Obituaries

Michael W. **McCarty**



Michael W. McCarty, age 69, of Coyville, KS, passed away June 1, 2025, at his home. He is survived by his wife, Deborah Baker.

Per his wish, cremation has been requested, with no services planned.

Services entrusted to Countryside Funeral Home, 420 S. 20th, PO Box 247, Fredonia, KS 66736

> Elaina D. Bell



Elaina D. Bell, 65, of Severy, KS, passed away peacefully at her home on Sunday, June 1, 2025, after a courageous battle with cancer. Born on July 16, 1959, in Arkansas City, KS, she was the beloved daughter of Daniel and Vergie Etta (Albert) White.

On August 30, 1980, Elaina married Terry Alan Bell. They shared 24 years together until Terry's passing on August 19, 2004. From their union, three daughters were born: Shannon, and twins Rachel and Rebekah. After returning from Arizona in 1989, they settled in Howard, KS, where they raised their family.

Elaina was a dedicated and hardworking individual, holding various jobs over the

years, including roles as a home health caregiver, G&W Foods in Fredonia, and the Fall River Grocery Store. She took great pride in her work and was known for her strong work ethic.

Elaina was deeply proud of her heritage as a tribal roll member of the Navajo Nation, specifically belonging to the Todikozhi and Nakai Dineh clans. She cherished spending time with friends and family, admiring the natural beauty of the countryside on dirt road drives, listening to music, and watching sunsets.

Above all, Elaina was proud of her family. She was an authentic and caring person with a beautiful soul, always able to find the good in others.

Elaina is survived by three daughters: Shannon Taylor (Andy Crawford) of Wichita, KS, Rachel Babb (Joshua) of Andover, KS, and Rebekah Bell (Leonard Rhomberg) of Martelle, IA; grandchildren: Jociana, Hayli, Travin, Braiton, Kamryn, Grayce, Maxwell, Ethan, Bella, and Evergreat-grandchildren: leigh; Luca and Emersyn; siblings: Danny White of Howard, KS, Shawn White of Springtown, TX; and half-siblings Justin Hunter of Fargo, ND, Christina White of Claremore, OK, Lisa Hosteenez of Luppe, AZ, and David White of Claremore, OK; many cousins, nieces and nephews; and caretaker Joanna Wilson, of Severy.

Elaina was preceded in death by her parents, and her husband, Terry.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, June 7, 2025, at 11 a.m. at Countryside Funeral Home in Howard. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service. Memorial contributions may be made to the Elk County Community Foundation and sent to the funeral home. Online condolences can be shared at www.countrysidefh.com. Services are under the direction of Countryside Funeral Home 206 E. Washington, P.O. Box 1233, Howard, KS 67349

Jacqueline **Claire Oakes**

On May 31, 2025, Jacqueline Claire (LaPorte) Oakes, 91, of Independence, died peacefully with all of her family surrounding her, especially the love of her life, Bill.

RUMMAGE SALE



Jacque was born on January 19, 1934, in Wichita, Kansas, to Claire and Delta (Hughes) LaPorte. Jacque was an only child and was the most treasured daughter. Her father worked on the Santa Fe Railroad and her mother worked for Sears and Roebuck. Jacque attended Wichita North High School and then went on to Wichita State University where she earned a dual degree in Business/Education with honors. There was a certain handsome gentleman that caught her eye, her senior year at Wichita North. Five years later she was united in marriage to Bill (William) Oakes on April 8, 1955. To this union, they were blessed with two children, Brad and Lesley. In 1957, Bill and Jacque purchased the bank in Yates Center, Kansas. When they first moved to Yates Center, Jacque worked for Clyde Hill an attorney and state legislator in Yates Center. After Brad and Lesley were born, she took time to raise her family. She always followed and supported her kids in all of their activities and sporting events. Jacque was on the Yates Center School Board for 15 years. She was involved with many major school issues. In 1980, Jacque began her career as a lobbyist, lobbying for SQE (Schools for Quality Education) and did contract lobbying for six other businesses across the state of Kansas. In 1984, they purchased the First National Bank of Independence and Elk City, Kansas.

She sat on the board at the bank for more than 30 years. She was an active member of theIndependence Presbyterian church, where she actively attended church and bible study. She loved to read books, magazines, and newspapers. She also loved to discuss the daily news and politics. In her earlier

years, she loved to exercise by either jogging or going on daily walks. Her pride and joy was her family, they always came first.

Jacque was preceded in death by her parents, Claire and Delta LaPorte. She will be forever lovingly remembered by her husband, Bill children Brad (Tracy) Oakes, Independence, Kansas and Lesley (Marty) Fiser, Mahaska, KS. Grandchildren: Tyson (Shannon) Oakes, Independence, Kansas, Kyndon(Jenny) Oakes, Franklin, Tennessee, Nate (Alisa) Fiser, Shawnee, Kansas, Jessica (Derrick) Melton, Belleville, Kansas, and Ryan (Abbi) Fiser, Narka, Kansas. Great-Grandchildren: Brynlon Oakes, Kannon Oakes, Stetson Oakes, Bryson Frazier, Kate Fiser, Wesley Fiser, Kendall Melton, Colbie Melton, Macklin Fiser, Wynn Fiser, Faye Fiser, and Wesley Nguyen. Great great grandchildren: Ryder Frazier, and Aubrey Frazier. She will be missed by many, but most of all her family. Jacque and Bill were blessed with many achievements, but their greatest achievement was to have been married for over 70 years, a feat that very few of us can put on our life's resume.

Funeral Services for Jacquline will be Friday, June 6, 2025, at 11 A.M., at the First Presbyterian Church with burial to follow in Mount Hope Cemetery in Independence, Kansas. Memorials are highly suggested to the First Presbyterian Church or AWOL and may be left with the Chapel. The family will greet visitors from 5-7P.M., today, Thursday, June 5, 2025, at Webb & Rodrick Chapel and Crematory. To leave a special message for the family please visit www.webbrodrickchapel.com. Arrangements have been entrusted to the care \bullet of Webb & Rodrick Chapel and Crematory.



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the beginnings of the last two chapters of Revelation are fairly clear. We can understand what is going on, but we cannot understand and explain it fully. We have the head knowledge, but will not be able to have the heart knowledge until we are there. Heart knowledge comes from experience. So, we understand it in our thinking, but

not in our experiences yet. With summer coming, I would encourage you and I to "Stop and smell the roses." Slow down a bit, take a short day trip, or a longer vacation. Take prayer walks, by walking and praying.

Let God commune with you and lead you while on these walks. Come to the Lord Jesus, and talk with the Lord Jesus in the garden alone, and look forward to being with Jesus forever.



Saturday, June 7 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Sacred Heart Parish Hall, 12th & Madison, Fredonia Household items TRI-COUNTY SPECIAL EDUCATION INTERLOCAL NO. 607 • Baked 6 goods All proceeds) benefit: Diaper Heaven and Sacred Heart Outreach (helping Wilson County residents in need)

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PUBLIC NOTICE

In accordance to K.S.A. 72-6214 and K.S.A. 1999 Supp. 72-963, Tri-County Special Education Interlocal #607 is informing those individuals and/or their legal guardians of its intent to destroy non-essential student records for those individuals who participated in Tri-County services with a date of birth in 1999.

If you are an individual who participated in Tri-County services during this time (and/or are their legal guardian) and wish copies of any or all of these records prior to their destruction, please contact the Tri-County central office at 620-331-6303 or submit a written request to:

Tri-County Special Education Interlocal #607 P.O. Box 668 Independence, Kansas 67301

There will be a charge for postage for those records mailed. This must be prepaid in advance. Letters or contacts for records must be received prior to July 05, 2025.



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Friday June 13

Amazing Race Registration -- 5:30 P.M. Race starting at -- 6 P.M.

Saturday June 14

- --- Fun Run at River Walk Park 8 A.M.
- 8 A.M. ---Last Mile Run at Bluestreaks Stadium
- 11 A.M. --- Vendor Fair / Food booths open at Bluestreaks Stadium
- 5:30 P.M. --- Community Photo in Stands at Bluestreaks Stadium
- 6 P.M. --- Music and Street Dance Moon Dogg Swamp Poodle

Sunday June 15 Church in the Park

Tee-Shirts Go on Sale starting Friday June 13 To Pre-Order your shirts go to Neodesha Area Chamber of Commerce FaceBook page

