

DEATHS

1920s

Flossie (Bayne) Chamness '27 died Jan. 9, 2007, at the age of 101. She is survived by a daughter, two grandsons, one granddaughter, and seven great-grandchildren.

Josephene (Zigler) Hulpieu died Jan. 14, 2007, at age 99. Besides graduating from SC, Josephene graduated with a nursing degree from Bell Memorial Hospital. She was a nursing supervisor for various Lutheran hospitals.

1930s

Myrtle (Shircliff) Hainline '30 died March 11, 2007. She was 99. A resident of Chase county, Kan., she taught English and ran newspapers in Kingman and Monett, Mo.

Maurice P. Milliken '36 died Dec. 29, 2006, at the age of 93. He was a retired mechanical engineer and worked for Bell & Howell, General Motors, Goodyear, Penn State University, NASA Goddard, and Lockheed.

Earlene (Basore) Houts '37 died April 2, 2007, at the age of 91. Earlene earned her degree in home economics and for a short time taught school. Survivors include a brother **Jim Basore '49**.

Alice Grace (Heitmeyer) Cline '39 died Dec. 3, 2006. Alice taught at Springdale rural school near Conway Springs for several years. After her marriage, she and her husband, Robert, established Cline's Market in Conway Springs.

1940s

Glenn Hull '40 died March 1, 2007. He worked as a research chemist for Corn Products Co., making many patented discoveries. Survivors include his wife, Helen.

Harold Herd '41 died April 23, 2007. An officer in the Navy during World War II, he served in the Pacific on the USS Rio Grande and USS Cache. He practiced law in Coldwater, where he maintained an office until 1979, when Gov. John Carlin appointed him to the Supreme Court of Kansas. After leaving the Supreme Court, he became a distinguished jurist in residence at Washburn University, teaching constitutional history until 2002, when he retired. Survivors include his wife, Midge.

Paul Henderson '43 died Jan. 22, 2007, at the age of 86. A veteran of World War II, he continued his graduate work in music at USC. Along with his real estate career, he spent 27 years directing choirs in local churches. Survivors include his wife **Margaret (Smith) '41**, and brother-in-law **Leonard Smith '44**.

Harold Burns '47 died March 1, 2007.

Thelma (Unruh) Thomasson '49 died March 30, 2007. A retired educator, she was 82.


1950s

Rupert Sullivan '50 died July 18, 2006.

Fred "Junie" Sica '51 died Feb. 21, 2007. Junie was in the Coast Guard for three years. He was a builder (construction) and owned apartment buildings. Survivors include his wife, **Wanda (Derby) '55**.

Lillian (Hunt, Rogers) Harding '54 died Jan. 19, 2007. Survivors include her husband, Bryson.

Wanda (Strimple) James '54 died March 10, 2007. Wanda was a home-



Jack "J.J." Banks '41 died March 3, 2007. Banks enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1942. He first served as a Navy musician and then received a commission as an ensign. He was in combat action in the south Pacific theater.

A retired insurance underwriter, J.J. served for many years on the SC Board of Trustees. Banks was awarded an honorary doctorate of business administration from SC in 1993.

An accomplished clarinetist, he was a member of the Winfield City Band for 70 years.

Survivors include his wife **Dorothy '44**, daughter **Sally**, son **James '75**, and daughter-in-law **Robbie '72**.

maker and taught at a one-room school house in Butler county during the 1950s. Survivors include her husband, **Robert '54**.

James E. Elliott '57 died Dec. 9, 2006. A retired businessman, he was a resident of Plaquemines Parish, La., for 48 years and served as a member and deacon of the First Baptist Church of Belle Chasse. Survivors include his wife, Esther.

Bonita (Floyd) Peck '58 died Jan. 31, 2007, at the age of 76. Bonita taught school for 39 years, 32 of them in Belle Plaine. Survivors include her husband of 53 years, **Lawrence '51**.

Rev. John Saville '58 died Feb. 4, 2007. John served in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War. He was a retired United Methodist minister, pastoring in Fowler, Johnson, Augusta, Colby, and Great Bend. He also served as district superintendent for five years in the Salina district. Survivors include his wife, **Madge (Monninger) '57**, and sons **Mark '84** and **Lance '88**.

Clarence Roy (C.R.) Tyson '58 died Feb. 10, 2007. Survivors include a son, **Ed Popplewell '79**.

M. Lavetta Braden '59 died Jan. 29, 2007. She was a retired registered nurse. Survivors include her mother, Marjorie Braden.

1960s

Mildred (Goodrum) Tarr '60 died April 11, 2007 at age 86. After retiring from teaching she became very active in prison fellowship. She was a longtime member of Eastminster Presbyterian Church in Wichita.

Geraldine (Kantzer) Musson '61 died March 21, 2007.

Esther J. Mason '67 died Feb. 26, 2007, at the age of 88.

1970s

Dr. Rosella (Peete) Watson '70 died Jan. 26, 2007, at the age of 76. She held a number of positions in education and was instrumental in the development of several youth grants.

Jean (Glenn) Wooddell '70 died Feb. 7, 2007. Jean taught music in Anthony public schools during the 1950s. In Winfield, Jean was an organist and accompanist at Grace United Methodist Church and taught private flute, piano, and organ lessons for 40 years. Survivors include a son, **Glenn '63**, and a daughter, **Nancy Maier '85**.

Mary A. Lehew '77 died March 5, 2007, at the age of 87. Mary spent her entire professional career in nursing.

1980s

Jan (Janssen) Gaylord '85 died April 7, 2007. At the time of her death Jan was teaching special education for 4th and 5th graders in USD 259 (Wichita).

1990s

Laree Fitzgerald '92 died Feb. 6, 2007. Laree was a registered nurse at Kansas Heart Hospital and Wesley Medical Center in Wichita.

Sally Wilcox '91 died April 8, 2007. Sally was an ordained deacon in the Episcopal Church. A freelance writer, she wrote for the *Winfield Daily Courier* and for the Kansas Senior Press service. She received many honors for her writing and service to the community.

Keith Piha '94 died March 29, 2007. Survivors include his wife, Marsha, and son, Jordan.

Robert Barr '97 died March 6, 2007. An educator and coach, he was 53. In 1976 Barr played for the Kansas City Royals baseball club. Survivors include his wife, Melody.

FRIENDS

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Irene Fulcher died Jan. 8, 2007. She was 103. Mrs. Fulcher was the housemother at Smith Hall in the late '50s and early '60s. She also served as manager of the college bookstore.

Ramona Henderson died April 21, 2007. She was a resident of Hutchinson for 42 years. Ramona was a retired secretary for USD 308. Survivors include her husband, **John Max '51**.

Agnes Williams, 98, died April 11, 2007. Agnes taught in a one-room school in Sedgwick County and then taught in Preston Elementary School. She is the widow of former SC music professor Ross O. Williams. Survivors include her sons **Bruce '62** and **Larry '60**, and granddaughters **Lori Williams '86** and **Kris Delano '84**.



Verda Kopke

Verda Kopke, 84, one of Southwestern College's most gracious supporters, died March 22, 2007. She and her husband, Charles, are best known at Southwestern College for their founding of the excellence award given annually to Southwestern faculty.

The gift that made this possible was only one

example of the Mrs. Kopke's generous spirit.

For two decades, Mrs. Kopke and her sister, Velma M'Kinley, operated Farrar's Intimate Apparel shop on the Plaza in their hometown of Kansas City. As an independent shop, the sisters tried to be service-oriented. For example, they had all of their employees educated on fitting prosthetics for women who had had mastectomies. The first fittings could be tough for those customers, but the staff was trained to make things go as smoothly as possible, taking as much as half a day for each customer.

Verda Kopke also volunteered for several charities, including Ozanam, the American Diabetes Association, and the Rehabilitation Institute Auxiliary.

"In all the years we were together," Charles Kopke says, "I never heard her say a mean thing about anyone."

Survivors include Mr. Kopke and Velma M'Kinley.