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RAYMOND PETR

Raymond Lee Petr, 90, Blue Rapids, died Wednesday, Dec. 10, 2025, at the Blue Valley Health and Rehabilitation Center, Blue Rapids. A memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 21, 2026, at St. Mark’s Lutheran Church, Waterville. Inurnment will be in the Prospect Hill Cemetery. Memorials can be made to St. Mark’s Lutheran Church’s Zambia Orphanage Project or to the Blue Rapids Tree Board Fund for planting trees in the Blue Rapids Arboretum walking trail (www.bluerapidscf.org/donate/treeboardfund or the Blue Rapids city clerk). The Christie-Anderes Funeral Home in Waterville is assisting the family with arrangements. Condolences can be left for the family at www.apfunerals.com.

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JUDY (OEHM) DINGUS



Judy (Oehm) Dingus, 67, of Kearney, Mo., passed away on Wednesday, March 11, 2026, after a nine-year battle with cancer. Born in Marysville, Kan., on Aug. 14, 1958, to Raymond and Marilyn (Wiggins) Oehm, Judy was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, sister and friend whose warmth and generosity touched everyone she met. Judy graduated from Marysville High School with the Class of ‘76. She attended York College and Oklahoma Christian and was a social worker and then a stay-at-home Mom, and had a daycare in her home. Later, she was the church secretary, for 23 years only retiring because of her cancer journey. She is survived by her husband of 40 years, Roger Dingus; their three children, Kristen, Kari and Kyle, their spouses, and three grandchildren; her parents, Ray and Marilyn Oehm, Marysville; her sister, Janet (Dan) Hooyer, Marysville; her two brothers, Raymond, Jr. (Donna) Oehm, Oketo, and Jim (Arlene) Oehm KC, Mo.; and in-laws, nieces, nephews aunts, uncles, cousins and friends, that she considered family. Her Celebration of Life will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, March 21, at the Liberty Church of Christ, 1401 Glen Henderson Drive, Liberty, Mo., 64068. In lieu of flowers, her family asks that you do an act of kindness in her honor.

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Francis Oren Arganbright, age 81, of Waterville, passed away Thursday, March 12, 2026, at the Good Shepherd Hospice House in Manhattan. He was born on May 28, 1944, on the family farm northwest of Waterville, the son of Oren Bertrum and Alice Lillian (Shaw) Arganbright. He graduated from Waterville High School. On Feb. 10, 1963, at the Waterville United Methodist Church, he married Carolyn Elizabeth Arganbright. Francis was a farmer his entire life, but for him it was far more than an occupation — it was a true passion. He took great pride in his work, keeping his rows perfectly straight and his fields free of weeds. Francis was a proud member of the Masonic Lodge and the Heartland Corvette Club. When he wasn’t in the fields, he enjoyed restoring Allis-Chalmers tractors, drag racing, tractor pulling and just about anything involving motorsports. He definitely had that unmistakable “need for speed.” He is survived by his wife, Carolyn Arganbright of Waterville; one son, Thad Arganbright and wife Tabitha of Waterville; one daughter, Trisha Arganbright

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FRANCIS ARGANBRIGHT

Bannon of Cheyenne, Wyo.; two brothers, Robert Arganbright and wife Kay of Woods River, Ill., and Jim Brady and wife Kathy of Emporia; four grandchildren, Treg Arganbright, Payton Newlin and husband Jack, Benjamin Arganbright, and Jack Bannon; and two great-grandchildren, Brighton and Paisley Newlin. He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Milton Arganbright. Visitation will be from noon until 7 p.m. Monday, March 16, at the Christie-Anderes Funeral Home in Waterville, where the family will receive friends from 6 until 7 p.m. Funeral services will be held at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 17, at the Waterville United Methodist Church with Pastors Derek Slack and Jacob Schmitz officiating. Music will be furnished by Beverly Hedke. Pallbearers will be Treg Arganbright, Jack Bannon, Ben Arganbright, Jack Newlin, Scott Woborny and Tracy Mann. Burial will be in the Riverside Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Waterville Fire Department and EMS, and left in care of the Christie-Anderes Funeral Home, P.O. Box 61, Waterville, KS 66548. Condolences may be left for the family at www.apfunerals.com.

MARLENE ROSE (HAYES) KEATING



Marlene Rose (Hayes) Keating, 89, of Lawrence, passed away on Saturday, March 14, 2026. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, March 21, at Corpus Christi Catholic Church, Lawrence. A rosary will be prayed at 6 p.m. on Friday, March 20, at Warren-McElwain Mortuary in Lawrence, with a gathering of family and friends following until 8 p.m. A private family burial will take place at Holy Family Catholic Cemetery. Marlene was born on March 3, 1937, in Kansas City, Mo., the daughter of Edward and Mary (McGeeney) Hayes. On Jan. 9, 1954, she married Robert Keating in Kansas City, Mo. Together they shared more than seven decades of marriage and built a large, loving family. Marlene devoted her life to her family and home. She was the heart of her family and

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found great joy in music and art. She especially loved supporting and attending her children’s school activities and took great pride in their accomplishments. A devoted wife, loving mother, and proud grandmother, her encouragement and kindness shaped generations. She was known for her selfless nature and for always putting the needs of others before her own. Her love and steady presence were a foundation for her family, and the memories she helped create will remain a lasting gift to those who knew and loved her. She is survived by her husband, Robert Keating; her six sons, Bob Jr., Bill (Louann), Ed, Jerry, Joe (Gina) and Tony (Kitman) Keating; 16 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her daughter, Carrie Keating; her brother, Jerry Hayes; and her grandson, Kyle Keating. She will be deeply missed and forever remembered by those who knew and loved her.

Candidates file for this year’s election

Six Marshall County residents have filed for precinct committee positions. Filing deadline for all local, state and federal positions up for election is June 1. The primary election is Aug. 4, and the general election is Nov. 3. Precinct committee officials will be elected in the primary. Recent filings: Gary Luplow, Democrat committeeman position for Waterville Township; Linda Swim, Democrat committeewoman position, Oketo Township; Kandyce Cudney, Marysville Ward 3 Democrat committeewoman; Tim Jones, Marysville Ward 2 Republican committeeman; Mick and Jane Keating, Democrats, Marysville Ward 4 committeeman and committeewoman. JoyLynne Voet has filed for Oketo Township clerk. Recently at the Kansas Secretary of State’s office in Topeka, incumbent Tracey Mann, Salina Republican, filed for the First District seat in the U.S. House of Representatives. Open local positions for the 2026 election include the District 1 county commissioner seat currently held by Jon Ungerer and clerk positions for all townships. Local candidates will file for office at the Marshall County clerk’s office in the courthouse at 1201 Broadway, Marysville. For more information, people can call the clerk’s office at 785-562-5361.

Burnouts on streets

Marysville Police Department recently updated Marysville City Council on vehicles doing burnouts on brick streets downtown. “The city strives to make downtown historic and beautiful, and marks like this paint a different picture,” Lieutenant James Leis wrote in the biweekly

report to council. Leis said there was one recent late-night incident and a driver was cited. The case is due for a first hearing in municipal court in early April. Leis also noted in the report that vehicle damage was done recently at the Country Club Lake west parking area and a juvenile driver was cited.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE ADVOCATE

Yesterday

March 18, 1926

The sixth annual Marshall County Music Festival will be March 19 in Simmons Auditorium. Eight high schools in the county will be represented, and entertainment of exceptional merit has been prepared. High schools are Axtell, Irving, Oketo, Beattie, Frankfort, Blue Rapids, Marysville and Waterville. . .County agent W. O’Connell will give a hot formaldehyde seed potato treating demonstration Monday at the Marietta Grain and Elevator Co. and Tuesday afternoon at the Beatrice Cream Station in Marysville. More than 1,000 acres in Marshall County are planted to potatoes. . .A survey is being made by engineers of the Kansas Power and Light Co. for a high tension line to be built from Atchison to Marysville, thus hooking up their lines throughout the northern tier of counties where they operate. . .

March 15, 1951

Marysville Mayor Eddie Henderson is preparing his Hilltop

Drive-In theater for the season opening March 30 by doing some painting and fitting the loudspeakers to their stations on site. . .Directors of the Marysville Chamber of Commerce will meet with the City Council to discuss the paving of Seventh Street between Broadway and Center. . .Thirty-five 4-H club members and leaders won the right to represent Marshall County in the annual sub-district 4-H Club Day April 7 at Belleville. . .Marshall County’s Artificial Breeding Association ended a successful year March 1 with 1,478 cows bred by artificial insemination and a conception rate far above 57 percent. The association works with 292 herds. . .

March 11, 1976

SMN&R American Legion Post 163 will commemorate the five men for which it was named Sunday during the post’s 58th birthday dinner. They are Robert S. Smith, Paul H. Mitschler, Albert C. Nester, Frank A. Ring and William J. Rombeck. . .Marshall

County commissioners voted Monday to adopt a one-half mill tax levy for a sheltered workshop for adults with disabilities. Based on 1975 valuation, the half-mill levy would raise \$24,243.

March 15, 2001

Marysville High School girls finished the basketball season with a 26-0 record and the Class 4A state title. Marysville defeated Labette County 48-37 in the finals. . .A public hearing has been scheduled for March 26 on the issue of whether to close Beattie Elementary School. . .Jessica Brown, Marshall County Junior Miss, will participate in the 2001 state finals in Belleville later this month. . .

March 17, 2011

Noah Lee James Ellis, son of Heather Chism and Daniel Ellis, Marysville, was the first baby born in the new maternity ward at Community Memorial Healthcare. . .Fifteen kindergartens and 14 preschool students have moved into the new 30x70-

foot addition at Good Shepherd Lutheran School. . .Local housing and land markets in 2010 were very active, according to Rob Olmsted, president of the TriCounty Board of Realtors. In 2020, prime cropland prices peaked at about \$4,000 an acre in Marshall County and approached \$5,000 an acre in Nemaha County. . .

March 17, 2016

Construction of a larger building is nearing completion at the CHS Pipeline facility west of Blue Rapids. . .The Centralia High boys and girls both claimed team titles in 1A DI state competition in Dodge City. . .With a second-place finish in the 1A DII tournament in Dodge City, the Axtell girls had the best finish in school history for the girls’ basketball program. . .“In Concert: Godspell” will be performed Sunday at Memorial Presbyterian Church. Pat Breeding will conduct the 25-member choir, and Rachel Massoth will be the piano accompanist.