

1920s

**Jesse R. Lockert '29** died Oct. 5, 2005, at the age of 101. Jesse's career spanned 44 years of teaching and coaching in 11 western Kansas communities, including Cullison, Coldwater, Pratt, Fowler, and Larned. Following his retirement he enjoyed time at his mountain cabin in Colorado and visiting family and friends. Memorials may be made to Southwestern College's "100 Years of Basketball" scholarship fund.

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**Lenora (Johnson) Breeden '36** died Sept. 12, 2005, at the age of 91. Lenora was a teacher who worked in Russell Springs, Kismet, Fowler, Grove, and Quinter until her retirement in 1971. She was a physical education teacher and a coach in her early teaching career. She later became a kindergarten teacher and reading specialist in Quinter, where she was an early influence on the lives of many children. Survivors include her husband, Ormond; a daughter, **Carolyn (Breeden) Darst '70**; and a sister, **Evelyn (Johnson) Elvin '38**.

**Winona (Wise) Matthews '37** died Sept. 6, 2005. Winona was active in the Anthony United Methodist Church, Women's Society, P.E.O., and an EHU extension group. Survivors include daughters **Joyce (Matthews) Dudeck '58**, **Gwen (Matthews) Montgomery '62**, and **Donna (Matthews) Marten '64**.

**Aleen (Gillespie) Henderson '38** died April 1, 2005. She and Raymond were married Jan. 1, 1937, while still in college. She was Raymond's wonderful companion through four years of U.S. Navy and 38 years of music education. She was active in church and community music, and loved photography, especially wild flowers. After Raymond retired they were very active in wood carving, carving small birds – hummingbirds were their favorites. Before her first stroke they had sold 13,000 carvings all over the country. Aleen was 88 when she died and had been married for 68 years. Survivors include her husband, **Raymond '37**.

**Wendell Lake '37** died Aug. 10, 2005. Following his graduation from SC he joined Derby Refining Company, which later became Coastal Corporation, where he worked for over 42 years. During his tenure with that company, he served as chief chemist, superintendent of operations, and manager of industrial relations. Survivors include his wife, Marjory, and two stepsons, **Bruce Birch '62** and **Morris Birch '66**.

**Flora (Blair) Moore '37** died Sept. 22, 2005. For two years she taught first through sixth grades in a one-room schoolhouse in District #50, Stoney Point, in Sumner County. She then taught music in the primary grades and second grade in Caldwell, Kan. Flora was later employed by the U.S. Naval Ordinance depot, personnel department, from 1940 to 1944.

1940s

**Harold "Hal" Bratches '42** died Sept. 4, 2005, at the age of 88. Bratches played guard on the SC basketball team that won the 1939

championship against San Diego State College. Hal was named All-American after that championship season. He was admitted to the SC Athletic Hall of Fame in 1991. After college he played AAU and professional basketball. He went into the Navy as a seaman recruit and retired 32 years later as a captain. Survivors include his wife, Marjorie.

**Maxine (Dieterich) Leftwich '42** died at her home in Bloomington, Ind., on Nov. 4, 2005. She was 85. Maxine and her husband, **Richard '42**, have been among Southwestern College's most loyal alumni and friends, and both have served on its board of trustees. After receiving her master's degree from the University of Chicago in 1944, Maxine was a caseworker at Illinois Children's Home and Aid Society and at the Chicago Child Care Society. In 1966 she was employed by Oklahoma State University as a senior academic counselor and became coordinator of advisement for health professions and chairperson of the university's premedical advisory committee until she retired in 1985. With her family, Maxine was an avid traveler, living for extended periods in Chile and in Taiwan, and visiting some 80 countries in various parts of the world. She was a private pilot and with her husband flew throughout the United States and to Mexico, the Bahamas, and Central America. She began painting as an Alzheimer's patient and some of her original artwork was exhibited in a one-woman show. Survivors include her husband and two sons. Memorials include the Maxine D. and Richard H. Leftwich Scholarship Endowment Fund at Southwestern College.

**Charles McDermott '47** died Sept. 9, 2005. Charles entered the Navy officer training program in 1942, and served in the Pacific during World War II. He participated in assault landings in New Guinea, the Philippines, and Okinawa as well as service after the war in China and South East Asia. After graduating from Washburn University School of Law in 1948, he was an attorney for several affiliated oil and gas companies in Wichita, Denver, Colorado Springs, and Houston. Survivors include his wife, Marjorie.

**Rev. Henry Murray '43** died Sept. 2, 2005, at the age of 84. After graduation from SC, Henry attended the Drew Theological Seminary in Madison, N.J., where he received his master of divinity degree. He was a member of the Kansas West Annual Conference. Henry's love for travel led him to become a tour director. His love of people both young and old was strong. Survivors include his wife, Helen; a son, **Harold '70**; and a sister, **Virginia (Murray) Hughes '48**.

**Rev. James Starkey '49**, a retired United Methodist minister, died, Oct. 6, 2005, at the age of 80. James received his master of divinity degree from Boston University School of Theology in 1952. He pastored churches in central New York as well as eastern and western Kansas. He served as chaplain at the VA Medical Center in Leavenworth, retiring in 1987. Survivors include his wife, **Nedra (McIrvin) '48**.

1950s

**Vera (Mead) Clark '51** died Sept. 7, 2005. She and her husband of 56 years owned and operated Clark's Shoe Store in Moberly, Mo., retiring in July 1994. The last 11 years they traveled and spent the winters in Arizona. Survivors include her husband, **Tom '51**.

**Glenna (Davis) Herd '54** died Oct. 6, 2005, at the age of 73. She grew up in Sublette, Kan. Glenna attended the University of Kansas and graduated from SC. She taught music then migrated into real estate sales when her five sons reached school age. Her life always demonstrated her interests in social outreach. She sang in church choirs wherever she lived; she competed for three years in a registered Sweet Adeline's quartet; she served as minister to older adults, and she co-founded and was managing director of Interfaith Caring Neighbors. Glenna organized the Lawrence Duplicate Bridge Club which now has six games each week. She recently became a life master in bridge. Survivors include her husband, **Eldon '50**.

**Bill Edward Scott '56** died Sept. 22, 2005. After graduating from SC with a degree in chemistry, Bill was hired by the Dow Chemical Co. He researched and sold products for Dow and Dowell for 30 years, as he looked for a way to make these products profitable and environmentally friendly. He was a life-long member of the United Methodist Church and was a certified lay speaker and at one time served as the lay pastor of three congregations. Survivors include his wife, **Virginia (Wiens) '56**, and a brother **Larrie '60**.

**Ruth (Brothers) Tredway '56** died Aug. 26, 2005. Tredway worked for the Kansas State Extension Service. She served as county home economics agent in Doniphan County at Troy in 1956, in Hamilton County at Syracuse in 1957, and in Chautauqua County in Sedan in 1959. She left the extension service in 1965. Survivors include her husband, Raymond.

**Carolyn (Hemberger) Meyer '57** died Aug. 28, 2005. A retired USD 259 (Wichita) teacher, Carolyn was 70. Survivors include his husband, Ken.

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**Larry Bates '60** died Sept. 27, 2005, at the age of 67. He retired from the U.S. Air Force at the rank of staff sergeant. Larry was also an ordained minister, deputy sheriff, jailer, and was a probation office. Survivors include his wife, Nancy.

**Charline (Harlow) Boyle '60** died Oct. 17, 2005, at the age of 93. She was a retired elementary school teacher.

**Dorothy (Probst) Griffith '69** died Oct. 12, 2005, at the age of 87. She was a homemaker and worked as a bookkeeper for Ford Motor Company.

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DEATHS

**June "Jerry" (Kerr) Barton** died in Naples, Fla., Sept. 22, 2005. She was 81 years old. Her husband, J. Hamby Barton, was academic dean at SC from 1966 to 1979. In addition to her husband, Jerry is survived by two sons and their families.

**Rosa Csukas**, 93, died Oct. 24, 2005. Rosa was known for her accomplished sewing, hand crafting, baking, and gardening skills. Survivors include a daughter, **Jolan Csukas '81**.

**Catherine E. Davis**, retired florist of Winfield, died Oct. 8, 2005. She was 93. Survivors include a son, **Jim '74**.

**Harold "Bud" Elliott**, 73, former Southwestern College head football coach, died Nov. 1, 2005, in Lubbock, Texas. Elliott guided SC to three KCAC titles in 1964, 1967, and 1968. He was named NAIA District 10 Coach of the Year three times while coaching at Southwestern and once at Emporia State, and was inducted into Southwestern's Athletic Hall of Fame. Elliott was the head coach at six different colleges, most recently at Eastern New Mexico University for 11 seasons. He also coached Emporia State University, the University of Texas at Arlington, and Northwest Missouri State. Survivors include his wife, Kathy.

**Evelyn Maxine (Kemp) Forsyth**, died Aug. 24, 2005, at the age of 94. Evelyn worked as a secretary to J.W. Powers and was later bookkeeper and co-owner of the Merchandise Mart in Winfield. Survivors include a son, **Leland "Fred" Kemp '54**, and stepchildren **Paula Henry '55**, **Don Forsyth '58**, **Ken Forsyth '61**, and **Charles Forsyth '70**.

**Winifred "Winnie" Hodges**, 86, died Sept. 13, 2005. From 1961 to 1976 she served as hostess at the SC student center. Survivors include her husband **Albert '36**, sons, Donald and **Woody '65**, and daughter-in-law **Ava Carol (Kleinsasser) '65**.

**John Thomson** died Aug. 29, 2005, at the age of 89. Raised and educated in Cowley county schools, he was a farmer/rancher in Liberty Township until retirement. Survivors include his wife, **Ruth (Barker) '65**, and a daughter **Ellen (Thomson) Watts '62**.

**David Webb**, 88, died Oct. 17, 2005. Survivors include his wife, Ruthelma, and sons **Donald '68** and **Rodger '73**.

**Charles Wood** died Aug. 21, 2005. Survivors include his wife **Cheryl (Mitchell) '81**.

**Leon Woods** died Sept. 22, 2005. A retired Boeing Wichita tool crib attendant, he was 93. Survivors include his wife, **Flava (Whitney) '68**.

NEWS

Southwestern College bishop in residence **Richard Wilke** was one of five graduates of Yale Divinity School honored with alumni awards for distinguished service during Convocation 2005. The event was held Oct. 10-13 at the YDS campus in New Haven, Conn.

*Alumni notes in this issue are compiled by Nan (Brummett) Hinson '97, alumni events manager.*