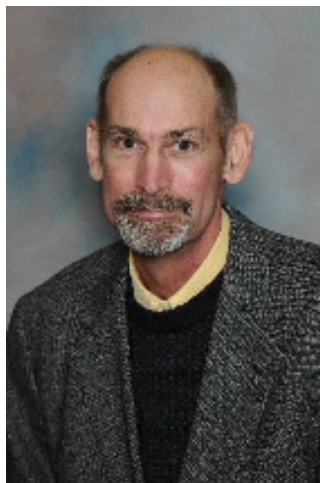


ALUMNI OBITUARIES



David L. Govert, 54, died September 14, 2011 at his rural home, Cunningham.

He was born Sept. 10, 1957 in Kingman, the son of Julius and Nancy Dumont Govert. David was a lifetime resident of the Cunningham and Kingman communities. David was a lifetime farmer and stockman as well as the founder of MachineryLink. He was a member of Class IX of KARL (Kansas Agriculture Rural Leadership). He served on numerous county boards, most recently, as president of the Kingman County Fair Board. Of all his many accomplishments, he took the most pride in his children, whom he loved dearly, as well as his extended family and many friends. David was a member of the St. Patrick Catholic Church, Kingman; the Knights of Columbus 2662, Saint George Council, Willowdale. He married Sheila Schneider in Olmitz, Kan. on April 16, 1988. Other survivors include daughters Katie May and husband Kelvin; Anna and Amelia; sons, Joseph and Jack.



Mike "Ne-se-ka" Jensen
(May 25, 1959 - June 15, 2010)

Michael Alan “Ne-se-ka” Jensen, 51 of Mayetta died Tuesday, June 15, 2010 at his home. Mike was born May 25, 1959 in Holton, the son of Francis Albert and Pauline Iona Johnson Jensen. Mike graduated from Holton High School in 1977. Mike received his Bachelors Degree in 1981 and his Masters in 1985 both from Kansas State University. Mike was a Farm Manager at KSU from 1981 to 1986. He later served as the CEO for the Kansas Pork Producers’ Association from 1986 to 2005. Mike was a Class I member of the KARL Program (1991-93). Mike served as Project Administrator for the Potawatomi Health Clinic, and was Vice-Chairman of Prairie Band Entertainment Corporation. Mike was a member of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation and a life member of the NRA. He was a member of the KSU Alumni Association serving on the board of directors. Mike has lived in the Mayetta community since 2006 and before that in Wamego. Mike married Julie Beth Sheik on June 10, 1995 in Wabaunsee, KS.



Merlyn Stasser

Class IV graduate Merlyn Stasser passed away on April 20, 2004. Merlyn was born Feb. 25, 1952, in Goodland. He worked in the banking industry in Larned, Tribune, Leoti and Goodland during his professional career. His position in Goodland was Vice President of Western State Bank.

His leadership included the Ambassadors of Goodland; Western Facilitation Consortium, where he served on the board; The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in Burlington, Colorado, where he served as Elders Quorum President; and Wichita County Economic Development, Inc., while living in Leoti.

Survivors include his wife, Arlea of Goodland; a son, Justin Lee of Goodland; a daughter, Heather Banda of Dubuque, Iowa; his parents, Merle and LaReatha Stasser of Goodland; two brothers, Alvin Stasser of Mesa, Ariz., and Gaylord Stasser of Goodland; and three grandchildren.



Stacy Steward

Stacy Steward, 44, died March 30, 2002, at Garden Valley Retirement Village, Garden City.

He was born May 31, 1957, at Shawnee, Okla., the son of Clarence Wallace "Jim" and Betty Godwin Steward. He attended school in Dale, Okla., and graduated from Oklahoma State University in 1979. A resident of Garden City since 1982, he did crop consulting in Texas and then was a crop consultant for Maxima Corporation for four years before becoming owner and operator of his own crop consulting firm in 1986.

He belonged to St. Dominic Catholic Church, Garden City, the Sand and Sage Rifle Club, Ducks Unlimited, was a founding member and past president of the Kansas Association of Independent Crop Consultants, National Alliance of Independent Crop Consultants and a Class IV graduate of the Kansas Agriculture and Rural Leadership Program.

On Nov. 7, 1987, he married Peg Diamond at Garden City. She survives. Other survivors include: two daughters, Kelsey and Megan Steward, both of the home.



Sally G. Peterson

JOHNSON - Sally G. Peterson, 46, died Oct. 15, 1999, at Johnson. She was born Oct. 1, 1953, at Ulysses, the daughter of Melvin and Mona Edmisson Winger. A longtime Johnson resident, she was the owner and operator of Unique Flowers and Gifts in Johnson, and, with her father, was a manager and partner of Winger Farms. She belonged to First United Methodist Church and the Joyful Noise Bell Choir, both at Johnson, served as director of Groundwater Management District No. 3, was a Kansas State Corn Commission representative, a KARL-Class IV member, a director of the board of First National Bank of Elkhart, had been a youth-group leader for many years, and was a council member of St. Paul School of Theology.

On Dec. 22, 1971, she married Mike Peterson at Lawrence. He preceded her in death. Survivors include: two sons, Brant, Johnson, and Brian, Hays; her parents, Johnson; a brother, Dr. Raymond Winger, Hutchinson; a sister, Melva Jo Winger deRondon, Denver; a grandchild; and numerous nephews and nieces. She was preceded in death by a brother, Edwin Winger.



Phillip Markley

On Sunday August 15, 1999, KARL Class II Graduate Phillip Markley, Dennis, was killed in a roll-over all-terrain vehicle accident. He was 33.

Phil was a farmer with Markley Farms. His leadership roles included serving as President, Young Farmers and Ranchers Farm Bureau Program; and membership with the Kansas Association of Wheat Growers. His achievements included: National Young Farmer Award, 1986; Future Business Leaders of America: National and State Public & Impromptu Speaking Awards, 1984; Future Farmers of America: American Farmer, State Farmer, State and District Prepared and Impromptu Speaking; Local, State and National Farm Power Awards; 4-H Electrical Proficiency Awards; Key Award, "I Dare You" Award, Gold Award, Silver Award, Bronze Award, Parliamentary Procedure Awards, and Public Speaking Awards.

Phil is survived by his parents, Howard and Geta Markley of rural Dennis.



John Nelson

John D. Nelson, 46, KARL Class II graduate of rural Green, died on November 10, 1995 while awaiting surgery for a heart transplant.

He was born January 28, 1949 at Westmoreland. He was a farmer and stockman in the May Day Community, northeast of Green.

In addition to his position as the President of USD 384 Board of Education at Randolph, John was director of the Riley County Conservation District Board, a director on the Kansas Association of Conservation Districts and a member of the Green United Methodist Church.

John married Ronda Eggerman on August 7, 1970, in Green. She survives as do two sons, John Marc and Pete and a daughter, Christina.

KARL Class II members would not hesitate to credit John as the "ideal" leader. He constantly earned their respect and admiration. John Nelson lived up to the ideals of a true servant leader.