

DEATHS

1920s

Ruth (Goe) McNay '28 died July 23, 2005, at the age of 100. Ruth taught math and worked in a bank before going to California to live for 20 years. She married Harold G. McNay in 1933. They came to live in Wichita in 1953 where she taught elementary school for 15 years. She left a legacy of love, courage, and loyalty for her family to follow. Survivors include a daughter **Linda (McNay) LaMar '64**.

1930s

L. Erlis Cranston '31 died July 8, 2005, at the age of 94. Cranston had a 41-year career as a chemical engineer at Mobil Oil Company's Augusta refinery. Before World War II, he was involved in the development and production of special aviation fuels. In 1938, he was assigned to the U.S.A. Aviation Advisory committee which was responsible for the development and procurement of fuels for the French and British air forces at the start of the war followed by those for the U.S. forces during the war. In 1968, Cranston was named president of Mobile Pipeline Co. with systems operating in the U.S., Canada, Japan, and Africa. He participated in the creation and construction of the Alaska and Colonial pipelines. Erlis received the Moundbuilder Alumni Citation award in 1962. Survivors include his wife, **Evelyn (Melberg) '31**, and sisters **Neva (Cranston) Wilcox '60**, **Junea (Cranston) Lawrence '70**, and **Virginia (Cranston) Martin '57**.

Norma Harriet (Keith) Souders '31 died June 7, 2005. Survivors include a sister-in-law, Iva Baker.

Grace (Smalley) Watt '33 died June 6, 2005, at the age of 96. Grace was the pianist and organist at Grandview United Methodist Church for 50 years. She also accompanied the Watt Brothers Quartet for many years. She taught school in Hodgeman, Butler, and Cowley counties, retiring from Whittier Elementary, Winfield, in 1974. Survivors include a son, **Jim '67**.

Harry Eshelman '35, farmer and stockman, died May 29, 2005, at the age of 93. Survivors include his wife, Mary.

John Voigt '38 died July 6, 2005. A retired farmer and custom harvester, Voigt was 88. Survivors include his wife, Zenta.

1940s

Almeda (Nations) Hubert '40 died May 24, 2005, at the age of 86. She was a secretary in Washington, D.C., during World War II and an elementary secretary in Michigan before working 19 years as an executive secretary for the Wichita Bank for Cooperatives, retiring in 1984. Almeda was a volunteer for 40 years in the pediatric ward and surgical care waiting room at St. Francis Hospital, at Stanley and O. K. Elementary Schools, in the special education department at Northwest High School, and at Westlink Christian Church.

Robert Gibson '41 died June 11, 2005. Survivors include his wife, Georgia.

Rudolph "Rudy" Martin '41 died May 6, 2005. A retired Boeing Wichita engineer, Rudy was 92.

Olive "June" (Rigg) Merriam '41 died Aug. 1, 2005. June taught in a one-room schoolhouse in the Cheney area. She was an active member of several United Methodist Churches including Leon and El Dorado, Kan.; Englewood, Colo.; Sioux

Falls, S.D.; Indianapolis, Ind.; Duncanville and San Antonio, Texas. She was also involved in many community organizations during her years in El Dorado.

Clifford Winters '43 died May 7, 2005. After graduating from SC he earned his Ph.D. from the University of Chicago. He served in the Navy during World War II in Europe and the South Pacific. While at Syracuse University in the 1950s, he served as dean of University College and became vice chancellor in 1971. He retired from Syracuse University in 1985. Survivors include his wife, Ann.

Marjorie (Brown) Christie '44 died June 27, 2005, at the age of 82. Marjorie lived for many years in Bartlesville, Okla., before returning in 1982 to Arkansas City. Survivors include three sons: **Jim '67**, **Charlie '72**, and **Bill '74**.

Edith (Denny) Lefler '44, homemaker, died June 22, 2005, at the age of 83.

Blanche (McGregor) Shaw '46 died July 1, 2005. She was 79 years old. Survivors include a sister, Eva Malone.

Joseph McCoy '47 died July 5, 2005, at the age of 86. Joe was a member of the SC Athletic Hall of Fame. At SC he served as captain of the football team, and lettered in basketball and track. A veteran of World War II, serving as a lieutenant in the 8th Army Air Corps as a pilot, he completed 32 missions with the 96th Bomb Group in England. McCoy was a teacher, coach, principal, and school district administrator for over 38 years. He devoted his life to building the character of students he touched.

Mary Frances (Saye) Simmons '47 died May 16, 2005. A retired educator, Mary began her teaching career at Red Bud rural school near Udall. During World War II, she worked at Boeing aircraft.

Kenneth Froman '48 died May 10, 2005, at the age of 81. A World War II veteran, Ken served aboard the USS LST 945. He spent the majority of his career as a research chemist for IBM, from which he retired to pursue his love of travel. Survivors include his wife, Elsie.

Fred Conner '49 died May 10, 2005. Conner served in the Army in World War II in Europe. He was a combat engineer with the 89th Infantry Division. He worked for Boeing for 40 years as an engineer and later in customer service. Survivors include his wife of 57 years, Betty.

Violet (Beatty) Kahler '49 died July 22, 2005. Violet taught junior high art in Arkansas City, and in 1969 helped open MWCC by working in and then managing the college bookstore. She retired in 1987. Her biography, *Violet's Story*, has recently been completed. Survivors include her husband, **Dan '50**, the author of her biography.

1950s

Delbert Jackson '51 died Aug. 4, 2005, at the age of 79.

Hazel (Palmer) Dole '52 died July 25, 2005, at the age of 93. Hazel taught school for 44 years at several schools in Sumner and Cowley counties and completed her illustrious educational career in Wichita. She taught many children life values as well as the prescribed curriculum. In October 2005 she was recognized by Southwestern College for her educa-

tional achievements. A center on campus for developing teachers has been named for her and her husband—The Jim and Hazel Dole Center for Teacher Education. She was a master gardener, and following her retirement from teaching she spent much time and energy helping organize Botanica and planting and caring for the beautiful gardens there. Survivors include her husband, **James '53**, and a sister, **Maxine (Palmer) Williams '67**.

Willis Stamm '52 died May 31, 2005. He served in the Army in Korea and as a medical aide in Pakistan. He moved to California in 1956 and owned and operated a pharmacy and drug store in Burbank. Survivors include his wife, Orveita.

1960s

Jessie (Cranmer) Finley '61 died July 14, 2005, at the age of 94. Jessie was a retired educator. Survivors include a son, **Richard Cranmer '67**.

Kenneth Morris '68 died July 21, 2005, at the age of 76. A lifelong resident of Oxford, Morris was a farmer for many years.

John M. Williams '68 died June 3, 2005. Survivors include his wife, Charlotte.

Jake L. Schroll '69 died May 9, 2005, at the age of 62. Jake had worked in Johnson City for Seyb-Tucker and for L & N Pump. Most recently he had worked for the Hamilton County road department. He served in the U.S. Marines in Vietnam, receiving a Purple Heart. Survivors include his wife, Sandra.

1970s

Rebecca (Barcelo) Babb '70 died June 9, 2005. Becky taught music in a variety of schools in Wichita, as well as Woodstock School in India and Canadian School in Japan. Survivors include her husband, Joe, and mother, Beth Barcelo.

1980s

C. Robert Haywood '83, see SC *Transitions*.

1990s

Judy Showalter '92 died July 24, 2005, at the age of 61 after a fight with abdominal cancer. Showalter was a five-term state representative and Winfield's first woman mayor. Although Judy's illness caused her to miss most of this year's legislative session and most of a 12-day special session, she returned to the House July 1, receiving a standing ovation as she entered the chamber in a wheelchair. Showalter was known for her dedication to improving education and health care in Kansas. She had been the House Democrats' policy chairwoman since 2003. She was a member of the Agriculture, Utilities and Health, and Human Services committees, and served on the Joint Committee on Kansas Security. Fellow legislators remembered Showalter as well-liked, someone who could mediate political arguments and remain calm when colleagues around her were angry. A nurse, she worked for years as an emergency medical technician.

2000s

Teresa (Greenlee) Yokley '03 died June 20, 2005. Survivors include her son, Chris, and mother, Barbara Greenlee.



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Curtis Dick, Winfield, is a Rotary International District Governor for 2005-2006. As governor, Dick coordinates the community and international service projects of the 30 clubs in district 5690 in the southern part of Kansas and the panhandle of Oklahoma.

Arlan Anglemeyer received Winfield's Community Cornerstone Award for July 2005, given by CornerBank. He is active in the community serving on the Isle of Lights board of directors and on the board for the Winfield Community Theatre.

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Mary Graham died June 21, 2005, at the age of 74. Survivors include her husband, Delbert, a son, **Keith '77**, and daughter, **Marsha Donals '03**.

Elva Eva Gagnebin, 93, died May 10, 2005. Mrs. Gagnebin served in the church nursery for about 30 years. In addition to being a successful Avon representative, she won several awards for her poetry. Survivors include a son, **James '54**, daughters **Elva (Gagnebin) Godfrey '55** and **Lomalyn (Gagnebin) Bement '73**, and grandson **Bret Bement '05**.

Donald W. Schnittker died July 24, 2005, at the age of 78. A Navy veteran, Schnittker was a retired school teacher and farmer. Survivors include his wife, Margaret, and a son, Tom.