DEATHS

Flossie (Bayne) Chanaress '27 died Jan. 9, 2007, at the age of 101. She is survived by a daughter, two grandsons, one granddaughter, and seven great-grandchildren.

Josephine (Zigler) Hulpieu died Jan. 14, 2007, at age 99. Berdan graduating from SC, Josephine graduated with a nursing degree from Bell Memorial Hospital. She was a nursing supervisor for various Lutheran hospitals.

Myrtle (Shiercliff) Haisline '30 died March 11, 2007. She was 99. A resident of Chase county, Kan., she taught English and ran newspapers in Kingman and Mound, Mo.

Maurice P. Milliken '36 died Dec. 29, 2006, at the age of 93. He was a retired mechanical engineer and worked for Bell & Howell, General Motors, Goodyear, Penn State University, NASA Goddard, and Lockheed.

Earlene (Basore) Houts '37 died April 2, 2007, at the age of 91. Earlene earned her degree in home economics and for a short time taught school. Survivors include a brother Jim Basore '49.

Alice Grace (Heitsmeyer) Cline '39 died Dec. 3, 2006. Alice taught at Springdale rural school near Conway Springs for several years. After her marriage, she and her husband, Robert, established Cline’s Market in Conway Springs.

Glenn Hull '40 died March 1, 2007. He worked as a research chemist for Corn Products Co., making many patented discoveries. Survivors include his wife, Hobe.

Harold Herd '41 died April 23, 2007. An officer in the Navy during World War II, he served in the Pacific on the USS Rico Grande and USS Cache. He practiced law in Coldwater, where he maintained an office until 1974. When Gov. John Carlin appointed him to the Supreme Court of Kansas. After leaving the Supreme Court, he became a distinguished jurist in residence at Washburn University, teaching constitutional history until 2002, when he retired. Survivors include his wife, Midge.

Paul Henderson '43 died Jan. 22, 2007, at the age of 86. A veteran of World War II, he continued his graduate work in music at USC. Along with his real estate career, he spent 27 years directing choirs in local churches. Survivors include his wife Margaret (Smith) '41, and brother-in-law Leonard Smith '44.

Harold Burns '47 died March 1, 2007. Thelma (Urush) Thomasson '49 died March 30, 2007. A retired educator, she was 82.

Rupert Sullivan '50 died July 18, 2006. Fred "Jennie" Sica '51 died Feb. 21, 2007. Junie was in the Coast Guard for three years. He was a builder (construction) and owned apartment buildings. Survivors include his wife, Wanda (Derby) '55.

Lillian (Hunt, Rogers) Harding '54 died Jan. 19, 2007. Survivors include her husband, Bryson.

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Jack "J.J." Banks ’41 died March 3, 2007. Banks enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1942. He first served as a Navy musician and then received a commission as an ensign. He was in combat action in the south Pacific theater.

A retired insurance underwriter, J.J. served for many years on the SC Board of Trustees. Banks was awarded an honorary doctorate of business administration from SC in 1993. An accomplished clarinetist, he was a member of the Winfield City Band for 70 years. Survivors include his wife Dorothy ’44, daughter Sally, son James ’75, and daughter-in-law Robbie ’72.

Mary A. Lehew ’77 died March 5, 2007, at the age of 87. Mary spent her entire professional career in nursing.

Jan (Jannsen) Gaylord ’85 died April 4, 2007. At the time of her death, Jan was teaching special education for 4th and 5th graders in USD 259 (Wichita).

Laree Fitzgerald ’92 died Feb. 6, 2007. Laree was a registered nurse at Kansas Heart Hospital and Wesley Medical Center in Wichita.

Sally Wilcox ’91 died April 8, 2007. Sally was an ordained deacon in the Episcopal Church. A freelance writer, she wrote for the Winfield Daily Courier and for the Kansas Senator Press service. She received many honors for her writing and service to the community.

Keith Piha ’94 died March 29, 2007. Survivors include his wife, Marsha, and son, Jordan.

Robert Barr ’97 died March 6, 2007. An educator and coach, he was 53. In 1976 Barr played for the Kansas City Royals baseball club. Survivors include his wife, Melody.

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Irene Fulcher died Jan. 8, 2007. She was 103. Mrs. Fulcher was the housemother at Smith Hall in the late ’50s and early ’60s. She also served as manager of the college bookstore.

Ramona Henderson died April 21, 2007. She was a resident of Hutchins- son for 42 years. Ramona was a retired secretary for USD 308. Survivors include her husband, John Marx ’51.

Agnes Williams, 98, died April 11, 2007. Agnes taught in a one-room school in Sedgwick County and then taught in Preston Elementary School. She is the widow of former SC music professor Roy O. Williams. Survivors include her sons Bruce ’62 and Larry ’60, and granddaughters Lori Williams ’86 and Kris Delano ’84.

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