

Obituaries

Eve Louise Reynolds



Eve Louise Reynolds, 55, of Fredonia, KS, passed away unexpectedly on Wednesday, June 11, 2025.

Eve was born on November 1, 1969, in Worthington, Ohio, the daughter of Max E. and Brenda (Gehman) Dawson. Often, people assumed Max and Brenda were Eve's biological parents. Still, when asked, she would be happy to tell you that Max and Brenda had adopted her at 6 days old. She never questioned or attempted to locate her biological parents, knowing always that Max and Brenda were her God given parents.

After living in Ohio for the first 10 years of her life, Eve moved with her parents to several towns in central Missouri. Their last move was during the middle of her freshman year of high school to Fredonia. Eve was a graduate of Fredonia High School, class of 1988. During high school, she worked at both nursing homes in Neodesha. After high school, Eve began working at Fredonia Regional Hospital as an ER/OR Tech and later volunteered for

EMS for over 15 years.

While working at FRH, she met Warren Payne Reynolds, and the two were married on October 4, 1997. From that marriage, the couple had a baby boy, Dylan Wade, on January 14, 2004. They later divorced in 2011.

During her 37-year career at FRH, Eve worked in one of the most active departments at the hospital, the Specialty Outpatient Clinic. If there was a specialist in town you needed to be seen by, more than likely, Eve scheduled the appointment, checked you in, and charted your case, all done with the biggest smile she could force while running a marathon. If not found in the ER, OR, and Specialty Clinic, one could discover Eve by waiting for the crazy lady to run past you in the halls. She enjoyed being able to scrub in and be a part of as many Surgical Operating Shenanigans as possible every week.

Eve was a woman deeply rooted in her faith, possessing quiet strength and an open, non-judgmental ear to listen. She loved planting flowers, succulents, and vines every year. Although not widely known, Eve was passionate about watching every Kansas City Chiefs game as possible, fueled by her Dad's same enjoyment of the game. She never turned away a person in need, whether it was due to care and health, financial need, or emotional support; she was always there. When talking to her, one could feel as if the world had stopped; she never once let the reality of the real world dictate the attitude she had for others. If she saw you, she was happy to see you. She is known for many of her traits as a good human being that cannot be categorized, summarized, or listed

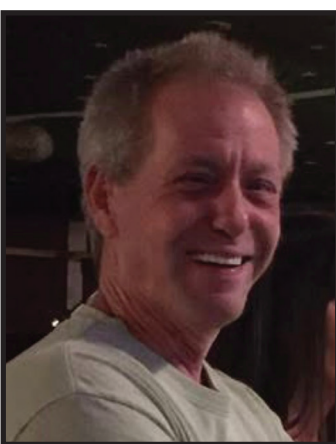
in a way that best defines her.

Eve's life has been shaped by her compassion for loving every single person she met, her steady presence, and the care she extended to not only her patients, loved ones, and animals, but especially her cats. Most importantly, Eve dedicated her life to caring for and loving her one and only son, Dylan.

Survivors include her son Dylan Reynolds of Fredonia; and a brother Edward Ray Dawson of Coyville, KS. She was preceded in death by her parents.

Funeral services will be held on Friday, June 20, 2025, at 1p.m. at Countryside Funeral Home in Fredonia, with visitation one hour before the service. Memorials have been suggested to the funeral home to help with expenses, and may be left with or mailed to the funeral home. Online condolences may be left at www.countrysidefh.com. Services are under the direction of Countryside Funeral Home, 420 S. 20th St., P.O. Box 247, Fredonia, KS 66736

Daniel Walter Smith



Daniel Walter "Dan" Smith, Jr., 68, of Ottawa, Kansas, passed away Tuesday, June

10, 2025, at Olathe Medical Center, Olathe, Kansas. He was born on April 12, 1957 in Charlotte, North Carolina, the son of Daniel Smith Sr. and Valerie (Hill) Smith.

Dan's journey in life began in Iola, Kansas, where he attended local schools. He later moved to Fredonia, Kansas, where on January 26, 1985, he united in marriage to his beloved wife, Lori Sissom. Together they built a life filled with cherished memories. In 1987, the couple made their home in Ottawa, Kansas, where they continued to create a loving environment.

Throughout his career, Dan worked diligently in the oil field as a pulling unit operator and a pumper for many years. He then transitioned to spending two decades as an electrician for IBEW Local 226 in Topeka, Kansas, a role he held until his retirement in 2013. Dan's commitment to his work exemplified his dedication and strong work ethic, qualities that many admired.

In addition to his professional pursuits, Dan had a variety of interests that enriched his life. He had a passion for hunting and fishing, finding tranquility and joy in nature. He enjoyed playing chess, which challenged his strategic mind, and he took pride in gardening, particularly cultivating sunflowers and strawberries. Most importantly, Dan cherished the time spent with family and friends, whose presence filled his life with love and laughter.

Along with his wife Lori, Dan is survived by his daughter, Jessica Danielle "Jess" Smith, of Ottawa; as well as his grandson, Corbin Schmidt, and granddaughter, Delaney Anderson. He will be remembered fondly by all who knew him.

He is preceded in death by his parents and brother Charles Smith.

A visitation to honor Dan's life will take place on June 21, 2025, from 2-4 p.m. at Dengel & Son Mortuary in Ottawa, Kansas.

Dan's legacy will continue to live on through the memories of his family and friends, as they celebrate the life of a remarkable man who touched so many lives.

The family suggests memorial contributions to Franklin County Cancer Foundation c/o Dengel & Son Mortuary, 235 S. Hickory, Ottawa, Kansas 66067.

James Dunsworth

James R. Dunsworth, 66, of Fredonia, died Tuesday, June 11, 2025 at Fredonia Regional Hospital.

Crematon has been requested; a full obituary will be posted as soon as available.

David Alan Wescott



David Alan Wescott, passed away at his home on Tuesday, June 10, 2025, at the age of 75. Born on August 26, 1949, in Fredonia, Kansas, David was a lifelong resident of the area.

A proud graduate of Midway High School in 1967, David further pursued his education at Emporia State University. He served as an Army medic from 1969 to 1971 in Frankfurt, Germany, a role that exemplified his dedication to helping others and his commitment to his country.

David was united in marriage to Cheryl Carlson on November 1, 1968, in Buffalo, Kansas. Cheryl survives at their home.

David enjoyed a distinguished career, retiring after three decades at Lafarge Cement Plant in Fredonia. Beyond his professional endeavors, he farmed, embracing the rural life he loved so dearly.

In addition to his work, David found joy in various hobbies. He cherished spending time fishing and hunting, and he took great pride in spoiling his grandchildren, as well as watching sports.

David leaves behind his loving wife, Cheryl (Carlson) Wescott. He is also survived by his children, Rodney (Lynette) Wescott of Arcadia, Kansas, and Kristi (Adam) Thornton of Thayer, Kansas. His legacy continues through his cherished grandchildren: Leah Wescott of Wichita, Kansas, Kyle Wescott of Arcadia, Kansas, Jacob Thornton of Thayer, Kansas, and Maci Thornton of Thayer, Kansas.

He is remembered fondly by his mother, Norma (Cook) Wescott of Chanute, Kansas,

and his siblings, Peggy Ward of Chanute, Kansas, Becky (Monty) Nelson of Arkansas, and Tammy (Harlan) Sloan of Buffalo, Kansas. David was preceded in death by his father, Howard Wescott, an infant son, and siblings Roger Wescott and Vicky Kline.

Visitation was held on Monday June 16, 2025, from 10-11 a.m., followed by a funeral service at 11 a.m. at the Wickham Family Funeral Home in Fredonia, Kansas.

Memorial remembrances to the Buffalo Methodist Church or the Wescott Grandchildren Education Fund, can be mailed or left at the funeral home 510 N. 7th Fredonia, Kansas 66736

Class of 2019 reminded to pick up folders

Members of the Fredonia High School class of 2019 are reminded to pick up their student folders by June 30.

These are available at the board office, 300 N. 6th.

Folders not claimed will be destroyed.

Know how to identify poison ivy

MANHATTAN — Most people accept that avoiding poison ivy is good advice, but Kansas State University horticulture expert Cynthia Domenghini said doing so starts with correctly identifying the allergenic plant.

Domenghini said poison ivy grows in multiple forms with varying leaf appearances. Three varieties of poison ivy include erect woody shrub, climbing woody vine and groundcover.

"In the vining habit, aerial roots give the vines a fuzzy, rope-like appearance. As a groundcover, poison ivy is often confused with Virginia creeper or Woodbine," Domenghini said. "Poison ivy shrubs can appear in fields, pastures, woods or even the home garden."

Domenghini describes the many leaf margins as toothed, incised, lobed or smooth, but notes that poison ivy typically appears with leaves in groups of three.

"The leaf size can vary, but the middle leaflet is the only one with a long stalk and is larger than the other two. The other two leaves are closely attached to the petiole (leaf stem)," Domenghini said.

When removing poison ivy plants, Domenghini recommends wearing pants, long sleeves and gloves, and washing clothing and skin to remove traces of plant toxins when complete.

"In the groundcover form, direct spray or grubbing (digging) are common strategies for removal. Make sure the soil is moist before grubbing out the plants, including the root systems," Domenghini said.

Herbicides may also be used on the shrub form of poison ivy.

"Direct spray is a common control method. For woody vines of poison ivy, cut the plant off at the base and treat the emerging sprouts with herbicide when they appear," Domenghini said.

Domenghini and her colleagues in K-State's Department of Horticulture and Natural Resources produce a weekly Horticulture Newsletter with tips for maintaining home landscapes and gardens.

Interested persons can subscribe to the newsletter, as well as send their garden and yard-related questions to hortsupport@ksu.edu.

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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

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