

Obituaries

George Grauer

George Burch P. Grauer, 64, of Seneca, died Monday, January 28, 1992, at his home in Seneca. He was born March 11, 1927, in Marysville, the son of John and the John Grauer. Mr. Grauer was a Combination Man for the Western Bell Telephone. He retired in 1987 with over 45 years of service. He was also a Ship's Cook Third Class in the Coast Guard from November 25, 1944, to April 27, 1946. He was married to Alberta Coffey on May 29, 1949, in Marysville. She survives of the home in Seneca. He was a member of the Seneca Lodge No. 39 AF&AM, Marie W. Taylor American Legion Post No. 21 of Seneca, W Post No. 7458 of Seneca. He was also a member of the Western Bell Telephone Company's of Topeka. He was a member of the United Methodist Church in Seneca. Survivors include his wife, Alberta, of the home in Seneca; a son, Randy Grauer of Seneca; one brother, Ted Grauer of Marysville; two sisters, Mary Hilberg of Downs, and Kate Grier of Newberg, Ore.; and four grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday, January 30, at the Popkess Mortuary in Seneca. Rev. Charles Bernd will officiate the services. Nancy Gafford will play selected hymns. Burial will be in the Seneca City Cemetery. Casketbearers are Jim Torrey, Dale Wilhelm, Clarence Lintz Jr., Ray Oiberding, Kenny Dalsing and Mark Hermesch. Memorials are for the Nemaha Valley Community Hospital in Seneca, and can be sent in care of Popkess Mortuary.

Charles Hochard

Charles Edward Hochard, 88, Seneca, died Wednesday, January 22, 1992, at the Nemaha Valley Community Hospital in Seneca. Charles was born February 17, 1903, near St. Benedict, the son of William and Caroline Becker Hochard. Mr. Hochard had been a farmer in Nemaha County. He had also worked at various other jobs before going to work for Burlington Railroad, delivering mail. He retired from the railroad in the late 1970's. Charles married Mary Miller on November 8, 1922. She died July 8, 1983. He was also preceded in death by one son, Melvin Hochard; one brother and three sisters. He was a member of Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church, Seneca.

Survivors include three sons, Lawrence Hochard of Emmett, Donald Hochard of Farley, Mo., and Bill Hochard of Topeka; two daughters, Marcella Smith of Stockton, and Dorothy Kent of Douglasville, Ga.; two sisters, Fern Otting of Kansas City, Ks., and Blanche Burns of Edwardsville; 24 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

Mass of Christian Burial was held Sunday, January 25, at 11:00 a.m. at Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Seneca. Fr. Frances Broderick, OSB, of-

related the services. The church choir sang. Servers for the mass were Brad Huertter and Nathaniel Engelkan. Lector was Gary Sweetland. Burial was in the St. Patrick Catholic Cemetery in Corning. Casketbearers were grandsons. A rosary was recited by Father Broderick, OSB, on Friday, January 24 at 7:00 p.m. at Popkess Mortuary in Seneca. Masses will be left to the Sts. Peter and Paul Church, or memorials may be left to the donor's choice of charities, and can be sent in care of the Popkess Mortuary in Seneca.

Gilbert Gerber

Gilbert J. Gerber, son of Ernest Gerber and Clara Moser Gerber, was born on a farm near Oneida on December 2, 1913, one of six sons. He attended school at District Rural School No. 99 north of Oneida through the eighth grade, and then entered farming with his family. He was united in marriage to Virginia Hollister on February 17, 1938. They farmed near Bern about a year after their marriage, and then moved to his family farmstead northwest of Oneida. They had two daughters and one son.

Gilbert was a farmer and stockman during his working career, as well as a Grade A dairyman. He and Virginia moved to Sabetha in 1973 upon retirement, to a home that Gilbert constructed primarily by himself. Gilbert had been a member of the Oneida United Methodist Church and then the First United Methodist Church of Sabetha. He had served on the Oneida School Board, the Albany Historical Society board, was a member of the Bern Volunteer Fire Department, a member of the Masonic Lodge No. 323 of Oneida, the Iris Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star No. 357 of Seneca, the Arab Shrine Temple of Topeka, as well as other organizations.

Gilbert died January 23, 1992, at his home in Sabetha, following an apparent heart attack. He was 78. Preceding him in death were two brothers, Ed and Andy Gerber. Survivors include his wife Virginia, of Sabetha; two daughters, Ruth Kaster-Ensley of Onaga, and Kathryn Kinghorn of Excelsior Springs, Mo.; one son, Leland Gerber of Gardner; three brothers, Ted Gerber of Lester,

Iowa, Clarence Gerber of Seneca, and Paul Gerber of Grass Valley, Calif.; 10 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. Funeral services were held January 28, at the First United Methodist Church in Sabetha. Rev. Walter Brant officiated. Soloist was Jennifer Hollister. The Oneida Masonic Lodge No. 323 gave the Masonic ritualistic services, conducted by Gordon Alpis Jr. Grandsons, Mike and Adam Gerber, Ron, Kevin and Floyd Kaster, and Bob Kinghorn were casketbearers. Burial was in the Albany Cemetery at Sabetha, Popkess Mortuary of Sabetha, in charge of arrangements. Memorials for the Shriners Burn Center of Houston, Texas, can be sent in care of the Mortuary. A family visitation was held January 27 at the funeral home.

Rose Luckerth

Rose E. Luckerth, 90, of Beatrice, Nebr., died Friday afternoon, January 24, 1992. She was born March 15, 1895, at St. Benedict, and grew up in the Nemaha County, Kansas area. She was the daughter of Bernard and Bernadine Enneking. She married Peter Paul Luckerth in 1917, at St. Mary's Catholic Church, St. Benedict. They lived and farmed in the St. Benedict and Seneca areas, then lived and farmed in the Pawnee City, Nebr., area until moving to Beatrice in 1944. She was a former member of St. Mary's Catholic Church of St. Benedict, and was currently a member of the St. Joseph's Catholic Church of Beatrice. Survivors are four sons, Leonard of Martina, Calif., Paul Jr. of Greeley, Colo., Donald of Beatrice, and Dorus of Lancaster, Calif.; four daughters, Mrs. Eldon (Lorena) Wright and Mrs. Joseph (Anna Marie) Yeck of Beatrice, Mrs. Omer (Mildred) Wombacker of Lancaster, Calif., and Mrs. Robert (Reva Jane) Housewright of Burlington, Iowa; 16 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren; two sisters, Mrs. Frank (Katie) Macke of Topeka, and Emma Rethman of Topeka. She was preceded in death by her husband in 1976; one granddaughter, three brothers and two sisters. Funeral services were held Tuesday, January 28 at 10:15 a.m. at Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church, Seneca, with Father Roderic Giller officiating. Burial was at the Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Cemetery.

A memorial has been held with the Fox Funeral Home in charge of arrangements. Fox Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements. Kathleen M. Grier, of Easton, Mo., died January 24, following a long illness in a hospital following a fall. Born in Astell and Geraldine I. Mrs. Grier was a member of Stewartsville. She was a registered nurse at St. Joseph's hospitals. She died in 1991 from heart disease. She was 82 years old. Mrs. Grier was a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Easton, Mo., and the American Auxiliary of St. Joseph's Catholic Association. She was a member of Frankfort High School, St. Joseph, Mo., and Nursing. In 1962 she married Grier. He survives. Additional survivors include daughter, Elizabeth Greer of Northbar, Texas; Patricia, of Alabama; Marjorie, of California; and Elaine Keegan of Des Moines, Iowa. A brother, Robert, died November 6, 1986. Mass of Christian Burial was held Monday

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