

1920s

Leona (Miller) Cranston '27 died March 1, 2006, at the age of 100. A retired educator, Leona taught for many years in Strecker, near Anadarko, Okla., and later at Isabell. Leona lived east of Atlanta, Kan., for many years. She returned to Winfield in 1962 and had resided at Rest Haven since 1999.

1930s

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

Marian L. (Jewell) Huffman '32 died April 15, 2006, at the age of 99. She was a retired home economics teacher in the Scott City and Burdette school systems.

Dorothy (Fink) Fieser '34 died Feb. 24, 2006. A homemaker, she was 94. Survivors include a daughter, **Lois (Fieser) Short '58**.

1940s

Clay Ratcliff '40 died Jan. 23, 2006, at the age of 89. After graduating from SC, Clay earned a degree in meteorology from the California Institute of Technology in 1941. He worked for the U.S. Weather Bureau for a brief period of time before starting his career as a professional meteorologist for American Airlines. He retired after 40 years with American Airlines in 1981.

F. Maxine (Parker) Lindburg '40 died March 23, 2006. A homemaker and former teacher, she was 87. Survivors include a daughter, **Frieda Lindburg '70**.

Margaret (Jacobus) Knowlton '42 died Feb. 21, 2006, at the age of 84. After her graduation from SC she taught music and dance, and worked during World War II as an occupational therapist at Brooke Medical Hospital in Texas. She was a retired family therapist. Survivors include her husband, Sydney.

Freda (Rose) Sellers '49 died March 4, 2006, at the age of 77. Freda was a retired teacher. Survivors include her husband, Oran.

William Snavelly '49 died March 24, 2006. A World War II veteran, Bill began working for the Santa Fe Railroad in Topeka. In 1950 he moved to Lima, Ohio, to work for Continental Oil. Bill moved his family to Lancaster, Calif., where he started Osage Industries, which he ran until his death.

1950s

Charlene (Kanaga) Langhofer '52 died Jan. 31, 2006. Charlene was a retired educator. Survivors include a daughter, **Kinue Langhofer '78**, and a brother, **Charles '54**.

Phyllis (Hartnett) M^cMurry '53 died Feb. 26, 2006. Following graduation, she joined the U.S. Missionary program of the Methodist Church and served in Oakwood, Va. She worked for many years at Sprint North Supply in Gardner until her retirement at age 70 in 2001. Survivors include a daughter, **Denise Bollin '83**.

1960s

Sherry (Urban) Dewell '65 died April 28, 2006. Sherry was a retired technology coordinator for USD #225. Survivors include her husband, Larry, and brother, **Rick '63**.

Ruth Thomson '65 died March 3, 2006, at the age of 93. Ruth taught elementary education in the rural schools of Cowley County and later USD 465 (Winfield). She retired in 1976 with 31 years of experience. Survivors include a daughter **Ellen Watts '62**.

Philip R. Sturgis '69 died April 15, 2006, after a long illness.

1970s

Michael P. FitzGibbons '71 died Feb. 20, 2006. Michael was a physical education teacher for the Poughkeepsie City school district, working in both the Poughkeepsie middle and high schools until his retirement in 2004. He was a wrestling coach for the Spackenkill School District and a swim coach for the Poughkeepsie School District, where he was named Coach of the Year in 2004. Survivors include his wife, Donna.

1980s

Alice (Tso) Begay '83 died March 20, 2006. Begay was employed with the Hilltop Christian School for 12 years.

Debra (King) Faust '84 died in March 2006 at the age of 44. Debra was a well-known singer and actress, working in every major theatre venue in Wichita. She toured internationally twice with the Music Theatre of Wichita production of *A Christmas Carol*. Survivors include her husband, **Quentin '85**; a daughter, Julia; her mother, Loretta King; and brother, **Christopher King '96**.

2000s

Kimberly Moroney '04 died April 23, 2006. She was employed with the security department at Boeing Wichita. Survivors include her husband, Pat.

Dorotha Ahlerich Gilbreath died March 22, 2006, at the age of 84. In the early 1940s Dorotha taught elementary education in rural Cowley County. Survivors include her husband, **Lewis**.

Glennis M. Couchman (SC faculty member from 1976-1986) retired as a full professor from Oklahoma State University in 2000. She is a six-year breast cancer survivor.

David Childs, husband of **Becky Schroll Childs '78**, died May 1, 2006. Services were held in Rockford, Ill. In addition to Becky, he is survived by two daughters, Alex, 10, and Katie, 7.

PROMOTED

Four faculty members at Southwestern College were approved for promotion by the Board of Trustees in April. Advancing in rank are **George Gangwere**, professor of physics; **Stephen Rankin**, professor of religious studies; **Cheryl Rude**, associate professor of leadership; and **Jane Schlickau**, professor of nursing.

Dr. E. Marie Burdette '32 died April 2, 2006, at the age of 104.



Burdette taught generations of Winfield children to play piano. For several summers, she studied advanced organ in Paris with Marcel Dupre, who was said to be the foremost organist/composer/teacher of the time. She was showered with awards through the years and received an honorary doctor of music degree from SC in 1981. Burdette was organist at Winfield's First United Methodist Church from 1956 until 1983, and continued playing at the early service even after that. In the fall of 2000 she was honored in Topeka for being the oldest employed woman in Kansas; she taught piano for more than 80 years.

What's new with you?

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Here's something new in my life: (job, address, marriage, baby, etc.)

Here's a student who may be interested in SC:

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City	State	Zip Code
Parents' Names		Phone Number

E-mail Address (if you know it)	High School/College
Relationship to you (daughter, friend, nephew, etc.)	

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