

Cleo Duffey

June 21, 1929 ~ March 16, 2024



Cleo Duffey, 94, of Menlo, passed away on Saturday, March 16, 2024, at Citizens Medical Center in Colby.

Cleo was born on June 21, 1929, at the family home southwest of Menlo to Ray and Eva (Moos) Duffey. He attended school in Menlo where he graduated in 1947, after which he helped on the family farm for a time.

He joined the Army in 1951 and served in the Korean War. During his time there, Cleo was a section chief in a rocket launching battery known as the Duffey Rocketeers. He achieved the rank of Sergeant First Class as he proudly served the country he loved.

Cleo spent the remainder of his life farming the land homesteaded by his grandfather, John J. Duffey, in 1885. Whether it be crops or cattle, Cleo's very heart and soul went into performing every task. He cared for his cattle as if they were his children, ensuring their every need was taken care of. Even treacherously low temperatures could not keep him inside during calving season should a birth require his assistance. He loved the land passionately and looked forward to the planting season, watching his crops grow, and harvesting time. As with generations before him, farming was truly "in Cleo's blood".

His family was a great source of love, pride, and contentment. With 37 nieces and nephews who visited "the farm" regularly, there were plenty of "legs to pull" and lessons to teach such as playing pinocle, shooting hoops, horseshoes, and how to drive. How can we forget the ice cream bars in the freezer and the "bachelor" cookie jar? The stories are too numerous to mention, but they are all treasured in the hearts of those blessed to be a part of Cleo's family.

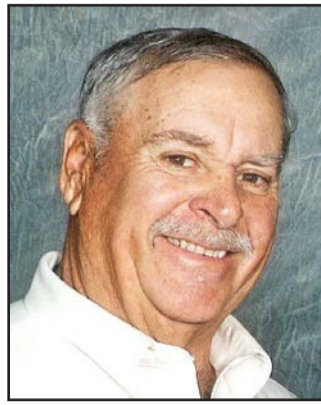
Cleo was preceded in death by his parents, Ray and Eva; brothers, Chester and Harold Duffey; and sisters, Eileen Murphy, Madine Benda, Winifred Smith, Juanita Kling, Bernita Gawith, and Freda Weyand. Survivors include Nina Brandt of Danville, IN, Leoma Steiger of Oakley, and Lorea Wagner of LaCrosse.

Visitation is 5:00 p.m. followed by the funeral service at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, March 22, 2024, at Baalmann Mortuary, Colby. Inurnment will take place at a later date in Menlo Cemetery. For information or condolences visit baalmannmortuary.com.

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Leland Ziegler

October 30, 1948 ~ March 11, 2024



Leland Joseph Ziegler, 75, of Hoxie, departed this earthly life on Monday, March 11, 2024, after a year-long battle with cancer. Leland was born on October 30, 1948, the third child of Adam and Genevieve (Heier) Ziegler. After high school at Hoxie (class of 1966), Leland received his degree in Music Education from St. Mary of the Plains College in Dodge City, Kansas, in 1970, and taught music for three years.

Leland married Alice Russell on May 29, 1971, in Oklahoma City.

After teaching, Leland moved his family to the family farm south of Hoxie and began farming. He and Alice were blessed with four children: Anne Marie, Laura, Ellen, and Brian.

Besides being a farmer, Leland also loved to share his musical talents with the church, and he often helped cantor for Easter Vigil Masses, leading the "Litany of the Saints" with his deep, beautiful voice. He and Alice loved to dance and could be found doing the "Jitterbug" and the polka at wedding dances and family reunions. Leland enjoyed making and fixing rosaries and was happy to fix any rosary, asking in payment, "Just say one for me." Farming and raising cattle were his jobs, but raising his family was his life's work. Leland was known as "funny grandpa" to some of his grandchildren, and he never failed to make the grandkids laugh. Leland and Alice ran a tight ship and had high expectations, instilling in their children a strong work ethic, and a strong, solid love of the Lord, and of our Catholic faith. Leland's proudest accomplishments were his children and sixteen grandchildren. Leland never knew a stranger, could talk to anyone, and was happy to help anyone in need, especially through his service with the Knights of Columbus.

Leland is survived by his wife, Alice, of the home, children Sr. Mary Beata Ziegler, of the Sisters of St. Francis of the Martyr St. George, in Alton, Illinois; Laura (Randy) Schawe of Hutchinson and Luke, David, Thomas, Anne, Sarah, and Catherine; Ellen (Ed) Weiner of Hoxie and Ethan, Emma, Ezekiel, Elizabeth, and Elias; Brian (Laura) Ziegler of Overland Park and Genevieve, Andrew, Aubrey, Jacob, and Isaac. Leland is also survived by his brother, Virgil (Virginia) of Park, Kansas, and his sister, Maxine (the late Gary) Drinan of New Berlin, Wisconsin, and many nieces, nephews, cousins, in-laws, and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and brother-in-law, Gary Drinan.

A Mass of Christian Burial was for Friday, March 15, 2024, at the St. Frances Cabrini Catholic Church in Hoxie. Burial was in the Sacred Heart Cemetery, Park, at approximately 1:15 P.M. Visitation was at the Mickey-Leopold Funeral Home, Hoxie with Family receiving friends. The Vigil and Rosary Service followed the Visitation. Memorials can be made to the Sheridan County Benefit Walk or the Rebecca A. Morrison House in Salina. Memorials may be sent in care of Mickey-Leopold Funeral Home, PO Box 987, Hoxie, Kansas, 67740.

New Commissioners Elected to Kansas Commodity Commissions

Manhattan - The Kansas Department of Agriculture has announced the result of the elections held for the state's five grain commodity commissions — corn, grain sorghum, soybeans, sunflowers, and wheat — in districts I, II and III in the central region of the state.

Grain commodity commissions serve the Kansas agriculture industry by managing their crop's research promotion and education programs funded with check-off funds. Candidates for the commissions must be a grower of the commodity in question and a resident in the state of voting age and are elected by eligible growers in their district.

Newly elected commissioners:

- Kansas Corn Commission**
- District I:** Brian Baalman, Sheridan County
- District II:** Dennis McNinch, Ness County
- District III:** Paige Clawson, Haskell County
- Kansas Grain Sorghum Commission**
- District II:** Jon Berning, Scott County
- District III:** Brant Peterson, Stanton County

No candidates ran for commissioner in District I. The Kansas Grain Sorghum Commission will appoint these positions.

Kansas Soybean Commission No candidates ran for commissioner in Districts I, II and III. The Kansas Soybean Commission will appoint these positions.

Kansas Sunflower Commission No candidates ran for commissioner in Districts I, II and III. The Kansas Sunflower Commission will appoint these positions.

Kansas Wheat Commission

- District I:** Brian Linin, Sherman County
- District II:** Ronald Suppes, Lane County
- District III:** Gary Millershaski, Kearney County

For more information on Kansas commodity commissions, please visit the KDA website at www.agriculture.ks.gov/CommodityCommissions. Commissioners serve three-year terms, and the terms will commence on April 1, 2024.

KanCare

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had liens placed against them, sometimes totaling hundreds of thousands of dollars.

The Kansas recovery program mandates collection against anyone 55 years of age or older who accessed Medicaid benefits. If the recipient is less than 55 they would only be subject to a state recovery if they've been in a long-term care Nursing facility. The system uses agreements with heirs, claims against deceased patient financial accounts and court filings to assess assets, including liens on the recipients' homes and other real property. Like any creditors claim, the Medicaid assessment typically takes precedent over the quests made to family members or other errors.

Medicaid expansion is a legacy of the Affordable Care Act, known as Obamacare, a vastly expanded federal program using federal tax dollars to match state taxes to cover medical benefits for the poor. Expansion allows the extension of benefits to people who earn up to 38 percent above the poverty level.

Governor Laura Kelly has made Medicaid expansion a primary focus of her second term in office, going so far as to attempt to replace conservative legislators voting against it with Democrats or moderate Republicans via outright campaign lobbying. Opponents, including House Speaker Dan Hawkins, say lowering the threshold to let as many as 150,000 wealthier individuals into the system designed to help the poor, would be vastly more expensive than proponents say it would be. And, that some individuals whose income makes them eligible at the present time are unable to get services they need.

Hawkins has vowed there will be no vote on the issue this session.

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Meat Label Reform

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While the petition was active, Angela, Joe, Carrie, and Will kept up the pressure on USDA through in-person meetings, quarterly phone calls, and a farmer fly-in. They even hosted a rally in Omaha, Nebraska to drive home the support for label reform. CNN reported on the hundreds of cattle ranchers who rode in that day — some on horseback!

The result? More than 2,500 people and organizations submitted comments in response to the petition, and two industry associations followed suit by filing their own petitions that urged USDA to change its rule.

March 2020

Another roadblock: USDA denied the petition. While the Department agreed the current standard was causing confusion, they would only consider changing the policy to require that meat sold under the "Product of U.S.A." label be from animals slaughtered and processed in the U.S. This would still allow other countries to import cattle to the U.S. and label the meat a "Product of U.S.A."

But the four leaders recognized that public opinion was on their side, and they had enough momentum to go all the way with reforming this label. They decided to keep fighting until USDA agreed to only allow the label on meat products from animals born, raised, slaughtered, and processed in the U.S.

November 2020

As part of the launch of Farm Action, Joe and Angela released a transition paper for the incoming Biden administration, recommending they take up labeling reform.

Farm Action staff briefed various Biden-Harris landing and transition teams in November and December, highlighting this as a priority for America's farmers and ranchers and advocating for the administration to take up the cause.

July 2021

President Biden issued an Executive Order on Promoting Competition in the American Economy, a sweeping and historic call for competition reform that, among other priorities, urged the USDA to reform its "Product of U.S.A." label. In conversations with White House officials, Farm Action staff was thanked for helping to "write the playbook."

February 2022

USDA referenced the petition by Angela, Joe, Carrie, and Will in a request for the information it needed to launch a rulemaking process on the label.

March 2023

USDA announced a proposed rule that would mandate that the "Product of U.S.A." label could only be used on meat from animals born, raised, slaughtered, and processed in the U.S. Farm Action seized the opportunity by rallying its longtime supporters to submit comments in support of the proposed rule.

June 2023

Farm Action joined forces again with the American Grassfed Association to issue a public comment in response to USDA's proposed rule that would reform the "Product of U.S.A." label. Our comment set out the benefits for farmers and consumers of ensuring this label could only be used on truly domestic meat.

March 2024

After a six-year fight, USDA has issued a final rule that strictly reserves use of this important food label for meat from animals born, raised, slaughtered, and processed in the U.S. By preventing global corporations from passing off their imported meat as a U.S. product, this rule allows farmers and ranchers in the U.S. to compete. It also ensures consumers can buy meat from animals raised by American farmers and processed in American facilities — which will only strengthen the American food system.

Farm Action <https://bit.ly/43rnJyj>

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF SHERIDAN COUNTY, KANSAS PROBATE DIVISION

In the Matter of the Estate of ELIZABETH BREWSTER, Deceased.

Case No.: SD-2024-PR-000011

NOTICE OF HEARING AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED: You are hereby notified that a petition dated March 4, 2024, has been filed in this court by Robert G. Brewster, as a surviving son of Elizabeth Brewster, deceased, praying for administration of said estate and for the appointment of Robert G. Brewster as executor of the estate.

You are further advised that the petitioner in this matter has requested administration pursuant to the Kansas Simplified Estates Act, and if such request is granted the court may not supervise administration of the estate and no further notice of any action of the executor or other proceedings in the estate will be given except for notice of final settlement of the decedent's estate. Should written objections to simplified administration be filed with the court, the court may order supervised administration to ensue.

All creditors are notified to exhibit their demands against the estate within four months from the date of the first publication of this notice as provided by law, and if their demands are not thus exhibited they shall be forever barred.

/s/ Robert G. Brewster
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Don't Risk Losing Your Farm or Property!

Join Hoxie Medical Clinic and Clinkscales Elder Law Firm for an End-of-Life Planning seminar on Tuesday, April 2.

Lawyer Randy Clinkscales will present on the importance of End-of-Life Planning as well as its role in ensuring that you don't lose your farm or property.

Speak with a paralegal about Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care and Living Will information.

End-of-Life Planning Seminar
April 2, 2024 at 10:00 am & 2:00 pm
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