

Obituaries

Marjorie Ann Cole



Marjorie Ann Cole (Palmer), 83, of Fredonia, Kansas, passed away peacefully on June 21, 2025, at St. Francis Hospital in Wichita, Kansas. Born October 20, 1941, in Neodesha, Kansas, to Rodney and Margaret (Wooten) Palmer, Marjorie lived a life filled with love, faith, and unwavering devotion to her family and community.

Marjorie graduated from Coyville High School and in her younger years, worked at Cox Variety Store, and in the meat department at Self-Service Grocery. Later, she found employment at Emerson in Independence and ultimately with USD 484 in food services, where she served until her retirement.

However, her most fulfilling role was as a wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and great-great-grandmother. Her nurturing spirit extended to countless others, embracing her role as a beloved aunt and a steadfast prayer warrior.

Her life's journey began with a chance encounter – a young man seeing her sitting on a porch, leading to a drive to Neodesha and a drink. That chance meeting blossomed into a lifelong love story.

On October 25, 1964, Marjorie married Jerry L. Cole, a union that spanned over 60 years.

They were blessed with two daughters, Annette and Belinda. Marjorie cherished the moments spent listening to Jerry's music, whether at home, church, or dances in Altoona.

A devout Christian, Marjorie was a dedicated member of the Coyville Christian Church, where she served as treasurer for 20 years until she and Jerry were no longer able to make the journey. Her faith was a cornerstone of her life, guiding her actions and shaping her compassionate heart.

Marjorie is survived by her loving husband, Jerry Cole; daughter Annette Nair and her husband Jay of Fredonia; brother-in-law Richard Cole of Fredonia; sister-in-law Norma McBride of Fredonia; nine grandchildren; 23 great-

grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren. She is also survived by numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, great-nieces, great-nephews, and many dear friends. She leaves behind a legacy of love that will continue to warm the hearts of all who knew her.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Rodney and Margaret Palmer; daughter Belinda (Cole) Crowe; grandson Jeffrey Puckett; great-grandson Michael Genn; father-in-law Charles Cole; and mother-in-law Ruby Cole.

Per Marjorie's wishes, cremation has taken place. A graveside service will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, July 2, 2025, at the Fredonia City Cemetery.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Coyville Christian Church and may be mailed to or left with the funeral home.

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

Ira Allan Morriss



Ira Allan Morriss, beloved husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather, was called home on March 3, 2025, at the age of 89. Ira was born in the family's log cabin near St. Paul, Arkansas, on February 7, 1936, to Russell and Zella Morriss.

Most of his childhood was spent in Coyville, Kansas, and his fondest memories were working and playing on the family farm. He graduated from a one room schoolhouse in Coyville in 1953. He was the salutatorian of his 13-member graduating class.

He joined the United States Marine Corps in 1954, following in the footsteps of his older brother, Bob, whom he idolized. He served 3 years in the Corps, most of it spent in Iwakuni, Japan. Ira played guitar by ear and his band played for the local Japanese orphanage and occasional parties for Marines on base.

Ira met his beautiful wife, Peggy Tuttle, in 1961 and they were married one week after

her high school graduation on May 26, 1962. They had 5 children: Jeffrey, Jennifer, Michele, Shannon, and Sean.

While working several jobs, Ira earned his bachelor's degree in vocational education from Pittsburgh State University, Kansas.

After visiting a friend in South Texas, he followed the warm weather and the "good gulf breeze," moving his family to San Benito in 1978. Ira was the academy printer for Marine Military Academy for 22 years and retired in 2001.

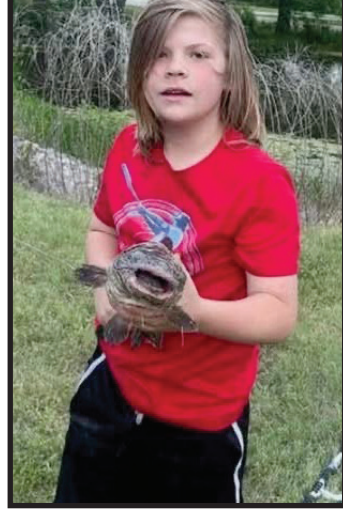
Ira loved vintage cars, motorcycles and guns. Conversations inevitably turned to one of these three topics. He also enjoyed watching John Wayne movies and working crossword puzzles. Ira was a 4-H member as a child and raised his children in 4-H, as well. He volunteered for the Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show for several years with his dear friend, Larry Echols. He was also a member of the Masonic Lodge in Fredonia, Kansas.

Ira was a devout Christian who served as Deacon and taught Sunday School at First Christian Church, San Benito. He later transferred his membership to Faith Christian Church, Harlingen.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Russell and Zella Morriss, daughter Jennifer Lynn Morriss, son Jeffrey Allan Morriss, sisters Dona Davis, Thelma Edens, and Margaret Gillispie, and brother O.E. "Bob" Morriss. He is survived by wife, Peggy, daughters Michele (Todd) Cash and Shannon (Earl) Lundquist, son Sean Morriss, grandchildren Jennifer (Lee) Galvan, Cara Cash, Kelly "Sadie" Cash, Dylan Lundquist, and Vanessa Lundquist, and great-grandchildren Lisandro "Taylor" Galvan and Gideon Galvan, as well as multiple nieces and nephews.

Interment will be held on July 5, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. at the Coyville Cemetery in Coyville, Kansas.

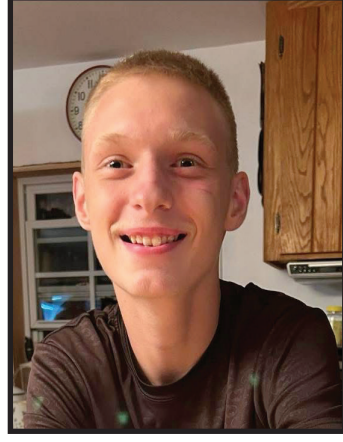
Kollin Showalter



Kollin Showalter, 12, of Erie, passed away in an accident, Wednesday, June 18, 2025. He is survived by his parents, Stephanie Showalter and Marc Showalter; and siblings, Kaine, Karter and Easton Showalter.

Complete obituary details and funeral arrangements will be announced by the Forbes-Hoffman Funeral Home of Parsons.

Arthur Joseph Pollreis



Arthur Joseph Pollreis, age 16, a resident of rural Walnut, Kansas, died tragically on Wednesday, June 18, 2025. Arthur was born on September 25, 2008, in Fort Scott, Kansas.

Shortly after his birth, he was lovingly adopted by Randy and Leanne Pollreis. He spent his early childhood in Chanute and Uniontown before beginning high school in Erie, Kansas, where he had just completed his sophomore year. Arthur was a well-rounded active student at Erie High School. He was involved in cross country, baseball, basketball and sport shooting, dedicating time and effort to each of these activities. He also found a place on the stage, participating in several school plays as part of the high school drama department. Whether competing in athletics or performing under the lights, Arthur was engaged in school life and known among his peers and teachers alike.

He is survived by his father and stepmother, Randy and Shael Pollreis; his three brothers, Gavin, Dominic, and

Coby; and a few stepsiblings. He was preceded in death by his mother, Leanne Pollreis. Arthur's life was marked by involvement, effort, and the many relationships he formed along the way. His loss is deeply felt by his family and friends.

Kansas local food summit set July 29-20 in Salina

MANHATTAN – In farm states like Kansas, consumers are never really that far from the fields where many of their foods are grown and raised.

That's a delicious benefit that many take advantage of at weekend' farmer's markets, but Amanda Lindahl says the local food system reaches many more parts of our daily lives than folks sometimes know.

"Traditionally, people think of local food being found in a farmer's market, but you also find it in your local grocery store," said Lindahl, the program coordinator with [Kansas Local Food Systems at Kansas State University](#).

The term, 'local food,' generally refers to a system in which food is consumed within a short distance of where it was grown or processed.

Often, local hospitals, food pantries, schools, restaurants and others purchase food locally that is then served to their customers.

"These are ways that we can keep our food dollars local," Lindahl said. "Being able to sell in our communities is a great way to conserve that value."

"In addition," she adds, "when we're able to access food in a smaller radius area, we understand that it's generally going to be a healthier product. It's going to have more nutrition because it doesn't have those 'food miles' on it, which is another component that we are able to avoid when our food doesn't have to travel as far."

Lindahl said many of the issues related to selling foods locally will be presented during the [Kansas Local Foods Sum-](#)

mit, which will be held July 29-30 at Kansas Wesleyan University in Salina.

This is the second year of the Summit, which is open to anyone wishing to learn more about how local foods can benefit communities around the state.

[Registration is available online](#) and costs \$40 through July 18, and \$50 afterward.

"We love the opportunity to bring together our communities (and) to hear from one another as K-State extension staff that have been supporting local food systems," Lindahl said.

"We think that extension is a good source of information for local food systems, but learning directly from peers and other business owners is really the best way to be inspired as well as feel like you can learn the skills and tools to make something work."

Lindahl said the theme for this year's conference is 'Painting a Vibrant Future,' which points to the goal of making local systems stronger.

The Tuesday [summit agenda](#) includes such topics as grant writing, creating a Farm to Plate initiative, growing Farmer-to-Farmer communities, and Salina food system tours.

Wednesday will be a full day of networking in breakout sessions, building collaborative relationships, and the keynote speaker, Dawn Thilmany from Colorado State University speaking on Navigating Local and Regional Food Systems in Dynamic Times.

More information is available online at www.ksre.k-state.edu/kansaslocalfoods/local-food-summit.

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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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OFFICIAL NOTICE OF CITY COMMISSION HEARING

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN AND TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on July 2, 2025, the Fredonia City Commission will hold a meeting to consider an ordinance rezoning 120 W Monroe Street from residential, R-1, to heavy industrial, I-2, at 5:30 p.m. in the Commission Chambers at City Hall in Fredonia, Kansas:

Ordinance No. 2197. AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE ZONING DISTRICT CLASSIFICATION OF CERTAIN PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE CITY OF FREDONIA, KANSAS, UNDER THE AUTHORITY GRANTED BY THE ZONING REGULATIONS OF THE CITY AS ORIGINALLY APPROVED BY ORDINANCE NO. 1156.

Having received a recommendation from the Fredonia City Planning Commission on Case No. Z-25-01, and proper notice having been given and hearing held as provided by law and under authority and subject to the provisions of the Zoning Regulations of the City as originally approved by Ordinance No. 1156, the zoning district classification of the property legally described herein is changed as follows:

Change of zoning district classification from R-1, Single-Family Residential District, to I-2, Heavy Industrial District.

Legal Description: GM WELLMANS ADDITION, S11, T29, R14, BLOCK 001, BEG 151.66' E NW/C LT 8 E 114.2' S 123.75' W 114.2' N 123.75' TO POB AND N2 VAC ST LYING ON S SIDE SECTION 11 TOWNSHIP 29 RANGE 14.

General Location: 120 W Monroe Street.

You may appear at this time either in person or by agent or attorney, if you so desire, and be heard on the matter. After hearing the views and wishes of all persons interested in the case, the City Commission may close the hearing and render a decision. The public hearing may be recessed and continued from time to time without further notice.

Dated this 25th day of June 2025.

Evan Bolt
City Administrator

*The City of Fredonia is spraying
for mosquitos twice weekly,
Tuesdays and Thursdays,
between 6-7 p.m.
depending on weather and wind*

