jr., the only child of Eunice and Andrew Birrell, sr., was born August 19, 1891.

In 1906, he moved with his parents to a farm east of Republic where he lived until 1948, when he moved to the town of Republic. He spent the remaining years of his life in Republic City, until his death on May 2, 1968, at the age of 77 years, eight months and 14 days.

He attended the Elm Grove rural school and later was graduated from the Mechanical School at Kansas City, Mo. On August 13, 1915 he was united in marriage to Lila French at Hebron, Neb. Four children were born to this union: Velma, Vivian, Malvin and Darrell.

During his early life he was a member of the Union Valley Church, after moving to Republic he attended the Evangelical United Brethren Church.

Preceding him in death were his parents, his wife, Lila, and daughter, Vivian.

His survivors include one daughter, Mrs. William Clark of Hastings, Neb.; two sons, Melvin of St. Louis, Mo., and Darrell of Republic; ten grandchildren, two great grandchildren, other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held May 7 at the EUB Church in Republic, the Rev. Loren Silsby officiating. Interment was in the Washington cemetery.

## Gertie Bird

Gertie Irene Doggett Bird, daughter of Starkley Walter and Ollie A. Howard Doggett was born in Republic County on May 5, 1907 and died at the Republic County hospital, Belleville, May 6, 1977 at the age of 70 years and one day.

She received her education at the Willowdale school. She was united in marriage to Marlon Etter on October 17, 1931, they had one daughter, Evelyn. She was united in marriage to Elvin W. Bird on December 19, 1967. She moved to Belleville in 1972.

She was preceded in death by her parents, one step-son, Dannie Bird, killed in Vietnam, January 14, 1969.

Survivors are: her husband, Elvin W. of the home, one daughter, Mrs. John (Evelyn) Woolley of Littleton, Colo., one step-son, Bryce Bird of Portland, Ore., five step-daughters, Mrs. Tom Penry of Acampo, Calif., Mrs. Dwayne Jipsen of Emerson, Ia., Mrs. Dannie Severn of Glenwood, Ia., Mrs. Gary Moyer of Nebraska City, Nebr., Mrs. Marvin Wagner of Mansato; one

brother, Grant Doggett of Belleville; two sisters, Mrs. William F. Hadachek of Belleville, Mrs. LeRoy Oberhelman of Hastings, Nebr.; four grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, 21 step-grandchildren and one step-great-grandchild.

Funeral services were held Monday, May 9, at 10:00 a.m., at the Bachelor-Faulkner-Dart Memorial Chapel of Belleville, conducted by Rev. Loren Silsby.

Interment was made in Belleville cemetery.

In Memory of  
**John Henry Bingham**

Born  
April 28, 1869

Passed Away  
July 25, 1941

Funeral Services from  
The Bachelor-Faulkner Chapel  
Belleville, Kansas  
Saturday, July 26, 1941  
at 10:00 a. m.

Minister  
Reverend C. W. Roll

Final Resting Place  
Belleville Cemetery

**PALLBEARERS**

Chas. Klaumann	Oscar Pihl
Chas. Novak	M. E. Kelly
Chas. D. Cooper	A. R. Snapp

**THE BACHELOR-FAULKNER CO.**  
Funeral Directors  
BELLEVILLE, KANSAS

# Albert S. Bingham

Albert Sidney Bingham, son of John H. Bingham and Anna M. (Wright) Bingham was born March 19, 1918 at rural Belleville, Kansas and passed away on May 6, 2012 at Republic County Long Term Care, Belleville, Kansas at the age of 94 years, 1 month and 27 days.

Albert served with the Civilian Conservation Corps from April 14, 1936 to March 11, 1938. He served with the U.S. Navy during World War Two from December 30, 1943 to January 6, 1946. He was united in marriage to Olive E. Kelly on March 6, 1939 and to this union one son, John L. Bingham was born.

He is survived by one son, John L. Bingham and his wife Judy of Mankato, Ks., sister in law, Maxine Erickson of Belleville, Ks., nieces and nephews, other relatives and many friends.

Funeral services were held Ten Thirty AM, Thursday, May 10, 2012, Bachelor-Surber Memorial Chapel, Belleville, Ks, conducted by, Pastor Mark McGregor.


Interment will be in Belleville Cemetery, Belleville, Ks.

Military Graveside Services by U.S. Navy Honor Guard.

Memorials may be given to Republic County Long Term Care Physical Fitness Department.

Online condolences and information at [www.bachelor-surber.com](http://www.bachelor-surber.com)

Bachelor-Surber Funeral Home, Belleville, Ks in charge of arrangements.



In Memory of  
**Deane Bramwell Billingsley**

Born  
December 12, 1888

Passed Away  
April 11, 1946

Funeral Service from  
The Presbyterian Church  
Belleville, Kansas  
Saturday, April 13, 1946  
at 12 o'clock Noon

Conducted by  
Reverend Stephen Yemm

Duet: "Lead Kindly Light"  
Mrs. Benton Bachelor  
Mr. John VanGundy


Solo: "'Tis Midnight"  
Mrs. Benton Bachelor  
Words and Music were composed by  
Deane Billingsley

Organist  
Mr. George Willhoite

**PALLBEARERS**

Glenn Howard      Sidney Arbutnot  
Theodore Sanborn      Curtis Collins  
Cecil Munger      Howard James

Interment  
Belleville Cemetery



**T**HE Lord is my shep-  
herd; I shall not want.  
He maketh me to lie  
down in green pastures; he  
leadeth me beside the still  
waters. He restoreth my soul;  
he leadeth me in the paths of  
righteousness for his name's  
sake. Yea, though I walk  
through the valley of the shad-  
ow of death, I will fear no evil:  
for thou art with me; thy rod  
and thy staff they comfort me.  
Thou preparest a table before  
me in the presence of mine  
enemies: thou anointest my  
head with oil; my cup run-  
neth over. Surely goodness  
and mercy shall follow me  
all the days of my life: and  
I will dwell in the house of  
the Lord for ever.

**BACHELOR-FAULKNER SERVICE**  
Funeral Directors  
Scandia, Kansas      Chester, Nebraska  
Belleville, Kansas

## Edith Billing

Edith Miller Billing was born to Leonard and Mary Risewick Rupert on April 26, 1891, near Courtland, and died Wednesday, December 11, 1991, at the Jewell County Hospital Long-Term Care Unit in Mankato, at the age of 100 years, seven months and 16 days.

She went to school at Lincoln Grade School. After her mother's death in 1910, she helped care for her father and brothers.

She married Albert Billing, May 23, 1912, at Belleville, and to this union two children were born. In 1928 they

moved to Sinclair township in Jewell County where they lived until her husband's death in 1972. In 1976 she moved near her son and entered Long Term Care in 1982.

The couple celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in 1962.

She was a member of the White Rock Methodist Church, Lovewell Methodist Church, and lastly the United Methodist Church in Courtland. She was a member of Lovewell Service Community Club.

Preceding her in death were her husband, her daughter, Gertrude, son, Mildred, five brothers and one sister.

She is survived by: her daughter-in-law, Ruby Vignery Billing; three granddaughters, Mrs. Walter (Darlene) Smith of Manhattan, Mrs. Merle (Joan) Hill of Courtland, Mrs. Jack (Joyce) Radrick of Mankato; ten great-grandchildren; 19 great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held December 14 at the United Methodist Church, Courtland, with Pastor Suze Anderson officiating. Burial was in Mt. Pleasant cemetery, Courtland.

**IN MEMORY OF**  
**MRS. QUINCY BLOSSER**

**BORN**  
March 13, 1867  
Marshall, Missouri

**DATE OF DEATH**  
December 18, 1954  
Concordia, Kansas

**SERVICES FROM**  
First Presbyterian Church  
Concordia, Kansas  
Monday, Dec. 20, 1954—2:00 p. m.

**CLERGYMAN OFFICIATING**  
Rev. William M. Pfautz

**PALLBEARERS**  
Charles Chambers . Fred M. Hart  
Glenn Chambers . Beldon Blosser  
Jimmy Chambers . Andy Wagner  
Nephews Honorary Pallbearers

**FINAL RESTING PLACE**  
Pleasant Hill Cemetery  
Concordia, Kansas

**FUNERAL CONDUCTED BY**  
Smith Funeral Home  
Concordia, Kansas

*IN*  
*Remembrance*





The Lord is my shepherd I  
shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in  
pastures green: he leadeth me beside  
still waters.

He restoreth my soul: he leadeth  
me in the paths of righteousness for  
his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley  
of the shadow of death, I will fear  
not: for thou art with me, thy  
rod and thy staff comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in  
the presence of mine enemies: thou  
encompassed my head with oil, my cup  
runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall  
follow me all the days of my life:  
and I will dwell in the house of  
the Lord for ever.

**TIBBETTS BROS.**  
Funeral Home  
Belleville, Kansas

**In Memory of  
ALBERT BILLING**

Born  
January 11, 1890

Passed Away  
January 26, 1972

At the Age of  
82 years, 15 days

Funeral Services  
Saturday, January 29, 1972  
At 2:00 P.M.  
United Methodist Church  
Courtland, Kansas

Conducted By  
The Reverend Don Wilson

Music  
Mrs. Kendall Peterson

Organist  
Mrs. John Blackburn

**Casket Bearers**

Henry Smies  
Willard Boyles  
Orland Boyles

Arthur Ferguson  
Edwin Marr  
Willard Mettler

Interment  
Mt. Pleasant Cemetery  
Courtland, Kansas



## **Marvin Dee Bergstrom**

Marvin Dee Bergstrom, 87, died April 15, 2022, at Belleville Healthcare Center, Belleville, KS. He was born July 20, 1934, at Cuba KS to Arvid and Ethel (Nolan) Bergstrom.



He entered the United States Army in 1956 and reported to training at Ft. Chaffee, Arkansas and later stationed in Oakland CA until he was honorably discharged in 1957. He served in the Kansas National Guard for six additional years.

He married Marilyn Johnson on September 23, 1955, at the Brantford Covenant Church. They lived north of Clifton KS and in 1957, they moved to Courtland, KS, where they started a farming/livestock operation. He started brokering sheep

and became a country buyer for Wilson Packing Company of Omaha NE.

Bergstrom Livestock Company was formed, and he continued to buy lambs for a packing plant in Greeley CO. His son, Quinten continues the business, which is now over 60 years in operation.

In 1984 the Bergstroms partnered with the Dreesens from Belleville to purchase the sale barn in Washington KS. Farmers Livestock Commission Company operated over the next 23 years until they elected to sell the business.

He served on Courtland Coop boards, Rural Water District, Courtland and Pike Valley School boards and the Covenant Church board. He was a Republic County Commissioner from 2007 to 2021.

He is survived by his children: Quinten Bergstrom and his wife Melissa of Courtland,

and Brenda Lagasse and her husband Lance of Concordia. five grandchildren; two step grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; five sisters.

He is preceded in death by his wife Marilyn in 2017, brother Arvid and his wife Rosella Bergstrom.

Funeral Services will be at 10 a.m., Saturday, April 23 at the Courtland Memorial Covenant Church with burial following at the Courtland Cemetery. Visitation will be Friday, April 22, from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., with family greeting friends from 6 to 8 p.m., at Tibbetts-Fischer Funeral Home in Belleville.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests memorials to the Courtland Memorial Covenant Church, and may be sent in care of the funeral home, Tibbetts-Fischer Funeral Home, [www.tibbettsfischerfuneralhome.com](http://www.tibbettsfischerfuneralhome.com)

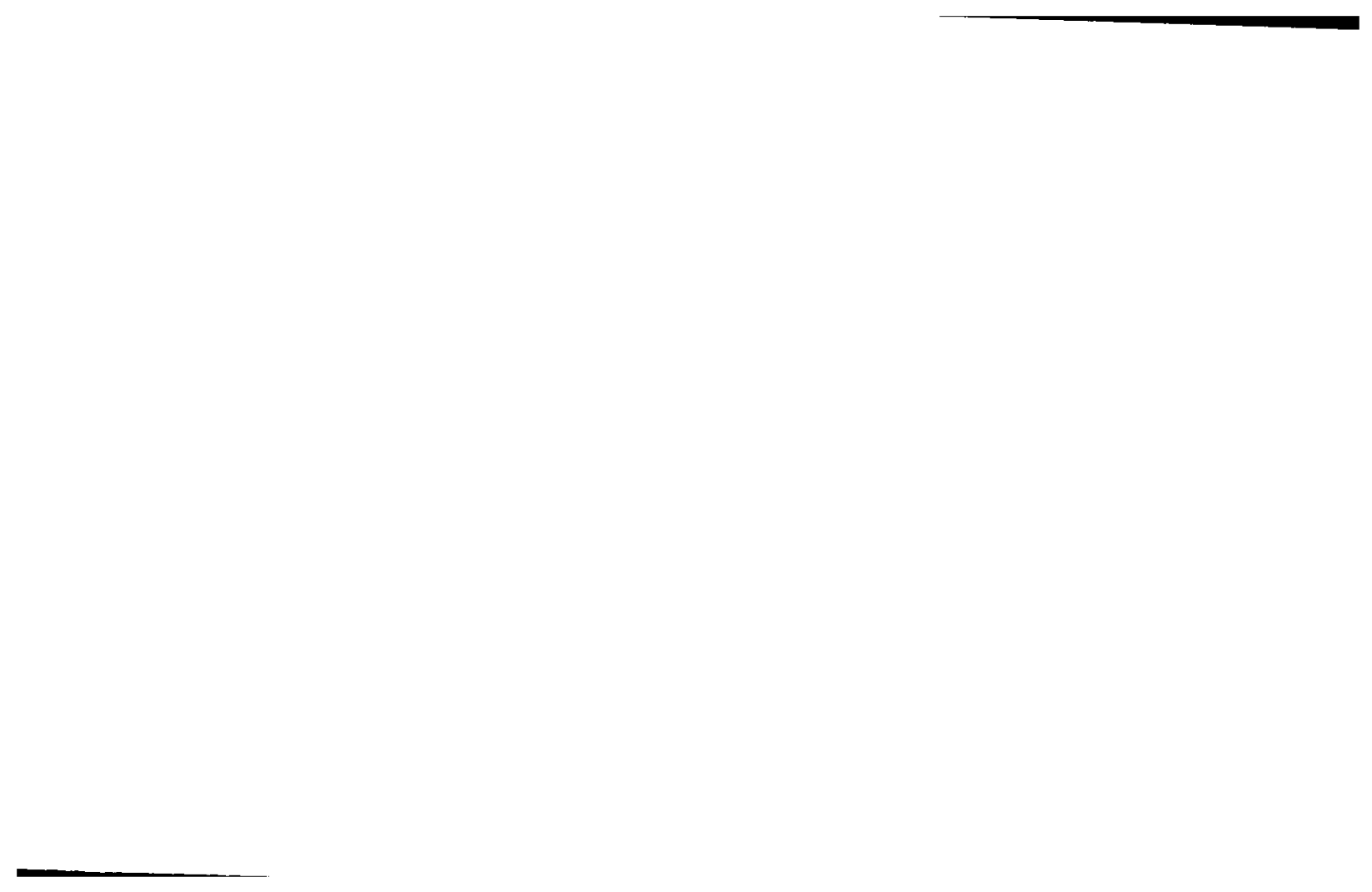
Marilyn (Johnson) Bergstrom, 82, passed away on Saturday, July 8, 2017, at her home in Courtland, KS. She was born December 21, 1934, at Garfield Center, Clay Center, KS to Lawrence and Verda (Anderson) Johnson. She married Marvin Bergstrom September 23, 1955. They started their married life north of Clifton, KS and then moved to Courtland, KS in 1957, where they started a farming operation. They eventually formed Bergstrom Livestock Company, which added the marketing of sheep to their business. In 1984, they purchased Farmers Livestock Commission Company, Washington, KS. Marilyn was the head bookkeeper until they sold the sale barn in 2007. She continued to contribute on a part time basis until her final days. Marilyn enjoyed being involved in several community activities including 30+ years as a 4-H leader, Sunday School teacher, teaching Bible School, and being very active in the Covenant Women's group and the Covenant Church. She is survived by her husband, Marvin; children: Quinten (Melissa) Bergstrom, Courtland, KS and Brenda (Lance) Lagasse, Concordia, KS; Grandchildren: Kayla Bergstrom, Russell, KS, Konner (Brittany) Bergstrom, McPherson, KS, Kora Bergstrom, Salina, KS, Layne Lagasse, Alva, OK and Taylor Lagasse, Concordia, KS along with step grandchildren, Derek (Miranda) Stewart, San Angelo, TX, and Devon Stewart, Topeka, KS; along with 3 great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, parents' in-law and a sister-in-law. Memorials may be made to the Covenant Church or Central Christian College of McPherson, Kansas.

Marilyn (Johnson) Bergstrom, 82, passed away on Saturday, July 8, 2017, at her home in Courtland, KS. She was born December 21, 1934, at Garfield Center, Clay Center, KS to Lawrence and Verda (Anderson) Johnson. She married Marvin Bergstrom September 23, 1955. They started their married life north of Clifton, KS and then moved to Courtland, KS in 1957, where they started a farming operation. They eventually formed Bergstrom Livestock Company, which added the marketing of sheep to their business. In 1984, they purchased Farmers Livestock Commission Company, Washington, KS. Marilyn was the head bookkeeper until they sold the sale barn in 2007. She continued to contribute on a part time basis until her final days. Marilyn enjoyed being involved in several community activities including 30+ years as a 4-H leader, Sunday School teacher, teaching Bible School, and being very active in the Covenant Women's group and the Covenant Church. She is survived by her husband, Marvin; children: Quinten (Melissa) Bergstrom, Courtland, KS and Brenda (Lance) Lagasse, Concordia, KS; Grandchildren: Kayla Bergstrom, Russell, KS, Konner (Brittany) Bergstrom, McPherson, KS, Kora Bergstrom, Salina, KS, Layne Lagasse, Alva, OK and Taylor Lagasse, Concordia, KS along with step grandchildren, Derek (Miranda) Stewart, San Angelo, TX, and Devon Stewart, Topeka, KS; along with 3 great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, parents' in-law and a sister-in-law. Memorials may be made to the Covenant Church or Central Christian College of McPherson, Kansas.

## **Marvin D. Bergstrom**

Marvin D. Bergstrom, 87, of Courtland, passed away April 15th. Funeral Services will be Saturday, April 23rd, at 10:00 am, at the Covenant Church in Courtland, burial will follow at the Courtland Cemetery.

Visitation will be Friday, April 22nd, from 9am - 8pm, with the family greeting friends from 6pm - 8pm, at Tibbetts-Fischer Funeral Home in Belleville. Memorials are requested to the Courtland Covenant Church, Home has arrangements, [www.tibbettsfischerfuneralhome.com](http://www.tibbettsfischerfuneralhome.com). Full obituary in next week's Courtland Journal.



## **Jannet M. Benyshek**

Jannet M. Benyshek was born on October 11, 1946, in Salina KS to Howard and Neoma (Rider) Hendriex, and died September 11, 2021, at the Republic County Hospital in Belleville, at the age of 74 years and 11 months.

Neoma later married Merrill Henry, and the family moved to Clyde, where Jannet grew up, graduating from Clyde High School in 1965.

She was united in marriage to Calvin Benyshek on June 27, 1965, and to this union of 56 years, four sons were born, Rick, Shannon, Calvin Jr., and Jeffery.

Vo-Tech, obtaining her degree as a Licensed Practical Nurse, and she worked in nursing for much of her life. She also owned and operated Benyshek Liquor in Belleville for over 10 years.

She is preceded in death by her parents, her son Shannon in September 1990, brother Tom Henry.

She is survived by her husband Calvin, sons Rick (Lori) Benyshek, Calvin (Tami) Benyshek Jr. and Jeffery (Kristi) Benyshek; 12 grandchildren; three great grand-daughters; her sister Janice (Rick) Geromini, brother Harrel Hendriex, sister Sherry Moore, brother Larry "Hank" (Sherry) Henry, sister Lyndia (Mark) Tourangeau.

Visitation will be Wednesday, September 15 from 1 to 9 pm. with

from 6 pm - 8 pm, at Tibbetts-Fischer Funeral Home in Belleville.

Funeral Services will be Thursday, September 16, at 10 am, at the Central Christian Church in Belleville, with burial following at National Bohemian Cemetery #13, rural Cuba. Memorials to the Jannet M. Benyshek Memorial, to be designated at a later date, and may be sent in care of the funeral home, Tibbetts-Fischer Funeral Home of Belleville.

## Obituary

Mr. Howard D. Benne, age 67, died at Salina Regional Health Center in Salina, Kansas, on Monday, November 21, 2011.

Born March 23, 1944, in Jefferson City, Missouri, he lived in Chamois, Missouri, and Concordia, Kansas, before settling in Kackley, Kansas. He worked at Concordia Tractor as a mechanic until retiring in 1988. He then opened Howard's Repair located at "First and Main" in Kackley, Kansas where he worked until his death. Howard was a life member of the Moose Lodge and Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Survivors include his wife Caroline, daughter Jodi, son Steven, stepdaughter Carla Jo, stepsons Robert and David, brothers Don and Larry and 15 grandchildren.

**Trust in the LORD with all your heart  
and lean not on your own understanding;  
in all your ways acknowledge him,  
and he will direct your paths.**

*Proverbs 3: 5-6*

## Order of Service

Welcome & Prayer	Paul Swanson
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Additional Reflections	Rod Howard Kathy Anderson
A Son's Memory	Steven Benne
Remarks	
Closing Prayer	Paul Swanson

## Acknowledgement

The family of Howard Dale Benne wishes to express our sincere thanks for the flowers and other expressions of love during our time of bereavement.

-The Family

## The Serenity Prayer

God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change; courage to change the things I can; and wisdom to know the difference.

Living one day at a time; Enjoying one moment at a time; Accepting hardships as the pathway to peace; Taking, as He did, this sinful world as it is, not as I would have it; Trusting that He will make all things right if I surrender to His Will; That I may be reasonably happy in this life and supremely happy with Him Forever in the next. Amen.

—Reinhold Niebuhr

## MEMORIAL SERVICE

Saturday, November 26th

2:00 p.m.

Norway Community Center

Norway, Kansas

# In Loving Memory



## Howard Dale Benne

March 23, 1944 to November 21, 2011



## Norma E. Beneda

Norma E. Beneda, the daughter of Bert L. Pack and M. Berniece Elliott) Pack was born September 10, 1932 in rural Munden, KS and passed away on September 8, 2021 at Republic County Hospital, Belleville, KS at the age of 88 years, 11 months, and 28 days.

Norma grew up in rural Republic County, attending the Rose Creek Center School and later Munden High School. On August 11, 1949, she was united in marriage to Men F. Peters and to this union was born: Pamela and Peggy.

The couple made their home in the rural Munden, KS area and she preceded her in death in 1965. In 1967, she was united in marriage to Willis R. "Bud" Beneda. The couple lived in Belleville, KS and he preceded her in death in 2013.

Norma worked at the Munden State Bank for 16 years where she assisted in the operation of the bank. She then worked for Holiday Floral in Belleville, KS for 20 years as a book keeper until her retirement. Norma also worked on the local election board for many years.

Norma was preceded in death by her parents; grandson, Matt Saip; and four brothers, Harold (Lois), Doyle (Erma), Donald, and Paul Pack.

She is survived by two daughters, Pamela Peters (Linton Johnson) of Belleville, KS; and Peg (Doug) Hinson of Kansas City, MO; 5 grandchildren,

Jori (Shelly) Hinson, Kirsten Hinson, Landon (Swathi Tella) Hinson, Marissa (Scott)

Winfield, and Jessica (Adam) Strawn; 7 great grandchildren, Pryor & Madalyn Hinson, Kenedi, Jailyn & Asher Winfield and Ethan & Trinity

Strawn;

One brother, Ray (Sharon) Pack of Sall KS; nieces and nephews other relatives and friends.

Graveside funeral services will be held at 10:30 AM, Saturday, September 11, 2021 at Ida Cemetery, rural Munden, KS with Pastor Jacob Rice, officiating.

Interment will follow the services.

Friends may call from 1 PM until 8 PM on Friday at the Bachelor Surber Funeral Home, Belleville, KS. The family will greet friends from 2 PM until 6 PM Friday.

Memorials are suggested to the NCK Health Care Foundation Physician Recruitment Fund.

Online condolences at [www.bachelor-surber.com](http://www.bachelor-surber.com).

Bachelor-Surber Funeral Home, Belleville, KS is in charge of the arrangements.

## Aaron G. Begnoche



Aaron G. Begnoche, son of Louis D. Begnoche and Cindy L. Hitchcock was born July 17, 1986 at Concordia, KS and passed away on October 26, 2021 at rural Concordia, KS at the age of 35.

Aaron graduated from Belleville High School in 2005. He was united in marriage to Ashley Voorhees and to this union three children were born, Aleah, Avery and Axton. He was a welder for Reinke Manufacturing Co of Belleville, KS. He enjoyed his family, loved fishing and racing and building race cars.

He is survived by his wife, Ashley Begnoche of Belleville, KS, two daughters, Avery Begnoche of Belleville, KS, Aleah Begnoche of Belleville, KS, one son, Axton Begnoche of Belleville, KS, mother, Cindy (Tim) Erickson of Chester, NE, father, Louis Begnoche of Aurora, KS, four sisters, Kaley (Matthew) Nelson of Belleville, Ks Kyri Begnoche, Racey Begnoche, Daysha Begnoche, two step brothers, Michael Erickson, Brandon Erickson, aunt, Carolyn Hoard and husband Dennis, uncles, Francis Begnoche and wife Sheila, Gene Begnoche and wife Kathy, Gary Begnoche and wife Linda, grandparents, Wes and Daloris Hitchcock, uncle, Randy Hitchcock, nieces and nephews, other relatives and many friends.

Funeral services were held Saturday, October 30, 2021, Belleville Wesleyan Church, Belleville, KS, conducted by, Pastor Mark McGregor.

Interment was in St. Peter Catholic Cemetery, Meredith Township, rural Concordia, Kansas.

Memorials may be given to Aaron G. Begnoche Educational Memorial Fund for his children, sent in care of Bachelor-Surber Funeral Home or Astra Bank in Belleville, KS.

Online condolences and information at [www.bachelor-surber.com](http://www.bachelor-surber.com)  
Bachelor-Surber Funeral Home, Belleville, KS in charge of arrangements.

## Leona Fai (Ball) Beal

Leona Fai (Ball) Beal, went home to be with her husband on Wednesday, October 7, 2021 in Salina, KS.

Leona was born on January 2, 1961 in Belleville, MO to Leo and Faith Ball. She married Frederick Beal on June 9, 1979 and they settled in Salina, KS. In 42 years of wonderful marriage they had four children: Fai Beal, Fiebe Beal, Fiona Beal, and Frederick Beal; and one beautiful grandchild Aelin Beal.

She graduated from Marymount College with a bachelor's in Elementary Education, and started her career as a substitute teacher so she could stay home and raise her children. She went on to teach full time at Franklin, then Oakdale Elementary schools in USD305, for



over 23 years. She was a member of the Who's Who Among Educators, and was a 2020 Teacher of the Year nominee.

Leona was survived by her husband Frederick Beal (Salina); children Fai Beal (Kansas City), Fiebe Beal (Salina), Fiona Beal (Salina), and Frederick Beal and wife Emma (Salina); grandchild Aelin Beal (Salina); brothers Leon Ball and wife Beth (Belleville), and Leonard Ball and wife Ellen (Belleville); and nephews and neices.

She was preceded in death by parents Leo and Faith Ball (Belleville); grandparents Lyall and Blanche Brasier (Belleville) and Cleo and Blanche Ball (Belleville).

Leona was a faithful member and volunteer of her church Heartland Worship Center for 42 years, where she taught Sunday School, Children's Church, and girl's Missionettes. She was a drummer on the worship team and was the first to volunteer wherever needed. She

loved God with all her heart and it showed to everyone around her.

She was a tough farm girl, who knew the value of a good work ethic. She poured her heart and soul into everything she did and her motto was "do everything in excellence" (Colossians 3:23). She was a mother and nurturer to everyone around her and spoke into many generations of children. She loved animals, puzzles, arts and crafts, reading, cooking, and gardening.

Public viewing will be Friday, November 5 from 5-8pm at Ryan's Mortuary. Funeral services for all family and friends will be held Saturday, November 6 at 10am at Heartland Worship Center in Salina, KS. She will be laid to rest at the Chester Cemetery in Chester, following the service.

Attendees are encouraged to wear a touch of lime green to honor Leona.