

# DEATHS

## 1920s

**Velda (Bogue) Godding '26** died Jan. 4, 2006, at the age of 102. An artist, Velda painted in oils and watercolor and during the past several years as the creator of Egyptian paste jewelry. She garnered many awards and achievements in art, winning four first-place awards in the Art Is Ageless contest, a competition for Texas senior citizens.

**Dr. Armour Evans '29** died Dec. 12, 2005, at the age of 99. He had been pastor of the Wichita Woodland United Methodist Church, Andover United Methodist Church, Kechi United Methodist Church, and Oberlin United Methodist Church. Dr. Evans was the assistant superintendent of Wesley Hospital in Wichita and later the superintendent (CEO). After his retirement he continued to pastor at Ness City, Colby, and Newton. Survivors include a daughter, **Mary Alice (Evans) McLeod '60**.

**Matilda (Garlinghouse) McGibbon '29** died Dec. 12, 2005, at the age of 97. A leader in her West Texas town, she was a civic force, active in education and the arts, and was a member of the board of directors of the Big Spring YMCA for 10 years. An avid patron of the arts, she established the annual concert series and served as its membership chairman. She was a member of the board of directors for the Salvation Army, was active in Meals on Wheels, and was project chairman for AAUW.

## 1930s

**Mabel (Ray) Remmers '30** died Nov. 29, 2005, at the age of 97. For many years she worked as a clinical social worker and psychotherapist at the famed Menninger Clinic. She was active in establishing and managing the family care program there. Mabel was also well-known as an actress in local theatre. She appeared in plays from age five to age 90. Mabel was a member of the Topeka Civic Theatre and elected to the TCT Hall of Fame, Washburn Players, Players Company of Topeka, Dale Easton Players, The Minerva Club, and Dr. Karl Menniger's study group. Before becoming a social worker, she played roles in summer stock theatre throughout the Midwest and taught drama and journalism in Kansas and Colorado.

**Virginia Stewart '30** died Jan. 28, 2006. A retired kindergarten teacher, she was 96.

**Dean Hilfinger '32** died Jan. 20, 2006, at the age of 93. Dean received his architectural engineering degree from The

University of Illinois in 1935. He served in World War II as an officer in the Civil Engineer Corps of the U.S. Navy, stationed in the Southwest Pacific. A violist, he played with the Bloomington-Normal Symphony and the Illinois Wesleyan Civic Orchestra from 1937 through 1997, except during his time of service in WWII. In 1986 he was awarded an honorary doctor of science degree from Southwestern College.

**Virginia (Kenreich) Drennan '33** died Jan. 29, 2006, at the age of 94. She loved antiques, traveling, scrapbooking, museums, and sewing for her children and grandchildren. Virginia was active in the county fair and worked the antiques booth. She was vice president of D&D Farm Equipment, the family's corporation. Survivors include sons **Bill '58** and **Jerry '61**.

**Gladys Ebright '33** died Oct. 30, 2005, at age 93. She was a retired educator.

**Ruth (Johnson) Robinson '33** died Dec. 7, 2005, at the age of 92. Ruth taught school in the Arkansas City, Peru, and the Niotze area for many years.

**Mary Lucile (Thomas) Stevens '34** died June 30, 2005, at age 95. A retired educator, she taught home economics for several years in Durham and Almena.

**Ruby (Johnson) Smalley '34** died Dec. 14, 2005, at the age of 92. She was a retired school guidance counselor, life member of Order of the Eastern Star, and the United Methodist Church. Ruby was a member of the Kappa Kappa Iota national teachers sorority and served as Kansas president from 1972 to 1973.

**Walter Edwin "Ed" Lydick '35** died Nov. 18, 2005, at the age of 93. Upon graduation, he was a civilian employee of the Army Corps of Engineers. In 1937 he became an officer in the United States Border Patrol in McAllen, Texas. At the outset of World War II, Lydick was commissioned an ensign in the U.S. Navy, serving in the Pacific Theater as a naval intelligence officer. Honorably discharged as a lieutenant in the United States Naval Reserve, he returned to Mississippi and was employed as a contract officer with the Veterans Administration in Jackson. In 1953 he acquired Jackson Plating Company. He retired as president and CEO but remained active in the business. Survivors include his wife, Donna.

**Laurence Jarvis '39** died Jan. 7, 2005. A World War II veteran, he enlisted in the Army Air Corps and was sent to Officer

Candidate School. Upon graduation, he was sent to the South Pacific where he attained the rank of major in a supply company. He was honorably discharged after the war and returned to Winfield. He joined his father and two brothers in the auto parts business and soon became the company's general manager. The business grew to include stores in Oklahoma and Kansas. Survivors include his wife, **Virginia (Moore) '39**.

**Ruth (Rinehart) Pomeroy '39** died Jan. 8, 2006, at the age of 90. Ruth was active in assisting the Boy Scout and Girl Scout organizations. She worked at Southwest Medical Center before becoming receptionist and office manager for a medical office in Liberal. After her retirement she worked part time as a receptionist at the Coronado Museum and Dorothy's House for 16 years.

**Ernestine (Hubbard) Zeigler '39** died Aug. 20, 2005, at the age of 87. She was a 50-year member of Order of the Eastern Star and was a Girl Scout leader for 30 years. Ernestine was a retired farmer and school teacher, teaching in Ramona, Spivey, and Wilmfore schools. Survivors include her husband, Wade.

**Alta (Rogers) Whitesell '39** died Nov. 7, 2005, at Providence Park in Waco, Texas. Alta spent most of her life living in Clearwater and Wichita. Her hobbies included quilting, sewing, Bridge Club, playing the organ and piano, and teaching music.

## 1940s

**Darius Ethen "D.E." Cockrum '40** died Nov. 1, 2005. Survivors include his wife, June; daughters **Nancy (Cockrum) Murray '72**, **Carolyn (Cockrum) Baylor '64**, and **Joyce (Cockrum) Baughman '75**, and son **Darrell '66**.

**Herbert Hendricks '41** died Jan. 6, 2006. A World War II veteran, Herb served in the Navy for two years. A lifelong learner, he was a graduate student at Western State College of Colorado at Gunnison, Colo., first enrolled in the summer of 1960. He studied during seven of the 10 summers of that decade, earning his master of arts and education specialist degrees in elementary administration. Herb retired as a principal in 1983. Survivors include his wife, Barbara.

**Ann (Anderson) Baird '42** died Jan. 3, 2006, at the age of 85. Ann was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Pittsburg since 1947, where she served as a member of the Board of Trustees and administrative board as well as additional