

DEATHS

1920s

Alice Emily (Cramm) Wiggins '26 died in March 2005 at the age of 100. Alice was a longtime Lyons resident and spent the last 15 years in Wichita. She was a member of the United Methodist Church and the Eastern Star.

1930s

Faye (Stevens) Whitson '32 died March 1, 2005, at the age of 94. Faye majored in music education at SC and continued her lifelong singing in the choir and as a soloist at the First Presbyterian Church and with productions of the *Elijah* as a choir member and a minor soloist.

Neva (Rounds) Gray-Jones '34 died Jan. 29, 2005. A former school teacher in Cullison, she was 91.

Marjorie (Dungan) Schowalter '34 died March 15, 2005. She taught public school music, gave private lessons, and was a founding member of the Wichita Symphony Orchestra playing violin. After attending business college in Wichita, she was employed in 1940 as office manager for Beech Aircraft Corp. in the personnel department. She recruited personnel during World War II as Beech went from 1,000 to 13,000 employees.

Hazel J. (Deever) Hickerson '35 died April 24, 2005. A homemaker, she graduated from SC with degrees in education and home economics. Survivors include her daughter, **Shirley (Hickerson) Thompson '59**, a brother, **Harold Deever '33**, and a sister, **Marian (Deever) Everson '38**.

Robert Ross Burden '37, died March 14, 2005, at the age of 89.

Hazel (Fawcett) Bates '38 died Feb. 16, 2005, at the age of 87. Hazel went to work for the U.S. Postal Service, becoming the first woman mail carrier in Clinton, Okla. She retired from the post office in 1983 after 17 years of service.

Eugene R. Speirs '39 died Feb. 13, 2005. A veteran of World War II, Dr. Speirs served as a major in the U.S. Army Medical Corps on a medical transport ship. He retired from family practice in 1992.

1940s

Margaret (Parker) Turner '40 died April 5, 2005. During World War II, Margaret was a civil service secretary to the flight commander at Strother Field. She met her future husband, Capt. Cecil Lee Turner, there and they were married Feb. 24, 1944. For many years she served as director of Winfield Girl Scouts, and was a member of Winfield's oldest club, *Entre Nous*. Survivors include a daughter, **Marilyn Turner '78**.

Marguerite (Schriver) Rasmussen '43 died March 1, 2005, at the age of 83.

LeRoy E. Zahn '43 died April 15, 2005, at the age of 85.

Jessie M. (Wilvers) Fink '45 died Feb. 15, 2005, at the age of 81.

Esther (Mickey) Hull '46 died April 6, 2005. She had been a resident of Winfield for the past nine years. Esther's accomplishments were her service to her church, community, and family.

Virginia (Nickels) Williams '49 died March 6, 2005, at the age of 77. A former educator, Virginia taught music in Toronto and Towanda. She later worked for the First National Bank of Toronto as a bookkeeper and teller. Survivors include her husband, Charles.

1950s

Billy E. Ireland '50 died May 4, 2004, at the age of 80. Ireland worked at Beech Aircraft in Wichita as a toolmaker in the tool and template department until retirement following 44 years of service. Survivors include a granddaughter, **Jennifer '01**.

Ellen (Kunzmann) Johnson '50 died March 19, 2005. After her graduation from SC she became the first women's physical education instructor at St. John's College in Winfield, where she also taught health and science classes.

Eston Beery '51 died Feb. 2, 2005. Eston taught music for 46 years in various Kansas schools, and was an active member of Goddard Lions Club, a longtime choir director/pianist at Goddard United Methodist Church, and piano player for Cowtown saloon.

Wilda (Bricker) Patterson '59 died April 29, 2005, at the age of 89. Wilda taught school in the Arkansas City area and was a china painter.

1960s

Noble Dean Bradbury '60 died May 6, 2005. As a wheelchair-bound student, Bradbury showed his persistence and determination when he graduated despite lack of handicap-accessible facilities at Southwestern during the time he was enrolled. When Bradbury took the state board examination for certified public accountants in 1960, he received the prestigious Gold Key Award for having the highest score on the test. He began work for the accounting firm of Edward B. Stephenson, Inc. in 1960. He became a partner in the late '60s and rose to senior partner and managing partner. He retired in 2004 but continued as an active consultant. Survivors include his wife, **Diane (Archer, Gordon) '81**.

Alice (Arnall) Corley '60, retired teacher of Wellington, died April 11, 2005.

Betty D. Rogers '61 died March 19, 2005, at the age of 75. Mrs. Rogers taught elementary school for 17 years in Kansas and Colorado and worked in bookkeeping and sales for Ford Office Supply.

Sharon (Hoffman) Alonso '63 died Feb. 14, 2005, in Kearney, Neb. She taught music at the Cranden Institute in Uruguay. She also taught Spanish for more than 30 years in the Minden and Axtell school districts in Nebraska. Survivors include her son, Greg.

Ferne I. (Carter) Monholland '63 died May 1, 2005, at the age of 90. Ferne spent 42 years teaching in several rural schools as well as Cedar Vale schools until her retirement. Survivors include her daughter, **Juanell (Carter) Sweaney '69**.

Connie (Sauerwein) Dietrick '64 died Feb. 22, 2005. Connie was an avid bridge player and was a member of the American Contract Bridge League. Survivors include her husband, Donald.

Karen Spicer '63 died Jan. 23, 2005. Karen was the executive director of Catholic Charities in Fort Worth, Texas.

1970s

Ruth (Holman) Workman '70 died April 2, 2005. She was 93 years old. A retired educator, she taught at the Green Valley one-room school and later taught at Akron and then for USD 465, at Lowell Elementary School in Winfield. Survivors include a daughter-in-law, **Kathryn Schuster '62**.

William "Bill" Vardy '72 died March 12, 2005. Bill was the administrator of the Cowley County Developmental Services, Twin Rivers, for 13 years. He was also the owner of Arvarda Housing. Survivors include his wife, **Rhonda '02**.

Alan John '73 died Feb. 17, 2005. Survivors include his wife, Deborah.

1980s

Orvaleen Post '80 died Feb. 6, 2005. She worked as a lay minister at the Grandview United Methodist Church. Orvaleen also served at St. Paul's (Arkansas City), Geuda Springs, Mount Hope, South Haven, and Wellington United Methodist churches during her 20-year career in ministry. In 1986 she was chosen Kansas Mother of the Year. Survivors include her husband, Bill.

1990s

Lily Jeanene Carnes '93 died Feb. 1, 2005, at the age of 70. A social worker, she served as one of the licensed mental health technicians on the Kansas State Board of Nursing for eight years under three governors. While on the KSBN, she was appointed as the LMHT representative on an advisory board for the National League for Nursing. She also assisted in writing the licensing law for mental health technicians. Survivors include her husband, Clifton.

2000s

Justin Springer '03 died Feb. 1, 2005. A customer support manager for Raytheon in Wichita, he was 34.



A plaque on Studio 6 in Darbeth Fine Arts Center now commemorates the service to Southwestern College by Al Hodges, band director at the college from 1955 to 1973. Al and his wife, Winnie, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in 2002. Winnie was hostess in the student center for 15 years.

FRIENDS

Kern Gordon, Winfield, received the Community Cornerstone Award for March 2005. Gordon is an emeritus member of the SC board of trustees.

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Max Miller, 84, died Feb. 15, 2005. Survivors include his wife, **Annabel (Beck) '42**.

Ward O'Neil died May 2, 2005, at the age of 93. Ward grew up on the family farm four miles west of Winfield. He spent his entire life within two miles of his place of birth. Survivors include his wife of 63 years, **Anelle (Trumbull) '41**, and a son, **Rodney '72**.

Jessie Suhler died April 29, 2005, at the age of 92. Survivors include her daughter, **Geraldine ReQua '79**.

Glenn Weinert, 91, died Feb. 17, 2005. During his 36 years of active ministry in the United Methodist Church, Weinert served churches in Oregon, Mo.; Kansas City, Mo.; Enid, Okla.; Wichita, Liberal, and Phillipsburg. Survivors include his wife, Jeanette; son **Lyle '78**, and daughter-in-law **Sara '93**.

Terry White died April 3, 2005. Survivors include his wife **Sherry (Rakestraw) '92**.



Alumna Survives Tsunami

Barbara Isely '64 sent this message March 11 from Sri Lanka. A musician and sociologist, she was in the country during December's devastating tsunami.

She is shown with the Sunday school superintendent from



the Jampettah Methodist Church, Colombo, where Isely directed a Palm Sunday children's choir.

Yesterday, I went to and from the southernmost town of Sri Lanka where I trained 35 people in therapeutic uses of music with groups of children.

We saw many tents placed on the remaining foundations of houses, as well as groups of tents in camps. The need now is for more secure housing because the rains have started (early) and tents do not protect enough against tropical downpours, especially when the winds get going.

People continue to work at repairing the houses that can be repaired. They now suffer from further uncertainty because of a government declaration that no buildings are to be within 100 meters of the sea. Confusion abounds.

The human results are heartbreaking. Every family has a story. In a newly-painted house with used furniture and new TV, two windows were left unwashed ("for remembrance") with the lines of the flood showing about my eye level. The man in that home told us of the difficulty he continues to have in getting anything done—a typical response to a major trauma. In another

home, we visited an older couple. Their home was totally demolished and their two daughters swept away. In their relatives' home they had a photo album and a lovely, framed photograph of one daughter in her academic regalia. She recently graduated from the nearby university and was to be married in June. She died trying to save her sister who was also lost. Many times I have been in homes in normal circumstances, and share the joy and pride in the achievements of their children. Now I could only share their grief in the abrupt ending of such a promising young life.