

Meadowlark Notes

Meadowlark Hospice (785) 632-2225

Tree of Light Ceremonies... A History

Special Interest Article:

Tree of Light Ceremonies

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“For a good friend,
the journey is
never too long.”

- Proverb

Hospice began in the United States around 1974 and a hospice was planned in Clay County Kansas in 1984! Neighbor helping neighbor was a natural fit for the rural mid-west though and the hospice concept fit that bill. The Tree of Light concept began in the mid 1980's.

Hospice in Clay County began in 1985 after a year of planning and the Tree of Light began in Clay Center in 1990 on the Courthouse Square. Gifts were made in memory of a hospice patient, someone who had passed away or in honor of individuals still living. The hospice staff planned and led the ceremony the first year. It usually involved a local pastor, a group, or someone to provide music, individuals to read the names, and individuals to lead the litany. After the first year, I began recruiting volunteers to help plan, advertise, and be there for the ceremony. There have always been a number of families and individuals who come every year to the lighting. For some it was a Thanksgiving weekend tradition. The sign was erected the first year, and it remained up throughout the holiday season. It was updated each Friday with new names.

When Washington County

joined with Clay County in 1990 the hospice became known as Meadowlark Hospice. It seemed important to have a Tree of Light ceremony in their community in a prominent place so that it could be alight, reminding people of their loved ones throughout the season. We used a tree on the Courthouse Square for several years until hospice bought a tree in memory of one of our volunteers, Franklin Lull, who had been influential years before in bringing hospice to Washington County. The county allowed us to plant a scotch pine tree on the Courthouse Square.

In two years, Marshall County joined Meadowlark Hospice and the tradition was begun there. The city allowed us to put a tree on the corner of the railroad care property at the end of Main Street in downtown Marysville. Anita Droll and her husband, Mark, were a great help with the Marysville tree.

Frankfort got active and following two bereavement groups there, there was a core of people who wanted to be volunteers and Charlotte Topel, the volunteer coordinator at the time, worked with them to have a Tree of Light ceremony in the nursing home there. The lighting took place with the

residents and community present. The Volunteer Coordinator took over the planning and coordinating of the services with her volunteers in 2000.

When Cloud and Republic counties joined Meadowlark Hospice, the tradition was carried on there. Republic had a Tree of Light ceremony and for the first year the coordinator there helped. The next year a volunteer committee took over. The tree was located inside the Courthouse. Katrina Jones, Hospice social worker, helped with these programs. Cloud County had their tree inside the Courthouse, a committee of volunteers helped with their program.

The coordination of gathering money for gifts, listing the givers and recipients and seeing that the lists were updated every Friday was a huge task, and was coordinated and remains so by Charron Cales.

I always saw the Trees of Light as an opportunity to remember loved ones and acknowledge them at a special time of year. I personally was always touched at the reading of the names and seeing the trees alight throughout the holiday season.

By- Kay Lohmiller

Calendar of Events

A journey of a
thousand miles
must begin with a
single step.”
- Chinese
Proverb

Dec 19	5:30 p.m.	Bereavement Support Group- Cloud County Health Center in Concordia
28	4:30 p.m.	Bereavement Support Group- Cambridge Place in Marysville
	5:30 p.m.	Bereavement Support Group- Public Library in Belleville
Jan 08	10:00 a.m.	Concordia Volunteer Continuing Education
	12:00 p.m.	Belleville and Republic Volunteer Continuing Education
10	12:00 p.m.	Clay Center Volunteer Continuing Education
16	9:30 a.m.	Washington Volunteer Continuing Education
	12:00 p.m.	Marysville Volunteer Continuing Education
	2:00 p.m.	Frankfort Volunteer Continuing Education
	5:30 p.m.	Bereavement Support Group- Cloud County Health Center in Concordia
25	4:30 p.m.	Bereavement Support Group- Cambridge Place in Marysville
	5:30 p.m.	Bereavement Support Group- Public Library in Belleville
Feb 12	10:00 a.m.	Concordia Volunteer Continuing Education
	12:00 p.m.	Belleville and Republic Volunteer Continuing Education
14	12:00 p.m.	Clay Center Volunteer Continuing Education
20	9:30 a.m.	Washington Volunteer Continuing Education
	12:00 p.m.	Marysville Volunteer Continuing Education
	2:00 p.m.	Frankfort Volunteer Continuing Education
	5:30 p.m.	Bereavement Support Group- Cloud County Health Center in Concordia
22	4:30 p.m.	Bereavement Support Group- Cambridge Place in Marysville
	5:30 p.m.	Bereavement Support Group- Public Library in Belleville

“I am standing upon the seashore. A ship at my side spreads her white sails to the morning breeze and starts for the blue ocean. She is an object of beauty and strength. I stand and watch her until at length she hands like a speck of white cloud just where the sea and sky come mingle with each other.

Then someone at my side says: “There, she is gone!”

“Gone where?”

Gone from my sight. That is all. She is just as large in mast and hull and spar as she was when she left my side and she is just as able to bear her load of living freight to her destined port.

Her diminished size is in me, not in her. And just at the moment when someone at my side says: “There, she is gone!” There are other eyes watching her coming, and other voices ready to take up the glad shout: “Here she comes!”

And that is dying.

Henry Van Dyke

Reprinted from *“Gone From My Sight”* by Barbara Karnes

Our thoughts are with the families of Meadowlark Hospice patients we have served.



**MEADOWLARK
HOSPICE**

“To live is to go on a
journey- to die is to come
back home.”
- Anonymous

Light a Candle

And I will light a candle for you.
To shatter all the darkness and bless the times we knew.
Like a beacon in the night
The flame will burn bright and guide us on our way.
Oh, today I light a candle for you.
The seasons come and go, and I'm weary from the change.
I keep on moving on, you know it's not the same.
And when I'm walking all alone
Do you hear me call your name?
Do you hear me sing the songs we used to sing?
You filled my life with wonder, touched me with surprise,
Always saw that something special deep within your eyes.
And through the good times and the bad,
We carried on with pride.
I hold onto the love and life we knew.
And I will light a candle for you.
To shatter all the darkness and bless the times we knew.
Like a beacon in the night
The flame will burn bright and guide us on our way.
Oh, today light a candle for you.
By Paul Alexander

If you are interested in having a program from your local Tree of Light ceremony, they are available at the Meadowlark Hospice Office: 709 Liberty St. Clay Center, KS

Your memorial gifts honor your loved ones and help others

HOSPICE GIFTS:

Warren Anderson
Cheryl Blanken
Catholic Daughters of
America/Evarista 1138
Carman Davis
Jean & Phil Frigon
OES Chapter #180
Mattie Patterson
Mina Purling Burkett
Republic Co. Czech Club
Dorothy Richardson
Don Rosenow
Patricia Simmons
Charles Stoker
Munden UMC

MEMORIALS:

Bill Bottger

Mae Rita Bottger

Don Affolter

Marilyn Affolter
Wade & Connie Bauer
Joan Burns
William & Jaclynd Chestnut
James & Julie Cole
Gerri Conrad
Doris Dunn
Friends & Neighbors
Delores Germann
Daniel & Lavona Harding
Duane & LaDonna Lippe
Max & Mary Ann McAdams
Jack & Eleanor McChesney
Jack & Nola Miles
Lloyd & V. Maxine
Nemnich
Arlene Reed
Brent & Charlotte Rundell

Don Affolter, Cont:

Larry & Joyce Savener
Lawrence & Donna Schurle
Betty Spellman
Marilyn Thomas
Fred & Dorothy Urban

Ben Blanken

Keith Alquist
Bob Black
Cheryl Blanken
Charles & Susan Brake
Jim & Christine Brinkman
Beverly Cheney
Clay Center Public Utilities
Wright & Jaclyn Cochran
Gerri Conrad
Wayne & Kay Culley
Ervin & Dorothy Fowles
Donna Girton
Clarence & Barbara Guldner
Virginia Gunlicks
Karla & Scott Hamilton
Kristen Hanson
Judy Hileman
M. Elaine Hitsman
George & Mary Francis Holdren
Kim & Wava Kramer
Bill & Terri Lee
Katheryn Mall
Robert & Vicky Mall
Roger Mall
Mark & Susan Meier
Ruth Pierson
Bobby & Jo Ray
Chris & Cynthia Schwensen
Ned & Dixie Sortor
Betty Spellman
Terry & Barbara Spilker
Dana & Laura Trumpp

Bill Bottger

Mae Rita Bottger

Thomas Brown

Greg & Rhonda Mall

Marvin Cowell

Bob & Rosalie Babb
Edwin & Eva Cammel
Shirley Cowell
Harry & Carol
Daughenbaugh
R.L. & Sandy Hunt
Devon & Janice Knoll
M/M Leo Malcolm
William & Cecelia Pierson
Betty Solomon
Alvin & Sandra Warner
W. Charles & Mary
Weickert
Bill & Christine Weir

Deceased Members

Norway ELCW Women

Ruth Ficke

Paul Kirtley

Donald Goddard, Sr.

C-K Ranch Employees
John Vanier

Donna Goins

Charles & Patsy Kraemer

Eleanor Hamblin

Jack & Hannalesa Roney

Ivan Hamel

JoAnne Balthazor

Ivan Hamel, Cont:

Stanley & Elizabeth Bergstrom
Jason & Jeannine Branfort
Maxine Caron
Larry & Sandra Chaput
Rene & Denise Charbonneau
Clifton-Clyde High School
Mike & Cindy Derusseau
Robert & Rachel Douglas
Ledona Dowell
Friends & Neighbors
Jim & Charlotte Girard
Daniel Haist
Jim & Jackie Koch
Koch CPA Chartered
Joyce & Patrick Lambert
Carrie Littrell
Manna House of Prayer
Anna Lee McGinnis
Dianne Michaud
Bryan & Kim Pierce
Donnis Pierce
Harold & Lavera Poland
Donald Ramseyer
Pat Rand
Dean & Marilyn Slater
Kevin & Jacqueline Smith
Robert & Delores St. Pierre
Cecilia Thrash
Kenneth & Theresa Travis

Ralph Hammond

Dale & Deanna Hammond

Bob Hauck

Sharon Hauck
Bob & Sue Ann Paillet

Your memorial gifts honor your loved ones and help others

Geneva Havel

Maxine Blecha
Garry & Lynne Huncovsky
Millard & Glenda Tracek

Ann Herrs

James Herrs

Donald Hornbostel

LaVone Hornbostel

Donna Keffeler

Donald & Johnita Courville
Edward & Macaila Eick
Jacob & Cynthia Keffeler
Armand & Esther Naillieux

Harold Larson

The Family of Harold Larson

Joe Melhus

Anne Grace
Brian Grace
The Family of Joe Melhus

Judith Newton

Darrel & April Barnett
Kenneth Livingston Trucking
Dale & Elizabeth Newton
Don Newton
Gale & Mary Newton
Brian & Denise Perkins

Anna Jean Parry

American Legion Auxiliary 101

Alberta Peterson

Alvin & Claryce Anderson
Jay & Lori Anderson
William & Zoe Ann Gugenhan
Rabern & Aneta Hagenmaier
Kevin & Mary Larson
Raymond & Mildred Nelson
Mattie Patterson
Jim & Shirley Peterson
Gene Ruthstrom
Kenneth Shandy
Linda Toomire
Bona Faye Venberg

Mary Rowland

Margaret Denny

Janice Selby

Anne Grace
Brian Grace

Daryl Schwab

JoAnn Balthazor
Leroy & Dorothy Deaver
Michael & Carol Deaver
Joyce Dockins
Ledona Dowell
Arlan & Arlene Habluetzel
Gary & Sheryl Hall
Muriel Jacobson
Randy & Zita Milligan
Michael & Marcia Ryan
Theresa Schwab

Warren Smith

Dorothy Joy Smith

Alvin & Cliff Spear

Bill Speak
David Spear
Dorothy Spear
Phyllis Behrends
Minnie Greene

Billie "Joe" Stryker

Glen & Lois Anderson

Clarence "Jr" Weidman

Peggy Weidman

William Whitesell

Helen Warnica
Wayne & Donna Whitesell

Donald Wilkinson

Robert & Beverly Irion
Kathleen Ware
Donald R. Wilkinson

TREE OF LIGHT SERVICES:

BELLEVILLE/REPUBLIC:

IN HONOR OF:

Ruth Everhart
Dorothy Alkire

IN MEMORY OF:

Lester Anderson
Carrie Anderson

Vincent M. Baxa

Randy & Marcia Hansen Family

Vincent G. Baxa

Randy & Marcia Hansen Family

Clarence Beam

Joyce Beam

Herman G. Baloun

Arlene Baloun

Raymond & Gladys Benyshek

Linda & Jerry Melton

Ben Blecha

Maxine Blecha & Family

Phyllis Puyear Boll

Marty & Don Westphal

Julie Bowen

Kris James

Narveene Brzon

Bob & Vera Burge

Kenneth Carlson, DVM

Phyllis Sherwood

Belleville/Republic, continued:**Deceased Members**

Norway ELCW Women

Darrell Dowell

Ledona Dowell & Family
Gordon, Brenda, Jon & Dianne, Matt,
Morgan & Meghan

Leo Everhart

Ruth Everhart

Delbert & Letha Fuller

Teresa Fuller

Marvin Gieber

Glenn & Karen Henke Family

Edna Gieber

Glenn & Karen Henke Family

Curtis Hansen

Randy & Marcia Hansen Family

Blanche Hansen

Randy & Marcia Hansen Family

Geneva Havel

Lynn & Jane Maddy
Margaret Campbell

Marjorie Henke

Glenn & Karen Henke Family

Thomas Hodgson

Dr. Duane & Marjo Scott

Jo Hanson

Dr. Duane & Marjo Scott

Harold Kennedy

Donna Kennedy

Arlo Kuck

Dennis & Melba Hansen

Clayton Kuck

Dennis & Melba Hansen

Sylvia Lesovsky

Vincent T. Lesovsky

Jim Lewis

Mel & Donna Pruitt

LoRee Lewis

Mel & Donna Pruitt

Neva Marty

Wynona Spannenberg

Eilene Havel Matousek

Alfred Havel, Jr.
Don & Betty Anderson
Verleen Mumm
Mark & Mary Koss & Family

Belleville/Republic, continued:**Brandon Melby**

Mark, Kathy, Brent & Lindsay
Melby

Earl Melby

Mark, Kathy, Brent & Lindsay
Melby

Edna Mitchell

Harold Mitchell

Judy Beth Norlin

The Ralph Kueker Family

Jason Packer

Carolyn Packer Family

Corky Persinger

Juanita Ashby

Roy Puyear

Marty & Don Westphal

Harold Saathoff

Nancy Owen

Floyd Scott

Dr. Duane & Marjo Scott

Gladys Scott

Dr. Duane & Marjo Scott

Jim Scott

Lois Scott

Joe Shepek

Lynn & Jane Maddy
Margaret Campbell

Kenneth M. Sherwood

Phyllis Sherwood

Maudie Sothers

Randy & Marcia Hansen Family

Wes Splichal

Lucille Splichal & Family

Carolyn Sterba

Teresa Fuller

Cynthia K. Swartz

The Ralph Kueker Family

Fred Tyree

Lynn & Jane Maddy
Margaret Campbell

Verne Westphal

Marty & Don Westphal

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CLAY CENTER:

IN HONOR OF:

Betty Bartley
Elgena Smith

IN MEMORY OF:

Don Affolter
Marilyn Affolter
Jerry & Marsha Affolter
Dennis & Michelle Affolter
David & Cindy Affolter
Jackie & Bill Chestnut

Roy Alexander
Mary Alexander

Phillip Wayne Alquist
Keith Alquist

Dorothy Anderson
Bob & Judy DeNoon

Dane Arlin Anderson
Warren & Barbara Anderson

Anna Jo Atkins
Doris Dunn

Mark Behrends
Clyde & Rita Wollenberg

Linda Black
Bob Black

Wilbur Blake
Violet Blake

Darlene Bloom
Susan Bloom Family
Melvin & Charron Cales

Merle Brannan
Veda Brannan

Geraldine Buss
Eric & Gerri Carlson
A.J. Carlson

Tanner Gail Cales
Tanner's Loving Family

Bonnie F. Carlson
Gene Carlson
Eric & Gerri Carlson
A.J. Carlson
Melvin & Charron Cales

Patty Castas
Kathy Schurle

Louis Cowing
Veda Brannan

James Cranmer
Gary & Judy Morgison
Bill & Trudy Barss

Garry DeVore
Gladys DeVore

Clay Center, continued:

John DeVore
Gladys DeVore

Tex Devore
Gladys DeVore
The DeVore Grandchildren
Bruce & Debbie DeVore

Lyle Dunn
Doris Dunn

John R. Elliott
Linda Elliott

Donald Evans
Ken & Bev Shivers

Ronald Evans
John & Ronna Urban &
Family

Jan Geist
John & Ronna Urban &
Family

Vera Gfeller
Jessie Rummel

M/M Charles R. Gerardy
Carroll & Gloria Gerardy

Don Germann
Delores Germann

Wanda Gillett
Lila Tiemeyer

Peggy Goff
Tom Goff

Arnold Grater
Reva Grater & Family
Dave & Terri Jermark

Greg Grater
Reva Grater & Family

Michael Gurney
Christine Gurney & Family
Rosemarie Gurney

Clarice Elaine Hahn
Muriel Jacobson

Eva Hammel
Kathy Schurle

Ralph Hammond
Dale & Deanna Hammond

Mary Ilene Hedberg
Gary & Judy Morgison
Bill & Trudy Barss

Ernest Mike Hillman
Irene Hillman

Sandra Holdsworth
Jessie Rummel

Donald Hornbostel
LaVon Hornbostel

Clay Center, continued:

Olive Houser
Richter Family

Joe Kurtenbach
Jo Carson

Sharon Logan
Gary & Judy Morgison
Bill & Trudy Barss

Loved Ones
Carol Kirtley

Earl "Bob" Mackender
Shirley Mackender

J. Wayne McNish
Ruth McNish

Grandfather McNish
Joe & Tommy McNish

James McVean
Donna McVean

Reta Miller
Brenda Bohnenblust & Family

Earl O. Minturn
Ailene Minturn

Eula Jean Morehead
Doris Dunn

Sandra Kay Osthoff
Gladys Osthoff

Anna Jean Parry
Ken Parry
Jo Carson

George Patterson
Mattie Patterson

Slim Patterson
Mattie Patterson

Dean Perkins
Idana Perkins & Family

Paul Pfizenmaier
Audrey Pfizenmaier

Thressia Evans Reed
John & Ronna Urban & Family

Patricia Rickley
Clyde & Rita Wollenberg

Harold Riemann
Cecil & Esther Cromwell

Clara Schiltz
Eric & Gerri Carlson

Ruby Schad
Jessie Rummel

Dolores Sherbert
Carl & Deb Pyle

Clay Center, continued:

Wilbur Siebold
Carl & Deb Pyle
Brad Pyle
Kendra Liby

Alta Siebold
Carl & Deb Pyle
Brad Pyle
Kendra Liby

Tom Smith
Roma Smith

Jim Tarbutton
Kathy Schurle

Ralph Thorn
Carl & Deb Pyle
Ohmer Tiemeyer
Lila Tiemeyer
James Tiemeyer Family

Jim Townsdin
Loren & Shirley Riek

Mark Urban
John & Ronna Urban & Family

Douglas Wachslicht
Howard & Marcene Wachslicht

David Wachslicht
Howard & Marcene Wachslicht

Matthew Wayne Wallace
Larry & Helen Wallace

Jim Wilder
Velma Wilder

Connie Williamson
Garry & Judy Morgison
Bill & Trudy Barss

Justin Yarrow
Michele, Desirrae, Jonah & Maylyn

CONCORDIA:
Ivan & Jerry Clark
Lowell & Carolyn Swenson

George Dockins
Joyce Dockins

Darrell Dowell
Ledona Dowell & Family
Gordon, Brenda, Jon & Dianne. Matt,
Morgan & Megan

Alma Fleming
Dennis & Lisa Fleming

Clarence Fleming
Dennis & Lisa Fleming

Maxine Fulmer
Katherine Imhoff

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TREE OF LIGHT SERVICES:

CONCORDIA, continued:

Ivan Hamel

Barbara George
Susan LeDuc
Janet Pierce
Brenda Brown
DeAnn Haist

Kenneth Harrington

Marjorie Harrington,
Bruce & Richard

Kenneth Howell

Estelle Howell

Gladys & Waldon Huggerth

Joyce Dockins

Deby Hull

Marikay Hull

Rod Hull

Marikay Hull

Floyd Hull

Marikay Hull

Wayne B. Larson

Patricia Larson

Arthur & Eunice LaVoie

Wayne & Elaine Cyr

Margaret Letourneau

Katherine Imhoff

Edwin J. Luecke

Aline Luecke

June L. Mosher

John L. Mosher

Robert E. Nordquist, Sr.

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Parents & Grandparents

Rev. Gay Robertson

Steve Schrandt

Dennis & Lisa Fleming

Dean Winter

Dennis & Lisa Fleming

Mike Yaksich

Odella Yaksich

Sharon Zugelder

Katherine Imhoff

FRANKFORT:

Mary Armstrong

Harold Armstrong & Family
Linda, Carl, Shayla, Spencer &
Grace Dressman
Edith & Herschel Mentgen

Leroy Davenport

Glen & Kathryn Fox

Pauline Emrick

Sylvia Wapp

FRANKFORT, continued:

Minnie Gilstrap

Barbara Welch

Bob Hull

Carlene Hull

Margaret Lauer

Janice & Mark Johnson &
Family

Loved Ones

Anonymous Donor

George J. McClary

Edna McClary
Glen & Kathryn Fox

George Ronald McClary

Edna McClary

Henry McClary

Barbara McClary
Edna McClary

Raymond Mitchell

Kathleen Mitchell

Marvin Richardson

Eunice Samuelson

Harry Samuelson

Eunice Samuelson

Donald Sedlacek

Louise Sedlacek

Edith Stoeger

Sylvia Wapp

Joe M. Wapp

Sylvia Wapp

Jim Welch

Barbara Welch

Vince Wessel

Elsie Wessel
Eunice Samuelson

MARYSVILLE:

Harry Blaske

Fritz & Margaret Blaske

Viola "Blondie" Breeding

Nelda J. Ungerer

Emmett Byers

Marie Byers

Marvin Cowell

Rev. Jerry Zanker

Virginia Dross

Mark & Anita Droll

Joseph Droll

Mark & Anita Droll

Edna Fulton

Delores Sedlacek

Ralph Gallup

Mark & Anita Droll

MARYSVILLE, continued:

Donna Marie Gose

Jim & Veb Wilson

Bert Gress

Mina Mae Gress

Clarence Hogan

Jeannie Hogan

Ralph K. Kaump

Verneal Kaump

Arlyn Kraemer

Jean Kraemer

Frank Kupferfsmith

Jean Kraemer

Tim O'Neil

Doug & Pam O'Neil

Charlotte Paxton

Bonnie Whitesell

Marvin Riggert

Verna Riggert

Harold Saathoff

Nancy Owen

Don Strohmeier

Jackie Strohmeier

Emma Sunderlund

Rev. Jerry Zanker

Melvin Whitesell

Bonnie Whitesell

Jim Wiggins

Stacy Behrends

WASHINGTON:

Maxine Anderson

Bruce Meyer Family

Tom Buchanan

Christine Buchanan

Jim Buchanan

Christine Buchanan

Geraldine Buss

Eric & Gerri Carlson
A.J. Carlson

Charles Corcoran

Sr. Marilyn Wall

Leo Dieker

Clyde & Rita Wollenberg

W.C. & Irene Durrant

Dr. Tom & Alberta Parry

Delbert Finlayson

Mary Finlayson
Edith Ditmars

Ruby Frances

Mary Finlayson

WASHINGTON, continued:

Verne C. Funke

Ruth Funke

Alfred Gassert

Jean Gassert
Janet Cline

Darlene Gassert

Jean Gassert
Janet Cline

Cathy Gassert

Jean Gassert
Janet Cline

Elmer Heitman

Lorna Heitman

Arnold Helms

Don Richardson Family

Paul Herra

Anna Herra

Donald Hornbostel

LaVon Hornbostel

Virginia Jonte

Roberta Alexander
Raymie & William Jonte

Don Lee Kastl

Berry A. Kastl

Bill Keller

Glenda & Paul Keller

Gladys Keller

Glenda & Paul Keller

David Kingston

Phil & Sandra Kingston &
Family

The Kongs Family

Joe & Lucille Kongs

James McVean

Donna McVean
Jeff & Regina Brabec

Art Metz

Dee & Harold Metz

Ed & Martha Meyer

Bruce Meyer Family

Virginia Mills

Glenn & JoAnn Mills

Ferd & Velma Minge

Dennis & Ruthann Minge &
Family

Sharon Moore

Dennis & Ruthann Minge
& Family

Agnes Morris

Phil Morris

TREE OF LIGHT SERVICES:

WASHINGTON, continued:

Hazel Nicholas

Glenda & Paul Keller

Richard Nutsch

Ron & Linda Nutsch & Family

Louise Dieker O'Donnell

Clyde & Rita Wollenberg

Jeremy Oelschlager

Bruce Meyer Family

Gertie Olandt

Anthony Scheer Family

Bill & Vicki Slater

Nan Olandt

Justin Slater

Bud Olandt

Anthony Scheer Family

Bill & Vicki Slater

Grandpa Olandt

Justin Slater

Marvin Pacey

Mary Alice Pacey

E.J. Pannbacker

Helen Pannbacker

M.W. & Tillie Parry

Dr. Tom & Alberta Parry

Ben Penner

Edith Ditmars

Dean Perkins

Idana Perkins & Family

Jere Wiechman

Henry Reinert

Bernita Reinert

Elvera Richardson

Don Richardson

Lee & Stephanie Holtmeier & Family

W.D. & Mildred Richardson

Don Richardson Family

Jerry Savage

Glenn & JoAnn Mills

Daryl Schwab

Theresa Schwab

Barrett Singular

Bruce Meyer Family

Loreen "Chub" Sorrell

Anthony Scheer Family

Alfred & Clara Stohs

Dennis & Ruthann Minge & Family

Elmer & Lucille Stolzer

Ron & Linda Nutsch & Family

Brenda Taylor

Dee & Harold Metz

John Taylor

Dee & Harold Metz

Nellie Taylor

Dee & Harold Metz

Mabel Tewes

Ken & Krene Duitsman

Laverne Uffman

Edgar Uffman

Jerry & Joynita Strunk

Denneth Uffman

Edgar Uffman

Jerry & Joynita Strunk

Susan Wall

Sr. Marilyn Wall

The Welsh Family

Joe & Lucille Kongs

Oscar & Ella Wollenberg

Clyde & Rita Wollenberg

Gene Woodward

Mary Finlayson

Darrol Woodward

Mary Finlayson

Hats off to all Meadowlark Hospice Volunteers who worked hard to make our 2006 Tree of Light Ceremonies such a success. The ceremonies this year ranged from the traditional to those that were held in new settings and had assorted programs. Each and every county's ceremony was unique and individualized to their community. **Thank you** all for your ability to make the difference. **A special thanks** to the Tree of Light Program Coordinators—Gay Robertson, Concordia; Vickie Walker, Belleville & Republic; Alberta Parry & Irene Duitsman Washington; Frances Richard, Marysville; and Edith Mentgen, Frankfort, who all gave many hours to the organizing of these ceremonies.

Deb Pyle, Volunteer Coordinator

Goodbye and Best Wishes to MARY BERTSCH!

For the past 18 years, Mary has been the Meadowlark Hospice Volunteer who had the awesome task of addressing and mailing thank you notes for memorials received. We appreciate her time and efforts in our behalf, and we wish her the best in her future endeavor.

The Meadowlark Staff

Meadowlark Hospice

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HOSPICE**

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Program Director

Kendra Schurle, RN BSN

Medical Director

John Kelley, MD

Patient Care Coordinator

Rita Wollenberg, RN

Hospice Staff Nurses

Deb Martin, RN BSN

Sherry Wiese, RN

Denise Beeson, RN

Paula Cherney, RN

JoAnn Lips, RN

Director of Social Services

Stephanie Garrison, LBSW

Social Workers

Jennifer Hoeme, LMSW

Kay Lynn Mead, LMSW

Donna Coufal, LBSW

Chaplain

Rev. Susan Sawyer

Volunteer Coordinator

Deb Pyle

Billing/Insurance

Ronna Urban

Administrative Assistant/Medical Records

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